



**2023**  
Capital Markets  
**Outlook**

Dear Colleague,

SIFMA is the leading capital markets trade association representing broker dealers, investment banks and asset managers operating in the U.S. and global capital markets. U.S. capital markets are the deepest and most liquid in the world providing corporations, governments and non-profits ready access to funding to invest in growth and create jobs. Retail and institutional investors, who fuel that growth, benefit from a market system that provides ease of access, choice, and unprecedented efficiency.

At SIFMA, we believe our capital markets work best when they:

- Ensure high standards of market integrity and investor protection;
- Encourage pools of capital through savings and investment;
- Promote financial literacy and a strong retail investor culture; and
- Calibrate supervision and regulation with innovation and growth.

This SIFMA 2023 Outlook contains our insights into the markets, the industry's viewpoints on critical policy issues and several helpful resources. We hope you find it of interest and of use.

Our effectiveness as a trade association is the direct result of our members' engagement through our committees, forums and conferences. To learn more about getting involved with SIFMA or for information about membership, please contact our Office of Member Engagement.

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# **About SIFMA**



# The GFMA Partnership

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SIFMA maintains affiliations in Europe covering the EU and UK through the Association for Financial Markets in Europe (AFME) and in Asia through the Asia Securities and Financial Markets Association (ASIFMA). The Global Financial Markets Association (GFMA) is an extension of AFME, ASIFMA and SIFMA providing a forum to develop policies and strategies on capital market issues of global concern.



# Our History





# Market Insights

## Why Capital Markets Matter

Capital markets recognize and drive capital to the best ideas and enterprises. Coupled with the free flow of capital, innovation is an integral component for supporting job creation, economic development, and prosperity. Markets facilitate investment from those who seek a return on their assets to those who need capital and credit to grow.

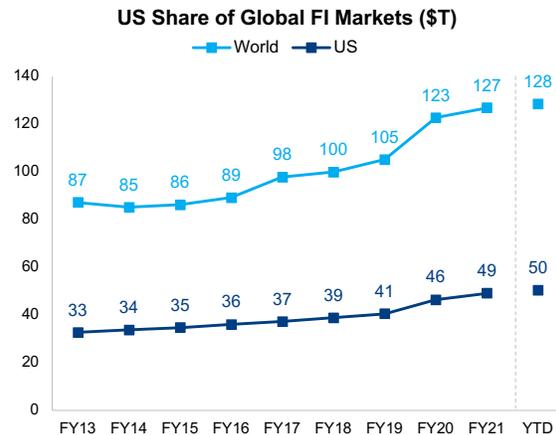
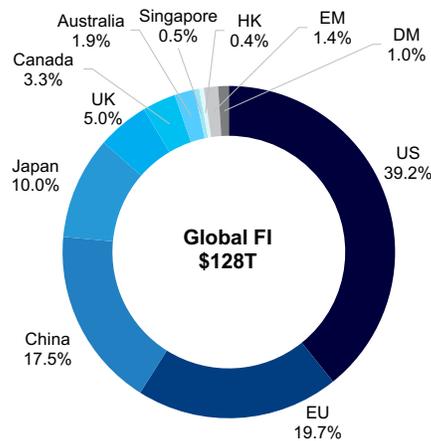
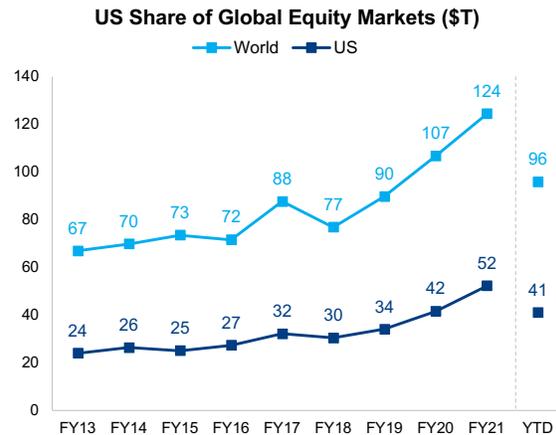
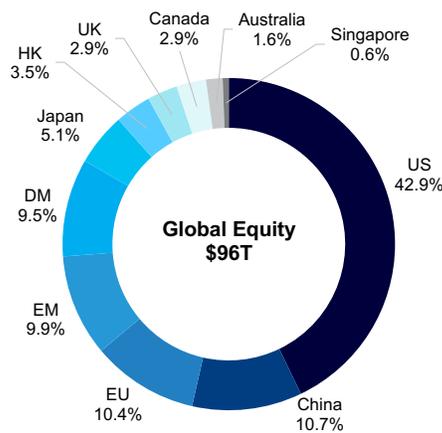
Clients benefiting from healthy capital markets include both individual and institutional investors, governments, and corporations. Whether equity or debt, capital can be used to grow businesses, investment in new technology, plant, and equipment or fund infrastructure developments. This grows the economy and creates jobs and wealth. Further, individuals and businesses can invest in securities to generate wealth.

## US Capital Markets Are the Largest in the World

The U.S. capital markets are the largest in the world and continue to be among the deepest, most liquid and most efficient.

**Equities:** U.S. equity markets represent 43% of the \$96 trillion in global equity market cap, or \$41 trillion; this is 4.0x the next largest market, China.

**Fixed Income:** U.S. fixed income markets comprise 39% of the \$128 trillion securities outstanding across the globe, or \$50 trillion; this is 2.0x the next largest market, the EU.



Source: World Federation of Exchanges (as of October 2022), Bank for International Settlements (as of March 2022)

Note: Equity = market cap, FI = fixed income, includes structured products = securities outstanding. EU = 27 member states, excluding the UK; EM = emerging markets; HK = Hong Kong; DM = developed markets

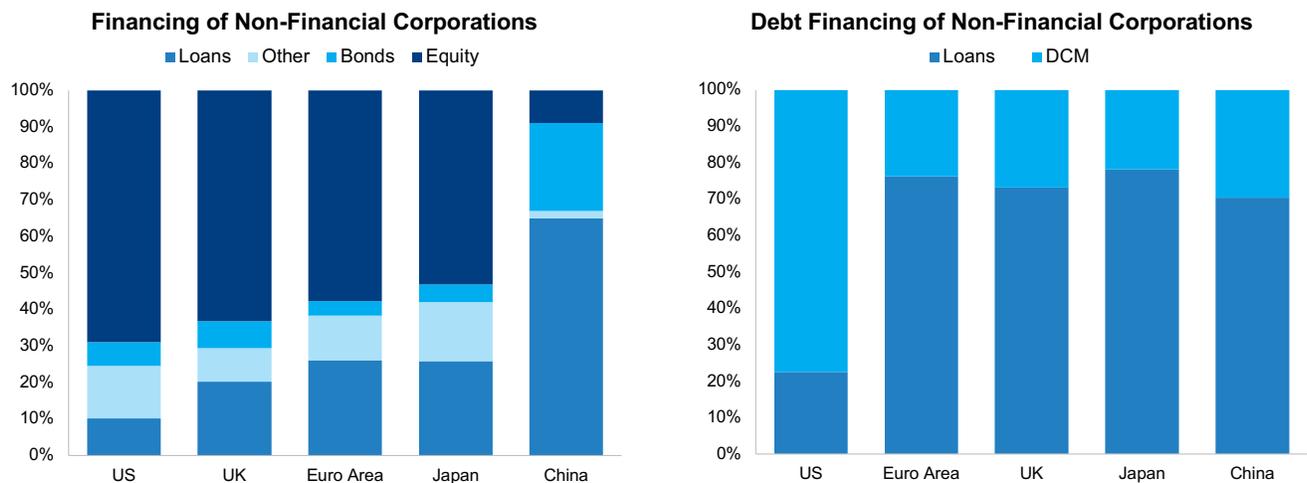
# Capital Markets Fuel Economies

U.S. capital markets are the bedrock of our nation’s economy.

Capital markets are critical to financing economies and supporting economic growth, as they enable the efficient allocation of risk and transfer of capital across parties. In the U.S., capital markets fund 75% of all economic activity, in terms of equity and debt financing of non-financial corporations. This ensures businesses have easy and consistent access to liquidity and affordable funding to fuel growth and create jobs.

Capital markets enable debt issuance, which is a more efficient and less restrictive form of borrowing for corporations. The use of debt capital markets is more prevalent in the U.S. at 77% of the total (versus 23% bank lending), compared to only 20%-30% in other regions (where bank lending is more dominant at 70%-80%). Capital markets function as shock absorbers during times of economic or market turmoil. As such, capital markets form a more stable source of power for companies, governments, and economies.

On the equities side, companies need capital to invest in growth, fund mergers and acquisitions, and many other operational purposes. Firms have several options to generate capital, including issuing IPOs, which allow businesses to grow, innovate, and better serve their customers.



Source: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, European Central Bank, Bank of Japan, National Bureau of Statistics of China, Federal Reserve (as of 2021, China 2018)

Note: Euro Area = 19 EU-member states using the Euro. Other financing = insurance reserves, trade credits and trade advances, DCM = debt capital markets = corporate bonds only.

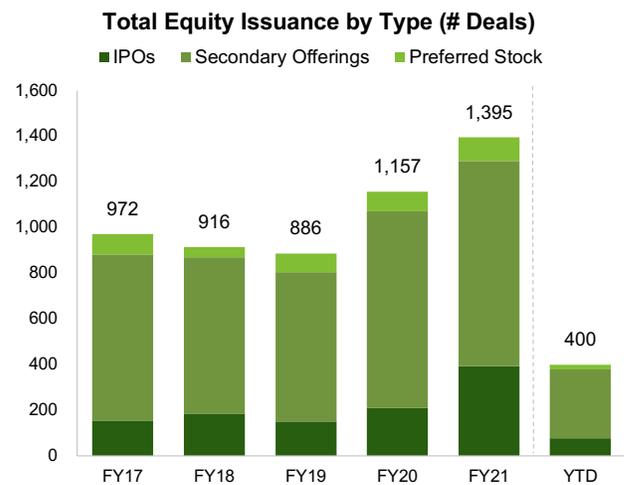
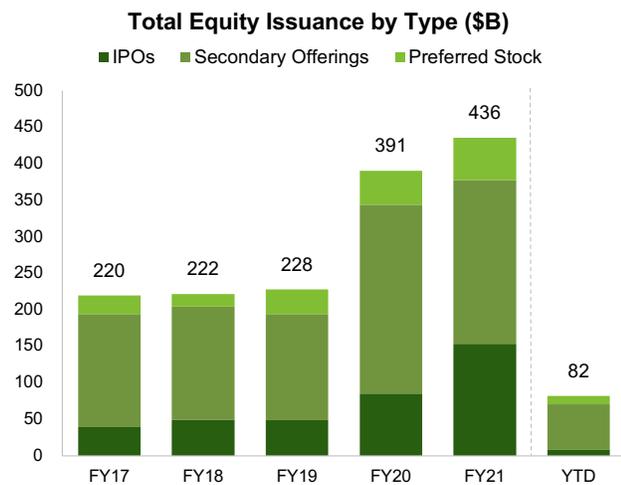
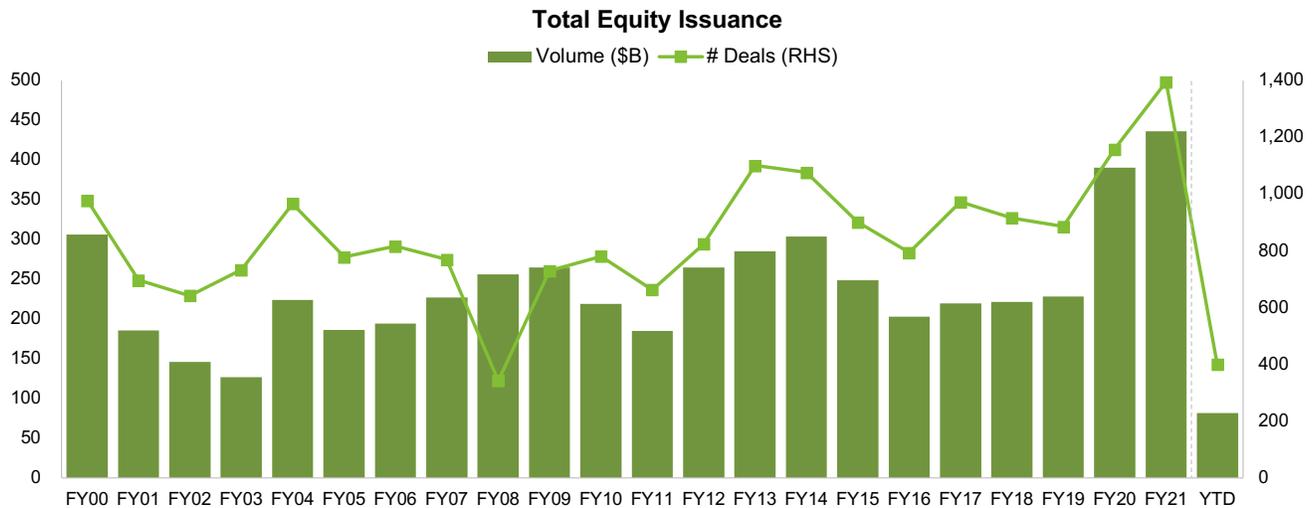
# Capital Formation

## Equity Issuance

Total U.S. equity issuance was \$436 billion in 2021, +11.6% Y/Y, and \$81.2 billion YTD 2022 (through October), -78.1% Y/Y. IPOs totaled \$154 billion in 2021, +79.7% Y/Y, and \$8 billion YTD (through October), -93.6% Y/Y. Total issuance has increased at a +16.5% CAGR over the last five years, with IPOs experiencing a +49.3% CAGR.

