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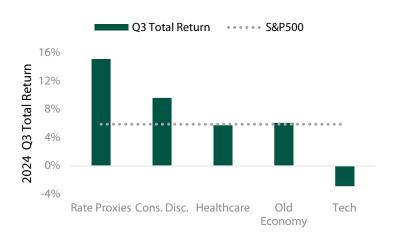
## Year-to-Date and Third Quarter Review

#### Our Execution Remains Strong in a Volatile Backdrop

- For the year, through 9/30, the Antero Peak Strategy (net) gained 28.28%, 6.20% above the 22.08% return for the S&P 500° Index.
- During the third guarter of 2024, the Antero Peak Strategy (net) returned 6.78%, 0.90% above the 5.89% return for the S&P 500® Index.
- A change in Fed posture led to the first rate cut of the cycle and a drop in yield from 4.4% to 3.8% for the 10-year Treasury.
- Despite the S&P 500° Index setting new highs, Q3 saw a massive uptick in volatility, with the VIX at one point gaining ~400% intra-quarter (highest level since Covid), while the market suffered its worse peak to trough drawdown in two years.
- Our De-Globalization and Aerospace Normalization themes continued to drive strong performance, and we once again saw nice balance of contributors spanning financials, health care, industrials, and tech.

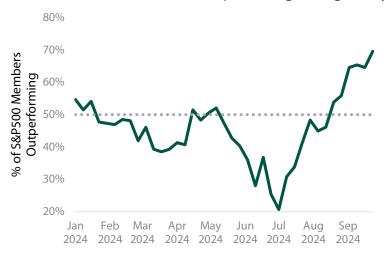
## Interest Rate Proxies Outperformed in Q3

S&P 500® Index: 2024 Q3 Total Returns by Key Market Segment



#### Market Breadth Widened in the Ouarter

S&P 500° Index: % of Members Outperforming, Rolling 90-Day Basis



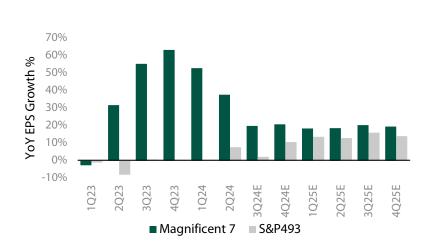
Source: Antero Peak Group/S&P/Bloomberg/FactSet. As of 30 Sep 2024. Rate Proxies include Real Estate, Utilities and Consumer Staples sectors. Old Economy includes Industrial, Materials and Energy sectors. Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results.

# Market Internals: Understanding the Fundamental Path Forward We Are Leaning on Our Process to Marry Revisions With Acceleration

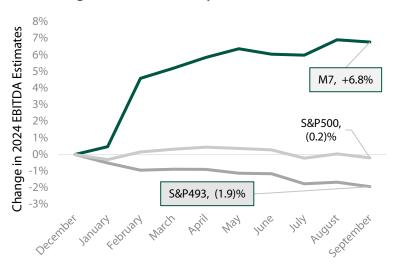
- While breadth widened in Q3, positive revisions have remained narrow and concentrated in the Magnificent 7 (M7).
- The S&P 493 continued to revise lower during the guarter, putting future period growth at risk.
- Overall growth rates, however, should converge as the **S&P 493** is **projected to accelerate while the M7 decelerates.**

## Process and Stock Selection Are Key as Alpha Drivers Conflict

The M7 is Decelerating While the S&P 493 is Accelerating... Quarterly YoY Earnings Growth Rate by Market Area



...Yet the M7 is Beating While the S&P 493 Misses YTD Earnings Revisions Trends by Market Area



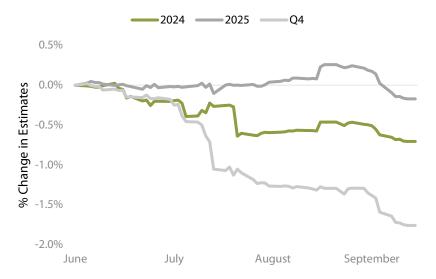
Source: Antero Peak Group/S&P/Bloomberg/BofA Securities. As of 30 Sep 2024. Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results. Magnificent 7 (M7) is a term used to describe large US companies: Apple, Microsoft, Meta, Alphabet, Tesla, Amazon and NVIDIA. The S&P 493 represents the S&P 500® Index excluding the M7.

