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# Economic Update

**MARCH 2024**

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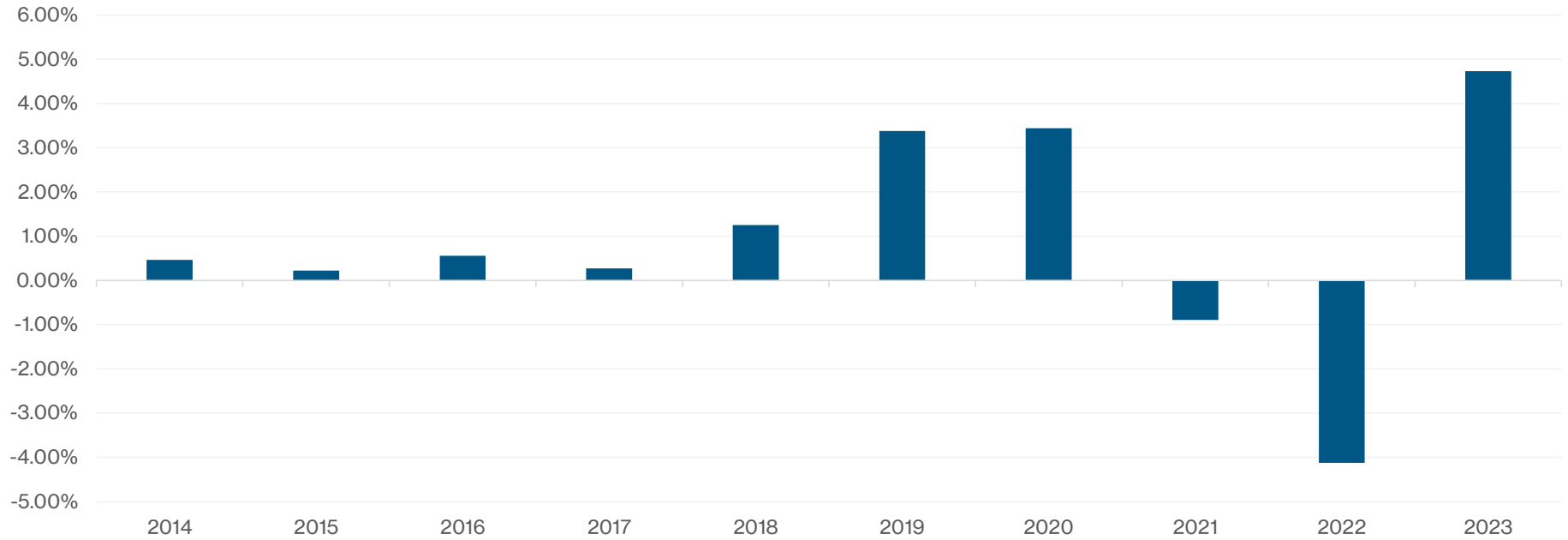
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# Recent Performance

Calendar Year Returns



Date	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>IMET Net Return</b>	0.47%	0.22%	0.56%	0.27%	1.25%	3.38%	3.44%	-0.89%	-4.12%	4.73%



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Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.



