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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the last 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 performance of globally diversified portfolios and features a topic of the quarter.

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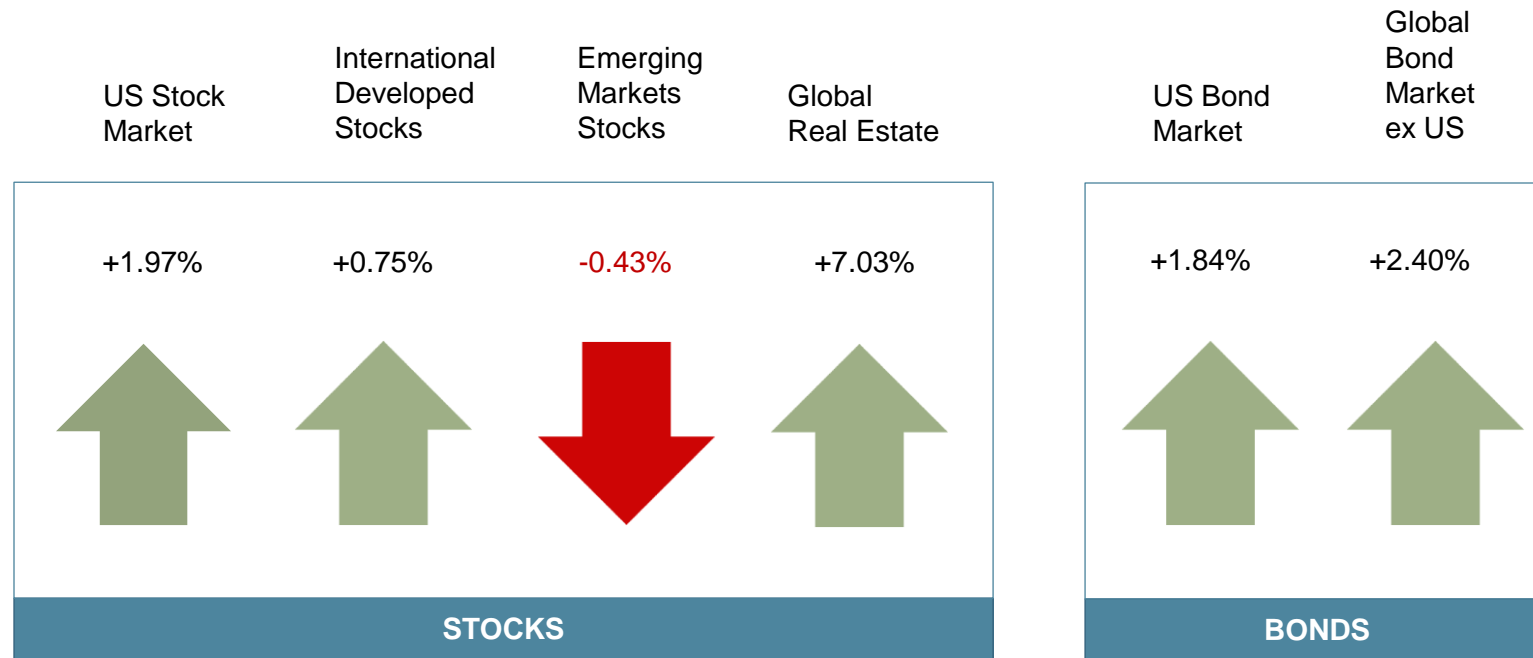
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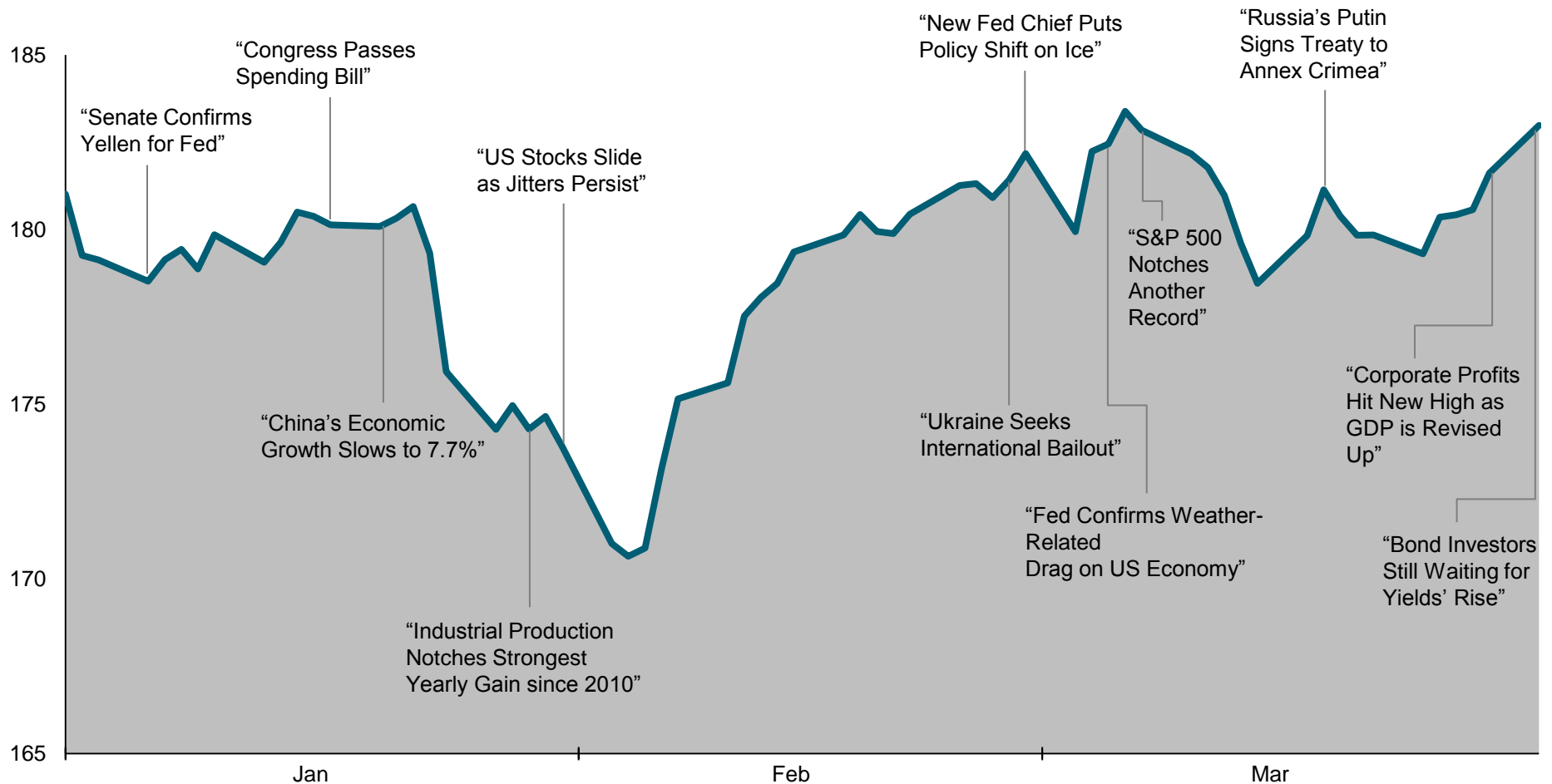
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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2014