## Perspectives on the Revisions Cycle

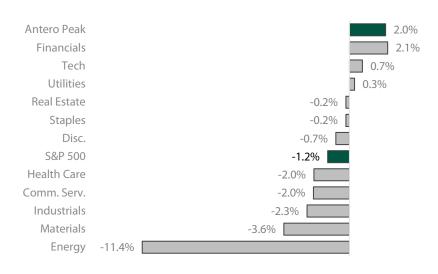
### Growth is Accelerating, Yet Revisions Are Weak With More Risks Remaining

- Despite overall stabilization in estimates, total revisions continued to move lower in the third quarter.
- Cyclical areas—industrials, energy, materials—remain under pressure.
- Our portfolio's earnings substantially outperformed the benchmark fundamentally in the third quarter, seeing upward revisions of 2%.
- Notably though, the Federal Reserve has never undergone a cutting cycle without a decelerating or contracting overall earnings growth environment. With conditions unprecedented, we are focused on bottom-up work and seeking to protect our portfolio from pricing and/or cyclical pressure as inflation peaks.





# Cyclicals Not Helped by Lower Rates Remain Under Pressure Q3 2024 S&P 500° Index EPS Estimate Revisions



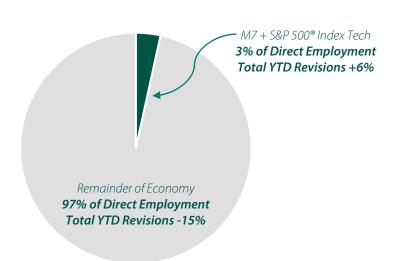
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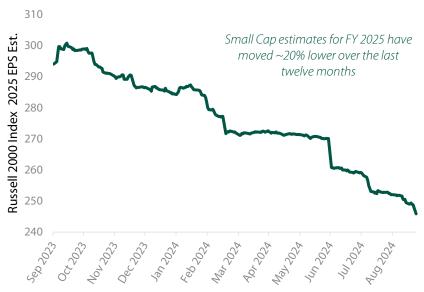
# The S&P 500° Index is Getting More Durable Versus Overall Real GDP Underlying Employment May Be at Greater Risk Than the S&P 500° Index Trends Indicate

- Inflation is trending toward the Fed's target level, and with rates previously at higher levels, the Fed has logically begun an easing cycle.
- Yet, the Federal Reserve has <u>never undergone a cutting cycle without a decelerating or contracting overall earnings growth environment.</u>
- We think the largest companies in the S&P 500® Index are holding up earnings for the overall index yet only represent a tiny fraction of overall employment.
- Importantly, earnings revisions have been very negative for the areas where the vast majority of employment lies.

The M7 and Tech Sector Account for a Very Small Share of Employment, Yet All Positively Surprised in '24 % of Employment Representation With YTD Revisions

Small Cap Earnings Estimates have Been Under Severe Pressure, a Better Representation of Total Employment Russell 2000 Index One-Year Earnings Revisions, CY2025





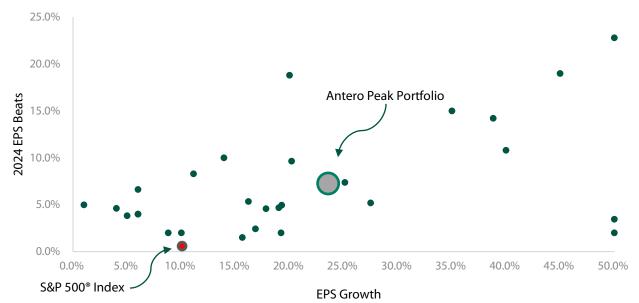
Source: Antero Peak Group/S&P/Bloomberg/FactSet/Russell/Morgan Stanley Research. As of 30 Sep 2024. Past performance does not guarantee and is not a reliable indicator of future results.