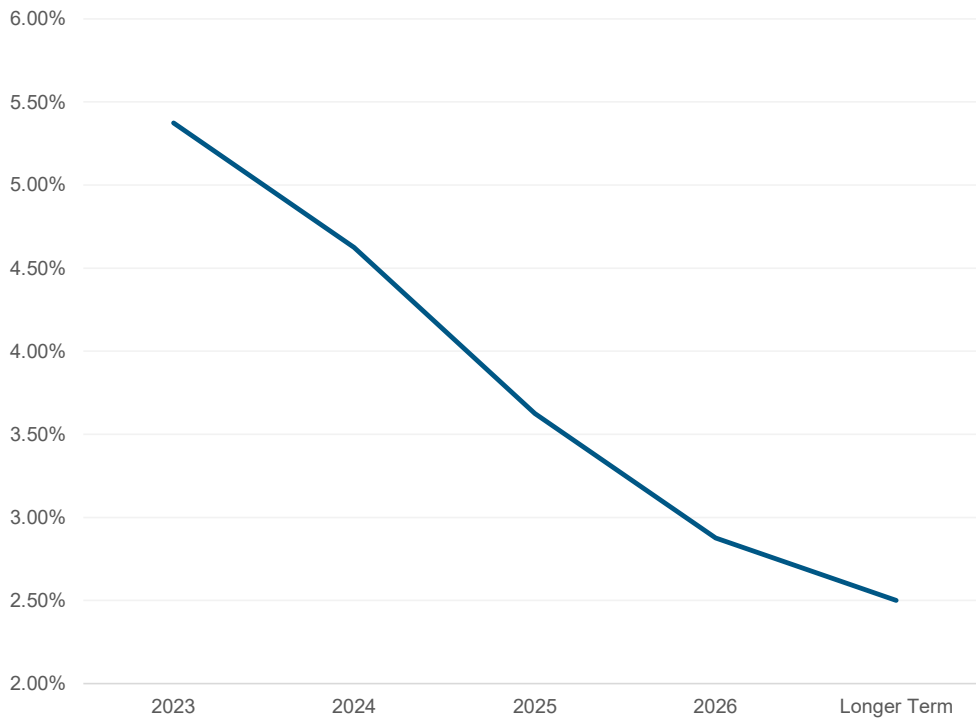
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# The Federal Pivot

## FOMC EYEING INTEREST RATE CUTS IN 2024

FOMC Dots Median



- December FOMC:
  - Communicated 3 Interest Rate Cuts in 2024.
  - Growth of Economic Activity Had Slowed
  - Job Gains are Strong, but Moderating
  - Inflation Elevated, however Easing.
- January FOMC:
  - Removed Language Tied to “Firming Policy” if Needed.
  - Emphasis Labor Market Is More Balanced.
  - Greater Risk in Policy Is Being Too Restrictive
  - Powell Pushed Back on Expectations For Cuts to Begin in March.
  - FOMC Seeking More Confirming Inflation Data Before Cuts Begin.