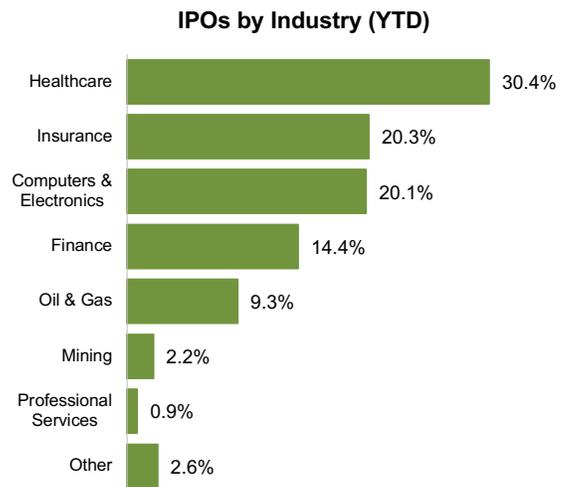
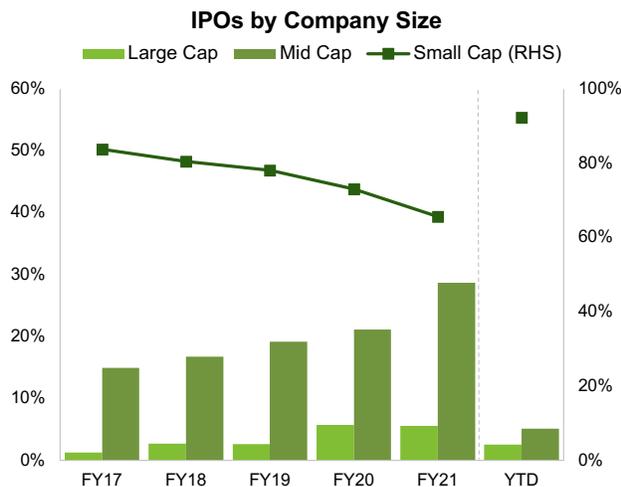
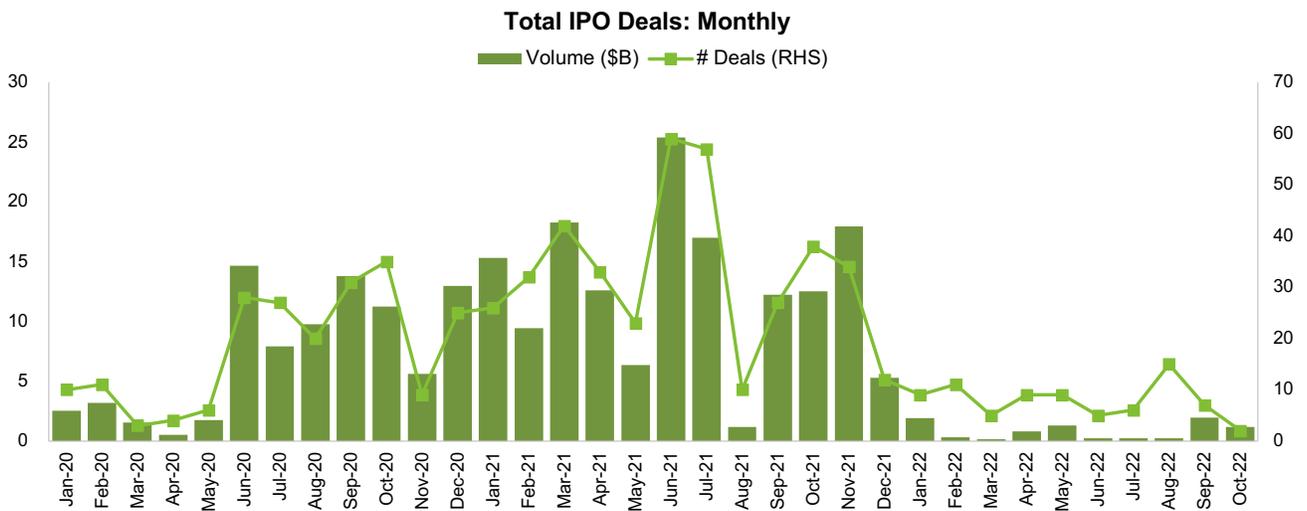
As of October 2022, IPOs totaled \$8.3 billion, -93.6% Y/Y. Of this, \$5.8 billion, or 69.6% of the total, was in U.S. domiciled firms, -3.3 pps Y/Y. The number of deals was 78 YTD, -77.5% Y/Y; U.S. domiciled deals was 48, -81.9% Y/Y. The top three sectors in IPOs issuance YTD were Healthcare (30.4% of total), Insurance (20.3%) and Computers & Electronics (20.1%).

Total SPAC issuance was \$163 billion in 2021, +95.1% Y/Y, and \$12 billion YTD 2022 (through October), -90.8% Y/Y.



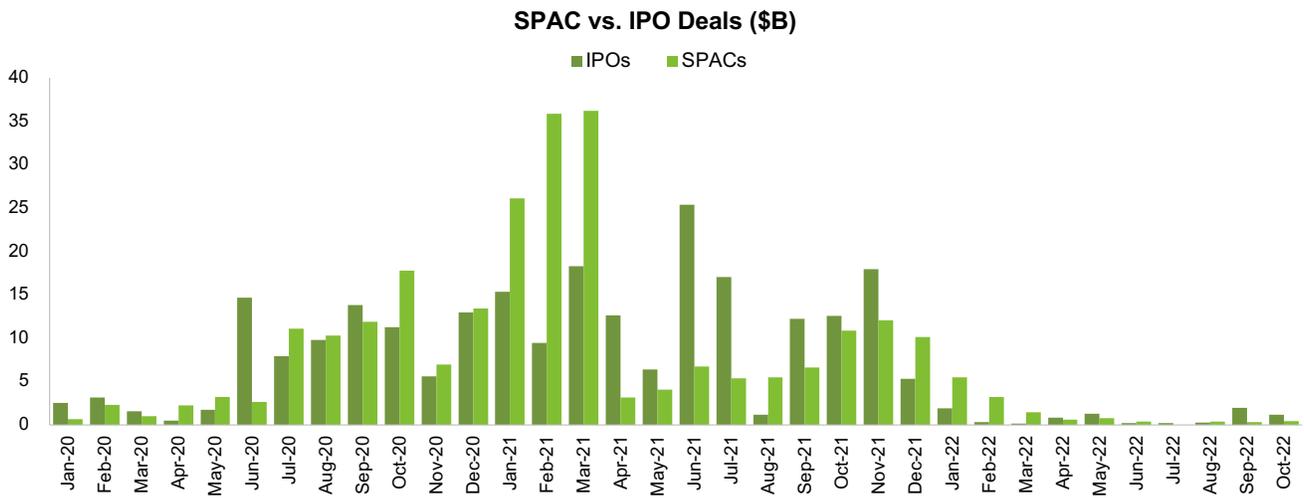
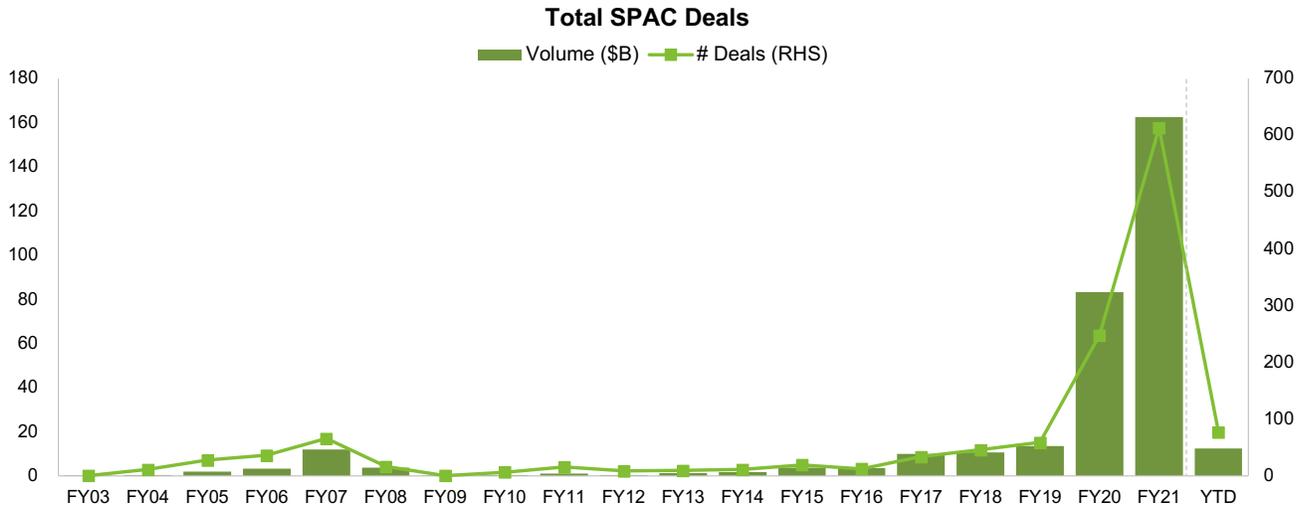
Source: Dealogic, SIFMA estimates

Note: Includes rank eligible deals; excludes BDCs, SPACs, ETFs, CLEFs & rights offers (as of October 2022)



Source: Dealogic

Note: IPOs include rank eligible deals; excludes BDCs, SPACs, ETFs, CLEFs and rights offers. Large cap = market cap \$10B+; mid cap = market cap \$2B-\$10B; small cap = market cap <\$2B (mega cap >\$200B, micro cap <\$300M, nano cap <\$50M) (as of October 2022)



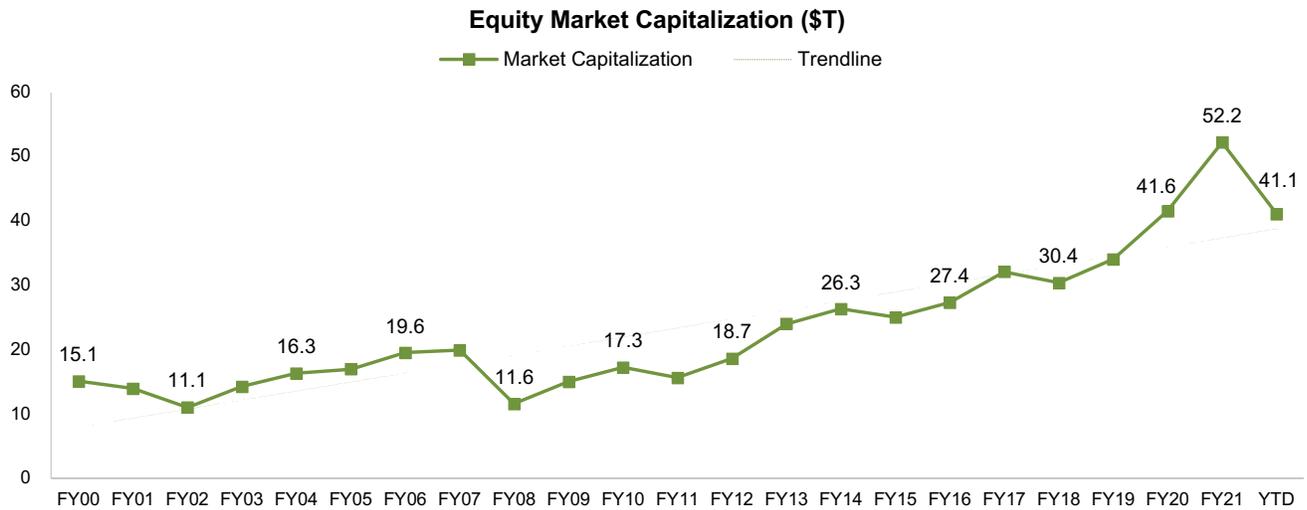
Source: Dealogic

Note: Total equity and IPOs Includes rank eligible deals; excludes BDCs, SPACs, ETFs, CLEFs & rights offers; SPAC = special purpose acquisition company, includes blank check companies (as of October 2022)

## Equity Market Cap & Number of Listed Companies

Total U.S. equity market cap was \$52.2 billion in 2021, +25.7% Y/Y, and \$41.1 billion YTD (through October), -17.8% Y/Y. Market cap has grown at a +13.8% CAGR over the last five years.

The number of listed domestic companies was 4,814 YTD, down 23.3% since 2000 (6,274) but up 17.4% from the 2012 low (4,102).



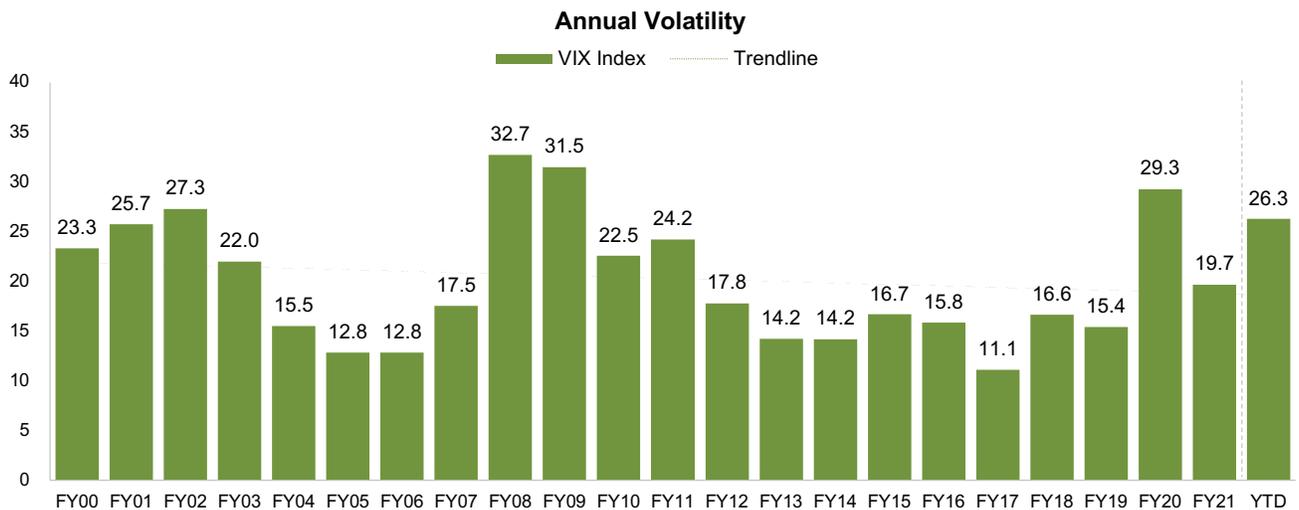
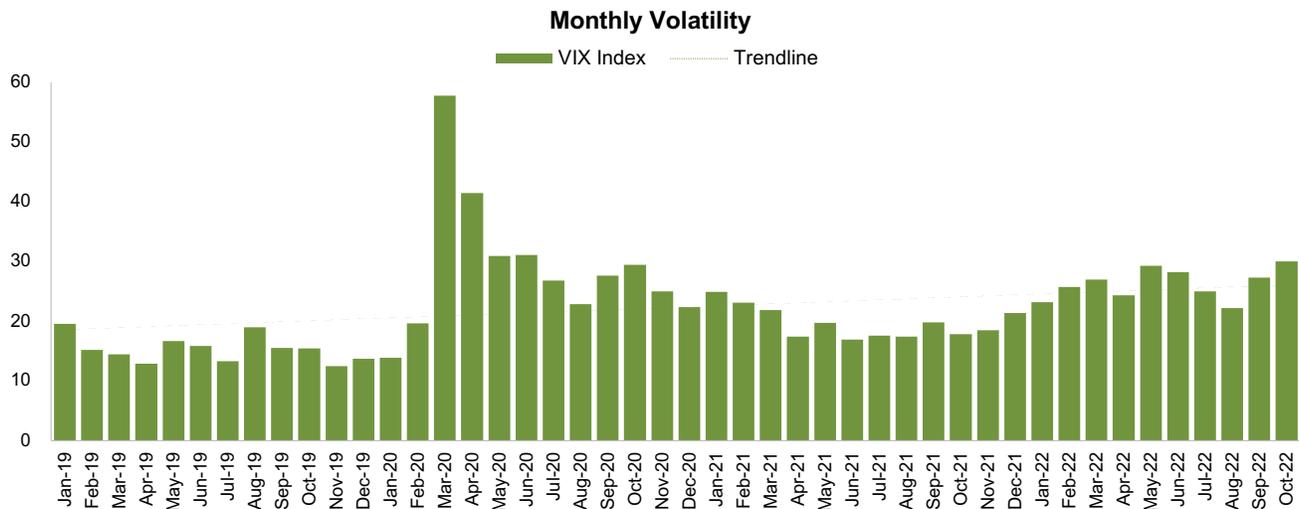
Source: Bloomberg, Dealogic, World Federation of Exchanges, SIFMA estimates

