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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the performance of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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# GDP Growth and Equity Returns

[ Many investors look to gross domestic product (GDP) as an indicator of future equity returns ]

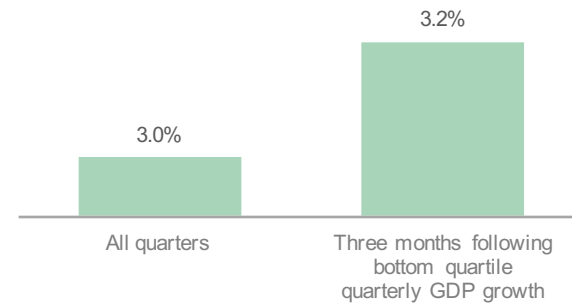
According to the advance GDP estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) on April 28, annualized real US GDP growth was 0.5% in the first quarter of 2016—below the historical average of 3.2%.<sup>1</sup> This might prompt some investors to ask whether below-average quarterly GDP growth has implications for their portfolios.

Market participants continually update their expectations about the future, including expectations about the future state of the economy. The current prices of the stocks and bonds held by investors therefore contain up-to-date information about expected GDP growth and a multitude of other considerations that inform aggregate market expectations. Accordingly, only new information that is not already incorporated in market prices should impact stock and bond returns.

Quarterly GDP estimates are released with a one-month lag and are frequently revised at a later point in time. Initial quarterly GDP estimates were revised for 54 of the 56 quarters from 2002 to 2015.<sup>2</sup> Thus, the final estimate for last quarter may end up being higher or lower than 0.5%.

Prices already reflect expected GDP growth prior to the official release of quarterly GDP estimates. The unexpected component (positive or negative) of a GDP growth estimate is quickly incorporated into prices when a new estimate is released. A relevant question for investors is whether a period of low quarterly GDP growth has information about short-term stock returns going forward.

## Quarterly S&P 500 Index Returns, 1948–2016



From 1948 to 2016, the average quarterly return for the S&P 500 Index was 3%. When quarterly GDP growth was in the lowest quartile of historical observations, the average S&P 500 return in the subsequent quarter was 3.2%, which is similar to the historical average for all quarters. This data suggests there is little evidence that low quarterly GDP growth is associated with short-term stock returns above or below returns in other periods.

Sources: S&P Dow Jones Indices, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment; therefore, their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio.







1. Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis.

2. 2002 to 2015 is the longest time period for which BEA provides data comparing initial to final estimates. The average difference between an initial and final estimate was 1% in absolute magnitude over this time period. Adapted from "GDP Growth and Equity Returns," Issue Brief, May 2016. Dimensional Fund Advisors LP is an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# Market Summary

