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## ECONOMY:
## DATA DISAPPOINTS, BUT GROWTH STILL STEADY

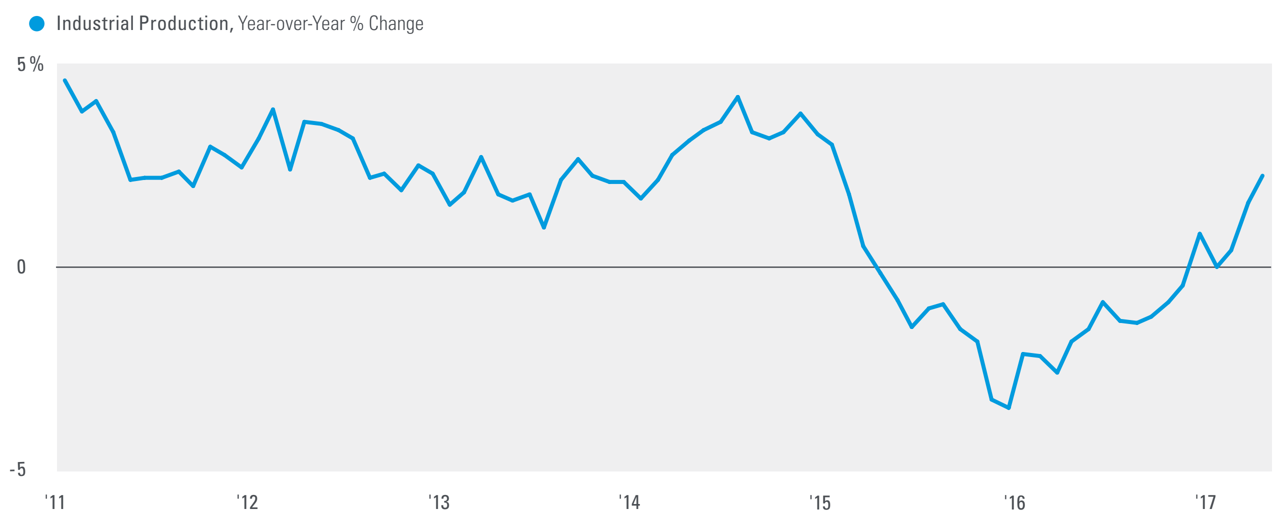
### Economic Data

Economic reports released in May 2017, which mostly reflect economic activity in April, signaled that economic growth has likely picked up in the second quarter of the year. The consensus estimate by *Wall Street Journal* surveyed economists project growth near 3%, similar to the average of the New York Federal Reserve (Fed) and Atlanta Fed NowCast models, which forecast quarterly GDP based on currently available data. Overall, data did not meet increased expectations during the month, with particular weakness in housing, but strength in some measures of business activity may be pointing to prospects of better economic growth in the second half of the year.

Industrial production and production-related data were among the highlights of the month. Industrial production grew 1.0% in April, its largest gain since February 2014. The strong month pushed the year-over-year gain to 2.25%, squarely returning to the normal range seen during much of the expansion. The three sub-components of industrial production (manufacturing, mining, and utilities) all posted gains, with the monthly gain in manufacturing also the strongest since February 2014.

Looking inside the data, business equipment saw particularly solid gains, outpacing manufacturing as a whole. The data provide further evidence that businesses may be refocusing on driving productivity through increased investment after persistent weakness in productivity growth throughout the expansion. Business fixed investment was also the leading contributor to an upward revision of first quarter 2017 gross domestic product (GDP) growth from 0.7% to 1.2%. With the revision, business fixed investment made its largest contribution to GDP growth since the first quarter of 2012. While the Atlanta Fed's NowCast model estimate forecasts a

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION NORMALIZING**



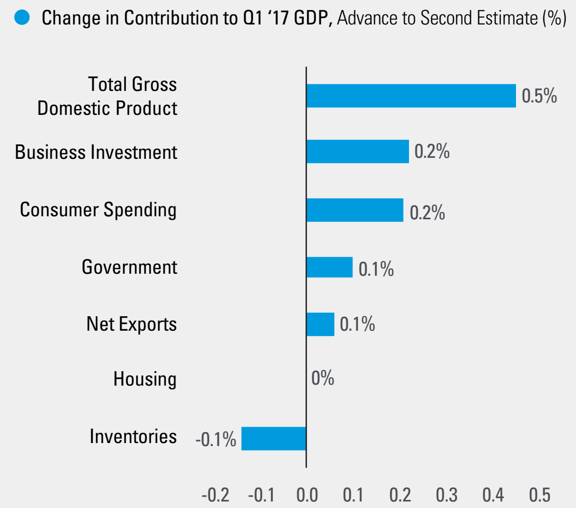

Source: LPL Research, Federal Reserve 05/31/17 smaller contribution to GDP growth from business spending in the second quarter, the expected contribution, if met, would still top any of the prior eight quarters. Looking shorter-term, production-related economic data in April propelled the Chicago Fed's National Activity Index, a proxy for overall economic activity, to a solid upside surprise, posting its best month since November 2014.

Job growth remained solid in April and retail sales, while missing expectations, accelerated from March and saw upward revisions to prior data. Data on income, however, disappointed. Personal income for March decelerated from February, missing expectations, and year-over-year growth in average hourly earnings decelerated slightly in April versus expectations of holding steady. Limited wage growth and heightened uncertainty may be keeping consumers somewhat cautious heading into the summer months.

Despite some upbeat numbers, data disappointed overall in May. The Citi Economic Surprise Index, an aggregate measure of economic surprises, fell from -5 to a low of -39 in May, the lowest level since February 2016. While there were disappointments across economic sectors, housing showed particular weakness, with new home sales, existing home sales, housing starts, and permits all missing expectations. In contrast to the housing crisis, however, where vulnerability in housing was caused by overheating demand pushing up prices, current markets are being driven by tight supply keeping prices high and limiting demand. High prices, in this case, may lead to a pick-up in construction to alleviate supply problems. While such a process would take time, the potential is exhibited by a housing data point that did not disappoint in April, homebuilder sentiment as measured by the NAHB Housing Market Index, which surprised to the upside.

Higher expectations did play a role in setting up data disappointments and the final numbers were sound taken as a whole, but the inability of the economy to meet rising expectations does raise modest concerns. Looking forward, however, leading indicators continue to be robust and the economy may still be able to meet increased expectations. The Conference Board's

**MORE STRENGTH IN BUSINESS INVESTMENT ANCHORS UPWARD REVISION TO GDP**




Source: LPL Research, Bureau of Economic Analysis 05/31/17

Leading Economic Index, an aggregate of economic data that tend to lead overall economic activity, rose 3.2% year over year in April, a level that has been associated with a low chance of recession over the next 12–18 months and that indicates continued potential for an accelerating growth path, especially if we see progress on pro-growth policies and increased stability in Washington, D.C.

