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## Worst year for bonds and 7th worst for stocks

#### Worst years for U.S. Bonds

Since 1926, total return for each period

Year	Return	Next 12 months		
2022	-13.0	è.		
1994	-2.9	18.5		
1931	-2.3	8.8		
2013	-2.0	6.0		
2021	-1.5	-13.0		
1958	-1.3	-0.4		
1999	-0.8	11.6		
1969	-0.7	16.9		
1955	-0.7	-0.4		
1956	-0.4	7.8		
Avg.	-2.6	6.2		

#### 7<sup>th</sup> worst ever year for U.S. Stocks

Since 1926, total return for each period

Year	Return	Next 12 months		
1931	-43.3	-8.2		
2008	-37.0	26.5		
1937	-35.0	31.1		
1974	-26.5	37.2		
1930	-24.9	-43.3		
2002	-22.1	28.7		
2022	-18.1	?		
1973	-14.7	-26.5		
2001	-11.9	-22.1		
1941	-11.6	20.3		
Avg.	-24.5	4.9		

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/22. U.S. bonds represented by the IASBBI US Gov IT Index from 1/1/26 to 1/3/89 and the Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bond TR Index from 1/3/89 to 12/31/22. U.S. stocks are represented by the IASBBI US Gov IT Index from 3/4/57 to 12/31/22 and the IASBBI U.S. Lrg Stock Tr USD Index from 1/1/26 to 3/4/57, unmanaged indexes that are generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market during each given time period. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.** Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index.

## Bonds reached new milestones in 2022 – but not good ones

#### 2022 bond returns and historical rank

(1/1/26 - 12/31/22)

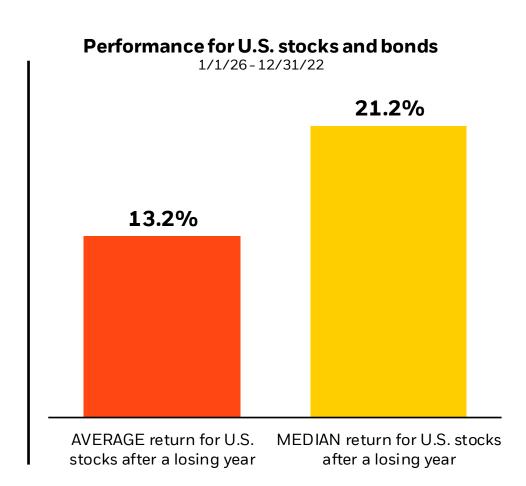
2022 bond milestone	Previous worst period	Performance following previous worst	
Worst calendar year ever (-13.1%)	1994 (-2.9%)	1995 (+18.5%)	
Worst 3-year period ever (-3.8%, period ending 10/31/22)	Period ending March 1980 (-0.7%)	April 1980 – April 1983 (+17.8%)	
1 <sup>st</sup> time bonds lost money over a 4-year period (-0.2%, period ending 10/31/22)	Period ending May 1953 (+0.4%)	June 1953 – June 1957 (+2.1%)	
1 <sup>st</sup> time bonds lost money over a 5-year period (-0.5%, period ending 10/31/22)	Period ending May 1953 (+0.7%)	June 1953 – June 1958 (+3.7%)	
Worst 10-year period ever (+0.7%, period ending 10/31/22)	Period ending May 1953 (+1.2%)	June 1953 – June 1963 (+3.2%)	

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## Stocks lost money in 2022 for the 26th time

Since 1926, 26 negative calendar years out of 97

Negative calendar years for U.S. stocks	Return	Stock performance the next year			
1929	-8.4	-24.9			
1930	-24.9	-43.3			
1931	-43.3	-8.2			
1932	-8.2	54.0			
1934	-1.4	47.7			
1937	-35.0	31.1			
1939	-0.4	-9.8			
1940	-9.8	-11.6			
1941	-11.6	20.3			
1946	-8.1	5.7			
1953	-1.0	52.6			
1957	-10.8	43.4			
1962	-8.7	22.8			
1966	-10.1	24.0			
1969	-8.5	3.9			
1973	-14.7	-26.5			
1974	-26.5	37.2			
1977	-7.2	6.6			
1981	-4.9	21.6			
1990	-3.1	30.5			
2000	-9.1	-11.9			
2001	-11.9	-22.1			
2002	-22.1	28.7			
2008	-37.0	26.5			
2018	-4.4	31.5			
2022	-18.1	?			
Average	-13.2	13.2			



