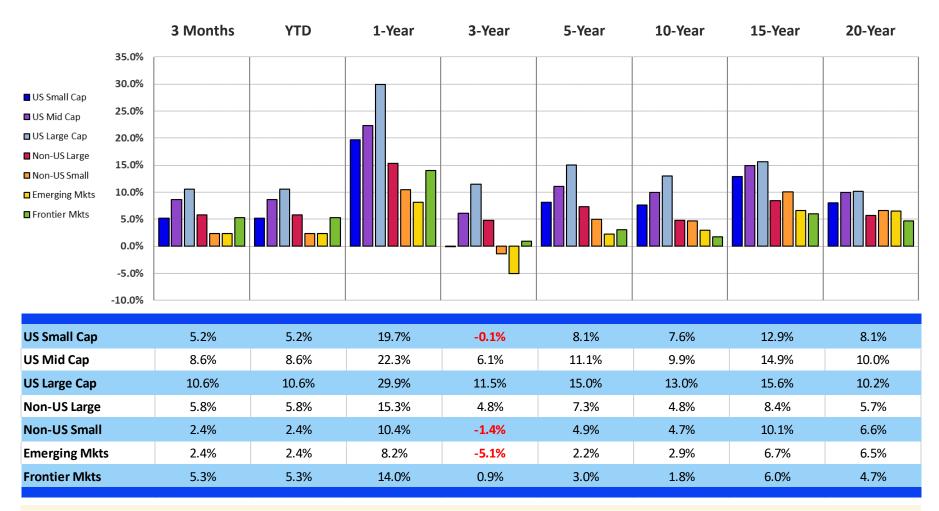
# World Equity Performance

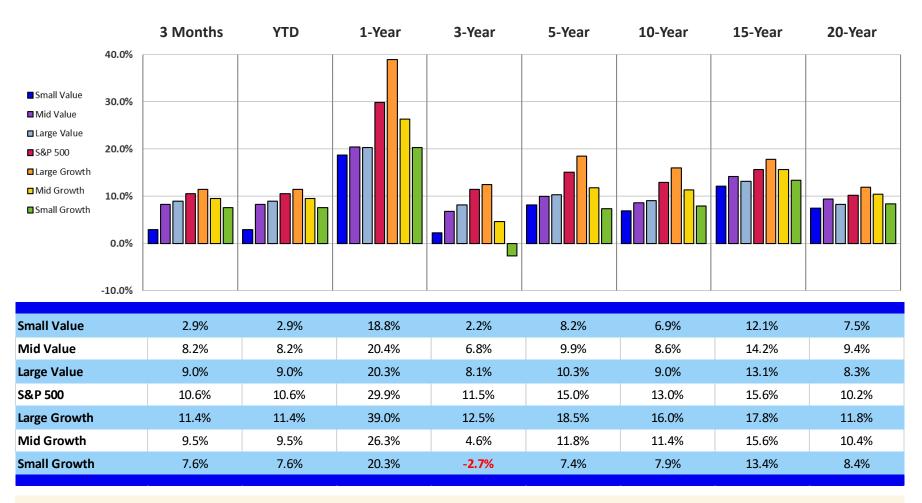
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The global stock markets opened the year on a positive note, with large cap US equities once again leading the way with a 10.6% return in Q1. The JP Morgan Global Composite PMI has been on the rise since October 2023, an indication of expanding manufacturing activity.

