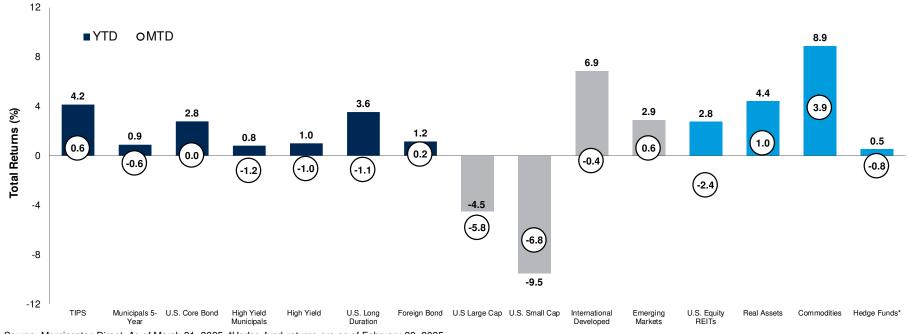


# Market Recap March 2025



### **Asset Class Performance**



Source: Morningstar Direct. As of March 31, 2025. \*Hedge fund returns are as of February 28, 2025.

#### Fixed Income (March)

- +/- Interest rates were volatile during the month as markets digested growing concerns about the economic backdrop and the outlook for inflation. The core fixed income market produced a flat return.
- + Breakeven inflation levels rose during the month and TIPS were positive. Tariffs were front and center as investors grappled with the potential impact they will have on prices and inflation.
- High yield lagged as credit spreads widened and the outlook for corporate earnings softened.

#### **Equity (March)**

- U.S. equity markets declined in March. Government policy, particularly the evolving foreign trade policy (i.e., tariffs) continued to drive uncertainty and a diminishing outlook for the U.S. economy. Higher valuation names saw a re-rating and drove the negative performance.
- +/- Non-U.S. markets were essentially flat to modestly positive. Emerging areas outpaced developed markets with Brazil, China and India all having a favorable month. A declining U.S. dollar was also a tailwind for international equities.

#### Real Asset / Alternatives (March)

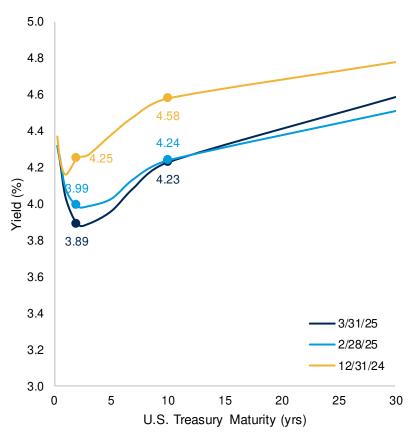
- + U.S. equity REITs declined as the broader equity market sold off. More cyclically related areas such as retail and lodging came under pressure while industrials and health care related areas outperformed.
- + Real assets had a modest positive month, driven by infrastructure, commodities, and natural resource equities.
- + Surging gold prices and strong energy returns fueled commodities during March.



# **Fixed Income Market Update**

#### **U.S. Treasury Yield Curve**

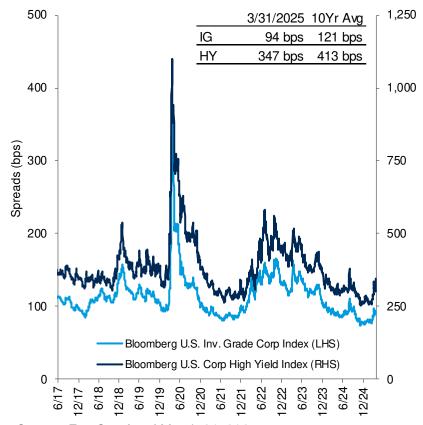
Volatility continued in the interest rate market and the yield curve ultimately steepened over the month. The market continues to grapple with uncertainty surrounding government policy and the implications it may have on economic growth and inflation. The Federal reserve held rates steady at its March meeting.



Source: FactSet. As of March 31, 2025.

