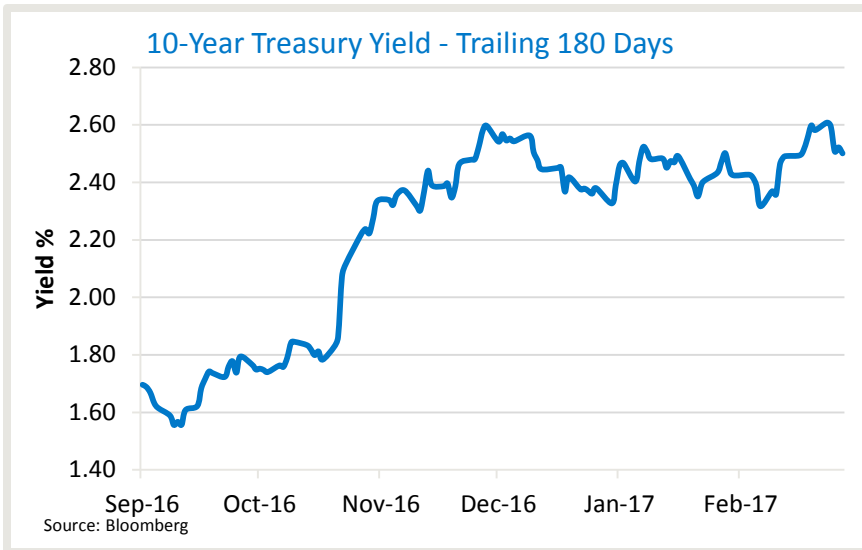


# Weekly Market Review

March 17, 2017

## Chart of the Week



## Weekly Highlights

- **The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) elected to raise the federal funds rate at its March meeting** from a range of 50-75 basis points up to 75-100 basis points. This was widely anticipated by the market following aggressive forward guidance in recent weeks. The statement accompanying the hike was less hawkish than expected, and both equity and bond markets rallied on the announcement. The Federal Reserve (Fed) is telegraphing two additional hikes this year, leaving projections for the medium-term tightening cycle unchanged.
- **The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures came in at 0.3%**, higher than expected. Year-over-year, producer prices are up 2.2%, the highest level in nearly five years, pointing to an inflation reading that is coming into line with the Fed's target.
- **Housing starts for February were favorable**, particularly for single family homes, which were up 6.5% during the month. Multi-family starts fell by 3.7%, but remain up 13.0% on the year.

## Talking Points

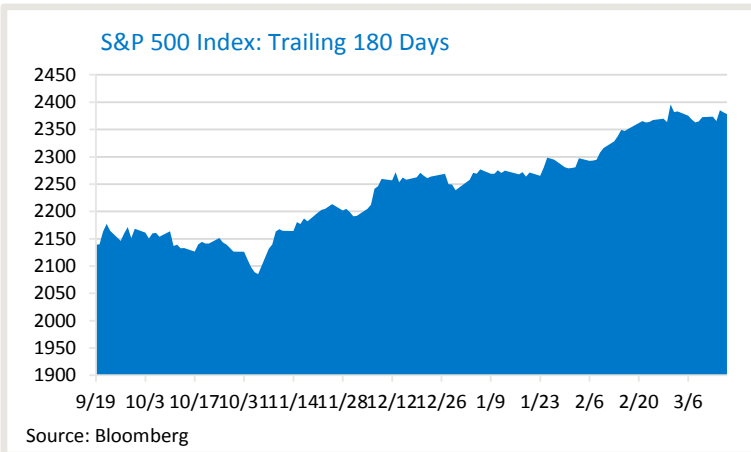
- **The equity market rally continued this week**, with global stocks posting modestly positive returns, led by emerging markets.
- **Treasury yields rallied** on the heels of this week's FOMC meeting, as the statement accompanying the Fed's rate hike was more dovish than many expected.
- **The US Dollar ended the week lower** against a basket of major trade partners' currencies, based on what many market participants view as a dovish tightening by the Fed.
- **Commodities were marginally higher for the week**, with crude oil continuing to trade range-bound after its fall earlier this month.
- **In other economic news:** Initial jobless claims point to continued strength in the labor market, holding at trend level, a favorable signal for the March employment report.

## Market Dashboard

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2,378.25	5.65	0.24%	6.2%
<b>Dow Industrials</b>	20,914.62	11.64	0.06%	5.8%
<b>Nasdaq</b>	5,901.00	39.27	0.67%	9.6%
<b>Russell 2000</b>	1,391.52	26.26	1.92%	2.5%
<b>Euro Stoxx Index</b>	378.32	5.09	1.36%	4.7%
<b>Shanghai Composite</b>	3,237.45	24.69	0.77%	4.3%
<b>Russell Global</b>	1,882.37	25.19	1.36%	6.8%

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

	Last Price	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
<b>Russell Global EM</b>	3,051.68	114.57	3.90%	11.7%
<b>10-Year US Treas.</b>	2.50	-8 bps	NM	NM
<b>DJ UBS Comm. Idx.</b>	85.14	0.88	1.04%	-2.7%
<b>Gold</b>	\$1,229.57	\$24.51	2.03%	7.1%
<b>Crude Oil</b>	\$48.70	\$0.23	0.47%	-12.1%
<b>Dollar Index</b>	100.35	-0.89	-0.88%	-1.8%
<b>VIX Index</b>	11.27	-0.40	-3.43%	-19.8%



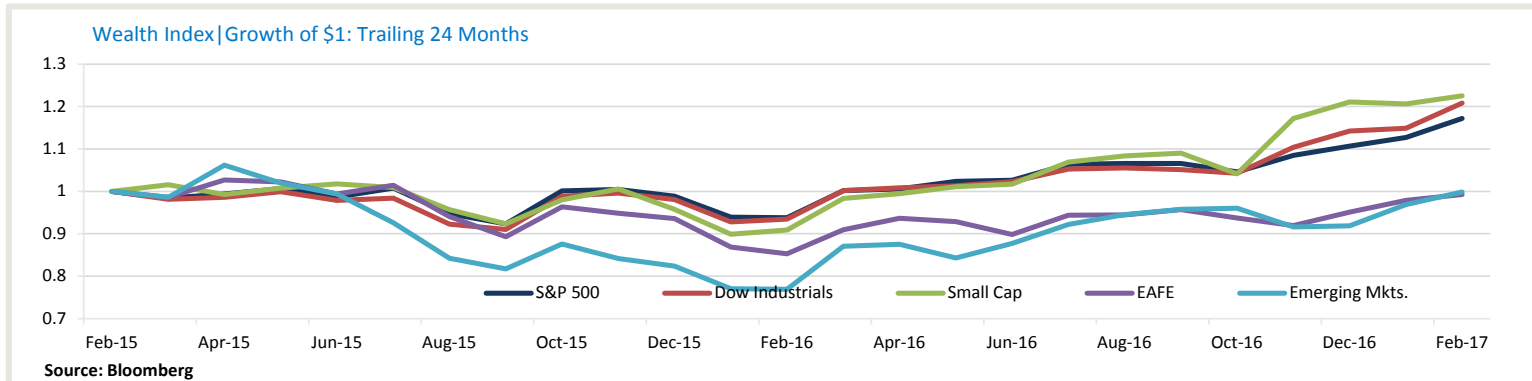
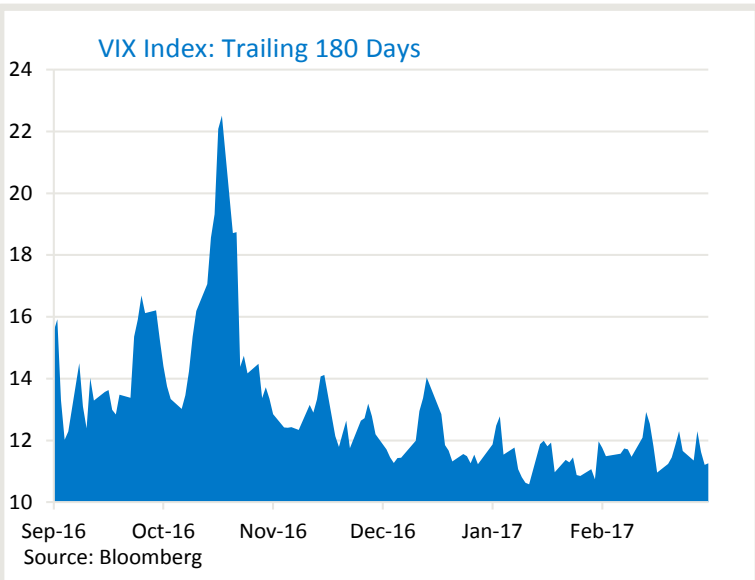
	One Week			YTD		
	Value	Growth		Value	Growth	
<b>L</b>	-0.14%	0.10%	0.33%	3.93%	6.65%	9.30%
	0.88%	0.91%	0.96%	3.48%	5.06%	7.04%
<b>S</b>	2.13%	1.92%	1.70%	0.05%	2.53%	5.30%