## Central Banks

As was broadly expected, the Fed left rates unchanged at the conclusion of its May 2–3 policy meeting, but left a June rate hike in play with its characterization of soft first quarter growth as "transitory." The Fed's effort to emphasize the positive broad economic backdrop put markets on notice that it has not yet abandoned its outlook of two additional rate hikes in 2017, while still maintaining flexibility should data not improve. The meeting minutes, released May 22, confirmed that general view. It also provided a first glimpse of discussions of plans for reducing the Fed's balance sheet by gradually decreasing the level of repurchases as bonds mature. The Fed's next policy meeting takes place June 13–14, with fed fund futures markets indicating a high likelihood of an additional rate hike. Neither the European Central Bank (ECB) nor the Bank of Japan (BOJ) held policy meetings in May. The ECB meets next on June 8 and the BOJ on June 16.

# GLOBAL EQUITIES:
## ANOTHER POSITIVE MONTH IN THE U.S. AND OVERSEAS

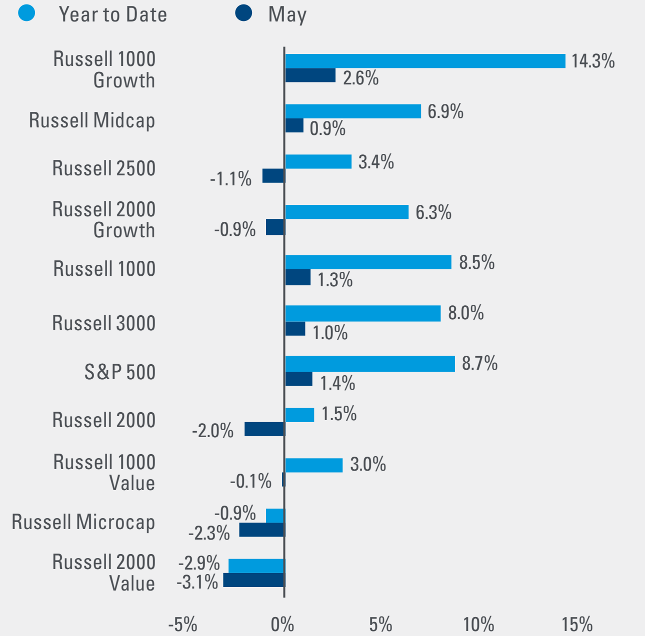
### U.S.

Stocks added to an already strong year in May, as the S&P 500 gained 1.4% for the month, bringing the year-to-date return for the index to 8.7%. On a total return basis, May's gain marked the seventh straight positive month and the 14th positive month out of the last 15. Earnings remained a key driver as results in May followed the same positive trends as those in April. The market also appeared to gain some comfort that the U.S. economy's sluggish start to the year was temporary. Political risk did weigh on stocks on May 17, when the S&P 500 dropped 1.8% for its worst one-day performance of the year; however, gains the rest of the month more than offset that loss and the index ended the month within a small fraction of its all-time high.

Markets impressively remained resilient in the face of what has become an increasingly challenging path to fiscal policy initiatives in Washington, D.C., evident in the reception the president's budget proposal received. Investigation into the nature of the Trump campaign's Russia contacts may be a distraction for policymakers on what was already a difficult path to policy implementation given the divisiveness on Capitol Hill. Meanwhile, markets continued to shrug off heightened geopolitical tensions, in North Korea in particular, while a global cyber attack on May 12 and terrorist attack in the U.K. on May 22 did little to slow down the powerful bull market.

Corporate fundamentals remain supportive. First quarter 2017 earnings for the S&P 500 rose more than 15% year over year, with a solid 75% of companies exceeding consensus estimates, about 5% above estimates as of quarter-end (Thomson Reuters data). Even excluding the sharp rebound in energy sector profits, S&P 500 earnings rose 11% over the year-ago quarter, suggesting broad-based earnings gains. Earnings estimates for the balance of the year were uncharacteristically resilient during reporting season, which is an encouraging sign reflective of generally upbeat guidance from corporate management teams.

**DOMESTIC INDEX PERFORMANCE**

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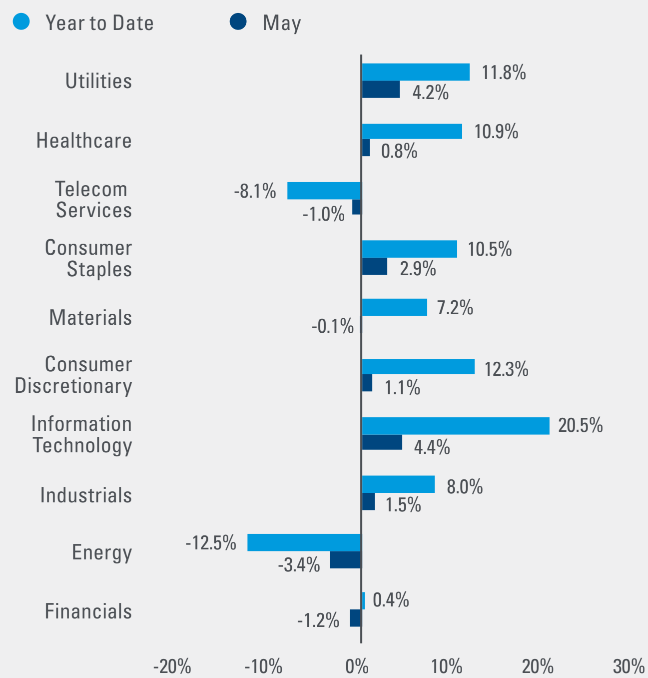
**S&P 500 SECTOR PERFORMANCE**

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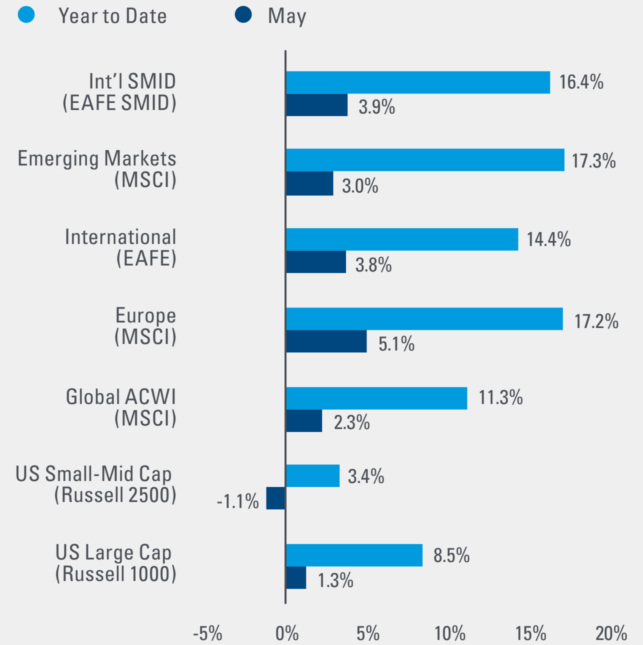
Stock investing involves risk, including loss of principal.

Because of its narrow focus, sector investing will be subject to greater volatility than investing more broadly across many sectors and companies.

Technology topped the sector rankings in May for the third straight month, buoyed by a strong earnings season and continued momentum for several industry trends such as cloud computing, e-commerce, digital advertising, and machine learning (artificial intelligence). The semiconductor industry, which plays a key role in several of these trends, led the sector higher. Utilities and consumer staples also enjoyed strong months, benefiting from the drop in interest rates that attracted equity investors to the rich yields these sectors offer. Energy was the worst sector performer as oil prices fell, despite OPEC's decision to extend its global production agreement.

