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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 impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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Market Summary

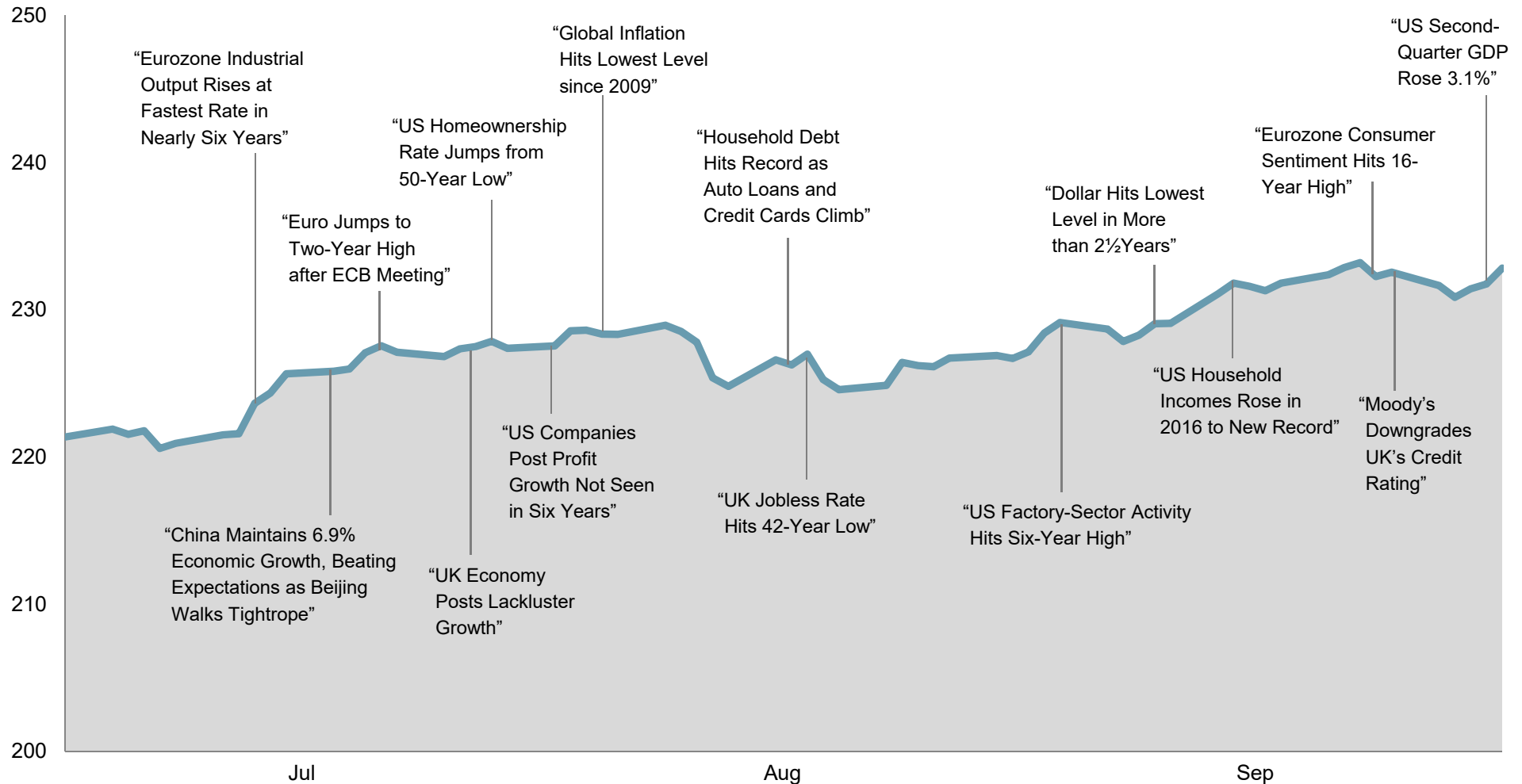
Index Returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q3 2017	STOCKS				BONDS	
	4.57%	5.62%	7.89%	1.13%	0.85%	0.70%
						
Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	1.9%	1.6%	3.1%	2.7%	1.2%	1.1%
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	-3.0% Q4 2016	-3.2% Q2 2015

