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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 quarterly topic.

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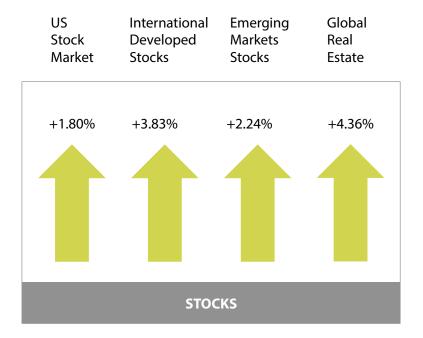
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## **Market Summary**

First Quarter 2015 Index Returns



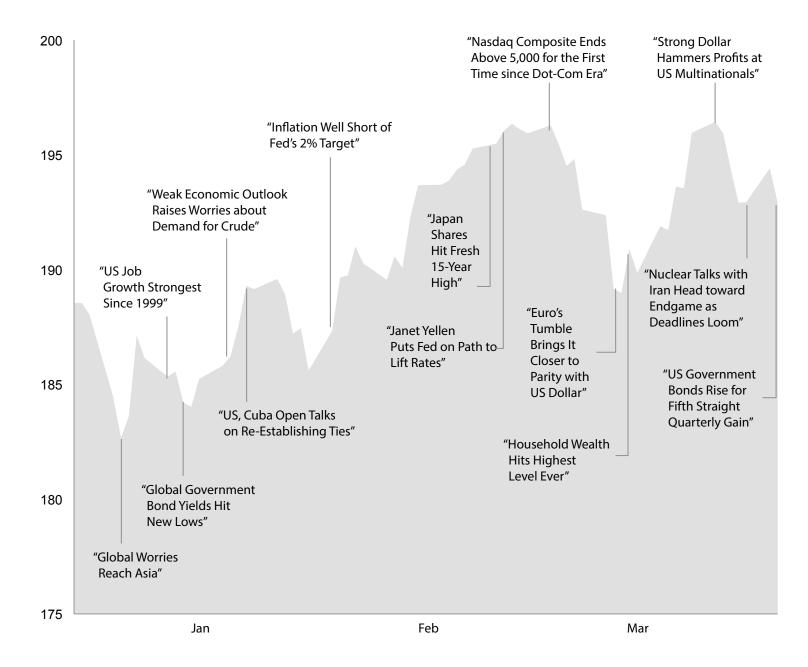


Global



### **World Stock Market Performance**

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2015



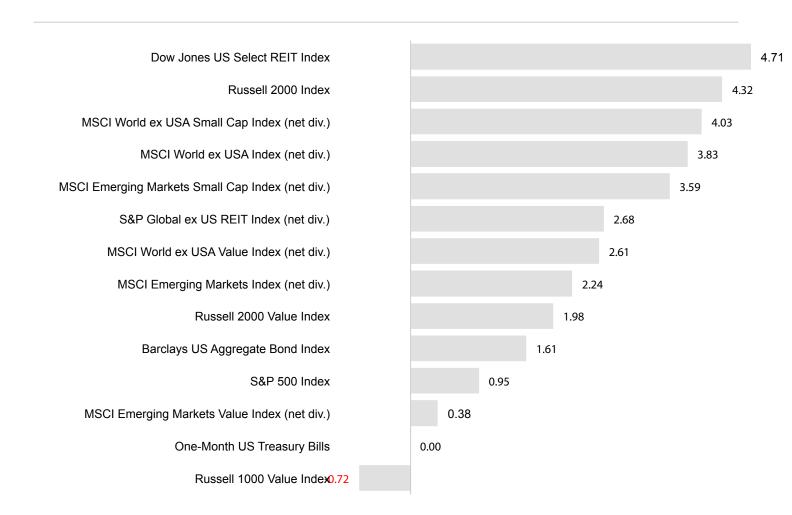
These headlines are not offered to explain market returns. Instead, they serve as a reminder that investors should view daily events from a long-term perspective and avoid making investment decisions based solely on the news.



### **World Asset Classes**

First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

Looking at broad market indices, developed markets outside the US outperformed both the US and emerging markets during the quarter. US REITs outperformed US broad equity market indices. Growth indices outperformed value indices across all size ranges in the US and in non-US and emerging markets. Small cap indices outperformed large cap indices in all regions, particularly in the US.





### **US Stocks**

### First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

The US equity market recorded positive performance for the quarter.

Small caps outperformed large caps, helped by the strong performance of small cap growth stocks.

Value indices underperformed across all size ranges.

US REITs outperformed broad US equity indices.

### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



### World Market Capitalization—US



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Marketwide	1.80	12.37	16.43	14.71	8.38
Large Cap	0.95	12.73	16.11	14.47	8.01
Large Cap Value	-0.72	9.33	16.44	13.75	7.21
Large Cap Growth	3.84	16.09	16.34	15.63	9.36
Small Cap	4.32	8.21	16.27	14.57	8.82
Small Cap Value	1.98	4.43	14.79	12.54	7.53
Small Cap Growth	6.63	12.06	17.74	16.58	10.02

<sup>\*</sup> Annualized

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## **International Developed Stocks**

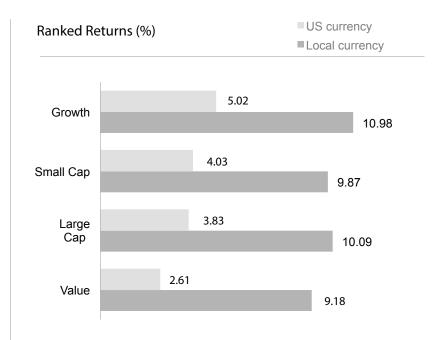
First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US outperformed both the US and emerging markets indices in US dollar terms.

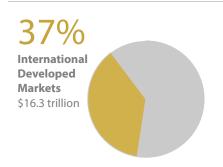
Small caps slightly outperformed large caps.

Value indices underperformed growth indices, particularly in large caps.

The Swiss franc was the only major developed markets currency to outperform the US dollar. The Swiss central bank removed the three-year currency cap to the euro.



### World Market Capitalization— International Developed



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	3.83	-1.39	8.24	5.72	5.03
Small Cap	4.03	-4.82	8.52	7.63	5.86
Value	2.61	-3.99	8.06	4.90	4.38
Growth	5.02	1.20	8.36	6.49	5.61
* Annualized					

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# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

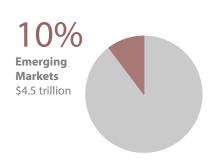
First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

As a group, emerging markets earned positive returns in US dollar terms, despite the US dollar appreciating vs. most emerging markets currencies during the quarter.

Small cap indices outperformed large cap indices. Value indices underperformed growth indices across all size ranges.



### World Market Capitalization— Emerging Markets



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	2.24	0.44	0.31	1.75	8.48
Small Cap	3.59	1.06	3.48	2.64	9.78
Value	0.38	-2.91	-2.54	0.12	8.44
Growth	3.96	3.65	3.09	3.30	8.44
* Annualized					

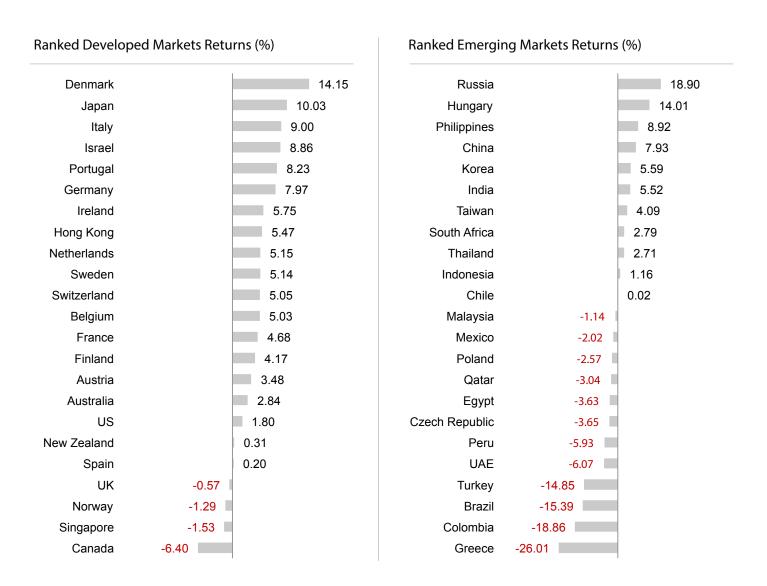
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## **Select Country Performance**

First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

Russia rebounded from its double-digit negative returns in the fourth quarter, recording the highest emerging markets return as the ruble climbed against the dollar and Russian energy stocks posted strong performance. Greek financial stocks influenced the performance of the local market, which recorded the lowest return among emerging markets countries. Despite the fall in the Danish krone, Denmark produced the highest return among developed markets countries.



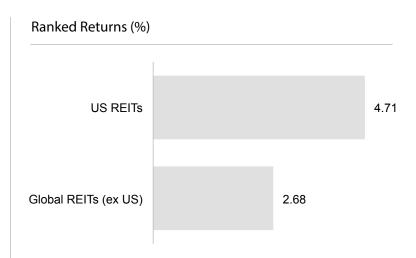
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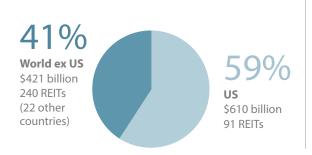
## Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

US REITs outperformed the broad US equity market during the quarter. In contrast, REIT indices outside the US underperformed broad market non-US equity indices.