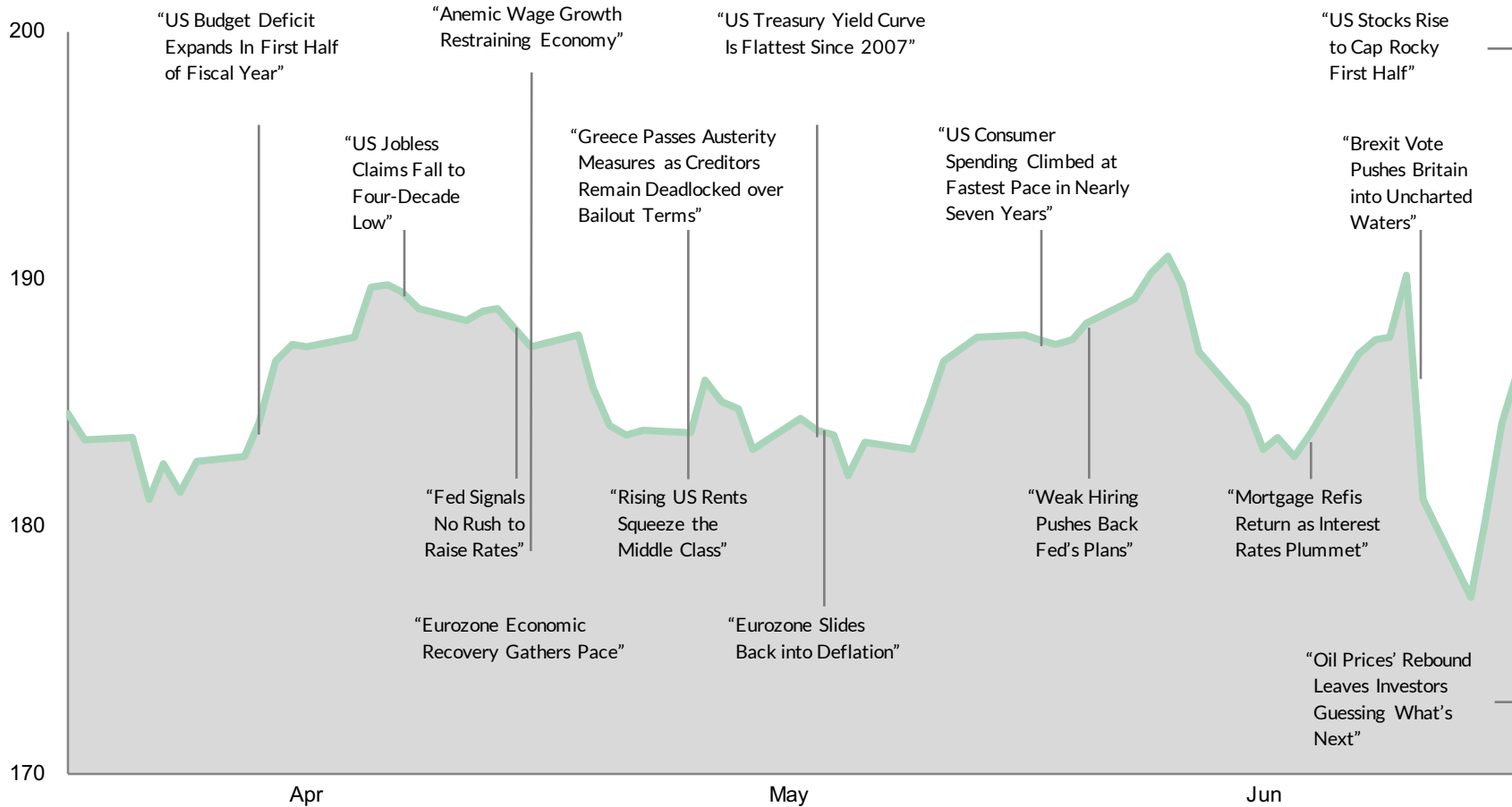
## [ Index Returns ]

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
<b>2Q 2016</b>	<b>STOCKS</b>				<b>BONDS</b>	
	<b>2.63%</b>	<b>-1.05%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>	<b>4.48%</b>	<b>2.21%</b>	<b>3.11%</b>
						
<b>Since Jan. 2001</b>						
Avg. Quarterly Return	1.7%	1.3%	2.9%	2.9%	1.3%	1.2%
Best Quarter	16.8% Q2 2009	25.9% Q2 2009	34.7% Q2 2009	32.3% Q3 2009	4.6% Q3 2001	5.5% Q4 2008
Worst Quarter	-22.8% Q4 2008	-21.2% Q4 2008	-27.6% Q4 2008	-36.1% Q4 2008	-2.4% Q2 2004	-3.2% Q2 2015

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# World Stock Market Performance

[ MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q2 2016 ]