## Our Process is Supported By Empirical Data With a **Strong Forward Setup**

### We Have a Clearly Defined Game Plan and an Expanding Thematic Opportunity Set

- Our process is focused on three key pillars, supported by strong empirical evidence:
  - 1) <u>Inflection points</u> that can lead to broad based, often <u>industry wide accelerations</u> and <u>high earnings growth rates</u>
  - 2) Bottom-up, rigorous differentiation that can lead to high and <u>sustained upward estimate revisions</u>
  - 3) Rising Return on Invested Capital ("ROIC") that can lead to multiple expansion
- We expect the macro impact to remain elevated, but to slow after two unprecedented years, allowing fundamentals and earnings to succeed.

# We Believe Our Portfolio Is Poised To Revise Higher And Grow Faster Than the S&P 500® Index Antero Peak Strategy's Estimated 2024 Expected Revisions And Growth



Source: Antero Peak Group/S&P/Bloomberg/FactSet. As of 30 Sep 2024. Green bubbles in chart represent individual holdings in the Antero Peak Portfolio. Red and gray bubbles represent the S&P 500® Index and aggregated Antero Peak Portfolio, respectively. Estimates are based on the team's analysis and subject to material revision.

## Investment Highlights: De-Globalization

### Transformational Assets Emerging

- Constellation Energy (CEG) is the nation's largest owner of nuclear assets.
- Independent Power Producers ("IPP") like CEG were historically exposed to volatile regional power prices in competitive markets.
- Today, however, CEG is perfectly aligned with multiple powerful secular forces like deglobalization, Al and a drive for clean energy.
- During the quarter, MSFT and CEG entered a contract to restart the Three Mile Island nuclear site in Pennsylvania at an implied 35% ROIC.
- We believe this event proves depth and scale of hyperscale demand for clean energy.

#### **Investment Highlights**

**CEG:** Transforming from a volatile IPP to a unique infrastructure with accelerating ROIC and growth.

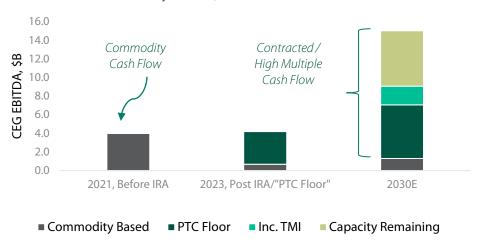
**ENR:** A key part of the supply response from natural gas generation expansion and grid upgrades; formerly undermanaged asset inside the Siemens conglomerate.

#### Microsoft and Constellation Deal Puts Strength of Nuclear Assets on Display Three Mile Island Estimated Project Economics

Three Mile Island	
CEG Total Investment	\$1.6B
EBITDA, Antero Peak Est.	\$600MM
Build Multiple	2.7x
Maintenance Capex	\$40MM
Unlevered FCF	\$560MM
Total Earnings Accretion	18%
ROIC	35%

# Constellation is Transforming from a Commodity Asset to Higher Multiple Infrastructure Asset

Mix of CEG EBITDA by Source, Potential for 20% EBITDA CAGR



Source: Antero Peak Group/Bloomberg. As of 30 Sep 2024. Constellation Energy Corp (CEG), Siemens Energy AG (ENR) and Microsoft Corporation (MSFT). Abbreviations in right hand chart: Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Three Mile Island (TMI).

## Investment Highlights: Network Infrastructure Modernization

### Motorola Solutions: A High Growth Staple, Understanding the World's Largest Public Safety Player

- MSI is a leader in public safety, a MSD% growth market over the last 40 years.
- Dominant in Land Mobile Radios ("LMR"), MSI has the cash to reposition the company towards higher growth Video and Command Center segments.
- We believe the LMR segment (75% of total sales) will have above-normal growth for the next 5 years driven by a product refresh cycle: the first radios with LTE and GPS capabilities.
- We think this will be followed by a structural inflection as MSI can gain share in the 10%+ growing, fragmented Video and Command Center markets.