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q3 2017



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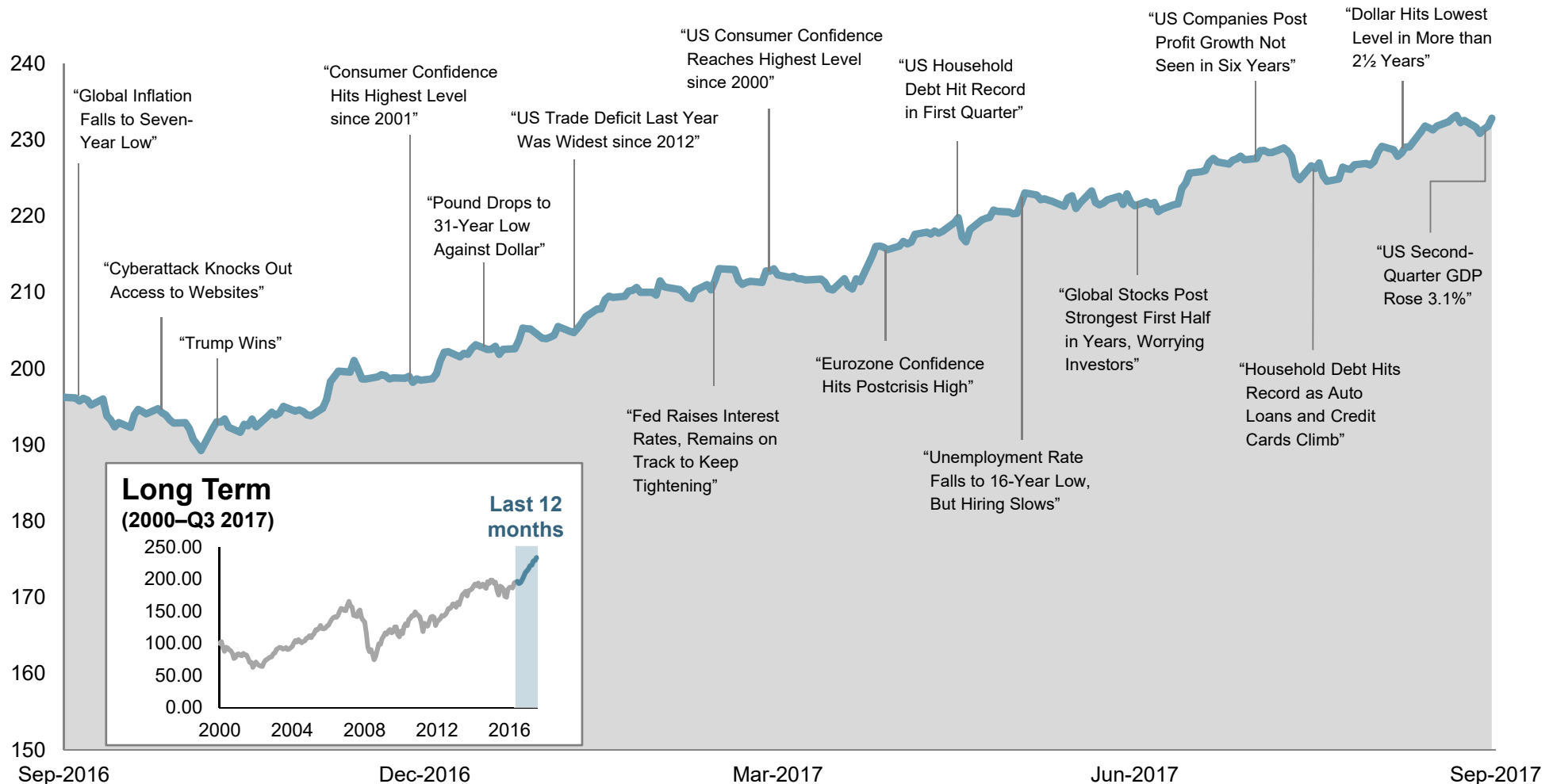
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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months

Short Term (Q4 2016–Q3 2017)



