

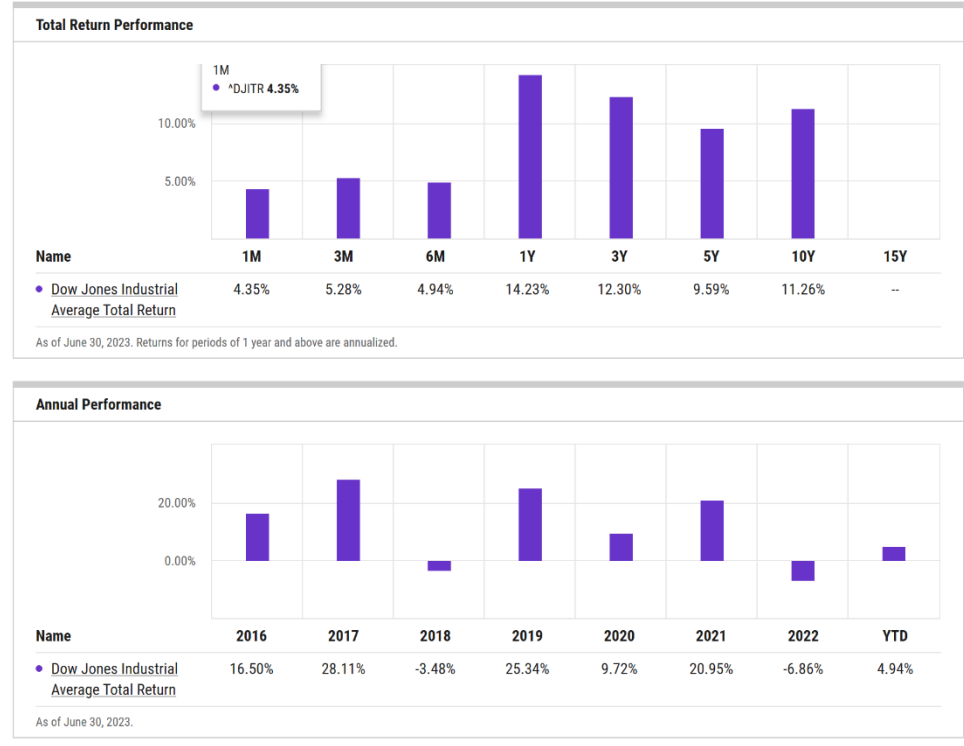
Return Documentation

S&P 500



Source YCharts

DJ Industrial Average



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NASDAQ 100



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S&P MidCap 400



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Russell 2000



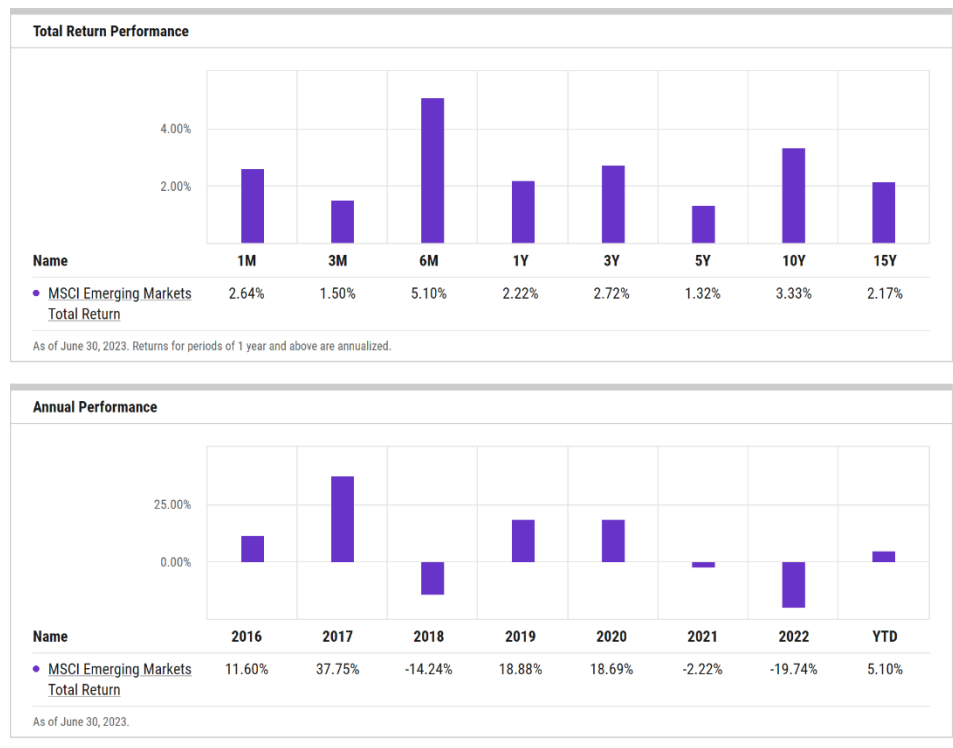
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MSCI EAFE TR USD (Foreign Developed)



