The 2-year U.S. Treasury recently traded above 5% for the first time since 2006, and many short term CD's are also yielding above 5%. With markets pricing in a 5-year breakeven inflation rate of around 2.6%, investors are seeing some of the more compelling opportunities for real yields than since before the Great Recession. For short term or stable value investors, it may be a good time to evaluate the levels of yield you are earning on your savings and ensure it is competitive with market rates. For longer term investors, while it was a painful 2022 for bonds, many expect forward returns for balanced portfolios may actually be more attractive than they were in late 2021, due to the return outlook for bonds in this interest rate environment. We would encourage investors not abandon bonds as part of a balanced portfolio due to a tough 2022. From here, the longer term outlook for bonds is more attractive than it has been in years, and many expect the diversification and non correlation benefits are likely to eventually return.

Market Metrics

INDEX OR METRIC	CLOSE AS OF 01/31/2023	CLOSE AS OF 02/28/2023	CHANGE PREVIOUS MONTH END	2022 YTD % CHANGE
	F4,806.04	32,656.70	-1,429.34	-1.48%
S&P 500				
	11,584.55	11,455.54	-129.01	+9.45%
RUSSELL 2000				
	4.25%-la50%	4.50%-4.75%	+0.25%	
2-Year Treasury				
	3.52%	3.92%	+0.40%	
Crude Oil $ per Barrel				
	$1,945.30	$1,836.70	-$108.60	+0.57%
UK Point in U.S. $				
	$1.0861US=1€	$1.0605US=1€	$ STRONGER	-0.63%
Canada $ per U.S. $				
	130.045¥=$1.00US	136.215¥=$1.00US	$ STRONGER	+3.24%