



# Exploring Rates and Investment Strategies

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AAM Risk Score measures relative underwriting risk & leverage vs business line peers



Investment Risk

A higher Risk Score implies lower tolerance for investment risk, and vice versa



Combine investment risk tolerance with capital market expectations to generate optimized portfolio

Strategic Asset Allocation





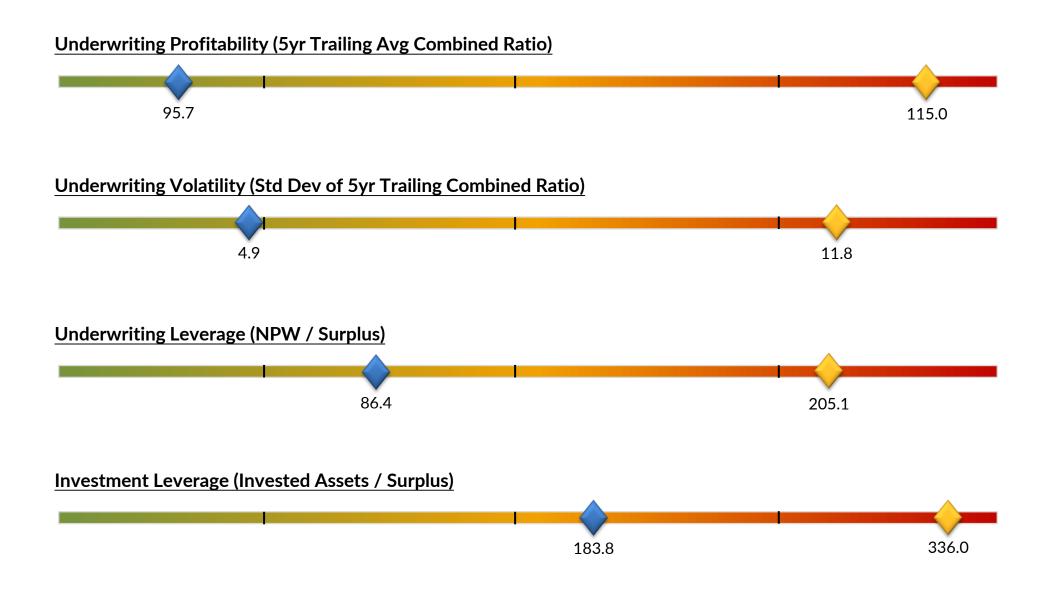
- Florida Peninsula
- HCI Group
- Heritage
- Tower Hill
- Universal



- Acuity
- Auto Owners Group
- Goodville Mutual
- Safety
- West Bend Mutual

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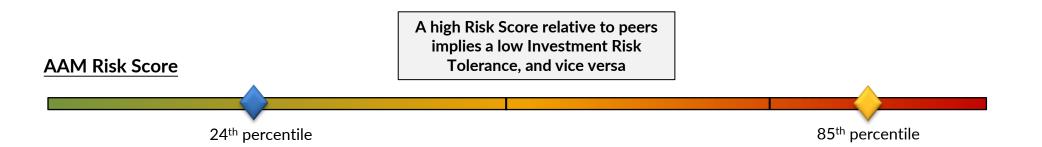
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#### **Calibrated Investment Risk Tolerance**

Target: 3.1% (15<sup>th</sup> percentile)

**Actual: 3.1%** 

Investment Risk is measured as 99.5% VaR, or "how much surplus would we lose in a 1-in-200 market stress case?"

Target: 12.3% (76<sup>th</sup> percentile)