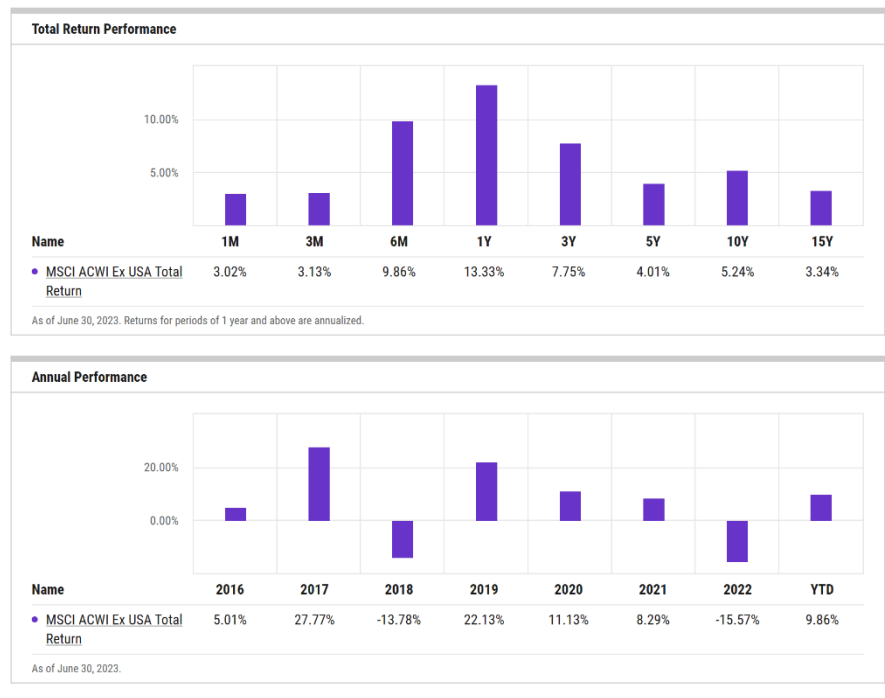
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MSCI EM TR USD (Emerging Markets)



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MSCI ACWI Ex USA TR USD (Foreign Dev & EM)



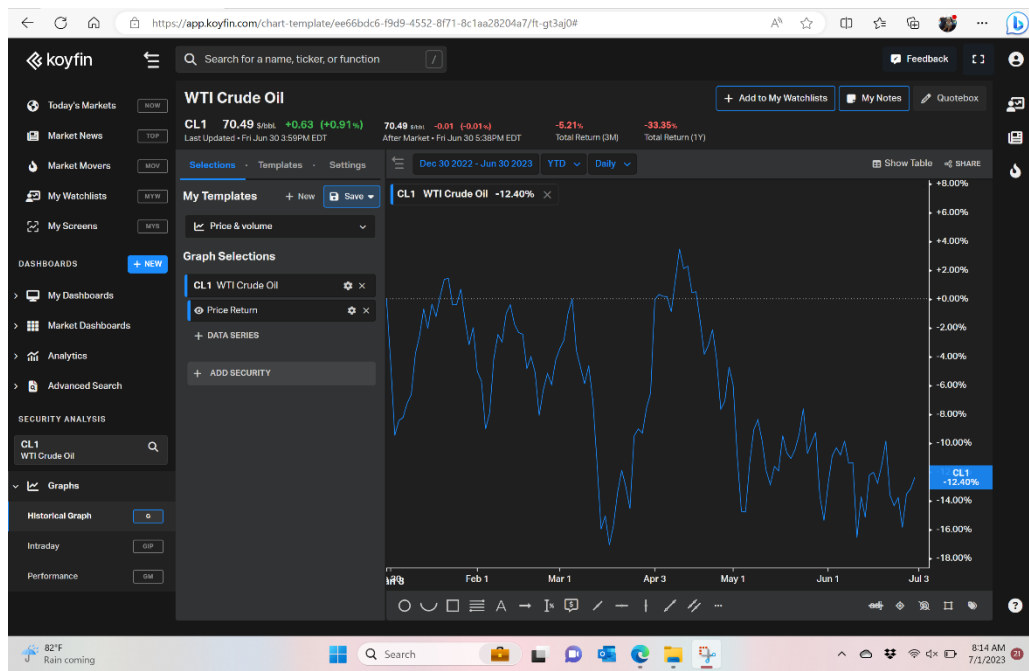
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S&P GSCI (Broad-Based Commodities)



