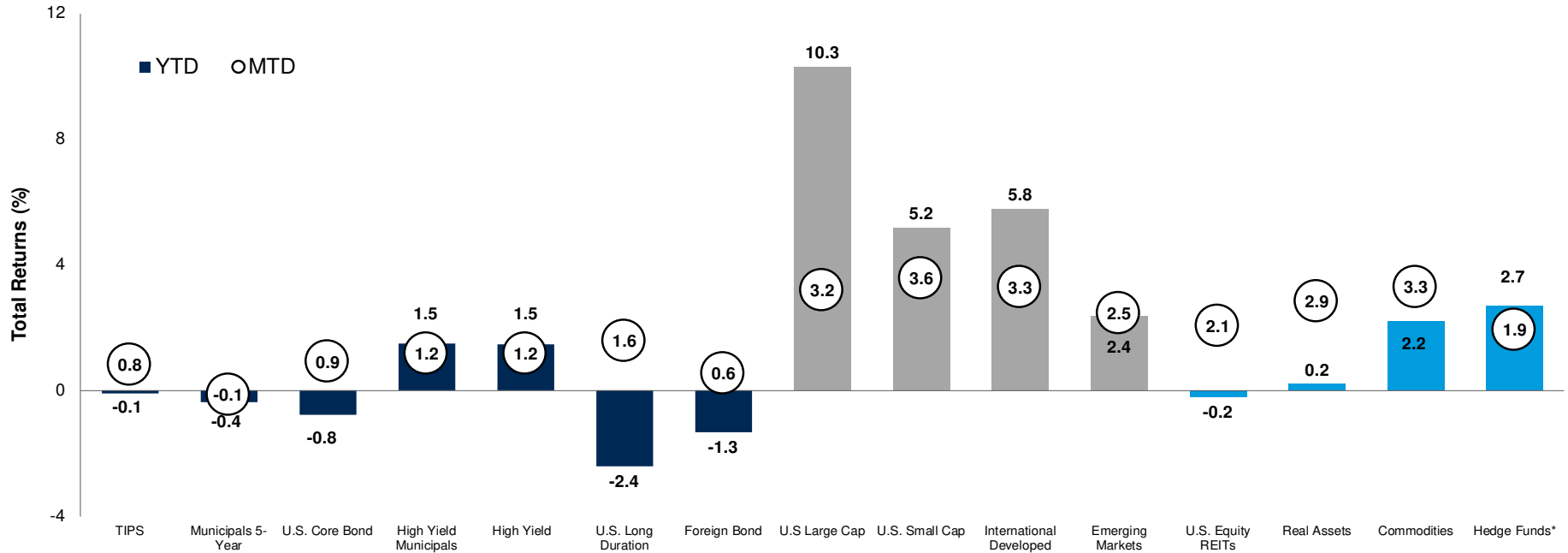


# Market Recap

## March 2024

## Asset Class Performance



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of March 31, 2024. \*Hedge fund returns are as of February 29, 2024.

### Fixed Income (March)

- + Fixed income markets regained some ground in March. The Federal Reserve held the Fed Funds rate steady (5.25-5.50%) and, as a result, interest rates were little changed from the start of the month.
- + Riskier segments of the bond market, such as high yield, outperformed.
- + Inflation continued to subside in Europe and falling rates abroad buoyed non-USD fixed income. However, a stronger dollar was a headwind for USD based investors.

### Equity (March)

- + Equity markets were positive across regions and continued their year-to-date climb higher. Within the U.S., small cap edged out their large cap counterparts.
- + International developed markets slightly outpaced U.S. large cap equities with strong results coming from the U.K and select areas of mainland Europe, including Italy and Germany.
- + Emerging markets generated a positive return for the month but trailed developed regions. Mexico was a standout while Brazil and China lagged.

### Real Asset / Alternatives (March)

- + REITs were positive during the month as interest rates remained range bound and the outlook for rate cuts later in the year persisted.
- + Many of the underlying sub-components of Real Assets (real estate, commodities, and fixed income) had positive returns in March.
- + Commodities were broadly positive, benefiting from rising energy and precious metal prices.