Note: YTD equity market capitalization and number of listed companies is preliminary (as of October 2022)

# Volatility, Equity & Options Volumes

## Volatility (VIX)

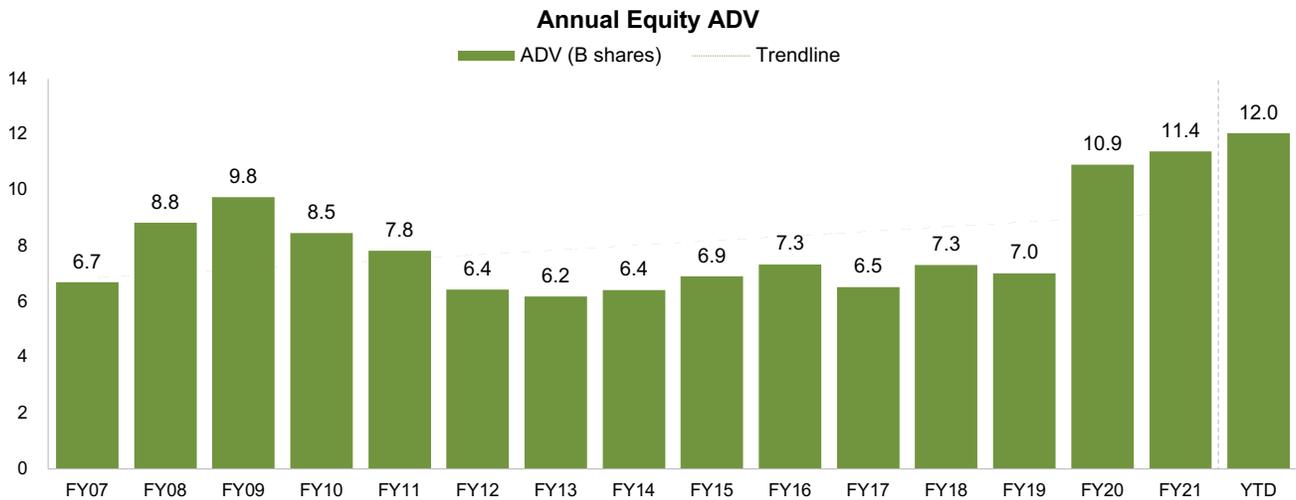
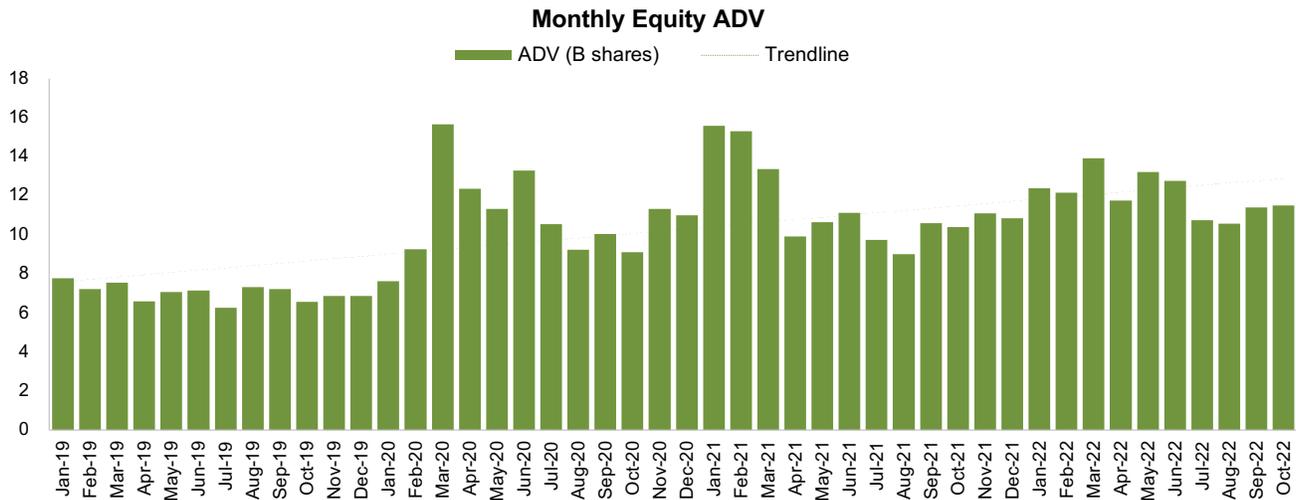
YTD (through October), average volatility as measured by the VIX was 26.26, +34.0% Y/Y. This is compared to an average VIX of 15.39 historically, +26.7%. The VIX averaged 25.20 and 22.76 for the last 12 and 24 months, while the six-month average was 26.97.



Source: Bloomberg, SIFMA estimates (as of October 2022)

## Equity Volumes

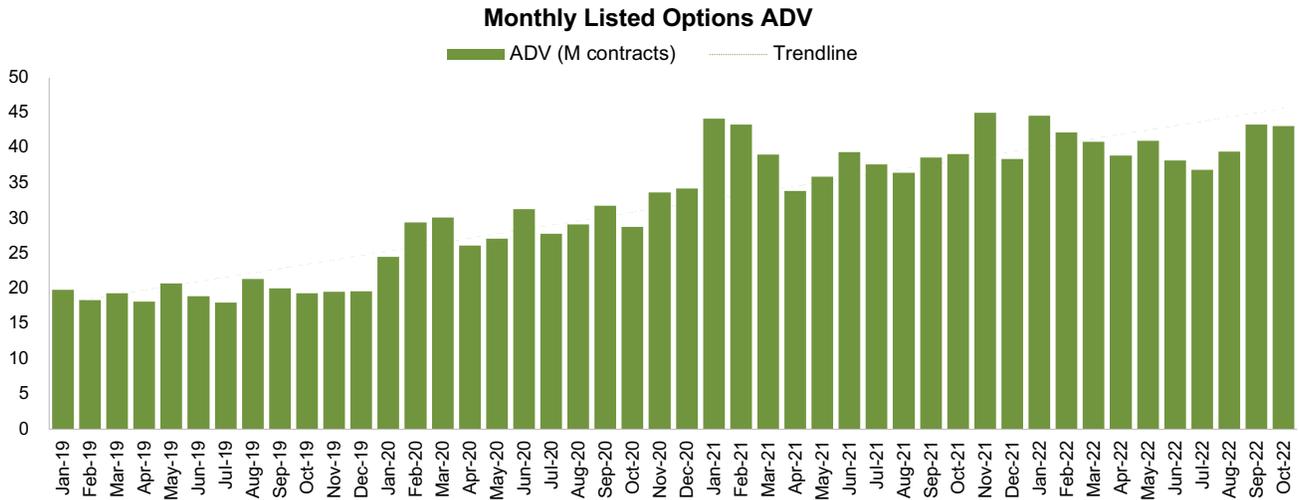
Around 12.0 billion shares are traded on U.S. equity markets every day (through October), +4.8% Y/Y. This is compared to around 7.4 billion shares historically, +62.8%. ADV averaged 11.9 billion shares and 11.6 billion shares for the last 12 to 24 months, while the six-month average was 11.7 billion shares.



Source: Cboe Global Markets, SIFMA estimates (as of October 2022)

## Multi-Listed Options Volumes

Around 40.8 million contracts are traded each day in the U.S. multi-listed options market (through October), +5.6% Y/Y. This is compared to around 16.7 million contracts historically, +144.6%. ADV averaged 41.0 million contracts and 39.4 million contracts for the last 12 and 24 months, while the six-month average was 40.4 million contracts.



Source: OCC, SIFMA estimates (as of October 2022)

# Fixed Income Issuance & Outstanding

## Fixed Income Issuance

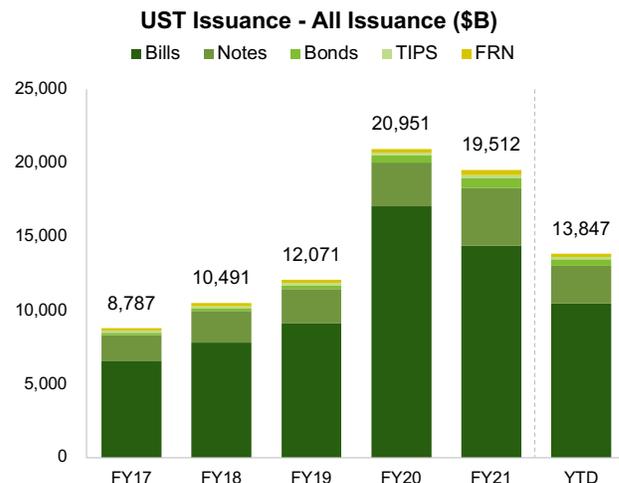
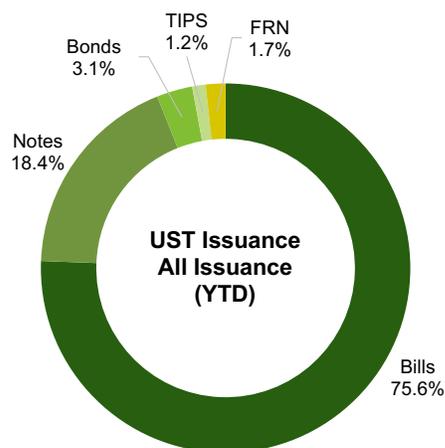
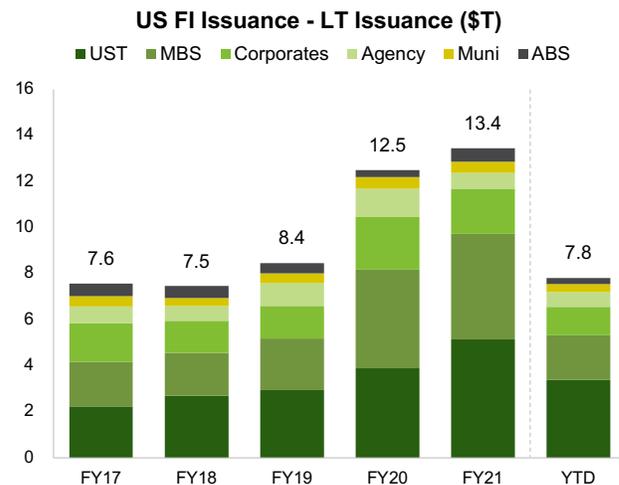
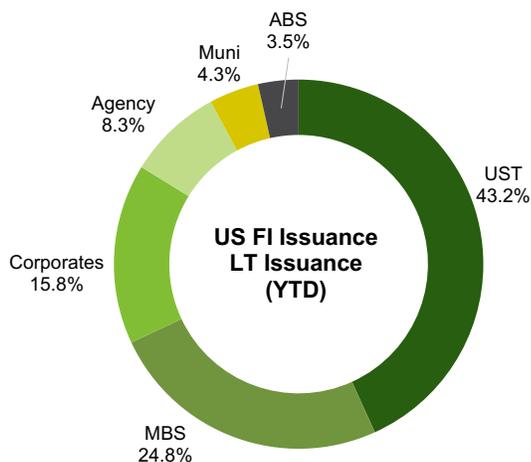
Total long-term fixed income issuance was \$13.4 trillion in 2021, +7.7% Y/Y, and \$7.8 trillion YTD 2022 (through October), -29.9% Y/Y. Issuance has increased at a +12.5% CAGR over the last five years.

