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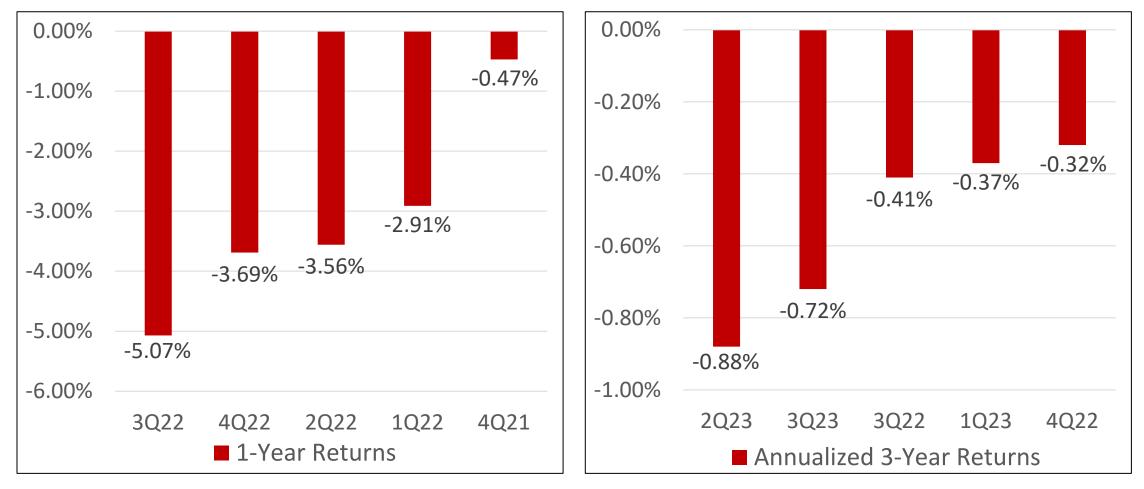
Front-End Focus: Opportunities in Short Duration

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Worst Short Duration Returns in History

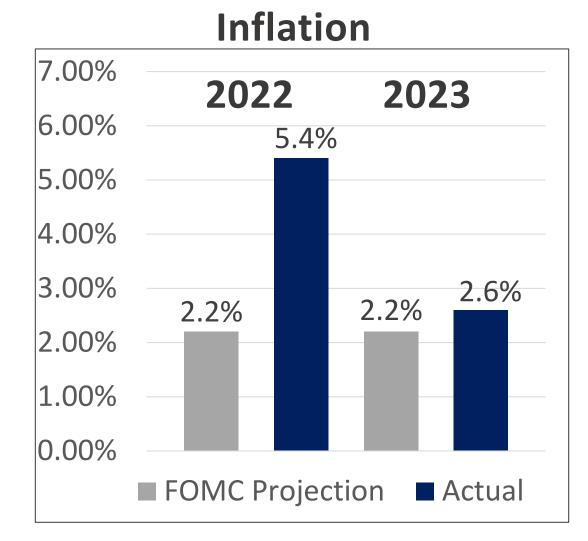
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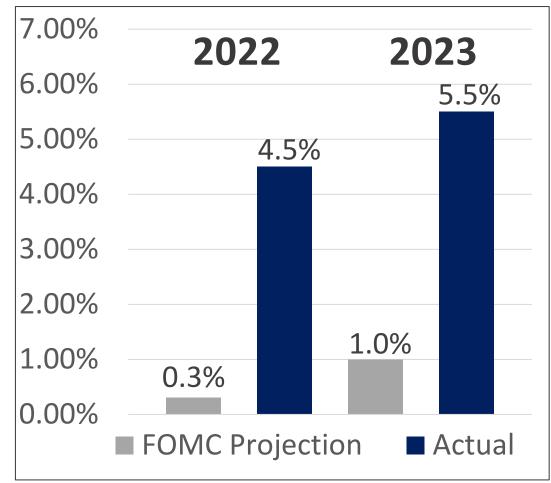
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Fed's Subpar Track Record