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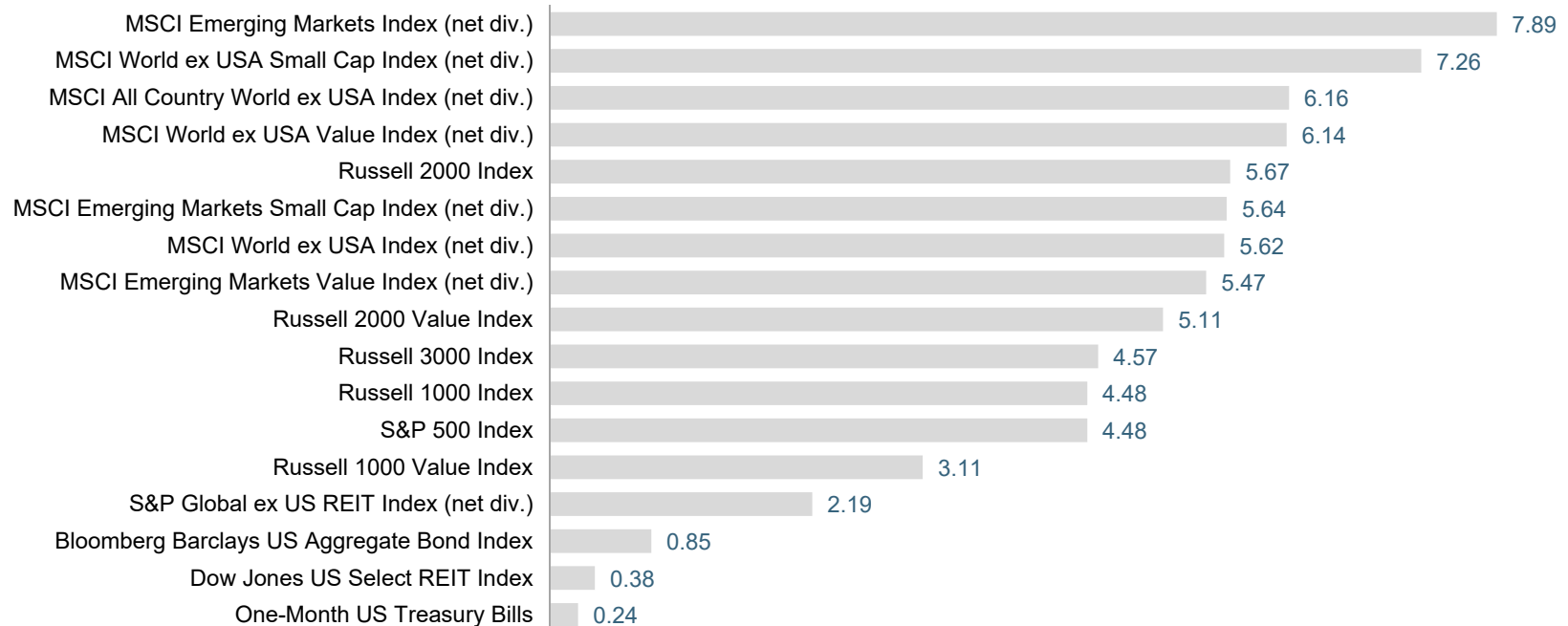
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World Asset Classes

Third Quarter 2017 Index Returns (%)

With broad market indices used as proxies, emerging markets outperformed developed markets, including the US, during the quarter.

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



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US Stocks

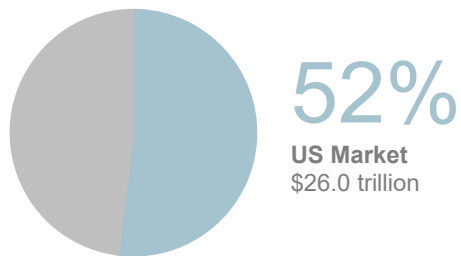
Third Quarter 2017 Index Returns

The broad US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter but underperformed both non-US developed and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth indices in the US across all size ranges.

Small caps in the US outperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized				
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Marketwide	13.91	18.71	10.74	14.23	7.57
Large Cap	14.17	18.54	10.63	14.27	7.55
Large Value	7.92	15.12	8.53	13.20	5.92
Large Growth	20.72	21.94	12.69	15.26	9.08
Small Cap	10.94	20.74	12.18	13.79	7.85
Small Value	5.68	20.55	12.12	13.27	7.14
Small Growth	16.81	20.98	12.17	14.28	8.47

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International Developed Stocks

Third Quarter 2017 Index Returns

In US dollar terms, developed markets outperformed US equity indices but underperformed emerging markets indices during the quarter.

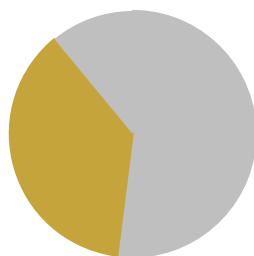
With broad market indices used as proxies, the value effect was positive. The value effect was positive in large caps but negative in mid and small caps.

Overall, small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

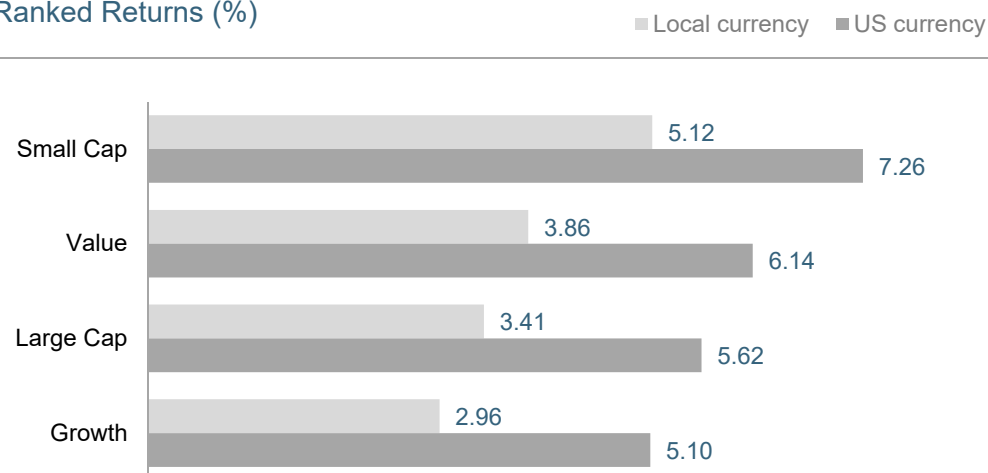
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

