

Weekly Market Review

March 2, 2018

Chart of the Week



Weekly Highlights

- Fourth-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) revised slightly downward. The second estimate of fourth-quarter GDP was released this week, and was trimmed from the initial estimate of 2.6% annualized to 2.5%. Slower inventory growth and a slightly wider trade deficit were the primary changes affecting the new estimate. The estimate for the full calendar year was unchanged at 2.3%.
- Inflation remains modest. Thursday's core consumer price index (CPI) data came in as expected, up 0.3% for the month and 1.5% for the trailing 12-month period. The personal consumption expenditure (PCE) inflation gauge, more closely watched by the Federal Reserve (Fed), was up 0.4% for January and 1.7% for the trailing 12-month period. The 12-month numbers for both indices have been steady for the last three months. Both remain well below the Fed's 2% target, but negative monthly readings from the first half of 2017 will be rolling off over the next five months.
- Trouble brewing in the housing market? January's new home sales were down sharply at 593,000, nearly 8% lower than December and 1% lower than January 2017. Pending home sales were also down 4.7% in January, the biggest monthly decline since 2010. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) blamed the drop on lack of houses for sale, rather than lack of qualified buyers. Rising mortgage rates and changes in the deductibility of property taxes and mortgage interest paid are expected to depress the real estate market this year.

Talking Points

- Among equities, volatility dominated headlines, with all major indices finishing in negative territory. Most European indices fell close to 2%, with US equities in similar territory and the S&P 500 falling around 2.5%. Emerging markets lagged as well, with Latin America down more than 3%.
- Treasury yields were mixed. The Treasury yields from one to five years were essentially unchanged for the week, while the 10-year and 30-year yields were down roughly 4 basis points.
- The US Dollar Index was slightly higher on the week. A significant rally early in the week was snuffed out after President's Trump comments on raising tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.
- Crude Oil fell steadily for most of the week after a short-lived rally on Monday. The current contract fell roughly 6% from Monday's intraday high. US production continues to rise, and domestic supply on hand rose by three million barrels, 50% more than expected.
- Among other economic data released this week: Initial unemployment claims fell to 210,000, and the four-week average fell to 220,500. Durable goods orders, excluding the volatile transportation sector, were down 0.3%.

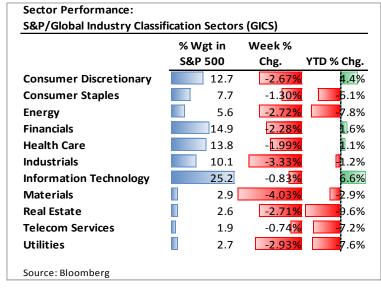
Market Dashboard

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	2,691.25	-56.05	-2.04%	0.7%
Dow Industrials	24,538.06	-771.93	-3.05%	-0.7%
Nasdaq	7,257.87	-79.52	-1.08%	5.1%
Russell 2000	1,533.17	-16.01	-1.03%	-0.2%
Euro Stoxx Index	367.04	-14.12	-3.70%	-5.7%
Shanghai Composite	3,254.53	-34.50	-1.05%	-1.6%
Russell Global	2,161.22	-49.80	-2.28%	-0.3%
Source: Bloomberg; Index % char	nge is based on p	orice.		

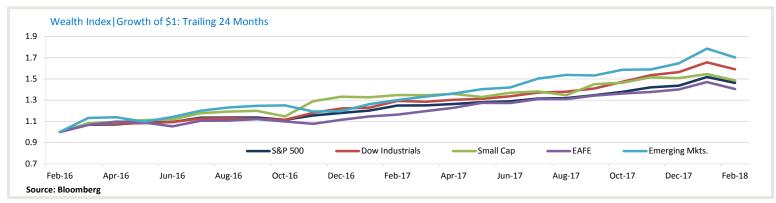
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Russell Global EM	3,746.87	-66.00	-1.73%	2.8%
10-Year US Treas.	2.86	-1 bps	NM	NM
DJ UBS Comm. ldx.	88.15	-0.54	-0.61%	0.0%
Gold	\$1,322.09	-\$6.77	-0.51%	1.5%
Crude Oil	\$61.45	-\$2.15	-3.38%	1.7%
Dollar Index	89.96	0.08	0.09%	-2.3%
VIX Index	19.59	3.10	18.80%	77.4%

