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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 performance of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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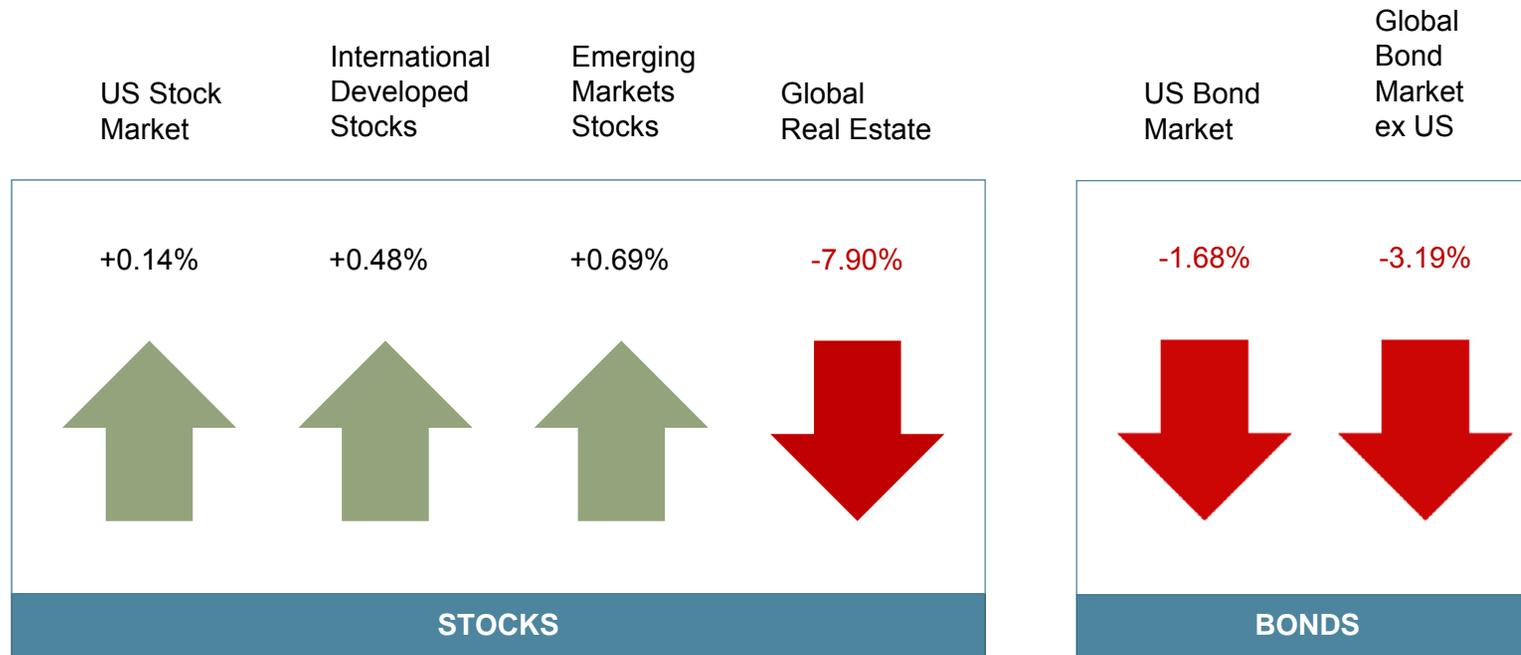
