

Quarterly Market Review

First Quarter 2017

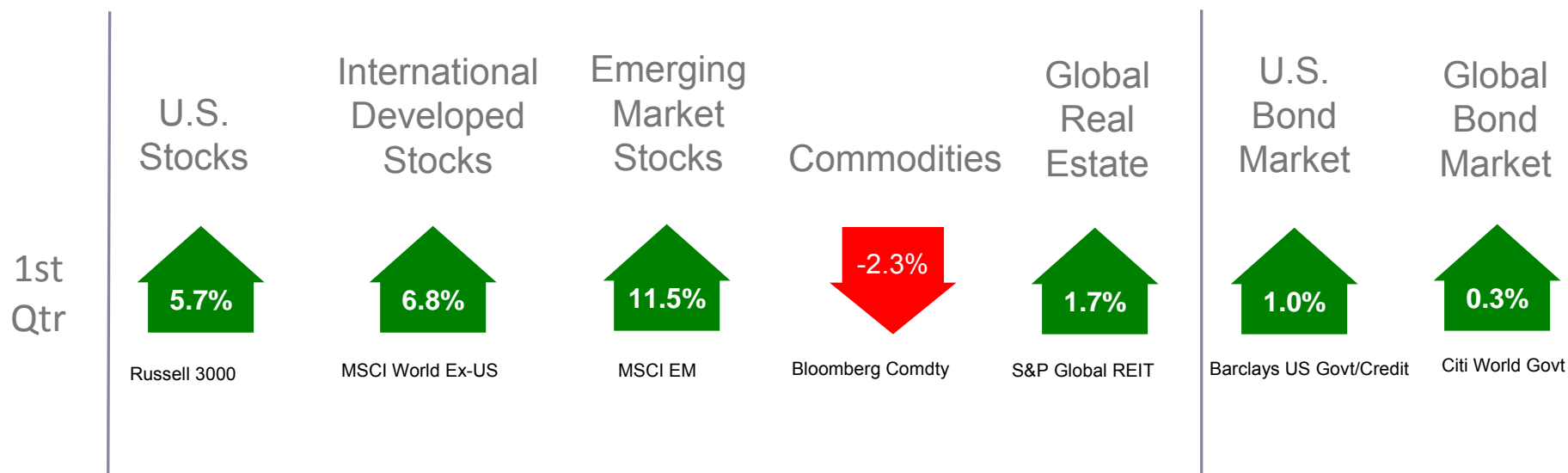
Q1



Six of the seven major asset classes were positive in Q1

First Quarter 2017 results

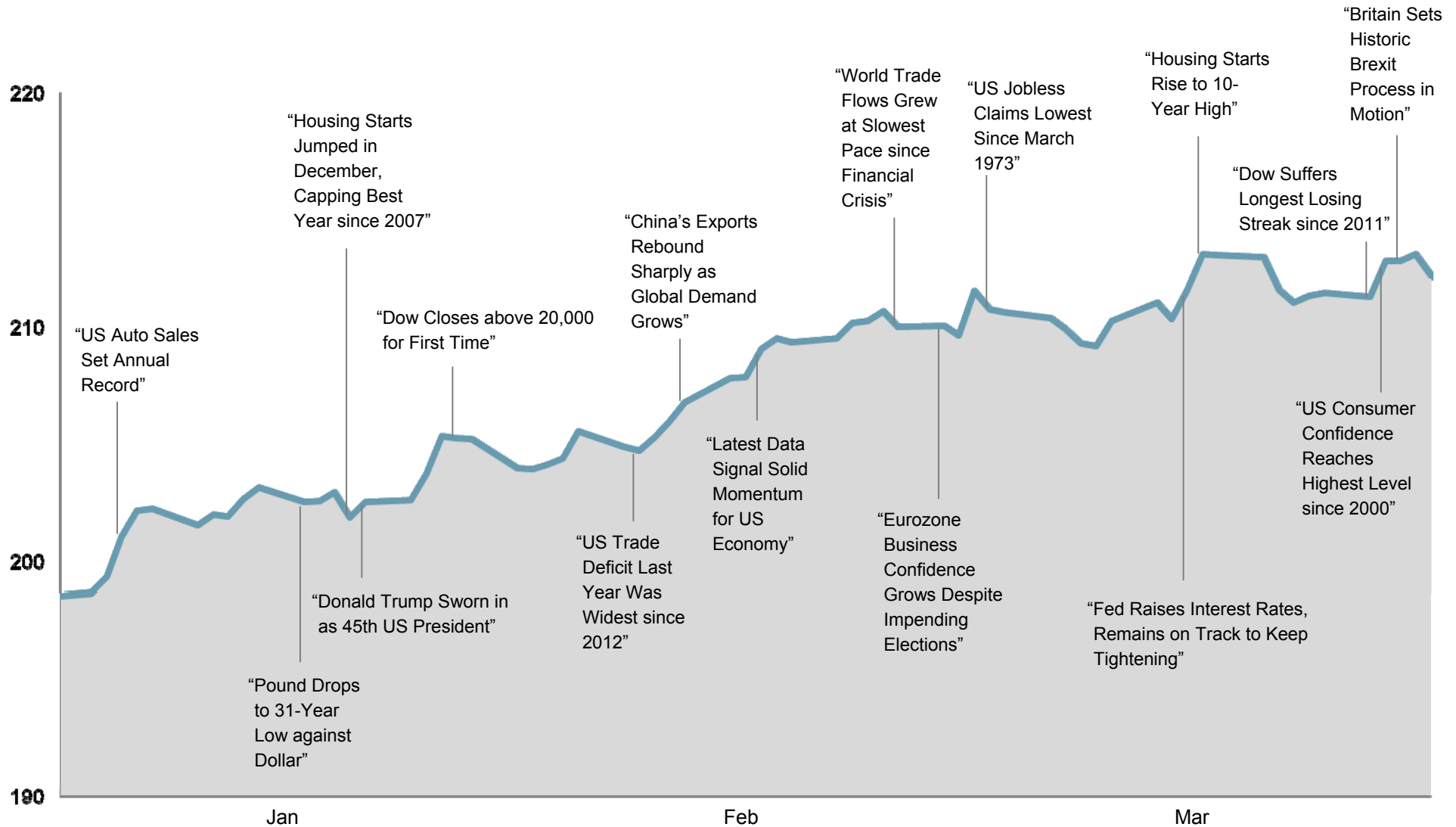
As detailed below, equities led the way with Emerging Markets stocks returning 11.5%, International Developed stocks returning 6.8% and U.S. stocks returning 5.7% for the period. U.S. bonds, global bonds and real estate reversed their retreat from last quarter and commodities registered the only negative return for the quarter.



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Global stocks overcame mixed headlines to advance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2017



