

Worthwhile Topics CONCENTRATED LEADERSHIP? - 05/30/23 - 06/05/23 y Market Commentary -FOMC PREVIEW: SKIP, PAUSE, OR HIKE? -



Every so often Washington likes to remind us how hard it can be to get things accomplished. The most recent example is the debt ceining—the amount. Coun can borrow to pay like bills. It seems like we have this debate every few years and in the end a deal is made, which is just what happened this time. Conside equity markets never really reacted to the drama, perhaps this is a good remin that flocating on long-term objectives is the best strategy, even amid a fair amount of market notee.

With the debt ceiling drama behind us, markets will likely return their attention to topics such as inflation, the health of the economy, and the Federal Reserve (Fed)—who is scheduled to meet June 14-15. Expectations are that they will not raise short-term interest raises for the first time in 10 meetings. The Fed has done a bit of heavy fifting already—raising short-term interest raises by 5% in just over a year. Since rate haskes tend to have a long and variable lay. The Fed variant to see how those rate hikes more faily flow through the economy before its next move.

The Fed's goal has been to elevate the fed funds rate and make the cost of borrowing money prohibitively expensive, to stow aggregate dearnard. While this has exposed some could in the regional bening sector, is should allow inflationary pressures to ablact. Dut then what? After shorrings its give with midlation, the Fed is expected to start cutting rates early next year. Just as the aggressive rate-shiring cycle boot. Teasury yelds higher, interest race class will take Treasy (and other bond market) yelds lower. Both lower fittation and an end to rate increases could be welcome next for core bonds, sepsicially intermediate core bonds, which have tended to perform well after rate-hilling campaigns. Investors may be better served by locking in these highly viside bloot for hely good. Only live will let, but it less like we're finally on a path to lower interest rates and the end of this inflationary cycle.

Of course there will be other challenges to deal with, that's just the dynamic nature of the market. But in the meantime, returning to the familiar—lower rates and the end of inflation—is something we can all raily around.