These headlines are not offered to explain market returns. Instead, they serve as a reminder that investors should view daily events from a longer-term perspective and avoid making investment decisions based solely on the news.

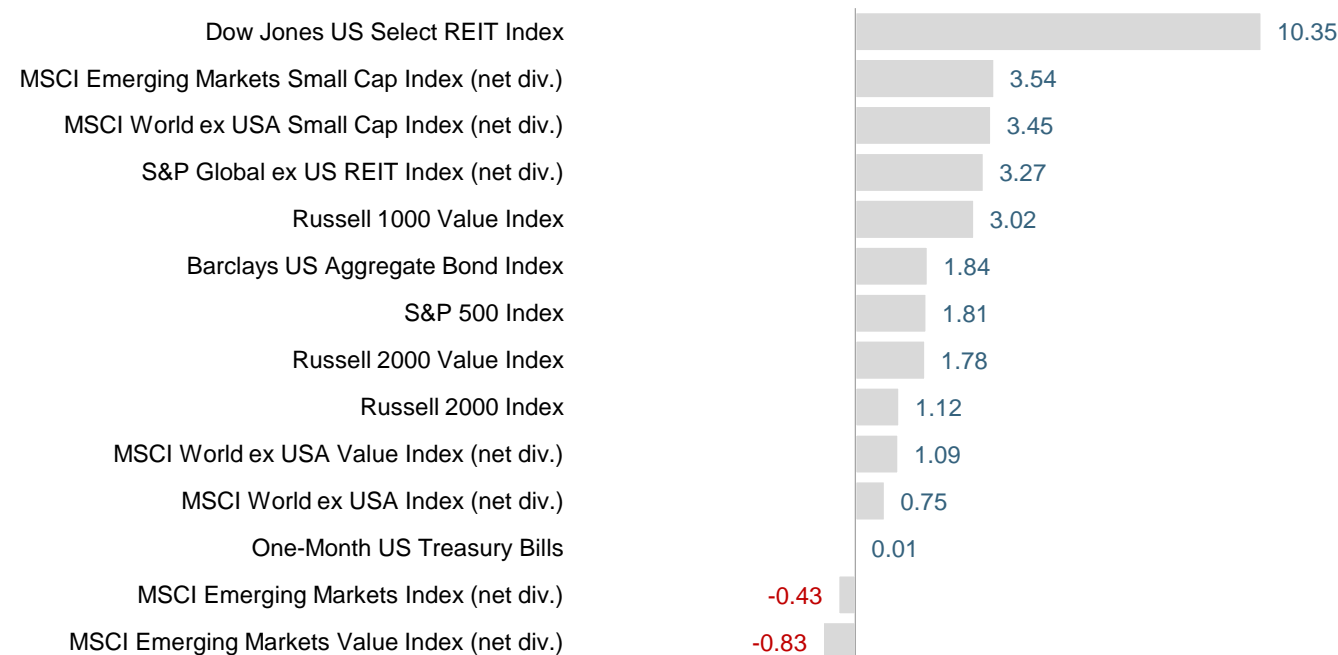
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World Asset Classes

