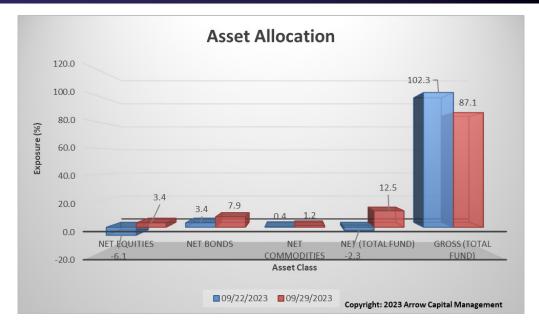
## ARROW LONG/SHORT ALTERNATIVE CLASS

(Formerly Arrow Canadian Advantage Alternative Class) Week ending September 29, 2023



Weekly performance, macro context, current positioning, and future expectations.

## Performance

September 29, 2023

## Arrow Long/Short Alternative Class (F Class):

WTD -0.21% MTD (September 2023) 1.53% YTD -1.88%

### S&P TSX Composite

WTD -1.21% MTD (September 2023) -3.70% YTD 0.81%

### S&P 500:

WTD -0.74% MTD (September 2023) -4.87% YTD 11.68%

### **Fund Commentary**

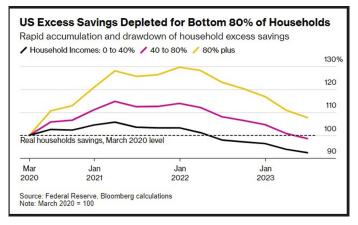
September proved a challenging month for markets with risk assets pressured and the USD generally a safe harbour. Accordingly, financial conditions were tighter over the month. From an economic perspective, global macro data pointed to further signs of divergence across major economies. Yet, as we highlighted in last week's commentary, most developed market central banks are aligned with respect to their determination to get inflation back down to target bands. This necessary "higher for longer" (H4L) stance is manifesting differently between countries and regions with its effect on relative GDP profiles becoming increasingly evident. The strength in the USD speaks to this reality as the US economy continues to show more resilience in the face of high real rate settings. Anecdotally, recent labour force data in Mexico also added to the idea that North America's economic health in the aggregate currently looks better than elsewhere. That said, we see some headwinds that should not be ignored even while employment in the US seems healthy and consumption well supported. Specifically, the first chart below (Chart 1) illustrates how the post-Covid consumption

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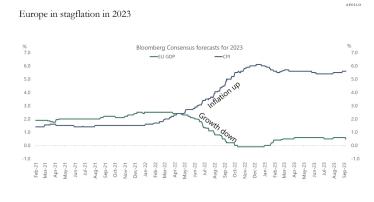
boom has started to deplete savings across cohorts. These indicators compel us to be increasingly vigilant around US employment data and associated high frequency signals, such as Continuing Claims, for any signs of deterioration. Any such signals, which certainly have not been forthcoming yet, allied to the savings pattern in Chart 1 would have notable implications for the US GDP outlook.

## Chart 1: US Excess Savings Pattern



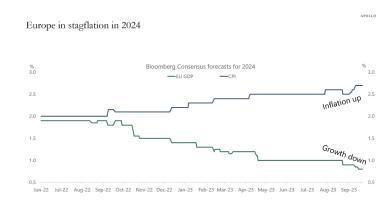
Returning to the overarching H4L scenario, we are considering the possibility of whether a stagflationary regime awaits some economies and markets. Readers will recall that, just a few months ago, the UK was being singled out as uniquely vulnerable to this risk. Since then, Europe has encountered increasing signs of a weakening growth outlook alongside sticky inflation. This week though brought some relief on the CPI front, in absolute terms, as pan-European releases were all softer than forecast. Nevertheless, relative to target, these are still considerably higher than the ECB policymakers are comfortable with. Further, oil prices and related supply shock risks continue to complicate the outlook. We have refenced in previous weeklies, the ECB's increasing acknowledgement of growth downside risks because of a rate setting they deem necessary to curb inflation. Without a fiscal response to mitigate the GDP risk, we continue to see this combination as a headwind to the Euro currency. Historically, policymakers have combatted stagflation by fighting the inflation battle first with the expectation that success in this regard leads to growth reigniting later. The poor performance of Eurozone stocks, when set against those in US indices, suggests that asset prices are discounting such a scenario and continued economic divergence. The chart below (Chart 2) provides more evidence that a consensus view is moving towards the idea that the Eurozone will be keeping the UK company.

Chart 2: European Growth and Inflation Consensus Forecasts 2023/2024



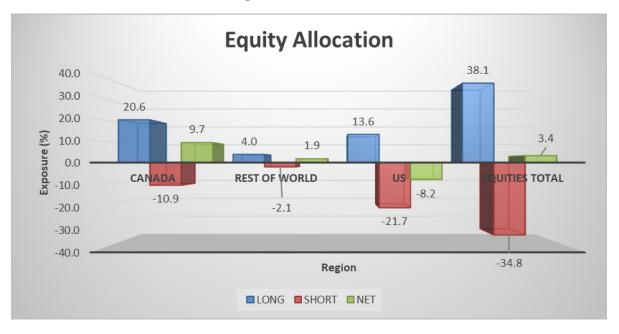
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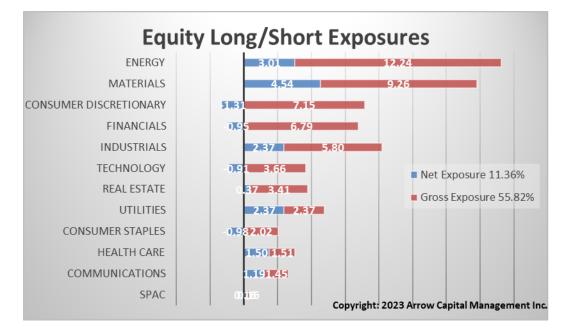
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Europe's stagflation risks are complicated by issues such as demographics, but high real rates risk impacting other economies in time as well. Historically, real assets perform well in such an environment. In a multi-asset context this suggests that commodities have some value as a core allocation. While Gold may struggle in the face of higher real rates, a broad mix of other commodities should offer meaningful diversification as the asset class has historically exhibited a positive correlation with inflation. Moreover, geopolitical and climate related supply shocks would be captured via this exposure.



## Equity Allocation (% Total Portfolio including Futures)

## Sector Exposures (% Long / Short Portfolio of individual companies)



We look forward to reporting back next week.

Thanks, Arrow Investment Team

### **Historical Performance** – As of September 30, 2023

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
ALSAC - Series F	-2.62%	11.25%	9.44%	8.69%

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