### **Total Value of REIT Stocks**



#### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	4.71	25.26	13.95	15.89	9.45
Global REITs (ex US)	2.68	10.31	11.43	10.51	4.86
* Annualized					

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## **Commodities**

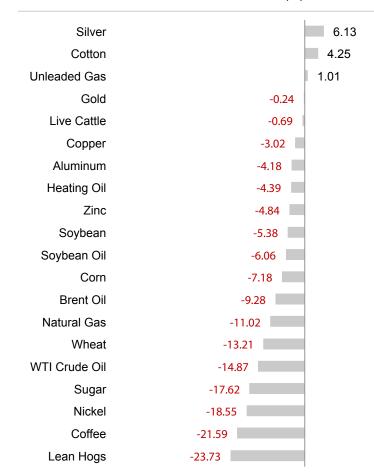
### First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

Commodities were broadly negative during the first quarter. The Bloomberg Commodity Index fell 5.94%. Lean hogs led the decline, shedding 23.73%, while coffee and nickel followed by losing 21.59% and 18.55%, respectively.

Within the energy complex, WTI crude oil fell 14.87% and natural gas declined 11.02%.

Silver was the biggest gainer, returning 6.13%, and cotton followed with a gain of 4.25%.

#### Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



#### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	Q1	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	-5.94	-5.94	-27.04	-11.52	-5.71	-3.56
* Annualized						



### **Fixed Income**

### First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

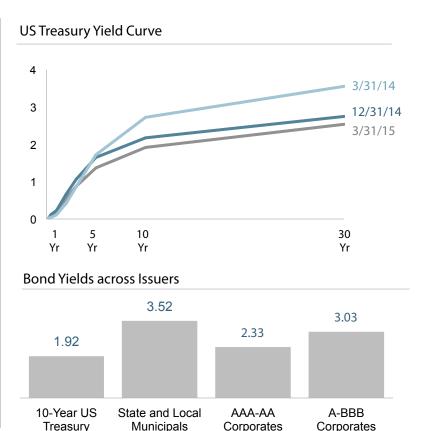
Interest rates across the US fixed income markets generally declined in the first quarter. The 5-year Treasury note dropped 28 basis points to end the period yielding 1.38%.

The 10-year Treasury note declined 24 basis points to finish at 1.93%. The 30-year Treasury bond fell 21 basis points to finish with a yield of 2.54%.

On the short end of the curve, the 2-year Treasury note shed 12 basis points to finish at 0.66%. Securities within one year to maturity were relatively unchanged.

Long-term corporate bonds returned 3.29% for the quarter. Intermediate-term corporate bonds followed by adding 1.89%.

Municipal revenue bonds (1.13%) slightly outpaced municipal general obligation bonds (0.87%). Long-term muni bonds outgained all other areas of the muni curve, returning 1.58%.



#### Period Returns (%)

\* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.09	1.49
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.11	0.21	0.26	0.39	1.99
Citigroup WGBI 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.62	1.97	1.57	1.75	3.12
Barclays Long US Government Bond Index	3.89	21.03	7.60	10.49	7.83
Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	1.61	5.72	3.11	4.41	4.93
Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	2.52	2.00	7.46	8.59	8.18
Barclays Municipal Bond Index	1.01	6.62	4.05	5.11	4.85
Barclays US TIPS Index	1.42	3.11	0.63	4.29	4.56

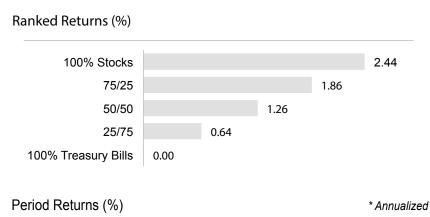
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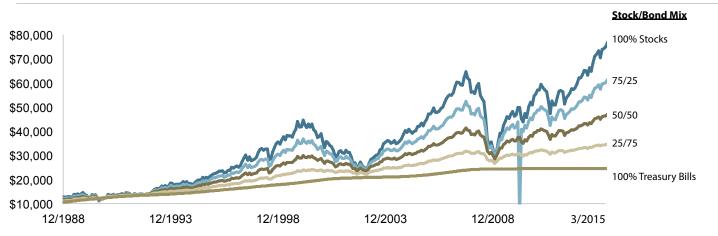
### First Quarter 2015 Index Returns

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.



#### 3 Years\* 5 Years\* Asset Class YTD 1 Year 10 Years\* 100% Stocks 2.44 5.97 11.35 9.57 7.00 75/25 1.86 4.52 8.53 7.32 5.85 50/50 1.26 3.04 5.70 4.98 4.52 25/75 2.86 0.64 1.53 2.55 3.02 0.01 0.03 0.05 100% Treasury Bills 0.00 1.37

### Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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