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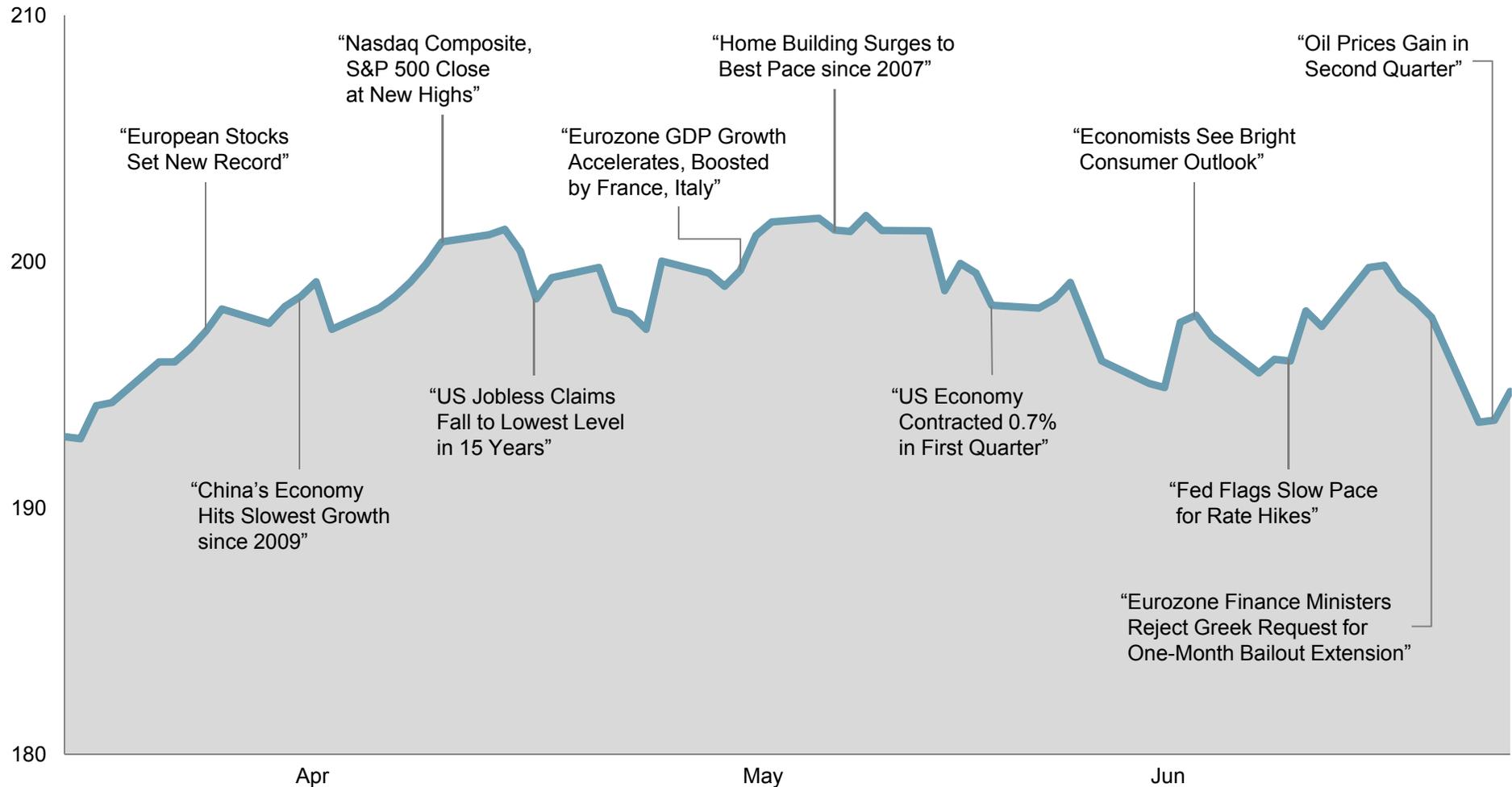
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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q2 2015