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Emerging market stocks led the way

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In US dollar terms, emerging market indices outperformed both US and developed markets.

The value effect was negative among large cap stocks in emerging markets but positive among small cap stocks.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

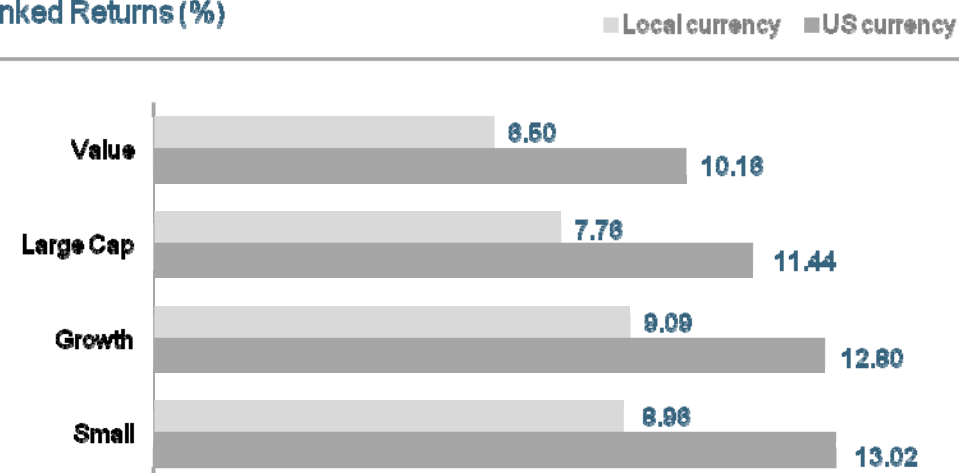
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging
Markets
\$6.1 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	17.21	1.18	0.81	2.72
Small Cap	14.49	1.66	2.87	3.92
Value	17.43	-0.10	-1.01	2.67
Growth	17.08	2.37	2.54	2.69