Source: Bloomberg

**Sector Performance:**  
**S&P/Global Industry Classification Sectors (GICS)**

	% Wgt in S&P 500	Week % Chg.	YTD % Chg.
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	12.2	0.87%	7.4%
<b>Consumer Staples</b>	9.4	0.33%	6.5%
<b>Energy</b>	6.5	0.33%	-7.7%
<b>Financials</b>	14.7	-0.94%	5.3%
<b>Health Care</b>	14.0	-0.74%	9.2%
<b>Industrials</b>	10.1	0.17%	4.9%
<b>Information Technology</b>	21.9	0.76%	11.9%
<b>Materials</b>	2.8	0.92%	5.5%
<b>Real Estate</b>	2.8	1.68%	1.2%
<b>Telecom Services</b>	2.4	1.25%	-2.4%
<b>Utilities</b>	3.1	1.26%	5.4%

Source: Bloomberg



## The Economy and Markets

### ***A Macro Commentary: Don't Fight the Fed – Monetary Tightening and Global Markets***

As expected, the Federal Reserve raised the federal funds target rate from a range of 50-75 basis points up to 75-100 basis points at this week's FOMC meeting. The Fed has telegraphed its desire to normalize monetary policy for some time, but over the past two years, economic data precluded it from doing so more than once at the end of each calendar year. With more robust macroeconomic data to start 2017, the central bank jumped on the opportunity to raise interest rates, a move that markets had priced in as a near certainty, following aggressive forward guidance. Both debt and equity markets rallied on the news, as the statement accompanying the rate hike was viewed as more dovish than many expected. The question remaining for investors, however, is how aggressive will the Fed be going forward, and what will this mean for markets in the months ahead?

We all know that rising interest rates are bad for bond valuations. When interest rates go up, the income earned by bondholders on their current holdings suddenly becomes less competitive than what is being offered in the new issuance market, making their bonds less valuable. One way bond investors have been able to avoid this problem historically is by holding securities that are less vulnerable to changes in interest rates and more sensitive to underlying credit fundamentals. However, the difference in this tightening cycle is that investor's yield-chasing behavior in the years since the financial crisis has greatly reduced the spread offered by riskier fixed income assets, which in the past has helped protect these securities from price erosion due to rising rates. Based on the heightened level of current valuations across the majority of fixed income sectors, there are fewer places to hide from the negative impact of rising rates.

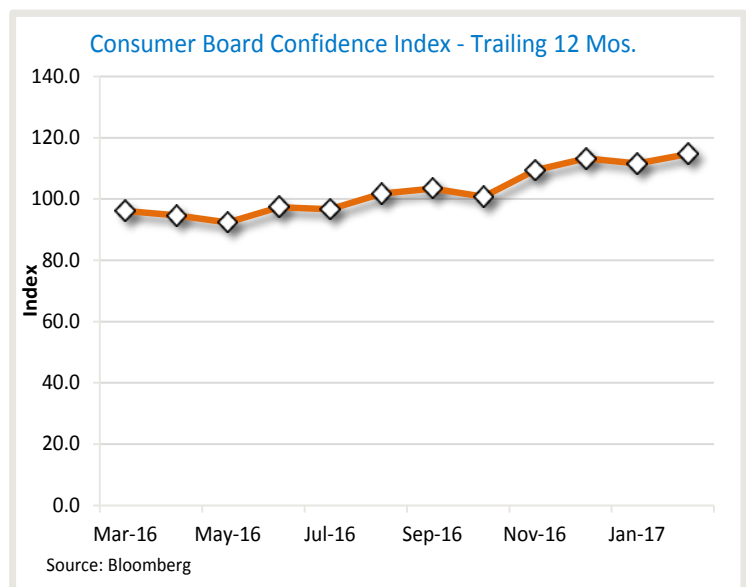
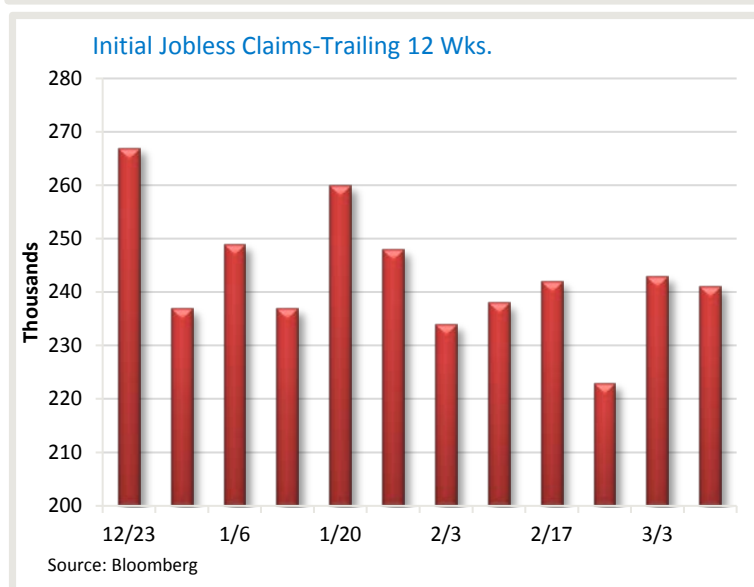
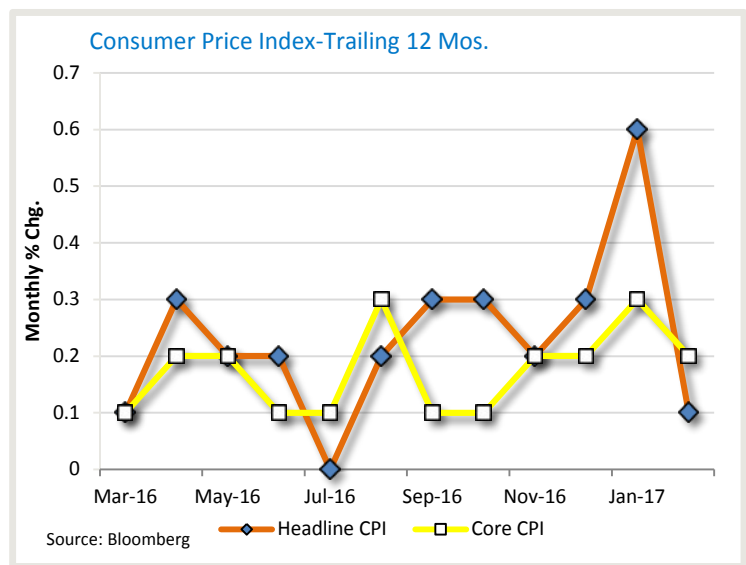
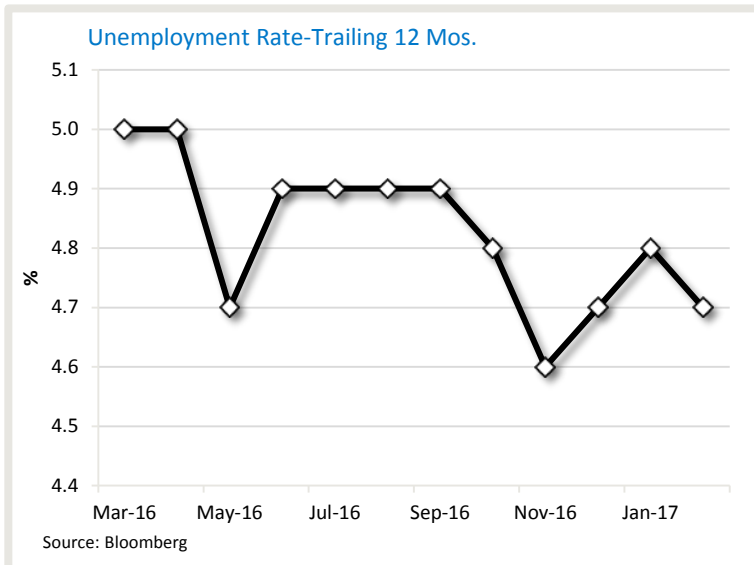
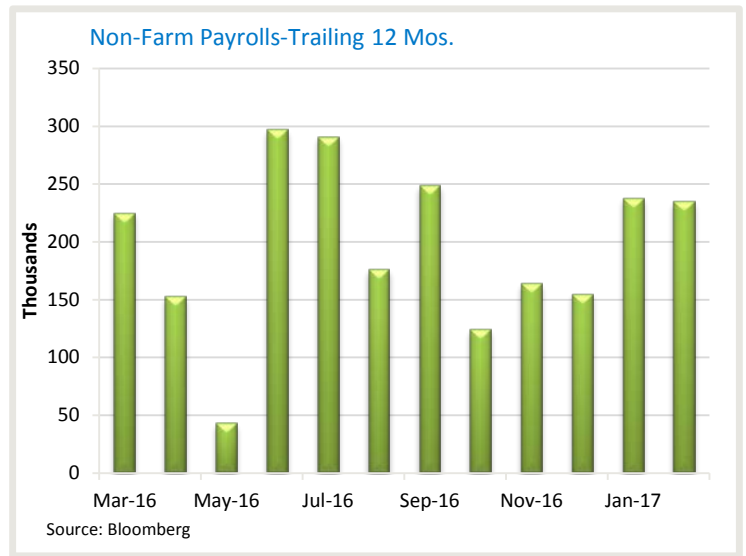
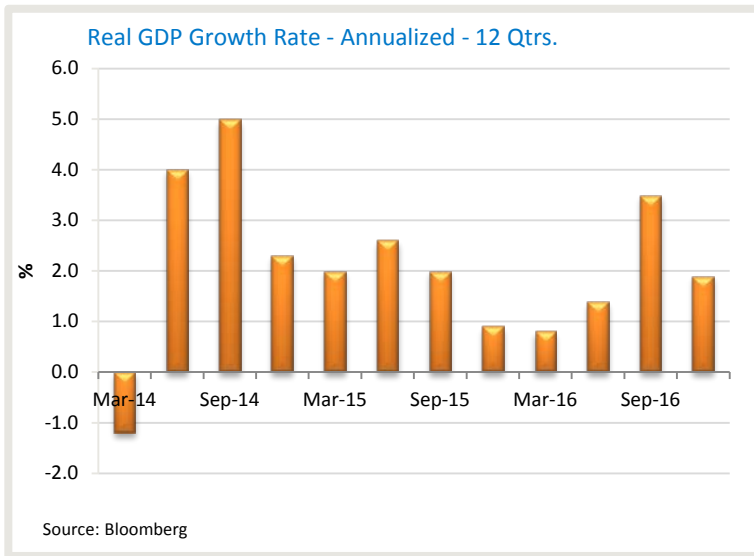
Historically, equity markets have performed well during the onset of a rising interest rate environment, but then declined as the tightening cycle tends to eventually stall the economy and adversely affect corporate bottom lines. One exception is the Financials sector, which benefits from the increased spread between borrowing and lending. Unsurprisingly, income-generating stocks can be more susceptible to rising rates, and in general, these stocks already trade at high valuations—the result of an aggressive bid from yield-hungry investors. Ultimately, historical tightening cycles have occurred in different economic environments, and have had mixed results for equity markets. The last sustained period of rising interest rates was more than 30 years ago, and from a much higher base, meaning there may be some uncertainty around how an upward trajectory in rates might affect equity markets this time around, and uncertainty usually means higher volatility.

