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#### **Chart of the Week**



## **Weekly Highlights**

- Domestic stock prices declined this week. Equity prices slumped this week on disappointing economic data and concerns about interest rates. The latest estimate of first quarter gross domestic product (GDP) growth was -2.9%, the largest contraction in five years. In addition, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis president James Bullard said the Fed may begin raising interest rates as early as the first quarter of next year.
- Global markets were also generally lower for the week.
   World markets, particularly those of developed countries,
   were soft, largely as a result of mixed U.S. economic data and
   the potential for escalating tensions in Iraq. European stocks
   posted their largest weekly loss since early April. Emerging
   markets stocks continued to rebound, as investors have
   adjusted to the idea of eventual higher interest rates.
- Treasury prices were higher this week. The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury fell sharply this week as economic growth remains uneven.
- Commodity indices were somewhat lower on the week.
   Energy and metals eased, while grains advanced.

## **Talking Points**

- Among equities, large-caps outperformed small-caps, and growth stocks outperformed valueoriented issues. Domestic stocks outperformed international equities. Developed markets underperformed emerging market stocks.
- Treasury prices were higher on the week. The yield on the 10-year Tnote declined sharply this week.
- Commodity prices were lower this week. Crude oil and metals declined while grains advanced.
- The dollar was lower this week against a basket of currencies.
- Among economic data released this week, the latest estimate of first quarter GDP growth was -2.9%, the largest contraction since 2009; existing-home sales jumped the most in three years; new-home sales surged 22%, the biggest gain in 22 years; the S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index rose 10.8% from year-ago levels; and jobless claims declined slightly in the latest week.

## **MARKET DASHBOARD**

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
S&P 500	1,960.96	-1.91	-0.10%	6.1%
Dow Industrials	16,851.84	-95.24	-0.56%	1.7%
Nasdaq	4,397.93	29.89	0.68%	5.3%
Russell 2000	1,189.50	1.07	0.09%	2.2%
Euro Stoxx Index	341.97	-6.12	-1.76%	4.2%
Shanghai Composite	2,036.51	9.84	0.49%	-3.8%
Russell Global	1,777.50	-4.62	-0.26%	4.9%

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

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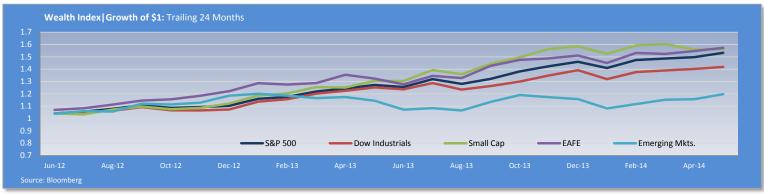
	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Russell Global EM	3,258.26	11.64	0.36%	4.9%
10-Year US Treas.	2.53	-9 bps	NM	NM
DJ UBS Comm. Idx.	135.89	-0.67	-0.49%	8.1%
Gold	\$1,316.48	\$1.19	0.09%	9.5%
Crude Oil	\$105.72	-\$1.08	-1.01%	10.6%
Dollar Index	80.02	-0.35	-0.43%	0.0%
VIX Index	11.26	0.41	3.78%	-17.9%

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		One Week		YTD		
	Value		Growth	Value		Growth
L	-0.58%	-0.09%	0.40%	5.95%	5.61%	5.29%
	-0.14%	-0.05%	0.03%	9.69%	7.54%	5.64%
S	0.06%	0.09%	0.12%	2.89%	2.22%	1.57%
	Source: B	loomberg				

	% Wgt in	Week %	
	S&P 500	Chg.	YTD % Chg.
Consumer Discretionary	11.9	1.03%	-0.1%
Consumer Staples	9.5	<del>-1</del> .36%	3.8%
Energy	10.8	<b>-0</b> .90%	11.6%
Financials	16.1	<b>-0</b> .43%	4.0%
Health Care	13.4	q.63%	10.1%
Industrials	10.5	<b>-1</b> .39%	3.3%
Information Technology	18.8	0.75%	7.9%
Materials	3.5	<b>-0</b> .54%	7.0%
Telecom Services	2.4	- <mark>(</mark> .21%	2.1%
Utilities	3.1	0.95%	15.5%





#### THE ECONOMY AND MARKETS

# A Macro View - Challenged Growth

It was another placid week for financial markets. In most walks of life, that would be just fine, but for Wall Street, it seemingly only added to anxiety. The low, low levels of volatility and risk (as measured by the Volatility Index, or VIX) has triggered a new round of questioning whether we are in an analogous period to 2007, when volatility also plunged but only as a prelude to the near-financial collapse. The *Financial Times* has run a series of pieces warning that we may be entering a similar phase, most recently with a piece entitled "Tranquil Markets Are Enjoying Too Much of a Good Thing."

