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1st quarter summary

THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE

- Global growth expectations continue to be revised downward. Emerging economies continue to struggle while developed economies continue to grow modestly. U.S. real GDP grew more slowly quarterover-quarter at 1.4%. p. 6, 13
- Global inflation remains low but some signs of positive price movement can be seen, partly due to the effects of lower oil price dissipating and stability in overall commodity markets. Global manufacturing overcapacity will likely act as a headwind to inflation for some time. p. 13

MARKET PORTFOLIO IMPACTS

- The U.S. dollar fell slightly in Q1 as expectations dampened regarding the pace of further Fed rate hikes. USD weakness will have benefited U.S. investors whose international assets are unhedged.
 p. 39
- Emerging market equities rebounded, helped by rising commodity prices and emerging currency appreciation. p. 30, 32

THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE

- During the first 10 trading days of 2016 the S&P 500 undo saw its worst start to a year ever. This drawdown was risk followed by a strong rally and full recovery in major equity markets. p. 25, 40 Con
- The benefits of monetary easing seem to be waning. Interest rates in many nations are now in negative territory. The Federal Reserve has taken a more dovish stance, and the market now expects two rate increases in 2016. p. 5, 18

We remain underweight to

Continue to be watchful of global growth and corporate earnings trends

ASSET ALLOCATION ISSUES

- We continue to remain underweight risk, and believe that market risks are asymmetrically skewed to the downside. p. 25, 31
- With increasing probability of a Brexit, investors should be aware of the potential impacts to continental European risk premia. p. 15
- Inflation expectations remain low based on both survey and market pricing data, although investors have historically done a poor job of forecasting inflation. p. 11



Economic environment



U.S. economics summary

- U.S. real GDP growth
 expectations have fallen to 0.1%
 quarter-over-quarter, as of April
 13th, according to the Atlanta
 Fed GDPNow. Lower consumer
 spending and weaker trade
 detracted from growth
 expectations.
- U.S. real GDP growth was 2% during 2015 (Q4 2014 to Q4 2015), slightly down from 2.1% in Q3. Consumption was the predominant driver of growth.
- Headline inflation during the quarter rose to 0.9% from 0.7% in December, and core inflation has shown a strong trend upwards. Both survey based and market based inflation expectations increased.
- The Federal Reserve left the Federal Funds Target Rate

- unchanged at its March meeting. Janet Yellen explained the Fed will remain accommodative, citing continued risks within global financial markets.
- The unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.0% from 4.9% in February. This rise in unemployment can be partly explained by the increase in the participation rate from 62.9% to 63.0% as new job seekers entered the market.

	Most Recent	12 Months Prior
GDP (annual YoY)	2.0% 12/31/15	2.5% 12/31/14
Inflation (CPI, Headline)	0.9% 3/31/16	(0.1%) 3/31/15
Expected Inflation (5yr-5yr forward)	1.8% 3/31/16	2.0% 3/31/15
Fed Funds Rate	0.25% 3/31/16	0.12% 3/31/15
10 Year Rate	1.8% 3/31/16	1.9% 3/31/15
U-3 Unemployment	5.0% 3/31/16	5.5% 3/31/15
U-6 Unemployment	9.8% 3/31/16	10.9% 3/31/15



U.S. economics – GDP growth

The U.S. economy grew 1.4% QoQ in the fourth quarter with a majority of that growth coming from the consumer. Household spending has been the strongest driver of expansion contributing nearly 1.7% to growth. A tightening job market has contributed to consumer spending strength. The participation rate moved up and we are beginning to see upward pressure on wages. Inventory investment remains a patch of weakness and has been a drag on U.S. growth over the past two quarters. Additionally, the stronger U.S. dollar has acted

as a headwind for U.S. exports – further detracting from fourth quarter GDP. The economy grew at 2.0% for the year. Looking ahead to growth in GDP, companies will still face headwinds as inventory build has been strong and demand for durable goods is weak. Additionally, multi-national companies continue to face the risk of a stronger dollar which would put downward pressure on profits. As of April 13th, the Atlanta Fed GDPNow indicator is forecasting disappointing growth of 0.1% for Q1 2016.

Consumer expenditures were the only notable contributor to growth in Q4

LONG-TERM U.S. GDP GROWTH

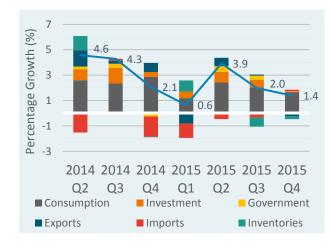


MEDIUM-TERM U.S. GDP GROWTH



Source: FRED, as of 12/31/15

GDP COMPONENTS



Source: FRED



Source: FRED, as of 12/31/15

U.S. economics – unemployment

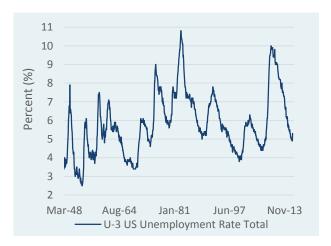
The U.S. labor market was mixed in Q1. The unemployment rate increased slightly to 5.0% from 4.9% in February. However, higher unemployment was influenced by a 0.1% rise in the labor participation rate to 63.0% as new job seekers entered the market. Unemployment duration rose slightly after multiple years of improvement since the financial crisis.

The labor market continued to add jobs, with nonfarm payrolls increasing by 215,000 in March vs an expected

205,000. Average hourly wages have steadily improved since the financial crisis, with the recent print at 2.3% year-over-year.

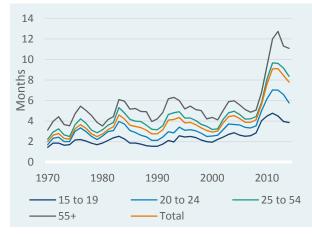
It is interesting to dive deeper into unemployment duration and examine the magnitude of 2008-2009 deterioration by age group rather than an aggregate figure. The drastic increases in unemployment duration for older workers shows the unevenness of the situation across age groups.

UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE 1948



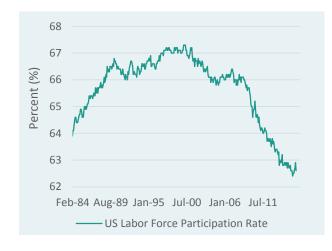
Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

UNEMPLOYMENT DURATION



Source: OECD, as of 12/31/14

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE



Source: FRED, as of 3/31/16



U.S. economics – the consumer

Consumer expenditures predominantly drove real GDP in Q4, as other components of GDP rested near zero growth. We continue to be watchful of these trends as consumer credit expansion and spending is a key tenant of economic growth.

The condition of the U.S. consumer base has improved as the labor market tightens, real wage growth continues at a moderate pace, debt payments remain manageable relative to history, credit growth is trending up, and current levels of savings leave room for higher consumption levels.

However, the average health of the consumer base may be somewhat deceptive due to unevenness across demographics. Rising student loan burdens are dampening housing demand and spending habits of younger individuals, as the price of education has outstripped broader inflation measures.