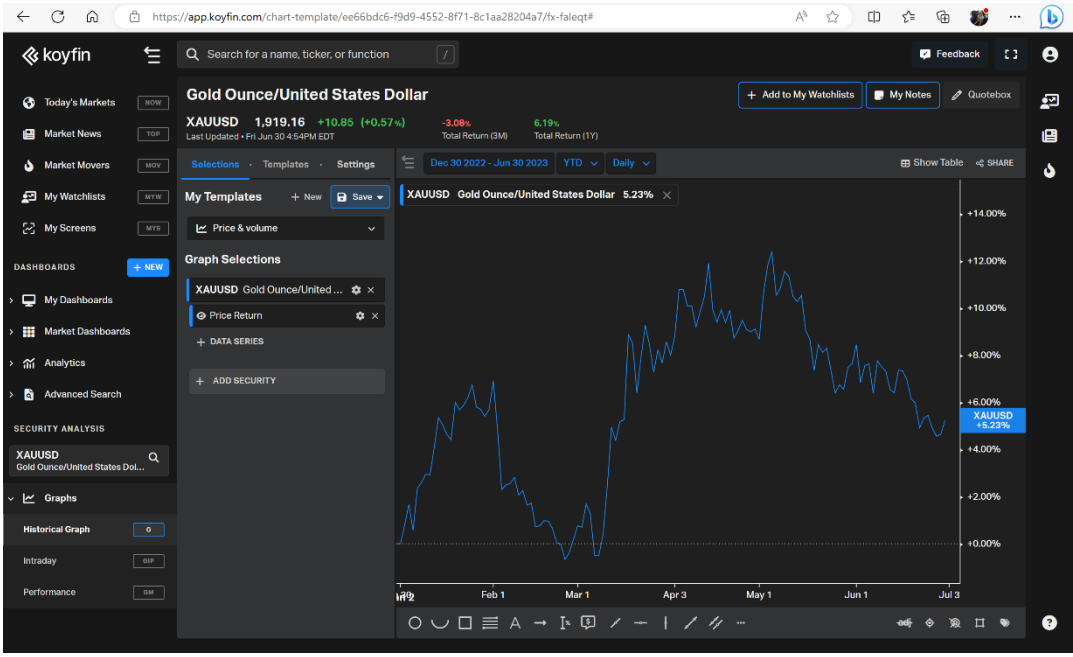
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WTI Crude Oil Q2 & YTD Return



Source Koyfin.com

Gold Price Q2 & YTD Return



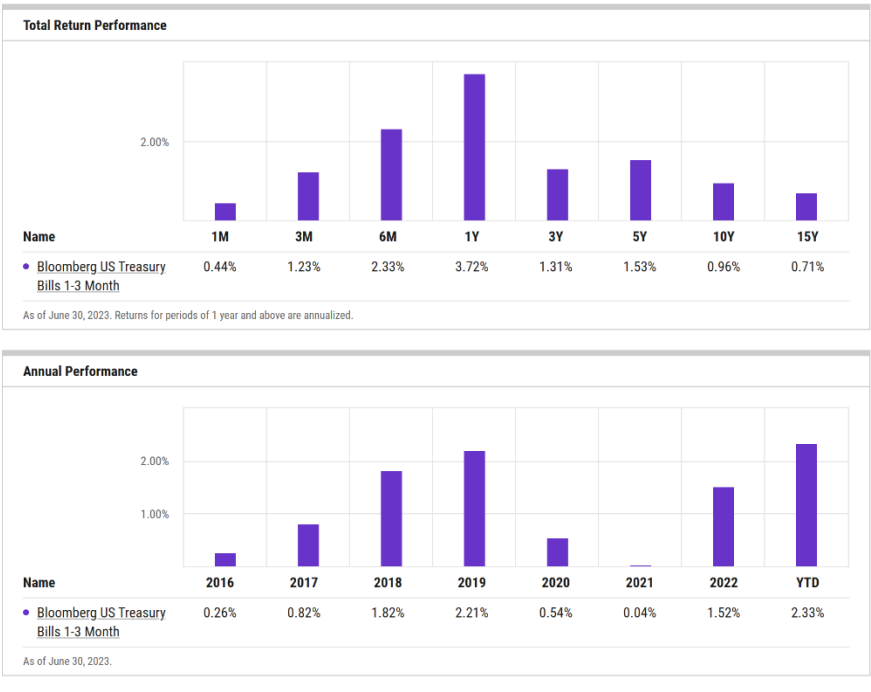
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BBgBarc US Agg Bond