Are they? The beauty and peril of historical analogies is that you never know if they fit until they do. Today's levels of complacency may be like 2007 in that they are masking real structural problems, or complacency may be merited by the absence of similar structural problems. It would be foolish to overlook today's challenges, from weak job creation and jobs created that pay too little to the challenge of invigorating the growth engine of the world's most developed and affluent economies. But that is not the same as structural fissures that will unwind in a jarring crisis.

This past week reminded us of just how challenged growth remains, with U.S. GDP for the first quarter revised down again, this time to a cringe-worthy negative 2.9%. Many factors, from the much-blamed weather to how inventories were finally assessed, went into that decline, and most economists and investors are expecting a sharp bounce-back in the second quarter. Still, the number, however provisional and limited as all these numbers are, pointed to the reality that we are likely in a new and more difficult economic normal that will not see an easy return to the levels of growth that so many Americans accustomed to the mid-20th century expect.

Nonetheless, even with the question of growth and its level unresolved, there would appear to be good reasons for the lack of market fear. Yes, and yes, bad things might happen, ranging from geopolitical uncertainties (yesterday in Ukraine, today in Iraq, tomorrow who knows) to black pools in the financial markets to too much easy money. But this may be a summer where stability and not volatility rules the day.

Zachary Karabell Head of Global Strategy

## THIS WEEK IN THE ECONOMY AND MARKETS



## **EUROZONE**

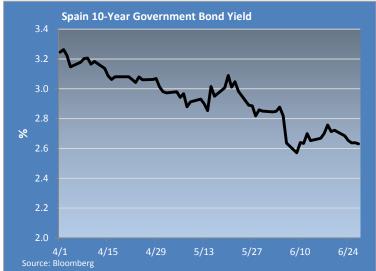
#### SELECTED EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN YIELD PERFORMANCE

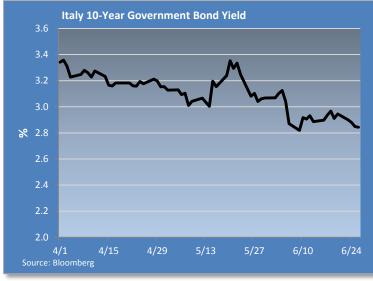
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	1.26	8 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	5.87	4 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	2.83	10 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	2.64	7 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	1.71	9 bps	NM	NM

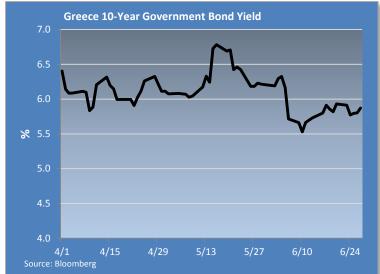
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
France 10-Yr. Govt.	1.71	8 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	2.34	10 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	3.56	-4 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	1.49	9 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	2.64	10 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg