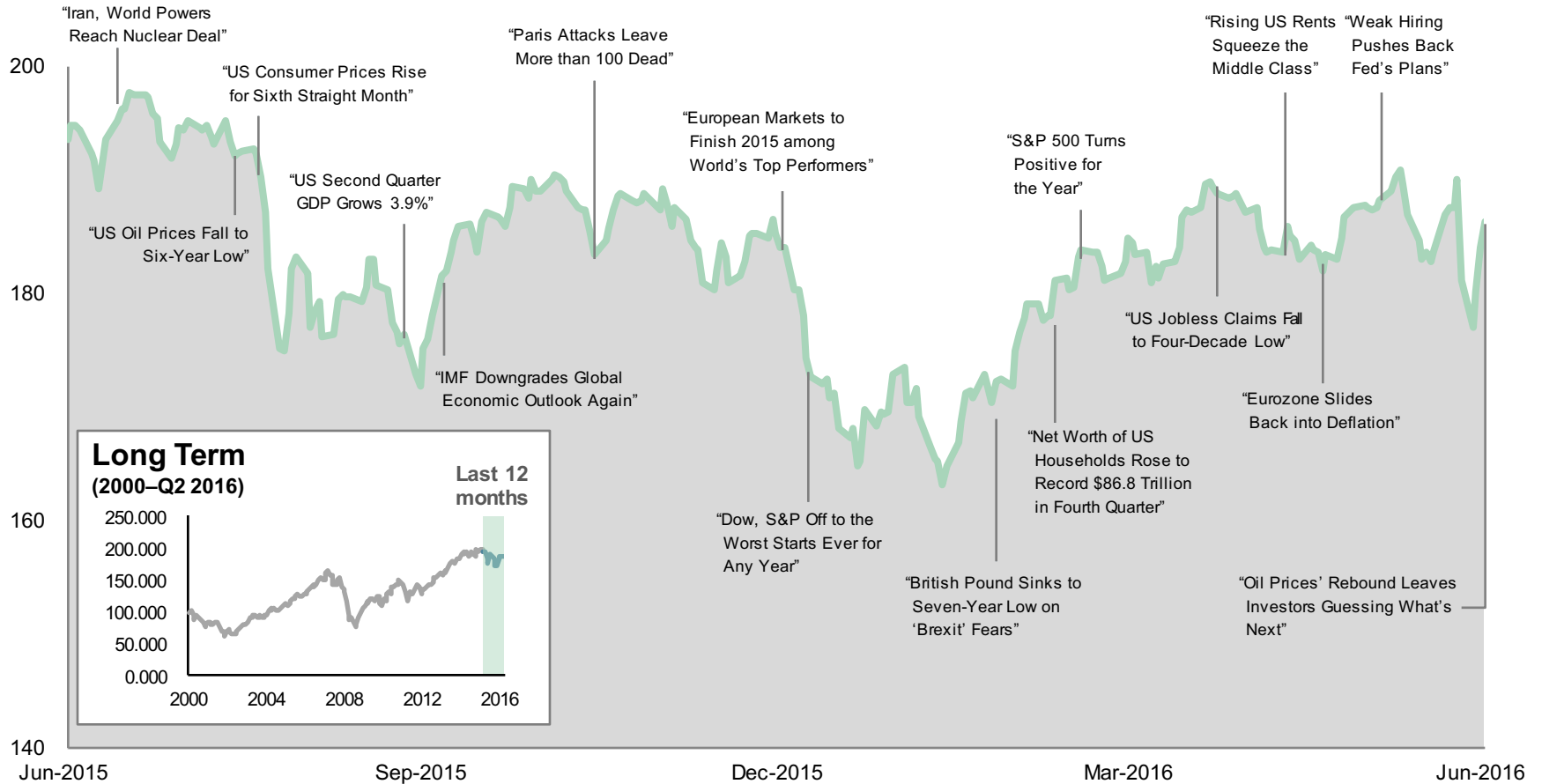
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# World Stock Market Performance

[ MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines past 12 months ]