On a style basis, growth outperformed value in May, based on the Russell 3000 style indexes, and has now outpaced value every month this year. Strength for the biggest growth sector, technology, coupled with weakness in the two biggest value sectors, energy and financials, drove growth leadership, as has generally been the case throughout 2017. In terms of market cap, small caps lagged in May after outpacing large and mid caps in April. Small caps are more sensitive to Washington D.C.'s pro-growth policy proposals, so stalled progress may have weighed on sentiment. Small caps also tend to do better when the dollar rises (it fell in May).

**GLOBAL INDEX PERFORMANCE**

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## International

International equity markets produced solid gains in May, outpacing the U.S. equity market (S&P 500) for the third straight month. Specifically, in May the MSCI EAFE Index (developed foreign markets) and the MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index returned 3.8% and 3.0%, respectively, both ahead of the S&P 500's 1.4% for the month. Both indexes remain well ahead of the S&P 500 year to date. A weaker U.S. dollar has helped boost international returns, but gradually improving economic growth and an improved earnings outlook have also been supportive. The reduced political uncertainty following market-friendly results in the French election has also been supportive. Top markets in May included India, Switzerland, and France, while Australia suffered the biggest monthly decline.

Like developed international equities, EM performance benefited from a weaker U.S. dollar and an improving economic and earnings outlook. Market participants were not at all concerned with the North Korean nuclear threat as the South Korean equity market jumped nearly 8% in May to lead all major international markets. China also outperformed solidly during the month, shrugging off a debt rating downgrade, and benefiting from strength in the technology and consumer discretionary sectors. Brazil suffered a 5% decline after a political scandal raised prospects for another leadership change, while weak energy prices and political uncertainty dragged Russian equities lower.

# FIXED INCOME:
## RATES CONTINUE TO FALL AS BOND MARKET SENDS MESSAGE OF CAUTION

Treasury yields in the intermediate and long portion of the yield curve continued to decline in May, leading to a positive month for fixed income overall. Treasury yields with maturities two years and greater continued the decline that started mid-March as investors continued to question President Trump's ability to implement stimulative policy in a timely manner. Shorter-term Treasury yields rose as a Fed rate hike in June looked increasingly likely. This led the Treasury yield curve to flatten to its flattest point year to date, a warning sign from fixed income markets and slightly out of step with continued equity market strength.

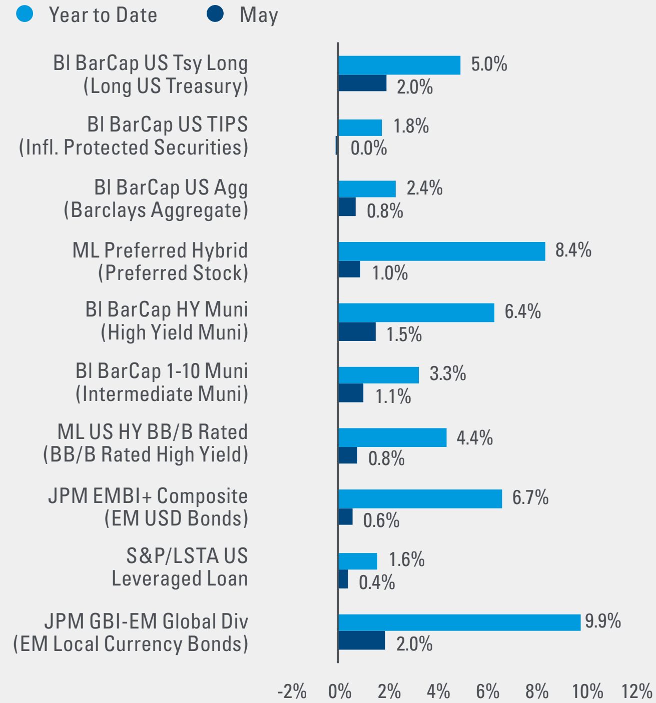
The decline in longer-term yields led to a positive month for high-quality fixed income, as longer-duration assets benefited more so than shorter-dated. The broad Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.8% during the month, slightly ahead of Treasuries (Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index), which returned 0.7%. Investment-grade corporates, which returned 1.1%, were boosted by the sector's longer duration profile.

Another strong month for equity markets was a tailwind for economically sensitive portions of fixed income, leading lower-quality fixed income to outperform higher-quality. High-yield corporates, up 0.9% on the month, were able to shrug off oil-related weakness, as the price of oil declined by 2.1% during May. Emerging market debt (EMD) displayed similar resilience to the decline in oil and continued its rebound from election-related weakness to return 0.8%. Preferred stocks had another strong month with a 1.0% return during May.

Investing in foreign and emerging markets debt securities involves special additional risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, geopolitical and regulatory risk, and risk associated with varying settlement standards.

Municipal bonds are subject to availability, price, and to market and interest rate risk if sold prior to maturity. Bond values will decline as interest rate rise. Interest income may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Federally tax-free but other state and local taxes may apply.

**FIXED INCOME PERFORMANCE**




**U.S. TREASURY YIELDS**

| Security | 04/30/17 | 05/31/17 | Change in Yield |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 Month | 0.80 | 0.98 | 0.18 |
| 2 Year | 1.28 | 1.28 | 0.00 |
| 5 Year | 1.81 | 1.75 | -0.06 |
| 10 Year | 2.29 | 2.21 | -0.08 |
| 30 Year | 2.96 | 2.87 | -0.09 |

**AAA MUNICIPAL YIELDS**

| Security | 04/30/17 | 05/31/17 | Change in Yield |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 Year | 1.06 | 0.98 | -0.08 |
| 5 Year | 1.56 | 1.38 | -0.18 |
| 10 Year | 2.30 | 2.09 | -0.21 |
| 20 Year | 2.95 | 2.79 | -0.16 |
| 30 Year | 3.13 | 2.94 | -0.19 |

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Bank loans are loans issued by below investment-grade companies for short-term funding purposes with higher yield than short-term debt and involve risk.

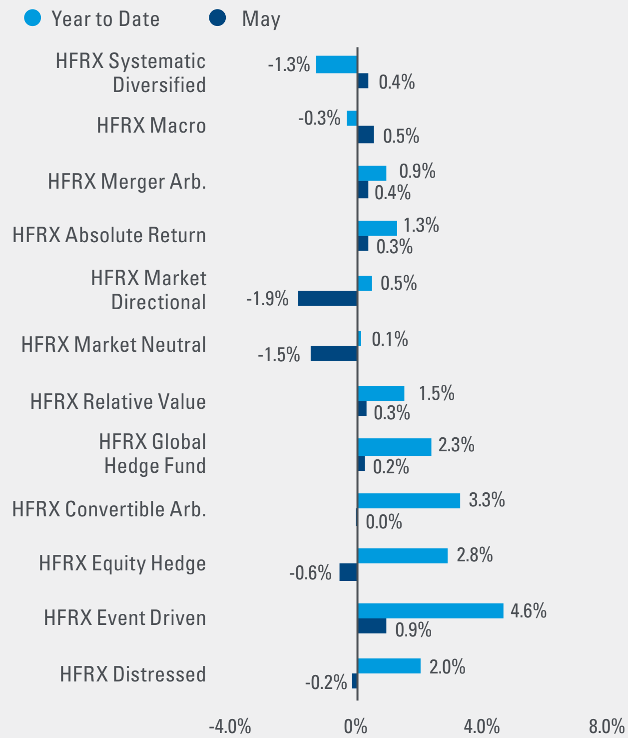
# ALTERNATIVES:
## SHORT POSITIONING DETRACTS FROM LONG/SHORT EQUITY PERFORMANCE

