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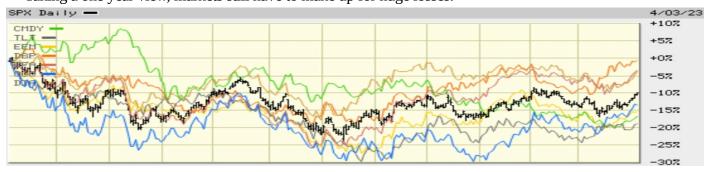
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## The First Quarter was a wild ride.

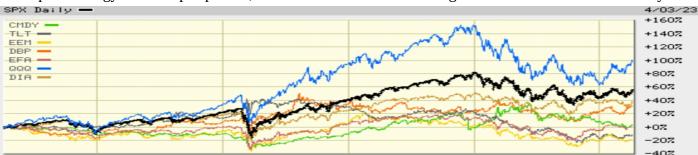
Although last week saw markets recover strongly, the quarter opened quite positively but saw weakness through most of February even before the bank crisis.



Taking a one year view, markets still have to make up for huge losses.



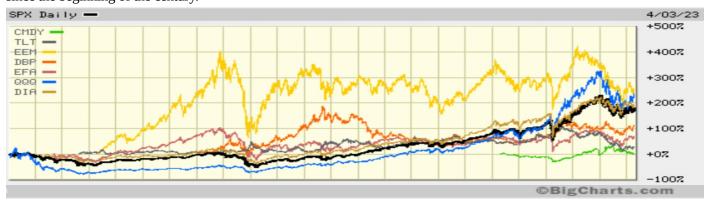
To put recent gyrations in perspective, here is how the same market segments have done over the last 5 years.



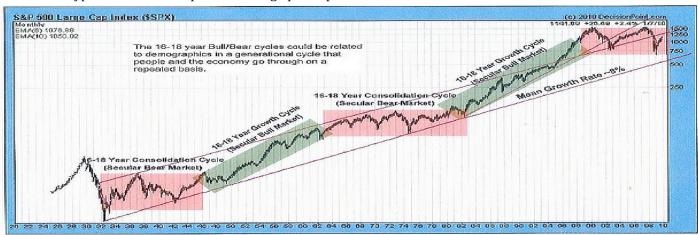
Perhaps the biggest shock when studying the above is how poorly the safest segment, represented by TLT, has done. Government Bonds have been unreliable, which was a large contributor to the recent bank failures.

Most markets outside of the USA, as seen by EFA and EEM have done dismally, which has significant implications beyond market performance; this leads to increased poverty and political instability. Only the US equity indices and Precious Metals have been reliable.

In case you are curious, most of these ETFs have been in existence for quite a while. Here is a view of performance since the beginning of the century.



Looking at the one year chart, one can see that we may have entered a period of market stasis, where markets are range bound and perform poorly over multiple years. Here is the chart shown in our last report, in case you missed it. It shows that this is a typical consolidation period after big upward performance.



https://www.stockideas.org/long-term-charts-us-stock-market-sp-and-dow/

Our previous report goes into a detailed explanation of this stasis phenomenon, if you missed it, please be in touch to receive a copy. In summary, consider this.

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Bull & Bear Facts*

Average gain in bull market: +155%

Average length of bull market: 50 months

Average loss in bear market: -27%

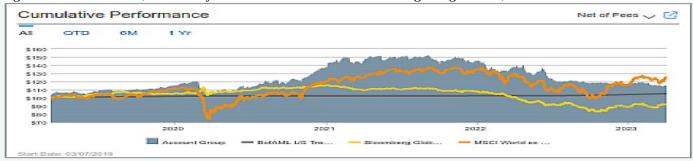
Average length of bear market: 14 months

*Based on data since 1956. See page 2 for more details.
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1956 - 2015, Mackenzie Investments

https://studylib.net/doc/5313270/bull-and-bear-markets--sandp-500-chart

Our US managed accounts have not done fantastically, but overall much better than the competition. The composite of the larger accounts at Schwab, so far this year are down 1.52% and since the beginning of 2022, down 20.69%.



BofAML US Treasury Bills 0-3 Month; Bloomberg Barclays Global Treasury TR USD; MSCI World Index except US securities .

Be in touch to learn more about our unique investment approach.

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Portfolio Manager, USA adami@veracityfinancialservices.com (1) 561 389 7176 Here is a review of the same big funds, our comparative peers, that we have revisited repeatedly.

The very biggest funds.

American Funds Growth Fund of Amer A AGTHX

2022 returns: -31.21% 1<sup>st</sup> Otr 2023 returns: 11.42%

Vanguard Total Stock Mkt Idx Adm **VTSAX** 

2022 returns: -19.53% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 7.46%

PIMCO Total Return A **PTTAX** 

2022 returns: -14.40% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 3.34%

Among those that were considered the best funds of all time.

Fidelity® Growth Company **FDGRX** 

2022 returns: -28.83% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 16.93%

Fidelity® Select IT Services **FBSOX** 

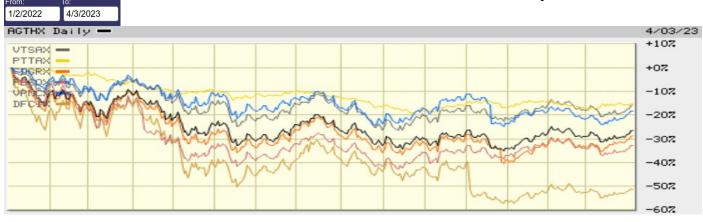
2022 returns: -31.21% 1<sup>st</sup> Otr 2023 returns: 6.93%

Vanguard PRIMECAP Inv **VPMCX** 

2022 returns: -15.15% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 7.05%

**Delaware Smid Cap Growth A DFCIX** 

2022 returns: -45.48% 1st Qtr 2023 returns: 10.60%



Here is a review of the indices, that appear on the first page.

### SPX S&P 500 Index

2022 returns: -18.17% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 7.87%

### **Commodity Index ETF**

2022 returns:14.48% 1<sup>st</sup> Otr 2023 returns: -4.77%

#### TLT -20+yr US T-Bond Index ETF

2022 returns: -31.24% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 7.88%

### **Emerging Markets Index ETF**

2022 returns: -20.56% 1<sup>st</sup> Otr 2023 returns: 4.33%

#### DBP -**Precious Precious Metals Index ETF**

2022 returns: -1.51% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 6.54%

### EFA -**EAFE** (Europe & Far East major markets) Index ETF

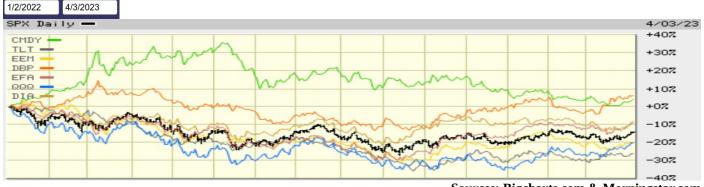
2022 returns: -14.35% 1st Qtr 2023 returns: 9.83%

#### 000 -**NASDAQ** index ETF

2022 returns: -32.58% 1<sup>st</sup> Otr 2023 returns: 20.42%

#### DIA -**Dow Jones Industrial Index**

2022 returns: -7.01% 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2023 returns: 1.91%



Sources: Bigcharts.com & Morningstar.com

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