CREDIT GROWTH



PERSONAL SAVINGS RATE



Source: FRED, as of 2/1/16

GROWTH OF DISPOSABLE INCOME



Source: FRED, as of 2/1/16



Source: FRED, as of 2/1/16

U.S. economics – sentiment

Consumer sentiment has stabilized in a normal range after trending upwards following the financial crisis. The Citi Economic Surprise index remains near the lower end of a normal range as economic data has missed expectations on average.

Sentiment may be an increasingly important indicator in the near future as the consumer remains a core support of economic growth. Given the positive fundamentals surrounding the consumer - ability to

borrow, to increase spending through less savings, and the prospects of higher real wages – positive sentiment may be a deciding factor in economic growth.

Despite this environment, consumers remain stubbornly timid which may be an indication of deeper economic problems. We believe the cautious state of consumers, given the reliance of the economy on consumption in the current environment, creates downside risks for growth and the markets.

CONSUMER COMFORT INDEX



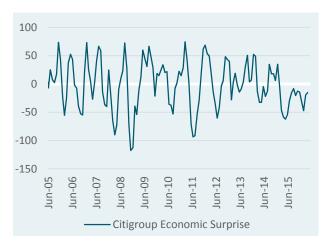
Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/27/16 (see Appendix)

CONSUMER SENTIMENT



Source: University of Michigan, as of 3/31/16 (see Appendix)

ECONOMIC SURPRISE



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16 (see Appendix)



U.S. economics – housing

Home prices continued a healthy appreciation of 5.4% year-over-year as of January, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller US National Home Price Index, though values remain below pre-crisis levels. Affordability is materially above average despite a recovery in prices. A low rate of homeownership may indicate pent up demand.

A steady rise in housing prices over previous years has

affected housing affordability, though near-record low borrowing rates have had an overwhelmingly positive effect on affordability, resulting in a net positive. Further tightening of the labor and wages increase should flow through to strength in housing.

Large student loan burdens have delayed home purchases, and millennials have been starting families at a later age which also affects purchasing habits.

HOME AFFORDABILITY



Source: National Association of Realtors, as of 12/31/15

HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE



Source: FRED, as of 1/1/2016

NEW & EXISTING HOME SALES



Source: Bloomberg, as of 2/29/16



U.S. economics – inflation

Inflation expectations rose materially during Q1, as proxied by the 10yr TIPS Breakeven Rate and the University of Michigan Inflation Expectations Survey.

Headline inflation exhibited volatility in Q1 but remains muted. Core inflation (ex-food & energy) has shown a strong uptrend in recent months, buoyed most recently by a rise in housing and medical costs. We remain watchful of domestic inflation; if the dollar depreciates and wages increase, we could see the return of price increases which also may affect the path of Fed policy.

As we have mentioned before, investors' track record at forecasting inflation has been very poor. We can conclude, however, that times of low inflation tend to coincide with depressed prices for those assets which are held to protect against rises in inflation. Investors feeling the dual effect of lower inflation expectations along with losses from their inflation protecting assets can easily become discouraged and divest. However, today's prices may present an inopportune time to sell, and as history suggests we should not place too much weight on the market's expectation of future inflation.

LONG-TERM U.S. CPI (YOY)



MEDIUM-TERM U.S. CPI (YOY)



Source: FRED, as of 3/31/16

MARKET EXPECTATIONS OF INFLATION



Source: Bloomberg, University of Michigan, as of 3/31/16



Source: FRED, as of 3/31/16

International economics summary

- Global growth remains sluggish.
 The IMF currently forecast growth of 3.2% in 2016, down from 3.4% in January. Upcoming geopolitical tensions surrounding Brexit and the current migrant crisis may have implications on GDP growth this year.
- China remains in the headlines. However, the country continues to be the largest growth engine among both developed and developing economies. China is in the midst of large structural shifts, but it should not be assumed that an economic crisis is inevitable.
- Euro area unemployment has come down about a percent from last year to 10.3%, but youth unemployment remains at extremely high levels, with February coming in at 21.6%, up

- nearly a percent from last year.
- The ECB further eased existing monetary policy. Among other accommodations, they moved their deposit rate into further negative territory and they included investment grade bonds as a part of eligible investment vehicles.
- Despite adopting negative interest rates in January, Japan has struggled to catalyze strong economic growth and lift inflation.
- After further conversations surrounding the anticipated Brexit, markets are likely to remain volatile until June 23rd, the date of the referendum.

Area	GDP (Real, YoY)	Inflation (CPI)	Unemployment
United States	2.0% 12/31/15	0.9% 3/31/16	5.0% 3/31/16
Western Europe	1.6% 12/31/15	0.0% 3/31/16	8.7% 12/31/15
Japan	0.7% 12/31/15	0.3% 2/29/16	3.3% 2/29/16
BRIC Nations	4.6% 12/31/15	3.9% 12/31/15	5.0% 12/31/15
Brazil	(5.9%) 12/31/15	10.4% 2/29/16	7.4% 12/31/15
Russia	(3.8%) 12/31/15	7.3% 3/31/16	5.7% 12/31/15
India	7.3% 12/31/15	5.2% 2/29/16	8.2 % 4/12/16
China	6.8% 12/31/15	2.3% 2/29/16	4.1% 12/31/15



International economics

With continued downward revisions to global GDP, many countries are feeling the effects of suppressed inflation, lackluster growth, and waning consumer confidence. As a result, the first quarter saw multiple expansions of monetary policy, notably the ECB further cutting their deposit rate to -0.4% and the BOJ joining NIRP and implementing a deposit rate of -0.1% on excess reserves.

Western Europe continues to face uncertainty surrounding the migrant crisis. Policy around this challenge may affect border control and free movement of people issues which could have effects on trade within the EU. A possible Brexit may affect the ability of the European Union's central institutions to act in a coordinated manner when needed to address economic issues.

Emerging markets experienced ongoing deflationary forces including the downturn in the global commodity cycle, repatriation of developed market sourced capital, and slowing economic activity in China. As some of these effects flatten or reverse course in the coming months, emerging market countries may see an opportunity for improvement.

INTERNATIONAL INFLATION (CPI)



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

REAL GDP GROWTH



Source: Bloomberg, as of 12/31/15

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16



China – the world's question mark

The Chinese economy continues to grow at a steady, yet slower pace than recent years. Considerable investments into infrastructure over the years produced large gains in industrial capacity which has led to excesses following the growth slowdown. The government is investing to reduce this excess capacity and reposition workers which will be a fragile process given the significant employment shifts required to bring the economy to equilibrium.

Unemployment in China is very low (4.1% in Q4), economic growth is among the highest in the world (6.8% in Q4), inflation is moderate (2.3% in February), they

remain a net creditor with a healthy current account, and foreign-exchange reserves are large at around \$3.2 Trillion USD. Debt levels in the country are worrying (237% of GDP in Q1), though mostly owned internally which poses less risk to global investors.

China's deceleration has had far reaching impacts across the globe and the country continues to own its share of economic problems. However, China remains the world's largest contributor to growth and potentially a large source of untapped consumer demand.