Fed policy also has a multitude of macroeconomic effects that affect both global and domestic markets. In the near term, the yield differential caused by the increasing divergence between the Fed's policies and those of other major central banks (namely the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan) should further encourage capital flows into the US, placing a ceiling on US rates and strengthening the US dollar. However, over the longer term, investors should consider the potential effects of the eventual unwinding of quantitative easing in Europe and Japan (making bond yields more attractive to investors in their respective markets), which should lead to reduced demand for US bonds and the dollar, likely undermining many of the market trends that have developed over the past few years. Higher borrowing costs could hamper the US consumer, the engine of the American economy, as well as firms with less viable business models, or those that rely heavily on debt financing. In addition, a strong dollar makes US exports more expensive for foreign buyers and imports cheaper for American companies and consumers. This can be either positive or negative for US corporations, depending on whether the firm is a net importer or net exporter. Further complicating matters is the uncertainty surrounding the new administration's policies, particularly those related to foreign trade and domestic growth and inflation, the latter of which could induce more aggressive Fed tightening in the future.

Clearly, the Fed has embarked on a policy path that will likely influence significantly both asset prices and the real economy. Although it remains to be seen how many additional rate hikes we'll ultimately see in 2017, investors must be cognizant of the impact these decisions might ultimately have on their portfolios, and position themselves accordingly.

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## Economic Data



## Eurozone

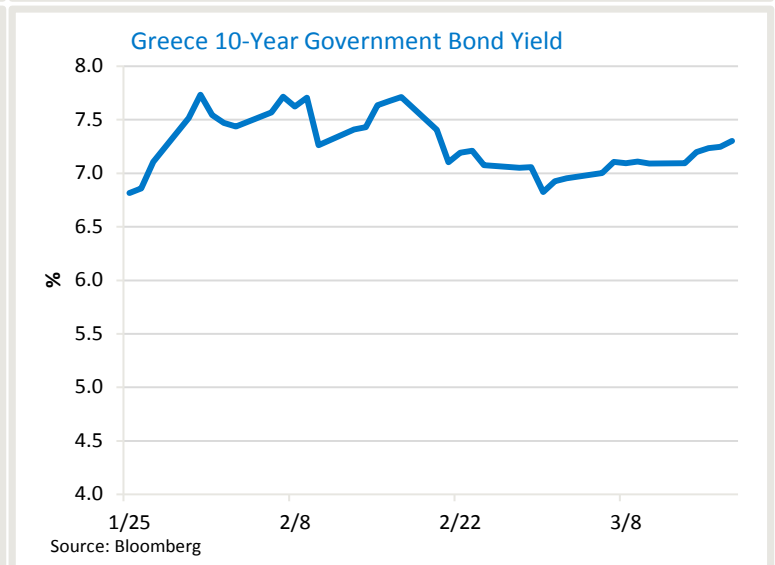
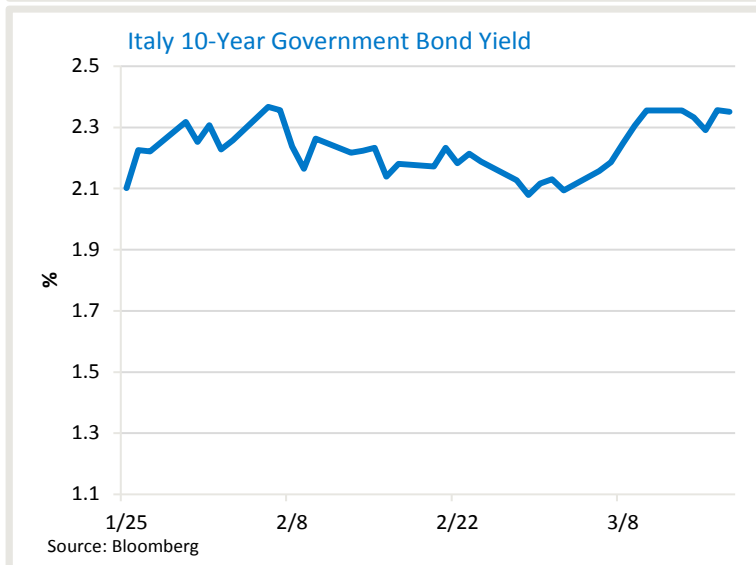
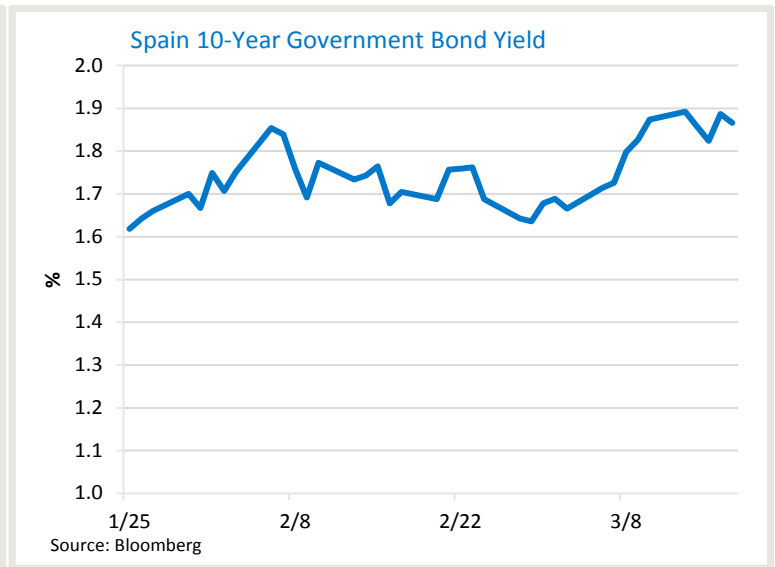
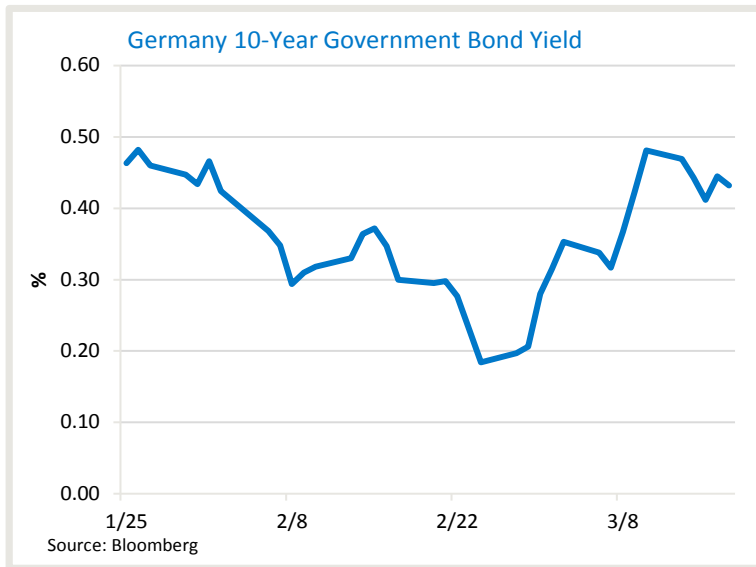
### SELECTED EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN YIELD PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Germany 10-Yr. Govt.	0.43	5 bps	NM	NM
Greece 10-Yr. Govt.	7.30	-12 bps	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr. Govt.	2.35	0 bps	NM	NM
Spain 10-Yr. Govt.	1.87	1 bps	NM	NM
Belgium 10-Yr. Govt.	0.92	6 bps	NM	NM