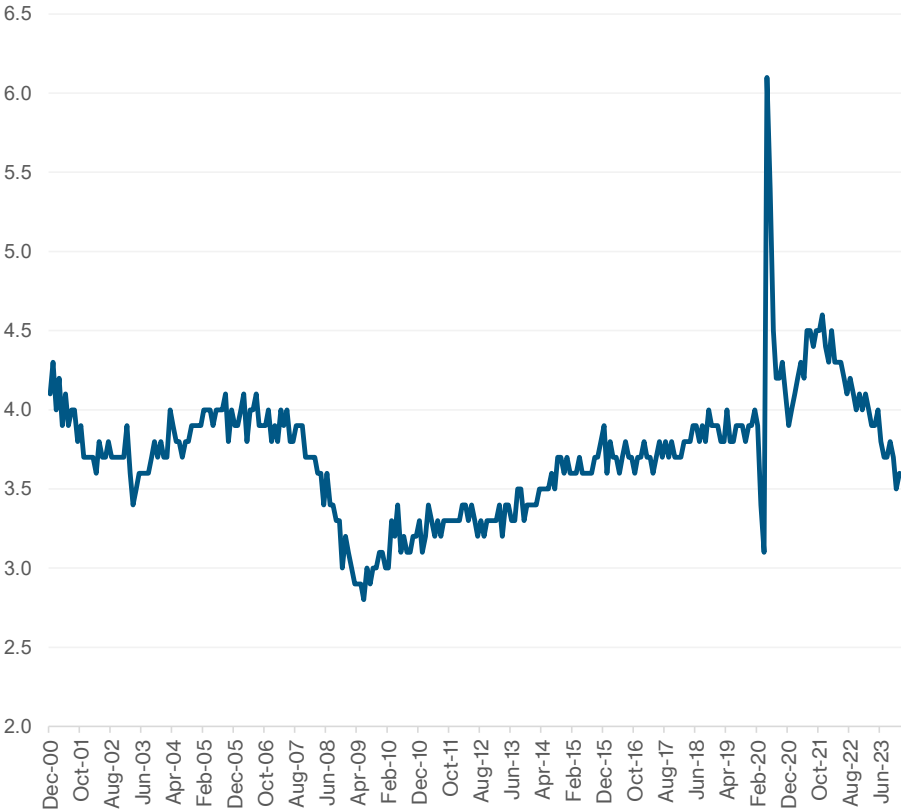


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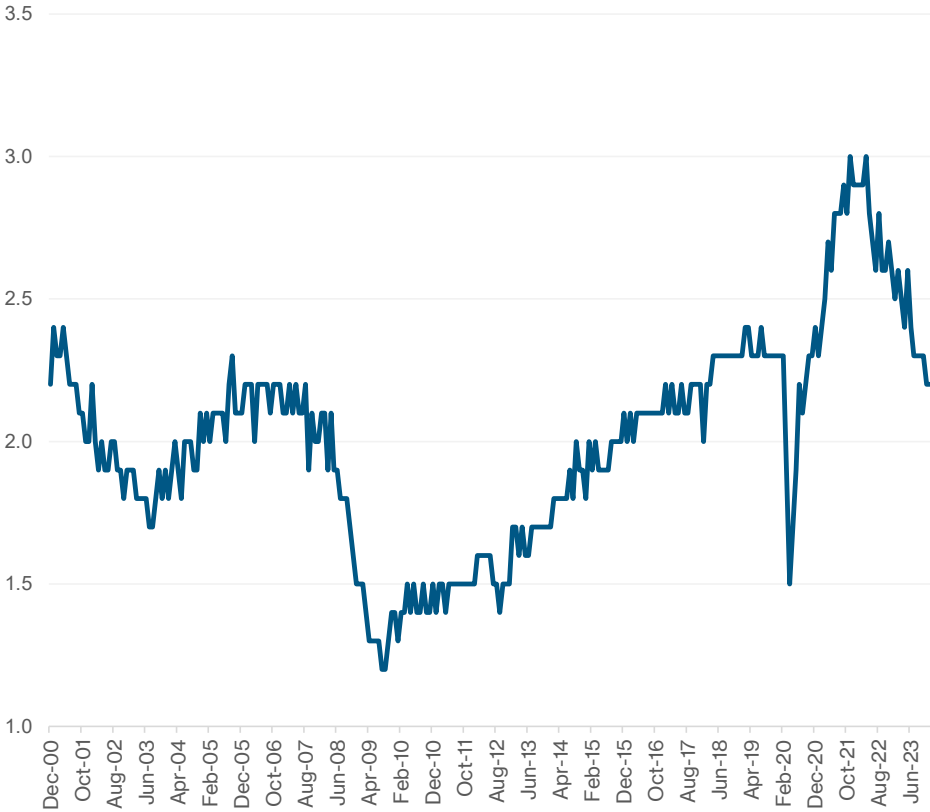
Source: Bloomberg, FOMC