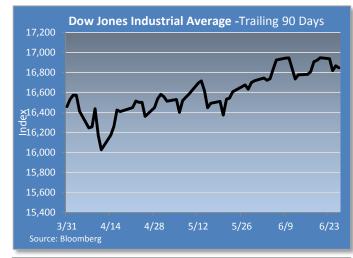
## **EQUITIES**

#### WORLD MARKET PERFORMANCE

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S&P 500	1,960.96	-1.91	-0.10%	6.09%
Dow Industrials	16,851.84	-95.24	-0.56%	1.66%
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S&P/TSX (Canada)	15,094.25	-14.72	-0.10%	10.81%
Mexico IPC	42,493.86	-371.86	-0.87%	-0.55%
Brazil Bovespa	53,157.30	-1480.89	-2.71%	3.20%
Euro Stoxx 600	341.97	-6.12	-1.76%	4.18%
FTSE 100	6,757.77	-67.43	-0.99%	0.13%
IBEX 35 (Spain)	10,959.90	-195.20	-1.75%	10.52%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Swiss Market Index	8,562.11	-139.50	-1.60%	4.38%
CAC 40 Index (France)	4,436.99	-104.35	-2.30%	3.28%
DAX Index (Germany)	9,815.17	-172.07	-1.72%	2.75%
Irish Overall Index	4,723.97	-88.95	-1.85%	4.07%
Nikkei 225	15,095.00	-254.42	-1.66%	-7.34%
Hang Seng Index	23,221.52	27.46	0.12%	-0.36%
Shanghai Composite	2,036.51	9.84	0.49%	-3.76%
Kospi Index (S. Korea)	1,988.51	20.44	1.04%	-1.14%
Taiwan Taiex Index	9,306.83	33.04	0.36%	8.07%
Tel Aviv 25 Index	1,384.36	-20.24	-1.44%	4.13%
MICEX Index (Russia)	1,477.32	-8.98	-0.60%	-1.78%

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









# **EQUITIES – EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKETS**

#### EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKET PERFORMANCE

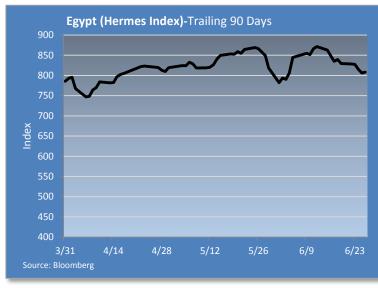
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %	
Mexico IPC	42,493.86	-371.86	-0.9%	-0.5%	
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	53,157.30	-1480.89	-2.7%	3.2%	
MICEX Index (Russia)	1,477.32	-8.98	-0.6%	-1.8%	
Czech Republic (Prague)	1,007.95	-24.58	-2.4%	1.9%	
Turkey (Istanbul)	78,472.38	71.70	0.1%	15.7%	
Egypt (Hermes Index)	808.44	-21.27	-2.6%	19.7%	
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	4,834.02	8.50	0.2%	-1.9%	
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	9,569.49	-78.77	-0.8%	12.1%	
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	1,216.50	-8.42	-0.7%	5.8%	
Palestine	509.54	-10.00	-1.9%	-5.9%	

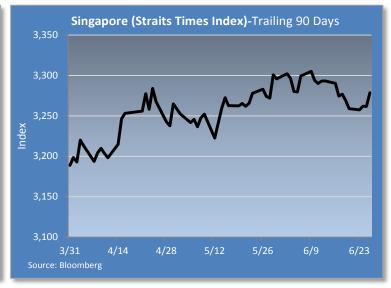
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Hang Seng Index	23,221.52	27.46	0.1%	-0.4%
India (Sensex 30)	25,099.92	-5.59	0.0%	18.6%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,880.93	-4.79	-0.3%	0.7%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,271.05	12.25	0.4%	3.3%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,483.24	15.95	1.1%	14.2%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	4,845.13	-2.57	-0.1%	13.4%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	29,343.76	651.92	2.3%	16.2%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	578.82	18.04	3.2%	14.7%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	6,363.49	61.04	1.0%	7.6%
Cambodia (Laos)	1,318.95	30.00	2.3%	5.2%

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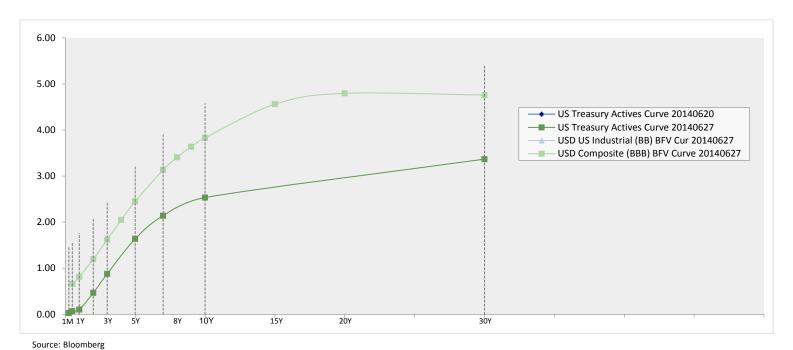
## **INTEREST RATES**