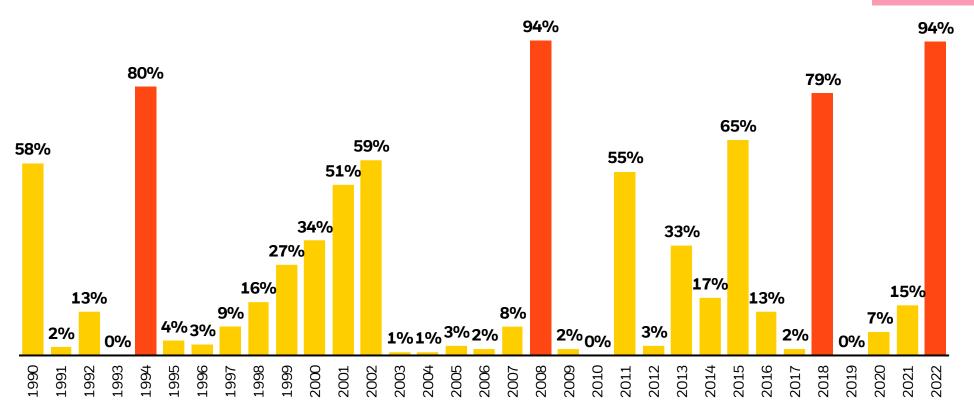
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Periods of consecutive annual losses

## Most asset classes lost money in 2022



105 out of 112 asset classes lost money



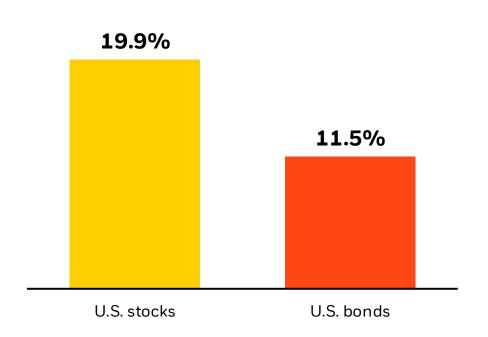
Morningstar as of 12/31/22. All asset classes represented by Morningstar open-end mutual funds categories. Morningstar categories that have a positive return YTD 2022; Equity Energy, Energy Limited Partnerships, Commodities Broad Basket, Systematic Trend, Commodities Focused, Latin America Stock, and Equity Market Neutral., Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.

#### FEDERAL RESERVE RAISING RATES

## Returns following the last interest rate hike

The Federal Reserve raising rates for the last time in a cycle and U.S. stock and bond performance





#### Specific periods of higher interest rates (2/4/94-12/31/22)

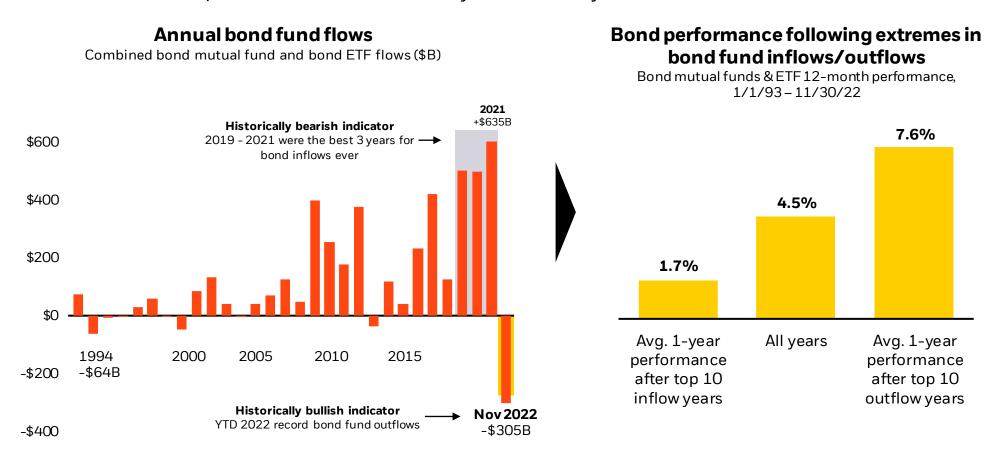
Last Federal Reserve rate increase	U.S. Stocks	U.S. Bonds	
	Next 12 months	Next 12 months	
2/1/95	38.7%	17.0%	
3/25/97	35.0%	11.5%	
5/16/00	-13.0%	13.8%	
6/29/06	22.8%	6.4%	
12/20/18	16.1%	8.8%	
Average	19.9%	11.5%	