First Quarter 2014 Index Returns

US REITs rebounded in the first quarter after declining in Q4 2013. Equity returns were mostly positive but lower than they were during much of 2013. While large caps in emerging markets lagged other equity asset classes, small caps in emerging markets were the top performers.



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US Stocks

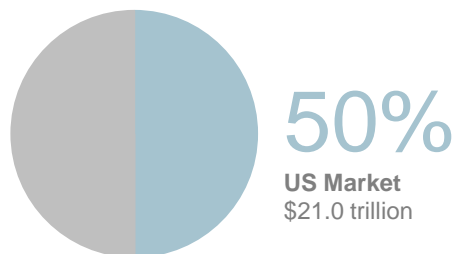
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Following strong performance during 2013, the US equity market delivered modest positive returns in the first quarter.

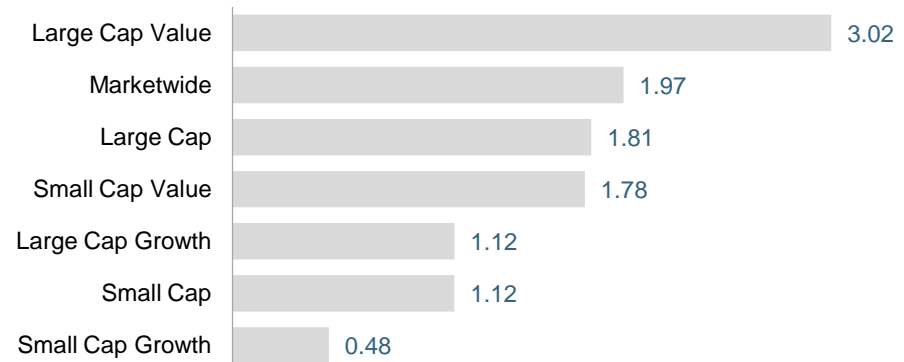
Value indices generally outperformed growth indices across all size categories.

Across the size dimension, large caps outperformed small caps.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	* Annualized			
		1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Marketwide	1.97	22.61	14.61	21.93	7.86
Large Cap	1.81	21.86	14.66	21.16	7.42
Large Cap Value	3.02	21.57	14.80	21.75	7.58
Large Cap Growth	1.12	23.22	14.62	21.68	7.86
Small Cap	1.12	24.90	13.18	24.31	8.53
Small Cap Value	1.78	22.65	12.74	23.33	8.07
Small Cap Growth	0.48	27.19	13.61	25.24	8.87

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International Developed Stocks

First Quarter 2014 Index Returns

During the first quarter, international developed markets continued to post positive performance. Small caps outperformed large caps.

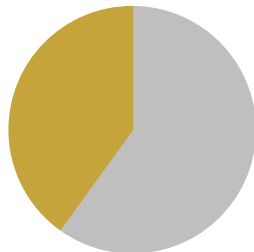
Value indices outperformed growth indices across all size segments.

The US dollar depreciated relative to many of the major international developed currencies.