### **Corporate Credit Spreads – Trailing 5 Years**

Growing concerns on the outlook for the U.S. economy and uncertainty as to how tariffs will ultimately impact company fundamentals pushed credit spreads wider during the month. High yield spreads ended the month 67 basis points higher, touching levels last seen in August 2024. Despite the move higher, both investment grade and high yield spreads remain below their long-term averages.



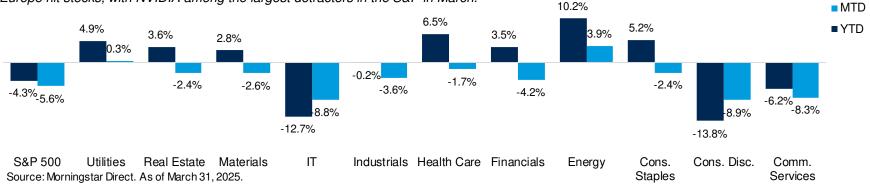
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# **Equity Market Update**

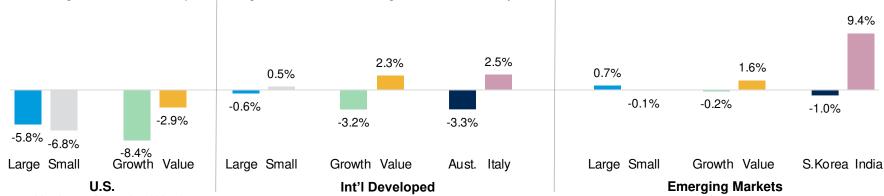
### **U.S. Equities – Returns by Sector (March)**

The S&P 500 fell for the second month in a row. Consumer discretionary, information technology and communication services were among the weakest sectors. The Trump administration's tariff announcements and tepid consumer spending impacted cyclical sectors. In particular, auto related tariffs negatively impacted General Motors and declining consumer optimism hit retail related names such as Amazon.com, Walmart and Costco. Al related concerns, such as Alibaba's co-founder warning of excess data center capacity and reports of Microsoft pausing projects in the U.S. and Europe hit stocks, with NVIDIA among the largest detractors in the S&P in March.



#### Market Capitalization, Style, and Select Country Performance (March)

Equities were mixed during March as U.S. markets underperformed their international counterparts. Foreign policy, particularly announced tariffs, were a large driver of the underperformance and growing concerns of an economic growth slowdown in the U.S. weighed on smaller cap companies more so than large. Value stocks outperformed growth as investors sought the relative safety of more modest valuations.



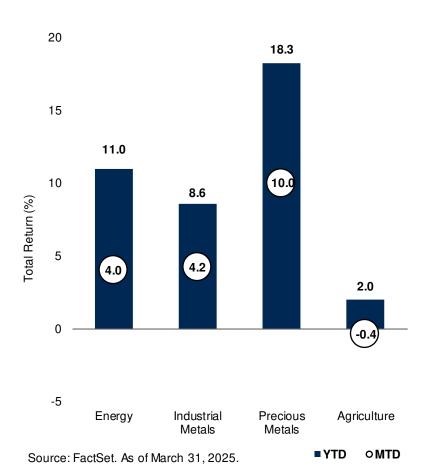
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## Real Asset Market Update

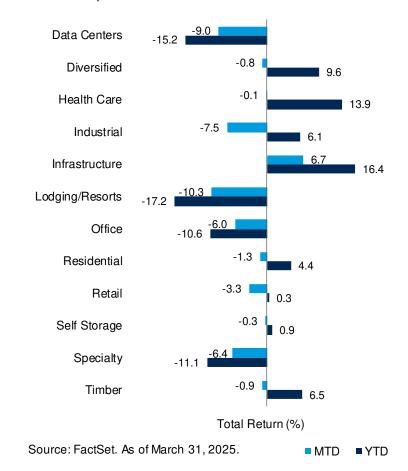
#### **Commodity Performance (March)**

Commodity markets were a bright spot in March. Precious metals were the standout as gold prices surged, crossing \$3,000 for the first time, on the back of growing uncertainty and a shift toward "safe haven" assets amidst elevated market volatility.



#### **REIT Sector Performance (March)**

U.S. Equity REITs fell in the month but held up better than the broader U.S. equity market. Declining consumer sentiment and the potential for lower spending in the future negatively impacted the lodging/resorts sub-sector, while data centers fell along with the broader sell-off of AI related companies.