May returns in the long/short equity industry disappointed for the first time this year, as the HFRX Equity Hedge Index declined 0.57%, while the S&P 500 gained 1.41%. For the year, this brought long/short returns to 2.85%. The information technology and consumer discretionary sectors continue to drive long positioning gains and represent the largest sector overweights as compared to traditional benchmarks. However, these gains were impacted by short positioning in defensive sectors such as utilities and consumer staples, which gained 4.24% and 2.85%, respectively, during the month. Outside of the technology and consumer discretionary overweights, strategies have also consistently added to their European equity exposure over the course of the year, which has acted as a small tailwind given the strong overseas returns.

Event-driven strategies continue to perform well, as the HFRX Event Driven Index gained 0.93% during the month and has now gained 4.64% for the year. Within the category, special situation managers have fared particularly well, benefiting from a variety of idiosyncratic events such as post-bankruptcy reorganizations, spin-offs, and the use of a variety of activism techniques.

In the macro space, strategies were broadly higher on the month; however, they continue to lag all other alternative investment categories on the year. As measured by the HFRX Systematic Diversified Index, managed futures gained 0.36%. Gains were well-diversified across asset classes, with long equity positioning, short energy related contracts and long Yen and Euro currency holdings against the U.S. dollar all providing gains. While fixed income positioning was roughly flat on the month, it's worth noting that a majority of the intermediate and long-term trend-following models are now positioned with long Treasury exposure across most of the maturity spectrum.

**HFRX INDEX PERFORMANCE**

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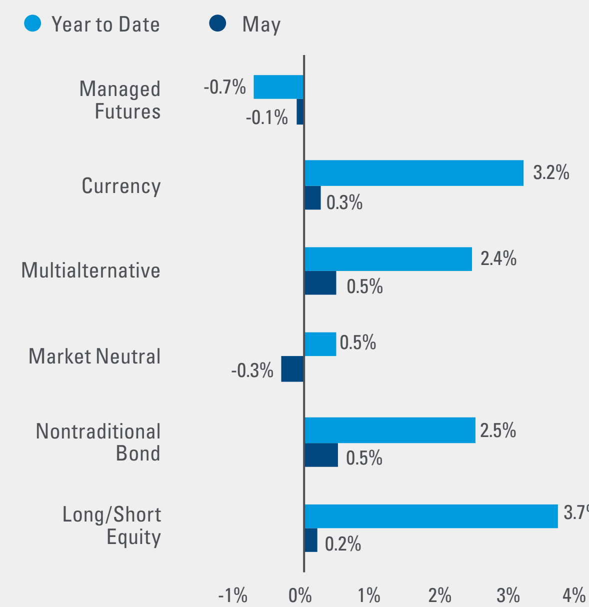


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Alternative strategies may not be suitable for all investors and should be considered as an investment for the risk capital portion of the investor's portfolio. The strategies employed in the management of alternative investments may accelerate the velocity of potential losses.

# STRONG MONTH FOR INTERNATIONAL ASSETS

International real estate and global infrastructure both outpaced the S&P 500, making May a good month for international real asset categories. However, the story was not as good for commodities, master limited partnerships (MLP), or domestic real estate which all fell throughout the month. Overall, non-U.S. assets were buoyed by a weaker U.S. dollar.

### MLPs

The Alerian MLP Index fell 4.5% in April, weighed down by lower oil and natural gas prices. Though MLPs have historically not been as sensitive to oil prices as traditional energy stocks, lower oil prices do impact U.S. energy production which translates into MLP price sensitivity. MLPs have not been as sensitive to interest rates recently either and, therefore, did not benefit noticeably from the latest drop in Treasury yields. The Alerian MLP Index has lost a disappointing 2.0% year to date but has held up better than the S&P 500 energy sector which has fallen 12.5% so far in 2017.

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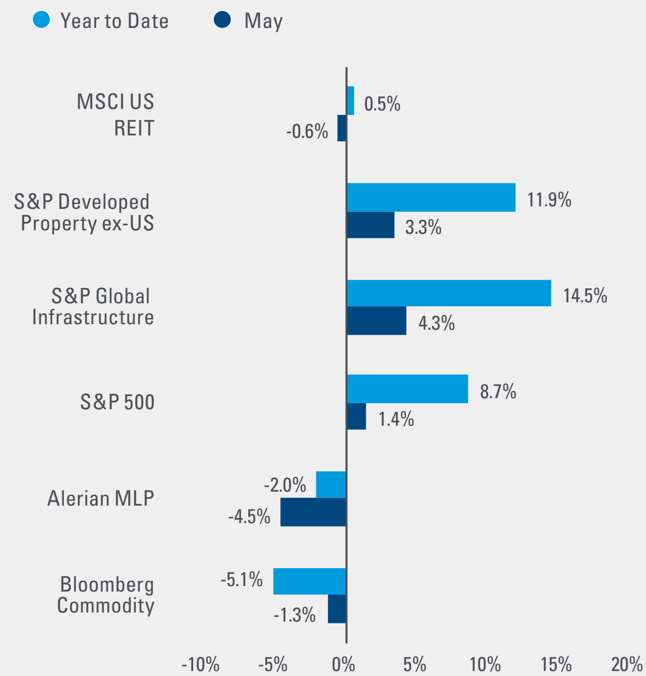


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### REITs & Global Listed Infrastructure

U.S. real estate investment trusts (REIT) suffered a modest loss in May, as lower interest rates and investor interest in more defensive equity sectors were not enough to keep the group positive. Retailer disruption from e-commerce continued to weigh on domestic REIT indexes. Still, the economic and credit backdrop remains generally favorable for U.S. real estate. International real estate fared better, benefiting from the strong environment for broad international equities and the weak dollar. Global infrastructure benefited from those same dynamics, in addition to the global demand for yield.

### Commodities

The Bloomberg Commodity Index fell for the third straight month, slipping 1.3% in May and bringing the year-to-date decline to 5.1%. Some commodity tailwinds have been blowing, including a weaker dollar, slow-moving Fed, and OPEC's extension of global production cuts. But with the exception of select agriculture commodities (corn and lean hogs), no commodities were able to produce anything more than a minimal gain in May. Aluminum, corn, gold, and silver were among the commodities in the green for the month, while oil fell 2% on skepticism surrounding whether the global production cut agreement would be enough to balance global supply and demand.