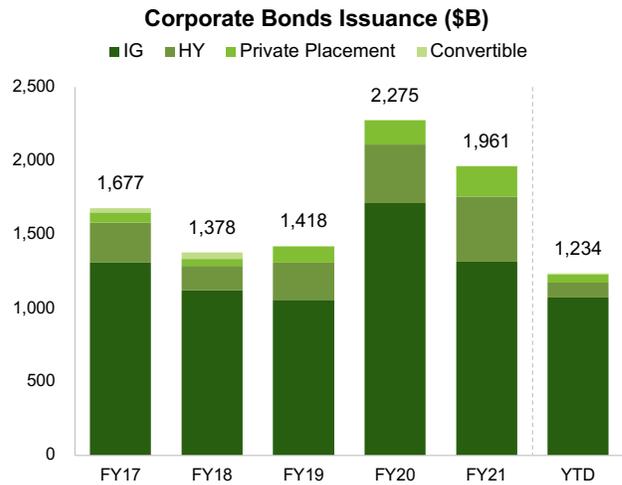
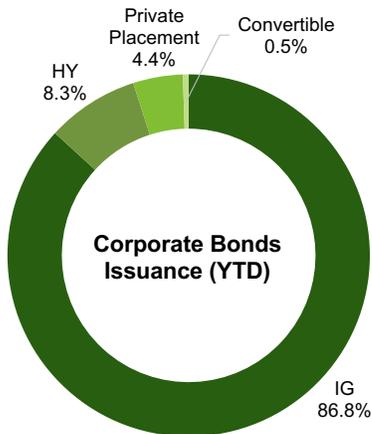
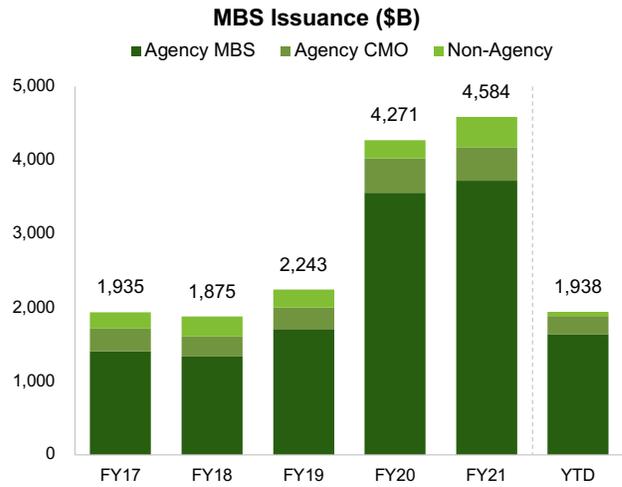
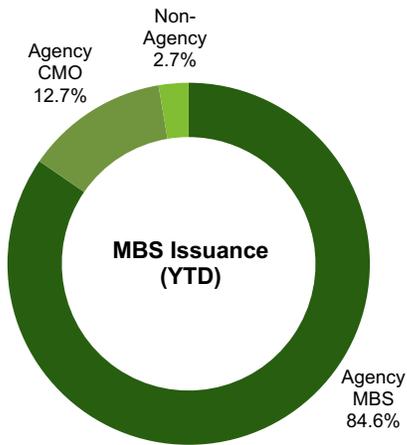
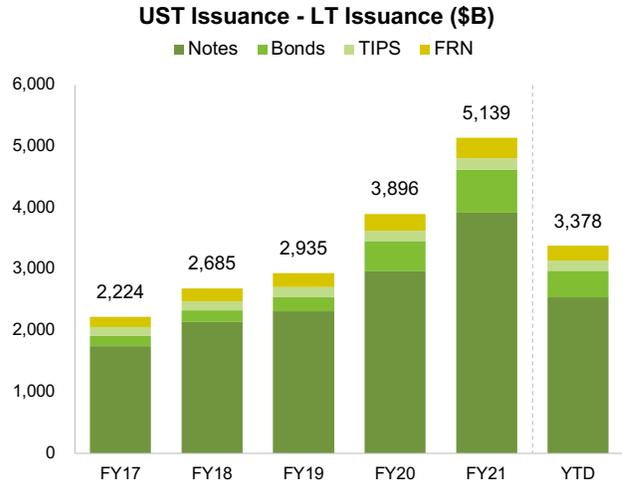
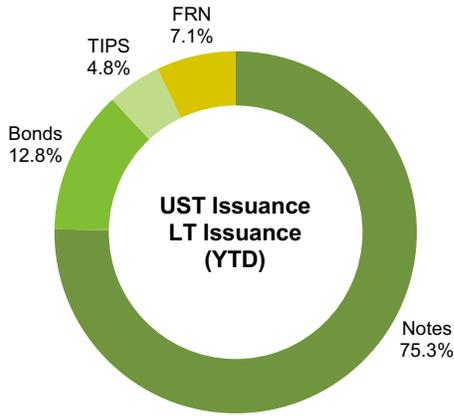
U.S. total Treasury issuance was \$19.5 trillion in 2021, -6.9% Y/Y, and \$13.8 trillion YTD 2022 (through October), -13.5% Y/Y. Issuance has increased at a +18.6% CAGR over the last five years. Long-term U.S. Treasury issuance was \$5.1 trillion in 2021, +31.9% Y/Y, and \$3.4 trillion YTD 2022 (through October), -16.5% Y/Y. Issuance has increased at a +18.8% CAGR over the last five years.

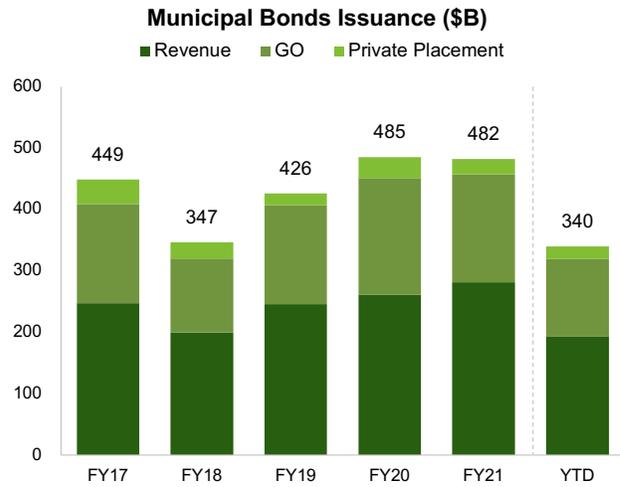
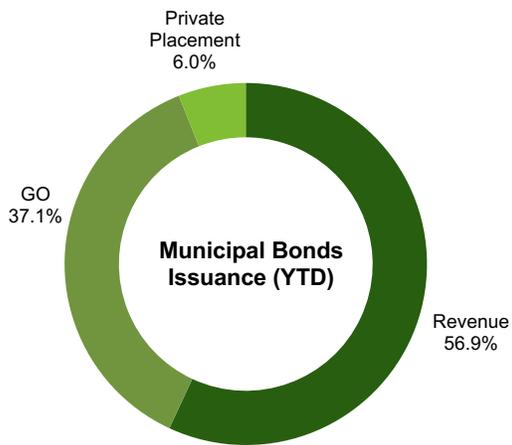
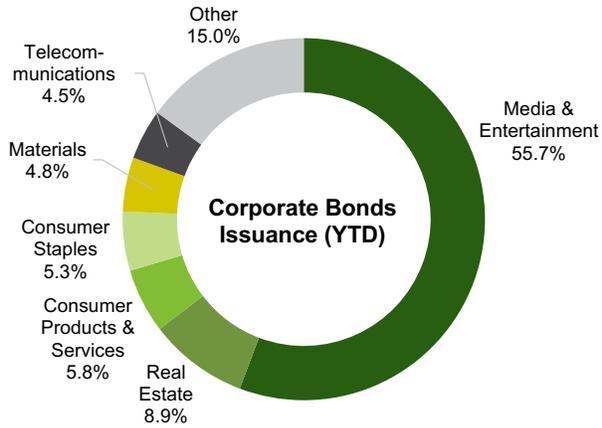
MBS issuance was \$4.6 trillion in 2021, +7.3% Y/Y, and \$1.9 trillion YTD 2022 (through October), -50.5% Y/Y. Issuance has increased at a +17.5% CAGR over the last five years.

Corporate bonds issuance was \$2.0 trillion in 2021, -13.8% Y/Y, and \$1.9 trillion YTD 2022 (through October), -28.9% Y/Y. Issuance has increased at a +4.8% CAGR over the last five years. The top three sectors corporate bonds issuance YTD were Media & Entertainment (55.7% of total), Real Estate (8.9%) and Consumer Products & Services (5.8%).

Municipal bonds issuance was \$481.9 billion in 2021, +3.6% Y/Y, and \$339.6 billion YTD 2022 (through October), -15.9% Y/Y. Issuance has increased at a +1.3% CAGR over the last five years.







Sources: Bloomberg, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, FINRA, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, Refinitiv, US Agencies, US Treasury, SIFMA estimates (as of October 2022)

## Fixed Income Outstanding

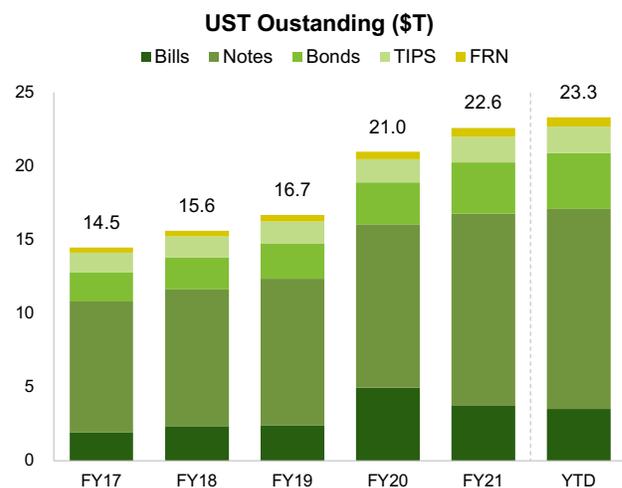
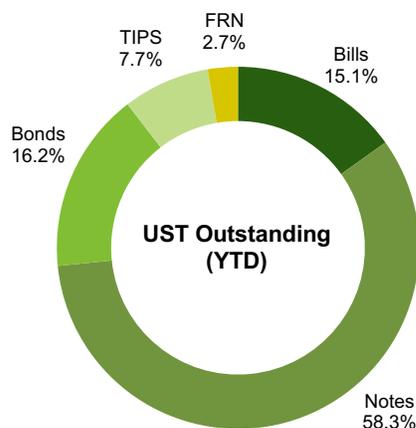
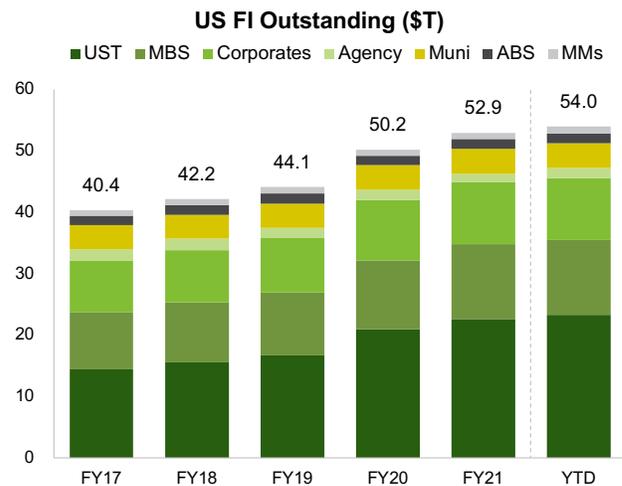
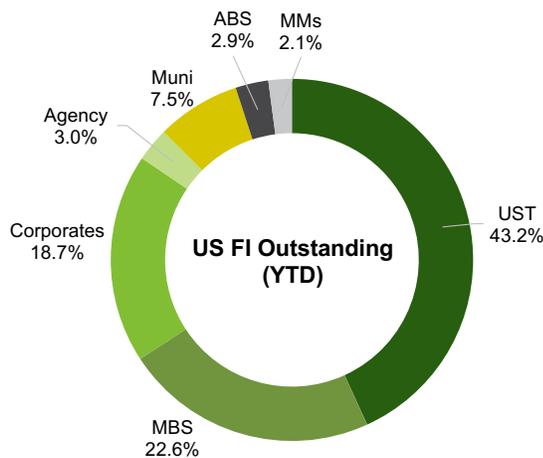
Total fixed income outstanding was \$52.9 trillion in 2021, +5.5% Y/Y, and \$54.0 trillion YTD 2022 (through June), +4.7% Y/Y. Outstanding has grown at a +6.3% CAGR over the last five years.

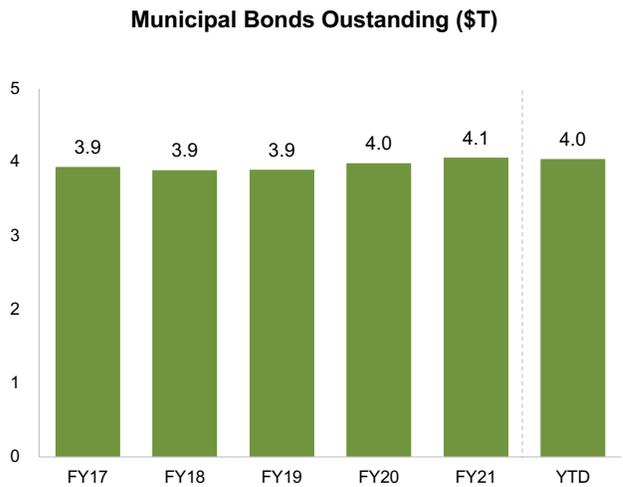
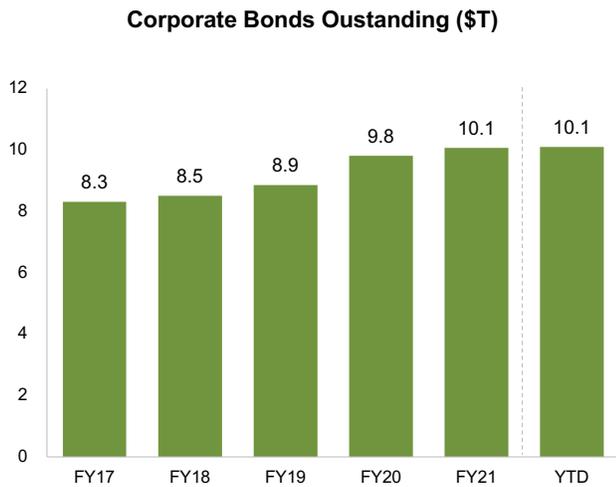
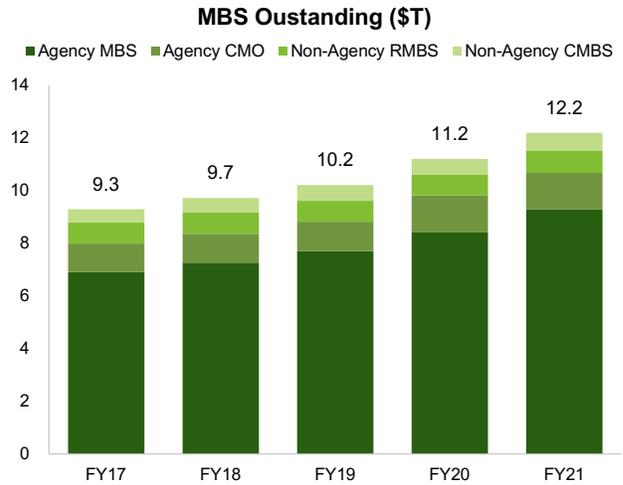
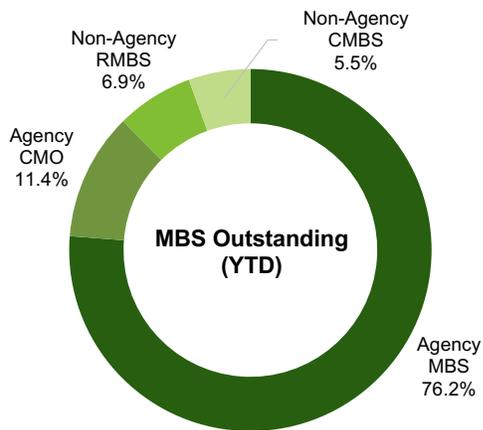
U.S. Treasury outstanding was \$22.6 trillion in 2021, +7.7% Y/Y, and \$23.3 trillion YTD 2022 (through June), +7.2% Y/Y. Outstanding has grown at a +10.2% CAGR over the last five years.