Source: Bloomberg

Basis points (bps)

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
France 10-Yr. Govt.	1.11	1 bps	NM	NM
Ireland 10-Yr. Govt.	1.13	2 bps	NM	NM
Portugal 10-Yr. Govt.	4.26	5 bps	NM	NM
Netherlands 10-Yr. Govt.	0.68	5 bps	NM	NM
U.K. 10-Yr. Govt.	1.24	-2 bps	NM	NM

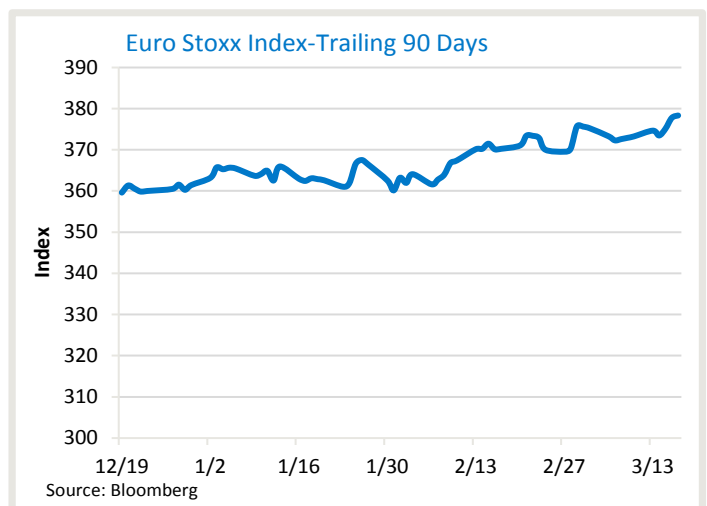
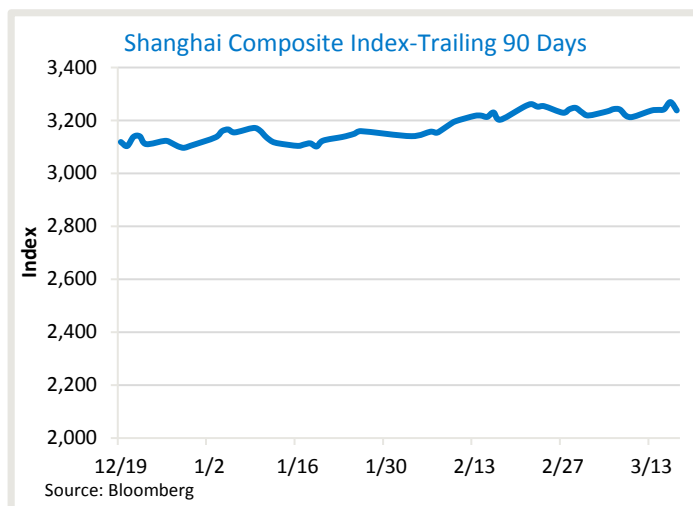
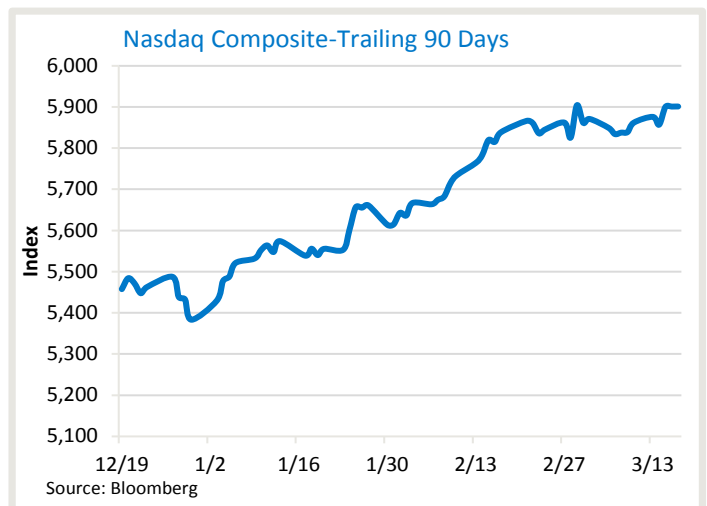
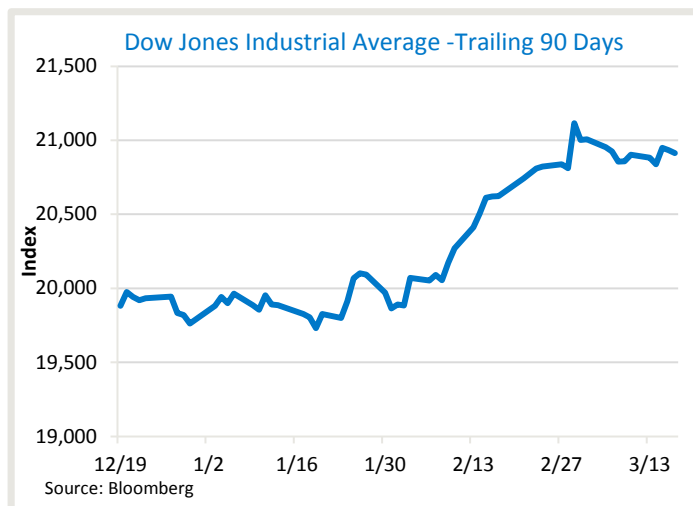