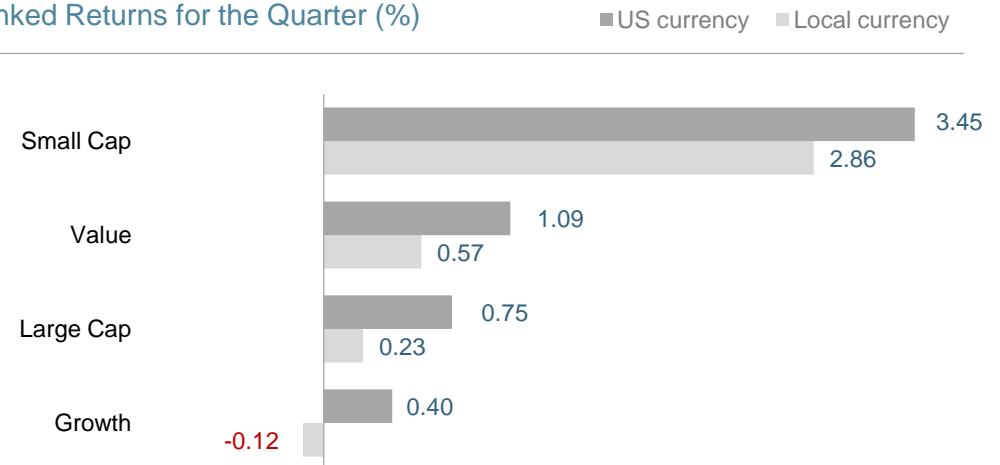
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

40%

International
Developed
Market
\$16.7 trillion



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	0.75	16.46	6.27	15.88	6.71
Small Cap	3.45	21.12	7.54	21.51	8.41
Value	1.09	19.08	6.57	16.39	6.71
Growth	0.40	13.88	5.94	15.33	6.63

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Emerging Markets Stocks

First Quarter 2014 Index Returns

Emerging markets generally lagged the US and non-US broad market indices during the first quarter.

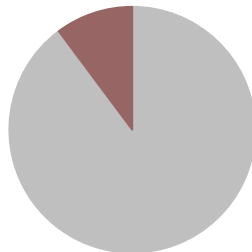
Small caps significantly outperformed large caps, and value underperformed growth across all size ranges.

Emerging markets currencies were mixed vs. the US dollar, with some of the major currencies seeing wide differences against the dollar.

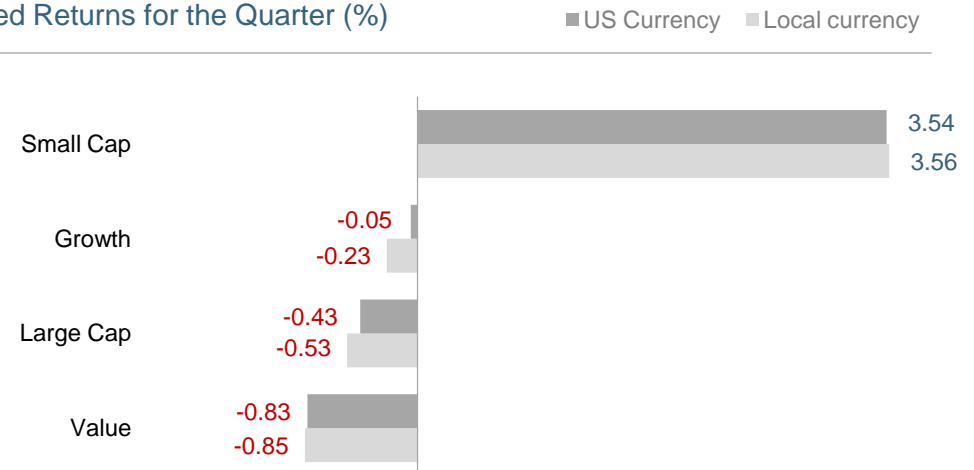
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

10%

Emerging Markets
\$4.3 trillion



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	-0.43	-1.43	-2.86	14.48	10.11
Small Cap	3.54	0.40	-1.45	19.70	11.50
Value	-0.83	-3.60	-4.51	13.76	10.82
Growth	-0.05	0.66	-1.26	15.15	9.35