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/21 U.S. stocks are represented by the S&P 500 index. U.S. bonds are represented by the Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR Index. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results**. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index.

#### **BOND FUND FLOWS**

### Don't follow the flows

Bond fund flows and performance have historically been inversely correlated



Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/22. Bonds represented by the U.S. bonds by the Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR Index Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You can not invest directly in the index.

## 2nd worst year ever for high yield bonds

#### Worst years for high yield bonds

Since 1984, total return for each period

Year	Return	Next 12 months		
2008	-26.2	58.2		
2022	-11.2	Ś		
1990	-9.6	46.2		
2000	-5.9	5.3		
2015	-4.5	17.1		
2018	-2.1	14.3		
2002	-1.4	29.0		
1994	-1.0	19.2		
Avg.	-7.7	27.0		

## Performance after high yield bonds lose money Since 1984, average annual total return 27.0% 22.1% High yield bonds U.S. stocks after high yield after a losing year bonds had a losing year

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/22. U.S. high yield bonds represented by the Bloomberg High Yield Corporate Bond Index and US. stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Index. Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index.

# A diversified portfolio can work even though it never feels good

Last 20+ years

25% U.S. large stocks, 19% U.S. mid cap stocks, 7% international stocks, 5% U.S. small cap stocks, 4% emerging market stocks, 25% U.S. bonds, 15% high yield bonds

Years	S&P 500	Diversified Portfolio			
2000–2002*	-40.1%	-15.7%		"I lost money"	
2003–2007	82.9%	87.1%		"Diversification worked"	
2008	-37.0%	-26.6%		"I lost money"	
2009–2019	351.0%	219.7%		"I didn't make as much"	
Q1 2020 <sup>†</sup>	-30.4%	-23.1%		"I lost money"	
Q2 2020-2021 <sup>‡</sup>	119.0%	66.6%		"I didn't make as much"	
2022	-18.1%	-15.5%		"I lost money"	
Total Return	288.6%	301.6%		"Diversification can work even	
Gr \$100K	\$388,610	\$401,550		when it feels like its losing"	

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/22. \*Performance is from 9/1/00 to 12/31/02. †Performance is from 1/1/20 to 3/23/20. †Performance is from 3/24/20 to 12/31/21. Diversified Portfolio is represented by 25% S&P 500 Index, 19% Russell Mid Cap Index, 7% MSCI EAFE Index, 5% Russell 2000 Index, 4% FTSE Emerging Stock Index, 25% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index, 15% Bbomberg US Corporate High Yield Index Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only. You cannot invest directly in the index.

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Returns as of 12/31/22	1 Year Return	5 Year Avg. Annual Return	10 Year Avg. Annual Return
<u>S&amp;P 500 TR USD</u>	-18.11	9.42	12.56
Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD	-13.01	0.02	1.06
Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield TR USD	-11.19	2.31	4.03
IA SBBI US IT Govt TR USD	-9.36	0.28	0.76
IA SBBI US Large Stock TR USD Ext	-18.11	9.42	12.56
US Fund Commodities Broad Basket	14.83	6.53	-0.93
<u>US Fund Commodities Focused</u>	6.47	5.34	-2.63
US Fund Energy Limited Partnership	22.83	3.52	1.73
US Fund Equity Energy	44.90	1.84	-0.67
US Fund Equity Market Neutral	5.86	1.84	1.68
US Fund Latin America Stock	3.06	-1.56	-2.74
<u>US Fund Systematic Trend</u>	16.86	4.92	4.21

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