## Equities

### WORLD MARKET PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %		Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>2,378.25</b>	<b>5.65</b>	<b>0.24%</b>	<b>6.23%</b>	<b>Swiss Market Index</b>	<b>8,698.53</b>	<b>28.56</b>	<b>0.33%</b>	<b>5.82%</b>
<b>Dow Industrials</b>	<b>20,914.62</b>	<b>11.64</b>	<b>0.06%</b>	<b>5.83%</b>	<b>CAC 40 Index (France)</b>	<b>5,029.24</b>	<b>35.92</b>	<b>0.72%</b>	<b>3.43%</b>
<b>Nasdaq Composite</b>	<b>5,901.00</b>	<b>39.27</b>	<b>0.67%</b>	<b>9.62%</b>	<b>DAX Index (Germany)</b>	<b>12,095.24</b>	<b>132.06</b>	<b>1.10%</b>	<b>5.35%</b>
<b>Russell Global</b>	<b>1,882.37</b>	<b>25.19</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>Irish Overall Index</b>	<b>6,714.74</b>	<b>36.26</b>	<b>0.54%</b>	<b>3.03%</b>
<b>Russell Global EM</b>	<b>3,051.68</b>	<b>114.57</b>	<b>3.90%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>Nikkei 225</b>	<b>19,521.59</b>	<b>-83.02</b>	<b>-0.42%</b>	<b>2.13%</b>
<b>S&amp;P/TSX (Canada)</b>	<b>15,490.49</b>	<b>-16.19</b>	<b>-0.10%</b>	<b>1.33%</b>	<b>Hang Seng Index</b>	<b>24,309.93</b>	<b>741.26</b>	<b>3.15%</b>	<b>10.50%</b>
<b>Mexico IPC</b>	<b>48,593.44</b>	<b>1491.13</b>	<b>3.17%</b>	<b>6.46%</b>	<b>Shanghai Composite</b>	<b>3,237.45</b>	<b>24.69</b>	<b>0.77%</b>	<b>4.31%</b>
<b>Brazil Bovespa</b>	<b>64,209.94</b>	<b>-465.52</b>	<b>-0.72%</b>	<b>6.61%</b>	<b>Kospi Index (S. Korea)</b>	<b>2,164.58</b>	<b>67.23</b>	<b>3.21%</b>	<b>6.82%</b>
<b>Euro Stoxx 600</b>	<b>378.32</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>1.36%</b>	<b>4.68%</b>	<b>Taiwan Taiex Index</b>	<b>9,908.69</b>	<b>280.80</b>	<b>2.92%</b>	<b>7.08%</b>
<b>FTSE 100</b>	<b>7,424.96</b>	<b>81.88</b>	<b>1.12%</b>	<b>3.95%</b>	<b>Tel Aviv 25 Index</b>	<b>1,426.86</b>	<b>-12.35</b>	<b>-0.86%</b>	<b>-2.99%</b>
<b>IBEX 35 (Spain)</b>	<b>10,245.80</b>	<b>239.40</b>	<b>2.39%</b>	<b>9.56%</b>	<b>MICEX Index (Russia)</b>	<b>2,036.96</b>	<b>63.00</b>	<b>3.19%</b>	<b>-8.77%</b>

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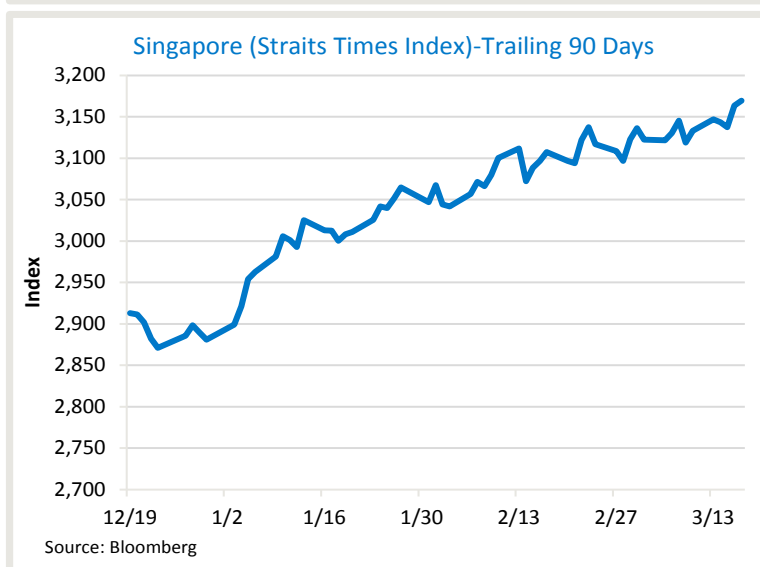
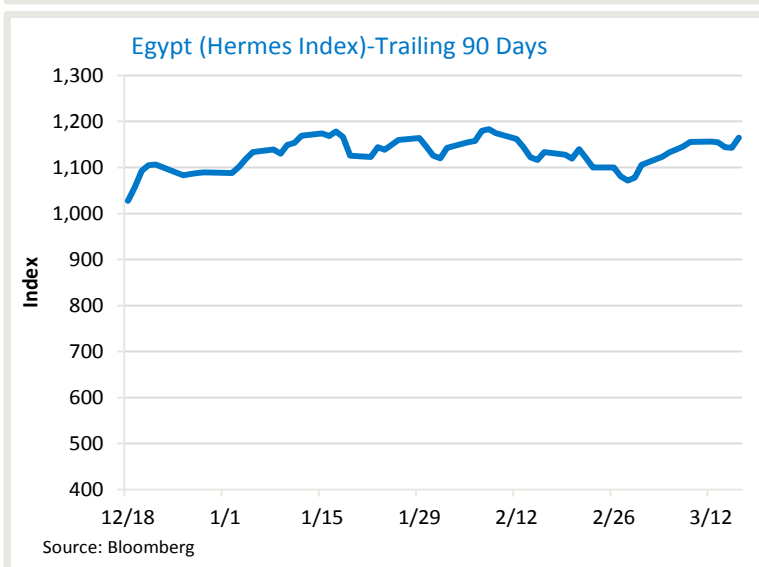
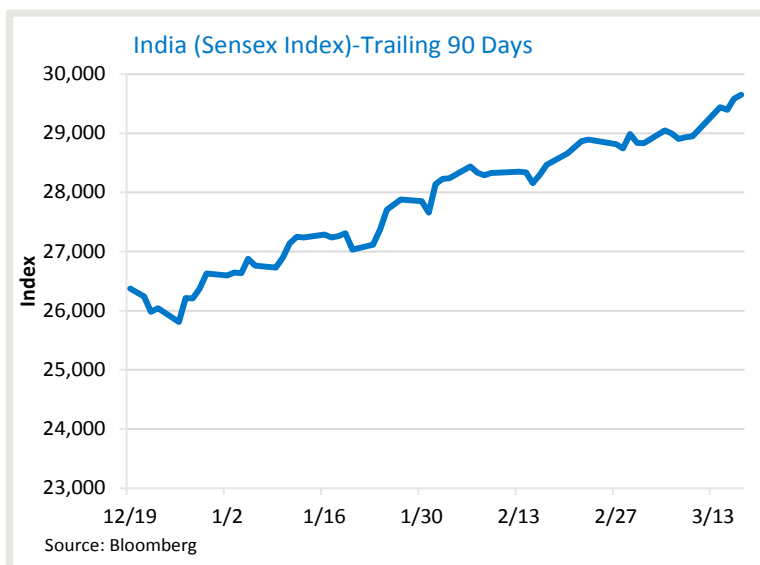
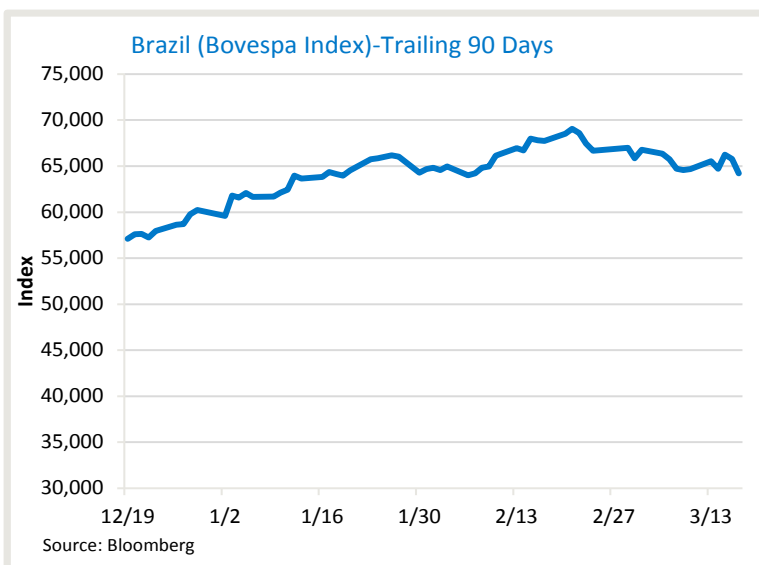
## Equities – Emerging and Frontier Markets