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		One Week	(YTD	
	Value		Growth	Value		Growth
L	-1.98%	-1.99%	-2.01%	-1.64%	1.15%	3.61%
	-2.10%	-1.80%	-1.43%	-3.05%	-0.80%	2.10%
S	-1.73%	-1.03%	-0.41%	-2.83%	-0.15%	2.35%
	Source: B	loomberg				







The Economy and Markets

A Macro View - February Monthly Recap

The domestic equity market reminded investors in February that volatility does still exist. The modest weakness in the final week of January turned into a rout over the first few trading days of February, as investors were spooked by data showing the first signs of inflation, including continuing upward wage pressure. This data sent all of the major indices down 7.5%-9.0% by February 8. However, ongoing positive earnings reports, including the significant projected impact of the tax reform bill passed in December, allowed the market to recover a little more than half of those losses over the remainder of the month. Energy was one of the worst performing sectors, as rising US inventories caused oil prices to fall nearly 8.0%. The more defensive segments of the market were also hit hard, particularly the dividend payers and other bond proxies, as interest rates rose sharply during the first three weeks of February. The Information Technology sector had the only positive return for the month, very modest in the large cap space and essentially flat in small caps.

February was the first month since last March that posted a negative return in all three of the major US Indices: the Dow fell 4.0%; the S&P 500 was down 3.7%; and the NASDAQ dropped by 3.7%. Large caps, as represented by the Russell Top 200 Index, were down 3.5% for the month, marginally outperforming small caps (Russell 2000 Index declined 3.9%) and mid caps (Russell Midcap Index fell 4.1%). The growth indices, led by their technology weights, outperformed their value counterparts by 1.8%-2.2%, across the market spectrum. The Bloomberg Commodity Index as a whole was down 1.7% but up 0.7% when the energy component is removed. The Dow Jones Wilshire U.S. REIT Index was down 7.6% for the month.

The international equity markets¹ modestly underperformed the domestic markets in February, falling in sync during the first two weeks, but failing to rally nearly as far as the US indices during the latter half. Eurozone GDP growth remains strong, relative to recent history, and has shown signs of expanding beyond the core countries, as recent data from Spain and Portugal were particularly strong. Unemployment continues to fall across the common market as well. Yet the most recent CPI data shows inflation still well below the European Central Bank's (ECB) target of 2%. Japan also reported the eighth consecutive quarter of positive GDP growth; however, the 0.5% annualized reading was well below the market's expectation of 0.9%. The EAFE Index declined 3.7%, dragged lower by Greece, Spain, and Germany, all of which fell more than 6.8%. The emerging markets outperformed their developed counterparts, as the Emerging Market (EM) Index was down just 3.3%. Russia led the way, up more than 3.0% for the month.

Domestic fixed income markets² largely posted negative returns in February, as interest rates rose sharply. Economic data continued to show modest but consistent wage growth, and January's CPI numbers surprised to the upside. The US Treasury curve steepened slightly during the month, as the yield on the 2-year Treasury note rose 12 basis points, while yields on both the 10-year note and 30-year bond were up 15 basis points. Short-term indices hovered around the breakeven point, but losses increased the further investors moved out the yield curve.

The Aggregate Index (down 95 basis points) was dragged lower by a 1.5% decline in corporate credit, its main driver over the last several years, and both the mortgage-backed security (MBS) sector (down 66 basis points) and Treasurys (down 75 basis points) also struggled. The noninvestment grade indices fared slightly better, as the higher coupons of the High Yield Index (down 85 basis points) partially shielded investors from the rise in rates, and the floating rate nature of the S&P LSTA Leveraged Loan Index created a gain of 20 basis points for the month.

The municipal market continued to outperform the taxable market in February. New supply remains scarce, while municipal mutual funds received substantial inflows in two of the first three weeks. The 1-3 Year Index was up 14 basis points, while the 22+ Year Index was down just 42 basis points. Negative monthly returns, even those as modest as February's, have traditionally led to substantial outflows from municipal funds. When combined with the presumed seasonal outflows in late March and early April, as individual investors pay their taxes, it would be easy to predict a difficult few months for the muni market. But new issuance averaged less than \$5 billion a week in February, and the 30-day forward calendar has remained stable at \$9.5 billion, meaning it may take a very significant drop in demand before munis begin to underperform the taxable market.