Valid concerns for the future but many strong economic indicators still persist

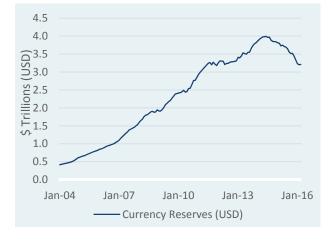
DRIVERS OF GLOBAL GROWTH



TOTAL GDP - 4 LARGEST ECONOMIES



CURRENCY RESERVES





Brexit – it's complicated

"Brexit" refers to the U.K. voting to leave the European Union. Current polling seems equally balanced regarding the chance of an exit. Market sentiment assumes that Brexit would be a negative result, but the reality is likely more nuanced.

During the early 1990s the U.K. joined the Exchange Rate Mechanism, a currency management agreement regarded as a precursor to the Euro, tying U.K. monetary policy to that of Germany. The strains involved produced "Black Wednesday", when George Soros and other hedge funds forced the Bank of England to pull out of the

mechanism. Despite predictions of disaster the resulting economic expansion was one of the longest in U.K. history. Similar predictions of doom around the decision of the U.K. not to enter the Euro also proved wrong.

While Brexit could cause volatility, the long term effect for the U.K. (if not for the other EU members) could turn out to be positive as much as negative. Similarly, a vote to stay in could turn market attention to a new raft of regulatory proposals from an EU no longer restrained by the danger of U.K. threats to leave. As always the future is hard to predict.

Brexit would not necessarily be bad

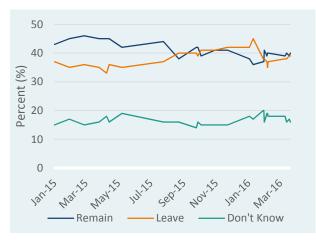
Remaining would not necessarily be good

UK GDP QOQ



Source: UK Office for National Statistics, as of 12/31/2015. Shaded area represents UK membership of ERM

BREXIT POLLS



Source: YouGov, as of 4/18/2016

DIFFERENT ECONOMIES

	UK	Europe
GDP YoY	2.1%	1.6%
Inflation	0.5%	0.0%
Unemployment	5.1%	8.7%
10 Year Interest Rate	1.48%	0.16%

Source: UK Office for National Statistics, Bloomberg



Fixed income rates & credit



Interest rate environment

- With significant volatility in financial markets at the start of 2016, investors fled to U.S. 10
 Year Treasuries which rallied from 2.3% at the start of the year to 1.65% a week into February, then retraced some of that move to 1.77%.
- Interest rates decreased broadly across developed markets in Q4, most notably in the U.S. and Germany. Australia and China saw little movement in their 10 year rate.
- Global financial market turmoil
 has pushed investors into safe
 haven assets such as U.S.
 Treasuries which continue to be
 one of the higher yielding
 developed market bonds.

- The ECB expanded their existing monetary policy by further cutting rates to -40 bps. The German bund rallied from over 60 bps at the start of the year to under 9 bps in early April.
- Japan implemented a negative interest rate on excess deposits in January, which brought their 10 year yield into negative territory for the first time ever.
- As the U.S. continues to contemplate further rate hikes, most other countries are contemplating easier monetary policy with intention of devaluing currency, increasing investment, and generating economic growth.

Area	Short Term (3M)	10 Year
United States	0.20%	1.77%
Germany	(0.59%)	0.15%
France	(0.42%)	0.49%
Spain	(0.23%)	1.43%
Italy	(0.22%)	1.22%
Greece	2.63%	8.48%
UK	0.45%	1.42%
Japan	(0.09%)	-0.035%
Australia	2.06%	2.49%
China	2.10%	2.84%
Brazil	13.99%	13.97%
Russia*	9.79%	9.09%

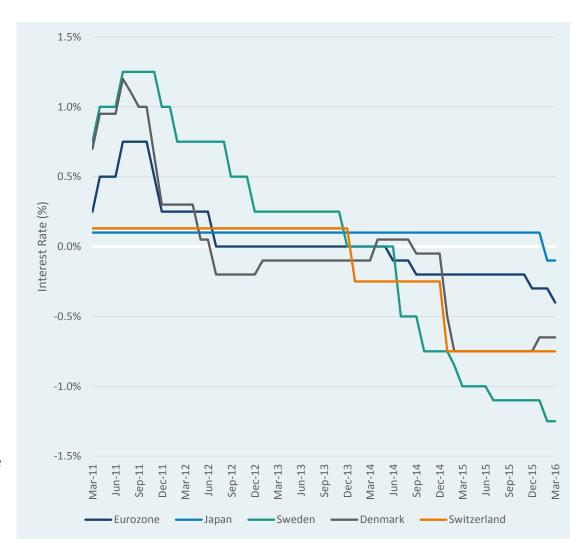
Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/15

*Shortest term rate for Russia is 1Y



Negative interest rates

- Facing limitations of already record low policy rates, a few central banks have adopted a novel monetary policy approach phenomenon, NIRP (Negative Interest Rate Policy).
- Negative deposit rates have further suppressed global sovereign yields that were already at historic lows.
- With limited ability to expand balance sheets and no ability to push rates lower, the Eurozone pioneered the implementation of NIRP to achieve target inflation levels and spur economic growth.
- While investors still seem to be prepared to hold bonds at these negative rates, implications include adverse effects on banking profitability and investors being pushed towards taking excessive risk.
 Additionally, the U.S. has seen a tailwind in the form of dollar strength as other currencies continue to be devalued.
- The consequences of the spread of NIRP remain to be seen and there is little historical data to rely on when assessing likely outcomes.

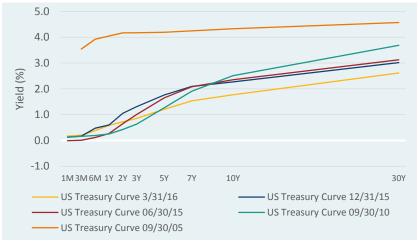


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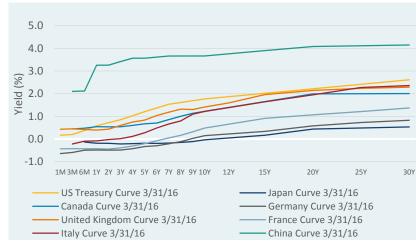


Yield environment

U.S. YIELD CURVE

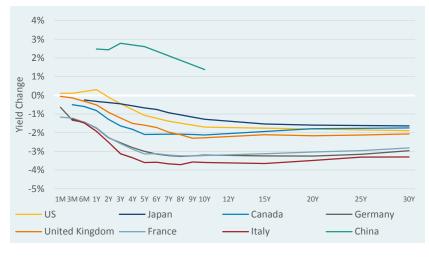


GLOBAL GOVERNMENT YIELD CURVES

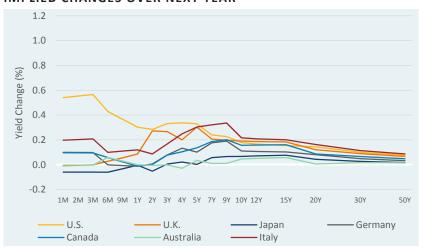


The U.S. yield curve has come down across all major tenors since the end of the fourth quarter

YIELD CURVE CHANGES OVER LAST FIVE YEARS



IMPLIED CHANGES OVER NEXT YEAR



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16



Credit environment

High yield spreads and high yield energy spreads widened to begin the year, in line with a general market wide risk-off move. However, spreads retraced on the back of the oil rebound and market rally.

