

Highlight



More Uncertainties in the Month of October

The S&P 500 was down 4.87% in September, bringing its YTD return to 11.68%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average decreased 3.50% for the month and was up 1.09% YTD.

October 2023 is shaping up to be a make-or-break earnings season for U.S. tech stocks. U.S. is also seeing unprecedented volatility in Treasury bond markets due to growing economic uncertainties that drive investors to seek safer investment haven. This month would prove challenging as markets around the world undergo a re-test of investors' confidence concerning the economy, stock market and earnings. October has a bad reputation for investors due to the market crash of 1987 but generally on average performs relatively better than other months.



Bitcoin

Bitcoin has been relatively stable for quite some time. We think that with the further slowing down of the global economy, Bitcoin will most likely trade lower.



China

The Chinese market has not performed well lately due to economic slowdown. However, we still think the Chinese economy will eventually recover, however it will take relatively long due to structural economic problems.



Energy Prices

Oil prices are trading around USD 85 per barrel. I think oil price would further decline if the global economy slows further, however this would not be likely if the geopolitical situation in the middle east escalated.

Market Update

Index	Last Price	2021	2022	YTD%	PE_Ratio
Nasdaq	13,484.24	21%	-33%	29%	37.81
S&P500	4,335.66	27%	-19%	13%	21.25
STOXX Europe 600 Index	443.79	22%	-12%	3%	12.91
China	3,076.88	5%	-16%	0%	14.06
Hong kong	17,641.29	-14%	-16%	-11%	9.72
India	65,868.14	22%	5%	8%	22.9
Singapore	3,194.74	10%	4%	-2%	11.26
THAI	1,436.46	14%	0%	-14%	21.87
Vietnam	1,146.58	36%	-33%	14%	15.8
Malaysia	1,431.11	-4%	-5%	-4%	15.4
Indonesia	3,639.33	1%	11%	2%	15.23

Source : Bloomberg as of 09/10/2023

Investment Thesis

We still like U.S. equities due to their global and international business presence. Some U.S. equities are currently trading at compelling valuation. In addition to U.S. equities, we like technology and life science sectors due to their future potential growth and more importantly they are trading at very compelling price.

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Fund Outlook



Positive



Negative

Fund	Previous As of September 2023	New As of October 2023
SCB US EQUITY FUND (SCBS&P500)	▲	▲
TMB Eastspring Asia Active Equity (TMBAGLF)	▲	▲
Thanachart Global Energy (T-GlobalEnergy)	▲	▲
SCB Innovation (SCBINNO)	▲	▲
TMB Eastspring Genomic Revolution (TMB-ES-GENOME)	▲	▲

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Investment Theme



Long Term

USA

- **SCB US EQUITY FUND (SCBS&P500)** ★★★★★ Morningstar Rating 4 star As of 12 May 2023
- SCBS&P500 has an investment policy focus on investing in one foreign mutual fund (Feeder Fund), namely: iShares Core S&P 500 ETF. (Master Fund)
- The fund has been downgraded from a 5-star to 4-star by MorningStar.
- The fund mainly invests in companies operating around the world and not only the United States. In addition, the fund invests in a large company and a strong international brandname such as Apple, Mcdonald's, Google and Microsoft, etc. If the United States is an economic recession, the fund is less affected.
- For the past month, the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF did not perform well because of the expected interest rate hike.
- Risk Level : 6 (High Risk)

Low

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 High

ASIA EX JAPAN

- **TMB Eastspring Asia Active Equity (TMBAGLF)** ★★★★★ Morningstar Rating 3 star
- TMBAGLF has an investment policy focus on investing in one foreign mutual fund (Feeder Fund), namely: Schroder International Selection Fund - Emerging Asia. (Master Fund)
- The fund has a 3-star MorningStar Rating. We view this as a long-term investment with much upside potential.
- For the past month, the fund did not perform well because of the expected interest rate hike.
- Risk Level : 6 (High Risk)

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Short Term

Energy

- **Thanachart Global Energy (T-GlobalEnergy)** ★★★★★ Morningstar Rating no star
- T-GlobalEnergy has a policy to diversify investment in foreign mutual funds and/or foreign ETFs in the energy-related technology sector both in the upstream and downstream industries, exploration, development and distribution of energy.
- Although T-GlobalEnergy is not rated by Morningstar, however, the fund is still the AIAM's top pick.
- We still maintain a positive view on energy stocks although the global economy is slowing down. However, oil prices have also been boosted by the Russian-Ukrainian conflict and relaxation of COVID-19 lockdown measures. In addition, OPEC signals that they may cut oil supply.
- Risk Level : 7 (High Risk)

Low

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Investment Theme



Turnaround

ARKK

- **SCB Innovation (SCBINNO)** ★★★★★ Morningstar Rating no star
- SCBINNO has an investment policy focus on investing in one foreign mutual fund (Feeder Fund), namely: ARK INNOVATION ETF (ARKK) (Master Fund) and ETF has Active Management.
- Although SCBINNO is not rated by Morningstar, however, the fund is still the AIAM's top pick.
- ARKK is a popular fund with Cathie Wood as the fund manager who has been able to multiply investors' profits over the past year. Although the fund has decreased by about 70%, however, the fund still has good fundamental because of investing in new technology and innovation stocks. AIAM seen as an opportunity to invest because AIAM believed that this fund will be able to recover.
- For the past month, the ARK INNOVATION ETF (ARKK) did not perform well because of the expected interest rate hike. The fund has huge upside potential.
- The SCBINNO fund has been operated for 1 year, however, the ARK INNOVATION ETF (ARKK) has been operated for more than 5 years.
- Risk Level : 6 (High Risk)

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ARKG

- **TMB Eastspring Genomic Revolution (TMB-ES-GENOME)** ★★★★★ Morningstar Rating no star
- TMB-ES-GENOME has an investment policy focus on investing in one foreign mutual fund (Feeder Fund), namely: ARK Genomic Revolution ETF (ARKG)(Master Fund) and ETF has Active Management.
- Although TMB-ES-GENOME is not rated by Morningstar, however, the fund is still the AIAM's top pick.
- ARKG is a very popular fund that has multiple yielded over the past year because technology stocks have grown exponentially. Although the fund is currently decrease about 60% from the previous year, the company has confidence in Cathie Wood, a fund manager who has the ability to manage the fund and pick stocks that are expected to grow in the future. Including climate change leading to the emergence of new diseases. It is a positive factor to invest in the medical innovation sector in the future.
- For the past month, the ARK Genomic Revolution ETF (ARKG) did not perform well because of the expected interest rate hike. signs that inflation is easing. The fund has huge upside potential.
- The TMB-ES-GENOME fund has been operated for 1 year, however, the ARK Genomic Revolution ETF (ARKG) has been operated for more than 5 years.
- Risk Level : 7 (High Risk)

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