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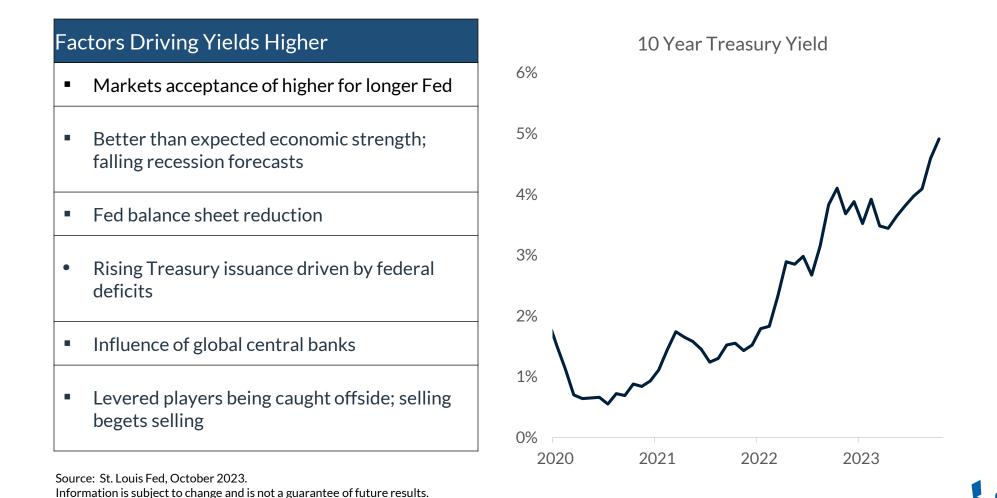
Market Perspectives Video Greater Uncertainty Spooks Markets

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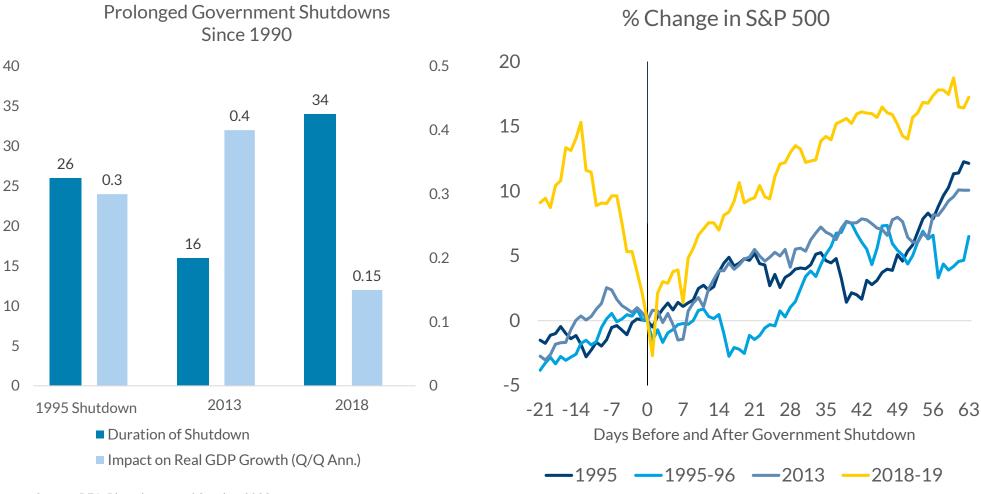
Why Have Bond Yields Been Surging?

- The central concern for investors has been the sharp rise in bond yields.
- Recent rise in the 10 year Treasury due to a confluence of events.
- Near term path for rates may be higher.



US Political Uncertainty

- Unresolved GOP House Speakership has legislative process on hold and raises government shutdown likelihood.
- Shutdowns have historically had a modest temporary effect on GDP, with spending recovered when funding resumes.
- While an uptick in near term volatility is possible, markets have tended to look through past shutdowns.



Source: BEA, Bloomberg, as of October 2023.

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Geopolitical Risk- High for Longer

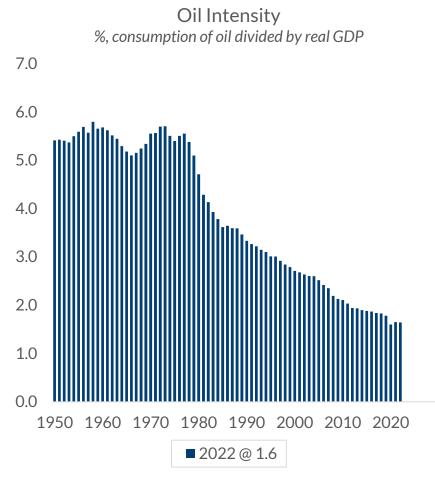
Region	Perspectives
China/Taiwan	 Chip wars remain Military tensions in South China Sea worsening Taiwan election a wild card
Russia/ Ukraine	 Stalemate on battlefield No end in sight, likely to drag on for years Watchful for escalation of sanctions, impact on oil and EU economic activity
Mideast	 Regional escalation possible Global entanglement unlikely Watchful for impact on oil

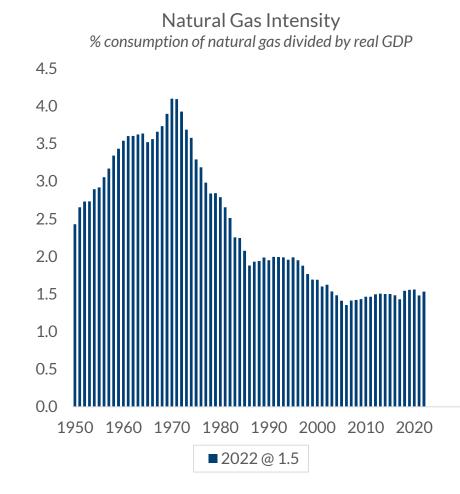
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US Economy Less Dependent on Oil

- The amount of oil the economy consumes relative to its size has declined over the past several decades.
- This is partly due to more energy-efficient appliances, vehicles, and homes/businesses.
- It is also due to the economy moving toward a service-based economy from a product-heavy economy.





Data current as of October 24, 2023 Source: US Energy Information Administration. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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