37%

International
Developed
Market
\$18.5 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	19.17	18.73	4.57	7.81	1.28
Small Cap	23.82	20.42	9.59	11.16	4.04
Value	17.05	22.46	3.24	7.36	0.64
Growth	21.47	15.04	5.82	8.19	1.86

* Annualized

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Emerging Markets Stocks

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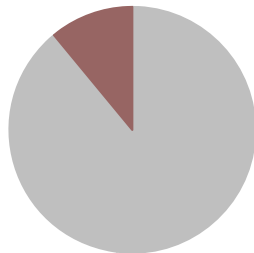
With broad market indices used as proxies, the value effect was negative. Across the size spectrum in the large and mid cap space, the value effect was negative; however, in the small cap space, the effect was positive.

Overall, small caps underperformed large caps in emerging markets.

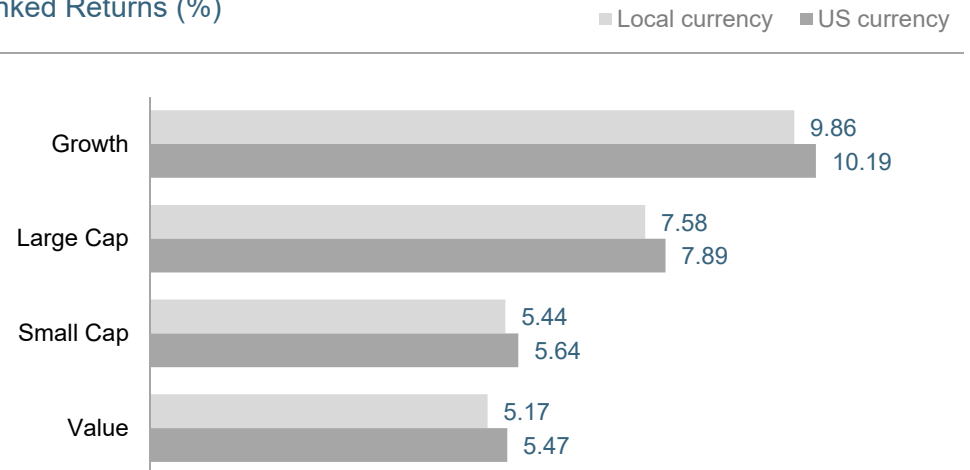
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging Markets
\$5.8 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	27.78	22.46	4.90	3.99	1.32
Small Cap	22.53	14.89	3.14	4.60	1.74
Value	19.87	18.55	1.62	1.34	0.67
Growth	36.03	26.35	8.12	6.55	1.88