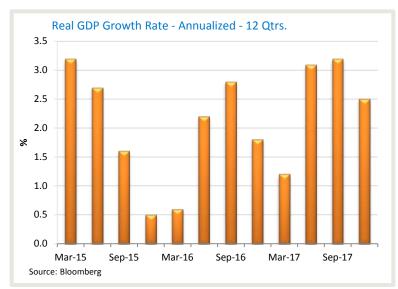
The international fixed income markets also fell during February, at least in dollar terms. Yields on German Bunds, UK Gilts, and Japanese Government Bonds all ended the month lower, creating a modestly positive return for the currency hedged version of the Global Aggregate ex-US Index. However, the dollar ended higher against most currencies in February, the first month of appreciation since last October, both wiping out the gain and leaving the unhedged version of the Index down 85 basis points. The dollar also rallied against a broad swath of emerging markets currencies, which weighed on the local currency JPMorgan Government Bond Index (JPM GBI) performance (down1.0%). Negative performance was even more pronounced for the hard currency JPMorgan Emerging Market Bond Index (JPM EMBI) (down 2.0%), as rising Treasury yields put upward rate pressure on dollar-denominated emerging markets government bonds, which trade at a spread over Treasurys.

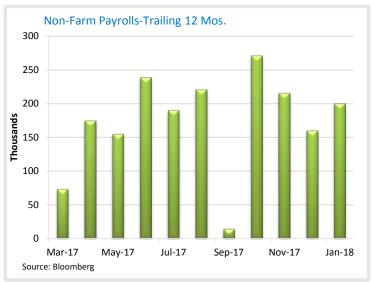
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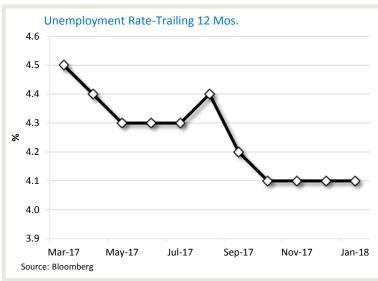
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Economic Data













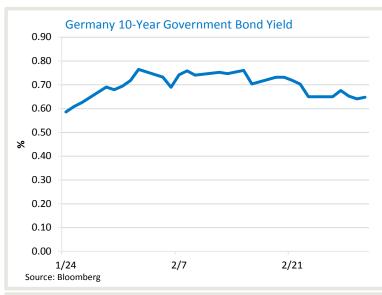
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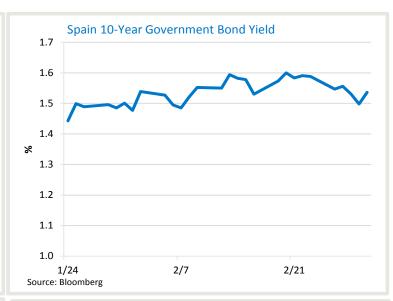
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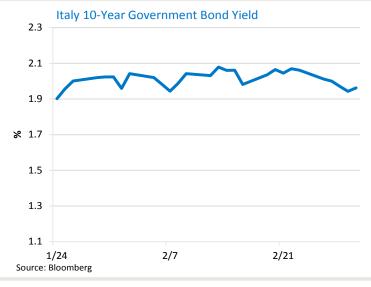
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Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	0.65	0 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	4.33	2 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	1.96	8 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	1.54	5 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	0.95	0 bps	NM	NM

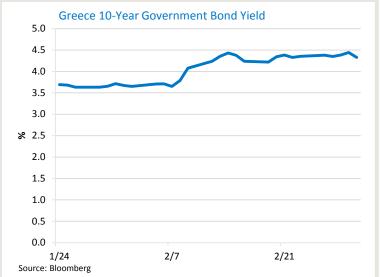
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France 10-Yr. Govt.	0.92	1 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	1.08	3 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	1.98	4 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	0.69	0 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	1.47	4 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg Basis points (bps)