### **Financial Markets Performance**

# Total Return as of March 31, 2025 Periods greater than one year are annualized All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	MTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YF
Bloomberg 1-3-Month T-Bill	0.3%	1.0%	5.0%	4.3%	2.6%	2.5%	1.9%	1.3%
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS	0.6%	4.2%	6.2%	0.1%	2.4%	3.0%	2.5%	3.1%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond (5 Year)	-0.6%	0.9%	2.5%	2.1%	1.3%	1.9%	1.7%	2.3%
Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond	-1.2%	0.8%	5.6%	2.9%	4.3%	4.1%	4.3%	5.4%
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	0.0%	2.8%	4.9%	0.5%	-0.4%	1.6%	1.5%	2.4%
Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield	-1.0%	1.0%	7.7%	5.0%	7.3%	4.9%	5.0%	6.2%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged	-0.8%	-0.2%	4.2%	2.2%	0.9%	2.1%	2.2%	3.1%
Bloomberg Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged	1.1%	2.5%	1.5%	-3.5%	-2.4%	-2.2%	-0.2%	0.1%
Bloomberg U.S. Long Gov / Credit	-1.1%	3.6%	1.7%	-4.5%	-3.7%	0.5%	1.0%	4.0%
Global Equity Markets	MTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YF
S&P 500	-5.6%	-4.3%	8.3%	9.1%	18.6%	13.2%	12.5%	13.29
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-4.1%	-0.9%	7.4%	8.8%	16.2%	10.6%	11.4%	12.09
NASDAQ Composite	-8.1%	-10.3%	6.4%	7.6%	18.5%	14.6%	14.5%	15.29
Russell 3000	-5.8%	-4.7%	7.2%	8.2%	18.2%	12.5%	11.8%	12.89
Russell 1000	-5.8%	-4.5%	7.8%	8.7%	18.5%	13.0%	12.2%	13.09
Russell 1000 Growth	-8.4%	-10.0%	7.8%	10.1%	20.1%	16.1%	15.1%	15.39
Russell 1000 Value	-2.8%	2.1%	7.2%	6.6%	16.2%	9.2%	8.8%	10.49
Russell Mid Cap	-4.6%	-3.4%	2.6%	4.6%	16.3%	9.2%	8.8%	11.29
Russell Mid Cap Growth	-7.4%	-7.1%	3.6%	6.2%	14.9%	10.6%	10.1%	12.29
Russell Mid Cap Value	-3.7%	-2.1%	2.3%	3.8%	16.7%	7.8%	7.6%	10.39
Russell 2000	-6.8%	-9.5%	-4.0%	0.5%	13.3%	5.4%	6.3%	9.0%
Russell 2000 Growth	-7.6%	-11.1%	-4.9%	0.8%	10.8%	5.0%	6.1%	9.5%
Russell 2000 Value	-6.0%	-7.7%	-3.1%	0.0%	15.3%	5.3%	6.1%	8.2%
MSCI ACWI	-4.0%	-1.3%	7.2%	6.9%	15.2%	9.1%	8.8%	8.9%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.	-0.2%	5.2%	6.1%	4.5%	10.9%	4.5%	5.0%	4.9%
MSCI EAFE	-0.4%	6.9%	4.9%	6.1%	11.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.6%
MSCI EAFE Growth	-3.2%	2.1%	-2.6%	2.4%	8.5%	4.9%	5.5%	6.0%
MSCI EAFE Value	2.3%	11.6%	12.8%	9.7%	14.8%	5.4%	5.1%	5.1%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	0.5%	3.7%	3.1%	0.9%	9.9%	2.5%	5.3%	6.5%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.6%	2.9%	8.1%	1.4%	7.9%	1.6%	3.7%	3.0%
Alternatives	MTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YF
Consumer Price Index*	0.2%	0.7%	2.8%	4.0%	4.3%	3.6%	3.1%	2.6%
FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs	-2.4%	2.8%	9.2%	-1.7%	9.6%	6.9%	5.7%	8.9%
S&P Real Assets	1.0%	4.4%	8.0%	1.1%	9.1%	4.7%	4.2%	5.3%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed	-2.1%	1.9%	5.0%	-3.3%	7.2%	3.2%	3.0%	5.9%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.	0.6%	3.5%	-2.8%	-7.0%	1.8%	-1.3%	0.4%	3.2%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	3.9%	8.9%	12.3%	-0.8%	14.5%	5.4%	2.8%	-0.19
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*	-0.8%	0.5%	7.0%	4.4%	5.6%	4.3%	3.7%	3.7%
HFRI Asset Weighted Composite*	-0.3%	1.3%	7.0%	5.0%	5.4%	4.3%	3.7%	4.5%
Alerian MLP	0.0%	12.6%	23.0%	25.0%	40.2%	13.6%	5.5%	8.1%