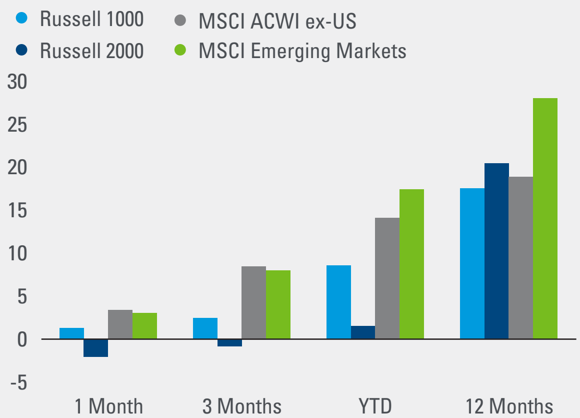
Investing in real estate/REITs involves special risks such as potential illiquidity and may not be suitable for all investors. There is no assurance that the investment objectives of this program will be attained.

Investing in MLPs involves additional risks as compared with the risks of investing in common stock, including risks related to cash flow, dilution, and voting rights.

MLPs may trade less frequently than larger companies due to their smaller capitalizations, which may result in erratic price movement or difficulty in buying or selling. MLPs are subject to significant regulation and may be adversely affected by changes in the regulatory environment, including the risk that an MLP could lose its tax status as a partnership. Additional management fees and other expenses are associated with investing in MLP funds.

# MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

### EQUITY PERFORMANCE

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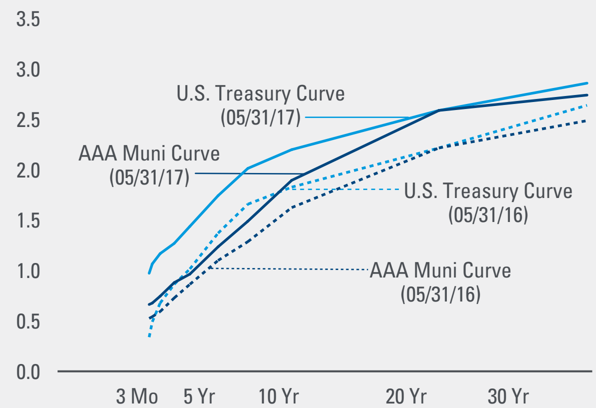


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| | | 1 Mo | 3 Mos | YTD | 12 Mos |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Large Cap | S&P 500 | 1.41 | 2.57 | 8.66 | 17.47 |
| | DJIA | 0.71 | 1.56 | 7.47 | 21.16 |
| | Russell 1000 | 1.28 | 2.41 | 8.51 | 17.48 |
| | Russell 1000 Value | -0.10 | -1.30 | 2.97 | 14.66 |
| | Russell 1000 Growth | 2.60 | 6.16 | 14.30 | 20.27 |
| Small/Mid Cap | Russell 2000 | -2.03 | -0.83 | 1.48 | 20.36 |
| | Russell 2000 Value | -3.11 | -3.56 | -2.86 | 21.00 |
| | Russell 2000 Growth | -0.91 | 2.11 | 6.31 | 19.71 |
| | Russell Microcap | -2.29 | -0.43 | -0.91 | 20.59 |
| | Russell Midcap | 0.91 | 1.53 | 6.92 | 15.86 |
| | Russell Midcap Value | -0.31 | -0.85 | 3.63 | 15.27 |
| | Russell Midcap Growth | 2.39 | 4.48 | 11.07 | 16.68 |
| All Cap | Russell 3000 | 1.02 | 2.16 | 7.96 | 17.69 |
| | Russell 3000 Value | -0.34 | -1.48 | 2.50 | 15.12 |
| | Russell 3000 Growth | 2.34 | 5.86 | 13.68 | 20.23 |
| International Markets | MSCI EAFE | 3.81 | 9.58 | 14.40 | 17.00 |
| | MSCI ACWI ex US | 3.35 | 8.40 | 14.05 | 18.80 |
| | MSCI Europe | 5.06 | 13.40 | 17.18 | 17.70 |
| | MSCI Japan | 3.02 | 3.86 | 8.93 | 15.41 |
| | MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan | 2.68 | 7.52 | 17.69 | 25.64 |
| | MSCI EAFE SMID | 3.85 | 10.20 | 16.41 | 16.67 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Int'l -Continued | MSCI ACWI ex US SMID | 3.13 | 8.60 | 15.34 | 16.78 |
| | MSCI Emerging Mkts | 2.98 | 7.94 | 17.34 | 27.88 |
| | MSCI EMEA | 0.20 | 5.23 | 7.56 | 19.98 |
| | MSCI Latin America | -2.32 | -1.71 | 9.59 | 27.77 |
| | MSCI Frontier Markets | 4.33 | 8.34 | 15.15 | 14.84 |
| Sectors -S&P 500 GICS | Consumer Discretionary | 1.12 | 5.72 | 12.34 | 16.92 |
| | Consumer Staples | 2.85 | 3.60 | 10.52 | 10.89 |
| | Energy | -3.40 | -7.16 | -12.46 | -0.82 |
| | Financials | -1.21 | -4.76 | 0.43 | 23.12 |
| | Healthcare | 0.82 | 1.95 | 10.94 | 8.60 |
| | Industrials | 1.51 | 2.58 | 8.01 | 21.77 |
| | Information Technology | 4.40 | 9.77 | 20.49 | 33.82 |
| | Materials | -0.10 | 1.78 | 7.23 | 15.40 |
| | Telecom Services | -0.98 | -5.36 | -8.06 | -0.56 |
| | Utilities | 4.24 | 4.86 | 11.77 | 13.54 |

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| Fixed Income | | 1 Mo | 3 Mos | YTD | 12 Mos |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | BI BarCap US Agg | 0.77 | 1.49 | 2.38 | 1.58 |
| | BI BarCap 1-10 Muni | 0.96 | 1.64 | 3.11 | 1.45 |
| | BI BarCap HY Muni | 1.53 | 2.45 | 6.36 | 4.60 |
| | BI BarCap Inv. Grade Credit | 1.15 | 1.99 | 3.48 | 4.26 |
| | BI BarCap Muni Long Bond -22+ | 2.25 | 3.36 | 4.80 | 1.45 |
| | BI BarCap US Agg Securitized MBS | 0.62 | 1.31 | 1.76 | 1.16 |
| | BI BarCap US TIPs | -0.04 | 0.49 | 1.82 | 2.41 |
| | BI BarCap US Treasury Interm | 0.40 | 0.99 | 1.48 | 0.39 |
| | BI BarCap US Treasury Long | 1.98 | 2.98 | 5.00 | -1.91 |
| | BI BarCap US High Yield Loans | 0.44 | 0.80 | 1.64 | 6.80 |
| | ML Preferred Stock Hybrid | 0.96 | 3.53 | 8.41 | 5.70 |
| | ML US High Yield BB/B Rated | 0.82 | 1.90 | 4.38 | 11.96 |
| | ML US Convert ex Mandatory | 1.11 | 3.12 | 7.98 | 19.38 |
| | JPM GBI Global ex US Hedged | 0.42 | 0.94 | 0.72 | 1.13 |
| | JPM GBI Global ex US Unhedged | 2.10 | 4.04 | 5.87 | -1.18 |
| | JPM GBI-EM Global Div | 1.96 | 5.54 | 9.86 | 12.16 |
| | JPM ELMI+ | 1.55 | 3.51 | 7.16 | 7.51 |
| | JPM EMBI+ Composite | 0.62 | 3.14 | 6.67 | 8.90 |