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

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World Asset Classes

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Looking at broad market indices, emerging markets outperformed both the US and developed ex US markets in US dollars during the quarter. REITs recorded the lowest performance in developed markets, including the US.

The value effect was positive in emerging markets but negative in developed markets, including the US. Small caps outperformed large caps in the US, non-US developed markets, and emerging markets. The US dollar had mixed performance during the quarter.



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US Stocks

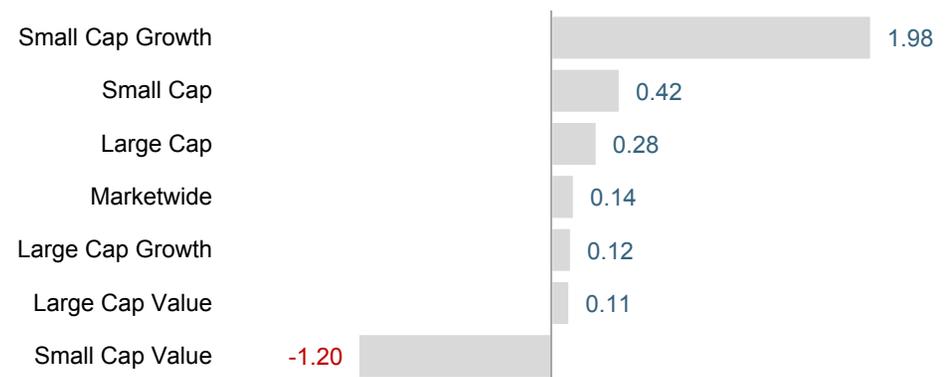
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The US equity market recorded slightly positive performance for the quarter.

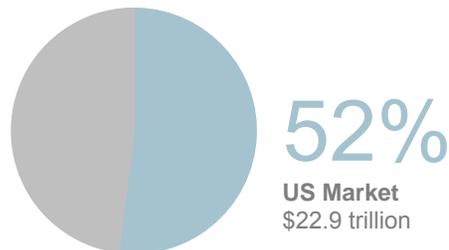
Small caps outperformed large caps, helped by the strong performance of micro cap stocks. Mid caps recorded the lowest return across the size ranges.

Value underperformed growth marketwide. Large value and large growth recorded similar performance, while the mid cap value and small cap value indices underperformed their growth counterparts.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



World Market Capitalization—US



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized				
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Marketwide	1.94	7.29	17.73	17.54	8.15
Large Cap	1.23	7.42	17.31	17.34	7.89
Large Cap Value	-0.61	4.13	17.34	16.50	7.05
Large Cap Growth	3.96	10.56	17.99	18.59	9.10
Small Cap	4.75	6.49	17.81	17.08	8.40
Small Cap Value	0.76	0.78	15.50	14.81	6.87
Small Cap Growth	8.74	12.34	20.11	19.33	9.86

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International Developed Stocks

Second Quarter 2015 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US outperformed the US equity market but underperformed emerging markets indices in US dollar terms.

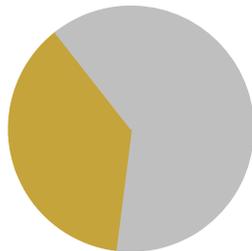
Small caps significantly outperformed large caps.

Value underperformed growth indices across all size ranges, and particularly in small caps.

World Market Capitalization—International Developed

37%

International
 Developed
 Market
 \$16.5 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	4.34	-5.28	11.15	8.97	5.16
Small Cap	8.36	-3.96	13.60	11.10	6.30
Value	2.74	-8.66	10.82	8.42	4.49
Growth	5.90	-1.87	11.43	9.47	5.76

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Emerging Markets Stocks

Second Quarter 2015 Index Returns

Emerging markets indices outperformed developed markets indices, including the US, in US dollar terms during the quarter.

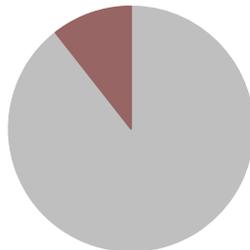
Small cap indices significantly outperformed large cap indices for the quarter.

Value outperformed growth marketwide, influenced by the strong performance of large caps. Value indices underperformed growth indices in both mid caps and small caps.