### EMERGING AND FRONTIER MARKET PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Mexico IPC	48,593.44	1491.13	3.2%	6.5%
Brazil (Bovespa Index)	64,209.94	-465.52	-0.7%	6.6%
MICEX Index (Russia)	2,036.96	63.00	3.2%	-8.8%
Czech Republic (Prague)	980.79	8.48	0.9%	6.4%
Turkey (Istanbul)	90,491.39	879.99	1.0%	15.8%
Egypt (Hermes Index)	1,164.39	9.07	0.8%	6.9%
Kenya (Nairobi 20 Index)	2,983.68	20.60	0.7%	-6.4%
Saudi Arabia (TASI Index)	6,921.60	4.76	0.1%	-4.0%
Lebanon (Beirut BLOM Index)	1,227.67	-0.53	0.0%	1.3%
Palestine	536.85	1.48	0.3%	1.3%

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

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Hang Seng Index	24,309.93	741.26	3.1%	10.5%
India (Sensex 30)	29,648.99	702.76	2.4%	11.4%
Malaysia (KLCI Index)	1,745.20	27.62	1.6%	6.3%
Singapore (Straits Times Index)	3,169.38	36.03	1.1%	10.0%
Thailand (SET Index)	1,560.98	21.07	1.4%	1.2%
Indonesia (Jakarta)	5,540.43	149.76	2.8%	4.6%
Pakistan (Karachi KSE 100)	48,549.08	-782.40	-1.6%	1.3%
Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh)	710.54	-1.67	-0.2%	6.9%
Sri Lanka (Colombo)	6,047.84	-37.15	-0.6%	-2.9%
Cambodia (Laos)	1,118.42	5.89	0.5%	10.2%

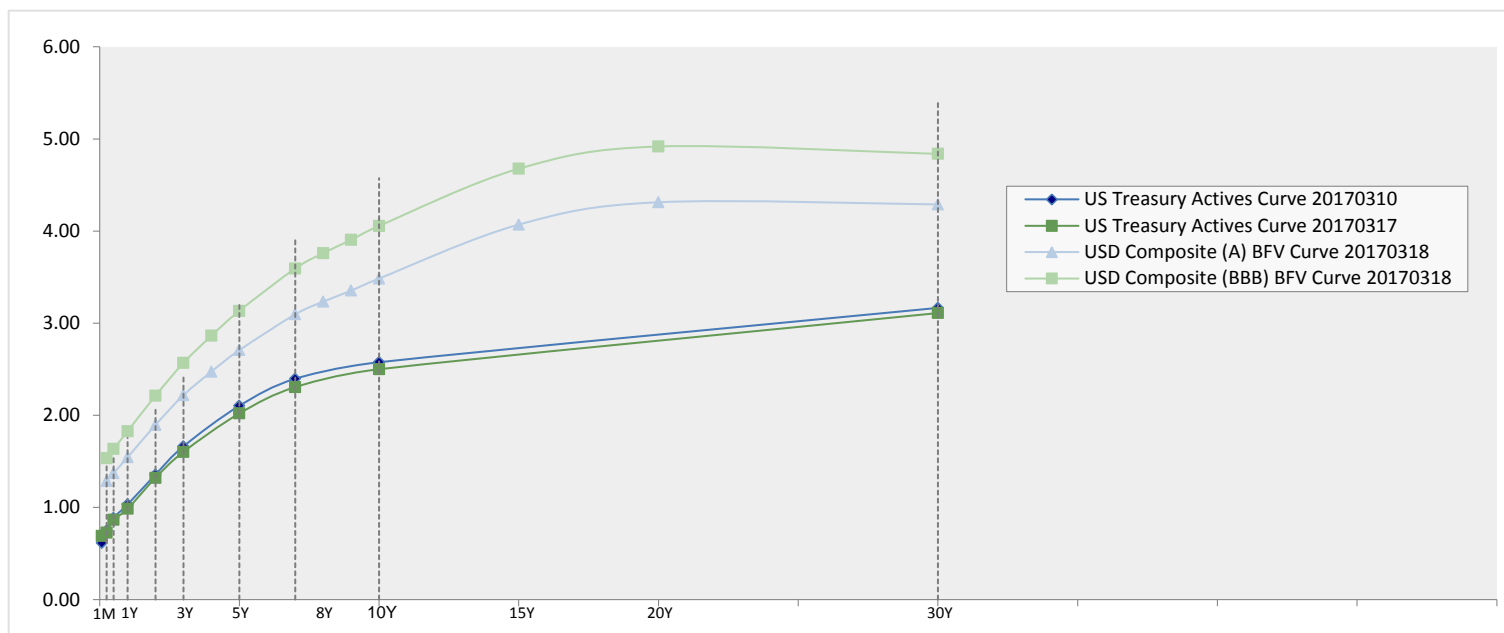


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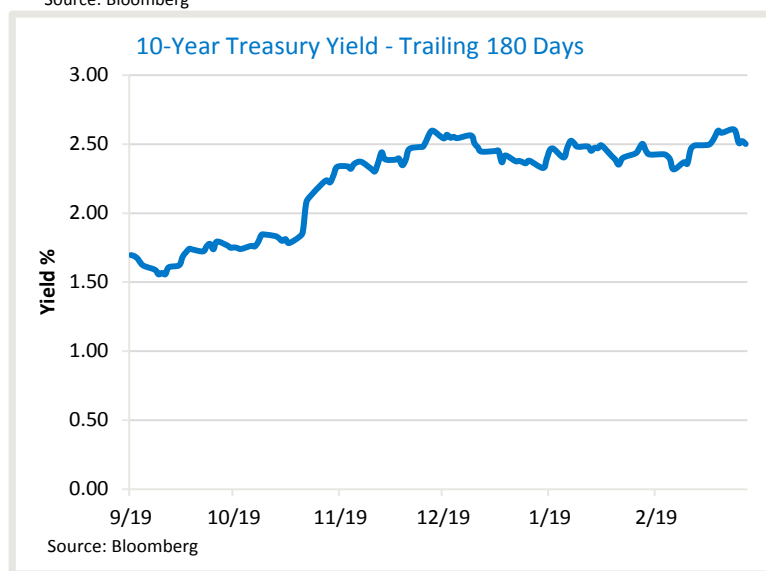
### SELECTED INTEREST RATES

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2-Yr. U.S. Treasury	1.32%	1 bps	NM	NM	Prime Rate	4.00%	0.25	NM	NM
5-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.02%	-8 bps	NM	NM	Fed Funds Rate	1.00%	0.25	NM	NM
10-Yr. U.S. Treasury	2.50%	-8 bps	NM	NM	Discount Rate	1.50%	0.25	NM	NM
30-Yr. U.S. Treasury	3.11%	-6 bps	NM	NM	LIBOR (3 Mo.)	1.15%	3 bps	NM	NM
German 10-Yr. Govt.	0.43%	5 bps	NM	NM	Bond Buyer 40 Muni	4.25%	-8 bps	NM	NM
France 10-Yr.	1.11%	1 bps	NM	NM	Bond Buyer 40 G.O.	4.02%	NA	NM	NM
Italy 10-Yr.	2.35%	0 bps	NM	NM	Bond Buyer 40 Rev.	4.17%	NA	NM	NM
Fed 5-Yr Fwd BE Inf.	1.99%	0 bps	NM	NM					