Source YCharts

BBgBarc US T-Bill 1-3 Mon



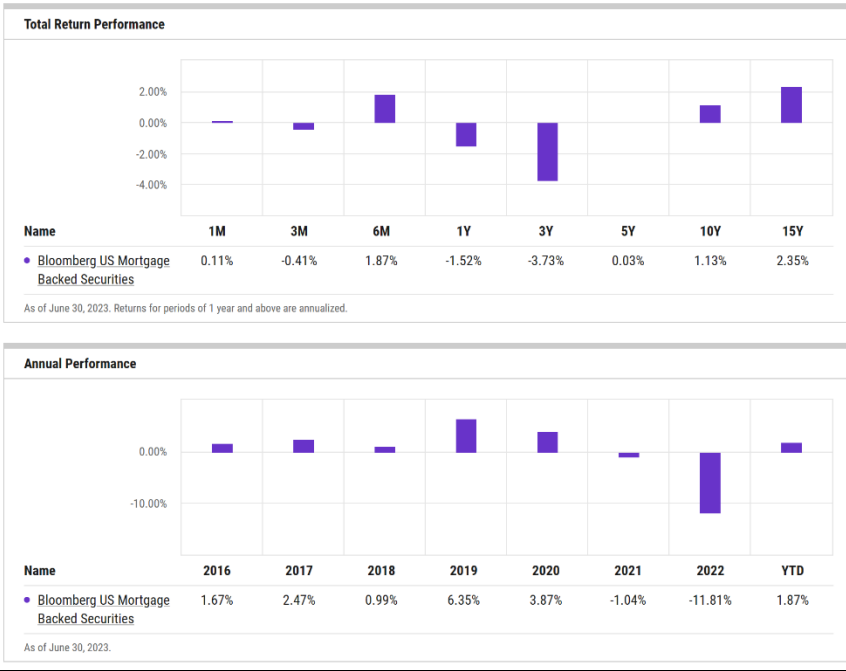
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ICE US T-Bond 7-10 Year



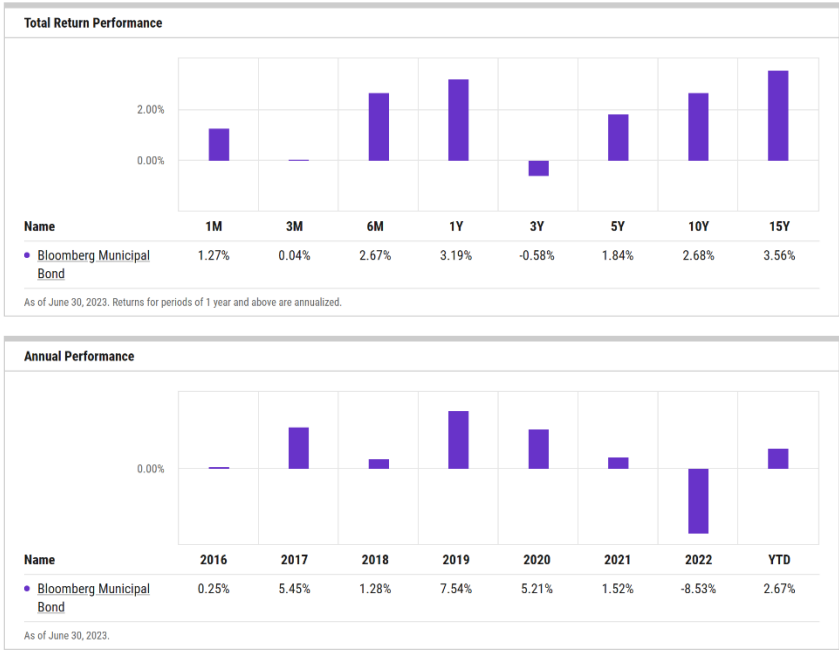
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BBgBarc US MBS (Mortgage-backed)



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BBgBarc Municipal



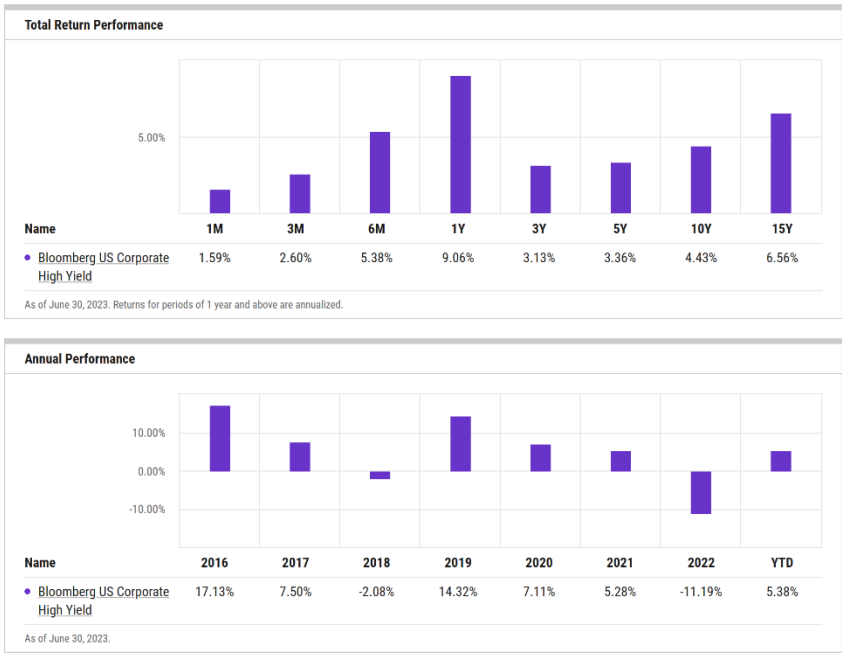
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BBgBarc US Corporate Invest Grade