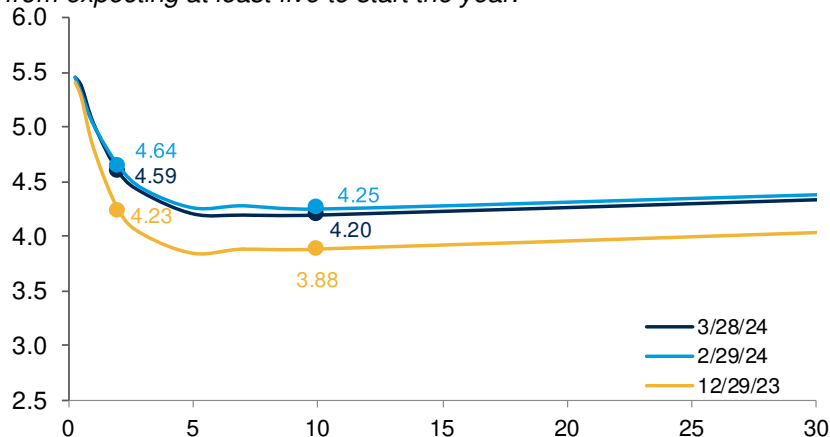
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## Fixed Income Market Update

### U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

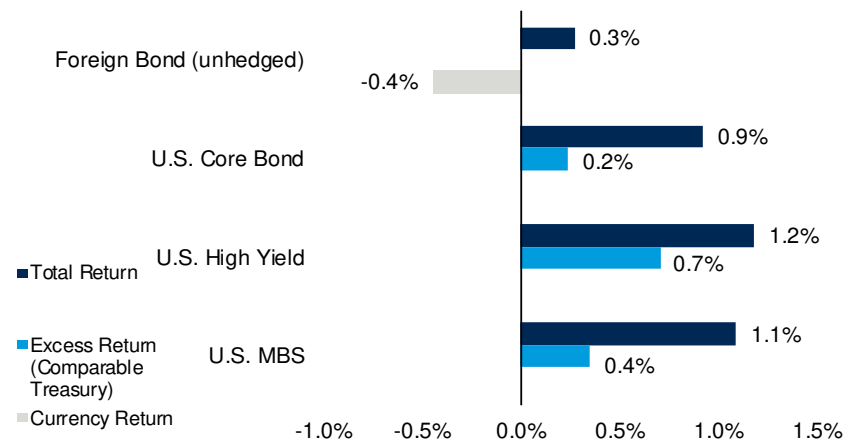
The U.S. yield curve saw minimal change during the month as investors' expectations of a March rate cut diminished. The Fed held steady and market expectations have shifted to three rate cuts by December, down from expecting at least five to start the year.



Source: FactSet. As of March 31, 2024.

### Index Performance Attribution (March 2024)

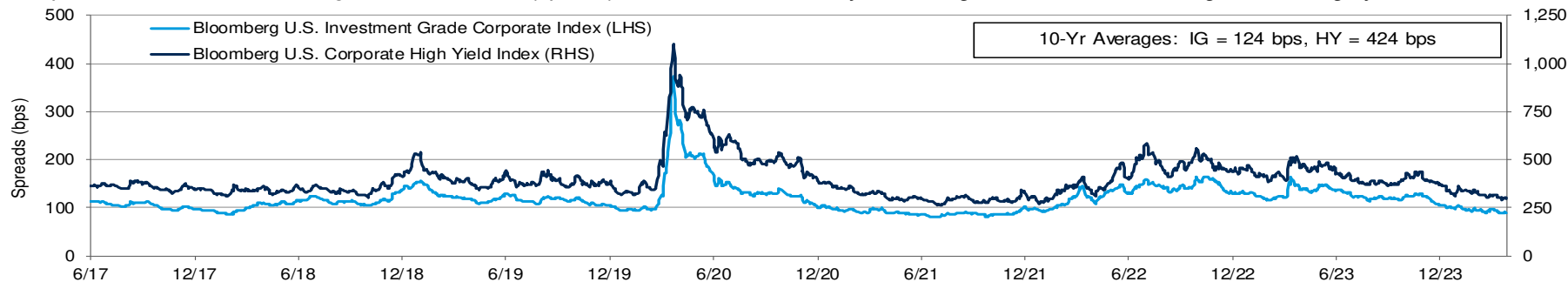
Spread sectors generally outperformed similar duration Treasuries in March. High yield corporates were a notable standout while mortgages outperformed within the investment grade universe.