# LABOR MARKET IN BETTER BALANCE

JOLTS: Hiring Rate

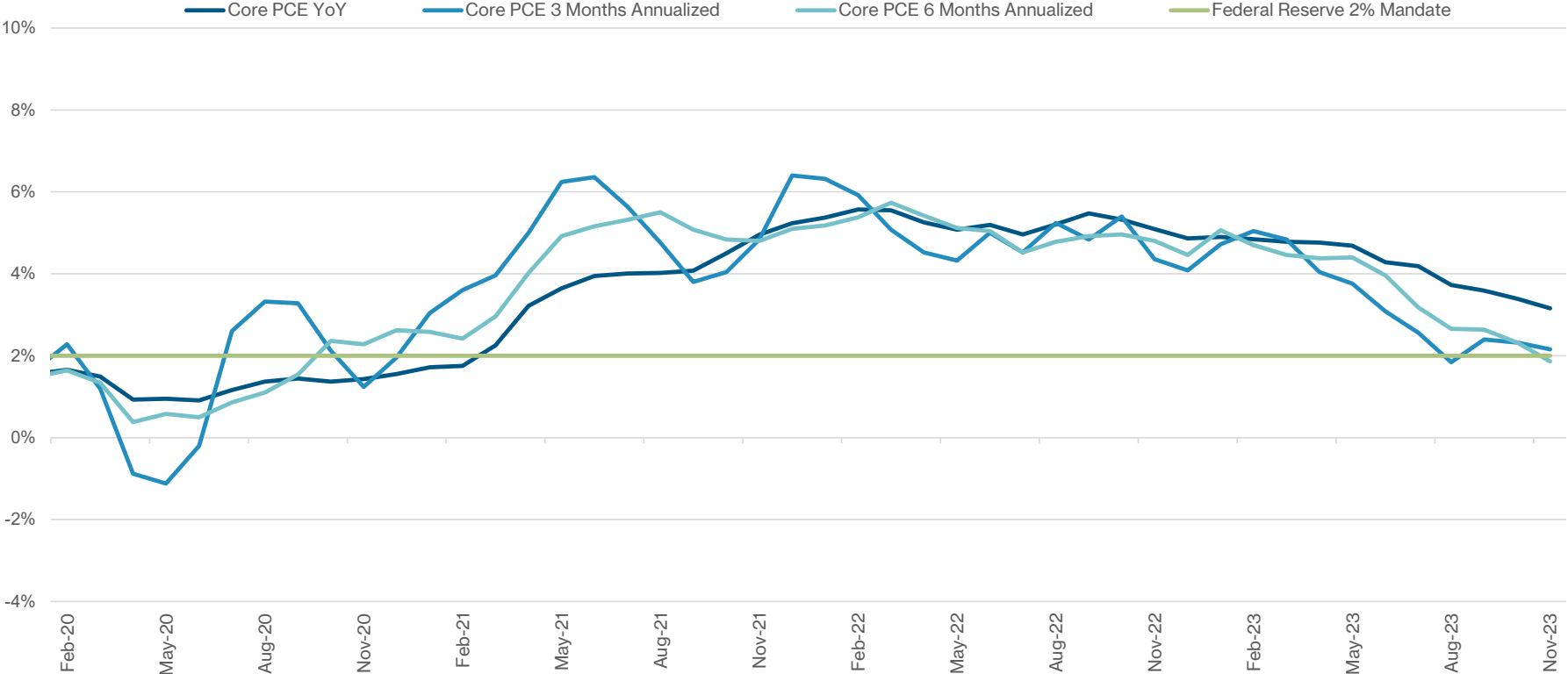


JOLTS: Quits Rates



# WHAT'S AHEAD FOR INFLATION

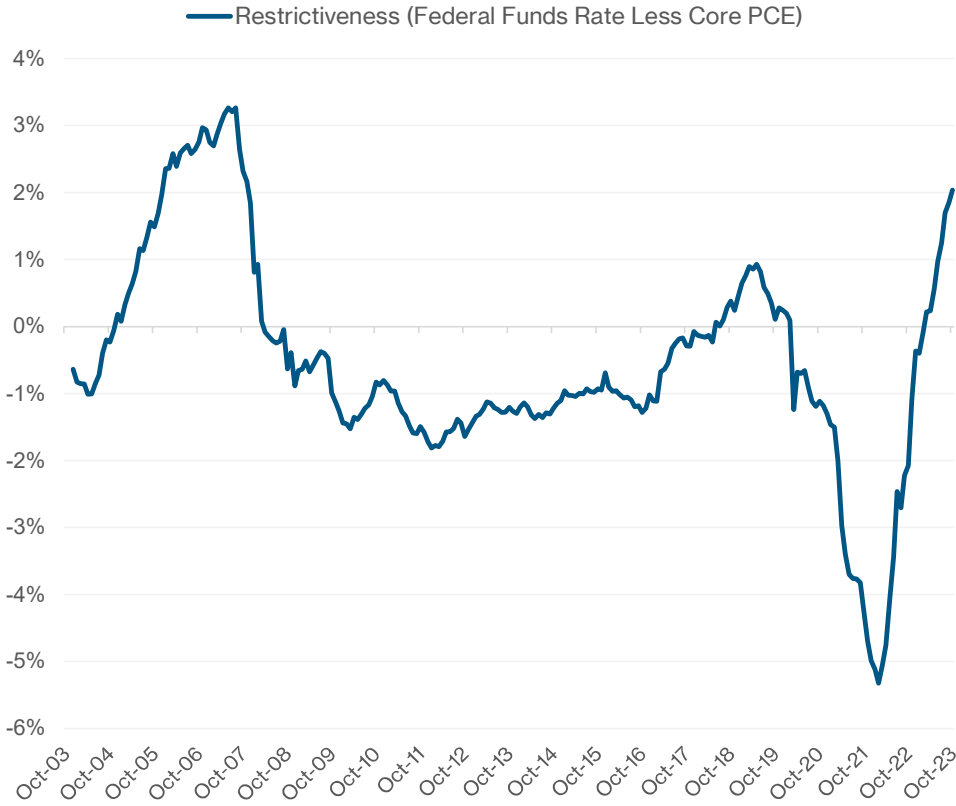
## RECENT DATA POINT TO CONTINUED DISINFLATION



Source: Bloomberg, BLS