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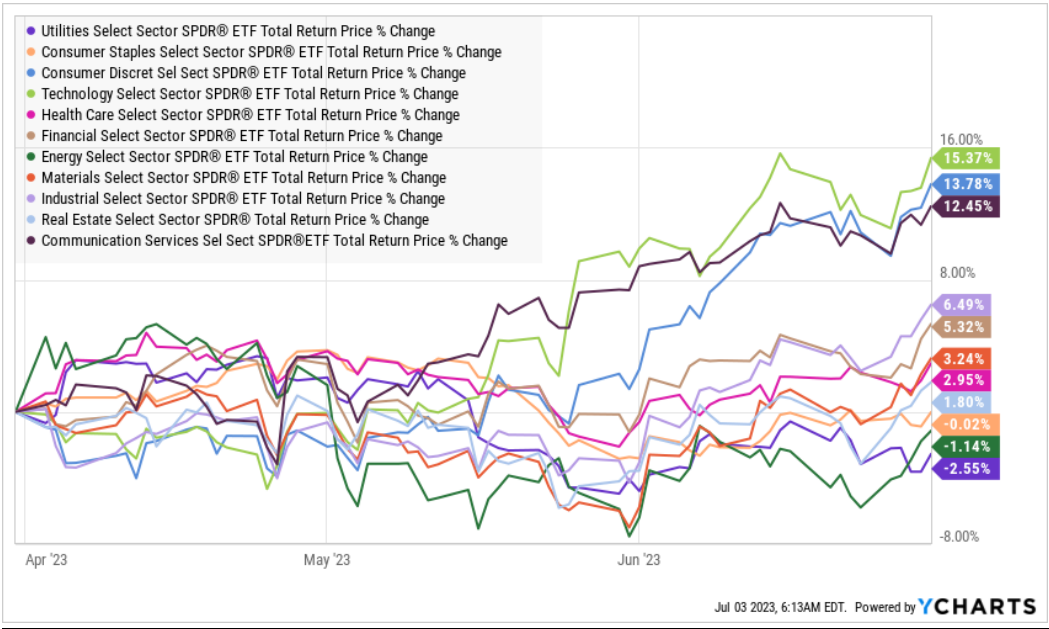
BBgBarc US Corporate High Yield



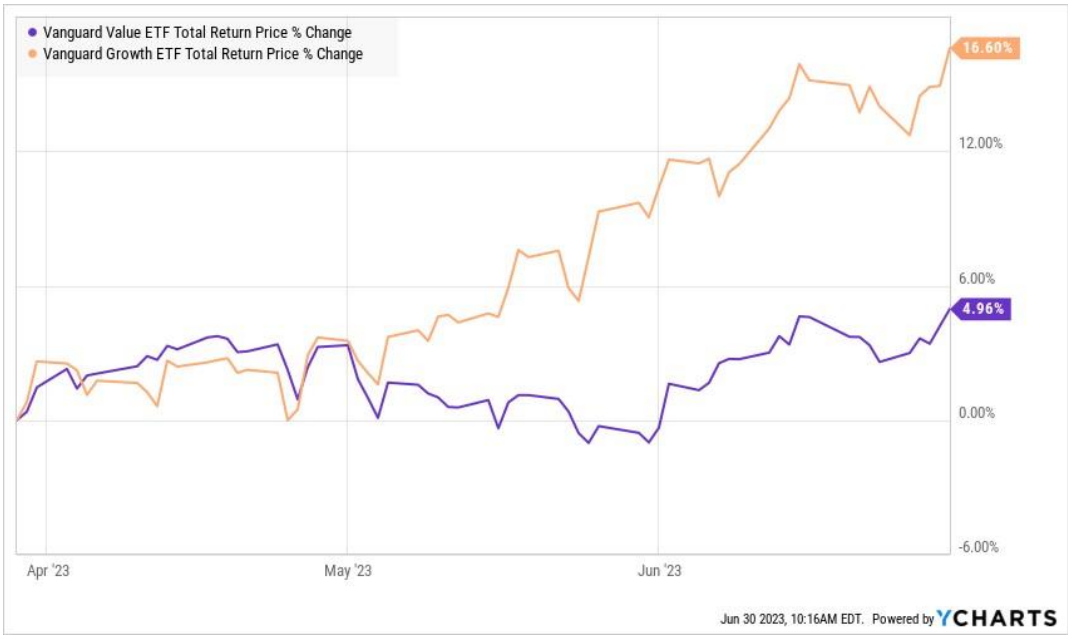
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Other Citations