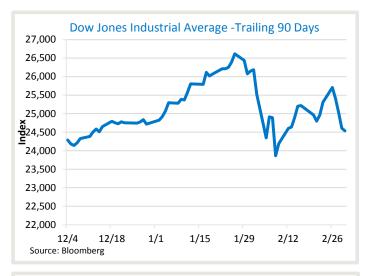
Equities

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S&P/TSX (Canada)	15,384.59	-253.86	-1.62%	-5.09%
Mexico IPC	47,548.10	-1095.33	-2.25%	-3.66%
Brazil Bovespa	85,761.34	-1531.90	-1.75%	12.25%
Euro Stoxx 600	367.04	-14.12	-3.70%	-5.69%
FTSE 100	7,069.90	-174.51	-2.41%	-8.04%
IBEX 35 (Spain)	9,531.10	-291.30	-2.97%	-5.11%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	8,628.51	-319.68	-3.57%	-8.03%
CAC 40 Index (France)	5,136.58	-180.79	-3.40%	-3.31%
DAX Index (Germany)	11,913.71	-570.08	-4.57%	-7.77%
Irish Overall Index	6,668.24	-54.03	-0.80%	-5.26%
Nikkei 225	21,181.64	-711.14	-3.25%	-6.95%
Hang Seng Index	30,583.45	-683.72	-2.19%	2.22%
Shanghai Composite	3,254.53	-34.50	-1.05%	-1.59%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	2,402.16	-12.12	-0.50%	-2.65%
Taiwan Taiex Index	10,698.17	-96.38	-0.89%	0.52%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,500.56	1.22	0.08%	-0.61%
MICEX Index (Russia)	2,288.84	-47.98	-2.05%	8.49%

Source: Bloomberg; Index % change is based on price.









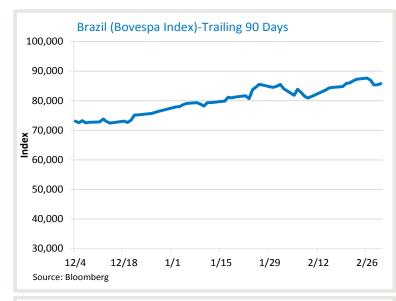
Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

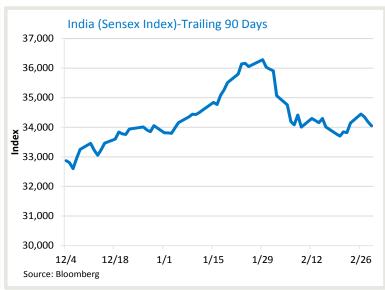
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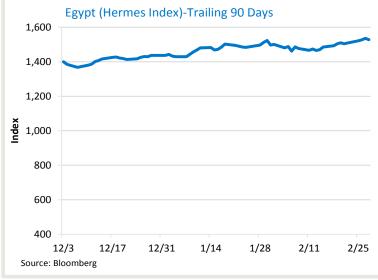
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1,106.02	1.06	0.1%	2.6%	
116,859.19	-662.30	-0.6%	1.3%	
1,526.10	17.38	1.2%	6.2%	
3,755.95	44.98	1.2%	1.2%	
7,411.16	-114.06	-1.5%	2.6%	
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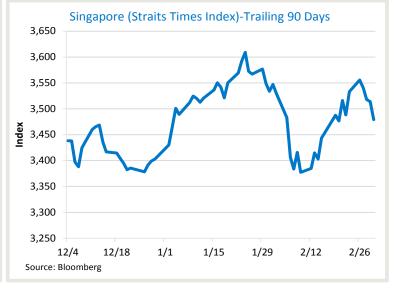
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Hang Seng Index	30,583.45	-683.72	-2.2%	2.2%
India (Sensex 30)	34,046.94	-95.21	-0.3%	0.0%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,856.07	-5.43	-0.3%	3.3%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,479.20	-54.02	-1.5%	2.2%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,811.98	23.35	1.3%	3.3%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	6,582.32	-37.49	-0.6%	3.6%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	43,740.49	473.29	1.1%	8.1%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	1,121.21	18.36	1.7%	13.9%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	6,557.02	-14.52	-0.2%	2.9%
Cambodia (Laos)	934.26	-17.94	-1.9%	-6.4%