#### **SELECTED INTEREST RATES**

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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	0.46%	0 bps	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.64%	-6 bps	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.53%	-9 bps	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	3.37%	-9 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	1.26%	8 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	1.71%	8 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	2.83%	10 bps	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	2.44%	0 bps	NM	NM

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Prime Rate	3.25%	0.00	NM	NM
Fed Funds Rate	0.25%	0.00	NM	NM
Discount Rate	0.75%	0.00	NM	NM
LIBOR (3 Mo.)	0.23%	0 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Muni	4.11%	-6 bps	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	4.36%	NA	NM	NM
Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	4.80%	NA	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg







#### **CURRENCIES**

## **SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE**

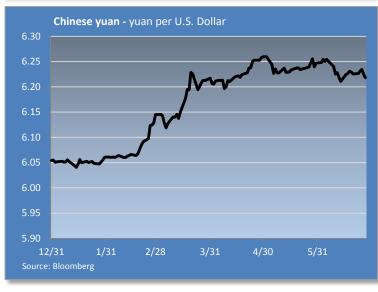
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Dollar Index	80.02	-0.345	-0.43%	-0.01%
Euro	1.36	0.005	0.36%	-0.68%
Japanese Yen	101.44	-0.630	0.62%	3.82%
British Pound	1.70	0.002	0.13%	2.89%
Canadian Dollar	1.07	-0.010	0.89%	-0.38%

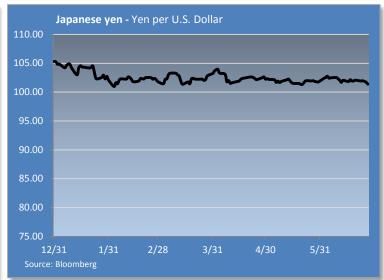
	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Chinese Yuan	6.22	-0.007	0.12%	-2.63%
Swiss Franc	0.89	-0.004	0.47%	0.22%
<b>New Zealand Dollar</b>	0.88	0.008	0.95%	6.90%
Brazilian Real	2.19	-0.038	1.74%	7.77%
Mexican Peso	12.96	-0.028	0.22%	0.57%

Source: Bloomberg









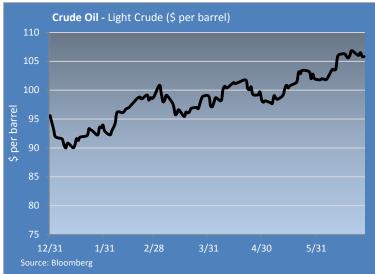
## **COMMODITIES**

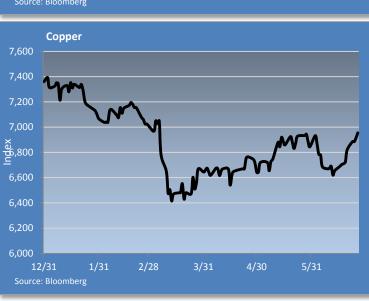
#### SELECTED COMMODITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

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Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %				
135.89	-0.67	-0.49%	8.06%				
3767.79	-10.57	-0.28%	5.96%				
\$105.73	-\$1.08	-1.01%	10.62%				
\$4.43	-\$0.13	-2.75%	6.50%				
\$3.68	\$0.00	0.08%	10.86%				
299.61	-5.51	-1.81%	-0.73%				
\$1,316.39	\$1.19	0.09%	9.52%				
\$20.99	\$0.12	0.56%	7.78%				
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	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Platinum Spot	\$1,478.25	\$21.44	1.47%	7.82%
Corn	447.25	-4.75	-1.05%	-0.67%
Wheat	593.75	0.50	0.08%	-5.23%
Soybeans	1,228.00	-3.50	-0.28%	8.19%
Sugar	18.32	0.00	0.00%	7.45%
Orange Juice	148.65	0.00	0.00%	3.09%
Aluminum	1,897.00	11.00	0.58%	5.37%
Copper	6,955.00	135.00	1.98%	-5.50%

Source: Bloomberg; % change is based on price.