Sector Performance Q2 2023

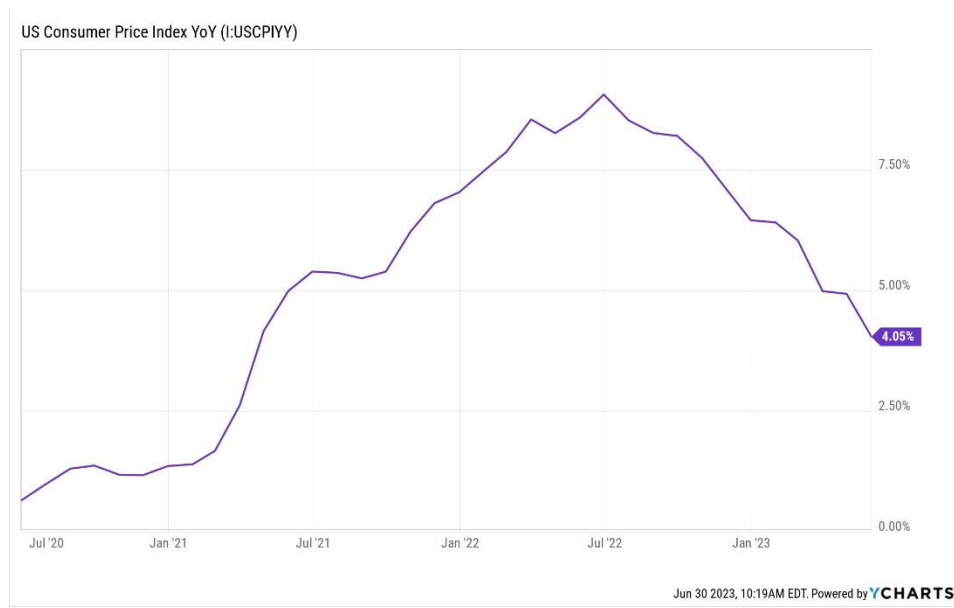


Value vs. Growth Q2 & YTD

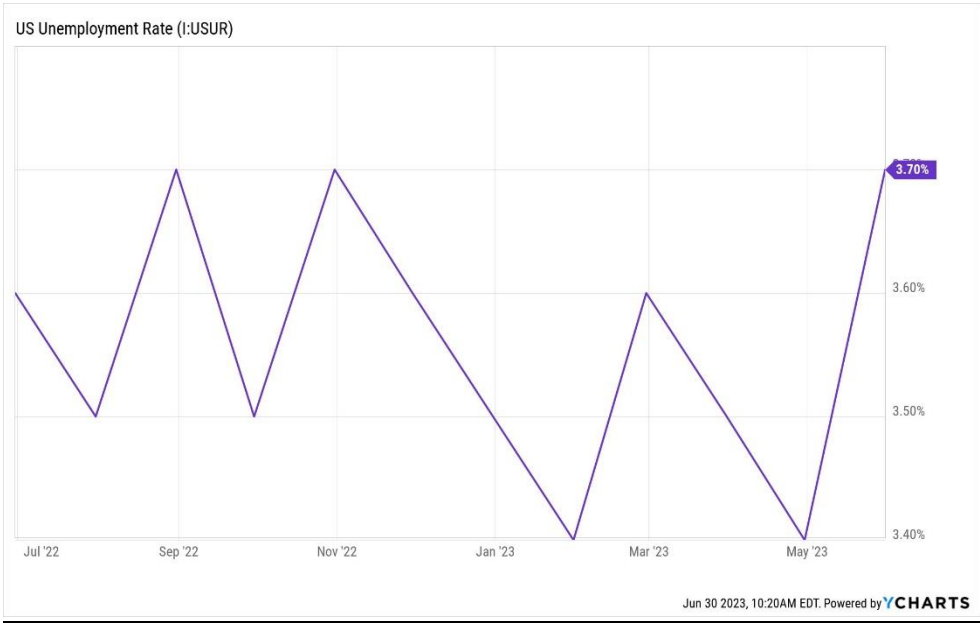