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International developed stocks also shined

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In US dollar terms, developed markets outperformed the US equity market but underperformed emerging markets indices during the quarter.

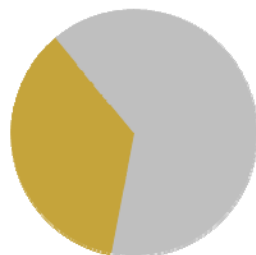
Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

The value effect was negative across all size ranges in non-US developed markets.

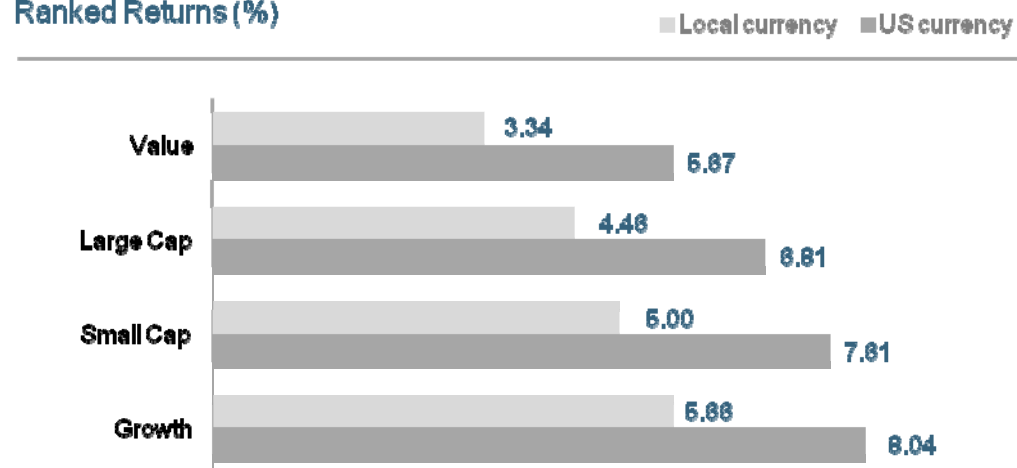
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

36%

International
Developed
Market
\$16.7 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	11.93	0.35	5.38	1.13
Small Cap	11.58	2.70	7.78	2.72
Value	16.46	-0.67	5.19	0.31
Growth	7.47	1.27	5.48	1.87

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US stocks produced solid results too

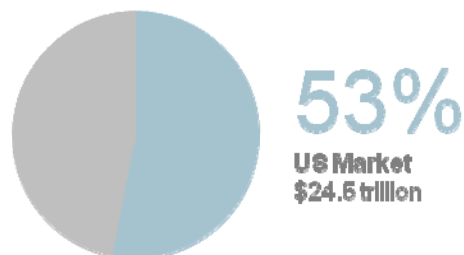
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The broad US equity market recorded positive absolute performance for the quarter.