Source: FactSet. As of March 31, 2024.

### Credit Market Spreads – Trailing 5 Years

Despite heavy issuance in March, corporate investment grade and high yield credit spreads tightened during the month. Strong demand for credit, a favorable economic backdrop, and resilient corporate fundamentals support the corporate bond market. All-in yields remain attractive, but the compensation above “risk-free” government bonds (spread) sits well below the 10-year averages for both investment grade and high yield.



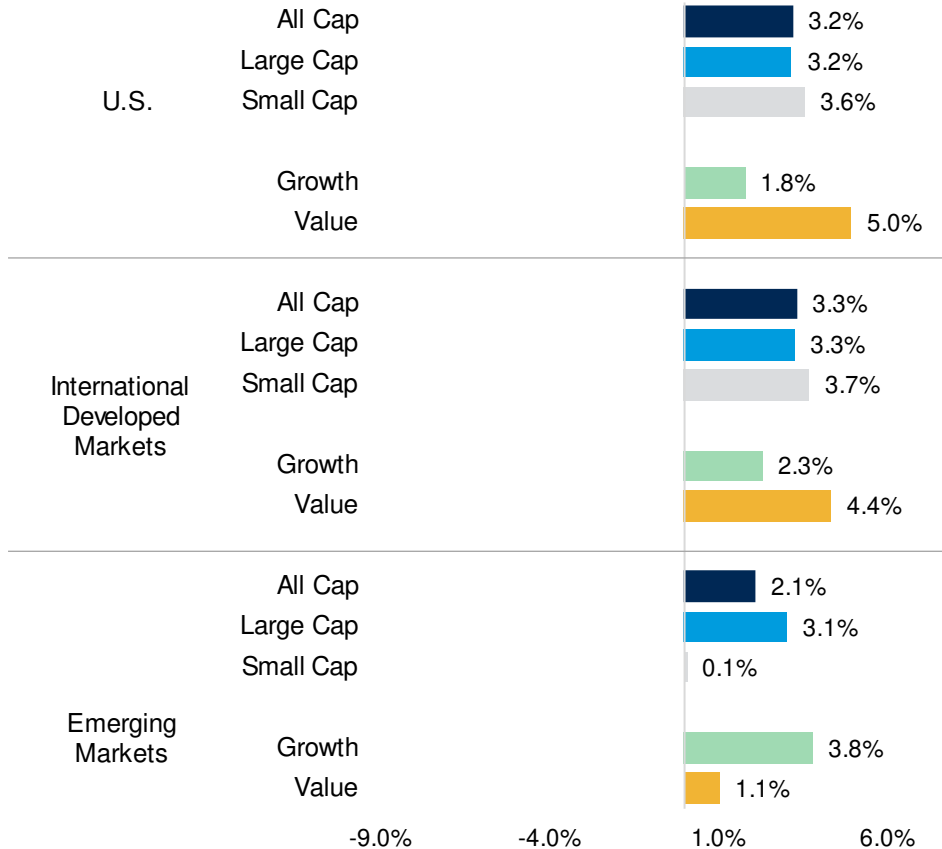
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# Equity Market Update