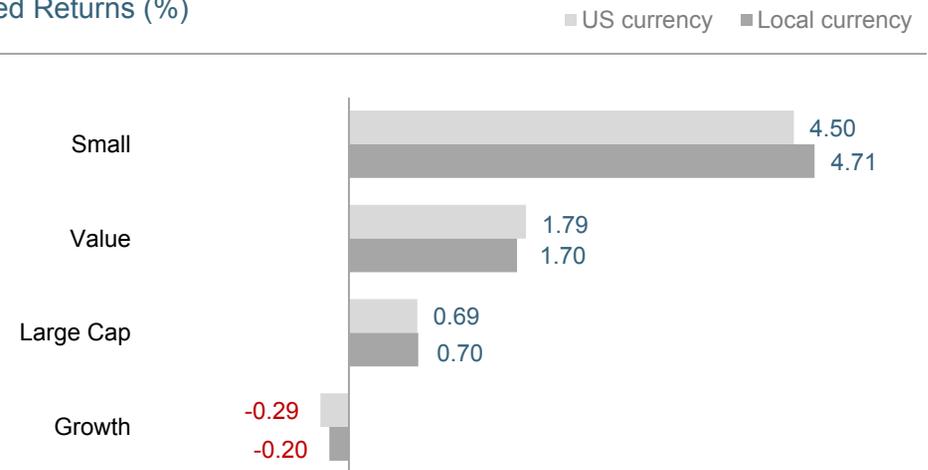
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging Markets
 \$4.7 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	* Annualized		
			3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	2.95	-5.12	3.71	3.68	8.11
Small Cap	8.25	0.34	7.98	5.04	9.96
Value	2.18	-7.67	1.44	2.14	8.16
Growth	3.66	-2.64	5.92	5.17	8.01

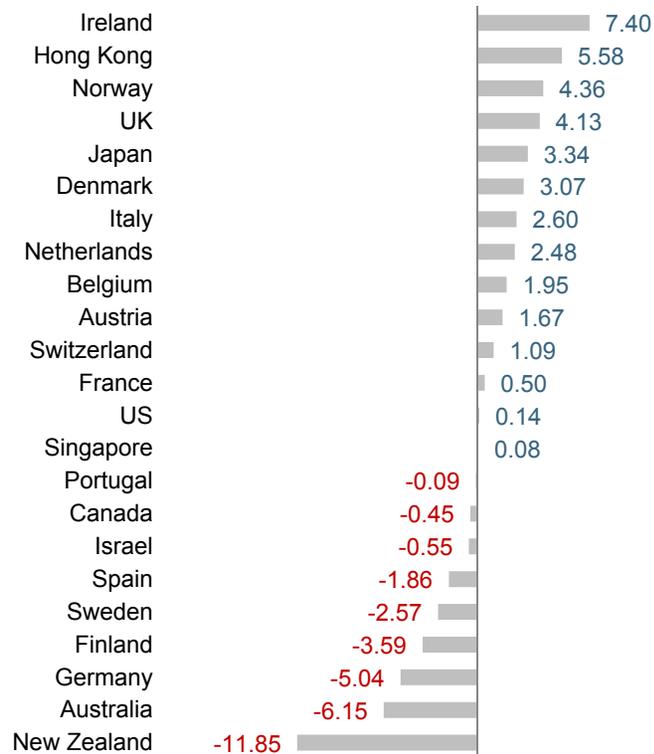
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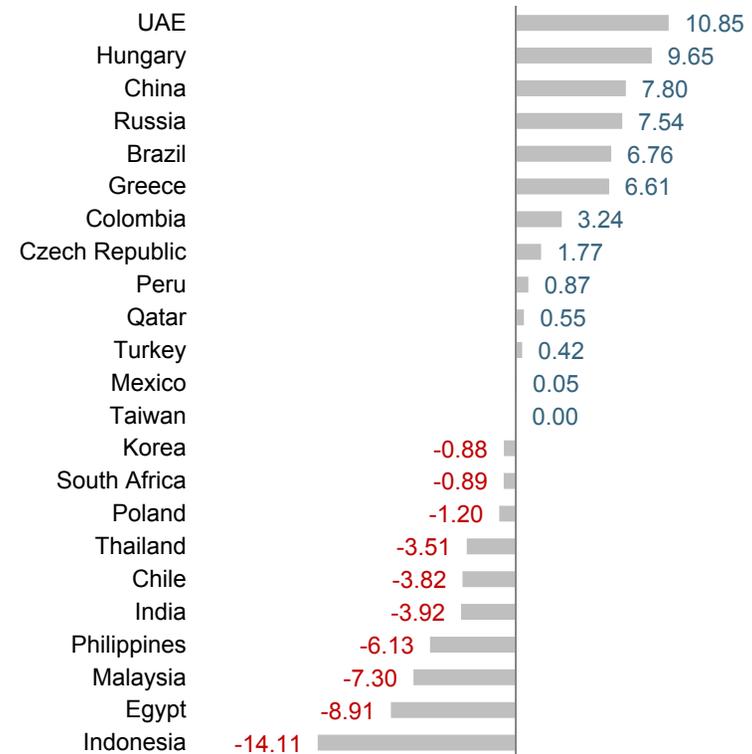
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Smaller countries recorded the highest performance for the quarter, with Ireland and Hong Kong leading the way in developed markets and the UAE and Hungary in emerging markets. Currency played a role for each of the countries that recorded the lowest performance in developed and emerging markets, as the New Zealand dollar and the Indonesian rupiah depreciated vs. the US dollar.

Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Second Quarter 2015 Index Returns

REITs both in the US and non-US markets significantly underperformed the broad equity markets during the quarter.

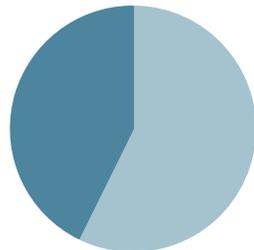
Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks

43%

World ex US
 \$409 billion
 236 REITs
 (22 other countries)



57%

US
 \$549 billion
 92 REITs

Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	-5.75	5.21	8.67	14.43	6.78
Global REITs (ex US)	-1.05	-3.21	9.24	11.93	4.01

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Commodities

Second Quarter 2015 Index Returns

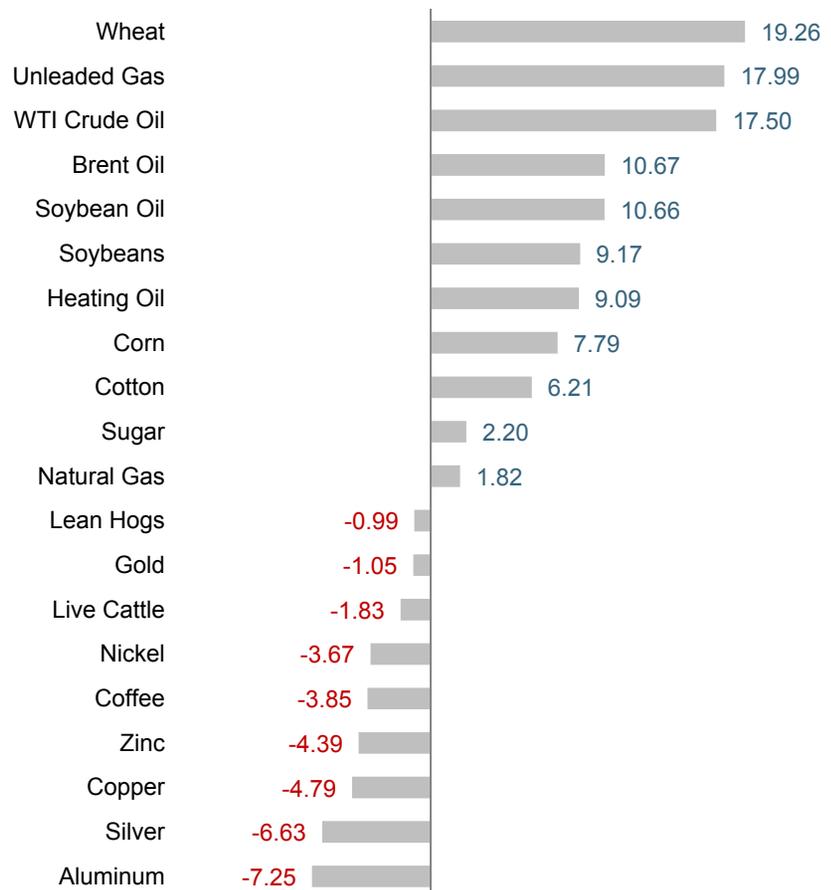
Commodities were broadly positive during the second quarter. The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return gained 4.66%. The energy complex led the period with unleaded gas returning 17.99% and WTI crude oil returning 17.50%.