# CENTRAL BANKING 101

## KEEPING INTEREST RATES UNCHANGED WILL INCREASE RESTRICTIVENESS

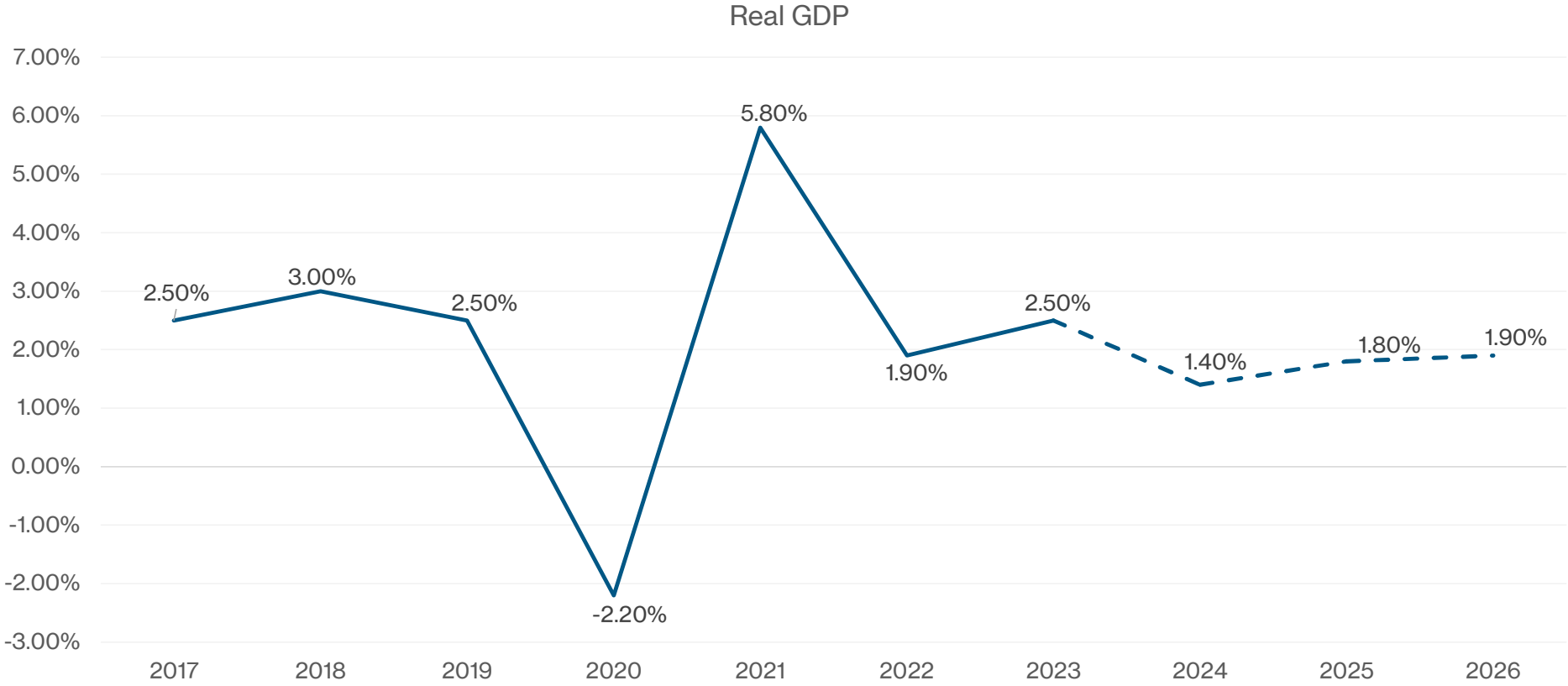


	2023	2024	2025
<b>Federal Funds Rate</b>	5.25% - 5.50%	5.25% - 5.50%	5.25% - 5.50%
<b>Federal Reserve Core PCE Expectations</b>	3.2%	2.4%	2.2%
<b>Implied Restrictiveness</b>	2.15%	2.95%	3.15%