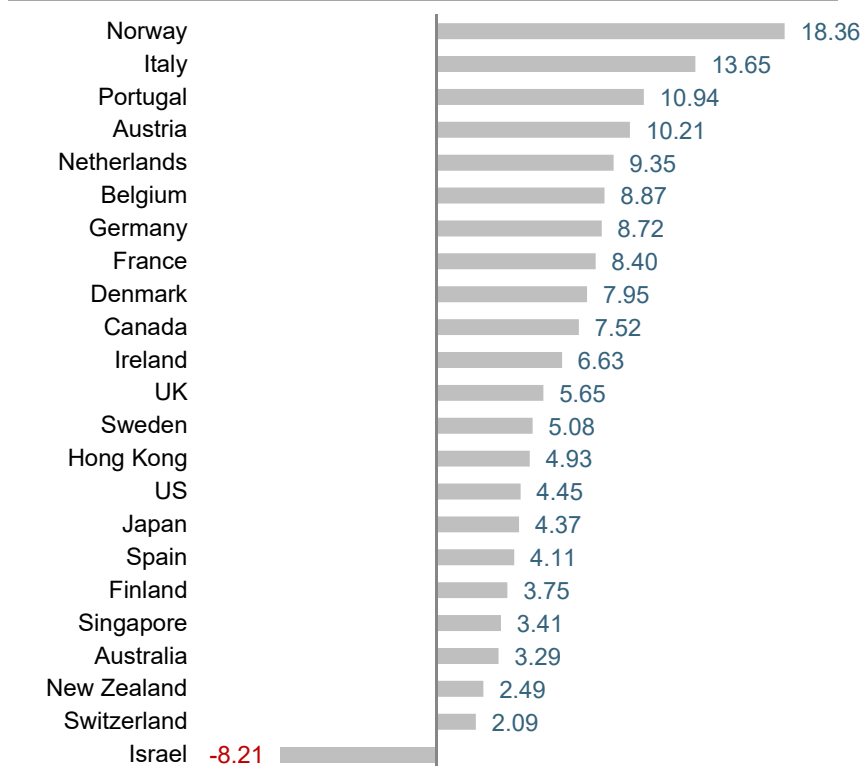
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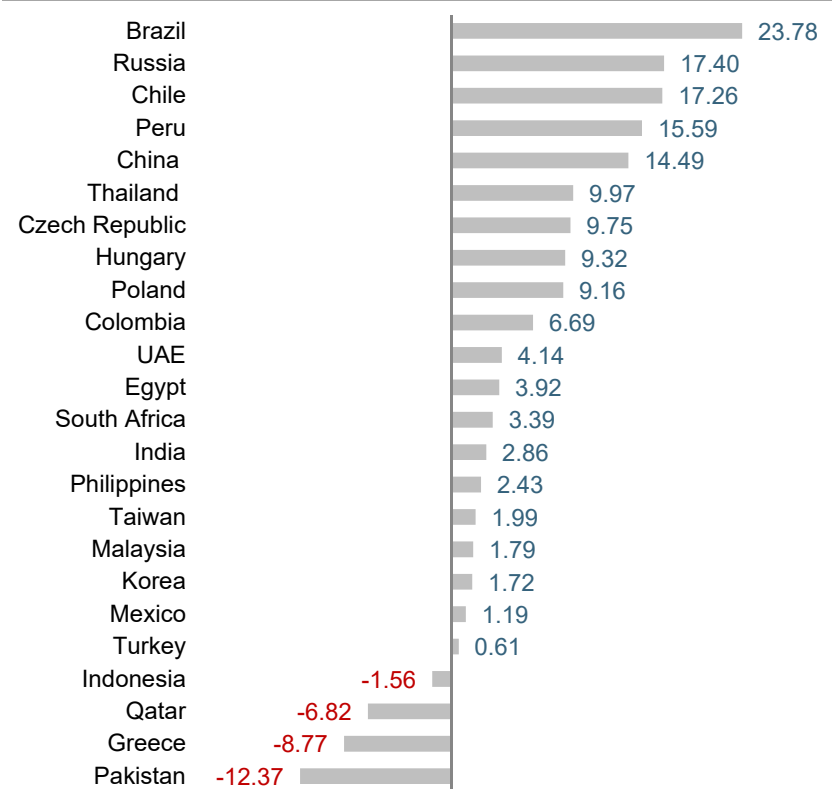
Third Quarter 2017 Index Returns

In US dollar terms, Norway and Italy recorded the highest country performance in developed markets, while Israel posted the lowest—and only negative—return in developed markets. In emerging markets, Brazil, Russia, and Chile posted the highest country returns, while Pakistan and Greece had the lowest performance.

Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



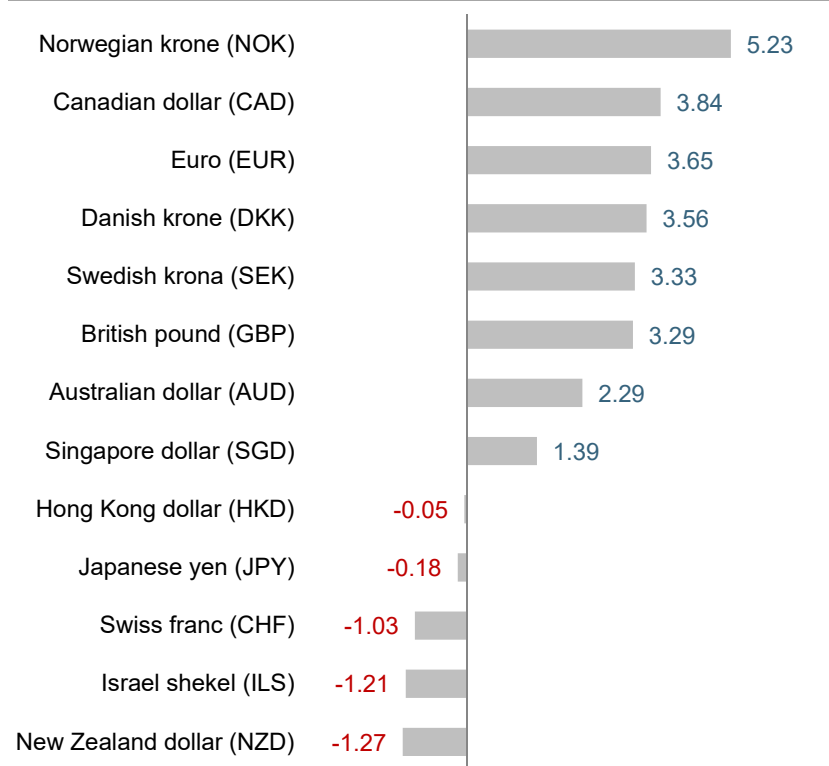
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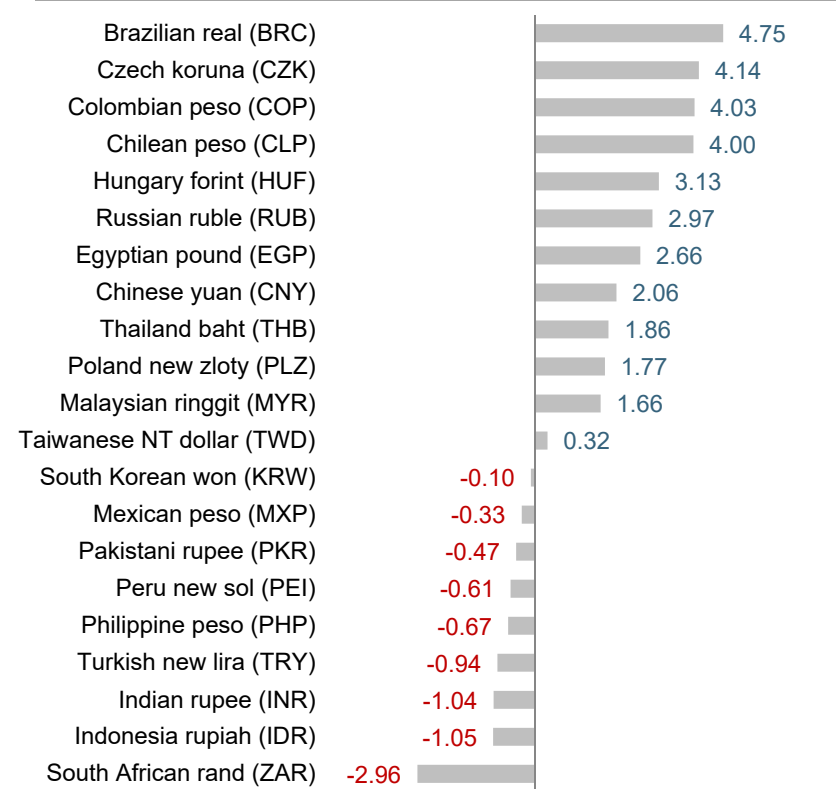
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Currency performance was mixed in both developed and emerging markets. Among developed markets currencies, the Norwegian krone appreciated by 5%, while the Israeli shekel and the New Zealand dollar depreciated by approximately 1%. In emerging markets, the Brazilian real appreciated by almost 5%, while the South African rand depreciated by almost 3%.

Ranked Developed Markets (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets (%)

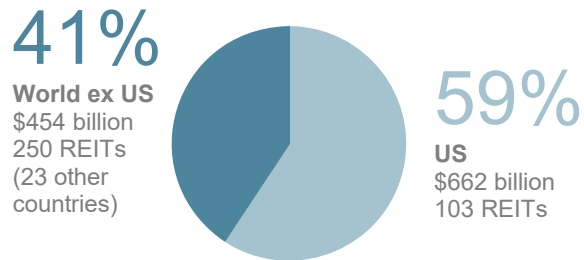


Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

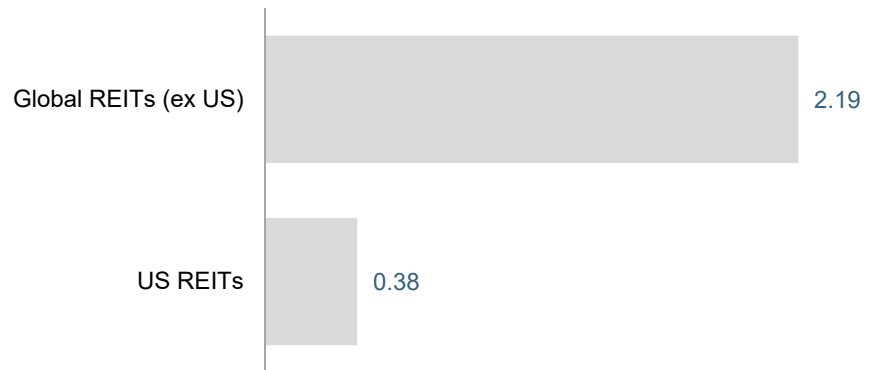
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Non-US real estate investment trusts outperformed US REITs.