## Market Capitalization & Style Performance (March 2024)

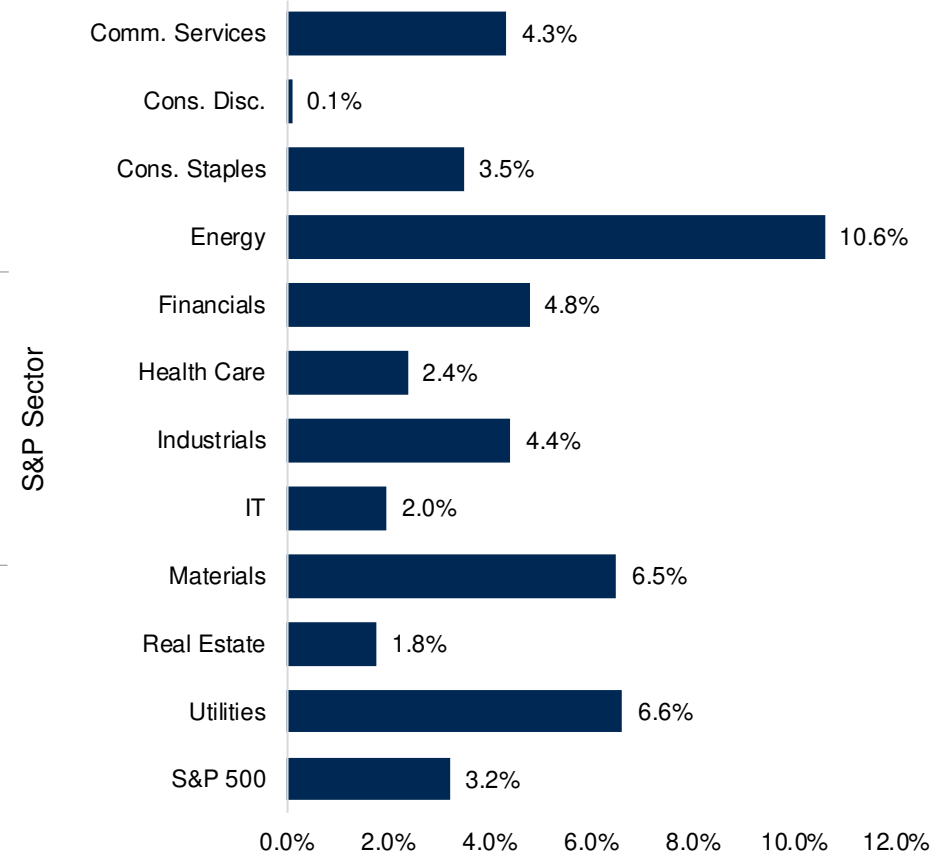
Global equity markets were positive in March. Within developed regions, value outpaced growth. Energy, materials, and financials, which generally have larger weights in value benchmarks, were areas of strength. A reversion-to-the-mean theme following the recent growth led market may also have been a factor as quality, growth and momentum had little influence.



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of March 31, 2024.

## U.S. Equities – Returns by Sector (March 2024)

All sectors in the S&P 500 were positive in March. Energy led the way on the back of higher commodity prices. The leadership from the Mag 7 was a bit more mixed in March; while Nvidia continues to dominate, Tesla, Apple and Meta took a step back.



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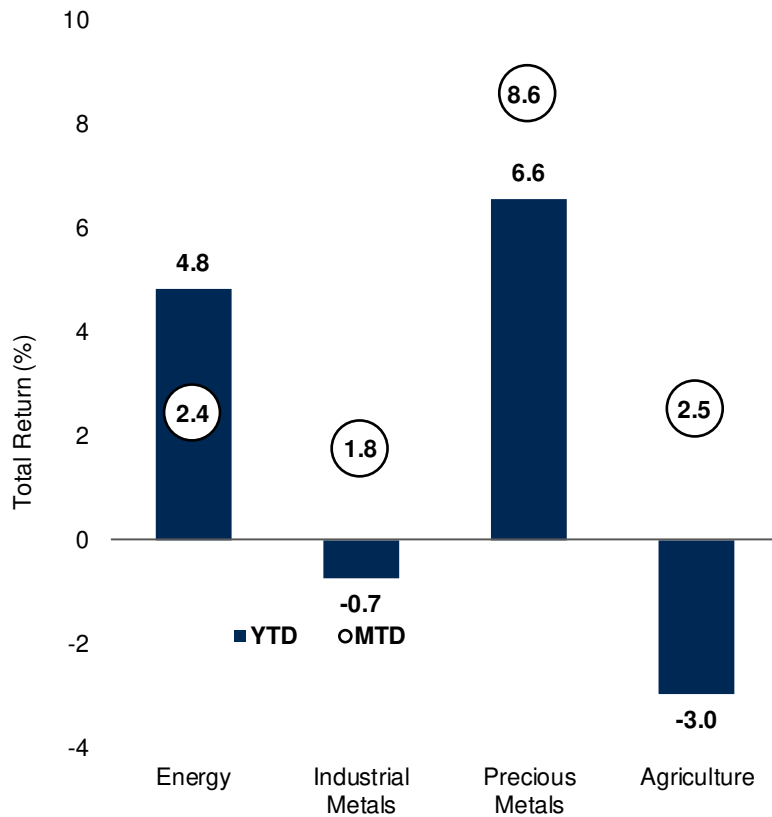
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## Real Asset Market Update