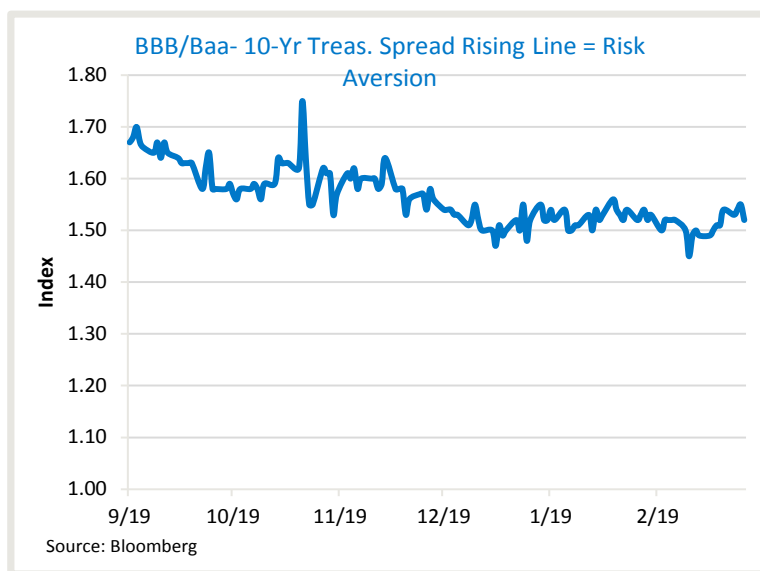
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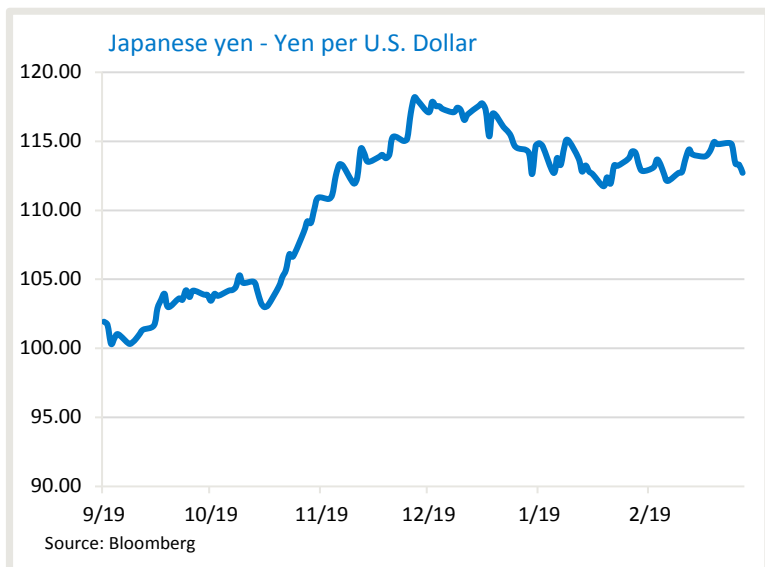
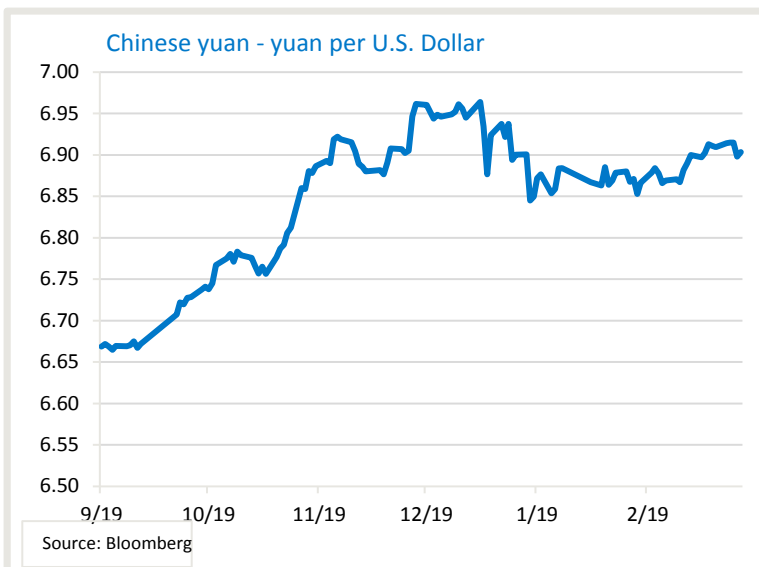
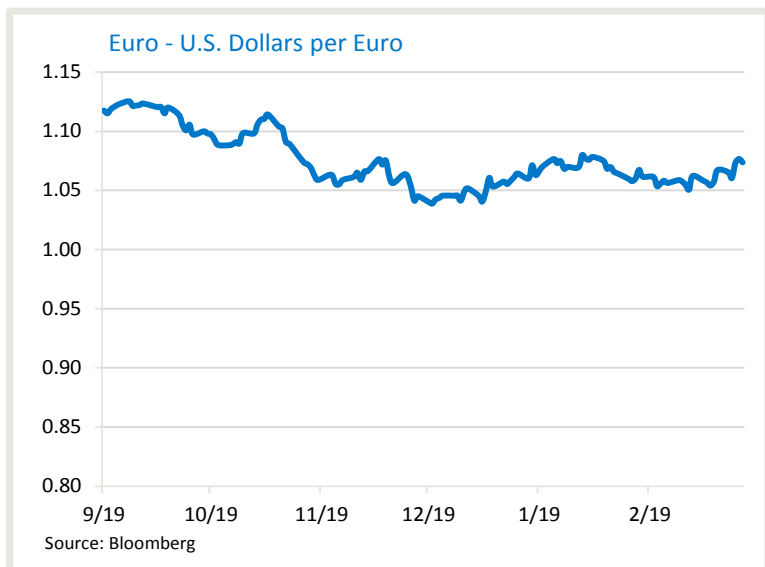
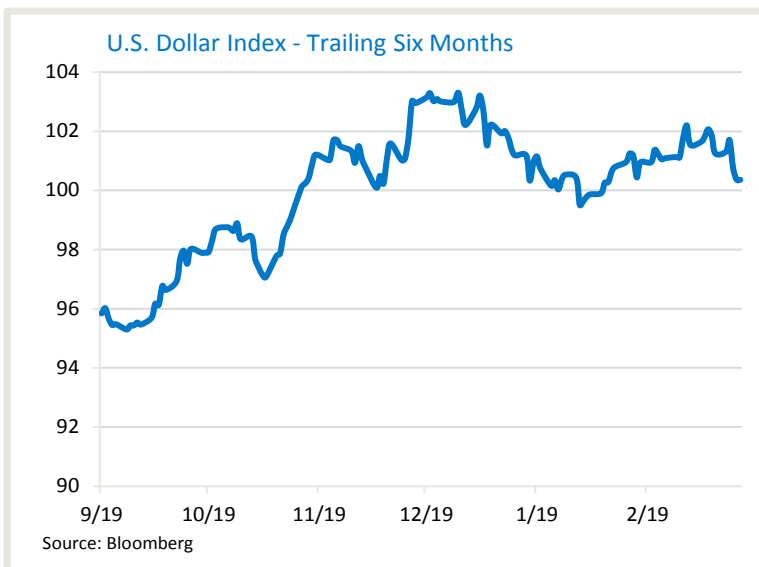
## Currencies

### SELECTED CURRENCY PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
<b>Dollar Index</b>	<b>100.35</b>	<b>-0.890</b>	<b>-0.88%</b>	<b>-1.81%</b>
<b>Euro</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>2.09%</b>
<b>Japanese Yen</b>	<b>112.66</b>	<b>-2.080</b>	<b>1.85%</b>	<b>3.77%</b>
<b>British Pound</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>0.023</b>	<b>1.85%</b>	<b>0.42%</b>
<b>Canadian Dollar</b>	<b>1.33</b>	<b>-0.013</b>	<b>0.96%</b>	<b>0.73%</b>

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
<b>Chinese Yuan</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>-0.006</b>	<b>0.09%</b>	<b>0.60%</b>
<b>Swiss Franc</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>-0.013</b>	<b>1.25%</b>	<b>2.06%</b>
<b>New Zealand Dollar</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.009</b>	<b>1.26%</b>	<b>1.10%</b>
<b>Brazilian Real</b>	<b>3.09</b>	<b>-0.051</b>	<b>1.64%</b>	<b>5.30%</b>
<b>Mexican Peso</b>	<b>19.08</b>	<b>-0.530</b>	<b>2.78%</b>	<b>8.64%</b>