## Short Term (Q3 2015–Q2 2016)



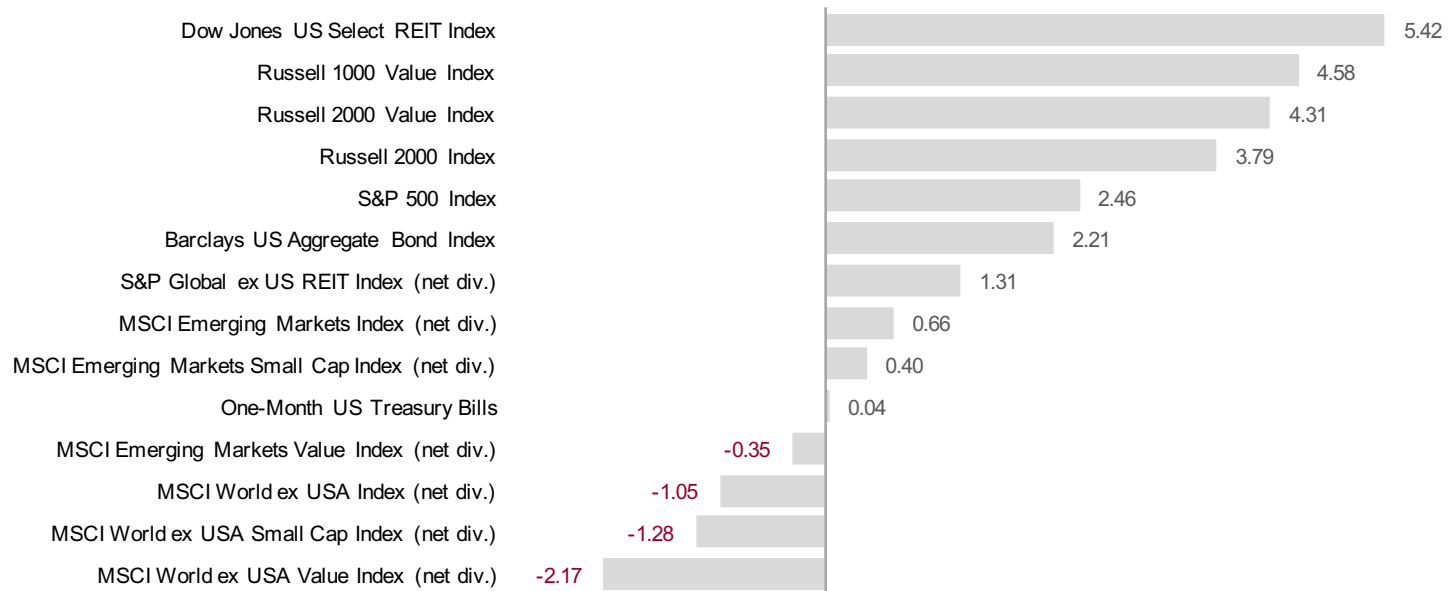
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# World Asset Classes

[ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns (%) ]

Looking at broad market indices, the US outperformed developed markets outside the US and emerging markets. US REITs recorded the highest returns, outperforming the broad equity market.

The value effect was positive in the US but negative in developed and emerging markets. Small caps outperformed large caps in the US but slightly underperformed in the developed and emerging markets.



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# US Stocks

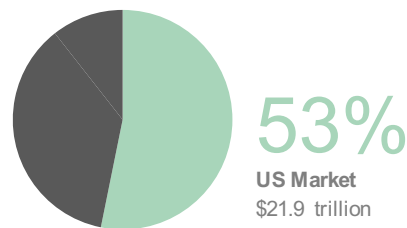
## [ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

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

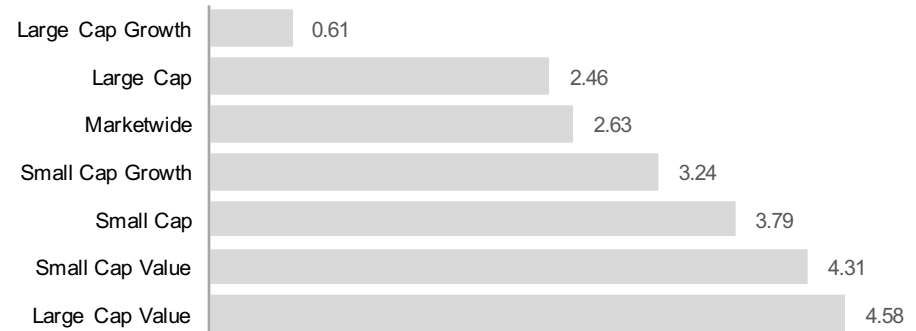
Value indices outperformed growth indices across all size ranges.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

### World Market Capitalization—US



### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			Years*	Years*	0 Years*
Marketwide	3.62	2.14	11.13	11.60	7.40
Large Cap	3.84	3.99	11.66	12.10	7.42
Large Cap Value	6.30	2.86	9.87	11.35	6.13
Large Cap Growth	1.36	3.02	13.07	12.35	8.78
Small Cap	2.22	-6.73	7.09	8.35	6.20
Small Cap Value	6.08	-2.58	6.36	8.15	5.15
Small Cap Growth	-1.59	-10.75	7.74	8.51	7.15

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# International Developed Stocks

## [ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

In US dollar terms, developed markets outside the US lagged both the US equity market and emerging markets indices during the quarter.

