## WEST VIRGINIA

## BOARD OF TREASURY INVESTMENTS



# West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments The Economic State MAY 2023 

## Debt Ceiling Concerns Dissolving

## "It's Like Déjà Vu All Over Again"

As the quirky Yogi Berra would suggest, there is a lot of 'all over again' going on these days. At time of writing, it appears the debt ceiling brinksmanship will once again be resolved. Equity markets are once again being driven higher by a handful of technology behemoths. Short-term bond yields are yielding more than long term bonds (i.e., still more yield inversion). While overall inflation data continues trending lower, albeit slowly, inflation in the services sectors remains sticky. Employment data remains strong, but the consumer finally appears to be tapping the brakes. As for what's new? A brief respite from the recent banking turmoil that began in early March

## Equity Markets

The S\&P 500 returned $0.4 \%$ in May and is up $9.6 \%$ for the year. One look at the large cap growth $(+20.8 \%)$ and large cap value ( $-1.4 \%$ ) benchmark returns reveals that this has not been a balanced lift to the market, including in May.

But, if one were inclined to dig deeper, the charts below reveal more dichotomy. Performance for the tech heavy Nasdaq Composite ( $+24.1 \%$ ) - comprised of stocks like the artificial intelligence darling of the moment NVIDIA (up over $150 \%$ this year) and META (up over 120\%) - has completely diverged from U.S. small cap stocks $(+0.0 \%)$ this year. And while the S\&P 500, which is capitalization weighted, nears a double-digit year-to-date return, its equal-weighted counterpart is, at best, gasping for air.

Non-U.S. Developed equity markets were negative in May and for almost the first time since the start of the year, did not outperform the U.S. market, despite the Japanese market continuing its stellar performance. Emerging markets were also negative in the month with China and Mexico leading the declines.

## Fixed Income Markets

Bonds gave back some gains during the month as yields trended higher with banking concerns ebbing. Higher yields at the short end of the curve continue to attract flows into short term fixed income strategies. The debt ceiling drama also impacted yields in the Treasury Bill market where the yield for a one-month TBill was over $6 \%$ intra-month. The Bloomberg Aggregate Index returned $-1.1 \%$ for the month and is up $2.5 \%$ year to date. The market is still pricing a reasonable chance of a rate hike pause in June, the prospect of which dropped intermediate and longer-term yields just a bit leading into the month's close.

## Looking Ahead

With debt ceiling concerns moving to the rearview mirror, a déjà vu return to focusing on inflation data and the Fed seems apropos. The first five months of this year have only reinforced the difficulty in trying to time or predict markets over the short term. But for those in need of more predictability, higher bond yields mean more cushion in the event of more negative surprises, better return prospects if things do not change much, and plenty of upside if the tide of rising rates begins to turn.

## West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments Financial Highlights as of May 31, 2023



| Summary of Value and Earnings (In Thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Pool | Net Asset Value |  | May Net <br> Income (Loss) | Fiscal YTD <br> Net Income (Loss) |  | Percent of Total Net AssetValue$■$ ParticipantAccounts, $0.4 \%$Reserve, $0.0 \%$ |
| WV Money Market | \$ | 9,844,459 | \$ 43,310 | \$ | 323,367 | ■ State Loan, $0.2 \%$ |
| WV Gov't Money Market |  | 325,700 | 1,451 |  | 9,471 | - WV Bank, 0.3\% |
| WV Short Term Bond |  | 702,602 | $(1,842)$ |  | 13,248 | WV Bank, 0.3\% |
| WV Bank |  | 65 | 0 |  | 9 | - WV Short Term Bond 6.4\% |
| Loans |  | 24,275 | 35 |  | 429 | - WVGovi't Money |
| Reserve |  | 0 | 0 |  | 73 | Market, $3.0 \%$ WV Money |
| Participant Accounts |  | 41,488 | 16 |  | 132 | Market, $90.0 \%$ |
|  |  | 10,938,589 | \$ 42,970 | \$ | 346,729 |  |

Securities by Type for Operating Pools (Percentage of Asset Value)


# West Virginia Board of Treasury Investments Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Unaudited <br> MAy 31, 2023 <br> (In Thousands) 

## Assets

Investments:
At amortized cost
At fair value
Other assets
Total assets

Liabilities
Accrued expenses, dividends payable \& payables for investments purchased Total liabilities

## Net Position

Held in trust for investment pool participants Held in trust for individual investment account holders
Total net position

Additions
Investment income:
Interest and dividend
Net (amortization) accretion
Provision for uncollectible loans
Total investment income

Investment expenses
Investment advisor, custodian bank \& administrative fees
Total investment expenses

Net investment income
Net realized gain (loss) from investments Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments

Net increase (decrease) in net position from operations

Participant transaction additions:
Purchase of pool units by participants Reinvestment of pool distributions
Contributions to individual investment accounts
Total participant transaction additions

Total additions

## Deductions

Distributions to pool participants:
Net investment income
Net realized gain (loss) from investments Total distributions to pool participants

Participant transaction deductions:
Redemption of pool units by participants Withdrawals from individual investment accounts
Total participant transaction deductions
Total deductions

Net increase (decrease) in net position from operations

Inter-pool transfers in
Inter-pool transfers out
Net inter-pool transfers in (out)

Change in net position
Net position at beginning of period
Net position at end of period

WV Money
Market Pool

| WV Government |
| :---: |
| Money Market |
| Pool |


| WV Short |
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| Term Bond |
| Pool |


| WV Bank Pool | Other Pools |
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| \$ 65 | \$ 24,217 |
| - | - |
| - | 59 |
| 65 | 24,276 |


| Participant <br> Directed <br> Accounts | Total |
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| \$ | \$ 10,174,767 |
| 41,421 | 741,016 |
| 67 | 24,848 |
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