Source: Bloomberg, BLS

# Federal Reserve Economic Forecast (GDP Growth YoY)

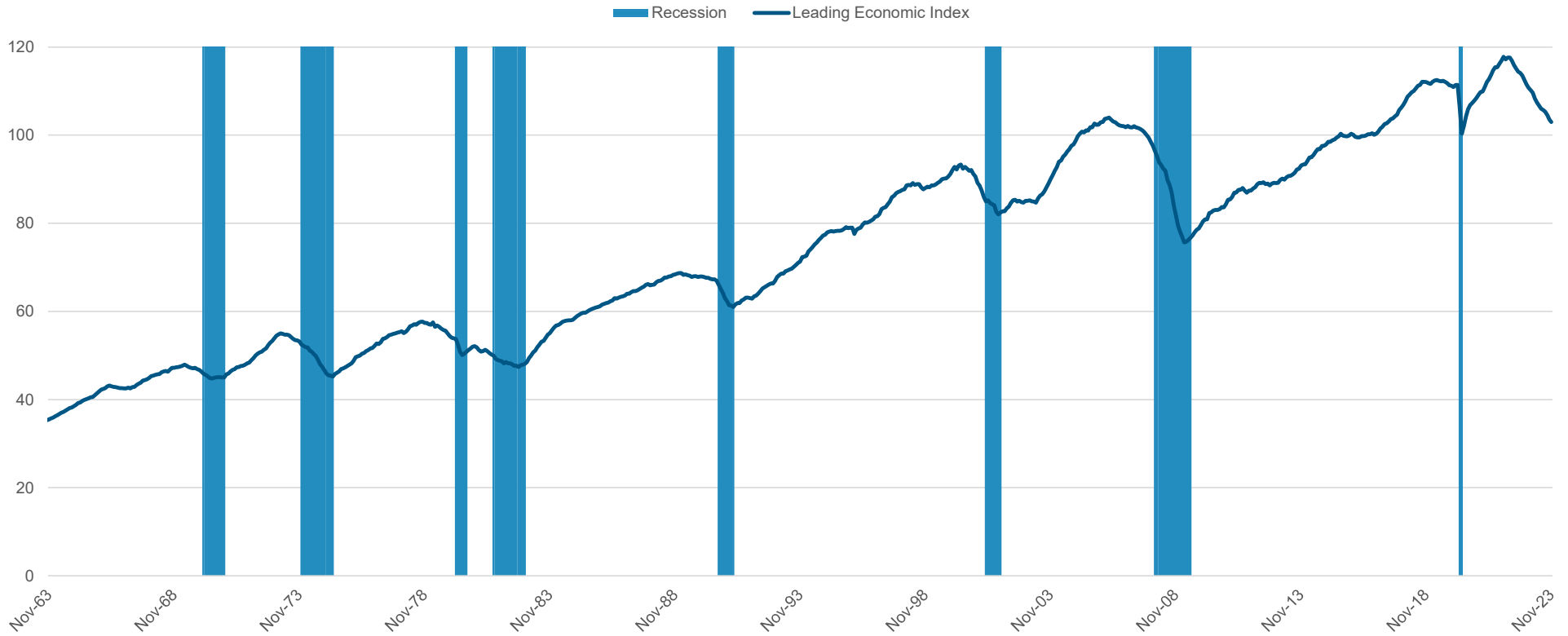


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Source: Bloomberg, FOMC



# A Recession or a Soft Landing?



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Source: THE CONFERENCE BOARD



