

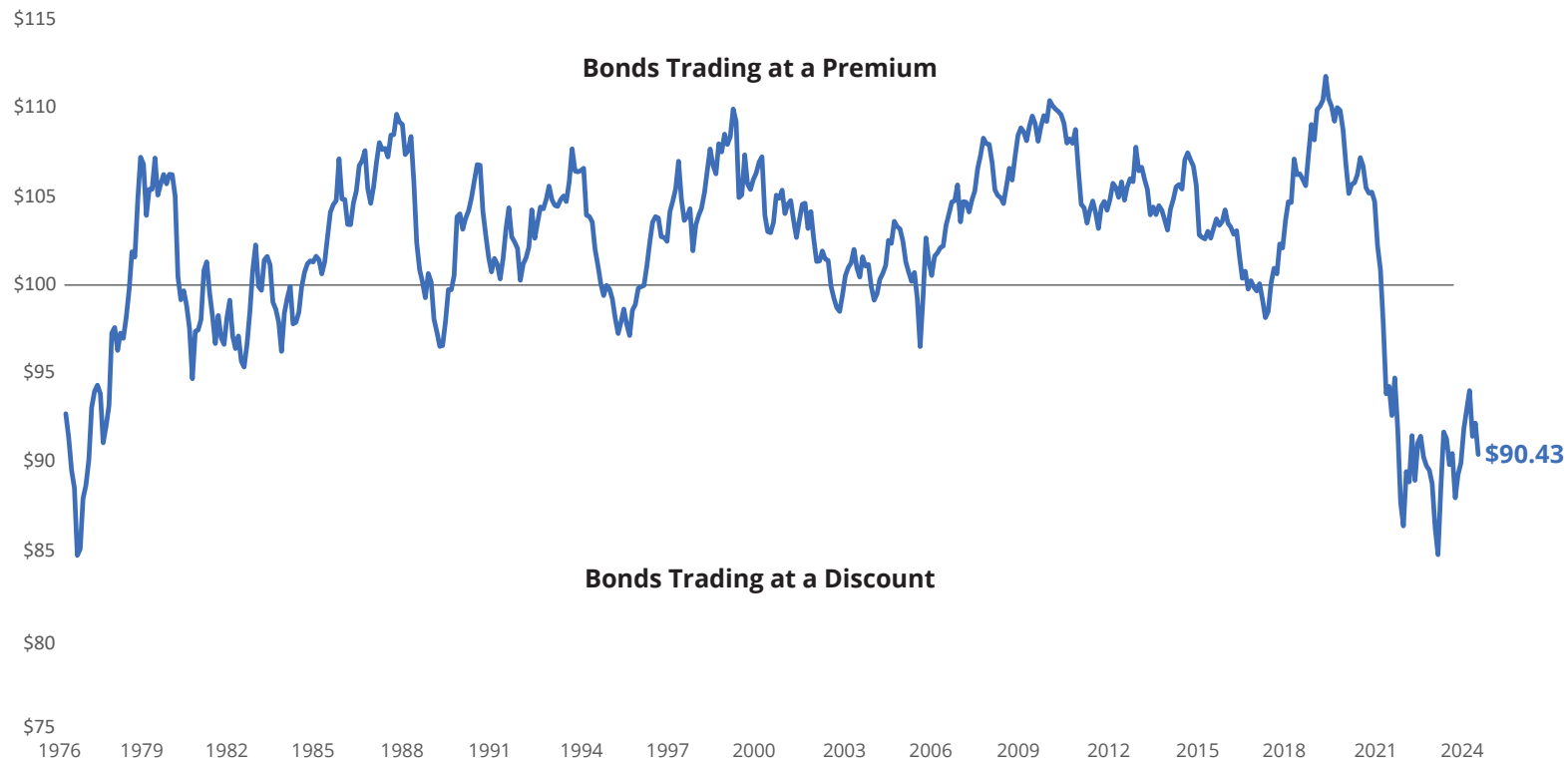
## Buying at a Bargain: The Opportunity in Bonds

Bonds may offer an attractive entry point for long-term investors.

When bonds are trading at a discount (i.e., trading below their initial face value), investors are buying a bond for less while still receiving the face value at maturity, provided the bond matures at par<sup>1</sup> and doesn't default. This can offer an attractive total return for bond investors: the interest income plus price appreciation. Currently, the average price of a bond is sitting near its lowest point since the 1980s, providing a potential opportunity for bond investors.

### Largest Bond Discount in Decades

Average Bond Price of the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index



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**To learn more about the opportunity in bonds, talk to your financial professional.**

<sup>1</sup> Par value is the price at which a bond was issued, also known as its face value. Par value is static, unlike market value, which fluctuates with credit ratings, time to maturity, and interest rate fluctuations.

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