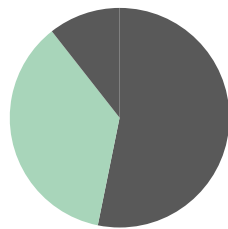
Small caps slightly underperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

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

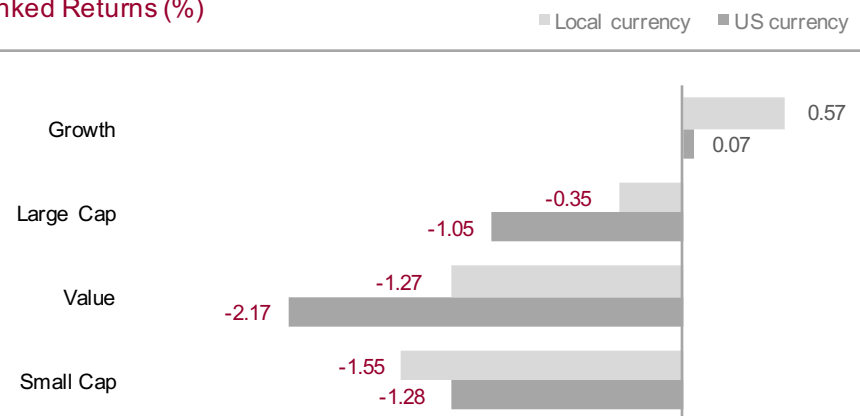
### World Market Capitalization—International Developed

36%

International  
Developed  
Market  
\$14.9 trillion



### Ranked Returns (%)



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	Years*
Large Cap	-2.98	-9.84	1.88	1.23	1.63
Small Cap	-0.69	-3.35	6.34	3.61	3.33
Value	-4.68	-14.35	-0.24	-0.17	0.43
Growth	-1.29	-5.25	3.94	2.58	2.75

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# Emerging Markets Stocks

## [ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

In US dollar terms, emerging markets indices underperformed the US but outperformed developed markets outside the US.

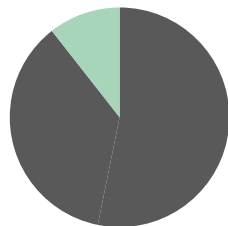
The value effect was negative in emerging markets using broad market indices. Large cap value indices underperformed large cap growth indices. The opposite was true among small caps: Small cap value indices outperformed small cap growth indices.

Small cap indices slightly underperformed large cap indices in emerging markets.

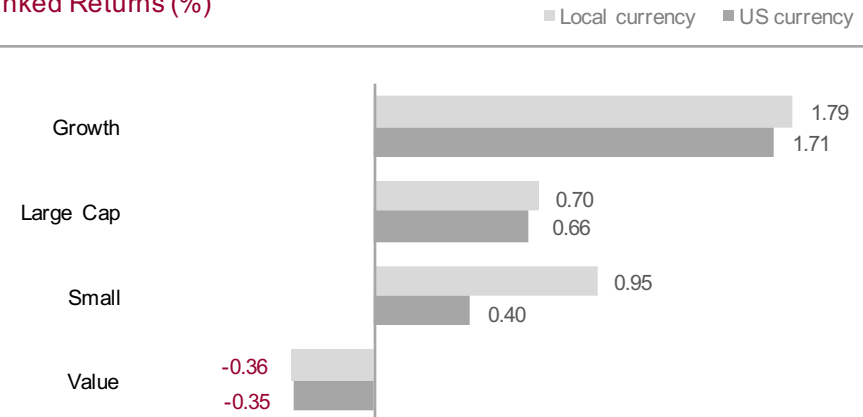
### World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging Markets  
\$4.4 trillion



### Ranked Returns (%)



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			Years*	Years*	Years*
Large Cap	6.41	-12.05	-1.56	-3.78	3.54
Small Cap	1.38	-12.76	-0.01	-2.29	5.98
Value	7.41	-14.41	-3.30	-5.53	3.29
Growth	5.43	-9.83	0.08	-2.11	3.71