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Municipals 5-Year: Bloomberg Municipal Bond 5 Year (4-6) Total Return Index Unhedged USD

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 All 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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Fixed Income

- Bloomberg 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index is designed to measure the performance of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to 1 month and less than 3 months.
- Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond
  market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage passthrough securities, and asset-backed securities.
- 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.
- Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included.
- Bloomberg US Government/Credit 1-3 Year Index is the 1-3 year component of the U.S.
  Government/Credit Index, which includes securities in the Government and Credit Indices.
  The Government Index includes treasuries and agencies, while the credit index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.
- Bloomberg US Government/Credit Long Index is the Long component of the U.S.
  Government/Credit Index, which includes securities in the Government and Credit Indices.
  The Government Index includes treasuries and agencies, while the credit index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity and quality requirements.
- Bloomberg US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.
- Bloomberg Muni Index is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market. Bonds must be rated investment-grade by at least two ratings agencies.
- Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index covers the universe of fixed rate, noninvestment grade debt.
- Bloomberg Intermediate U.S. Gov't/Credit is the Intermediate component of the U.S.
  Government/Credit index, which includes securities in the Government and Credit Indices.
  The Government Index includes treasuries and agencies, while the credit index includes publicly issued U.S. corporate and foreign debentures and secured notes that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.
- JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments, whose debt is accessible by most of the international investor base.

#### Equity

- The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. Russell 3000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000 companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- **Russell 3000 Index** is a market-cap-weighted index which consists of roughly 3,000 of the largest companies in the U.S. as determined by market capitalization. It represents nearly 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.
- Russell 3000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000 companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Russell 1000 Index consists of the largest 1000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index.
- Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell Mid Cap Value Index measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Russell Mid Cap Index measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.
- Russell Mid Cap Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell Mid Cap companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower P/B ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
- Russell 2000 consists of the 2,000 smallest U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 index.
- Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of the Russell 2000 companies with higher P/B ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
- MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex. U.S. Index captures large and mid-cap representation across Developed Markets countries (excluding the United States) and Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the U.S.
- MSCI ACWI Index captures large and mid cap representation across Developed Markets and Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 85% of the global investable opportunity set.
- MSCI EAFE IMI Index is an equity index which captures large, mid and small cap
  representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the U.S. and
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  in each country.
- MSCI EAFE Value Index captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.
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  growth rate, current internal growth rate and long-term historical EPS growth trend and
  long-term historical sales per share growth trend.
- 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.
- MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index is an equity index which captures small cap representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the US and Canada. The index covers approximately 14% of the free float adjusted market in each country.
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- MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index captures large, mid and small cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the freefloat adjusted market capitalization in each country.
- MSCI Emerging Markets Value Index captures large and mid-cap securities exhibiting
  overall value style characteristics across Emerging Markets countries. The value
  investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables:
  book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.
- 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 Growth Index captures large and mid-cap representation across
  Emerging Markets countries. The growth investment style characteristics for index
  construction are defined using five variables: long-term forward EPS growth rate, shortterm forward EPS growth rate, current internal growth rate and long-term historical EPS
  growth trend and long-term historical sales per share growth trend.
- 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 floatadjusted 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 All Equity REITs Index is a free-float adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index of U.S. equity REITs. Constituents of the index include all tax-qualified REITs with more than 50 percent of total assets in qualifying real estate assets other than mortgages secured by real property.
- 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<sup>®</sup> classification (Global Industry Classification System); Russell uses its own sector and industry classifications.
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