MBS outstanding was \$12.2 trillion in 2021, +8.8% Y/Y. Outstanding has grown at a +6.2% CAGR over the last five years.

Corporate bonds outstanding was \$10.1 trillion in 2021, +2.6% Y/Y, and \$10.1 trillion YTD 2022 (through June), +0.8% Y/Y. Outstanding has grown at a +4.8% CAGR over the last five years.

Municipal bonds outstanding was \$4.1 trillion in 2021, +1.9% Y/Y, and \$4.0 trillion YTD 2022 (through June), +0.2% Y/Y. Outstanding has grown at a +0.7% CAGR over the last five years.



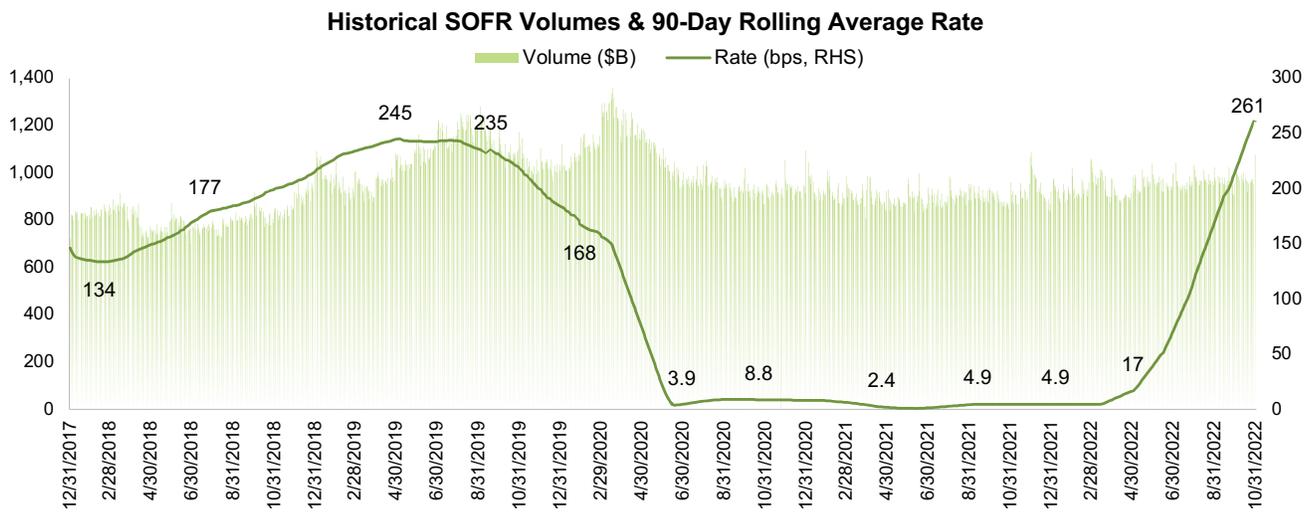


Source: Refinitiv, Bloomberg, New York Federal Reserve, The Federal Reserve, US Agencies, US Treasury, SIFMA estimates (as of October 2022, except MBS and ABS as of December 2021)

# SOFR Transition

In the U.S., the transition continues from the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) to the alternative interest rate benchmark, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR). SOFR is based on the overnight repo markets, moving the reference rate from being based on around \$1 billion transactions per day (the most active tenor of LIBOR, three months) to the repo market with around \$1 trillion transactions per day. Publication of the SOFR rate began in April 2018, with trading and clearing of SOFR-based futures and swaps starting in May 2018.

As of October 31, the SOFR rate was 261.03 bps (90 day rolling average). Fed data puts volumes at \$1,075 billion.



Source: NY Fed

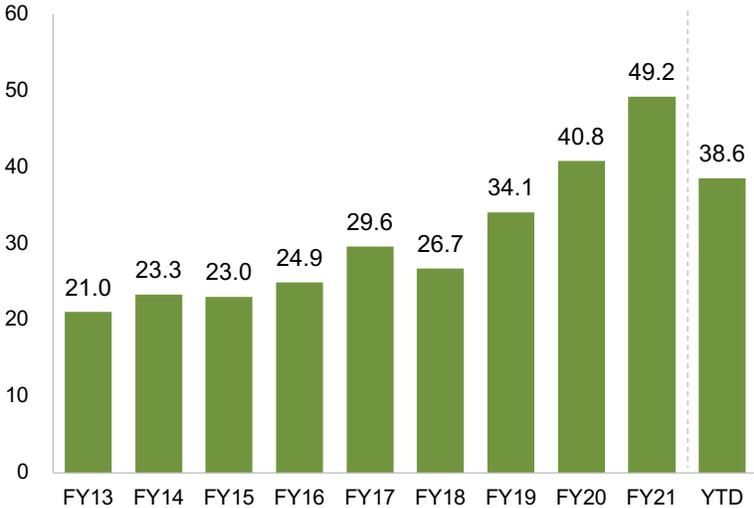
# Private Wealth Management

## Stock Ownership

According to the Federal Reserve, 53% of households in the U.S. own stocks (or 68 million households, as of 2019). This figure shows stock ownership is greater than 1% of income earners, which is estimated at 1.3 million households. Fed data also states the median value of a households stock holdings is \$40,000, representing 55% of total average household financial assets.

Households represent 37.7% of total equity holders in the U.S. The next largest holder group is mutual funds, and individual and household ownership of mutual funds was at 45.5% as of 2019. ETFs come in at 6.4% of total equity holders, with 8% of U.S. households owning ETFs. Private pensions hold 5.4% of total equities.

U.S. Household Equity Ownership (\$T)



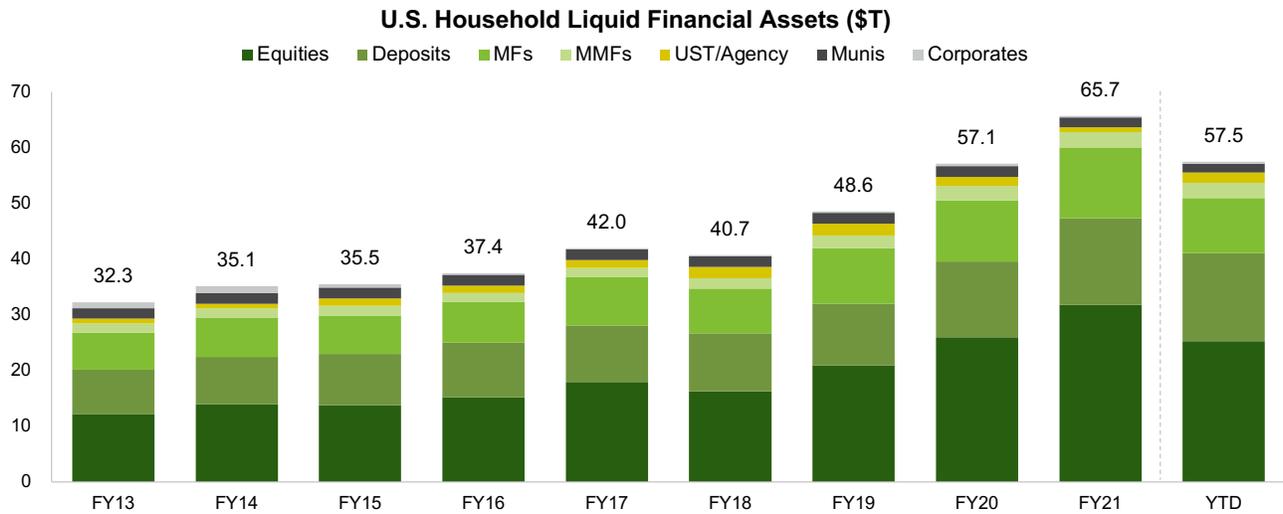
Source: The Federal Reserve - Financial Accounts of the United States

Note: Household sector includes nonprofit organizations; includes both directly and indirectly held equities (i.e. through mutual funds).

## US Household Liquid Assets

U.S. households own \$57.5 trillion in liquid assets as of June 2022, -12.4% Y/Y. Asset ownership has grown at a +11.9% CAGR over the last five years. Asset ownership is broken out by the following categories (as of June 2022):

- Equities \$25.3 trillion, 44.0% of total
- Bank Deposits/CDs \$15.8 trillion, 27.4% of total
- Mutual Funds (MF) \$10.0 trillion, 17.3% of total
- Money Market Funds (MMF) \$2.7 trillion, 4.7% of total
- U.S. Treasury (UST)/Agency/GSE Securities \$1.8 trillion, 2.8% of total
- Municipal Bonds (Munis) \$1.6 trillion, 2.8% of total
- Corporate Bonds \$0.4 trillion, 0.7% of total



Source: The Federal Reserve - Financial Accounts of the United States, SIFMA estimates (as of June 2022)

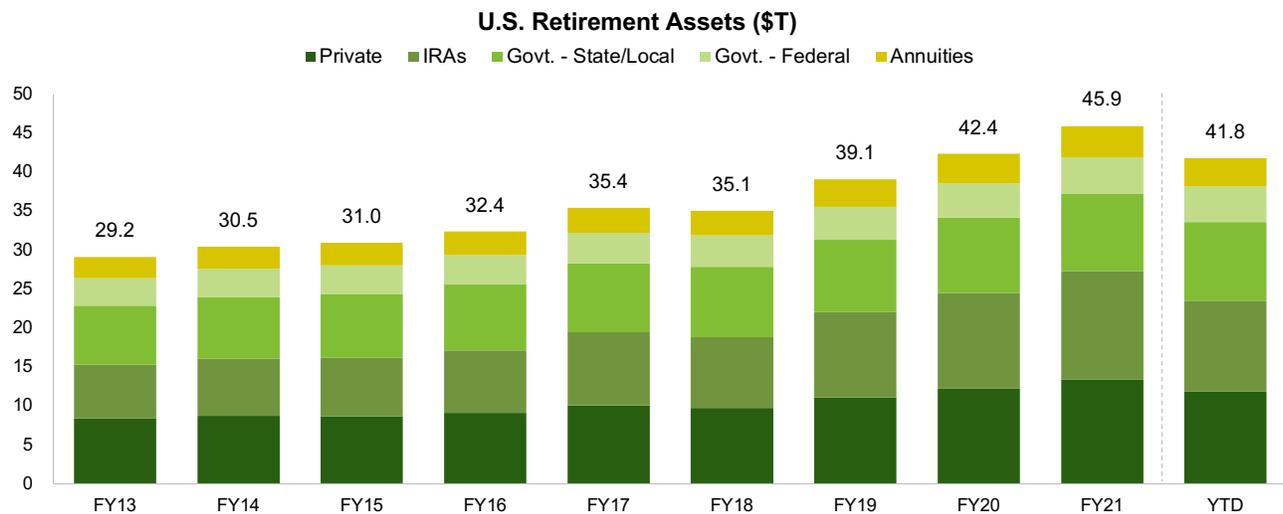
Note: Households include nonprofit organizations. Liquid financial assets exclude pension fund reserves, equity in non-corporate business, etc.

## Retirement Assets

According to market research firm Cerulli Associates, individual investors<sup>1</sup> hold \$6.5 trillion with securities firms, with an average relationship size of \$135,309. There are over 33 million households with between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 in investable assets, representing 26% of the U.S. population. These investors control nearly 23% of investable assets in the U.S., over \$11 trillion. 78% of these investors use a financial advisor (FA) and rely more heavily on the advice of their advisor than their wealthier peers.

The Federal Reserve reports that there are \$41.8 trillion of total retirement market assets in the U.S., broken out across the following categories (as of June 2022):

- Private pensions, 28.3% (\$11.8T)
  - Defined contribution plans, 68.2% of total pensions or \$8.1T
  - Defined benefit plans, 31.8% of total pensions or \$3.8T
- IRAs, 27.9% (\$11.7T)
- State and local government pensions, 24.1% (\$10.1T)
- Federal government pensions, 11.0% (\$4.6T)
- Annuities, 8.7% (\$3.6T)
- Financial institutions further help investors purchase individual stocks or other securities, such as mutual funds (\$17.8 trillion market) and ETFs (\$6.2 trillion market)



Source: The Federal Reserve - Financial Accounts of the United States, Investment Company Institute, SIFMA estimates (as of June 2022)

Note: Pensions includes defined benefit and defined contribution plans held by private individuals; 403 plans are included in private pensions

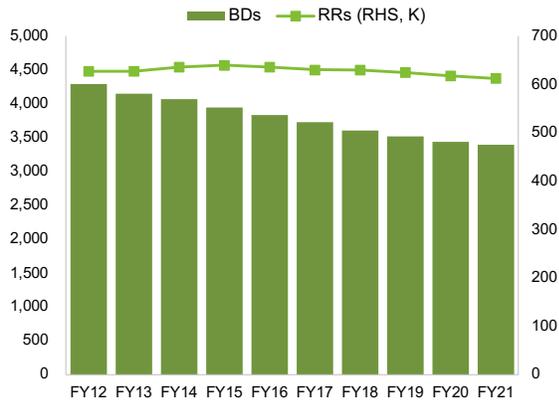
<sup>1</sup> Households with \$100,000 to \$1 million of investable assets

## FINRA-Registered Firms and Registered Representative

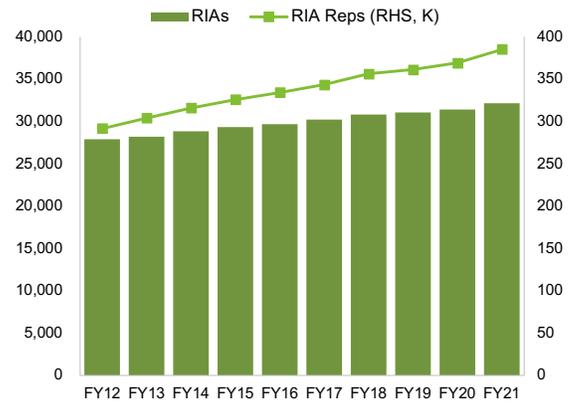
Financial institutions pool their employee talent and product offerings to help individual investors, governments and corporations manage their money. This includes: managing individual investor retirement accounts; providing investment advice; overseeing corporate and government retirement plans; and many other offerings.