| Alternatives | | 1 Mo | 3 Mos | YTD | 12 Mos |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | HFRX Absolute Return | 0.32 | 0.87 | 1.28 | 1.65 |
| | HFRX Market Directional | -1.93 | -2.44 | 0.46 | 10.52 |
| | HFRX Convertible Arb. | -0.02 | 0.90 | 3.26 | 8.12 |
| | HFRX Distressed | -0.20 | -0.55 | 1.98 | 15.76 |
| | HFRX Equity Hedge | -0.57 | 0.80 | 2.85 | 5.57 |
| | HFRX Market Neutral | -1.50 | -0.65 | 0.10 | -1.05 |
| | HFRX Event Driven | 0.93 | 1.97 | 4.64 | 14.12 |
| | HFRX Merger Arb. | 0.36 | 1.16 | 0.91 | 2.81 |
| | HFRX Relative Value Arb. | 0.27 | 0.24 | 1.50 | 4.66 |
| | HFRX Global Hedge Fund | 0.24 | 0.70 | 2.34 | 5.98 |
| | HFRX Macro Index | 0.49 | -0.56 | -0.34 | -1.97 |
| | HFRX Systematic Diversified | 0.36 | -2.09 | -1.31 | -1.67 |
| | Bloomberg Commodity | -1.33 | -5.40 | -5.07 | -2.45 |
| | DJ Wilshire REIT | -0.55 | -3.58 | -1.06 | 1.40 |
| | Alerian MLP | -4.52 | -6.97 | -2.02 | 6.24 |

| | | Latest Mo End (05/31/17) | 3 Mos Ago (02/28/17) | Latest Yr End (12/31/16) | 12 Mos Ago (05/31/16) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Currency | US Dollar Index Value | 96.98 | 101.36 | 102.21 | 95.80 |
| | USD vs. Yen | 110.77 | 112.77 | 116.90 | 110.73 |
| | Euro vs. USD | 1.12 | 1.06 | 1.05 | 1.11 |
| Cmdtys | Gold ($ per Troy Ounce) | 1268.60 | 1247.80 | 1150.90 | 1215.00 |
| | Crude Oil ($ per Barrel) | 48.32 | 54.01 | 53.72 | 49.10 |

## IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

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### Stock and Pooled Investment Risks

There is no guarantee that a diversified portfolio will enhance overall returns or outperform a non-diversified portfolio. Diversification does not ensure against market risk.

Investments in specialized industry sectors have additional risks, which are outlined in the prospectus. Please read the fund's prospectus for more information on risks, fees, and other important information.

### Bond and Debt Equity Risks

Government bonds and Treasury bills are guaranteed by the U.S. government as to the timely payment of principal and interest and, if held to maturity, offer a fixed rate of return and fixed principal value. However, the value of fund shares is not guaranteed and will fluctuate.

High-yield/junk bonds are not investment-grade securities, involve substantial risks, and generally should be part of the diversified portfolio of sophisticated investors.

Municipal bonds are subject to availability, price, and to market and interest rate risk if sold prior to maturity. Bond values will decline as interest rate rise. Interest income may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Federally tax-free but other state and local taxes may apply.

Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) are subject to interest rate risk and opportunity risk. If interest rates rise, the value of your bond on the secondary market will likely fall. In periods of no or low inflation, other investments, including other Treasury bonds, may perform better.

Preferred stock investing involves risk, which may include loss of principal, and are subject to many of the same risks which affect fixed income securities.

### Alternative Risks

Currency risk is a form of risk that arises from the change in price of one currency against another. Whenever investors or companies have assets or business operations across national borders, they face currency risk if their positions are not hedged.

Long/short equity funds are subject to normal alternative investment risks, including potentially higher fees; while there is additional management risk, as the manager is attempting to accurately anticipate the likely movement of both their long and short holdings. There is also the risk of "beta-mismatch," in which long positions could lose more than short positions during falling markets.

Global macro strategies attempt to profit from anticipated price movements in stock markets, interest rates, foreign exchange and physical commodities. Global macro risks include but are not limited to imperfect knowledge of macro events, divergent movement from macro events, loss of principal, and related geopolitical risks.

Event driven strategies, such as merger arbitrage, consist of buying shares of the target company in a proposed merger and fully or partially hedging the exposure to the acquirer by shorting the stock of the acquiring company or other means. This strategy involves significant risk as events may not occur as planned and disruptions to a planned merger may result in significant loss to a hedged position.

Selling short can result in losses should the borrowed security increase in price, rather than decline. The theoretical potential loss is unlimited. Additionally, short sales will incur interest on the borrowed shares while also being subject to margin calls, or early sales in the event that the original owner wishes to sell their position.

Commodity-linked investments may be more volatile and less liquid than the underlying instruments or measures, and their value may be affected by the performance of the overall commodities baskets as well as weather, geopolitical events, and regulatory developments.

### Definitions

Different agencies employ different rating scales for credit quality. Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Fitch both use scales from AAA (highest) through AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C to D(lowest). Moody's uses a scale from Aaa (highest) through Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca to C (lowest).

The Leading Economic Index is a monthly publication from the Conference Board that attempts to predict future movements in the economy based on a composite of 10 economic indicators whose changes tend to precede changes in the overall economy.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the monetary value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period, though GDP is usually calculated on an annual basis. It includes all of private and public consumption, government outlays, investments and exports less imports that occur within a defined territory.

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The National Association of Home Builders Housing Market Index is based on a monthly survey of NAHB members designed to take the pulse of the single-family housing market. The survey asks respondents to rate market conditions for the sale of new homes at the present time and in the next 6 months as well as the traffic of prospective buyers of new homes.

The Citigroup Economic Surprise Index (CESI) measures the variation in the gap between the expectations and the real economic data.

The Chicago Fed National Activity Index (CFNAI) is a monthly index designed to gauge overall economic activity and related inflationary pressure.

## INDEX DEFINITIONS

The Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy master limited partnerships that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for this emerging asset class. The index, which is calculated using a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted methodology, is disseminated in real time on a price-return basis (NYSE: AMZ) and on a total-return basis (NYSE: AMZX).

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS, and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Securitized MBS Index tracks agency mortgage backed pass-through securities (both fixed-rate and hybrid (ARM) guaranteed by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

The Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield Index covers the universe of publicly issued debt obligations rated below investment grade. Bonds must be rated below investment grade or high yield (Ba1/BB+ or lower), by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. Bonds must also have at least one year to maturity, have at least $150 million in par value outstanding, and must be U.S. dollar denominated and nonconvertible. Bonds issued by countries designated as emerging markets are excluded.

The Bloomberg Barclays 7-year Municipal Bond Index is the 7 Year (6 -8 year) component of the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond, which is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market.

The Bloomberg Barclays Corporate Investment Grade Credit Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixedrate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial issuers that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High-Yield Loan Index tracks the market for dollar-denominated floating-rate leveraged loans. Instead of individual securities, the U.S. High-Yield Loan Index is composed of loan tranches that may contain multiple contracts at the borrower level.