Total Value of REIT Stocks



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	1.75	-0.83	9.28	9.16	5.31
Global REITs (ex US)	8.63	-0.45	3.63	5.44	0.27

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Commodities

Third Quarter 2017 Index Returns

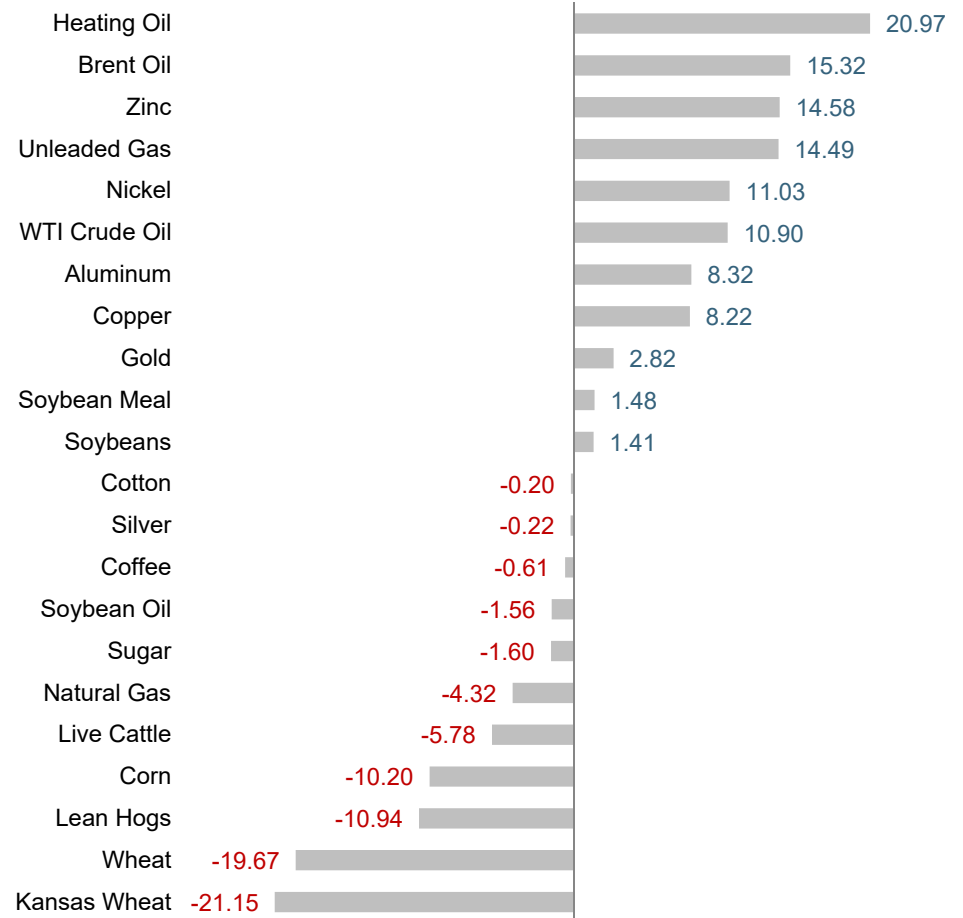
The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return gained 2.52% during the third quarter.

The energy complex led advancing commodities, with heating oil returning 20.97%, Brent crude oil 15.32%, unleaded gas 14.49%, and WTI crude oil 10.90%.

Grains was the worst-performing complex, with Kansas wheat and Chicago wheat declining 21.15% and 19.67%, respectively. Lean hogs also experienced a decline, decreasing by 10.94%.

Period Returns (%)		* Annualized			
Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	-2.87	-0.29	-10.41	-10.47	-6.83

Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



Fixed Income

Third Quarter 2017 Index Returns

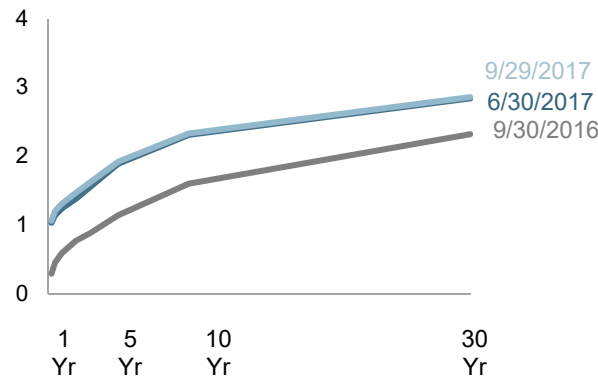
Interest rates increased across the US fixed income market for the quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note increased by 3 basis points (bps) to 1.92%. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note increased by 2 bps to 2.33%. The 30-year Treasury bond yield increased by 2 bps to finish at 2.86%.