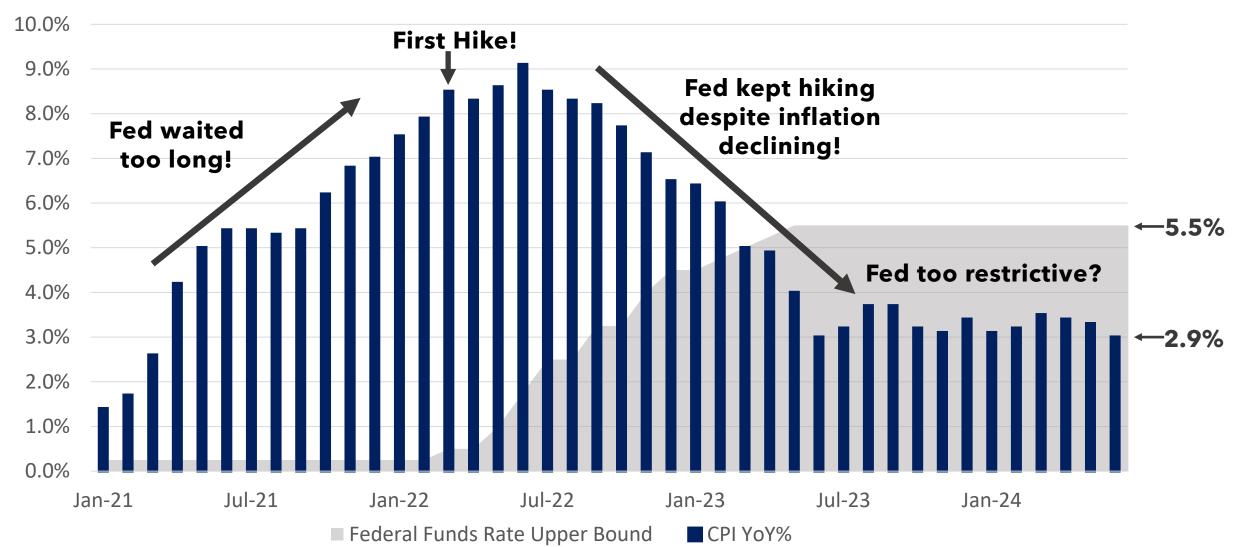


Fed Funds Rate



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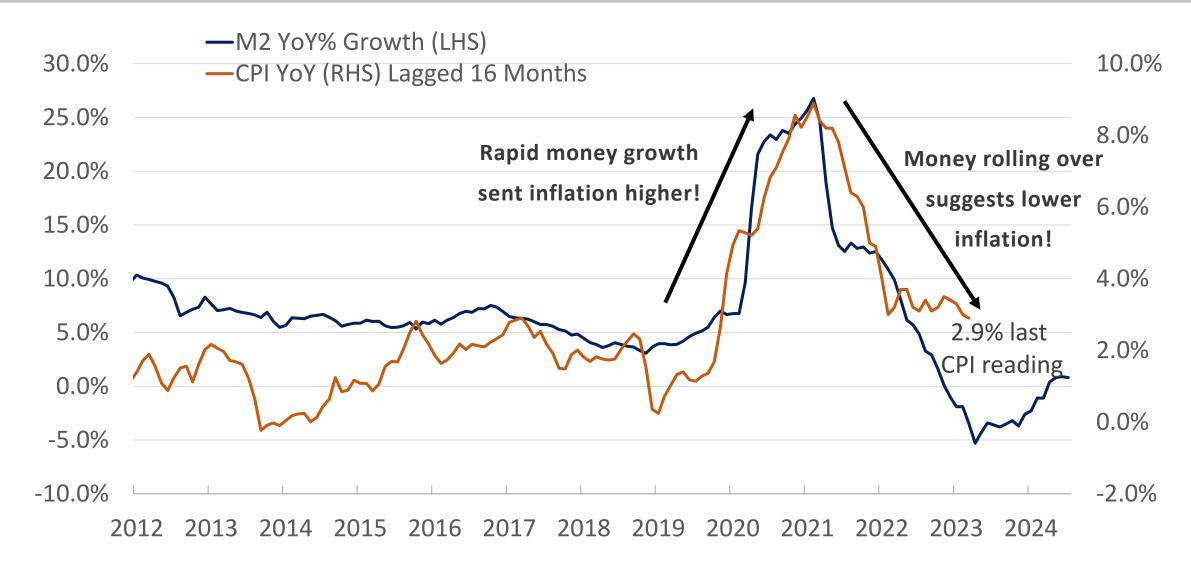
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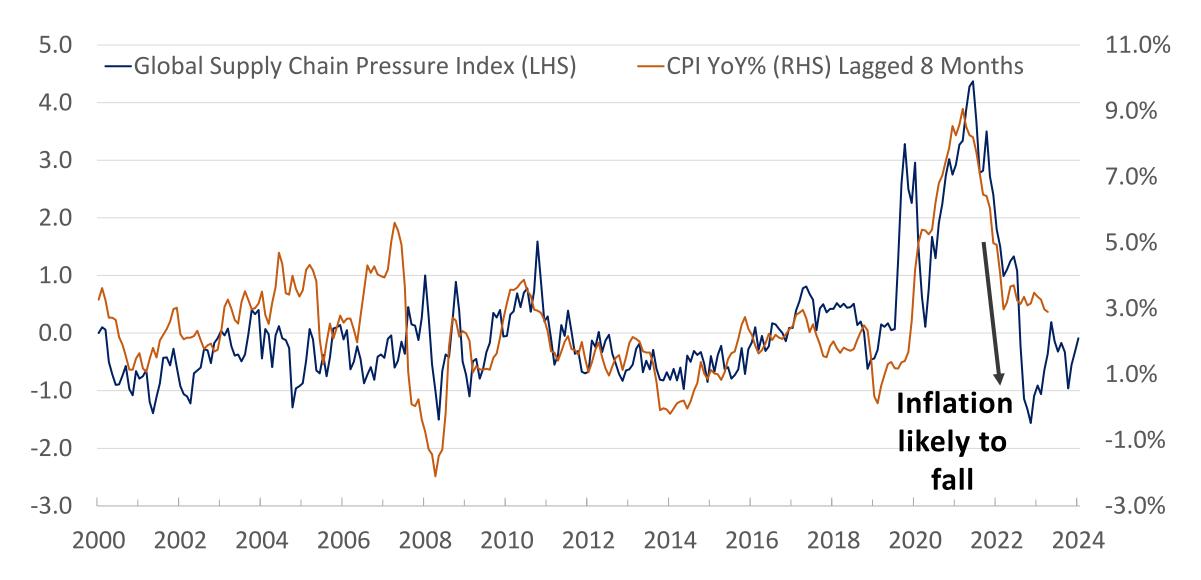