- 3,494 firms; -1.2% Y/Y, -2.4% 5-year CAGR
- 612.5 thousand registered reps; -0.8% Y/Y, -0.7% 5-year CAGR
- 32,149 RIA firms; +2.4% Y/Y, +1.6% 5-year CAGR
- 385.1 thousand RIA reps; +4.3% Y/Y, +2.9% 5-year CAGR

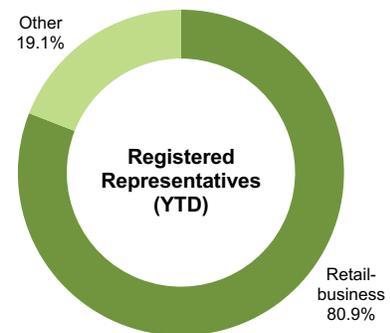
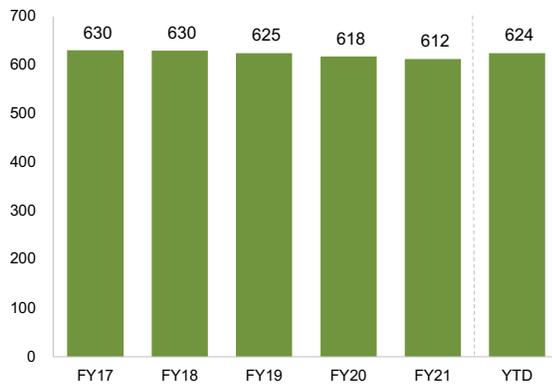
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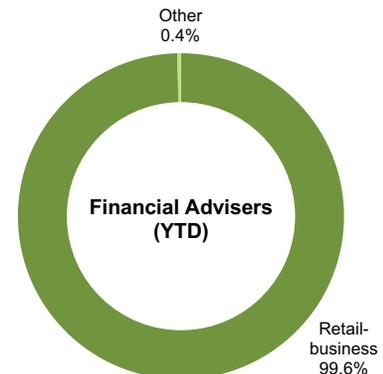
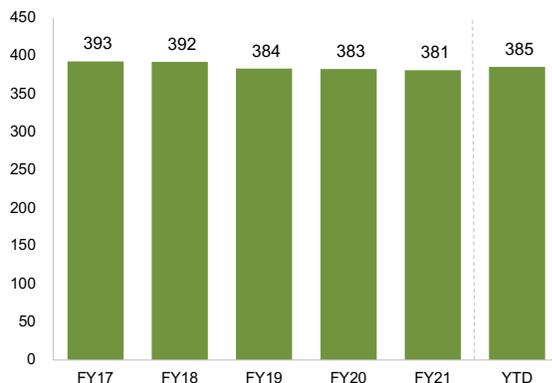
**RIA Firms and RIA Representatives**



**Registered Representatives (K)**



**Financial Advisers (K)**



Source: Discovery Data, FINRA, SIFMA estimates (as of October 2022)

Note: Counts include dually registered firms and representatives



# **Market Resiliency**

Through SIFMA, our members work to ensure our capital markets remain resilient and functional to serve clients in good times and bad.

Technology has brought about changes many would have once considered unthinkable – transforming how firms, advisors, clients, managers and employees work. It has allowed the industry to continue to innovate how it communicates and has provided clients with new ways to consume information. Technology continues to help the industry advance its business practices and improve client services. However, as firms deploy new technologies, they remain focused on making sure markets remain resilient and client information is protected. Today, business continuity planning, cybersecurity and operational resilience remain among the top agenda items in board rooms across the industry.

SIFMA convenes our members to help secure their businesses against cyber and other threats and plays a key role in planning for how the financial industry would respond to any future disruptions, promoting a safer and more resilient marketplace.

## Business Continuity Planning

[www.sifma.org/bcp](http://www.sifma.org/bcp)

Financial services is a critical infrastructure sector as identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. SIFMA and its member firms are dedicated to preparing for the risk of potential disruptions at both the firm and broader industry levels. SIFMA plays a key role in coordinating the industry's response to incidents that can interrupt business and market functions and works to support firm-level BCP planning as well.

### Industry-Wide Business Continuity Test

[www.sifma.org/bcp-test](http://www.sifma.org/bcp-test)

The industry-wide business continuity test is a critical exercise that highlights our industry's ability to operate through a significant emergency using backup sites, recovery facilities and backup communications capabilities across the industry. The test is supported by all major exchanges, markets and industry utilities. It involves test transactions for commercial paper, equities, options, futures, fixed income, settlement, payments, Treasury auctions and market data. SIFMA also facilitates a coordinated Reg SCI testing program which is completed in parallel with the SIFMA industry test. The test occurs on the same day as futures market testing coordinated by the Futures Industry Association (FIA), and on alternate years with Canadian market participant test through the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC).

### Emergency Crisis Management Command Center

[www.sifma.org/emergency](http://www.sifma.org/emergency)

In the event of an industry-wide incident, SIFMA convenes market participants; issues market close recommendations; and coordinates with market infrastructure providers, regulators and emergency personnel including the U.S. Department of the Treasury, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, New York City Office of Emergency Management, law enforcement and other official sector participants.

SIFMA organizes market response committees for the fixed income and equity markets to deliver an industry perspective in the event of disruptions to market infrastructure which may make unscheduled market closes or changes to settlement convention necessary. The committees have developed principles and objective decision-making processes that recognize the significant improvements the industry has made with respect to business continuity and the expectations of regulators. These principles also reflect expectations for strong resiliency plans of critical financial market infrastructure and financial institutions. For fixed income, the committee has developed procedures to determine if it is necessary for SIFMA to recommend an unscheduled close in U.S. fixed income markets.

## Cybersecurity

[www.sifma.org/cybersecurity](http://www.sifma.org/cybersecurity)

Cyberattacks have become more bold and the threat higher. However, industry-wide efforts over the last decade have also evolved and grown to build effective cyber defenses.

SIFMA is actively engaged in coordinating the effort to support a safe, secure information infrastructure, with cybersecurity resources – including best practices for insider threats, data protection principles, frameworks for penetration testing and more – that provide security of customer information and efficient, reliable execution of transactions. We continually work with industry and government leaders to identify and communicate cybersecurity best practices for firms of all sizes and capabilities and educate the industry on evolving threats and appropriate responses.

SIFMA's cyber-resiliency efforts seek to:

- Promote enhanced regulatory harmonization to encourage a more effective allocation of cyber resources;
- Promote a robust industry-government partnership grounded in information sharing;
- Design exercises and industry tests to improve protocols for incident preparedness, response and recovery; and
- Use the lessons learned to refine industry best practices, including for managing insider threats, third party risk; penetration testing and data security, including secure data storage and recovery.

# Shortened Settlement Cycle

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/shortening-settlement-cycle](http://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/shortening-settlement-cycle)

Enhancing our securities settlement process is critical to the continued resiliency of our markets and market operations.

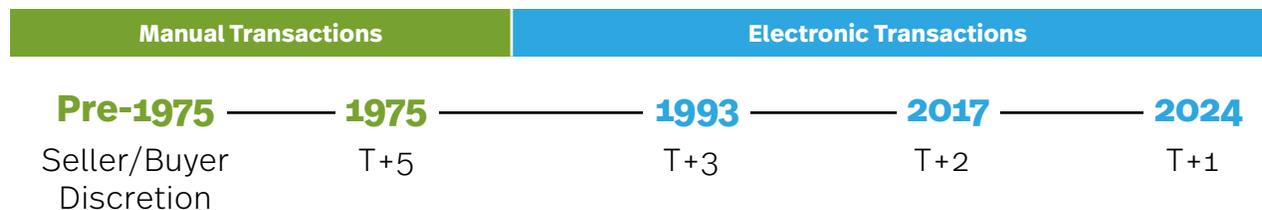
In the U.S., the standard settlement cycle for equities and other products is T+2 (two business days after the trade). Following the industry’s successful work to transition from T+3 to T+2 in 2017, SIFMA, the Investment Company Institute (ICI), and The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) are now collaborating to accelerate the U.S. securities settlement cycle from T+2 to T+1, which should be completed in the third quarter of 2024, pending regulatory support.

Why this massive undertaking? T+1 settlement cycle will mitigate settlement risk well beyond what was achieved under T+2. In addition, a move to T+1 will increase settlement efficiencies and improve the use of capital, especially in periods of high volatility.

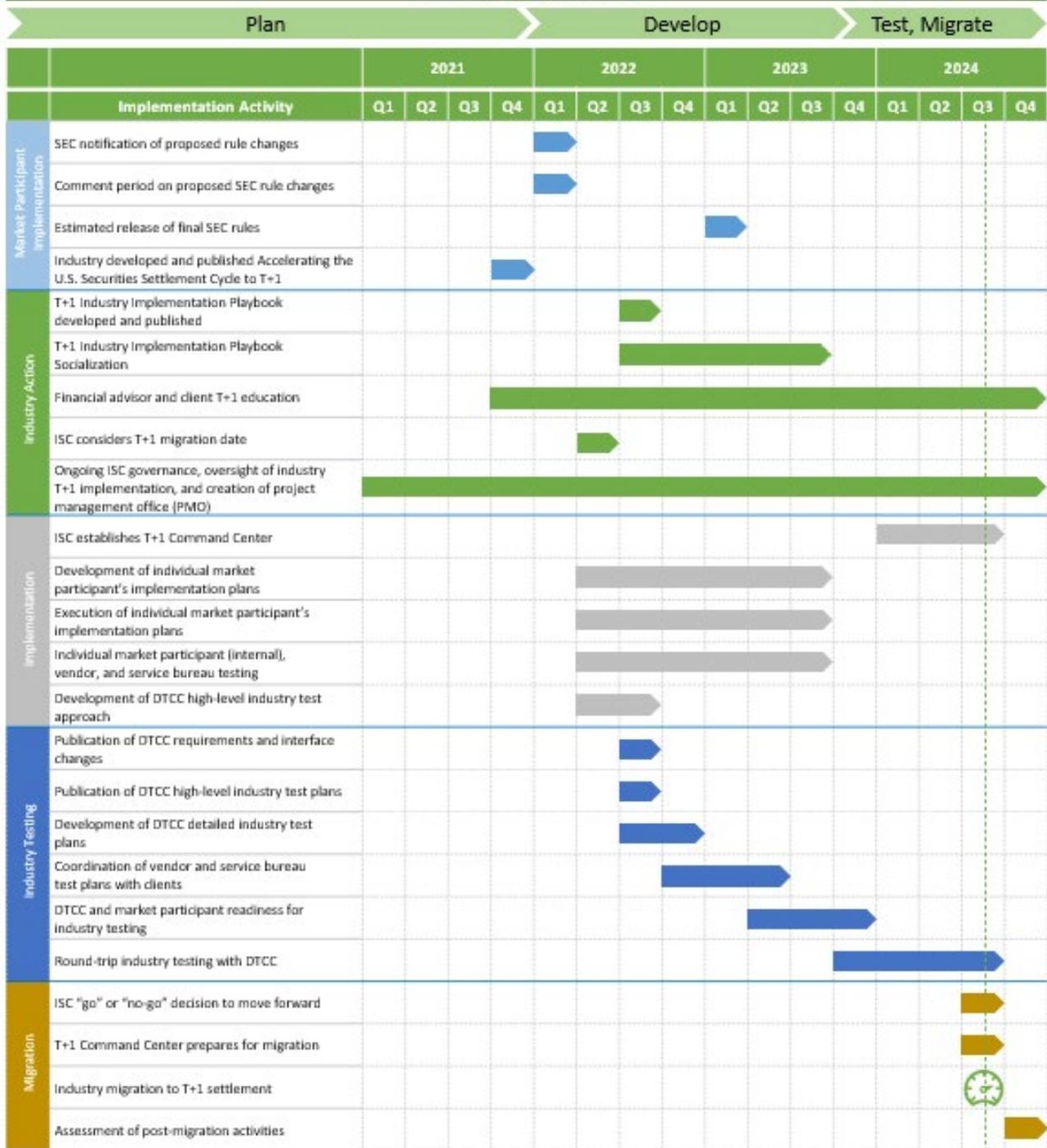
Taking 24 hours out of the settlement cycle will require a myriad of significant changes. The list of impacted areas is long: global settlements, documentation, corporate actions, securities issuance, and coordination for mutual fund portfolio securities and investor shares. Some areas—allocations, affirmation and disaffirmation processes, clearinghouse process timelines, and securities lending—will require fundamental changes. Other areas that will require significant change include prime brokerage, delivery of investor documentation, foreign currency exchange (FX), global movement of securities and currency, batch cycle timing, and exchange-traded fund (ETF) creation and redemption. It will also be imperative to analyze current settlements to identify the reasons behind settlement errors and fails and ensure that the error and fail rates do not increase under a newly compressed timeline.

To assist market participants in the move to T+1, SIFMA, the Investment Company Institute (ICI), and The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC), together with Deloitte LLP (Deloitte), have published [The T+1 Securities Settlement Industry Implementation Playbook](#). This guide outlines a detailed approach to identifying the implementation activities, timelines, dependencies, and risk impacts that market participants should consider as they prepare for the transition to T+1 settlement.

## The History of Settlement Cycles



## Industry Road to T+1



 Proposed Go Live

## Future of Work

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/future-of-work](http://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/future-of-work)

Firms are thinking critically about the future of the workplace and how to offer flexible work arrangements essential to a diverse and inclusive industry and recruiting the next generation of personnel critical to their operations and compliance with regulations.

The securities industry operates in a highly regulated environment with rules governing the registration and supervision of personnel including financial advisors, supervisors, investment bankers and traders as well as their office locations. These rules are decades-old and based on an industry and investors that relied on paper and in-person interactions. They do not consider technological investments made by the industry to their supervisory programs and customer experiences. SIFMA believes that regulators must work with the industry to update these rules and their related requirements.

To start, we believe that firms should be permitted to perform remote inspections of branch offices using a risk-based approach, which they were forced to do – and did so successfully – during the pandemic. We support the voluntary, three-year remote inspections pilot program proposed by FINRA in August 2022. We further support re-examining rules governing supervision, including the definitions of branch office and Office of Supervisory Jurisdictions.



# **Market Policy**

America's capital markets are the deepest and most liquid in the world, [funding over 70%](#) of all commercial activity in the U.S. That means it's easier for businesses to access capital to invest, which helps make the American economy the most productive and resilient in the world.

There is a correlation between the relative depth of capital markets and the quality and stability of the wider business, legal and regulatory environment. With its entrepreneurial spirit and market system, the U.S. is the world's [top financial center](#) by a wide margin. U.S. equity and fixed-income markets are also one of the most regulated sectors of our economy. To maintain our position, it is imperative we create policies and regulations which foster rather than impede the growth and resilience of our markets.