**Actual 13.1%** 

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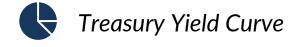
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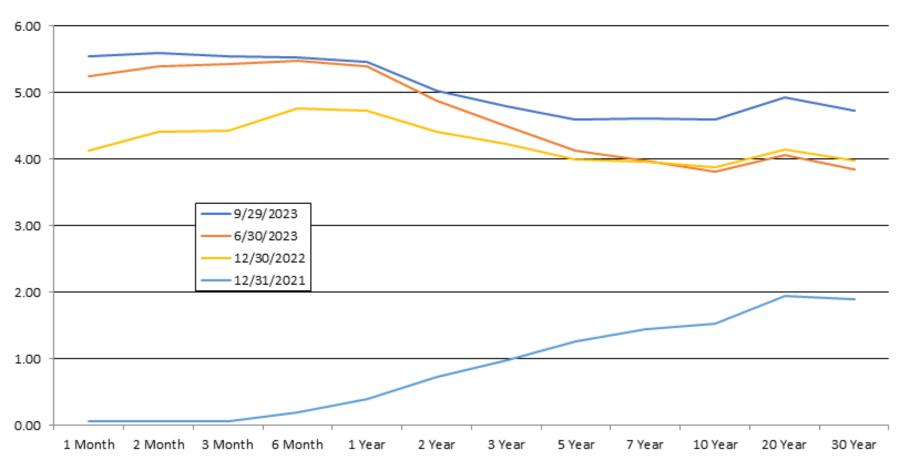
	→ FL	<b>♦ W50</b>	
Equity % / Surplus	1.7 % / 5%	17.4% / 30%	
Bond Yield	2.2%	2.9%	
Unrealized loss – bonds	5.6%	6.5%	
Cash	31.4%	2.1%	





 Treasury curve "steepened" in September as market extends view of how long Fed will maintain restrictive policy.

#### **US Treasury Yield Curve**

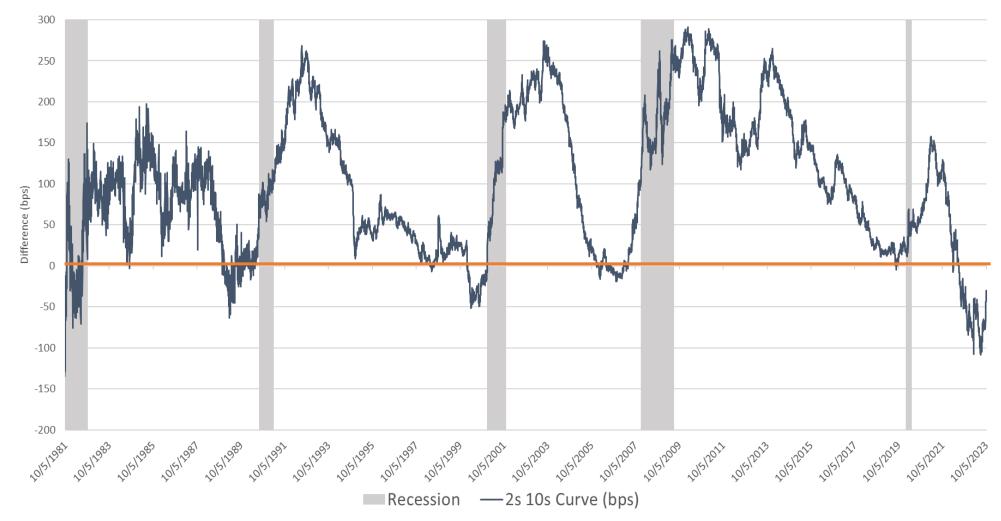






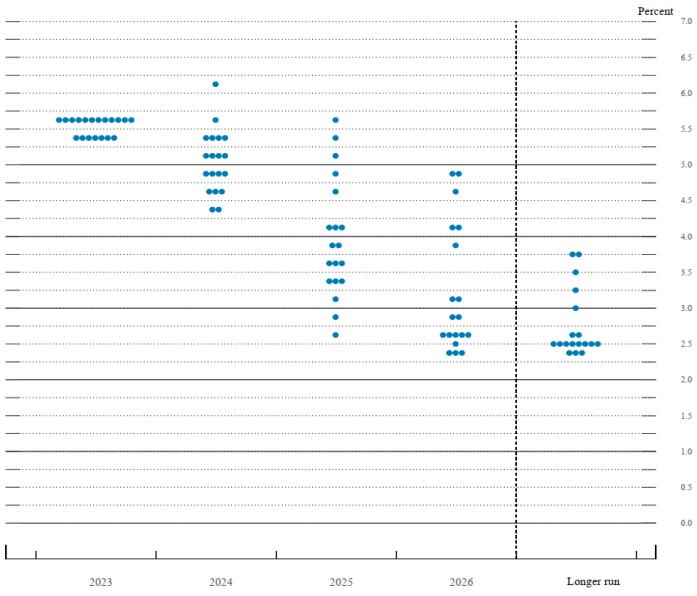
 An inverted yield curve has historically been a very good predictor of recessions.