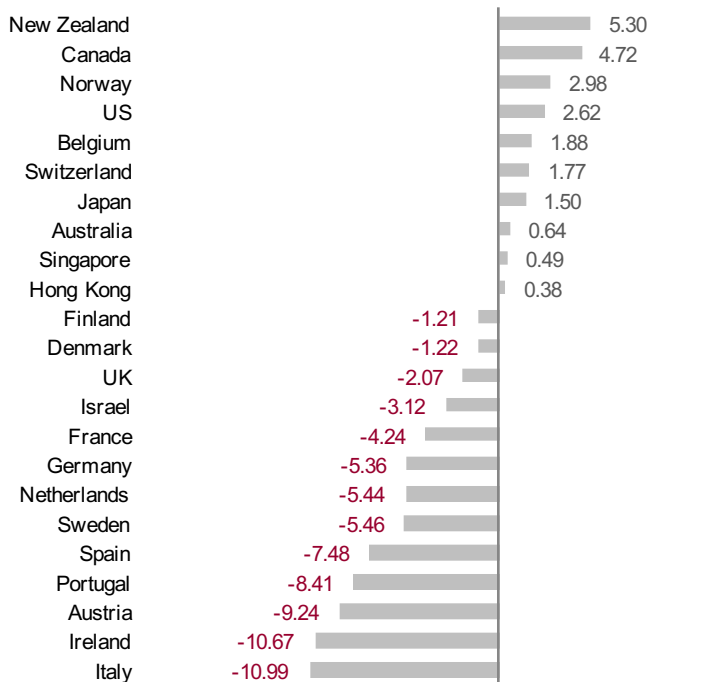
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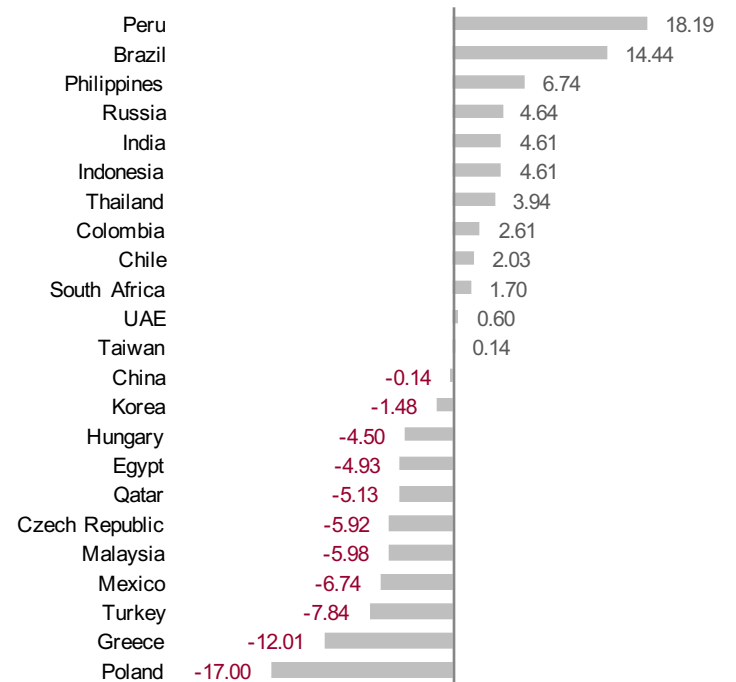
[ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

New Zealand recorded the highest country performance in developed markets, while Italy and Ireland posted the lowest performance for the quarter. In emerging markets, Peru and Brazil again posted the highest country returns, while Poland and Greece recorded the lowest performance.

## Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%)



## Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



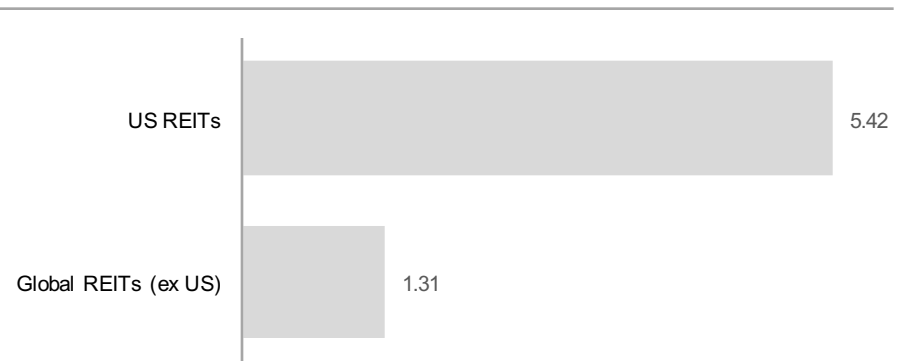
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# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

