

### Q1 2023 Insights

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#### The Fed, Inflation and Jobs

- Federal Reserve raises rates to slow lending and tamp down inflation
- Job market continues to be strong
- Bond market still indicating rates may fall later this year
- Good rates on Certificates of Deposit may not last
- Isolated weaknesses in banking sector will act to slow lending and growth, complementing Fed

#### Banking – Liquidity versus Credit



- Careless actions and excessive risk-taking
- Silicon Valley Bank profile
- Actions by the Fed, Treasury and FDIC
- Credit will naturally tighten as banks pull back on lending, but unknown how this will affect Fed actions
- Strong get stronger and poorly run will fail

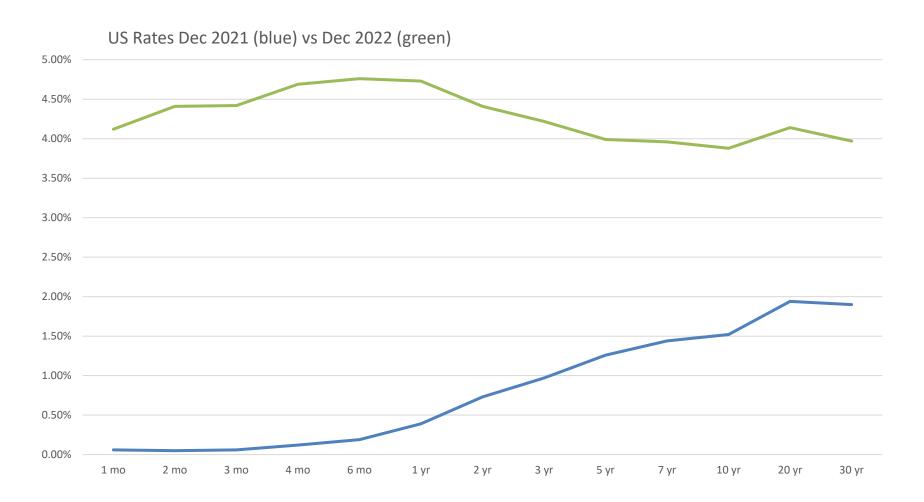
#### Leading Economic Indicators





#### **Yield Curve**





#### Shadow Banks and Companies



#### Q1 Earnings and Factor-Based Investing





#### "Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier." -Colin Powell

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