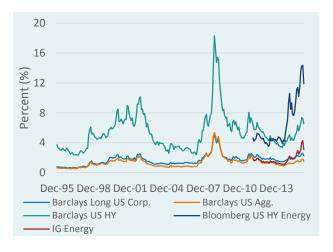
Credit spreads remain above average but in a normal range. A number of sectors, particularly the high yield energy space, are depending on continuing access to the credit markets. Were spreads to stay elevated or move higher, the ongoing viability of these issuance

dependent companies may be increasingly called into question.

The perceived risk of emerging market debt remains high, and country specific. The effect of lower oil prices on commodity exporters is notable, and this has contributed to spreads remaining at higher levels compared to intermediate term history. The recent increase in the oil price has brought spreads closer towards average levels.

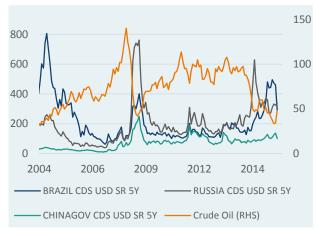
Sensitivity of high yield spreads to oil is much higher in a low oil price environment

CREDIT SPREADS



Source: Barclays Capital Indices, Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

EMERGING MARKET SPREADS



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

SPREADS

Market	Credit Spread (3/31/2016)	Credit Spread (1 Year Ago)
Long US Corporate	2.1%	1.8%
US Aggregate	1.1%	1.0%
US High Yield	7.0%	5.1%
US High Yield Energy	11.9%	9.3%
US Bank Loans	3.9%	3.9%

Source: Barclays, Credit Suisse, Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16



Issuance and default

Issuance has slowed significantly across the higher-risk debt markets. Lending standards are tightening, covenants increasing and high yield defaults are accelerating. These movements suggest that the credit cycle is maturing. We remain cautious regarding overexposure to higher risk credit. We would suggest investors tilt accordingly – bank loans vs. high yield, high grade corporate vs. high yield, and so on.

Defaults are rising in the high yield market, fueled by the energy sector. Hedges put in place by energyrelated companies continue to roll off. There exists a surprising level of funding available through distressed credit funds which may make its way to struggling firms and perhaps prolong the pain and prevent the needed restructuring within the industry.

With continued issues in the credit market, investors should take care to understand and control the degree of credit exposure in portfolios, and where possible tilt gently away from high yield rather than increasing exposures.

Credit cycle appears to be maturing

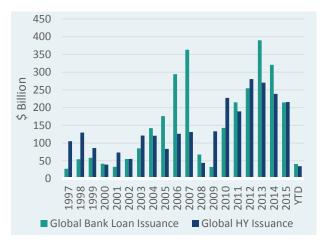
We favor investment grade over higher risk issues

IG & HIGH YIELD ISSUANCE



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

BANK LOAN & GLOBAL HY ISSUANCE



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research, as of 3/31/16

HY DEFAULT TRENDS (ROLLING 1 YEAR)



Source: Credit Suisse, BofA, as of 3/31/15



Equity

Equity environment

- We remain underweight to risk assets. Market risks continue to appear asymmetrical to the downside.
- The first quarter earnings growth estimate for the S&P 500 was 9.1% as of April 8th. If an earnings decline is reported it will mark the first time since the four quarters ending Q3 2009 that the index has experienced four consecutive quarters of earnings contraction (see slide 31 for further coverage of domestic and international earnings trends).
- Telecom and utilities sectors showed strong performance in Q1 at 16.6% and 15.6%, respectively. Financials and health care underperformed at -5.1% and -5.5%.
- Size and value factors have failed

- to produce positive premia over the past 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 years.
- Emerging market equities fell to start the year but have since rallied along with a bounce in commodity prices. Strong appreciation in emerging market currencies have also buoyed returns for U.S. investors in these markets.
- The U.S. dollar fell in Q1, resulting in gains for domestic investors with unhedged international currency exposure.

	QTD Total Return (unhedged)	QTD Total Return (hedged)	YTD Total Return (unhedged)	YTD Total Return (hedged)	1 Year Total Return (unhedged)	1 Year Total Return (hedged)		
US Large Cap (Russell 1000)	1.2	2%	1.2	2%	0.5%			
US Small Cap (Russell 2000)	(1.5	5%)	(1.5	5%)	(9.8%)			
US Large Value (Russell 1000 Value)	1.6	5%	1.6	5%	(1.5%)			
US Large Growth (Russell 1000 Growth)	0.7	7 %	0.7	7%	2.5%			
International Large (MSCI EAFE)	(3.0%)	(6.0%)	(3.0%)	(6.0%)	(8.3%)	(11.2%)		
Eurozone (Euro Stoxx 50)	(3.3%)	(7.5%)	(3.3%)	(7.5%)	(11.6%)			
UK (FTSE 100)	(2.2%)	(2.4%)	(2.2%)	(2.4%)	(7.6%)	(10.2%)		
Japan (NIKKEI 225)	(4.8%)	(12.3%)	(4.8%)	(12.3%)	(5.3%)	(13.4%)		
Emerging Markets (MSCI Emerging Markets)	5.7%	2.5%	5.7%	2.5%	(12.0%)	(9.5%)		

Source: Russell Investments, MSCI, STOXX, FTSE, Nikkei, as of 3/31/16



Domestic equity historical return

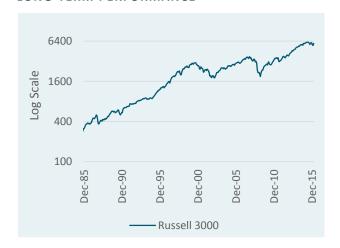
The domestic equity recovery coming out of the financial crisis has been driven fairly equally by strong earnings growth and strong upward movement in valuations. From a fundamental perspective we may need to see an improvement in earnings growth from the current contracting trend in order to realize further equity market upside, barring additional expansion of equity valuations which seems unlikely at current levels.

We remain underweight risk on an intermediate

timeframe. Risks today seem asymmetrical to the downside as corporate earnings turn lower, global growth expectations continue to be revised downward, and credit markets indicate there may be pain ahead.

However, equity exposure remains an integral part of the portfolio and is the primary means for investors to access the long-term productive capacity of the economy. Shorter term disruption notwithstanding, the equity investment experience remains positive over the long term.

LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE



Source: FRED, as of 3/31/16

S&P 500 EPS ESTIMATE & PRICE



Source: Standard & Poor's, as of 3/31/16

DOWNSIDE EVENTS



Source: FRED, as of 3/31/16



Domestic equity recent

The U.S. equity market has effectively been rangebound since late 2014. The market fell sharply to start the year amid risk-off sentiment and global growth concerns, but retraced losses in March.

The return of risk-on sentiment and a dovish Fed helped stabilize equity markets. The timing of rate hikes continues to add uncertainty; however, market expectations of such a rise have been pushed back once again.