* Annualized

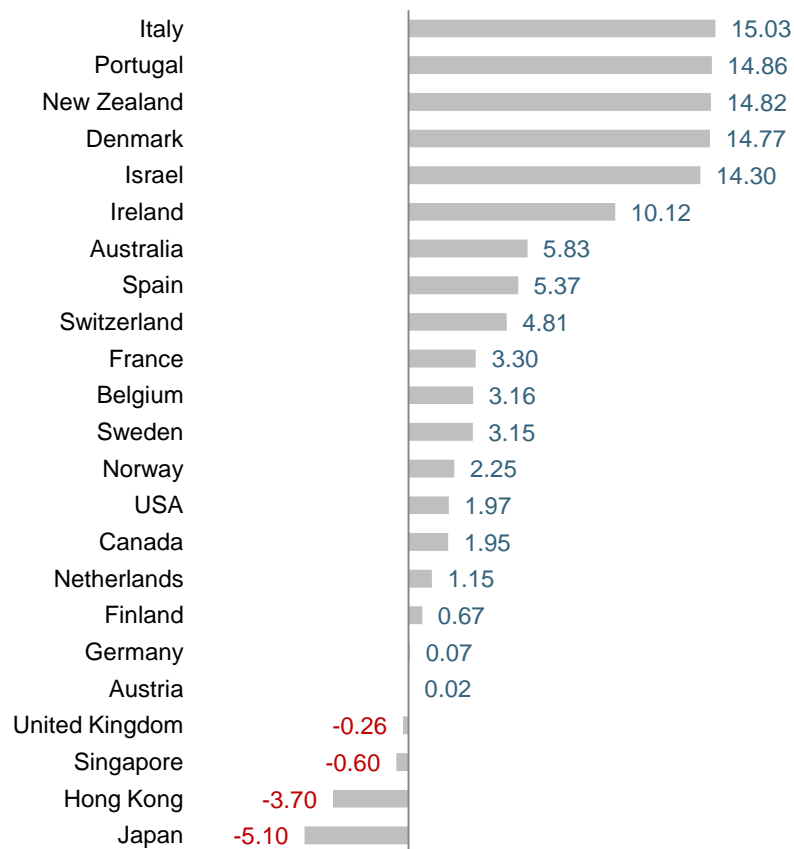
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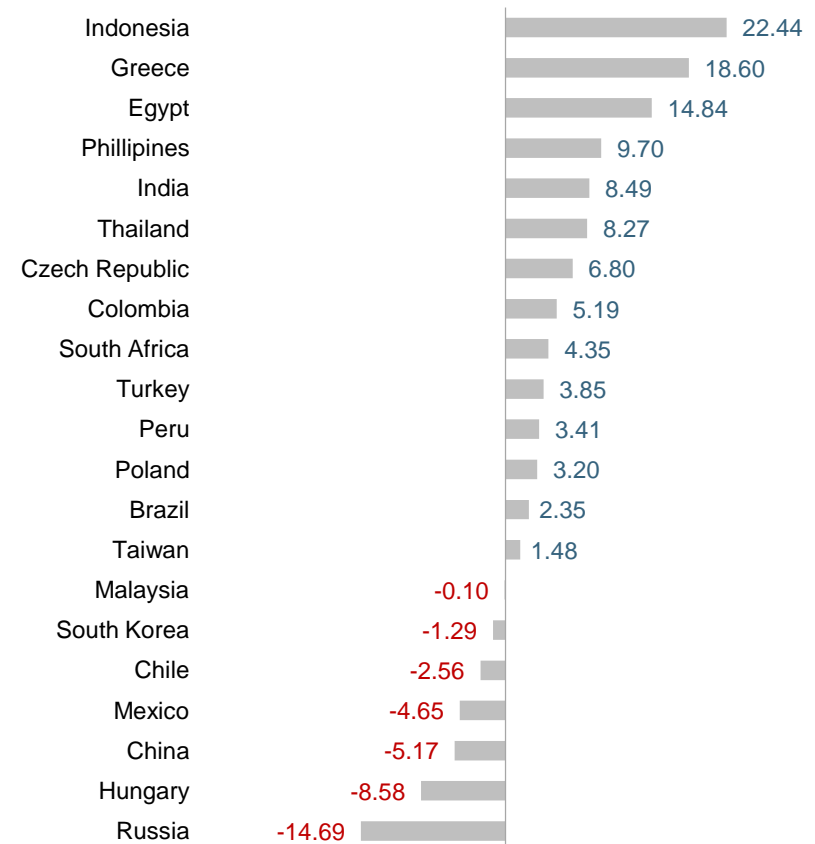
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Italy and Greece continued to record strong returns for the quarter; Italy was the best-performing developed market. Indonesia was the best-performing emerging market. With Russia's recent military action and political unrest dominating news headlines, the Russian equity market recorded the lowest return in US dollar terms.