# **U.S. Equity Style Performance**

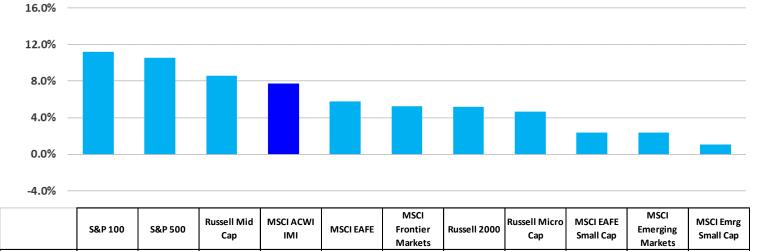
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Once again, Large Growth stocks led the US market, up 11.4%. Value lagged behind Growth, particularly among Small Cap stocks. There are some signs the US consumer is starting to become stressed, with credit card and auto loan delinquencies on the rise in recent months. The increase has been particularly sharp among consumers under the age of 40, with the resumption of student loan payments being a likely contributing factor.

# Equity Performance Breakdown

#### 2024 1Q World Index Returns



5.8%

5.3%

11.2%

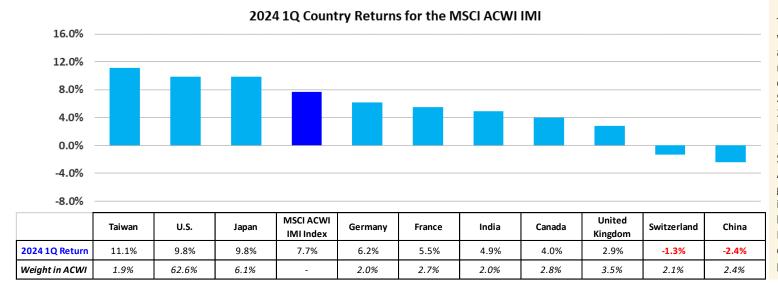
2024 10 Return

10.6%

8.6%

7.7%

US Mega Cap stocks (as represented by the S&P 100) were the strongest performers for the guarter, with Small Cap stocks globally putting up a much more modest return. However, there was a wide dispersion among the "Magnificent 7" stocks in the first quarter, with NVIDIA (+82.5%) and Meta/Facebook (+37.3%) up big, while Tesla (-29.3%) and Apple (-10.8%) were down.



The Taiwan stock market was the top performer among the major country markets. That index is dominated by Taiwan Semiconductor (TSMC is 38.7% of the MSCI Taiwan IMI Index), which was up +31.3% for the quarter. The Semiconductor Industry Association announced that global semiconductor industry sales totaled \$46.2 billion during the month of February 2024, an increase of 16.3% compared to the previous year.

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5.2%

4.7%

2.4%

2.4%

1.1%

## Equity Performance Breakdown

Consumer

Staples

7.5%

6.0%

Consumer

Discretionary

5.0%

10.3%

Utilities

4.6%

2.2%

Real Estate

-0.6%

2.3%



(+15.8%), and Technology
(+12.7%) were the top-
performing sectors in the
first quarter. EPS growth for
the S&P 500 has been
accelerating for the past few
quarters, with earnings
estimated to grow about
20% year-over-year for Q4.
The Energy sector was also
strong in Q1 (+13.7%) - US oil
production reached a record
high of 12.9 million barrels
per day in 2023.

In non-US Developed Markets, Technology (+14.3%) and Consumer Discretionary (+11.1%) were the top sectors, while the more defensive Consumer Staples (-3.1%) and Utilities (-5%) sectors were down to start the year. Inflation in the Eurozone slowed to just 2.4% in March, down from 2.6% in February and beating the consensus forecast. In another positive signal, the Eurozone Composite PMI also ticked above the 50 mark in March.

### 2024 1Q Sector Returns for the MSCI EAFE

S&P 500

Index

10.6%

Materials

9.0%

2.4%

**Health Care** 

8.9%

12.4%

Communic.