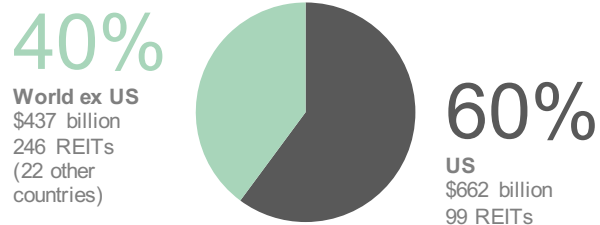
## [ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

US REITs had very strong positive returns for the quarter, outperforming the broad equity market. REITs in developed markets recorded positive returns, also outperforming broad developed equity markets indices.

### Ranked Returns (%)



### Total Value of REIT Stocks



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	10.82	22.85	13.55	12.30	6.86
Global REITs (ex US)	10.02	7.25	6.96	5.91	3.31

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# Commodities

## [ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

Commodities were broadly positive during the quarter. The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return gained 12.78%. Energy turned positive with natural gas gaining 30.88%, Brent crude oil 19.51%, and WTI crude oil 18.64%.

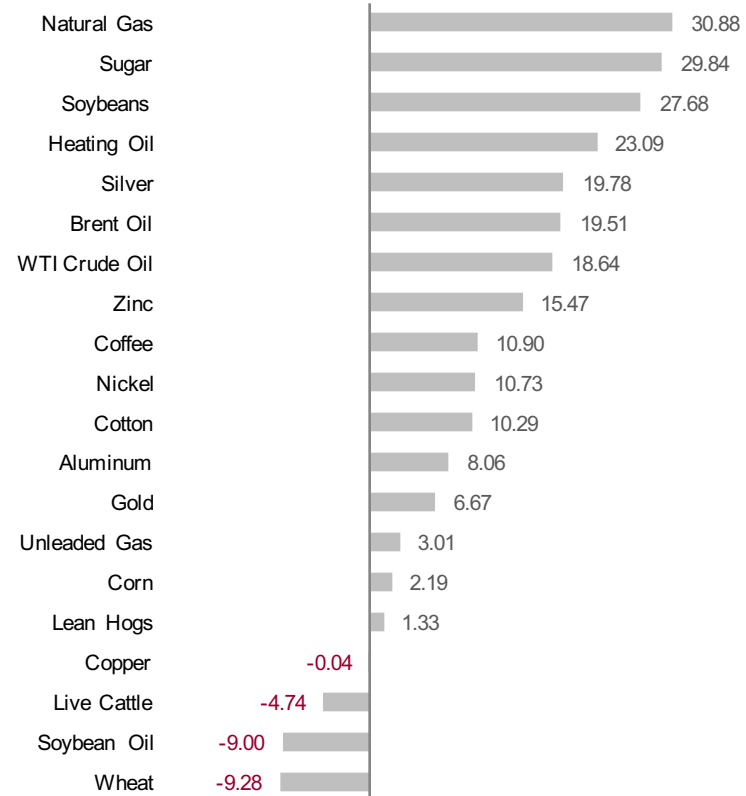
The Softs complex was also positive with sugar gaining 29.84%, coffee 10.90%, and cotton 10.29%.

Grains were mixed: Soybeans returned 27.68%, yet Kansas wheat and Chicago wheat declined 16.26% and 9.28%, respectively.

### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	* Annualized			
		1 Year	Years*	Years*	Years*
Commodities	13.25	-13.32	-10.55	-10.82	-5.59

### Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



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# Fixed Income

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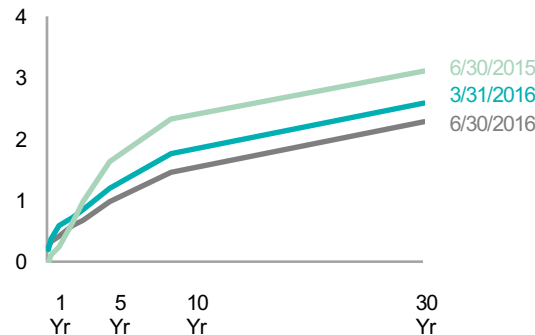
Interest rates across the US markets generally decreased during the quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note fell 20 basis points (bps) to end at 1.01%. The yield on the 10-year T-note decreased 29 bps to 1.49%. The 30-year Treasury bond declined 31 bps to finish with a yield of 2.30%.