Developed Markets (% Returns)



Emerging Markets (% Returns)



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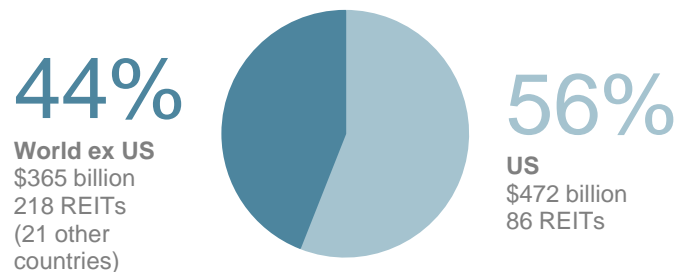
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

First Quarter 2014 Index Returns

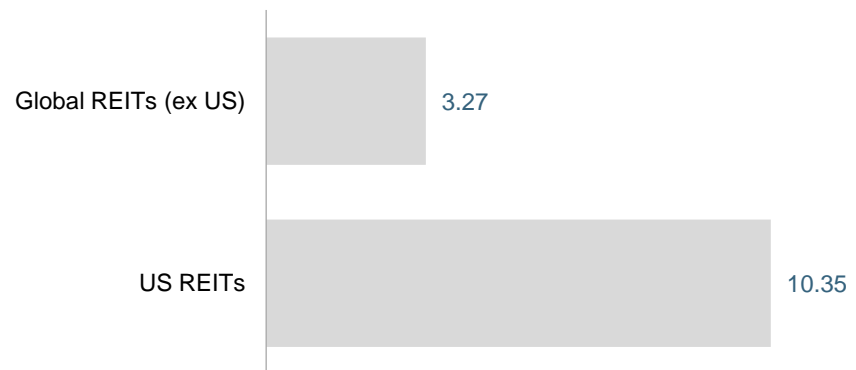
In a turnaround from 2013, REITs performed strongly during the quarter, particularly in the US.

Large cap REITs in the UK and Australia helped the performance of REIT securities outside the US.

Total Value of REIT Stocks



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	10.35	4.35	10.27	28.92	8.05
Global REITs (ex US)	3.27	-1.59	6.91	19.82	5.98

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Commodities

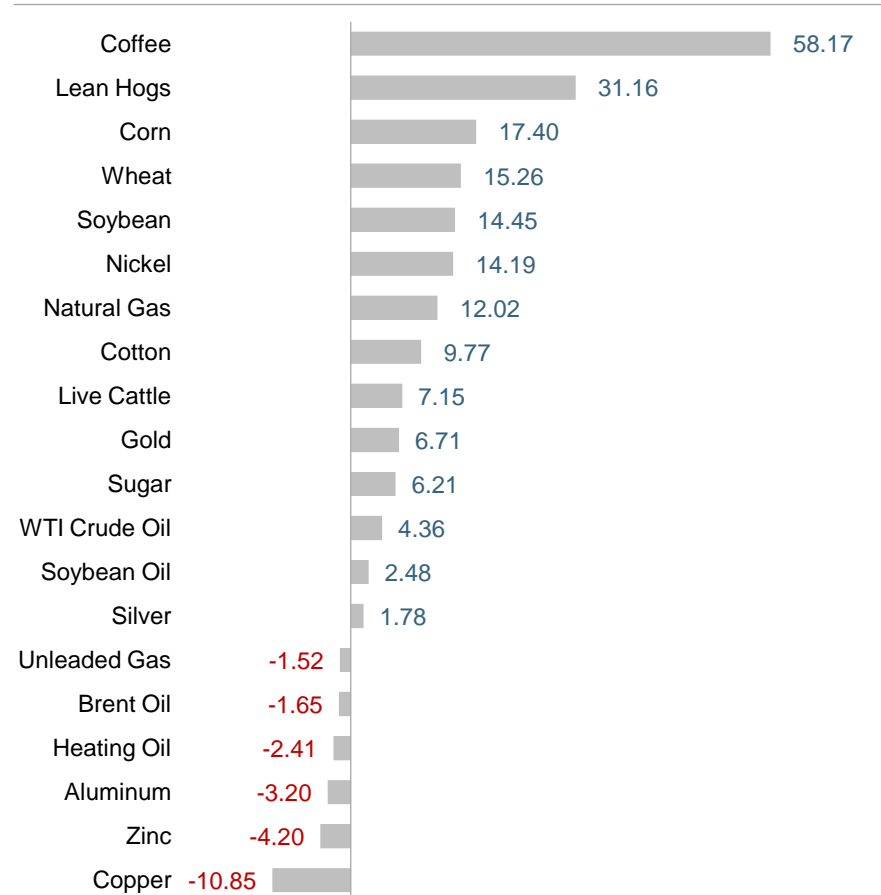
First Quarter 2014 Index Returns

Commodities regained ground during the first quarter. The DJ-UBS Commodity Index rose approximately 7%.

