

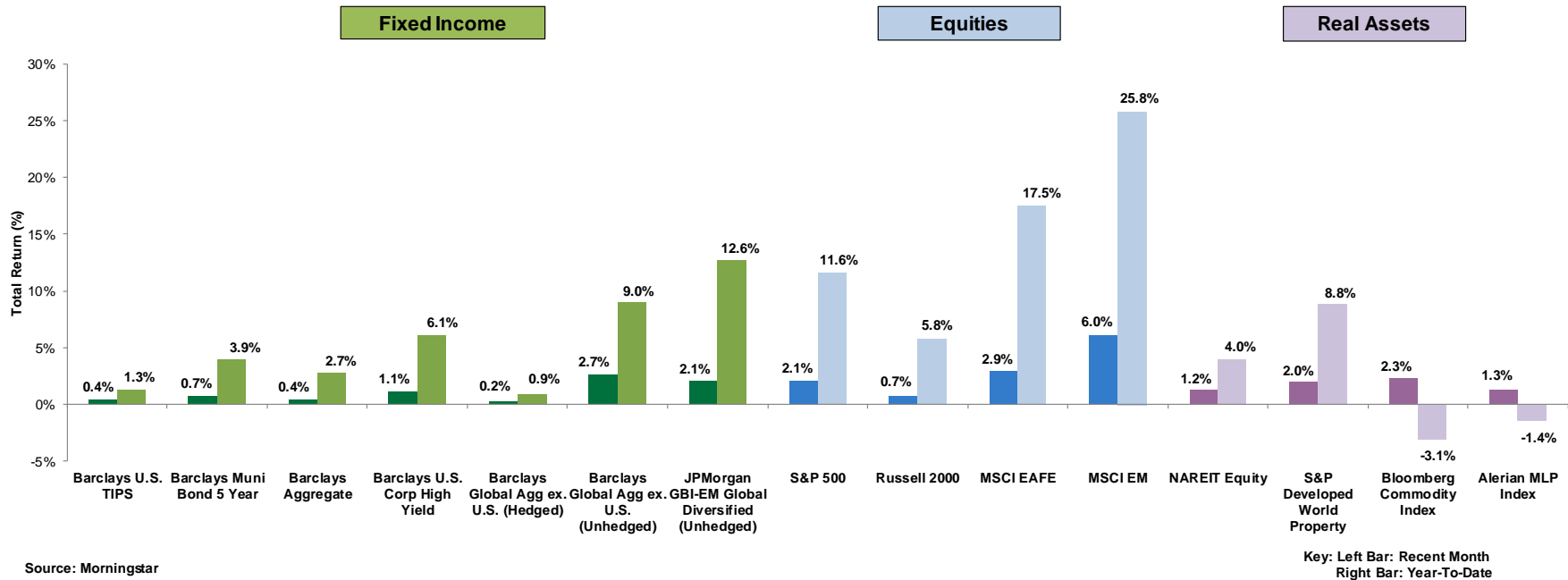
# Market Commentary

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### Asset Class Returns



### Fixed Income

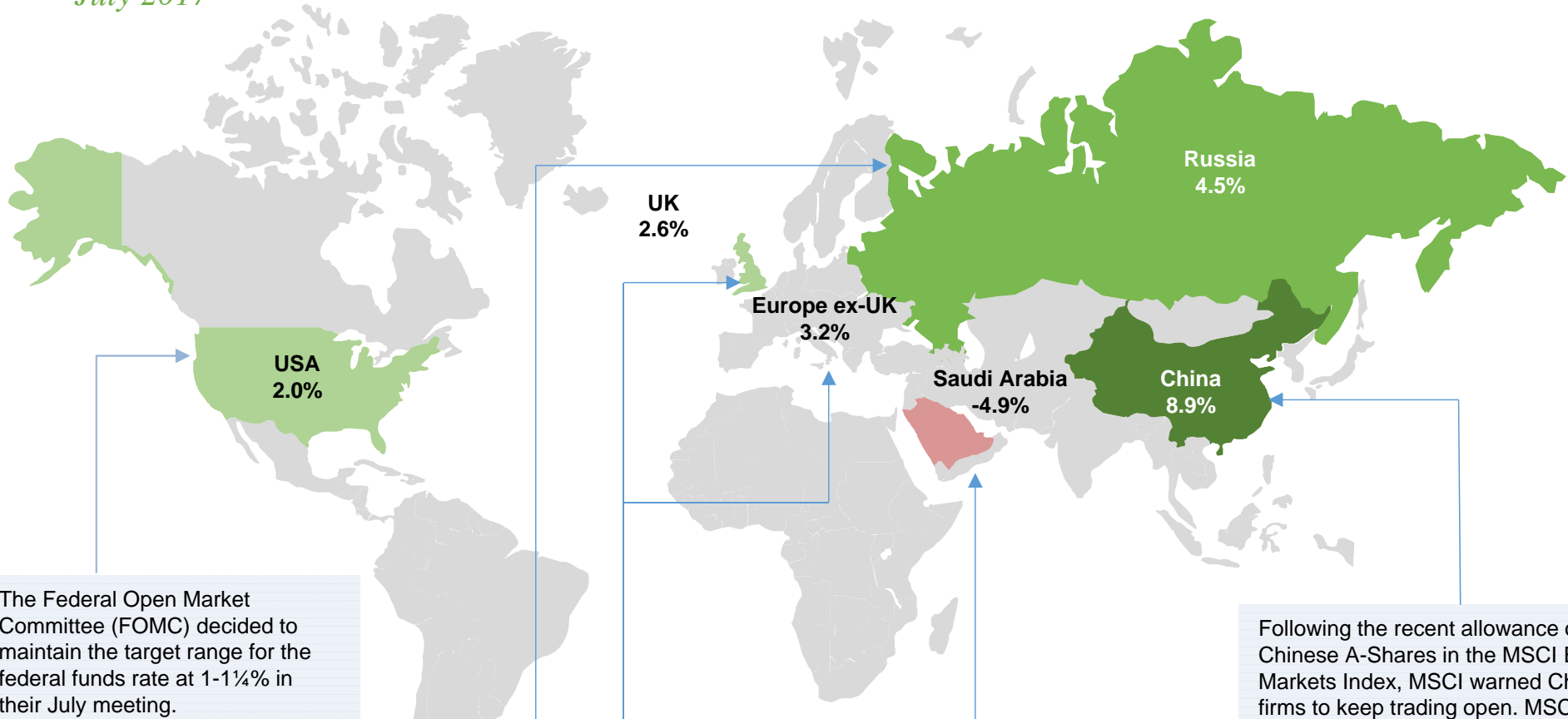
### Equities

### Real Assets

- Fixed income markets made gains during the month with high yield outpacing investment grade bonds domestically.
- International developed and emerging markets debt both showed strong performance, outpacing domestic fixed income broadly, and extending their year-to-date advantage.
- The 10-year U.S. Treasury was largely unchanged during the month.
- Large cap companies broadly outperformed their mid and small cap counterparts. Across styles, growth saw modest outperformance relative to value.
- Emerging markets continued to outpace developed equity returns, continuing their impressive year-to-date performance. International developed markets outperformed domestic equities.
- Domestically, technology and telecom were the sectors which led the market.
- Real assets were positive for the month with all asset classes experiencing modest gains.
- Commodities were positive as energy and industrial metals were most additive to overall performance. These gains were partially offset by losses in natural gas and livestock.
- Global REITs continued to outpace domestic REITs year-to-date. MLPs finished positive, offsetting a portion of their year-to-date losses.

# Global Highlights

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The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) decided to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate at 1-1¼% in their July meeting.

President Trump signed a bill imposing sanctions on Russia that also gave Congress new veto power to block the executive branch from removing such sanctions. Russia retaliated by evicting some U.S. Diplomatic Staff.

Eurozone inflation held steady in July, remaining below the central bank's 2% target rate.

The UK cabinet agreed to a "softer" Brexit, allowing the free movement of EU citizens for up to four years after Brexit as part of a transitional deal.

Oil prices rose in July ending just above \$50 per barrel despite concerns over supply nearing the end of the month.

Following the recent allowance of Chinese A-Shares in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, MSCI warned Chinese firms to keep trading open. MSCI stated that it will remove a company from the Index for 12 months if the company suspends trading for over 50 days.

Growth within China's manufacturing sector slowed marginally in July.

*Stated returns reflect each country's MSCI Gross Country Index in U.S. Dollars*

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