In the United States, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is pursuing a wide-ranging and ambitious agenda to significantly change existing market rules and practices over a short period of time across a variety of interrelated markets. To date the Commission has proposed 26 major new rules and is on track to meet its projection of issuing more than 50 new rule proposals over the course of two years. While some of these rules address explicit Congressional mandates, others do not warrant immediate consideration at the expense of other priorities.

Although the industry supports several of the proposals or their intent, we believe many are not good policy. Importantly, we continue to be concerned that the Commission is trying to do too much, too quickly and while not completing other important pending rulemakings. Financial economists, legal scholars, and capital markets participants have identified flaws in many new rule proposals that, if not addressed, could have a range of negative effects on investors, issuers, and market operations. Further, commentators including SIFMA have expressed concern that the potential cumulative and interactive effects of these proposals are not fully understood and have not been subject to sufficient cost-benefit analysis.

Rather than proposing dozens of new rules in short time frame without clear explanation of the market failure needed to be addressed, the SEC should focus its resources on the most time-sensitive priorities such as T+1 and data privacy rules for the Consolidated Audit Trail, and conduct more robust economic analysis that accounts for cumulative and overlapping effects. These steps are essential for the SEC to accomplish its important mission.

The following highlights key issues that are critical to the development of our capital markets. To view more, visit [www.sifma.org/issues](http://www.sifma.org/issues).

# Market Structure

## Equity Market Structure

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/equity-market-structure](http://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/equity-market-structure)

The U.S. equity markets are the most robust in the world and continue to be among the deepest, most competitive, most liquid and most efficient. They are also among the most regulated.

Efficient and resilient market structure is key to sustaining investor confidence and participation in the equity markets. Market structure can drive liquidity and trade costs for businesses and investors alike. Therefore, market participants continually strive to create the most efficient markets. This includes adapting new technologies to achieve operational efficiencies, searching for new ways to transact and, generally, optimizing market structure to maximize efficiencies. Market makers exist to provide liquidity in securities and execute customer trades, playing an important role in equity market structure by enabling liquidity and balancing buy and sell demand. Importantly, investors, particularly retail investors, benefit from this efficiency and resiliency through reduced costs including no or low commissions, best execution and competition. All market participants seek to drive innovation to further improve equity market efficiency, resiliency and most importantly the benefit to investors. However, regulators must carefully weigh the impact of any changes on investors. Specifically, as the SEC considers proposing major changes to our current equity market structure system, it is critical that any changes be data driven with robust cost benefit analysis.

In the end, regulators and market participants should work towards the same goal: to promote market resiliency and efficiency and ensure the U.S. equity markets continue to benefit investors and play an essential role in capital formation.

## Fixed Income Market Structure

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/fixed-income-market-structure](http://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/fixed-income-market-structure)

Fixed income markets are an integral component to economic growth, providing efficient, long-term and cost-effective funding. How market liquidity can be maintained, including for corporate bonds, municipal bonds, mortgage-backed securities, and Treasury securities, is the subject of significant study and debate.

Key issues currently facing the fixed income markets include the application of Rule 15c2-11 to the fixed income markets, investing in infrastructure through municipal finance, and amendments to Regulation ATS as they relate to government securities.

The U.S. Treasury market is a bedrock of the global financial system. U.S. Treasuries are debt instruments issued by the U.S. government to finance its activities. Owing to the United States' creditworthiness and status as the world's leading economy, the U.S. Treasury market has been described as the "biggest, deepest and most essential bond market on the planet." Owing to their stability, U.S. Treasuries also often serve as benchmarks for other fixed-income securities and hedging positions; as a result, U.S. Treasury yields have an impact on the rates that consumers, businesses, and governments across the globe pay to borrow money. In addition, the U.S. Treasury repurchase agreement or "repo" market is a key transmission mechanism for U.S. monetary policy, and vital to the liquidity of the cash Treasury market.

Recent studies to improve the resiliency of the Treasury market:

1. Greater use of centralized clearing and “all-to-all” trading platforms;
2. Uniform regulation and oversight of market participants;
3. Expanded access to the Federal Reserve’s recently created standing repurchase (“repo” facility (“SRF”);
4. Changes to banking regulation (such as reform of the SLR requirement); and
5. Improved data and disclosure by market participants.

Some of the reforms appear able to add more straightforwardly to market making capacity; for example, modifications to the Supplemental Leverage Ratio (SLR) and GSIB surcharge could be relatively straightforward and result in more capacity at significant market participants. On the other hand, mandating broad central clearing in the cash market, while delivering some benefits, could raise costs and limit participation by some.

The goals of any reforms in the Treasury market should be to enhance the liquidity and resiliency in the market and to increase the market-making capacity of market participants in order to meet the growing demand for, and supply of, Treasury securities. These twin goals must be top-of-mind as policymakers and market participants assess the costs and benefits of any reforms.

## Market Innovation and Digital Assets

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/digitization](http://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/digitization)

U.S. capital markets have continued to innovate as technology has allowed for profound evolutions in market infrastructure, changing at times the very nature of American financial markets.

Financial services firms are embracing the cloud and Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) to transform the capital market ecosystem and infrastructure. In wealth management, new capabilities are anticipating customer expectations and better serving clients as they demand a more personal, immediate experience while the financial industry remains committed to ensuring protecting the data of the clients we serve at every turn. And, as the industry moves toward further shortening the settlement cycle, e-delivery will only become more necessary, and we are engaging with the SEC to make it easier for market participants to make this transition. Perhaps the most discussed area of development, however, is digital assets.

We are at a pivotal point in the development of digital assets markets and products, including blockchain-based securities, stablecoins and cryptoassets. There is an urgent need for policymakers to provide regulatory clarity to the digital asset markets. The existing regulatory frameworks which govern regulated financial institutions such as broker-dealers, banks and asset managers are focused on ensuring investor protection, safety and soundness, and risk management, and extending them, with modifications where appropriate, to digital asset markets will help protect investors.

SIFMA has called on policymakers and regulators pursue key guiding principles as they make policy in this area. These include putting investor protections at the forefront of any policy action; adopting a “technology neutral” approach that follows the “same risk, same activity, same regulatory outcome” principle; distinguishing between different types of digital assets, and between digital assets and the use of blockchain technology to facilitate “traditional” asset transactions; and applying, with appropriate modifications, existing and well understood regulatory frameworks to digital assets. As described, existing securities regulation, such as the SEC’s Customer Protection Rule, offers a robust framework for investor protection which can be applied to digital asset markets.

# Retirement & Savings

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/retirement-savings](https://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/retirement-savings)

Helping Americans grow savings for a secure retirement is among the most important roles of the U.S. capital markets. Individuals of all income levels can start investing, invest for the long-term, and have access to work with a professional financial advisor who serves as a critical link in helping investors meet their goals.

Changing demographics, including increasing longevity, underscore the need for a robust private retirement system. Policy makers must continue to address the challenge of encouraging and facilitating saving and investing for retirement across our society.

Today, U.S. workers are increasingly relying on individually funded retirement plans, such as 401k's and IRA's. Defined contribution plans account for \$7.4 trillion in assets, growing at a 7% compound annual growth rate over the last decade. Both through their employers and individually, Americans today are largely responsible for building their retirement accounts themselves. Over 56% of total retirement assets are individually funded through defined contribution retirement plans and IRAs. Because individual savers play a greater role in the decision-making regarding their investments, access to a financial advisor is even more important today to help individuals prepare for their future.

SIFMA is committed to increasing retirement security for all Americans and has identified three primary pillars to reach this goal:

1. Expanding access to plans,
2. Increasing participation and decreasing leakage, and
3. Enhancing education.

SIFMA supports legislation including the *Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2021 (SECURE Act 2.0)* and the *Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2021*, comparable bills which represent important steps toward enhancing the private retirement system and increasing retirement savings. Both include provisions to incentivize small business to offer retirement plans, expanding small business savings; enable older Americans to save more and hold on to their savings longer; and allow matching contributions for student loan payments.

With efforts such as these, we can boost participation in retirement savings, enable Americans to save more, promote financial literacy and support a strong retail investor culture.

# Prudential Regulation of Capital Markets

[www.sifma.org/explore-issues/prudential-regulation](http://www.sifma.org/explore-issues/prudential-regulation)

Prudential regulation requires financial firms to control risks, hold adequate capital and liquidity, and have in place workable recovery and resolution plans.

It is essential that our prudential regulatory regime accounts for the vital role the capital markets play in providing credit and financing the real economy, particularly as regulators consider the implementation of elements of the Basel III capital proposal, including the Fundamental Review of the Trading Book (FRTB) and Credit Valuation Adjustment (CVA). Those rules should be implemented in a manner that does not penalize banks' capital markets activities, which in turn could reduce liquidity in vital corporate and other funding markets, thereby hurting growth in the real economy.

U.S. prudential rules generally impose significantly higher capital and liquidity costs on banking entities with significant capital markets operations. This has increased costs to financial firms and the economy as a whole and reduced market depth for a wide variety of corporations and other end-users, particularly during periods of economic stress. This has also had another effect: transforming U.S. banking regulators into a supervisor of the capital markets at times superseding the oversight role traditionally played by the SEC and CFTC. This has created distortions in the capital and liquidity requirements between market and prudential regulators as well as lessened the efficiencies by increasing costs to end users. It is thus crucial to align and allow for mutual recognition, to the extent possible, the capital and liquidity standards set out by the U.S. banking regulators and the market regulators.



**Community**

The financial services industry is committed to the communities in which we live and serve. At SIFMA, we believe that fostering a diverse and inclusive workforce and empowering the next generation are how we can make the most impact.

## Fostering Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

[www.sifma.org/diversity](http://www.sifma.org/diversity)

Diversity, equity and inclusion is an issue of utmost importance for the financial services industry and society at large. Our industry leaders, together with regulators and corporate stakeholders, play a pivotal role in shaping organizational culture to achieve a more inclusive and effective workforce that reflects those we serve.



**“There’s never been a time where global investment banks, corporate funds, private hedge funds, and regulators are as serious about diversity as they are right now... The access and real desire of firms to have diverse candidates is absolutely there and is absolutely a commitment.”**

**Jim Reynolds**

Chair, 2022–2023 SIFMA Board of Directors

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Loop Capital Markets LLC

SIFMA advocates for a diverse, equitable and inclusive financial industry. Together with our members, we strive to provide firms across the financial services industry with the resources needed to achieve, expand and promote workforce, client, and supplier diversity and inclusion.

Through a six-pillar approach, SIFMA’s Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Council assists member firms in developing their diversity initiatives to increase inclusion in the workplace and in their efforts to market to diverse customers.

### Metrics and Measurement

Measure and demonstrate progress in the financial services industry, through improved D&I metric reporting and providing more industry transparency.

### Diversity and Inclusion Training

Build the cultural competence of leaders, including unconscious bias training.

### D&I Business Opportunity

Attract diverse clients and diverse suppliers.

### Talent Acquisition

Recruit, nurture and retain a diverse workforce by implementing strategies to cultivate pipelines and expand targeted recruiting efforts.

### Leadership Development

In addition to recruiting and retention, there also needs to be a focus on Leadership Development to advance more women and people of color into senior roles.

### Community Outreach and Engagement

Increase financial literacy across schools. Identify diverse rising talent through programs targeting secondary schools and accredited colleges and universities.

## Where We Are

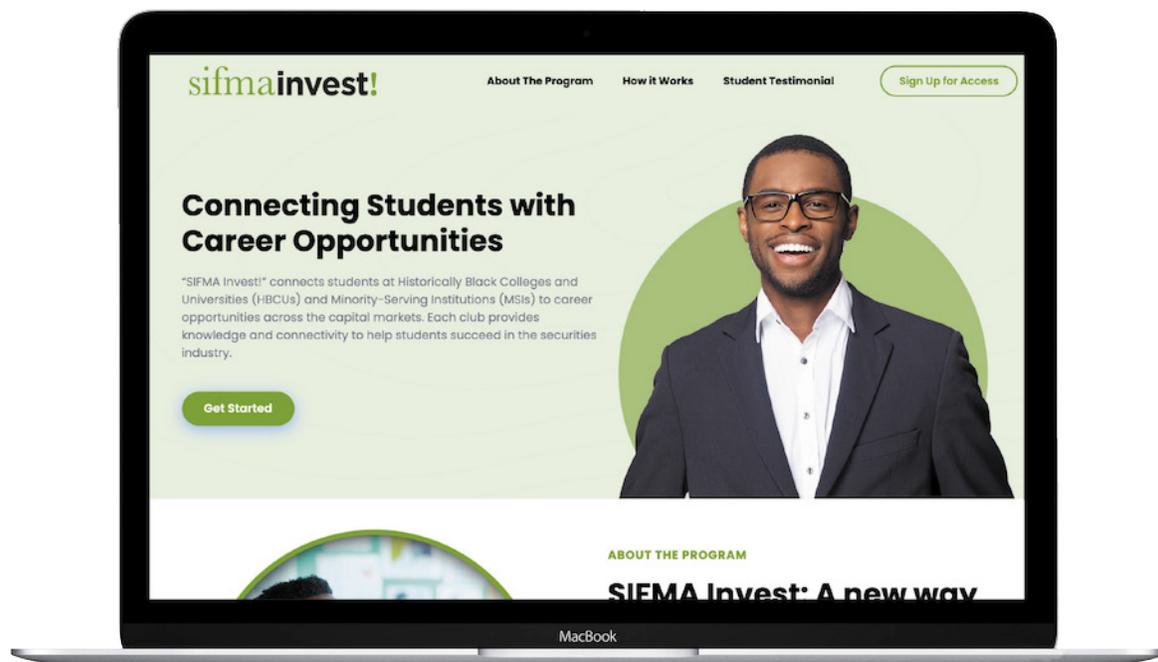
For more than 20 years, the Council has conducted a benchmark survey and encourages more of our member firms to participate. While clearly an ongoing commitment for the industry, having conversations and working towards a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive future is imperative.

SIFMA's benchmark survey provides participants with critical insights for firms to take action. On the whole, our 2022 survey found significant progress made in hiring women and people of color and efforts to build inclusive cultures, such as executive sponsorship and employee resource groups. The levers the industry needs to address now? Promoting female employees to executive ranks and retention of ethnically diverse talent.

## Where We're Headed

By building a diverse talent pipeline, we can foster diversity, equity and inclusion in the financial services industry. The SIFMA Invest! program and virtual platform offers students enrolled at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) a myriad of educational, industry research and career development opportunities to pursue a career in financial services. At a glance, SIFMA Invest! provides:

- A job board of internship and entry-level opportunities provided by SIFMA's member firms;
- A resume bank searchable by recruiters from SIFMA's member firms;
- Educational resources about the capital markets and careers in financial services; and
- Opportunities for students to study for and take the FINRA Securities Industry Essentials (SIE) exam.