Weak corporate earnings may be a headwind for equity markets in the short-term. For Q1, the April 8th estimate of year over year earnings decline was -9.1%. If a decline does occur, it will mark four consecutive quarters of earnings contraction. With the effect of monetary easing diminishing, investors may find it more difficult to overlook another poor earnings season. Investors should remember, however, that low expectations for earnings growth provide the possibility for positive earnings surprise which might have the effect of changing sentiment.

Keep watchful of domestic equities as earnings growth remains negative

SHORT TERM PERFORMANCE (3YR)



Source: Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

SMALL/LARGE & GROWTH/VALUE



Source: Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

FORWARD P/E



Source: Standard & Poor's, Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16



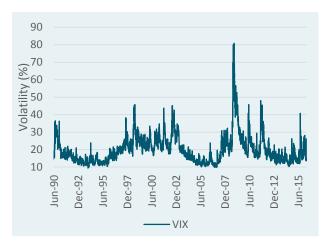
Equity volatility

Despite starting the year with heightened volatility due to a risk-off sentiment, uncertainty in global central bank policy, lowered economic growth expectations, and concerns around financial market stability, equity volatility came down to more normal levels towards the end of the quarter. Most major markets recovered losses from the start of the year and found stable ground as central banks continued a dovish stance, oil found a trading range from upper 30's to lower 40's, and the dollar continued to weaken.

Domestic volatility still remains the lowest compared to other major markets.

International markets are seeing more volatility as the Brexit referendum approaches, as questions continue regarding economic growth, and as geopolitical tensions persist. Emerging market volatility has come down slightly with the stabilization of oil prices.

LONG-TERM VOLATILITY

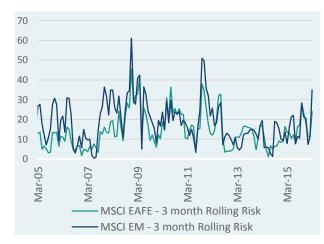


INTERMEDIATE-TERM VOLATILITY



Source: CBOE, as of 3/31/16

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY VOLATILITY



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16



Source: CBOE, as of 3/31/16

Domestic equity size and style

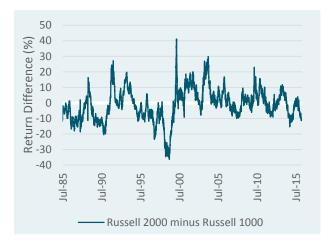
Value stocks outperformed growth stocks during the quarter as the Russell 1000 Value Index and Russell 1000 Growth Index returned 1.6% and 0.7%, respectively. However, the value factor has not provided positive returns to investors over the past 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 years, leading many to question the efficacy of the value premium, or alternatively to suggest that a reversion to a value market is long overdue.

during the quarter. The Russell 1000 Index and Russell 2000 Index returned 1.2% and 1.5%, respectively. The Russell 1000 Index has outperformed the Russell 2000 Index on an absolute and risk-adjusted basis over the past 1, 3, 5, 7, 10, and 20 years.

This lack of performance from both the size premium and the value premium over the past 10-20 years is certainly worth noting. We will be examining these effects more closely during the coming quarters.

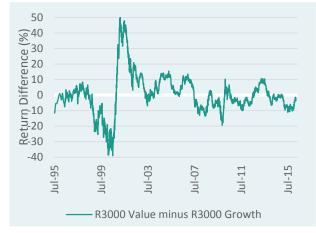
Large cap equities outperformed small cap equities

SMALL CAP VS LARGE CAP (YOY)



Source: Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

VALUE VS GROWTH (YOY)



Source: Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

ROLLING 5 YEAR RETURN



Source: Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16



Domestic equity valuations

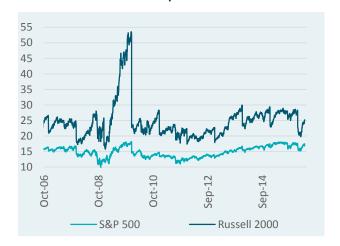
Domestic equity valuations fell to start the year along with the broader equity market decline. Valuations of large cap equities have since returned to prior levels while small cap valuations remain lower.

Attempts to gauge whether equities are over or undervalued on a cross asset class basis is made difficult by the fact that bond yields are extremely low. Investors are willing (or forced) to hold greater allocations to risk assets as most safer assets offer very

low return potential. The natural level of equity valuations could reasonably be expected to be higher in today's environment as investors have fewer alternatives available to meet return targets.

The Shiller P/E ratio remains at a relatively elevated level, although it should be noted that this indicator does not necessarily imply, particularly in the current interest rate environment, that U.S. equities are necessarily due for a significant downturn.

12 MONTH FORWARD P/E



Source: Standard & Poor's, Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

EQUITY YIELD LESS BOND YIELD



Source: Standard & Poor's, Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

SHILLER P/E LONG-TERM



Source: Shiller, as of 3/31/16



International equity historical return

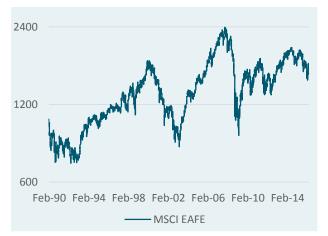
Domestic equities exhibited a significant run over the past 10 years, which led investors with home country bias to outperform. However, international and domestic markets tend to move in cycles. Domestic equities underperformed international equities materially during the early 2000's.

Emerging market equities showed a strong rebound in Q1. Countries have seen deeply depressed valuations following the downturn of the commodity super cycle and weakened currencies. Severe pessimism

surrounding these markets has allowed for potential upside movement if/when expectations are adjusted.

Equities can be thought of in terms of the entire opportunity set – the global equity market. Through gaining exposure to the whole opportunity set, investors should expect to realize greater risk-adjusted returns due to less than perfect correlation across equity markets.

EAFE LONG TERM (USD)



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16

EMERGING MARKETS LONG TERM (USD)



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16

EM EFFECT ON GLOBAL EQUITY PORTFOLIO





International equity recent

The euro and yen strengthened despite relatively looser monetary policy, contributing to underperformance of developed international markets. Local currency appreciation has the dual effect of hurting the competitiveness of export prices, a negative for the equity markets, while helping returns of foreign investors who hold local equities on an unhedged basis. The net benefit/loss is determined by the nature of trade within each economy and the reaction of equity investors to the currency move.

In Europe, negative interest rates continue to put banks under pressure and financials were one of the worst performing sectors in Q1. Banks compose 14% of the index. Japan equity valuations continued lower after the sell-off, moving from a trailing P/E of 21 at the start of the year to 18.8 at quarter-end.

A weaker U.S. dollar and stronger commodity prices fueled a rally in emerging market equities in Q1.

SHORT-TERM PERFORMANCE



CUMULATIVE RETURN



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16

USD/EUR, USD/YEN



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16



International equity valuations

International valuations remain relatively cheap on a traditional P/E basis. However, P/E ratios can be deceiving due to their *point-in-time* nature (price of equities at a certain time divided by equities earnings at a certain time). As the value of equities are determined by the present value of future earnings it is worth noting the directional trend of earnings across each equity marketplace. Trend may add color to current valuation levels.

MSCI EM and MSCI EAFE valuations remain cheaper relative to the U.S. markets, though these indices have exhibited downward trends in earnings-per-share (EPS) estimates. MSCI EAFE has seen a gradual deterioration in earnings estimates while EM has seen a sharp falloff following the downward movement in commodity prices and recession in many countries. The U.S. has exhibited a steady upward trend in earnings until the recent turnover.