### Commodity Performance (March 2024)

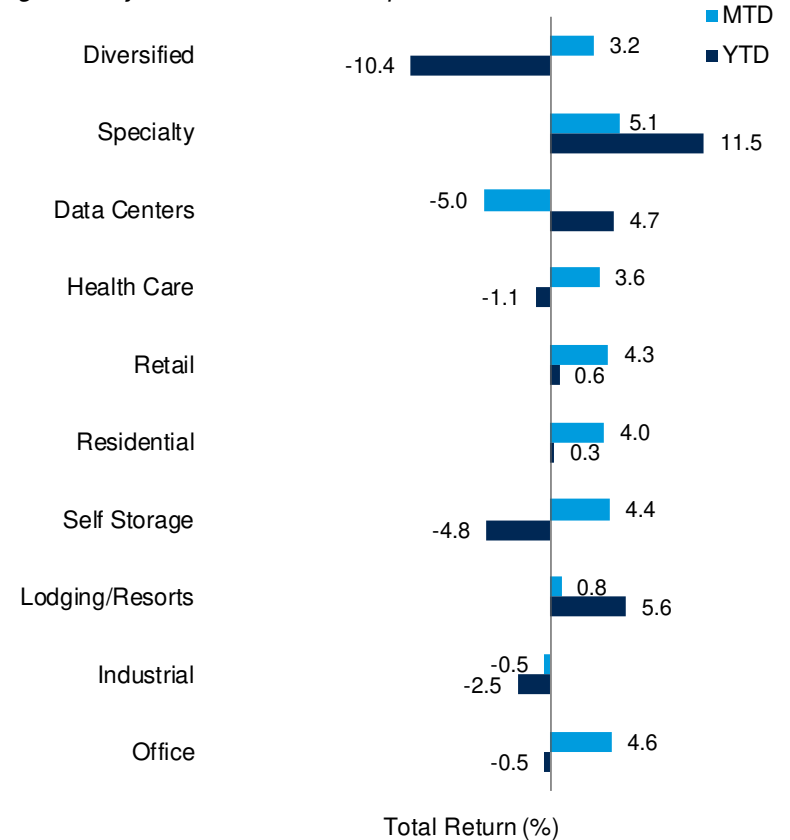
Commodity prices advanced during March, with most subcomponents producing a gain. Precious metals benefited from an anticipated drop in real rates and increased demand for the “safe-haven” sector amid escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Supply disruptions in the Middle East led to higher oil prices, benefiting the energy sector.



Source: FactSet. As of March 31, 2024.

### REIT Sector Performance (March 2024)

REITs gained during the month, with most sectors advancing. The Fed indicated that its plan to cut rates in the back half of 2024 remained intact, benefiting the sector broadly. Notably, data centers pulled back from its AI-driven rally, with one of the larger constituents suffering after being the subject of a short seller report.



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# Financial Markets Performance

**Total Return as of March 31, 2024**  
**Periods greater than one year are annualized**  
**All returns are in U.S. dollar terms**

	MTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
<b>Global Fixed Income Markets</b>								
Bloomberg 1-3-Month T-Bill	0.5%	1.3%	5.4%	2.7%	2.0%	1.9%	1.4%	0.9%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS	0.8%	-0.1%	0.5%	-0.5%	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	3.1%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year)	-0.1%	-0.4%	2.0%	-0.3%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%	2.5%
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond	1.2%	1.5%	7.9%	0.6%	3.0%	4.2%	4.6%	6.8%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	0.9%	-0.8%	1.7%	-2.5%	0.4%	1.1%	1.5%	2.6%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.2%	1.5%	11.2%	2.2%	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%	8.9%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged	0.9%	0.6%	5.9%	-0.4%	1.0%	2.0%	2.6%	3.2%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged	0.2%	-3.2%	-0.7%	-6.5%	-2.5%	-0.8%	-1.4%	0.8%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit	1.6%	-2.4%	-1.1%	-6.0%	-0.6%	1.0%	2.3%	4.5%
<b>Global Equity Markets</b>								
S&P 500	3.2%	10.6%	29.9%	11.5%	15.0%	14.1%	13.0%	15.6%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	2.2%	6.1%	22.2%	8.7%	11.3%	12.3%	11.8%	14.4%
NASDAQ Composite	1.8%	9.3%	35.1%	8.2%	17.2%	16.7%	15.7%	18.3%
Russell 3000	3.2%	10.0%	29.3%	9.8%	14.3%	13.4%	12.3%	15.4%
Russell 1000	3.2%	10.3%	29.9%	10.5%	14.8%	13.8%	12.7%	15.6%
Russell 1000 Growth	1.8%	11.4%	39.0%	12.5%	18.5%	18.1%	16.0%	17.8%
Russell 1000 Value	5.0%	9.0%	20.3%	8.1%	10.3%	9.2%	9.0%	13.1%
Russell Mid Cap	4.3%	8.6%	22.3%	6.1%	11.1%	10.6%	9.9%	14.9%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	2.4%	9.5%	26.3%	4.6%	11.8%	12.9%	11.4%	15.6%
Russell Mid Cap Value	5.2%	8.2%	20.4%	6.8%	9.9%	8.4%	8.6%	14.2%
Russell 2000	3.6%	5.2%	19.7%	-0.1%	8.1%	7.7%	7.6%	12.9%
Russell 2000 Growth	2.8%	7.6%	20.3%	-2.7%	7.4%	8.4%	7.9%	13.4%
Russell 2000 Value	4.4%	2.9%	18.8%	2.2%	8.2%	6.6%	6.9%	12.1%
MSCI ACWI	3.1%	8.2%	23.2%	7.0%	10.9%	10.2%	8.7%	11.6%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.	3.1%	4.7%	13.3%	1.9%	6.0%	5.9%	4.3%	7.9%
MSCI EAFE	3.3%	5.8%	15.3%	4.8%	7.3%	6.7%	4.8%	8.4%
MSCI EAFE Growth	2.3%	7.0%	13.3%	2.8%	7.8%	7.8%	5.9%	9.1%
MSCI EAFE Value	4.4%	4.5%	17.3%	6.6%	6.4%	5.3%	3.5%	7.5%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	3.7%	2.4%	10.4%	-1.4%	4.9%	5.2%	4.7%	10.1%
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.5%	2.4%	8.2%	-5.0%	2.2%	3.7%	2.9%	6.7%
<b>Alternatives</b>								
Consumer Price Index*	0.4%	0.7%	3.2%	5.7%	4.2%	3.5%	2.8%	2.6%
FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs	2.1%	-0.2%	10.5%	4.1%	4.1%	5.1%	6.6%	13.4%
S&P Real Assets	2.9%	0.2%	6.0%	2.8%	3.9%	4.5%	3.5%	7.3%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed	3.6%	-1.0%	8.6%	-0.2%	0.7%	3.1%	4.0%	10.0%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.	6.6%	-1.9%	6.6%	-5.2%	-2.7%	1.0%	1.5%	7.2%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	3.3%	2.2%	-0.6%	9.1%	6.4%	4.3%	-1.6%	0.3%
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*	1.9%	2.7%	7.5%	2.4%	4.9%	4.2%	3.4%	3.9%
HFRI Asset Weighted Composite*	2.2%	2.9%	5.7%	4.3%	4.5%	4.1%	3.6%	5.2%
Alerian MLP	4.5%	13.9%	38.5%	29.4%	11.5%	6.8%	3.0%	10.6%

