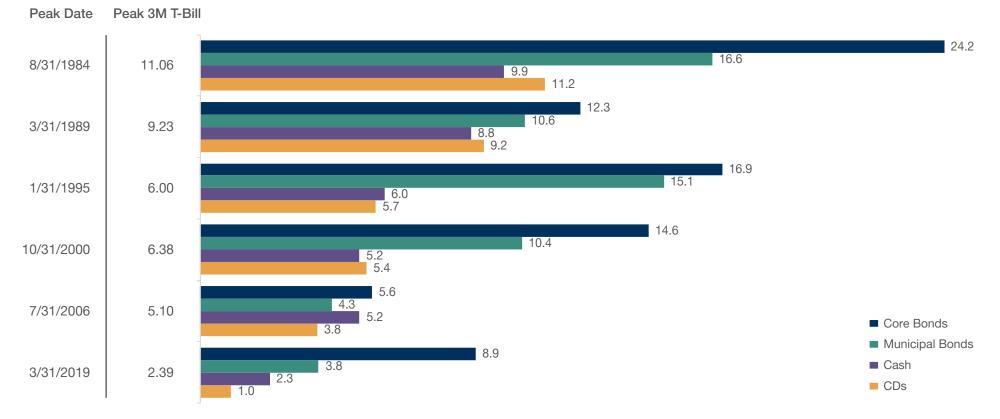


Investment Idea

Can short-term rates keep up?

While the Fed's recent rate hikes had an immediate impact on short-term rates, historical data reveals that returns on short-term securities have tended to lag behind other fixed-income investments after rate peaks.





Source: Bloomberg and bankrate.com, as of 9/22/23. 1-year returns represent an investment beginning the month rates peak and assume reinvestment of any income or capital gain distributions. Bond asset classes are represented by the following indices: Municipal bonds represented by Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index; Core bonds represented by Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index; Cash represented by 3-month U.S. Treasury Bills and CDs represents 1-year CD rates. The indices do not incur management fees or other operating expenses. An investment cannot be made directly into an index.

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Forward returns would mean the returns following a starting point which is the month of last hike.

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