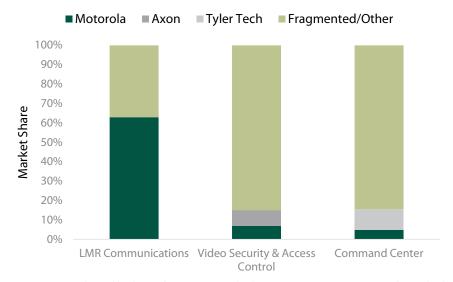
#### Investment Highlights

MSI: Transforming into a high growth staple through consolidation and innovation.

**EQIX:** All is an accelerant to the core cloud business leading to consistent revenue growth differentiation.

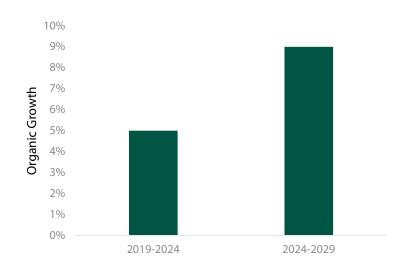
# MSI Has a Long Runway to Deploy its Proven Organic and M&A Strategy

Market Share Estimates for MSI Key End Markets



# We Expect This to Lead to a Structural Acceleration in Organic Growth

MSI's Underlying Organic Growth, 5 Years Trailing and Forward



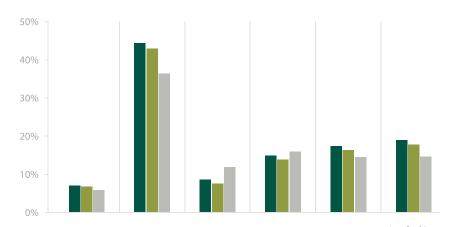
Source: Antero Peak Group/Bloomberg. As of 30 Sep 2024. Motorola Solutions Inc (MSI), Equinix Inc (EQIX). MSD% refers to mid-single digit percent.

## Multiple Exciting Areas to Execute our Process

	Aero Normalization	CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY	Aerospace is cyclically inflecting ahead of a long duration upcycle supported by secular growth of the global middle class Companies: General Electric Co, Safran SA, TransDigm Group Inc
\$	Data Monetization	NO CHANGE	Machine learning, AI, and cloud are causing the economic value of data to structurally accelerate through new products and applications Companies: Moody's Corp, Nasdaq Inc, S&P Global Inc
	De-Globalization	NO CHANGE	Redirection of capital on post pandemic priorities for security of energy and reliability of supply chains  Companies: Canadian Pacific Kansas City, Constellation Energy Corp, Linde PLC, Siemens  Energy AG
	Digitization of User Experience & Commerce	EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY	Consumers are shifting their consumption habits towards online methods of discovery, engagement, and acquisition of product. Al has allowed for enhanced user experiences which leads to customer retention, higher incremental margins, and emerging moats  Companies: Apple Inc, Meta Platforms Inc, Spotify Technology
•	Medical Innovations	EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY	Structural growth in global R&D for scientific advancement across biologics, cell and gene therapy, obesity, Alzheimer's, and genetic sequencing Companies: Danaher Corp, Eli Lilly & Co, Intuitive Surgical Inc, Mettler-Toledo International Inc
	Network Infrastructure Modernization	EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY	Industries exposed to companies handling the immense amounts of digital information  Companies: American Tower Corp, Digital Realty Trust Inc, Equinix Inc, Motorola Solutions Inc
(The	Transformation of the Enterprise	EXPANDING OPPORTUNITY	Digital transformation is a paradigm shift, and we see a major inflection demand for the companies that enable the transformation through software, services, and Al Companies: Microsoft Corp, NVIDIA Corp, ServiceNow Inc, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co

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#### Investment Results



#### Average Annual Total Returns

(%) as of 30 Sep 2024	QTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	7 Yr	Annualized Returns Inception	Cumulative Returns Inception
■ Composite: Gross	7.04	44.33	8.58	14.92	17.42	18.89	261.26
Composite: Net	6.78	42.93	7.50	13.78	16.26	17.72	235.75
S&P 500® Index	5.89	36.35	11.90	15.96	14.48	14.60	175.00