MSCI EM EPS ESTIMATE & PRICE



MSCI EAFE EPS ESTIMATE & PRICE



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16

S&P 500 EPS ESTIMATE & PRICE



Source: Standard & Poor's, as of 3/31/16



Emerging market equity

Emerging markets sold off at the start of the year along with broader equity markets, but experienced a full recovery bringing returns positive year-to-date. The rally in the oil market was mirrored by many oil producing emerging market currencies, providing a boost for unhedged U.S. based investors. Brazil was one of the best performing equity markets, supported by further speculation that top government leadership might be replaced.

Equities in this space have faced significant headwinds.

Despite sharp drawdowns in recent years, emerging markets have delivered returns since December 2000 that outpaced international developed by a very large margin.

Further accommodative central bank policies and continued low yields in developed markets should help emerging market fund flows as higher yielding investment options remain limited. Furthermore, as borrowing rates tend to follow those of the developed market, an accommodative Fed provides a flow-through stimulus effect to these economies.

LONG TERM PERFORMANCE



ROLLING 3 YEAR RETURN



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16

FORWARD P/E



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16



Other assets

Other asset volatility

With the first Fed rate hike completed, weak commodity prices, and fear of a continued strength in the U.S. dollar versus other major currencies, the start of the first quarter saw increased financial volatility across major asset classes. Since the start of the year, global financial stress has calmed down and foreign exchange volatility has reverted. With dovish comments from the Fed and increased easing from the ECB, BOJ, and PBOC, most financial assets seem to be priced for a stable market environment going forward.

Oil volatility has retreated sharply since the start of the year as talks of potential production output remain a possibility in OPEC countries. Additionally, rig counts in the U.S. dropped, indicating there may be a slight reprieve of supply in the near term.

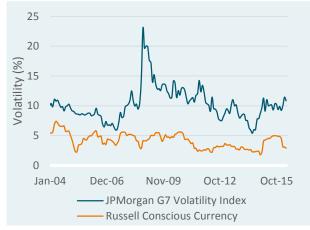
Fixed income implied volatility remains below average despite the anticipation of rate hikes and extended durations in a low yield environment. Even with market attention focused on rate movement, the expected short term risk of fixed income continues to be low.

FIXED INCOME VOLATILITY



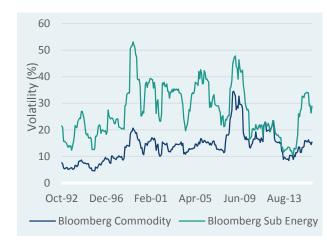
Source: Merrill Lynch, as of 3/31/16 (see Appendix)

FX VOLATILITY



Source: JP Morgan, Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

COMMODITY VOLATILITY



Source: Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16



Real estate & REITs

Core real estate has now provided six consecutive years of steady returns between 10-14%. Correlations between GDP growth and real estate have historically been very high. A slow, but steady recovery in the job market, combined with low interest rates has created an environment conducive to positive results in the asset class. Lending standards have remained tighter than previous cycles keeping new supply from overheating the market.

Fundamentals remain strong as vacancy rates continue to decline overall. Industrial property vacancy rates have

shown the steepest declines as e-commerce has increased demand for infill warehouse space. Apartment vacancies ticked up slightly at the end of 2015 as new supply has been heavier in this sector. Net operating income growth remains positive overall, but has slowed in recent quarters with the exception of apartments, which continue to grow over 10%.

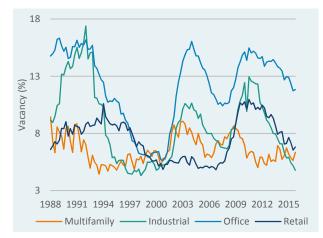
Cap rates have continued to steadily decline along with interest rates, although the spreads to U.S. Treasuries remain attractive.

REAL ESTATE & THE BUSINESS CYCLE



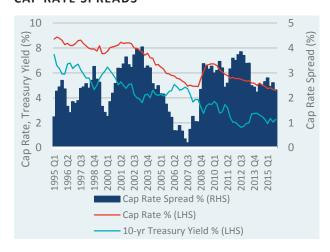
Source: NCREIF, as of 12/31/15

REAL ESTATE VACANCY BY TYPE



Source: NCREIF, as of 12/1/15

CAP RATE SPREADS



Source: NCREIF, as of 12/1/15



Commodities

After months of prolonged negative performance for commodities, Q1 provided a positive reprieve. Along with other risky assets, crude oil saw a rough start to the year, falling below \$30 in February. With stronger market sentiment and indications of production ceilings from major oil producers, the price has recovered to the low \$40's. The WTI forward curve has begun to flatten which could be positive for long investors seeking to reduce their losses on the roll yield.

U.S. oil and gas rig counts dropped to the lowest level on record back to 1949, reflecting the dramatic downturn in

activity from the U.S. energy sector. This reduction in supply was a tailwind for crude oil prices.

While oil continues to hover around all time low prices, Americans are approaching peak driving season and could bolster upward price movement.

Gold started 2016 just above \$1100 and has since rallied past \$1250. While the initial rally seemed to have been supported by uncertainty around Fed policy and instability across global financial markets, gold has remained range bound over the last month.

3 YR ROLLING RETURNS



Source: Standard & Poor's, Bloomberg, as of 3/31/16

COMMODITY CORRELATION (3YR ROLLING)



Source: MPI, as of 3/31/16 - correlation to Bloomberg Commodity

COMMODITY CUMULATIVE RETURNS



Source: S&P Dow Jones, as of 3/31/16



Private equity buyouts

With pricing rich in the buyouts space, harvesting volume is outpacing new capital deployment. This bodes well for LPs given higher levels of distributions than capital calls in a frothy investment environment. While exhibiting a continued downward trend in the number of exits, the aggregate value of Buyout exits continued to outpace new investments.

The first quarter of 2016 saw 874 private equity-backed buyout deals globally, worth a combined \$44 Billion. This represents a sharp decrease from the 962 deals in the

previous quarter, and is 57% lower than the \$101 Billion recorded across 904 deals in Q1 2015.

Private equity buyout-backed exits also contracted in Q1 2016, as 343 exits with a total value of \$62 Billion were announced. The number of exits is 19% lower than the 421 exits seen in Q4 2015, and 15% lower than the 402 exits in Q1 2015.

GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-BACKED BUYOUT DEALS



GLOBAL PRIVATE EQUITY-BACKED BUYOUT EXITS



Source: Pregin, as of 3/31/16

Source: Pregin, as of 3/31/16



Venture capital

Venture Capital fund managers are not finding exit markets as receptive and have adjusted capital deployment to somewhat lower levels, with a focus on existing portfolio companies. With the funding environment generally more stringent for new startups and later stage companies that have yet to gain traction, we see signs that the venture space is going through a modest correction.

With aggregate exit values generally lagging in 2015, VC investment activity has turned more cautious, with a

focus on selectively funding existing portfolio companies.