The yield on the 1-year T-bill rose 7 bps to 1.31%, and the 2-year Treasury note yield rose 9 bps to 1.47%. The yield on the 3-month Treasury bill increased 3 bps to 1.06%, while the 6-month Treasury bill yield increased 6 bps to 1.20%.

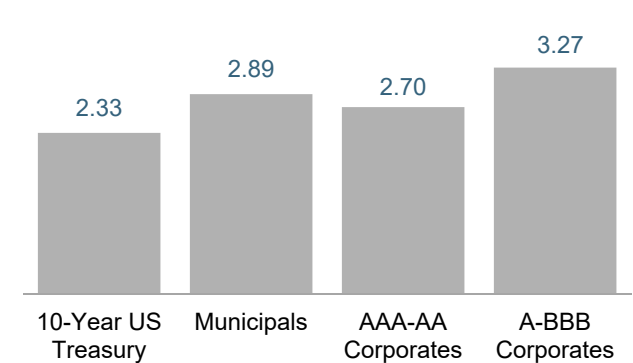
In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds gained 0.59%, and intermediate-term corporates gained 1.05%.

Short-term municipal bonds generated a total return of 0.49%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds returned 0.83%. General obligation bonds gained 1.14%, outperforming revenue bonds by 4 bps.

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays Long US Government Bond Index	6.06	-6.14	4.84	2.87	6.83
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	4.66	0.87	3.19	3.01	4.52
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	3.14	0.07	2.71	2.06	4.27
Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	7.00	8.88	5.83	6.36	7.84
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	1.72	-0.73	1.62	0.02	3.90
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.55	0.60	0.46	0.39	1.05
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.57	0.66	0.32	0.22	0.47
Citi World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	1.07	0.59	1.35	1.30	2.32

* Annualized

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Impact of Diversification

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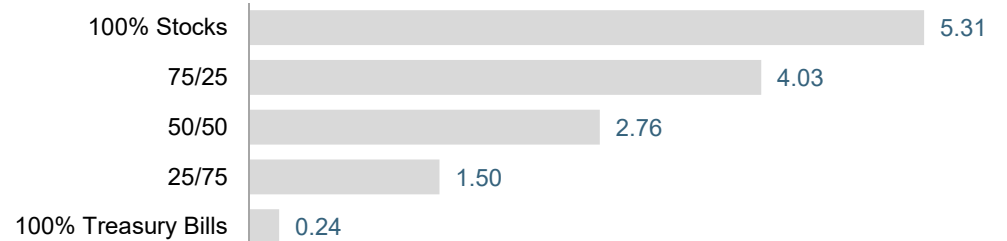
These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

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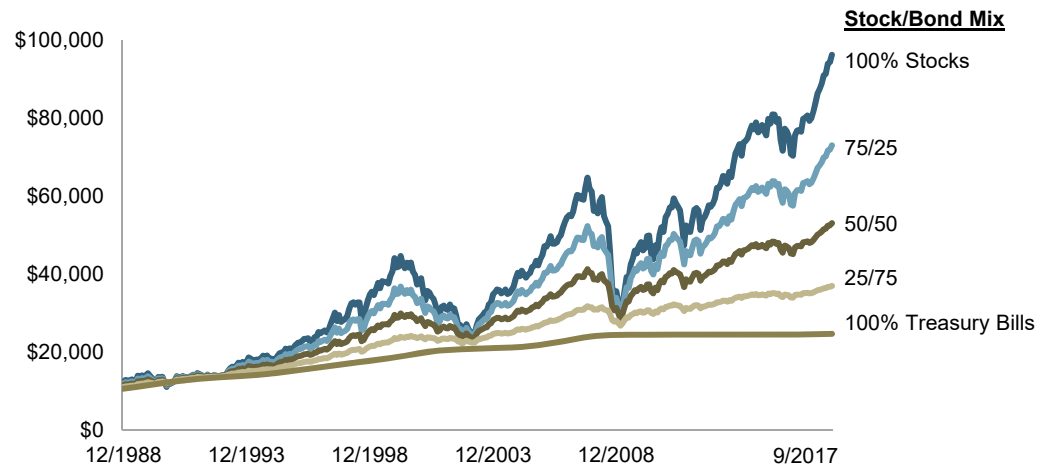
Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year
						STDEV ¹
100% Stocks	17.75	19.29	8.02	10.79	4.45	16.90
75/25	13.22	14.35	6.13	8.14	3.70	12.66
50/50	8.85	9.60	4.21	5.48	2.76	8.43
25/75	4.62	5.01	2.25	2.82	1.65	4.20
100% Treasury Bills	0.53	0.58	0.25	0.16	0.36	0.22

* Annualized

Ranked Returns (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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