Grains also posted positive returns; Chicago wheat added 19.26%, while soybean meal added 11.44%.

Metals were negative; aluminum declined 7.25% and silver dropped 6.63%.

Period Returns (%)							* Annualized
Asset Class	YTD	Q2	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	
Commodities	-1.56	4.66	-23.71	-8.76	-3.91	-2.62	

Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



Fixed Income

Second Quarter 2015 Index Returns

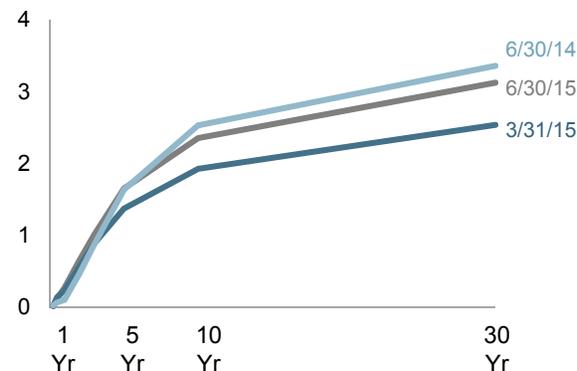
Interest rates across the US fixed income markets generally increased during the second quarter. The 5-year Treasury note added 25 basis points to end the period yielding 1.63%. The 10-year Treasury note increased 42 basis points to end the quarter at 2.35%. The 30-year Treasury bond added 56 basis points to finish with a yield of 3.10%.

On the short end of the curve, the 2-year Treasury note added 8 basis points to finish at 0.64%. Yields on securities within one year to maturity were generally lower by 2 basis points.

Short-term corporate bonds gained 0.06%, while intermediate-term corporate bonds lost 1.09%.

Short-term municipal bonds were relatively unchanged, but intermediate municipal bonds declined 0.89%. Municipal general obligation and revenue bonds experienced similar returns.

US Treasury Yield Curve



Bond Yields across Issuers



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.08	1.42
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.21	0.24	0.28	0.36	1.92
Citigroup WGBI 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.51	1.27	1.40	1.54	2.93
Barclays Long US Government Bond Index	-4.52	6.20	1.25	6.23	6.12
Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	-0.10	1.86	1.83	3.35	4.44
Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	2.53	-0.40	6.81	8.61	7.89
Barclays Municipal Bond Index	0.11	3.00	3.10	4.50	4.45
Barclays US TIPS Index	0.34	-1.73	-0.76	3.29	4.14

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Global Diversification

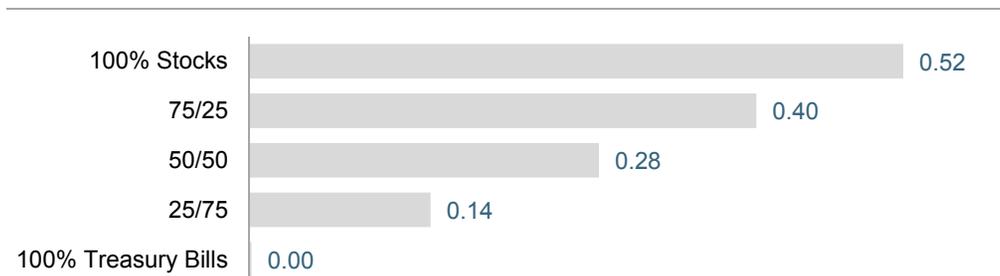
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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