Globally the first quarter saw 2,403 deals, worth a combined \$34 Billion. Both the quantity and value of new deals have fallen over the last two quarters.

The venture-backed exit market contracted in Q1, as 265 exits were announced globally worth a total of \$17 Billion. The number of exits was 15% lower than the 304 exits seen in Q4 2015, and 6% lower than the 282 exits in Q1 2015.

GLOBAL VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS*



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GLOBAL VENTURE CAPITAL EXITS



Source: Pregin, as of 3/31/16



^{*} Figures exclude add-ons, mergers, grants, venture debt & secondary stock purchases.

Currency

The U.S. dollar depreciated against a broad basket of currencies in Q1, resulting in moderate to significant gains for investors with unhedged international equity exposure. Emerging market currencies rallied particularly hard in March as the U.S. dollar fell following a more accommodative sounding Fed and market risk-on sentiment.

The currency headwind faced by unhedged U.S. investors has reversed, bringing the effects of currency

back to neutral on a 1-year rolling basis.

Forecasting the future path of the U.S. dollar is an extremely difficult task. The dollar has appreciated greatly over the last few years, although this quarter some of that progression had been given back. The dollar is influenced by relative interest rates and is therefore influenced by central bank actions. Furthermore, trade and inflows/outflows of U.S. dollars around the globe has great impact on valuations.

LONG-TERM TRADE WEIGHTED USD



Source: FRED, as of 3/31/16

EFFECT OF CURRENCY (1YR ROLLING)



Source: MSCI, as of 3/31/16

CURRENCY MARKET BEHAVIOR

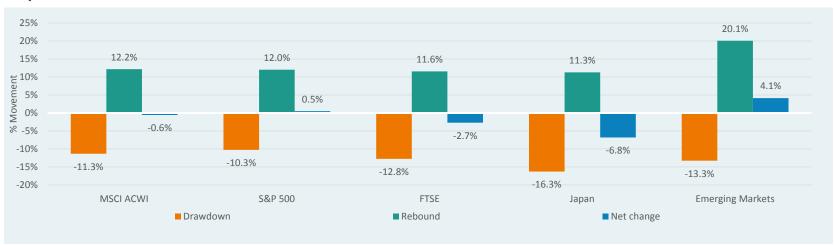


Source: Russell Investments, as of 3/31/16

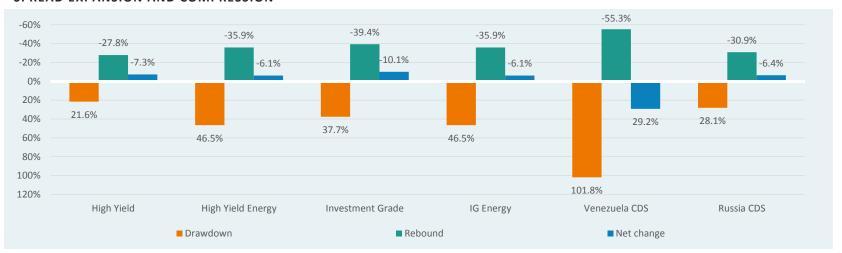


Peak to trough

EQUITY DRAWDOWN AND RECOVERY



SPREAD EXPANSION AND COMPRESSION



Source: Bloomberg, as of 4/11/2016 Returns are for the period observed during from 1/1/2016 to 4/11/2016. Indices are stated in USD and returns are gross.



Appendix

Periodic table of returns – March 2016

BEST																											
<u> </u>		1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	YTD	5-Year	10-Year
1	Emerging Markets Equity	74.8	16.6	38.4	23.2	35.2	38.7	66.4	31.8	14.0	25.9	56.3	26.0	34.5	32.6	39.8	5.2	79.0	29.1	14.3	18.6	43.3	13.5	10.1	5.7	12.4	8.3
	US Bonds	32.9	8.1	37.8	23.1	32.9	27.0	43.1	22.8	8.4	10.3	48.5	22.2	21.4	26.9	16.2	1.4	37.2	26.9	7.8	18.1	38.8	13.2	5.7	3.0	12.2	7.8
	60/40 Global Portfolio	26.3	6.4	37.2	22.4	31.8	20.3	33.2	12.2	7.3	6.7	47.3	20.7	20.1	23.5	15.8	-6.5	34.5	24.5	2.6	17.9	34.5	13.0	0.9	2.6	11.4	7.1
	Small Cap Value	23.8	4.4	31.0	21.6	30.5	19.3	27.3	11.6	3.3	1.6	46.0	18.3	14.0	22.2	11.8	-21.4	32.5	19.2	1.5	17.5	33.5	11.8	0.6	1.7	10.2	6.0
	Large Cap Value	19.3	3.2	28.5	21.4	22.4	16.2	26.5	7.0	2.8	1.0	39.2	16.5	7.5	18.4	11.6	-25.9	28.4	16.8	0.4	16.4	33.1	6.0	0.0	1.6	7.7	5.7
	Large Cap Equity	18.9	2.6	25.7	16.5	16.2	15.6	24.3	6.0	2.5	-5.9	30.0	14.5	7.1	16.6	10.9	-28.9	27.2	16.7	0.1	16.3	32.5	5.6	-0.4	1.2	7.2	5.3
	Large Cap Growth	18.1	0.4	19.6	14.4	13.9	8.7	21.3	4.1	-2.4	-6.0	29.9	14.3	6.3	15.5	10.3	-33.8	23.3	16.1	-2.1	15.3	23.3	4.9	-0.8	0.7	6.7	4.9
	Commodities	13.4	-1.5	18.5	11.3	12.9	4.9	20.9	-3.0	-5.6	-11.4	29.7	12.9	5.3	15.1	7.0	-35.6	20.6	15.5	-2.9	14.6	12.1	4.2	-1.4	0.4	4.0	4.5
	Cash	10.2	-1.8	15.2	10.3	10.6	1.2	13.2	-7.3	-9.1	-15.5	25.2	11.4	4.7	13.3	7.0	-36.8	19.7	13.1	-4.2	11.5	11.0	3.4	-2.5	0.1	3.8	4.4
	Small Cap Equity	9.7	-2.0	11.6	9.9	9.7	-2.5	11.4	-7.8	-9.2	-15.7	23.9	9.1	4.6	10.4	5.8	-37.6	18.9	10.2	-5.5	10.5	9.0	2.8	-3.8	-1.5	2.3	3.0
	Hedge Funds of Funds	3.1	-2.4	11.1	6.4	5.2	-5.1	7.3	-14.0	-12.4	-20.5	11.6	6.9	4.6	9.1	4.4	-38.4	11.5	8.2	-5.7	4.8	0.1	0.0	-4.4	-2.5	1.4	1.8
	International Equity	2.9	-2.9	7.5	6.0	2.1	-6.5	4.8	-22.4	-19.5	-21.7	9.0	6.3	4.2	4.8	-0.2	-38.5	5.9	6.5	-11.7	4.2	-2.0	-1.8	-7.5	-3.0	0.1	1.5
	Small Cap Growth	1.4	-3.5	5.7	5.1	-3.4	-25.3	-0.8	-22.4	-20.4	-27.9	4.1	4.3	3.2	4.3	-1.6	-43.1	0.2	5.7	-13.3	0.1	-2.3	-4.5	-14.9	-4.7	-4.1	1.0
\downarrow	Real Estate	-1.1	-7.3	-5.2	3.6	-11.6	-27.0	-1.5	-30.6	-21.2	-30.3	1.0	1.4	2.4	2.1	-9.8	-53.2	-16.9	0.1	-18.2	-1.1	-9.5	-17.0	-24.7	N/A	-14.1	-6.2
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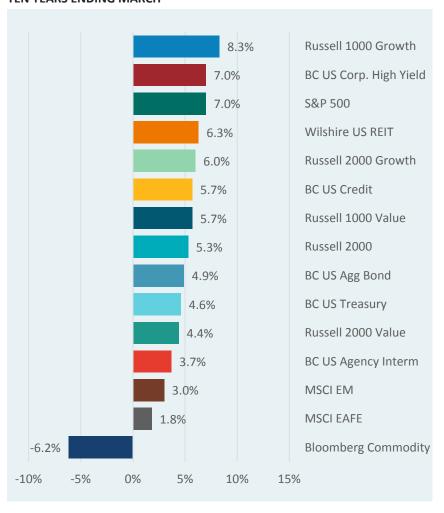
Major asset class returns