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Causes of Inflation: Money Growth



Causes of Inflation: Supply Chains

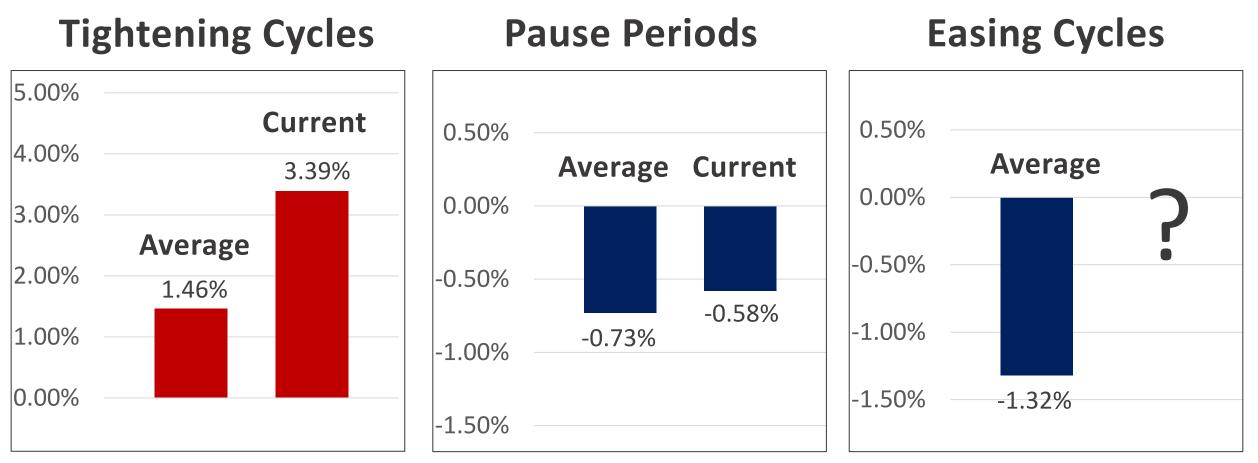


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What Comes Next?