#### Annual Returns

(%) Trailing 12 Months Ended 30 Sep	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Composite: Net	21.71	26.20	-20.37	9.17	42.93

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Historia	cal Monthly Returns (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	0ct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2024	Composite: Gross	4.34	6.27	4.49	-3.54	6.20	1.70	0.65	2.68	3.58		_		29.22
	Composite: Net	4.26	6.19	4.41	-3.63	6.11	1.62	0.57	2.60	3.50		_	_	28.28
	S&P 500® Index	1.68	5.34	3.22	-4.08	4.96	3.59	1.22	2.43	2.14	_	_		22.08
2023	Composite: Gross	3.43	-4.19	4.68	1.72	1.53	4.98	1.18	-1.83	-6.17	-0.89	9.27	3.13	17.08
	Composite: Net	3.34	-4.27	4.59	1.64	1.45	4.89	1.10	-1.91	-6.25	-0.97	9.19	3.05	15.93
	S&P 500® Index	6.28	-2.44	3.67	1.56	0.43	6.61	3.21	-1.59	-4.77	-2.10	9.13	4.54	26.29
2022	Composite: Gross	-11.17	-3.78	4.94	-8.20	-3.46	-4.75	7.36	-3.41	-9.08	5.38	4.65	-4.62	-24.90
	Composite: Net	-11.25	-3.86	4.86	-8.28	-3.54	-4.83	7.27	-3.50	-9.16	5.30	4.56	-4.70	-25.67
	S&P 500® Index	-5.17	-2.99	3.71	-8.72	0.18	-8.25	9.22	-4.08	-9.21	8.10	5.59	-5.76	-18.11
2021	Composite: Gross	-2.74	6.19	-0.63	4.14	0.84	0.73	4.55	3.35	-5.31	7.80	-1.02	5.61	25.17
	Composite: Net	-2.83	6.11	-0.72	4.06	0.76	0.65	4.47	3.27	-5.39	7.72	-1.10	5.52	23.95
	S&P 500® Index	-1.01	2.76	4.38	5.34	0.70	2.33	2.38	3.04	-4.65	7.01	-0.69	4.48	28.71
2020	Composite: Gross	0.36	-4.70	-10.10	9.79	5.63	3.86	7.06	4.75	-1.84	-4.17	15.94	3.27	30.81
	Composite: Net	0.28	-4.78	-10.18	9.71	5.55	3.78	6.98	4.67	-1.92	-4.26	15.86	3.19	29.53
	S&P 500® Index	<b>-</b> 0.04	<b>-</b> 8.23	<b>-</b> 12.35	12.82	4.76	1.99	5.64	7.19	<b>-</b> 3.80	<del>-</del> 2.66	10.95	3.84	18.40
2019	Composite: Gross	5.80	4.35	3.08	4.99	-4.24	5.25	2.55	2.12	-1.36	2.17	2.57	2.87	34.10
	Composite: Net	5.72	4.27	2.99	4.91	-4.32	5.17	2.47	2.03	-1.44	2.08	2.49	2.79	32.80
	S&P 500® Index	8.01	3.21	1.94	4.05	-6.35	7.05	1.44	-1.58	1.87	2.17	3.63	3.02	31.49
2018	Composite: Gross	9.02	-1.55	-0.28	1.14	2.13	2.50	3.26	3.38	0.91	-4.20	2.92	-7.33	11.55
	Composite: Net	8.94	-1.63	-0.36	1.06	2.05	2.42	3.18	3.30	0.82	-4.28	2.84	-7.41	10.45
	S&P 500® Index	5.73	-3.69	-2.54	0.38	2.41	0.62	3.72	3.26	0.57	-6.84	2.04	-9.03	-4.38
2017	Composite: Gross	<u> </u>	_	_	_	3.86	0.27	7.54	2.59	2.09	4.87	4.85	0.66	29.81
	Composite: Net	<del></del>				3.78	0.19	7.46	2.50	2.00	4.78	4.76	0.57	28.98
	S&P 500® Index	<del></del>		-		1.41	0.62	2.06	0.31	2.06	2.33	3.07	1.11	13.70

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