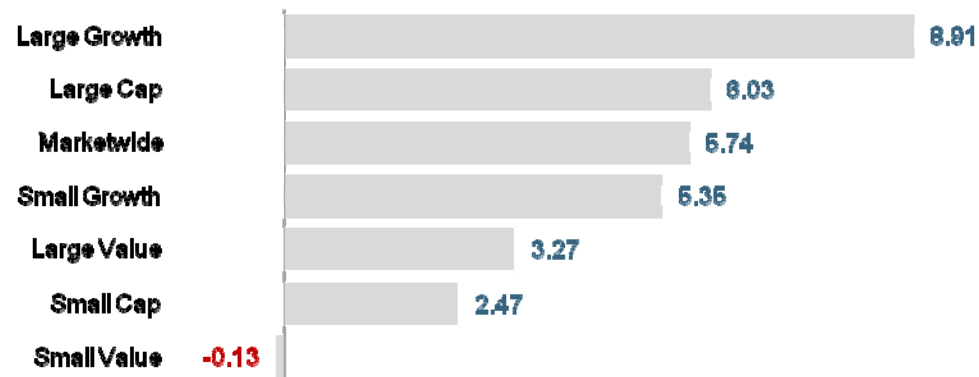
Value underperformed growth indices across all size ranges.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Marketwide	18.07	9.76	13.18	7.54
Large Cap	17.43	9.99	13.26	7.58
Large Cap Value	19.22	8.67	13.13	5.93
Large Cap Growth	15.76	11.27	13.32	9.13
Small Cap	26.22	7.22	12.35	7.12
Small Cap Value	29.37	7.62	12.54	6.09
Small Cap Growth	23.03	6.72	12.10	8.05

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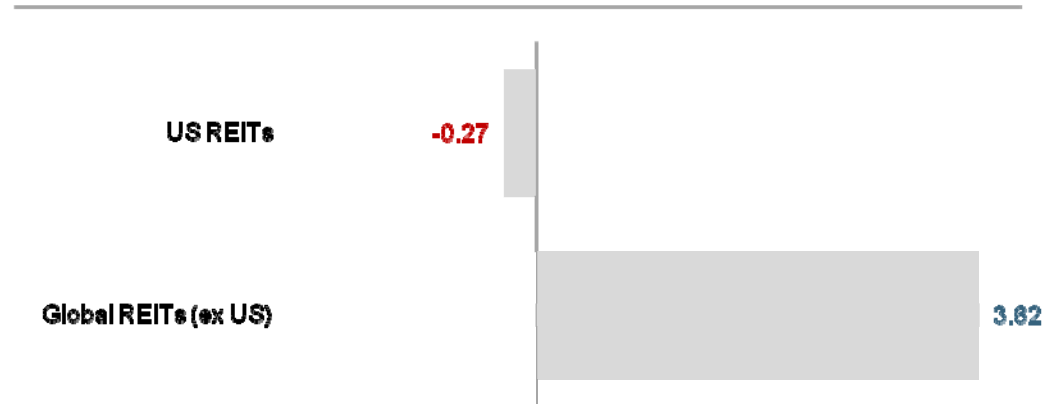
Global REITs moved upward

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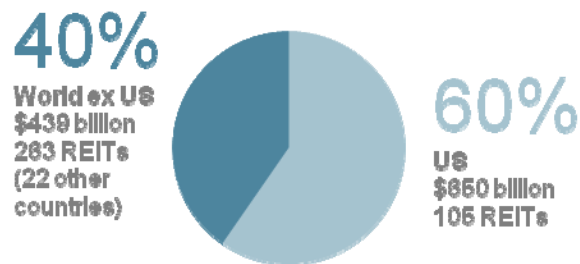


Real estate investment trusts (REITs) lagged their equity market counterparts, but a global approach proved productive as the Fed raised rates in the US.

Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	1.21	9.96	9.45	4.22
Global REITs (ex US)	-1.61	3.46	6.79	-0.39

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Commodities declined slightly as energy prices fell

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The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return declined 2.33% during the first quarter of 2017.