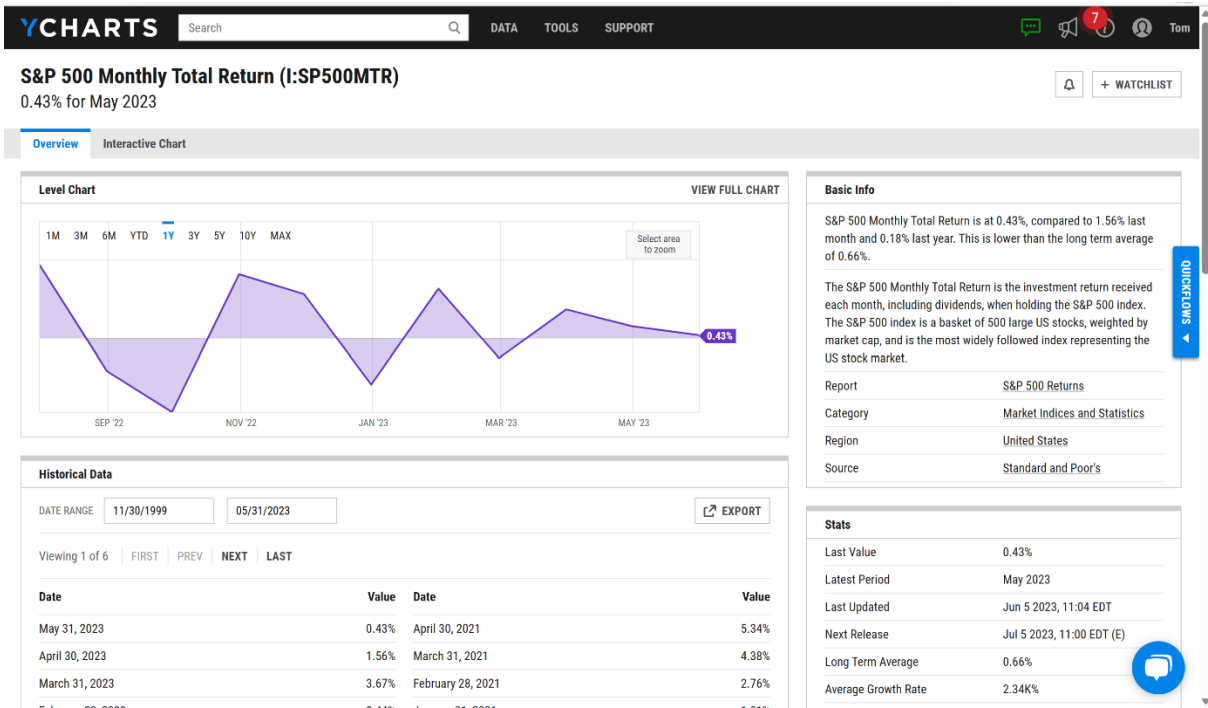
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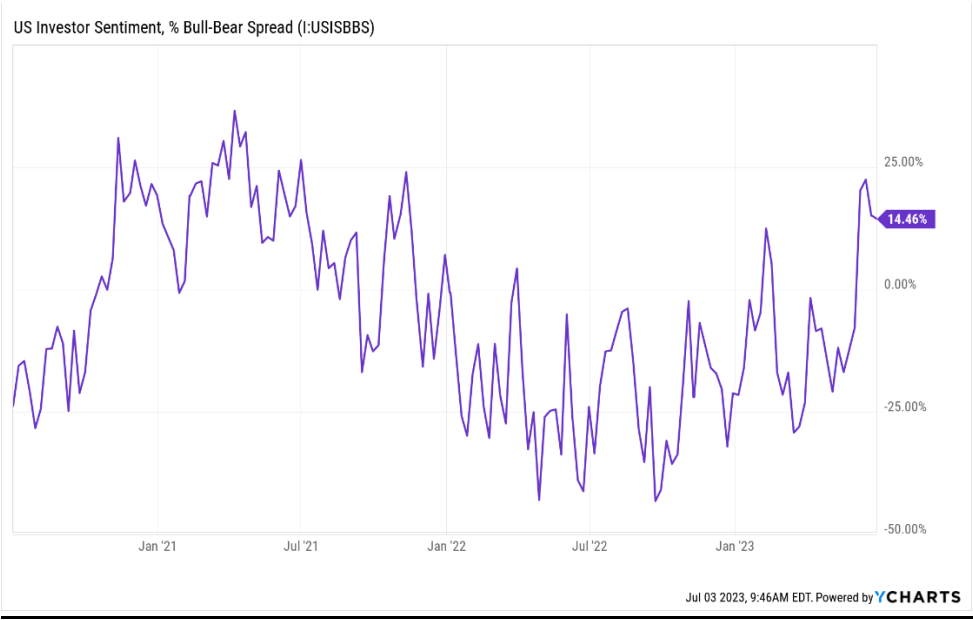
Unemployment Rate