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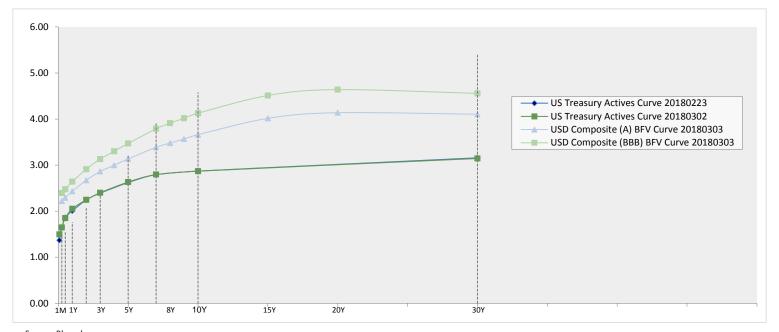
Interest Rates

SELECTED INTEREST RATES

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.24%	0 bps	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.62%	0 bps	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.86%	-1 bps	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	3.13%	-3 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	0.65%	0 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	0.92%	1 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	1.96%	8 bps	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	2.16%	1 bps	NM	NM

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Prime Rate	4.50%	0.00	NM	NM
Fed Funds Rate	1.50%	0.00	NM	NM
Discount Rate	2.00%	0.00	NM	NM
LIBOR (3 Mo.)	2.02%	7 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	3.81%	-1 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	3.85%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	4.34%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







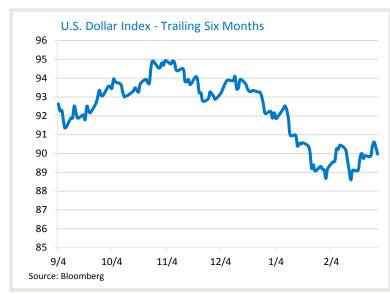
Currencies

SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	89.95	0.083	0.09%	-2.34%
Euro	1.23	0.003	0.26%	2.68%
Japanese Yen	105.72	-1.160	1.10%	6.58%
British Pound	1.38	-0.018	-1.28%	2.06%
Canadian Dollar	1.29	0.025	-1.91%	-2.39%

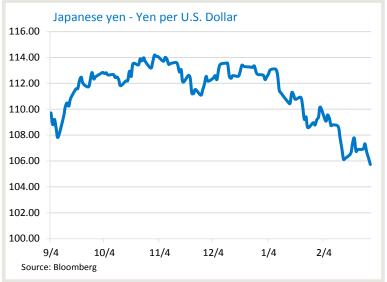
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	6.35	0.008	-0.13%	2.54%
Swiss Franc	0.94	0.001	-0.15%	3.93%
New Zealand Dollar	0.72	-0.007	-0.89%	1.96%
Brazilian Real	3.25	0.015	-0.45%	1.69%
Mexican Peso	18.83	0.272	-1.44%	4.42%

Source: Bloomberg









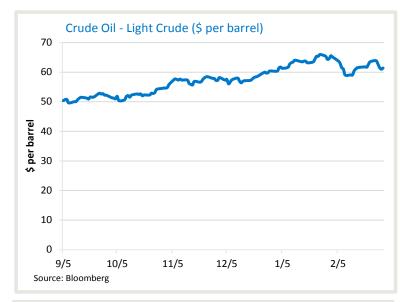
Commodities

SELECTED COMMODITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %						
Bloomberg Comm. ldx.	88.15	-0.54	-0.61%	-0.02%						
Crude Oil	\$61.42	-\$2.15	-3.38%	1.66%						
Natural Gas	\$2.71	\$0.05	1.99%	-1.42%						
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.54	\$0.02	0.83%	2.17%						
Heating Oil	188.38	-8.78	-4.45%	-6.40%						
Gold Spot	\$1,322.03	-\$6.77	-0.51%	1.47%						
Silver Spot	\$16.51	-\$0.02	-0.10%	-2.48%						

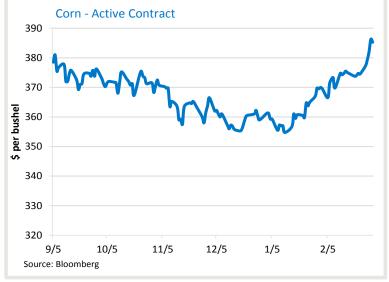
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$966.09	-\$30.88	-3.10%	4.05%
Corn	385.25	10.75	2.87%	7.31%
Wheat	500.00	35.75	7.70%	13.57%
Soybeans	1,071.00	23.50	2.24%	10.07%
Sugar	13.42	-0.04	-0.30%	-10.65%
Orange Juice	138.60	-6.70	-4.61%	0.58%
Aluminum	2,147.00	7.00	0.33%	-5.34%
Copper	6,922.00	-173.00	-2.44%	-4.48%