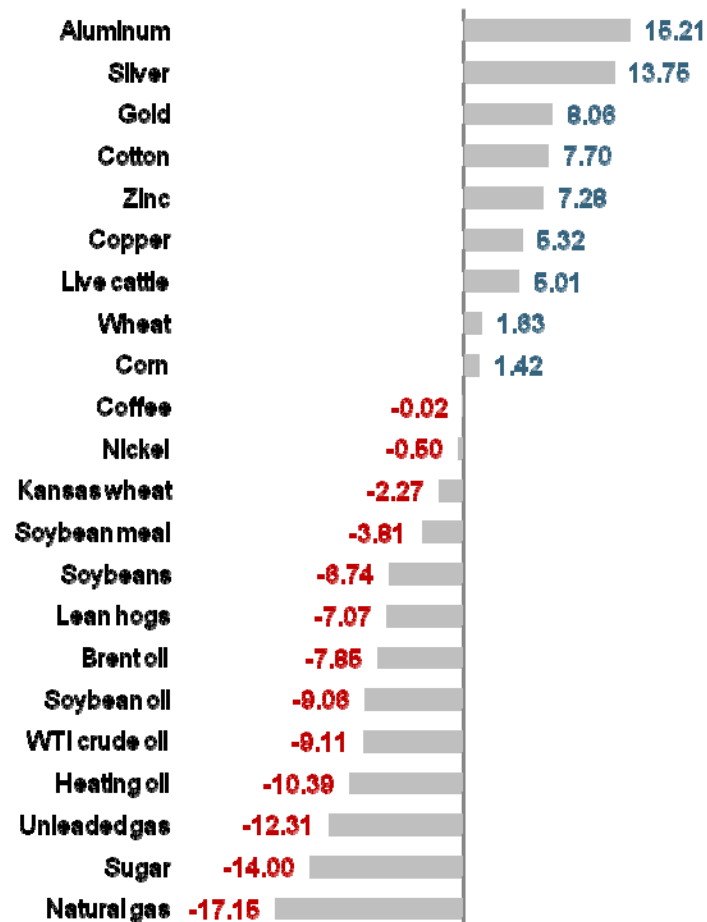
The industrial and precious metals complexes were the top performers. Aluminum gained 15.21%, silver rose 13.75%, and gold climbed 8.06%.

Energy was the worst-performing complex. Natural gas declined 17.15%, while unleaded gas fell 12.31%. Heating oil declined 10.39%, and WTI crude oil fell 9.11%.

Asset Class	Period Returns (%)			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	8.71	-13.91	-9.54	-6.22

* Annualized

Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



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Fixed income returns inched upward

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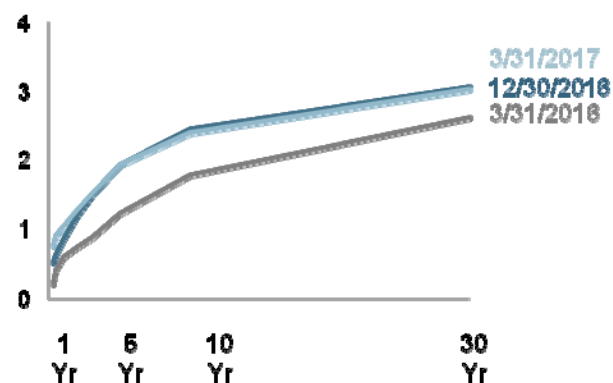
Interest rates were mixed across the US fixed income market during the first quarter of 2017. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note was unchanged, ending at 1.93%. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note decreased 5 basis points (bps) to 2.40%. The 30-year Treasury bond yield decreased 4 bps to 3.02%.

The yield on the 1-year Treasury bill rose 18 bps to 1.03%, and the 2-year T-note yield increased 7 bps to 1.27%. The yield on the 3-month T-bill increased 25 bps to 0.76%, while the 6-month T-bill yield rose 29 bps to 0.91%.

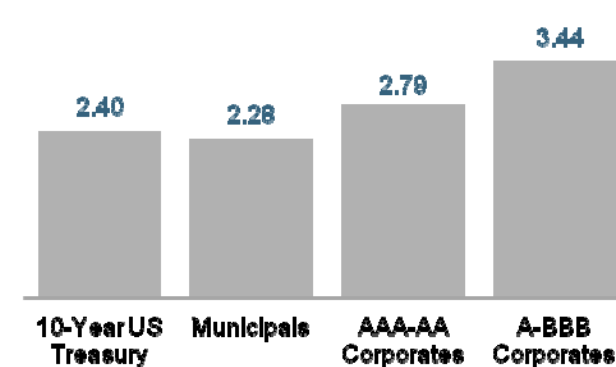
Looking at total returns, short-term corporate bonds gained 0.69% and intermediate-term corporate bonds gained 1.16%.