Yield Changes for 2-Year Treasury



Data represents 12 tightening periods (1984 to 2023); Pause after tightening covers the last 7 pauses after Fed tightening (Mar 22 to June 24); Easing cycle covers last 15 Fed easing cycles

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Market Projection for Next 12 Months

Lower Inflation More Cuts Expected Lower Yields

2024 Meetings	May 01	June 12	July 31			
CPI YoY%	3.27%	2.97%	2.89%			
Projected Cuts	2	4	6			
2-Year Treasury	4.96%	4.75%	4.26%			

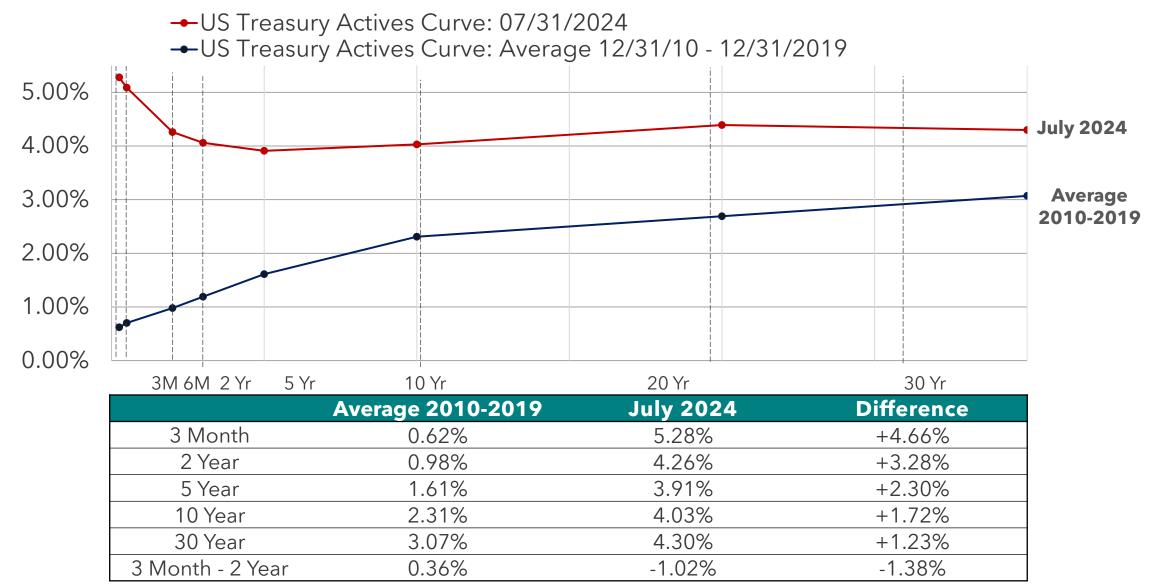
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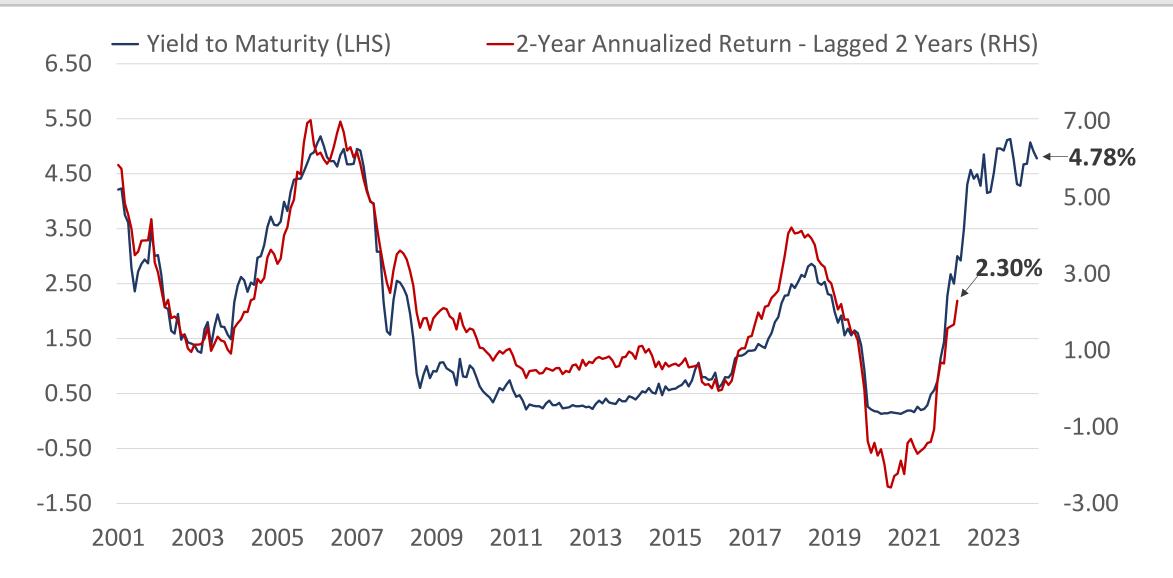
Inverted Yield Curve Presents Opportunity