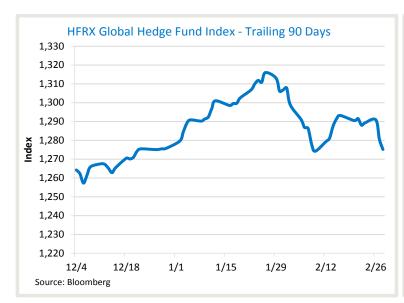
Alternative Investments

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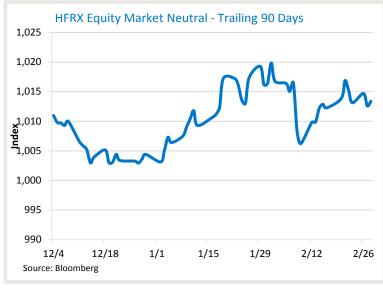
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HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1275.14	-14.16	-1.10%	-0.04%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	1013.38	0.25	0.02%	0.89%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1294.57	-9.92	-0.76%	1.87%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1620.74	-49.02	-2.94%	-2.70%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1068.06	-4.95	-0.46%	0.45%

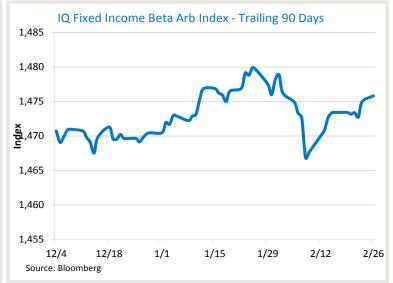
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HFRX Distressed Index	1110.61	-5.88	-0.53%	0.36%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1830.13	-25.47	-1.37%	-1.23%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	799.74	5.58	0.70%	0.44%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1149.39	-9.54	-0.82%	-1.24%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1474.38	-0.62	-0.04%	0.27%

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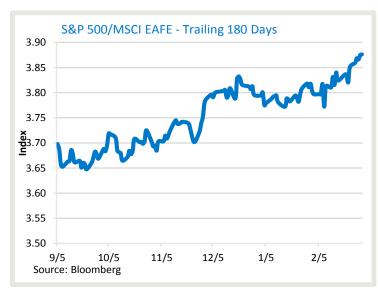


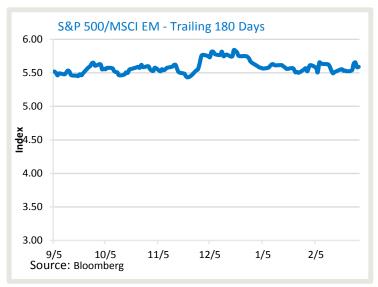






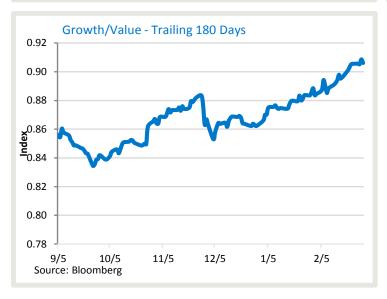
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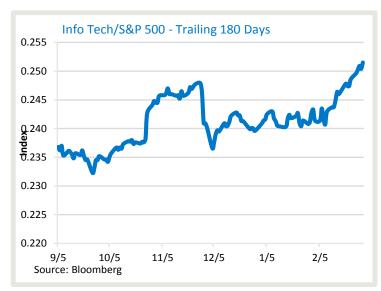