# Promoting Financial Literacy

[www.sifma.org/foundation](http://www.sifma.org/foundation)

Our society has an urgent need to increase financial literacy, an issue that has broad implications for our economy, our communities, and our democracy. At SIFMA, we are committed to tackling this issue from the ground up, empowering the next generation with an understanding of the market economy and foundational financial habits that can last a lifetime.



**“I talk with many adults who view investing as something similar to a foreign language and something that is only accessible to folks who already possess wealth. By introducing investing through The Stock Market Game™, I hope to remove those financially constraining misconceptions for students in my classroom.”**

**John Wippler**

Oxbow Elementary School, Minnesota

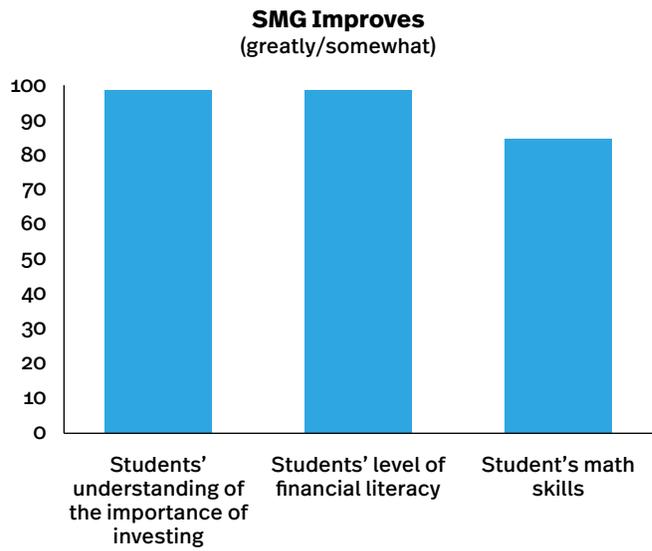
SIFMA Foundation is the world’s leading voice informing and exciting today’s youth about the power of investing, capital markets and the lifelong benefits of good financial habits. Through a robust portfolio of curriculum-based, online educational programs, more than 600,000 young people each year– including 300,000 girls and more than 200,000 youth of color– learn about saving, investing and long-term planning.

Year after year, SIFMA member firms’ critical support of this work empowers young people to thrive by preparing for wealth-building opportunities, college, and careers, carrying them from their earliest financial decisions through retirement. Additionally, this investment is cultivating a pipeline of diverse young talent for the financial sector and equipping educators with the tools to engage students in personal finance and the capital markets, reinforcing their academics, life skills and social-emotional learning.

Having served 22 million youth since its inception, the SIFMA Foundation promotes financial education through multi-sector partnerships, including with every member of Congress through the Capitol Hill Challenge™ and with 16,000 industry professionals each year who volunteer through InvestWrite® and Invest It Forward®. From visiting classrooms to hosting fieldtrips to judging student essays, SIFMA member firms and their employee networks are making a positive impact on their communities by bringing resources to the most vulnerable populations.

Teachers consistently speak about the positive influence SIFMA Foundation programs have on their students. The educational impact of the SIFMA Foundation’s Stock Market Game™ is unmatched, with proven increases in math, student engagement and class participation. An independent study by Learning Point Associates found Stock Market Game students scored significantly higher on math and financial literacy tests than their non-participating peers. They also found that teachers reported the program motivated them to better plan for their own financial future and engage in financial planning, research, and use of investment products and services.

**94%** of  
Stock Market Game  
teachers were  
satisfied or extremely  
satisfied with their  
SMG experience



Source: The Stock Market Game Teacher Survey



# Resources

# Key Resources

## **Advocacy & Resources**

Comment letters, white papers, articles and more on market policy and regulation

[www.sifma.org/resources](http://www.sifma.org/resources)

## **SIFMA Insights**

Thoughtful and unique views on the markets, the industry and the economy

[www.sifma.org/insights](http://www.sifma.org/insights)

## **SIFMA Research**

Data and reports on the capital markets, economy and securities industry

[www.sifma.org/research](http://www.sifma.org/research)

## **SIFMA SmartBrief**

A daily, concise news briefing on news impacting the capital markets, with weekly editions for Asset Management, Wealth Management and Operations & Technology

[www.sifma.org/smartbrief](http://www.sifma.org/smartbrief)

## **News, Blogs & Podcasts**

Musings from the intersection of public policy and financial markets

[www.sifma.org/news](http://www.sifma.org/news)

## **My Profile**

Update your profile to receive important information and event updates

<https://my.sifma.org>

## **Business Continuity Planning (BCP) Resources**

Critical resources for dealing with incidents that can interrupt business and market functions

[www.sifma.org/bcp](http://www.sifma.org/bcp)

## **Cybersecurity Resources**

Resources for the financial industry to address critical cyber threats and improve the industry's overall cybersecurity, including:

- Best Practices for Insider Threats
- Third Party Risk Management
- Cyber and Operational Resilience Table Top Exercises
- Framework for the Regulatory Use of Penetration Testing
- Data Protection Principles
- And more

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# 2022 Holiday Schedule

[www.sifma.org/holiday-schedule](http://www.sifma.org/holiday-schedule)

On behalf of financial market participants, SIFMA recommends a holiday schedule in the U.S., U.K. and Japan.

All SIFMA holiday recommendations apply to the trading of U.S. dollar-denominated government securities, mortgage- and asset-backed securities, over-the-counter investment-grade and high-yield corporate bonds, municipal bonds and secondary money market trading in bankers' acceptances, commercial paper and Yankee and Euro certificates of deposit. Previously scheduled SIFMA early close recommendations do not affect the closing time for settlements.

In 2022, Juneteenth National Independence Day was declared a federal holiday. Going forward, Juneteenth will be incorporated into our holiday schedule.

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Recommended Early Close (2:00 p.m. Eastern Time)</b>	<b>Recommended Close</b>
<b>New Year's Day 2022/2023</b>	Friday, December 30, 2022	None
<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	None	Monday, January 16, 2023
<b>Presidents Day</b>	None	Monday, February 20, 2023
<b>Good Friday</b>	Friday, April 7, 2023	None
<b>Memorial Day</b>	Friday, May 26, 2023	Monday, May 29, 2023
<b>Juneteenth National Independence Day</b>	None	Monday, June 19, 2023
<b>U.S. Independence Day</b>	Monday, July 3, 2023	Tuesday, July 4, 2023
<b>Labor Day</b>	None	Monday, September 4, 2023
<b>Columbus Day</b>	None	Monday, October 9, 2023
<b>Veterans Day</b>	None	None
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	Friday, November 24, 2023	Thursday, November 23, 2023
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Friday, December 22, 2023	Monday, December 25, 2023
<b>New Year's Day 2023/2024</b>	Friday, December 29, 2023	Monday, January 1, 2024

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- Issuers create new securities and sell them to investors
- Sales of new issuances carried out through discrete transactions
- Securities issued at a single price

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- Investors trade securities, (typically) no issuer involvement
- Trading of securities can occur continuously
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## Terms to Know

<b>CFTC</b>	Commodity Futures Trading Commission	<b>EMS</b>	Equity Market Structure
<b>Fed</b>	Federal Reserve System	<b>ADV</b>	Average Daily Trading Volume
<b>FINRA</b>	Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<b>AUM</b>	Assets Under Management
<b>SEC</b>	Securities and Exchange Commission	<b>CAT</b>	Consolidated Audit Trail
<b>CAGR</b>	Compound Annual Growth Rate	<b>ECM</b>	Equity Capital Markets
<b>FTT</b>	Financial Transaction Tax	<b>ETF</b>	Exchange-Traded Fund
<b>Reg BI</b>	Regulation Best Interest	<b>IPO</b>	Initial Public Offering
		<b>Reg NMS</b>	Regulation National Market System
<b>Fintech</b>	Financial Technology	<b>SIP</b>	Security Information Processor
<b>AI</b>	Artificial Intelligence	<b>SRO</b>	Self Regulatory Organization
<b>Cloud</b>	Cloud Computing		
<b>Cyber</b>	Cyber Security	<b>FIMS</b>	Fixed Income Market Structure
<b>DLT</b>	Distributed Ledger Technology*	<b>FICC</b>	Fixed Income, Currencies and Commodities
<b>PII</b>	Personally Identifiable Information	<b>DCM</b>	Debt Capital Markets
<b>Regtech</b>	Regulatory Technology	<b>ABS</b>	Asset-Backed Securities
<b>RPA</b>	Robotic Process Automation	<b>Agency</b>	Federal Agency Securities
		<b>ARRC</b>	Alternative Reference Rates Committee
<b>CCAR</b>	Comprehensive Capital Analysis and Review	<b>Corporates</b>	Corporate Bonds
<b>CET1</b>	Common Equity Tier 1	<b>GCF Repo</b>	General Collateral Financing Repo
<b>G-SIB</b>	Global Systemically Important Bank	<b>LIBOR</b>	London Interbank Offered Rate
<b>TLAC</b>	Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity	<b>MBS</b>	Mortgage-Backed Security
<b>SA-CCR</b>	Standardized Approach for Counterparty Credit Risk	<b>MM</b>	Money Markets
<b>SLR</b>	Supplemental Leverage Ratio	<b>Munis</b>	Municipal Securities
<b>eSLR</b>	Enhanced Supplemental Leverage Ratio	<b>Repo</b>	Repurchase Agreement
<b>SCB</b>	Stress Capital Buffer	<b>SOFR</b>	Secured Overnight Financing Rate
<b>FRTB</b>	Fundamental Review of the Trading Book	<b>TMPG</b>	Treasury Market Practices Group
<b>GMS</b>	Global Market Shock	<b>UST</b>	U.S. Treasury Securities
<b>LCD</b>	Large Counterparty Default		

\* Blockchain is one type of DLT

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 Velocity Clearing, LLC  
 Velox Clearing LLC  
 Verizon Enterprise Solutions  
 Vestmark  
 ViewTrade Securities, Inc.  
 Virtu Americas LLC  
 Vision Financial Markets LLC

Voya Investment Management  
 Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz  
 WealthForge Securities, LLC  
 Wealthfront Brokerage Corporation  
 Wedbush Securities Inc.  
 Wellington Management Company  
 Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC  
 Wells Fargo Securities, LLC  
 Western Asset Management Company  
 Wiley Bros.-Aintree Capital, LLC  
 Wiley Edge  
 William Blair  
 Williams & Connolly LLP  
 Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP  
 WilmerHale  
 Wilmington Trust  
 Wintrust Investments LLC  
 Zanbato Securities LLC

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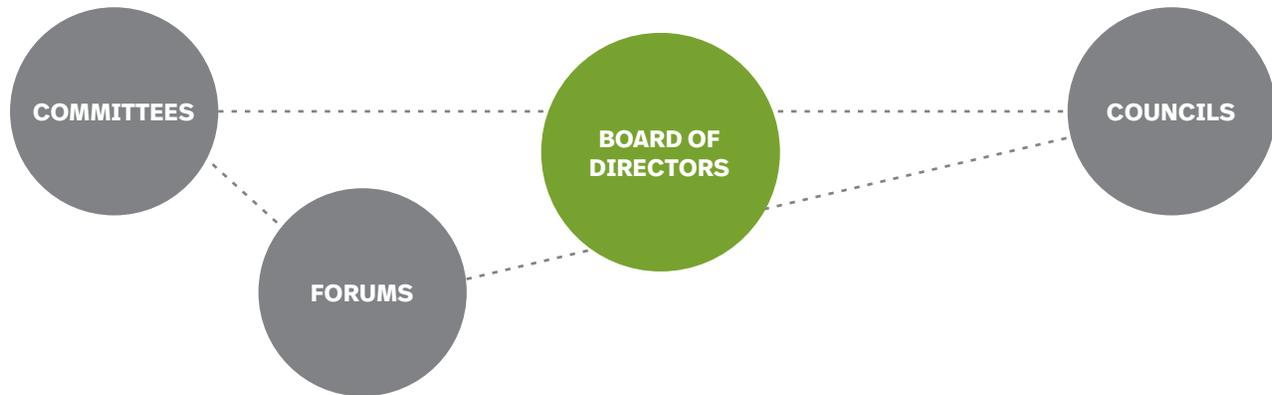


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### Committees

#### Asset Management

- Asset Management Steering Committee
- Government Affairs Committee
- International Regulatory Committee
- Operations Committee
- U.S. Regulatory Committee

#### Capital Markets

- Corporate Credit Committee
- Equity Markets and Trading Committee
- Listed Options Trading Committee
- Municipal Securities Committee
- Primary Markets Committee
- Prime Brokerage and Securities Lending Committee
- Rates and Funding Committee
- Securitization Committee
- Swap Dealer Committee

#### Government Relations & Communications

- Federal Government Representatives Committee
- International Policy Committee
- State Regulation & Legislation Committee

#### Legal & Compliance

- Amicus & Litigation Advisory Committee
- Anti-Money Laundering (AML) & Financial Crimes Committee
- Compliance & Regulatory Policy Committee
- Technology & Regulation Committee

#### Operations & Technology

- Operations & Technology Steering Committee
- Business Continuity Planning Committee
- Cybersecurity Committee

#### Private Client & Wealth Management

- Arbitration Committee
- ERISA/Retirement & Savings Committee
- Private Client Legal Committee
- Private Client Services Committee

#### Prudential & Capital

- Prudential Committee
- Accounting & Capital Committee
- Federal Tax Committee
- State Tax Committee
- Tax Compliance Committee

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### Asset Management Group

CCO and Enforcement Forum  
Collateral Operations Forum  
Counterparty Risk Forum  
Custodian Operations Forum  
Derivatives Forum  
ETF Forum  
Fixed Income Market Structure Forum  
Operational Risk Forum  
Securitization Forum  
Tax Forum

### Capital Markets

MBS Operations Forum  
Municipal Legal Forum  
Retail Fixed Income Forum  
Swap Dealer Compliance Forum

### Legal & Compliance

Electronic Communications & Records Forum  
Employment Lawyers Forum  
Privacy & Data Protection Forum

### Operations & Technology

Banking Services Management Forum  
Blockchain Forum  
Clearing Firms Forum  
Corporate Actions Forum  
Credit and Margin Forum  
Customer Account Transfer Forum  
Insider Threat Forum  
Operations Forum

### Private Client & Wealth Management

Senior Investor Protection Forum

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