#### 2s 10s Yield Curve



## FOMC Participants' Assessments of Appropriate Monetary Policy: Midpoint of Target Range or Target Level for the Federal Funds Rate





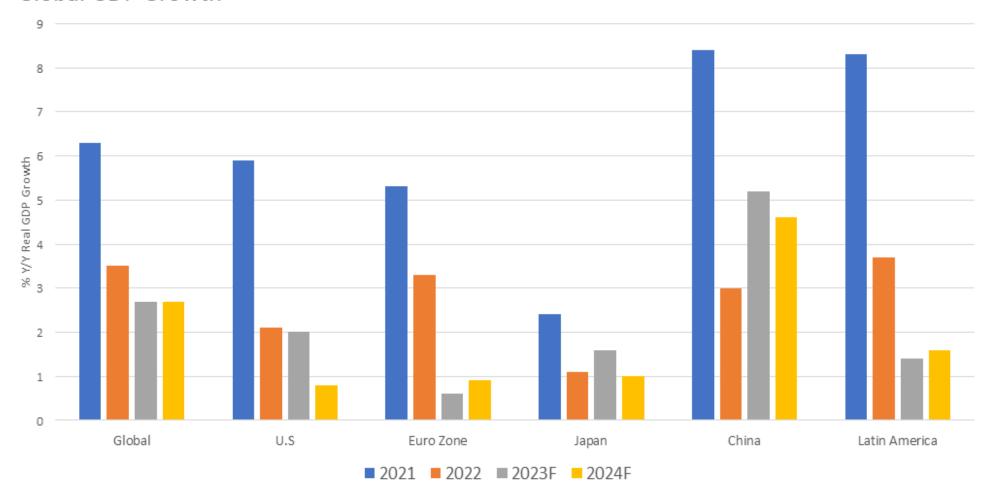
Note: Each shaded circle indicates the value (rounded to the nearest 1/8 percentage point) of an individual participant's judgment of the mid point of the appropriate target range for the federal funds rate or the appropriate target level for the federal funds rate at the end of the specified calendar year or over the longer run. One participant did not submit longer-run projections for the federal funds rate.





 A concerted effort by central banks to bring inflation lower has resulted in falling global growth forecasts.

#### Global GDP Growth



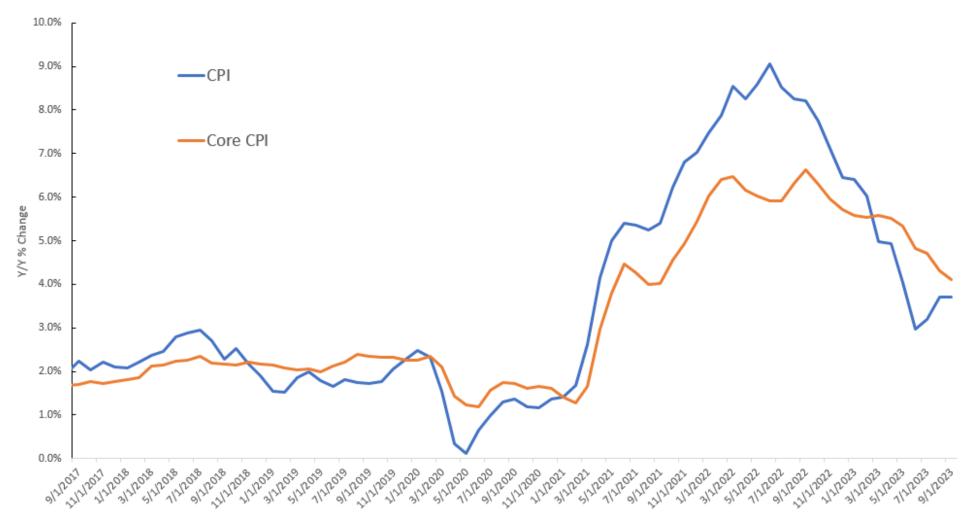
Source: Bloomberg Economic Forecasts as of 9/30/2023. AAM views and opinions as of September 2023, for illustrative purposes only and not to be construed as investment advice.





