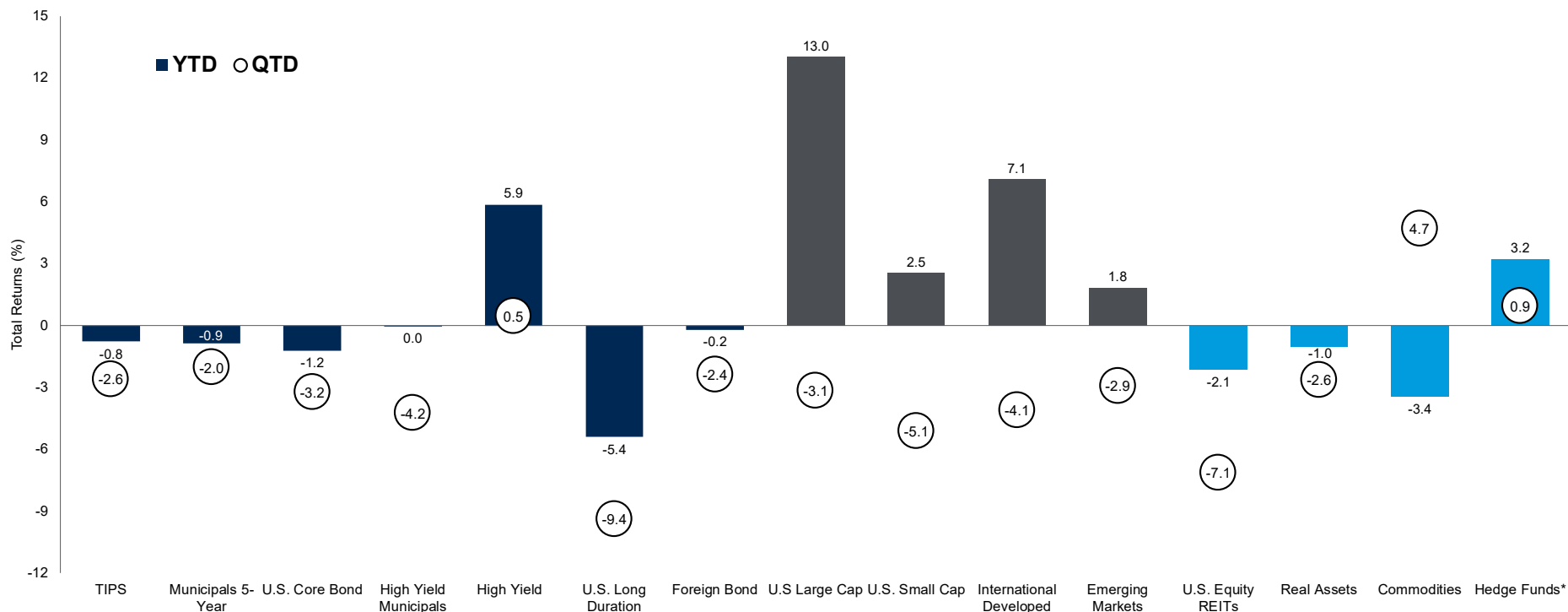








# Asset Class Returns



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of September 30, 2023. \*Hedge fund returns as of August 31, 2023.

## Fixed Income (3Q)

- Volatility continued in fixed income markets and most segments posted negative returns. Interest rates rose as markets digested the possibility of a higher-for-longer regime from the Federal Reserve as the central bank continues to tackle bringing inflation to target levels.

+ High yield fared best as the segment, which has a lower duration profile than core fixed income, is less sensitive to interest rate changes.

- Long duration assets saw large declines in the quarter as longer dated rates experienced a sharp jump higher in the quarter.

## Equity (3Q)

- Equities were broadly lower in the period as higher interest rates led to a re-pricing of valuations. U.S. large cap outperformed small cap.

- Developed non-U.S. struggled in the quarter. The Eurozone continues to have weak economic activity and central banks remain in tightening stances.

- Emerging markets outperformed in the quarter but were still negative on an absolute basis. Positive momentum in the Indian economy provided a tailwind for the emerging region.

## Real Asset / Alternatives (3Q)

- REITs took a step back during the period. Self-storage, Diversified and Residential were among the worst performing sub-sectors.

+ Commodities were a standout in the third quarter. Strong results stemmed from a jump in oil prices.

+ Hedge funds (reported on a month lag) posted a positive return for the first two months of the quarter. Event Driven and Relative Value strategies were among the top performing components.

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