Services

15.8%

9.0%

2024 1Q Return

Weight in S&P

Technology

12.7%

29.6%

Energy

13.7%

3.9%

Financials

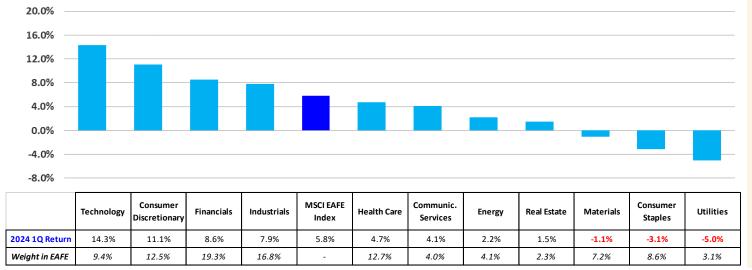
12.5%

13.2%

Industrials

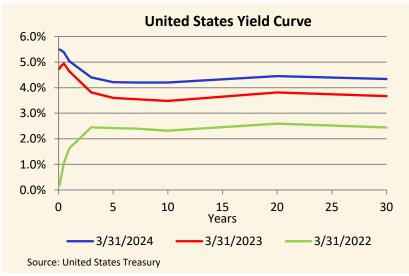
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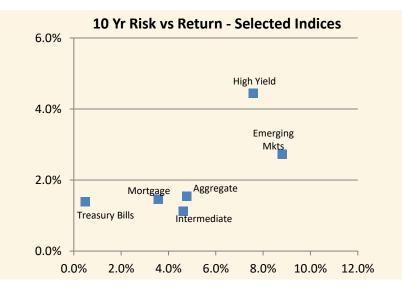
8.8%



Fixed Income Performance								
Fixed Income Rates of Return		2024 1Q	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	
Broad Market Indices	Bloomberg US Aggregate TR	-0.78%	-0.78%	1.70%	-2.46%	0.36%	1.54%	
	Bloomberg US Govt/Credit TR	-0.72%	-0.72%	1.74%	-2.35%	0.62%	1.70%	
Intermediate Indices	Bloomberg US Int Agg TR	-0.42%	-0.42%	2.30%	-1.66%	0.60%	1.45%	
	Bloomberg US Govt/Credit Int TR	-0.15%	-0.15%	2.69%	-1.06%	1.09%	1.61%	
Government Only Indices	FTSE 3 Month Treasury	1.37%	1.37%	5.52%	2.70%	2.07%	1.39%	
	Bloomberg US Govt 1-3 Yr TR	0.29%	0.29%	2.98%	0.03%	1.14%	1.07%	
	Bloomberg US Govt Int TR	-0.35%	-0.35%	1.65%	-1.37%	0.64%	1.14%	
	Bloomberg US TIPS TR	-0.08%	-0.08%	0.45%	-0.53%	2.49%	2.21%	
	Bloomberg US Govt Long TR	-3.24%	-3.24%	-6.03%	-8.01%	-2.77%	1.25%	
Municipal Indices	Bloomberg US Municipal TR	-0.39%	-0.39%	3.13%	-0.41%	1.59%	2.66%	
	Bloomberg US Municipal 1 Yr TR	0.11%	0.11%	2.42%	0.81%	1.20%	1.07%	
	Bloomberg US Municipal 10 Yr TR	-0.54%	-0.54%	2.39%	-0.07%	1.82%	2.84%	
	Bloomberg US Municipal 20 Yr TR	-0.31%	-0.31%	4.09%	-0.56%	1.91%	3.37%	
Mortgage Backed Indices	Bloomberg US MBS TR	-1.04%	-1.04%	1.39%	-2.84%	-0.39%	1.12%	
Corporate Bond Indices	Bloomberg US Credit TR	-0.41%	-0.41%	4.15%	-1.86%	1.39%	2.49%	
	Bloomberg US High Yield TR	1.47%	1.47%	11.15%	2.19%	4.21%	4.44%	
World Bond Indices	FTSE World Government Bond	-2.42%	-2.42%	-0.84%	-6.12%	-2.21%	-0.82%	
	Bloomberg EM USD Sovereign TR	1.28%	1.28%	9.58%	-1.50%	0.51%	2.73%	

#### Source: Morningstar Advisor Workstation





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