Headline inflation has declined at a more rapid pace than core inflation.

#### **Consumer Price Index**

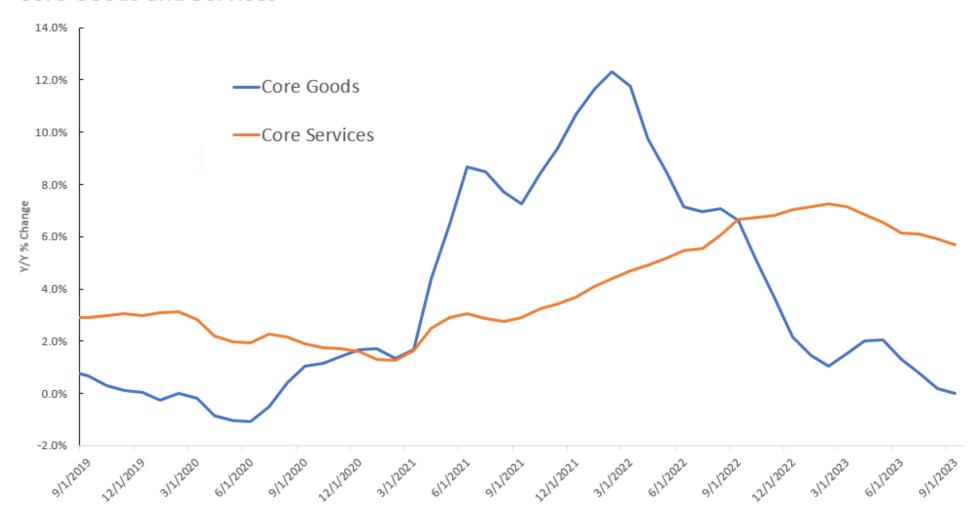


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 Services related inflation has been "sticky," likely due to the strong wage growth.

#### Core Goods and Services



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#### **Investment Grade Excess Returns**

(In BP)

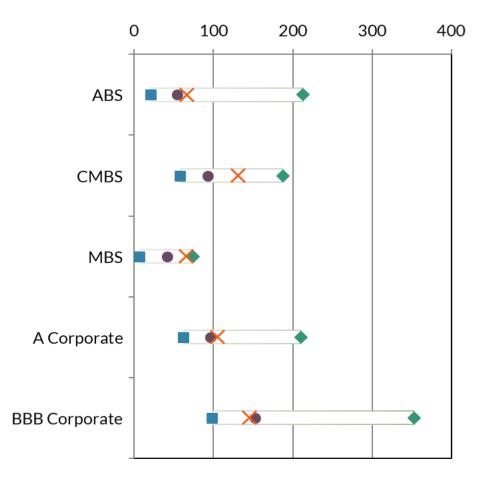
	MBS	CMBS	ABS	Corporate
2017	52	158	92	346
2018	-59	-39	13	-315
2019	61	181	71	676
2020	-17	51	106	49
2021	-68	105	31	161
2022	-223	-120	-30	-125

YTD 2023	-58	45	84	237

## Spread Data

5 Year Trailing Spread Data (in bp)						
				А	BBB	High Yield
	ABS	CMBS	MBS	Corporate	Corporate	Corporate
Maximum	213	188	75	211	353	880
Average	55	94	43	97	153	418
Current	66	131	66	105	146	395
Minimum	22	59	8	63	99	267

### Bond Spreads (In BP) - 5 Year History









Mortgage spreads have widened due to several factors.
 Gap Between MBS and Corporate Widest in 17 Years



Source: Bloomberg, FMNA 30 year current coupon spread to treasuries minus corporate bond spreads. AAM views and opinions as of September 2023, for illustrative purposes only and not to be construed as investment advice.



- Risks to economic growth in the U.S. have become more balanced in the near-term.
- ➤ A recession occurring in the U.S. within the next 12 months remains likely.
- Expect a "mild" economic slowdown to occur in 2024.
- ➤ Inflation should continue to come down but remain above the Fed's 2% target due to continued strength in the labor market.
- ➤ Expect Fed to hold rates steady for rest of 2023 with first rate cut coming mid-year in 2024.



## Questions?

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