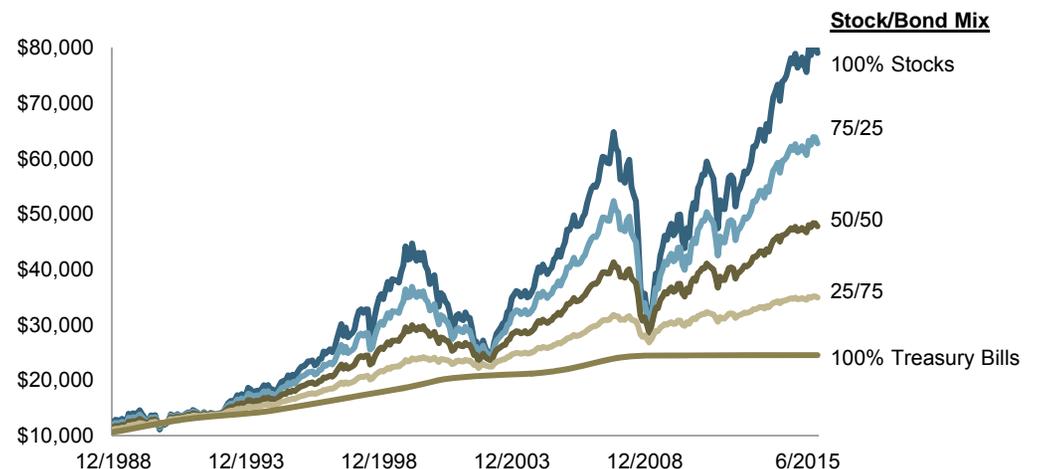
Period Returns (%)					
Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
100% Stocks	2.97	1.23	13.61	12.52	6.97
75/25	2.27	0.99	10.14	9.46	5.81
50/50	1.54	0.71	6.72	6.35	4.47
25/75	0.78	0.38	3.35	3.21	2.96
100% Treasury Bills	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	1.30

* Annualized

Ranked Returns (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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The Seven Roles of an Advisor

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What is a financial advisor for? One view is that advisors have unique insights into market direction that give their clients an advantage. But of the many roles a professional advisor should play, soothsayer is not one of them.

The truth is that no one knows what will happen next in investment markets. And if anyone really did have a working crystal ball, it is unlikely they would be plying their trade as an advisor, broker, analyst, or financial journalist.

Some folks may still think an advisor's role is to deliver market-beating returns year after year. Generally, those are the same people who believe good advice equates to making accurate forecasts.

But in reality, the value a professional advisor brings is not dependent on the state of markets. Indeed, their value can be even more evident when volatility and emotions are running high.

The best of this new breed play multiple and nuanced roles with their clients. None of these roles involve making forecasts about markets or economies. Indeed, there are at least seven hats an advisor can wear to help clients without ever once having to look into a crystal ball:

1. The Expert: Investors need advisors who can provide client-centered expertise in assessing the state of their finances and developing risk-aware strategies to help them meet their goals.

2. The Independent Voice: The global financial turmoil of recent years demonstrated the value of an independent and objective voice in a world full of product pushers and salespeople.

3. The Listener: A good advisor will listen to clients' fears, tease out the issues driving those feelings, and provide practical, long-term answers.

4. The Teacher: Getting beyond the fear-and-flight phase often is just a matter of teaching investors about risk and return, diversification, the role of asset allocation, and the virtue of discipline.

5. The Architect: Once these lessons are understood, the advisor becomes an architect, building a long-term wealth management strategy that matches each person's risk appetites and lifetime goals.

6. The Coach: Even when the strategy is in place, doubts and fears inevitably arise. At this point, the advisor becomes a coach, reinforcing first principles and keeping the client on track.

7. The Guardian: Beyond these experiences is a long-term role for the advisor as a kind of lighthouse keeper, scanning the horizon for issues that may affect the client and keeping them informed.

These are just seven valuable roles an advisor can play in understanding and responding to clients' whole-of-life needs, which are a world away from the old notions of selling product off the shelf or making forecasts.

Knowing the advisor is independent—and not plugging product—can lead the client to trust the advisor as a listener or sounding board. From this point, the listener can become the teacher, architect, coach, and, ultimately, the guardian. Just as people's needs and circumstances change over time, the nature of the advice service evolves.

However you characterize these various roles, good financial advice ultimately is defined by the patient building of a long-term relationship founded on the values of trust and independence and knowledge of each individual.