The 1-year T-bill ended the quarter yielding 0.45% and the 2-year T-note finished at 0.58%, for declines of 14 and 15 bps, respectively. The 3-month T-bill increased 5 bps to yield 0.26%, while the 6-month T-bill dipped 3 bps to 0.36%.

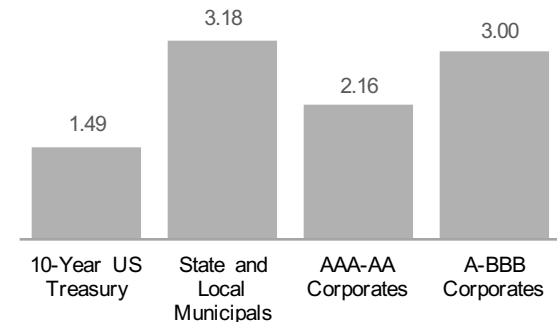
Short-term corporate bonds gained 1.05%. Intermediate-term corporates returned 2.24%, while long-term corporate bonds returned 6.64%.<sup>1</sup>

Short-term municipal bonds returned 0.66%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds gained 1.84%. Revenue bonds slightly outperformed general obligation bonds.<sup>2</sup>

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.15	0.19	0.09	0.09	1.04
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.65	0.59	0.38	0.34	1.69
Citigroup WGBI 1 – 5 Years (hedged to USD)	1.86	2.36	1.82	1.84	2.98
Barclays Long US Government Bond Index	14.94	18.98	10.38	10.17	8.69
Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	5.31	6.00	4.06	3.76	5.13
Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	9.06	1.62	4.18	5.84	7.56
Barclays Municipal Bond Index	4.33	7.65	5.58	5.33	5.13
Barclays US TIPS Index	6.24	4.35	2.31	2.63	4.76

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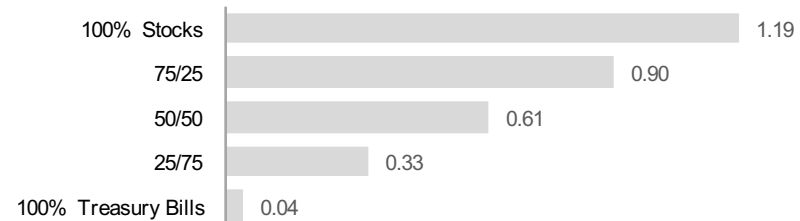
## [ Second Quarter 2016 Index Returns ]

These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

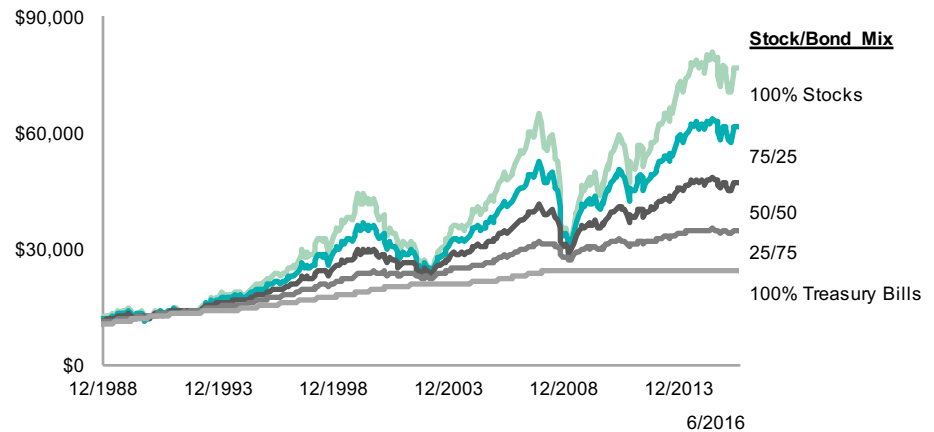
### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			ears*	ears*	Years*
100% Stocks	1.58	-3.17	6.60	5.95	4.82
75/25	1.29	-2.16	5.06	4.62	4.12
50/50	0.95	-1.28	3.45	3.19	3.23
25/75	0.54	-0.52	1.78	1.66	2.16
100% Treasury Bills	0.09	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.91

### Ranked Returns (%)



### Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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