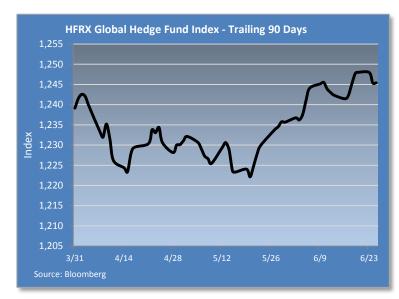
## **ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS**

#### SELECTED ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1247.69	-2.62	-0.21%	1.62%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	961.47	-0.87	-0.09%	1.02%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1176.12	-1.88	-0.16%	0.80%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1644.02	-2.56	-0.16%	4.10%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1004.36	-1.81	-0.18%	1.55%

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Distressed Index	1067.14	-0.20	-0.02%	6.32%
HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1581.39	-0.73	-0.05%	0.74%
HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	775.62	-0.81	-0.10%	0.04%
HFRX Macro CTA Index	1134.07	-4.09	-0.36%	-0.37%
IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1364.56	4.95	0.36%	5.06%

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## **PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION**



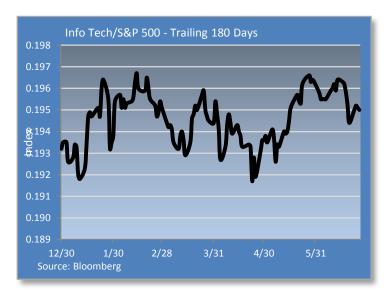








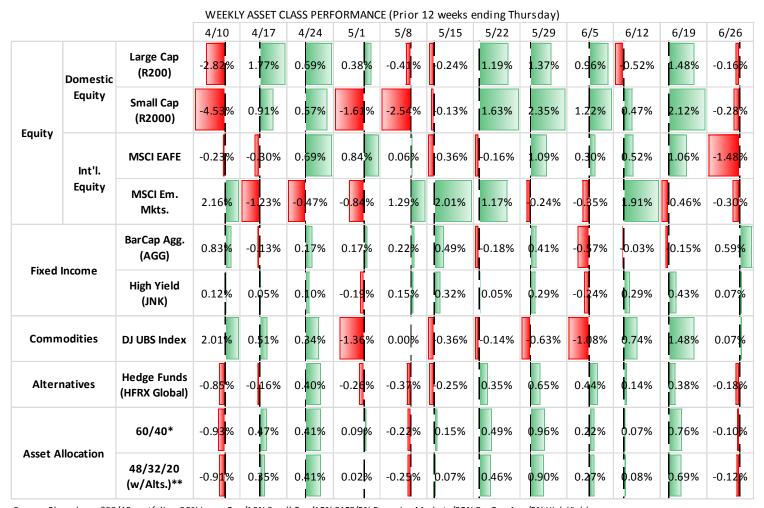
# PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION (cont'd.)











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

<sup>\*\*48/32/20</sup> 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	Large Cap	Large Cap	Mid Cap	Mid Cap	Mid Cap	Small Cap	Small Cap	Small Cap	Int'l.	Emerging				
	Core	Growth	Value	Core	Growth	Value	Core	Growth	Value	Developed	Markets	REITs	Comm.	Int. Bond	High Yield
Large Cap Core	1.00	1.02	0.98	1.00	1.02	0.99	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.12	1.05	1.04	1.10	1.05	0.99
Large Cap Growth	0.98	1.00	0.96	0.98	1.00	0.96	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.03	1.01	1.07	1.02	0.97
Large Cap Value	1.02	1.04	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.13	1.07	1.05	1.11	1.06	1.01
Mid Cap Core	1.00	1.02	0.98	1.00	1.02	0.98	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.11	1.05	1.03	1.09	1.04	0.99
Mid Cap Growth	0.98	1.00	0.96	0.98	1.00	0.96	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.09	1.03	1.01	1.07	1.02	0.97
Mid Cap Value	1.02	1.04	1.00	1.02	1.04	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.13	1.07	1.05	1.11	1.06	1.01
Small Cap Core	0.92	0.94	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.91	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.03	0.97	0.96	1.01	0.96	0.92
Small Cap Growth	0.92	0.95	0.91	0.93	0.95	0.91	1.00	1.00	1.01	1.03	0.97	0.96	1.01	0.97	0.92
Small Cap Value	0.92	0.94	0.90	0.92	0.94	0.90	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.02	0.96	0.95	1.01	0.96	0.91
Int'l. Developed	0.90	0.92	0.88	0.90	0.92	0.88	0.97	0.97	0.98	1.00	0.94	0.93	0.98	0.94	0.89
Emerging Markets	0.95	0.97	0.94	0.96	0.97	0.94	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.06	1.00	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.95
REITs	0.97	0.99	0.95	0.97	0.99	0.95	1.05	1.04	1.05	1.08	1.02	1.00	1.06	1.01	0.96
Commodities	0.91	0.93	0.90	0.92	0.93	0.90	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.02	0.96	0.94	1.00	0.95	0.91
Int. Bond	0.96	0.98	0.94	0.96	0.98	0.94	1.04	1.03	1.04	1.07	1.01	0.99	1.05	1.00	0.95
High Yield	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.12	1.06	1.04	1.10	1.05	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**