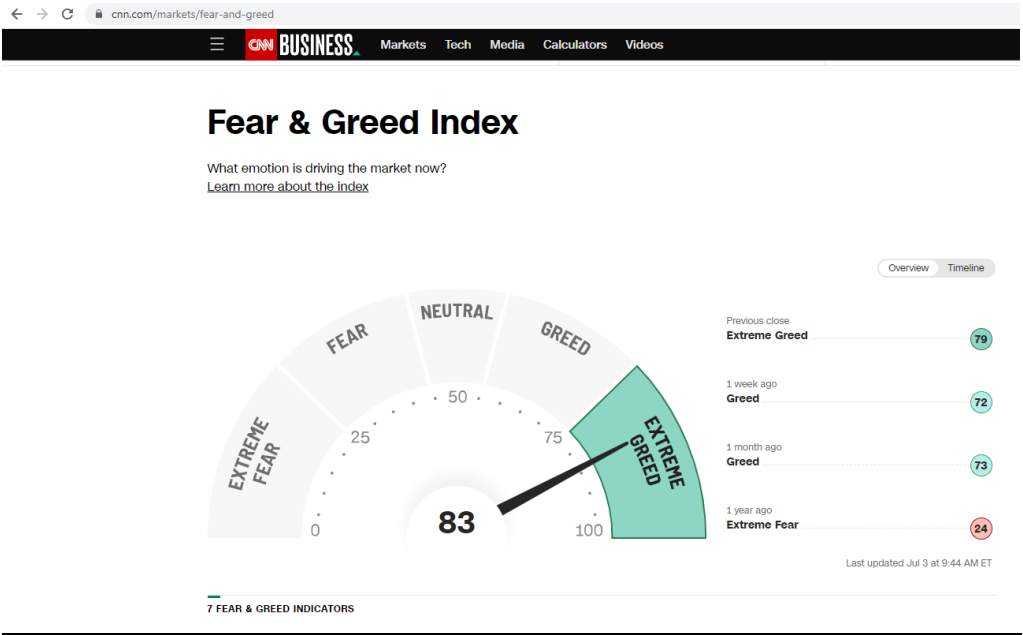
S&P 500 Monthly Returns



AAll Bulls-Bears Percentage



CNN Fear & Greed Index



Statements

That stability allowed investors to re-focus on corporate earnings, and the results were much better than feared as 78% of S&P 500 companies reported better-than-expected Q1 earnings, a number solidly above the 66% long-term average. Additionally, 75% of reporting companies beat revenue estimates for the first quarter, also well above the long-term average.

https://advantage.factset.com/hubfs/Website/Resources%20Section/Research%20Desk/Earnings%20Insight/EarningsInsight_060123.pdf

However, following an underwhelming earnings report, concerns about the solvency of First Republic Bank weighed on markets late in the month and the S&P 500 declined into the end of April to finish with a modest gain.

<https://thehill.com/business/3970736-first-republic-earnings-resurface-banking-worries-as-debt-ceiling-vote-rattles-market/>

Fears of a First Republic Bank failure were realized on May 1st, as the bank was seized by regulators and the FDIC was appointed its receiver. However, that same day, JPMorgan announced it was acquiring the bank from the FDIC, and that move helped to calm investor anxiety about financial contagion risks.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/05/01/jpmorgan-chase-first-republic-fdic-00094622>

Instead, the tech sector helped push the S&P 500 higher in mid-May, thanks to an explosion of investor and financial media enthusiasm around Artificial Intelligence (AI), which was highlighted by a massive rally in Nvidia (NVDA) following a strong earnings report.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/qai/2023/05/26/nvidia-stock-surges-off-huge-ai-focused-earnings-report/?sh=69c2e0d29a41>

The second quarter of 2023 saw an acceleration of the tech sector outperformance witnessed in the first quarter, as “AI” enthusiasm drove several mega-cap tech stocks sharply higher.

<https://money.com/can-tech-stocks-keep-driving-the-market-rally/>

Internationally, foreign markets lagged the S&P 500 thanks mostly to the relative lack of large-cap “AI” exposed stocks in major foreign indices, combined with some late-quarter worries about the EU economy and pace of Bank of England rate hikes, although foreign markets did finish the second quarter with a modestly positive return.

<https://www.equiti.com/sc-en/news/market-news/disappointing-economic-data-dominates-the-eurozone/>

Oil prices witnessed a moderate drop despite a surprise production cut from Saudi Arabia and an increase in geopolitical tensions in Russia, as concerns about future economic growth and oversupply weighed on oil.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/oil-benchmark-brents-price-structure-shows-over-supply-concern-2023-06-28/>

However, while clearly the past quarter brought positive developments in the economy and the markets, leading the financial media to proclaim a “new bull market” has started, it’s important to remember that potentially significant risks remain to the economy and markets.

<https://finance.yahoo.com/news/the-sp-500-has-entered-a-bull-market-heres-what-history-says-will-happen-next-114424541.html>