Coffee, the biggest gainer in the index, returned just over 58%, which helped soft commodities generate significant positive returns as a group.

The energy complex produced mixed results. Gains in natural gas were somewhat offset by declines in gasoline and heating oil prices.

Individual Commodity (% Returns)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	Q1	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	6.99	6.99	-2.10	-7.37	4.24	0.43

Fixed Income

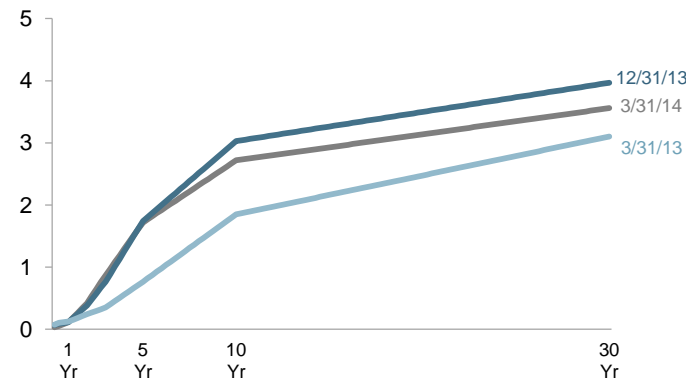
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In her first meeting as chair of the Federal Reserve, Janet Yellen announced that the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) will taper its monthly asset purchases from \$65 billion to \$55 billion. The Fed continued to maintain an accommodative stance through monetary policy, holding the federal funds target rate range at 0.00–0.25%. US interest rates generally fell during the quarter.

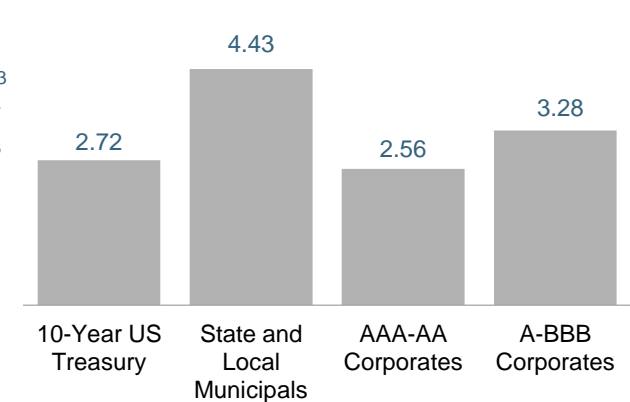
Broad US bond market returns were positive. The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index advanced 1.8% during the quarter. Spread sectors, including corporate bonds, performed well, generating solid excess returns over Treasuries. Lower-quality bonds outperformed their higher-quality counterparts.

TIPS recovered somewhat from their 2013 decline. Municipal bonds generated solid returns.

US Treasury Yield Curve



Bond Yields across Different Issuers



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	* Annualized			
		1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.01	0.07	0.08	0.12	1.65
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.08	0.26	0.33	0.56	2.03
Citigroup WGBI 1–5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.55	0.93	1.94	1.82	3.12
Long-Term Government Bonds	5.30	-4.49	7.66	4.29	6.03
Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	1.84	-0.10	3.75	4.80	4.46
Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	2.98	7.54	9.00	18.25	8.68
Barclays Municipal Bond Index	3.32	0.39	5.79	5.71	4.45
Barclays US TIPS Index	1.95	-6.49	3.50	4.91	4.53

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Global Diversification

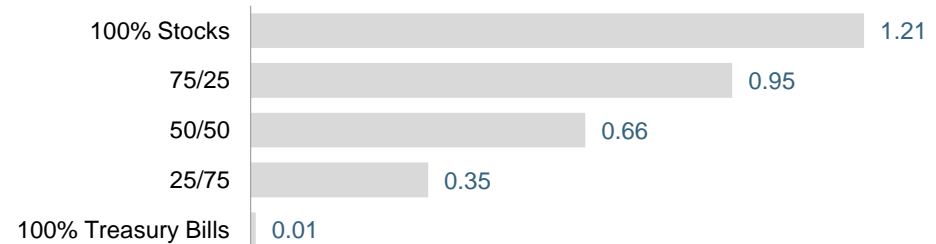
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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but also have higher expected returns over time.