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Core Bond: Bloomberg US Aggregate Total Return Index USD  
High Yield Municipals: Bloomberg Muni High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD  
High Yield: Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index USD  
U.S. Long Duration: Bloomberg US Aggregate Government & Credit - Long  
Foreign Bond: Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-USD Total Return Index Value USD (50/50 blend of hedged and unhedged)  
Real Assets: S&P Real Assets  
U.S. Large Cap: Russell 1000 Total Return Index  
U.S. Small Cap : Russell 2000 Total Return Index  
International Developed: MSCI EAFE Net Total Return USD Index  
Emerging Markets: MSCI Emerging Markets Net Total Return USD Index  
U.S. Equity REITs: FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Total Return Index USD  
Commodities: Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index  
Hedge Funds: Hedge Fund Research HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index  
Foreign Bond: Bloomberg Global Aggregate x USD Total Return Unhedged  
U.S. Core Bond: Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Total Return Index USD  
U.S. High Yield: Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index USD  
U.S. MBS: Bloomberg U.S. MBS (30Y) Total Return Index  
U.S. All Cap: Russell 3000 Total Return Index  
U.S. Large Cap: Russell 1000 Total Return Index  
U.S. Small Cap: Russell 2000 Total Return Index  
US Value: Russell 3000 Value Total Return Index  
US Growth: Russell 3000 Growth Total Return Index  
International Developed All Cap: MSCI EAFE IMI Net Total Return USD Index  
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International Developed Small Cap: MSCI EAFE Small Cap Net Total Return USD Index  
International Developed Value: MSCI EAFE Value Net Total Return USD Index  
International Developed Growth: MSCI EAFE Growth Net Total Return USD Index  
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- **Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex. USD Indices** represent a broad-based measure of the global investment-grade fixed income markets. The two major components of this index are the Pan-European Aggregate and the Asian-Pacific Aggregate Indices. The index also includes Eurodollar and Euro-Yen corporate bonds and Canadian government, agency and corporate securities.
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- **MSCI EAFE Large Cap Index** is an equity index which captures large cap representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. The index covers approximately 70% of the free-float adjusted market capitalization in each country.
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- **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** captures large and mid-cap representation across Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 85% of the free-float adjusted market capitalization in each country.
- **MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Small Cap Index** includes small cap representation across Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 14% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. The small cap segment tends to capture more local economic and sector characteristics relative to larger Emerging Markets capitalization segments.

### Alternatives & Miscellaneous

- **S&P Real Asset Index** is designed to measure global property, infrastructure, commodities, and inflation-linked bonds using liquid and investable component indices that track public equities, fixed income, and futures. In the index, equity holds 50% weight, commodities 10%, and fixed income 40%.
- **FTSE Nareit Equity REITs Index** contains all Equity REITs not designed as Timber REITs or Infrastructure REITs.
- **FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index** is designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITs worldwide.
- **FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed ex US Index** is a subset of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index and is designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITs in developed markets excluding the US.
- **Bloomberg Commodity Index** is calculated on an excess return basis and reflects commodity futures price movements. The index rebalances annually weighted 2/3 by trading volume and 1/3 by world production and weight-caps are applied at the commodity, sector and group level for diversification.
- **HFRI Asset Weighted Composite Index** is a global, asset-weighted index comprised of single-manager funds that report to HFR Database. Constituent funds report monthly net of all fees performance in US Dollar and have a minimum of \$50 Million under management or \$10 Million under management and a twelve (12) month track record of active performance. The HFRI Asset Weighted Composite Index does not include Funds of Hedge Funds. The constituent funds of the HFRI Asset Weighted Composite Index are weighted according to the AUM reported by each fund for the prior month.
- **HFRI Fund of Funds Composite Index** is a global, equal-weighted index of all fund of hedge funds that report to the HFR Database. Constituent funds report monthly net of all fees performance in U.S. Dollars and have a minimum of \$50 million under management or a twelve (12) month track record of active performance.
- **The Alerian MLP Index** is a float adjusted, capitalization-weighted index, whose constituents represent approximately 85% of total float-adjusted market capitalization, is disseminated real-time on a price-return basis (AMZ) and on a total-return basis.

### Additional Information

- Equity sector returns are calculated by S&P, Russell, and MSCI for domestic and international markets, respectively. S&P and MSCI sector definitions correspond to the GICS® classification (Global Industry Classification System); Russell uses its own sector and industry classifications.
- MSCI country indices are free float-adjusted market capitalization indices that are designed to measure equity market performance of approximately 85% of the market capitalization in each specific country.
- Currency returns are calculated using FactSet's historical spot rates and are calculated using the U.S. dollar as the base currency.