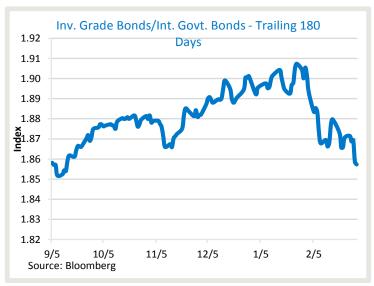


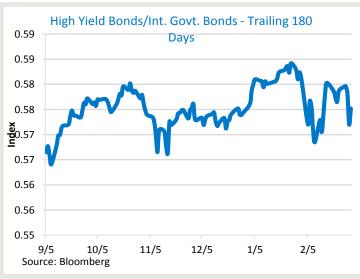


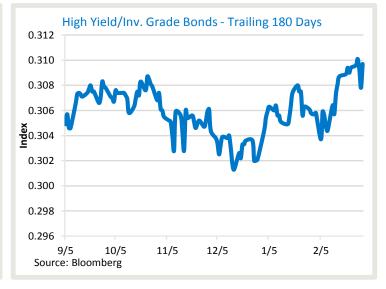


Portfolio Construction (continued)









WEEKLY ASSET CLASS PERFORMANCE (Prior 12 weeks ending Thursday)														
			12/14	12/21	12/28	1/4	1/11	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8	2/15	2/22	3/1
	Domestic	Large Cap (R200)	0.83%	1.16%	-0.02%	1.42%	1.65%	1.29%	1.45%	-0.43%	-8.67%	5.89%	-0.96%	-0.89%
Favritor	Equity	Small Cap (R2000)	0.89%	2.66%	0.12%	0.44%	2.00%	-0.63%	1.58%	-1.36%	-7.35%	5.01%	-0.47%	-1.48%
Equity	Int'l.	MSCI EAFE	0.94%	0.85%	0.47%	2.24%	1.15%	1.35%	2.10%	-1.48%	-6.11%	1.78%	-0.04%	-1.72%
	Equity	MSCI Em. Mkts.	1.88%	1.17%	1.69%	3.38%	0.37%	2.55%	2.93%	-1.17%	-6.85%	3.40%	-0.14%	-0.72%
Eivad	Income	BarCap Agg. (AGG)	3.72%	47.24%	-10.88%	1.05%	-9.17%	-6.31%	0.12%	0.12%	-2.20%	-2.12%	-13.90%	12.30%
rixeu	income	High Yield (JNK)	-0.14%	-0.35%	0.27%	0.90%	-0.19%	-0.30%	0.22%	-1.19%	-1.70%	0.87%	-0.25%	-0.44%
Comn	nodities	Bloomberg Commodity Index	0.04%	1.72%	2.84%	0.99%	-0.30%	0.44%	1.99%	-0.66%	-3.18%	1.41%	0.49%	-0.52%
Alter	natives	Hedge Funds (HFRX Global)	0.10%	0.90%	0.11%	1.06%	0.61%	0.21%	0.86%	-0.23%	-2.28%	1.06%	-0.27%	-1.00%
Asset Allocation		60/40*	1.69%	17.32%	-3.63%	1.39%	-2.33%	-1.57%	1.11%	-0.56%	-5.45%	2.01%	-5.23%	3.57%
		48/32/20 (w/Alts.)**	1.37%	14.03%	-2.89%	1.32%	-1.74%	-1.21%	1.06%	-0.50%	-4.82%	1.82%	-4.24%	2.66%

Source: Bloomberg; *60/40 portfolio = 30% Large Cap/10% Small Cap/15% EAFE/5% Emerging Markets/35% BarCap Agg./5% High Yield.

^{**48/32/20} portfolio = 24% Large Cap/8% Small Cap/12% EAFE/4% Emerging Markets/28% BarCap Agg./4% High Yield/20% HFRX Global Index.

RELATIVE STRENGTH MATRIX	(BASED ON 30-DAY RSI)