The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index comprised of 500 widely held securities considered to be representative of the stock market in general. The S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Indices measure the residential housing market, tracking changes in the value of the residential real estate market in 20 metropolitan regions across the United States. The Nasdag Composite is a stock market index of the common stocks and similar securities listed on the NASDAQ stock market. The MSCI EAFE Index represents 21 developed markets outside of North America. The MSCI EAFE Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of growth stocks of Europe, Australasia and the Far East. The MSCI EAFE Value Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of value stocks of Europe, Australasia and the Far East. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The MSCI Europe Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of stocks of developed European countries. The MSCI Pacific Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in the Pacific region. The Barclays US Credit Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of publicly issued, SEC-registered US corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes. The Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of investment-grade, fixed-rate debt issues, including government, corporate, asset-backed, and mortgage-backed securities, with maturities of at least one year. The Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index covers the USDdenominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high-yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. The index may include emerging market debt. The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index comprised of investment-grade, fixed-rate municipal securities representative of the tax-exempt bond market in general. The Barclays US Treasury Total Return Index is an unmanaged index of public obligations of the US Treasury with a remaining maturity of one year or more. The Citigroup World Government Bond Index is a market capitalization weighted bond index consisting of the government bond markets of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The DJ-UBS Commodity Index Total Return<sup>SM</sup> measures the collateralized returns from a basket of 19 commodity futures contracts representing the energy, precious metals, industrial metals, grains, softs and livestock sectors. The Russell 1000 Index is a market capitalization-weighted benchmark index made up of the 1000 largest U.S. companies in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of large-cap growth stocks. The Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of largecap value stocks. The Russell 2000 Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of small-cap stocks. The Russell 2000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of small-cap growth stocks. The Russell 2000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of small-cap value stocks. The Russell 3000 Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of the US stock market. The Russell Midcap Index is a subset of the Russell 1000 Index. It includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell Midcap Growth Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of mid-cap growth stocks. The Russell Midcap Value Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of mid-cap value stocks. The HFRX Indices are a series of benchmarks of hedge fund industry performance which are engineered to achieve representative performance of a larger universe of hedge fund strategies. Hedge Fund Research, Inc. employs the HFRX Methodology (UCITS compliant), a proprietary and highly quantitative process by which hedge funds are selected as constituents for the HFRX Indices. The CBOE Volatility Index® (VIX®) is a key measure of market expectations of near-term volatility conveyed by S&P 500 stock index option prices. Quantitative Easing (QE) - A government monetary policy occasionally used to increase the money supply by buying government securities or other securities from the market. The ISM Non-Manufacturing Index is an index based on surveys of more than 400 non-manufacturing firms' purchasing and supply executives, within 60 sectors across the nation, by the Institute of Supply Management (ISM). The ISM Non-Manufacturing Index tracks economic data, like the ISM Non-Manufacturing Business Activity Index. A composite diffusion index is created based on the data from these surveys that monitors economic conditions of the nation. The ISM Manufacturing Index is an index based on surveys of more than 300 manufacturing firms by the Institute of Supply Management. The ISM Manufacturing Index monitors employment, production inventories, new orders and supplier deliveries. A composite diffusion index is created that monitors conditions in national manufacturing based on the data from these surveys. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services. 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. The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) is an up-to-the-minute market estimate of expected volatility that is calculated by using real-time S&P 500 Index option bid/ask quotes. The Index uses nearby and second nearby options with at least 8 days left to expiration and then weights them to yield a constant, 30-day measure of the expected volatility of the S&P 500 Index. at Envestnet.

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