The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal High Yield Bond Index is comprised of bonds with maturities greater than one year, having a par value of at least $3 million issued as part of a transaction size greater than $20 million, and rated no higher than 'BB+' or equivalent by any of the three principal rating agencies. (The long and the short are subindexes of the Municipal Bond Index, based on duration length.)

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Energy 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. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, 144-As and pay-in-kind bonds (PIKs, as of October 1, 2009) are also included.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS Index is a rules-based, market value-weighted index that tracks Inflation-Protected Securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. The U.S. TIPS Index is a subset of the Global Inflation-Linked Index, with a 36% market value weight in the index (as of December 2007), but is not eligible for other nominal treasury or aggregate indexes In order to prevent the erosion of purchasing power, TIPS are indexed to the nonseasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or the CPI-U (CPI).

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index is an unmanaged index of public debt obligations of the U.S. Treasury with a remaining maturity of one year or more. The index does not include T-bills (due to the maturity constraint), zero coupon bonds (strips), or Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). (The long and the intermediate are subindexes of the U.S. Treasury Index, based on duration length.)

The Bloomberg Commodity Index is calculated on an excess return basis and composed of futures contracts on 22 physical commodities. It reflects the return of underlying commodity futures price movements.

The BofA Merrill Lynch Preferred Stock Hybrid Securities Index is an unmanaged index consisting of a set of investment-grade, exchange-traded preferred stocks with outstanding market values of at least $50 million that are covered by Merrill Lynch Fixed Income Research.

The BofA Merrill Lynch BB-B U.S. High Yield Constrained Index contains all securities in the BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Index rated BB+ through B- by S&P (or equivalent as rated by Moody's or Fitch), but caps issuer exposure at 2%. Index constituents are capitalization-weighted, based on their current amount outstanding, provided the total allocation to an individual issuer does not exceed 2%.

The BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Convertibles Ex-Mandatory Index is a rule-driven Index designed to capture the organic evolution of the U.S. convertible market and adjust automatically based on any changes in the market such as size of the market, industry skew, structure popularity, issuer size or equity sensitivity. The index rules include issues: U.S. dollar denominated greater than $50M in aggregate market value that are publicly traded (including 144A) in the U.S. market but are not currently in bankruptcy. Exclusions are synthetic convertibles and mandatory convertibles.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index is comprised of U.S.-listed stocks of companies that produce other (non-transportation and non-utility) goods and services. The Dow Jones industrial averages are maintained by editors of The Wall Street Journal. While the stock selection process is somewhat subjective, a stock typically is added only if the company has an excellent reputation, demonstrates sustained growth, is of interest to a large number of investors, and accurately represents the market sectors covered by the average. The Dow Jones averages are unique in that they are price weighted; therefore, their component weightings are affected only by changes in the stocks' prices.

The Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index (formerly the DJ Wilshire REIT) intends to measure the performance of publicly traded REITs and REIT-like securities. The index is a subset of the Dow Jones U.S. Select Real Estate Securities Index (RESI), which represents equity REITs and real estate operating companies (REOCs) traded in the U.S. The indices are designed to serve as proxies for direct real estate investment, in part by excluding companies whose performance may be driven by factors other than the value of real estate.

The HFRX Absolute Return Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies; including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage.

The HFRX Distressed Restructuring Index strategies employ an investment process focused on corporate fixed income instruments, primarily on corporate credit instruments of companies trading at significant discounts to their value at issuance or obliged (par value) at maturity as a result of either formal bankruptcy proceeding or financial market perception of near term proceedings. Managers are typically actively involved with the management of these companies, frequently involved on creditors' committees in negotiating the exchange of securities for alternative obligations, either swaps of debt, equity, or hybrid securities. Managers employ fundamental credit processes focused on valuation and asset coverage of securities of distressed firms; in most cases portfolio exposures are concentrated in instruments that are publicly traded, in some cases actively and in others under reduced liquidity, but in general for which a reasonable public market exists. In contrast to special situations, distressed strategies employ primarily debt (greater than 60%) but also may maintain related equity exposure.

The HFRX Equity Hedge Index, also known as long/short equity, combines core long holdings of equities with short sales of stock or stock index options. Equity hedge portfolios may be anywhere from net long to net short, depending on market conditions. Equity hedge managers generally increase net long exposure in bull markets and decrease net long exposure (or even are net short) in a bear market. Generally, the short exposure is intended to generate an ongoing positive return in addition to acting as a hedge against a general stock market decline. Stock index put options are also often used as a hedge against market risk. Profits are made when long positions appreciate and stocks sold short depreciate. Conversely, losses are incurred when long positions depreciate or the value of stocks sold short appreciates. Equity hedge managers' source of return is similar to that of traditional stock pickers on the upside, but they use short selling and hedging to attempt to outperform the market on the downside.

The HFRX Equity Market Neutral Index strategies employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. These can include both factor-based and statistical arbitrage/trading strategies. Factor-based investment strategies include strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on the systematic analysis of common relationships between securities. In many but not all cases, portfolios are constructed to be neutral to one or multiple variables, such as broader equity markets in dollar or beta terms, and leverage is frequently employed to enhance the return profile of the positions identified. Statistical arbitrage/trading strategies consist of strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on exploiting pricing anomalies that may occur as a function of expected mean reversion inherent in security prices; high frequency techniques may be employed and trading strategies may also be employed on the basis on technical analysis or opportunistically to exploit new information the investment manager believes has not been fully, completely, or accurately discounted into current security prices. Equity market neutral strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.

The HFRX Event Driven Index managers maintain positions in companies currently or prospectively involved in corporate transactions of a wide variety, including but not limited to mergers, restructurings, financial distress, tender offers, shareholder buybacks, debt exchanges, security issuance, or other capital structure adjustments. Security types can range from most senior in the capital structure to most junior or subordinated, and frequently involve additional derivative securities. Event driven exposure includes a combination of sensitivities to equity markets, credit markets and idiosyncratic, company-specific developments. Investment theses are typically predicated on fundamental characteristics (as opposed to quantitative), with the realization of the thesis predicated on a specific development exogenous to the existing capital structure.

The HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies, including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage. The strategies are asset weighted based on the distribution of assets in the hedge fund industry.

The HFRX Macro Index strategy managers trade a broad range of strategies in which the investment process is predicated on movements in underlying economic variables and the impact these have on equity, fixed income, hard currency, and commodity markets. Managers employ a variety of techniques, both discretionary and systematic analysis, combinations of top-down and bottom-up theses, quantitative and fundamental approaches, and long- and short-term holding periods. Although some strategies employ RV techniques, macro strategies are distinct from RV strategies in that the primary investment thesis is predicated on predicted or future movements in the underlying instruments, rather than realization of a valuation discrepancy between securities. In a similar way, while both macro and equity hedge managers may hold equity securities, the overriding investment thesis is predicated on the impact movements in underlying macroeconomic variables may have on security prices, as opposed to EH, in which the fundamental characteristics on the company are the most significant and integral to investment thesis.