	Large Cap Core	Large Cap Growth	Large Cap Value	Mid Cap Core	Mid Cap Growth	Mid Cap Value	Small Cap Core	Small Cap Growth	Small Cap Value	Int'l. Developed	Emerging Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	0.95	1.07	1.05	0.99	1.10	1.05	0.99	1.12	1.10	0.95	1.21	0.92	0.99	1.19
Large Cap Growth	1.05	1.00	1.13	1.10	1.04	1.16	1.10	1.04	1.18	1.16	1.00	1.28	0.97	1.05	1.25
Large Cap Value	0.94	0.89	1.00	0.98	0.92	1.03	0.98	0.92	1.05	1.03	0.89	1.14	0.86	0.93	1.11
Mid Cap Core	0.96	0.91	1.02	1.00	0.94	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.05	0.91	1.16	0.88	0.95	1.14
Mid Cap Growth	1.01	0.96	1.08	1.06	1.00	1.11	1.06	1.00	1.14	1.12	0.96	1.23	0.94	1.01	1.20
Mid Cap Value	0.91	0.87	0.97	0.95	0.90	1.00	0.95	0.90	1.02	1.00	0.86	1.11	0.84	0.91	1.08
Small Cap Core	0.96	0.91	1.02	1.00	0.94	1.05	1.00	0.94	1.07	1.06	0.91	1.16	0.88	0.95	1.14
Small Cap Growth	1.01	0.96	1.08	1.06	1.00	1.11	1.06	1.00	1.14	1.12	0.96	1.23	0.94	1.01	1.21
Small Cap Value	0.89	0.85	0.95	0.93	0.88	0.98	0.93	0.88	1.00	0.98	0.85	1.08	0.82	0.89	1.06
Int'l. Developed	0.91	0.86	0.97	0.95	0.89	1.00	0.95	0.89	1.02	1.00	0.86	1.10	0.84	0.90	1.08
Emerging Markets	1.05	1.00	1.13	1.10	1.04	1.16	1.10	1.04	1.18	1.16	1.00	1.28	0.97	1.05	1.25
REITs	0.82	0.78	0.88	0.86	0.81	0.90	0.86	0.81	0.92	0.91	0.78	1.00	0.76	0.82	0.98
Commodities	1.08	1.03	1.16	1.13	1.07	1.19	1.13	1.07	1.21	1.19	1.03	1.31	1.00	1.07	1.29
Int. Bond	1.01	0.96	1.08	1.05	0.99	1.10	1.05	0.99	1.13	1.11	0.96	1.22	0.93	1.00	1.20
High Yield	0.84	0.80	0.90	0.88	0.83	0.92	0.88	0.83	0.94	0.93	0.80	1.02	0.78	0.84	1.00

Source: Bloomberg

The Relative Strength Matrix provides an indication of how the various asset classes have performed relative to one another over the past 30 days. A number greater than 1.0 indicates that the asset class in the far left column has outperformed the corresponding asset class in the top row over the past 30 days. A number below 1.0 means the asset class on the left has underperformed the asset class at the top. The green shading indicates outperformance, and the red shading indicates underperformance.

Index Overview & Key Definitions

Fed, The Fed or FED refers to the Federal Reserve System, the central bank of the United States. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is the monetary policymaking body of the Federal Reserve System. Fed Funds Rate, the interest rate at which a depository institution lends funds maintained at the Federal Reserve to another depository institution overnight. The European Central Bank (ECB) is the central bank for Europe's single currency, the euro. The ECB's main task is to maintain the euro's purchasing power and thus price stability in the euro area. The euro area comprises the 19 European Union countries that have introduced the euro since 1999. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) rate is a measurement of the output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States. Basis Point(s) is a unit that is equal to 1/100th of 1%, and is used to denote the change in a financial instrument. The basis point is commonly used for calculating changes in interest rates, equity indexes and the yield of a fixed-income security. A separately managed account (SMA) is an individual managed investment account offered typically by a brokerage firm through one of their brokers or financial consultants and managed by independent investment management firms (often called money managers for short) and have varying fee structures. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services. The Producer Price Index (PPI) program measures the average change over time in the selling prices received by domestic producers for their output. The prices included in the PPI are from the first commercial transaction for many products and some services. Core CPI is an additional CPI Index, excludes energy and food item price changes, and measures the "core" or "underlying" rate of inflation. The PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure) Index of Prices is a US--wide indicator of the average increase in prices for all domestic personal consumption. Using a variety of data including U.S. Consumer Price Index and Producer Price Index prices, it is derived from personal consumption expenditures; essentially a measure of goods and services targeted towards individuals and consumed by individuals. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) is an indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector. The PMI is based on five major indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and the employment environment. Brexit is a commonly used term for the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union. The Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Survey monitors manufacturing plants selected according to geographic distribution, industry mix and size in the Tenth Federal Reserve District. West Texas Intermediate (WTI), also known as Texas light sweet, is a grade of crude oil used as a benchmark in oil pricing. Risk Premium is the return in excess of the risk-free rate of return an investment is expected to yield

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