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Chart of the Week - 11/20/2023

## How Long Have Peak Rates Lasted in the Past?

The chart below shows previous periods highlighted between the Fed's last rate hike and first rate cut of a cycle. The table below the chart shows the performance of bond indices during those periods. Generally, bonds do well as rates come down, and longer term bonds outperform shorter term ones during these cycles.



Sources: Parametric, Bloomberg, Federal Reserve

		Performance between last rate hike and first rate cut			12-month performance after last rate hike		
Date of Last Rate Hike	Date of First Rate Cut	ICE BofA US 3-Mo Treasury Index 0.2y duration	Bloomberg Muni. Bond Index 6YR Duration	Bloomberg Corp. Bond Index 7.4YR Duration	ICE BofA US 3-Mo Treasury Index 0.2y duration	Bloomberg Muni. Bond Index 6YR Duration	Bloomberg Corp. Bond Index 7.4YR Duration
2/24/1989	6/5/1989	2.33%	4.25%	5.12%	8.91%	10.26%	11.98%
2/1/1995	7/6/1995	2.51%	6.60%	11.44%	5.98%	15.05%	20.48%
5/16/2000	1/3/2001	4.07%	11.42%	10.44%	6.24%	12.86%	14.55%
6/29/2006	9/18/2007	6.44%	6.79%	8.76%	5.20%	4.91%	7.21%
12/19/2018	7/31/2019	1.50%	6.39%	10.10%	2.30%	7.89%	13.98%
Average:		3.37%	7.09%	9.17%	5.73%	10.19%	13.64%

## Sources:

- 1. Parametric
- 2. Bloomberg
- 3. Federal Reserve

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