Short-term municipal bonds generated a total return of 1.20%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds returned 1.91%. Revenue bonds performed in line with general obligation bonds.

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays Long US Govt. Bond Index	-4.78	5.81	4.05	6.65
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	0.15	3.55	3.24	4.33
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	0.44	2.68	2.34	4.27
Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	16.39	4.56	6.82	7.46
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	1.48	2.03	0.97	4.24
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.56	0.39	0.35	1.31
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.36	0.17	0.14	0.68
Citi World Govt. Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.64	1.38	1.38	2.54

One basis point equals 0.01%. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Yield curve data from Federal Reserve. State and local bonds are from the S&P National AMT-Free Municipal Bond Index. AAA-AA Corporates represent the Bank of America Merrill Lynch US Corporates, AA-AAA rated. A-BBB Corporates represent the Bank of America Merrill Lynch US Corporates, BBB-A rated. Bloomberg Barclays data provided by Bloomberg. US long-term bonds, bills, inflation, and fixed income factor data © Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation (SBB) Yearbook™, Ibbotson Associates, Chicago (annually updated work by Roger G. Ibbotson and Rex A. Sinquefeld). Citi fixed income indices copyright 2017 by Citigroup. The BofA Merrill Lynch Indices are used with permission; © 2017 Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated; all rights reserved. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation. The S&P data are provided by Standard & Poor's Index Services Group.

Investment Shock Absorbers

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Ever ridden in a car with worn-out shock absorbers? Every bump is jarring, every corner stomach-churning, and every red light an excuse to assume the brace position. Owning an undiversified portfolio can trigger similar reactions.

You can drive a car with a broken suspension system, but it will be an extremely uncomfortable ride and the vehicle will be much harder to control, particularly in difficult conditions. Throw in the risk of a breakdown or running off the road altogether, and there's a real chance you may not reach your destination.

In the world of investment, a similarly bumpy and unpredictable ride can await those with concentrated and undiversified portfolios or those who constantly tinker with their allocation.

Of course, everyone feels in control when the surface is straight and smooth, but it's harder to stay on the road during sudden turns and ups and downs in the

market. For that reason, the smart thing to do is to diversify, spreading your portfolio across different securities, sectors, and countries. That also means identifying the right mix of investments (e.g., stocks, bonds, real estate) that aligns with your risk tolerance.

Using this approach, your returns from year to year may not match the top performing portfolio, but neither are they likely to match the worst. More importantly, this is a ride you are likely to stick with.

Here's an example. Among developed markets, Denmark was number one in US dollar terms in 2015 with a return of more than 23%. But a big bet on that country the following year would have backfired, as Denmark slid to bottom of the table with a loss of nearly 16%.¹

It's true that the US stock market (by far the world's biggest) has been a strong performer in recent years. But a decade before, in 2004 and 2008, it was the second worst-performing developed market in the world.¹

Predicting which part of a market will do best over a given period is tough. US small cap stocks were

among the top performers in 2016 with a return of more than 21%. A year before, their results looked relatively disappointing with a loss of more than 4%. International small cap stocks had their turn in the sun in 2015, topping the performance tables with a return of just below 6%. But the year before that, they were the second worst with a loss of 5%.²

If you've ever taken a long road trip, you'll know that conditions along the way can change quickly and unpredictably, which is why you need a vehicle that's ready for the worst roads as well as the best. While diversification can never completely eliminate the impact of bumps along your particular investment road, it does help reduce the potential outsized impact that any individual investment can have on your journey.

With sufficient diversification, the jarring effects of performance extremes level out. That, in turn, helps you stay in your chosen lane and on the road to your investment destination.

Happy motoring and happy investing.

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