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# Portfolio Positioning

# Current Portfolio

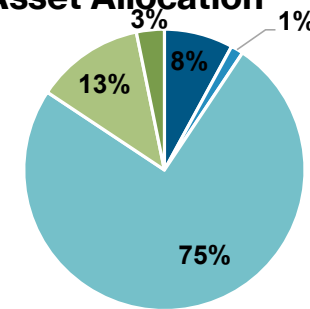
IMET CORE FUND AS OF 02/29/2024

## Portfolio Statistics

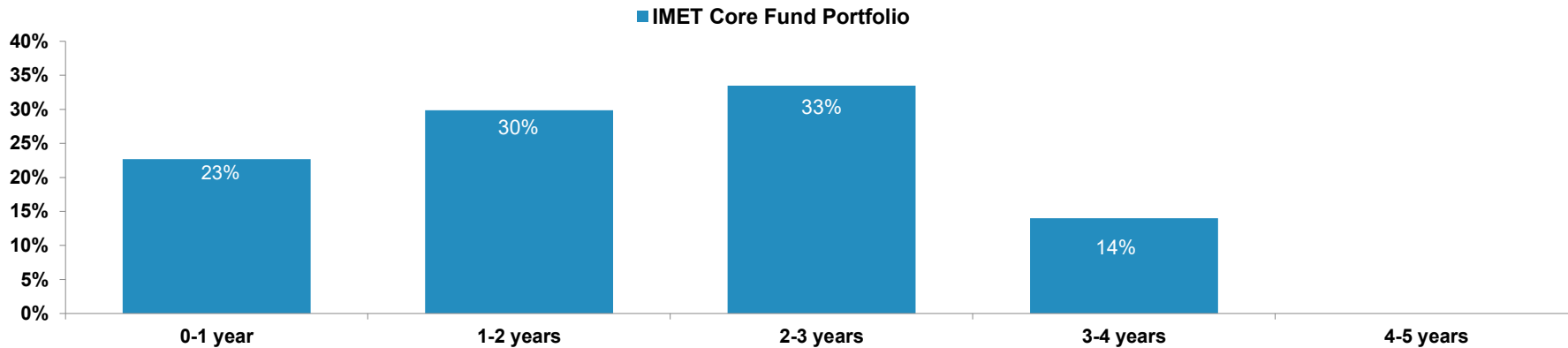
	IMET
Weighted Average Life	1.89
Effective Duration	1.74
WAY at Market Value	5.06%
Net Asset Value Per Share	20.847

## Portfolio Asset Allocation

- Cash
- Corporate Credit
- US Agency MBS
- US Treasury
- US Agency Debt



## Expected Maturity Distribution



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Yield information is annualized. All yield information is shown gross of any advisory and custody fees and is based on yield to maturity at market. Index is the Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 year Government Total Return Index. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

# Historical Annual Returns After Last Rate Hike

## BLOOMBERG US GOVERNMENT 1-3 YEAR INDEX PERFORMANCE



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Source: Bloomberg US Government 1-3 Year Total Return Index (Ticker: LD24STAT Index), Federal Reserve Last Hiking Dates: 12/14/2018, 06/29/2006, 05/16/2000, 1/31/1995

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# Meeder Separately Managed Account Program

<b>Investment Policy Review</b>	The Investment Policy would be reviewed to ensure it is in line with state law.
<b>Cash Flow Analysis/Modeling</b>	Throughout the year we will help you monitor your cash flows to determine the proper amount to have invested compared to liquid in cash.
<b>Investment Strategy</b>	You will have access to our professional investment team that will strategically formulate a custom investment plan to meet your needs as well as the ever-changing interest rate environment.
<b>Execution of Trades</b>	We utilize our purchasing power and expansive broker network to ensure best price execution.
<b>Monthly Reporting and Review</b>	We provide consolidated reporting of your assets, including transactions summaries, monthly and quarterly reports, and custom reports for your board, council, or commissioners to keep everyone up to speed on changes in the portfolio and economy. Additionally, we will provide you with annual GASB reporting to aid you with your year-end processes.
<b>Compliance Monitoring</b>	We have a best-in-class compliance monitoring system. This allows us to build rules for your investment policy, state law, and any additional restrictions placed on the portfolio, allowing us to run both pre- and post-trade compliance monitoring.
<b>Credit Research</b>	Our in-house research team monitors corporate issuers in the marketplace, determining our approved issuer list and keeping you apprised of any changes.
<b>Banking and Custody</b>	In the event you would look to establish a new banking or custody relationship, we are here to provide assistance through the process.



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