The HFRX Macro: Systematic Diversified CTA Index strategies have investment processes typically as function of mathematical, algorithmic, and technical models, with little or no influence of individuals over the portfolio positioning. Strategies employ an investment process designed to identify opportunities in markets exhibiting trending or momentum characteristics across individual instruments or asset classes. Strategies typically employ a quantitative process that focuses on statistically robust or technical patterns in the return series of the asset, and they typically focus on highly liquid instruments and maintain shorter holding periods than either discretionary or mean reverting strategies. Although some strategies seek to employ counter trend models, strategies benefit most from an environment characterized by persistent, discernible trending behavior. Systematic diversified strategies typically would expect to have no greater than 35% of the portfolio in either dedicated currency or commodity exposures over a given market cycle.

The HFRX Market Directional Index is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies, including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage. As a component of the optimization process, the index selects constituents which characteristically exhibit higher volatilities and higher correlations to standard directional benchmarks of equity, bond market, and hedge fund industry.

The HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index strategies employ an investment process primarily focused on opportunities in equity and equity-related instruments of companies that are currently engaged in a corporate transaction. Merger arbitrage involves primarily announced transactions, typically with limited or no exposure to situations that pre- or post-date, or situations in which no formal announcement is expected to occur. Opportunities are frequently presented in cross border, collared, and international transactions that incorporate multiple geographic regulatory institutions, with typically involve minimal exposure to corporate credits. Merger arbitrage strategies typically have over 75% of positions in announced transactions over a given market cycle.

The HFRX Relative Value Arbitrage Index includes managers who maintain positions in which the investment thesis is predicated on the realization of a valuation discrepancy in the relationship between multiple securities. Managers employ a variety of fundamental and quantitative techniques to establish investment theses, and security types range broadly across equity, fixed income, derivative, or other security types. Fixed income strategies are typically quantitatively driven to measure the existing relationship between instruments and, in some cases, identify attractive positions in which the risk adjusted spread between these instruments represents an attractive opportunity for the investment manager. RV position may be involved in corporate transactions also, but as opposed to ED exposures, the investment thesis is predicated on the realization of a pricing discrepancy between related securities, as opposed to the outcome of the corporate transaction.

The HFRX RV: FI-Convertible Arbitrage Index includes strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a spread between related instruments in which one or multiple components of the spread is a convertible fixed income instrument. Strategies employ an investment process designed to isolate attractive opportunities between the price of a convertible security and the price of a non-convertible security, typically of the same issuer. Convertible arbitrage positions maintain characteristic sensitivities to credit quality the issuer, implied and realized volatility of the underlying instruments, levels of interest rates and the valuation of the issuer's equity, among other more general market and idiosyncratic sensitivities.

The J.P. Morgan GBI Global ex-U.S. Hedged Index tracks fixed rate issuances from high-income countries spanning the globe, launched in 1989.

The JPM GBI Global ex-U.S. Unhedged Index generally tracks fixed rate issuances form high-income countries spanning North America, Europe, and Asia, not including the United States.

The JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified Index limits the weights of those index countries with larger debt stocks by only including a specified portion of these countries as eligible, current face amounts of debt outstanding.

The JPM ELMI+ and JPM ELMI+ Composite Indexes measure the performance of debt issued by emerging markets in the local currency.

The Merrill Lynch Preferred Stock Hybrid Securities Index is an unmanaged index consisting of a set of investment-grade, exchange-traded preferred stocks with outstanding market values of at least $50 million that are covered by Merrill Lynch Fixed Income Research.

The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index captures large and mid cap representation across four of five developed markets countries (excluding Japan) and eight emerging markets countries in the Asia Pacific region. With 682 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 developed markets (DM) countries (excluding the U.S.) and 23 emerging markets (EM) countries. With 1,839 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the U.S.

The MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. SMID Cap Index captures mid and small cap representation across 22 of 23 developed market (DM) countries (excluding the U.S.) and 23 emerging markets countries. With 5,164 constituents, the index covers approximately 28% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI EAFE Index is recognized as the pre-eminent benchmark in the United States to measure international equity performance. It comprises the MSCI country indexes that represent developed markets outside of North America: Europe, Australasia, and the Far East.

The MSCI EAFE SMID Cap Index captures mid and small cap representation across developed market countries around the world, excluding the U.S. and Canada. With 2,695 constituents, the index covers approximately 28% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 23 emerging markets (EM) countries. With 822 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Emerging Markets EMEA Index captures large and mid cap representation across eight emerging markets (EM) countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA). With 162 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Latin America Index captures large and mid cap representation across five emerging markets (EM) countries in Latin America. With 137 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Europe Index is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in Europe.

The MSCI Frontier Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 24 frontier markets (FM) countries. The index includes 127 constituents, covering about 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI U.S. REIT Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is comprised of equity REITs. The index is based on MSCI USA Investable Market Index (IMI), its parent index that captures large, mid, and small caps securities. With 139 constituents, it represents about 99% of the U.S. REIT universe and securities are classified in the REIT sector according to the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). It, however, excludes mortgage REITs and selected specialized REITs.

The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index and includes approximately 1000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 1000 represents approximately 92% of the U.S. market.

The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of the large cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe.

The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 Index is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index.

The Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell 2500 Index is a broad index featuring 2,500 stocks that cover the small and mid cap market capitalizations. The Russell 2500 is a market capitalization-weighted index that includes the smallest 2,500 companies covered in the Russell 3000 universe of U.S.-based listed equities.

The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

The Russell 3000 Growth Index measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 3000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 3000 Value Index measures the performance of the broad value segment of U.S. equity value universe. It includes those Russell 3000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell Microcap Index measures the performance of the microcap segment of the U.S. equity market. Microcap stocks make up less than 3% of the U.S. equity market (by market cap) and consist of the smallest 1,000 securities in the small-cap Russell 2000 Index, plus the next 1,000 smallest eligible securities by market cap.

The Russell Midcap Index offers investors access to the mid cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the mid cap segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure that larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true mid cap opportunity set. The Russell Midcap Index includes the smallest 800 securities in the Russell 1000.

The Russell Midcap Growth Index offers investors access to the mid cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid cap growth market. Based on ongoing empirical research of investment manager behavior, the methodology used to determine growth probability approximates the aggregate mid cap growth manager's opportunity set.

The Russell Midcap Value Index offers investors access to the mid cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Value Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid cap value market. Based on ongoing empirical research of investment manager behavior, the methodology used to determine value probability approximates the aggregate mid cap value manager's opportunity set.

The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

The S&P Global Infrastructure Index is comprised of 75 of the largest publicly listed infrastructure companies that meet specific investability requirements. The index is designed to provide liquid exposure to the leading publicly listed companies in the global infrastructure industry, from both developed markets and emerging markets.

The S&P Utilities Index is comprised primarily of companies involved in water and electrical power and natural gas distribution industries.

The S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 index is a market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. leveraged loan market. The index consists of 100 loan facilities drawn from a larger benchmark - the S&P/LSTA (Loan Syndications and Trading Association) Leveraged Loan Index (LLI).

The S&P Developed Ex-U.S. Property defines and measures the investable universe of publicly traded property companies domiciled in developed countries outside of the U.S. The companies included are engaged in real estate related activities, such as property ownership, management, development, rental and investment.

The USD Index measures the performance of the U.S. dollar against a basket of foreign currencies: EUR, JPY, GBP, CAD, CHF and SEK. The U.S. Dollar Index goes up when the dollar gains "strength" compared to other currencies.



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