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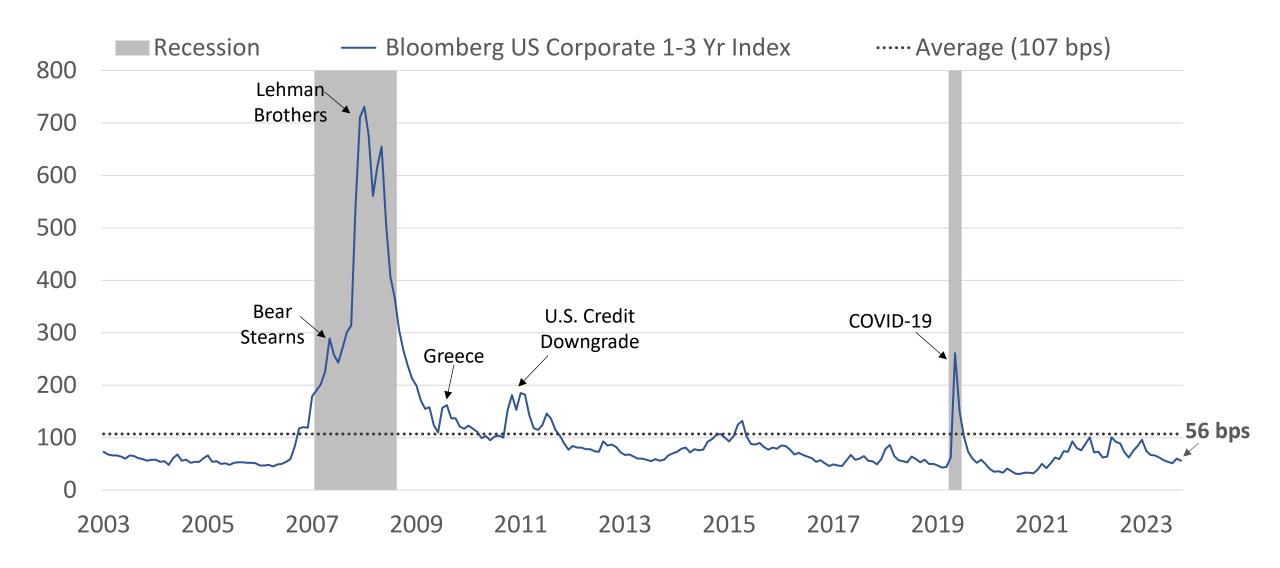
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Yields Lead Returns



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Little Compensation for Credit Risk



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Mortgage-Backed Securities Represent Tremendous Value

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Huge upside potential if rates decline and prepayments accelerate

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