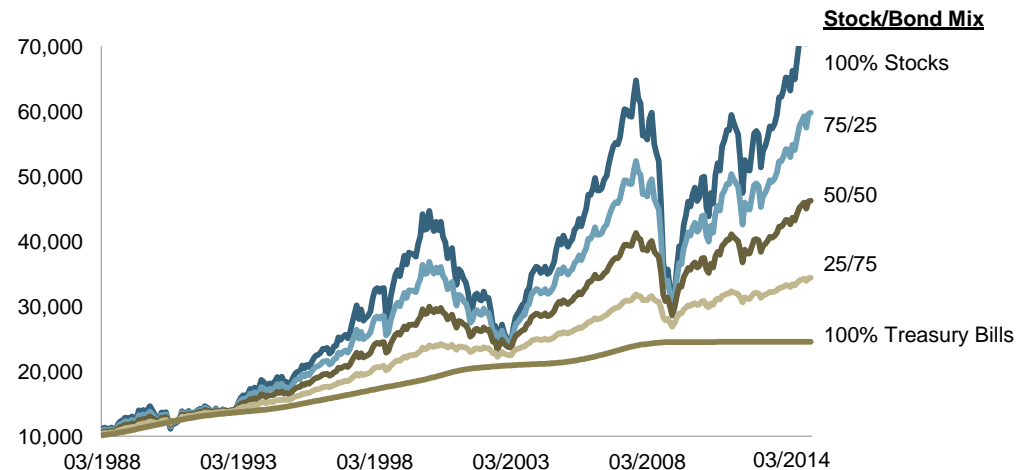
Period Returns (%) * Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
100% Stocks	1.21	17.17	9.14	18.43	7.53
75/25	0.95	12.76	7.01	13.84	6.28
50/50	0.66	8.43	4.77	9.24	4.86
25/75	0.35	4.19	2.44	4.64	3.27
100% Treasury Bills	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.06	1.52

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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Not Rocket Science

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When the media raises the subject of beating the market through astute stock picking, the name Warren Buffett is usually cited. But what does this legendary investor actually say about the smart way to invest?

Buffett is considered to have such a track record of picking stock winners and avoiding losers that his annual letter to shareholders in his Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate is treated as a major event by the financial media.¹

What does he think about the Federal Reserve taper? What could be the implications for emerging markets of a Russian military advance into Ukraine? What does an economic slowdown in China mean for developed markets?

Buffett has a neat way of parrying these questions from journalists and analysts. Instead of offering instant opinions about the crisis of the day, he recounts in his most recent annual letter a folksy story about a farm he has owned for nearly 30 years.²

Has he laid awake at night worrying about fluctuations in the farm's market price? No, says Buffett, he has focused on its long-term value. And he counsels investors to take the same sanguine, relaxed approach to liquid investments such as stocks as they do to the value of their family home.

"Those people who can sit quietly for decades when they own a farm or apartment house too often become frenetic when they are exposed to a stream of stock quotations," Buffett wrote. "For these investors, liquidity is transformed from the unqualified benefit it should be to a curse."

While many individuals seek to ape Buffett in analyzing individual companies in minute detail in the hope of finding a bargain, he advocates that the right approach for most people is to let the market do all the work and worrying for them.

"The goal of the non-professional should not be to pick winners," Buffett wrote. "The 'know-nothing' investor who both diversifies and keeps his costs minimal is virtually certain to get satisfactory results."

As to all the predictions out there about interest rates, emerging markets, or geopolitics, there will always be a range of opinions, he says. But we are under no obligation to listen to the media commentators, however distracting they may be.

"Owners of stocks . . . too often let the capricious and irrational behavior of their fellow owners cause them to behave irrationally," Buffett wrote. "Because there is so much chatter about markets, the economy, interest rates, price behavior of stocks, etc., some investors believe it is important to listen to pundits—and, worse yet, important to consider acting upon their comments."

The Buffett prescription isn't rocket science, as one might expect from an unassuming, plainspoken octogenarian from Nebraska. He rightly points out that an advanced intellect and success in long-term investment don't necessarily go together.

"You don't need to be a rocket scientist," he has said. "Investing is not a game where the guy with the 160 IQ beats the guy with 130 IQ."³

1. "Buffet Warns of Liquidity Curse," Bloomberg, Feb 25, 2014.

2. Berkshire Hathaway Inc. shareholder letter, 2013, www.berkshirehathaway.com/letters/2013ltr.pdf.

3. "The wit and wisdom of Warren Buffett," Fortune, November 19, 2012, management.fortune.cnn.com/2012/11/19/warren-buffett-wit-wisdom/.

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