ONE YEAR ENDING MARCH



Source: Morningstar, as of 3/31/16

TEN YEARS ENDING MARCH



Source: Morningstar, as of 3/31/16



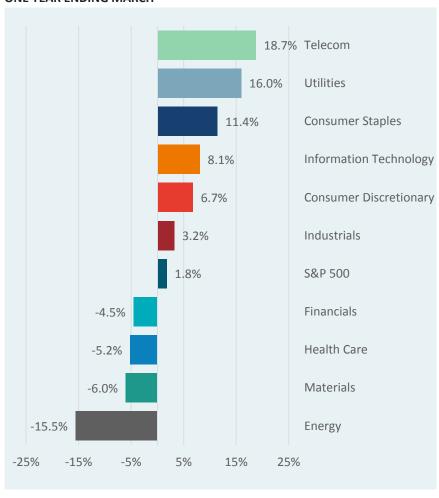
S&P 500 and S&P 500 sector returns

QTD 16.6% Telecom 15.6% Utilities 5.6% **Consumer Staples** 5.0% Industrials 4.0% Energy Materials 3.6% Information Technology 2.6% 1.6% **Consumer Discretionary** 1.3% S&P 500

Financials

Health Care

ONE YEAR ENDING MARCH



Source: Morningstar, as of 3/31/16

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-5%

Source: Morningstar, as of 3/31/16



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-5.5%

-10%

Detailed index returns

DOMESTIC EQUITY

	Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Core Index							
S&P 500	6.8	1.3	1.3	1.8	11.8	11.6	7.0
S&P 500 Equal Weighted	7.9	3.0	3.0	(1.0)	11.8	11.5	8.2
DJ Industrial Average	7.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	9.3	10.3	7.5
Russell Top 200	6.5	0.7	0.7	2.6	12.0	11.8	6.9
Russell 1000	7.0	1.2	1.2	0.5	11.5	11.4	7.1
Russell 2000	8.0	(1.5)	(1.5)	(9.8)	6.8	7.2	5.3
Russell 3000	7.0	1.0	1.0	(0.3)	11.1	11.0	6.9
Russell Mid Cap	8.2	2.2	2.2	(4.0)	10.4	10.3	7.4
Style Index							
Russell 1000 Growth	6.7	0.7	0.7	2.5	13.6	12.4	8.3
Russell 1000 Value	7.2	1.6	1.6	(1.5)	9.4	10.2	5.7
Russell 2000 Growth	7.7	(4.7)	(4.7)	(11.8)	7.9	7.7	6.0
Russell 2000 Value	8.3	1.7	1.7	(7.7)	5.7	6.7	4.4

FIXED INCOME

	Month	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Broad Index							
BC US Treasury US TIPS	1.8	4.5	4.5	1.5	(0.7)	3.0	4.6
BC US Treasury Bills	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.2
BC US Agg Bond	0.9	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	3.8	4.9
Duration							
BC US Treasury 1-3 Yr	0.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	2.5
BC US Treasury Long	(0.0)	8.2	8.2	2.8	6.1	9.7	8.0
BC US Treasury	0.2	3.2	3.2	2.4	2.1	3.6	4.6
Issuer							
BC US MBS	0.3	2.0	2.0	2.4	2.7	3.2	4.8
BC US Corp. High Yield	4.4	3.4	3.4	(3.7)	1.8	4.9	7.0
BC US Agency Interm	0.2	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.9	3.7
BC US Credit	2.5	3.9	3.9	0.9	2.9	5.0	5.7

INTERNATIONAL EQUITY

Broad Index							
MSCI EAFE	6.5	(3.0)	(3.0)	(8.3)	2.2	2.3	1.8
MSCI AC World ex US	8.1	(0.4)	(0.4)	(9.2)	0.3	0.3	1.9
MSCI EM	13.2	5.7	5.7	(12.0)	(4.5)	(4.1)	3.0
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	8.0	(0.6)	(0.6)	3.2	7.3	5.6	3.4
Style Index							
MSCI EAFE Growth	6.4	(2.1)	(2.1)	(3.7)	3.8	3.7	2.9
MSCI EAFE Value	6.6	(4.0)	(4.0)	(12.8)	0.6	0.8	0.6
Regional Index							
MSCI UK	4.8	(2.3)	(2.3)	(8.8)	0.2	2.2	2.0
MSCI Japan	4.7	(6.5)	(6.5)	(7.1)	3.8	4.0	(0.4)
MSCI Euro	7.4	(2.5)	(2.5)	(9.9)	4.0	0.6	0.8
MSCI EM Asia	11.4	1.9	1.9	(12.6)	(0.1)	(0.7)	5.0
MSCI EM Latin American	20.4	19.1	19.1	(9.2)	(14.8)	(11.5)	1.5

OTHER

Index							
Bloomberg Commodity	3.8	0.4	0.4	(19.6)	(16.9)	(14.1)	(6.2)
Wilshire US REIT	10.4	5.2	5.2	4.8	11.1	12.1	6.3
Regional Index							
JPM EMBI Global Div	3.3	5.0	5.0	4.2	3.4	6.2	7.2
JPM GBI-EM Global Div	9.1	11.0	11.0	(1.6)	(6.7)	(2.0)	5.0

Source: Morningstar, as of 3/31/16



Definitions

Bloomberg US Weekly Consumer Comfort Index - tracks the public's economic attitudes each week, providing a high-frequency read on consumer sentiment. The index, based on cell and landline telephone interviews with a random, representative national sample of U.S. adults, tracks Americans' ratings of the national economy, their personal finances and the buying climate on a weekly basis, with views of the economy's direction measured separately each month. (www.langerresearch.com)

University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index - A survey of consumer attitudes concerning both the present situation as well as expectations regarding economic conditions conducted by the University of Michigan. For the preliminary release approximately three hundred consumers are surveyed while five hundred are interviewed for the final figure. The level of consumer sentiment is related to the strength of consumer spending. (www.Bloomberg.com)

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