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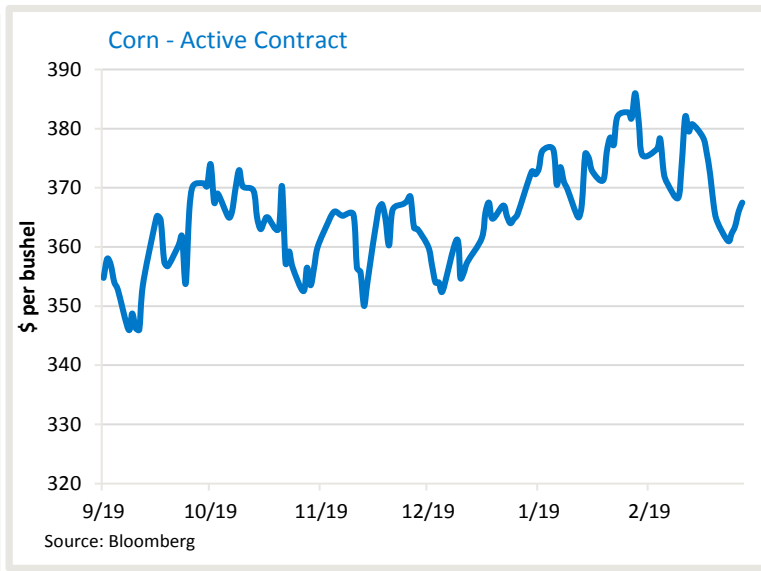
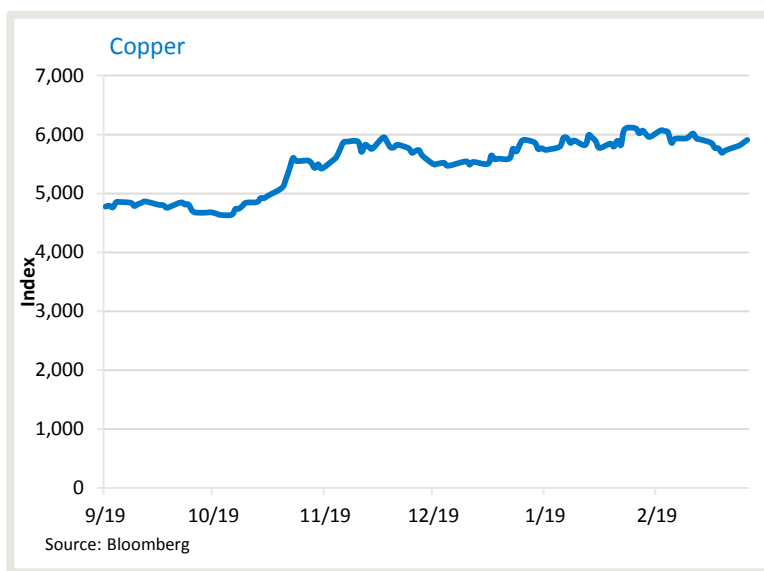
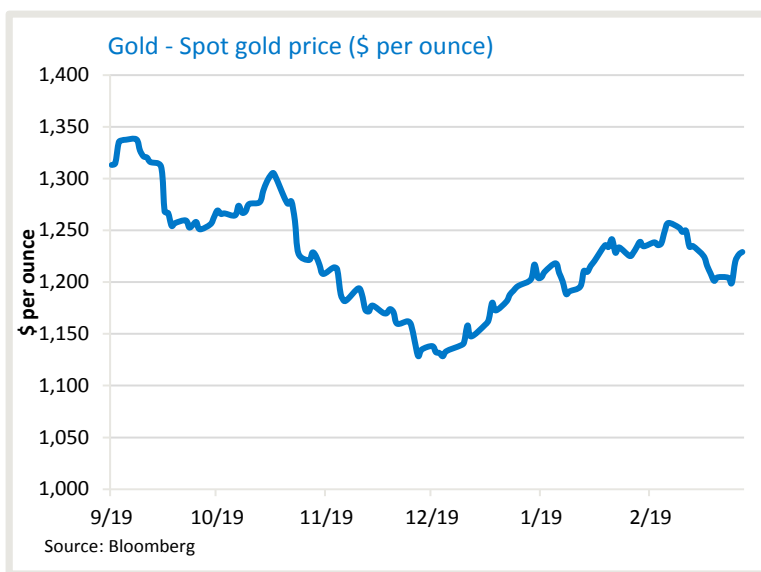
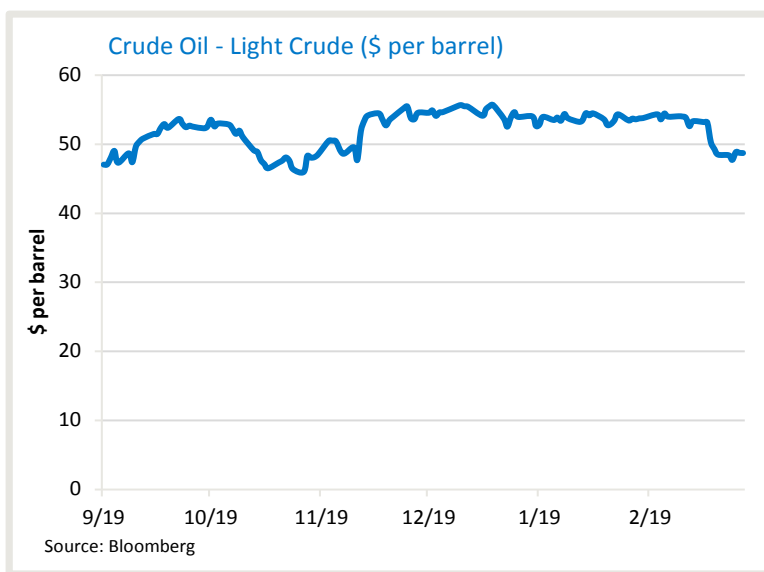


## Commodities

### SELECTED COMMODITY MARKET PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %		Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
Bloomberg Comm. Idx.	85.14	0.88	1.04%	-2.71%	Platinum Spot	\$964.08	\$21.60	2.29%	6.75%
Crude Oil	\$48.72	\$0.23	0.47%	-12.11%	Corn	367.50	3.25	0.89%	2.80%
Natural Gas	\$2.95	-\$0.06	-2.06%	-17.39%	Wheat	436.25	-4.25	-0.96%	3.75%
Gasoline (\$/Gal.)	\$2.29	-\$0.01	-0.44%	-1.97%	Soybeans	1,000.00	-6.50	-0.65%	-1.23%
Heating Oil	150.89	0.59	0.39%	-13.22%	Sugar	18.17	-0.05	-0.27%	-5.61%
Gold Spot	\$1,229.44	\$24.51	2.03%	7.12%	Orange Juice	180.95	8.90	5.17%	-5.61%
Silver Spot	\$17.39	\$0.34	2.02%	9.14%	Aluminum	1,900.00	20.00	1.06%	12.23%
					Copper	5,909.00	177.00	3.09%	6.75%

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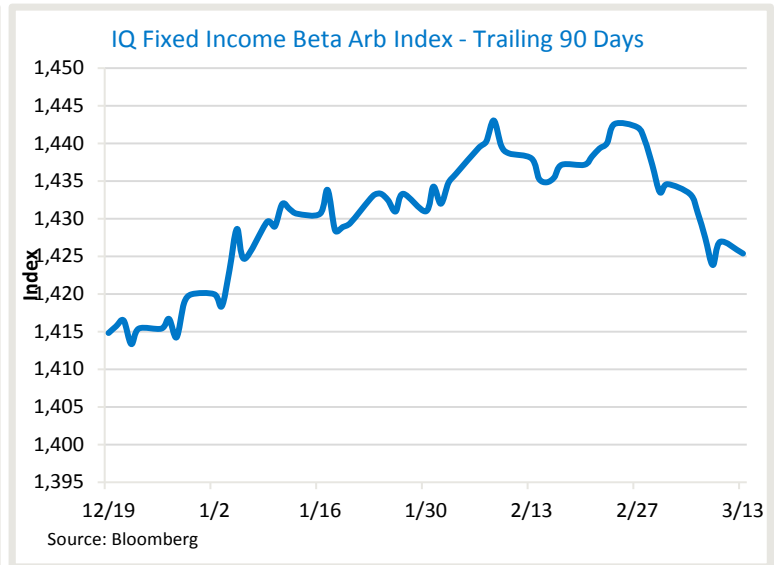
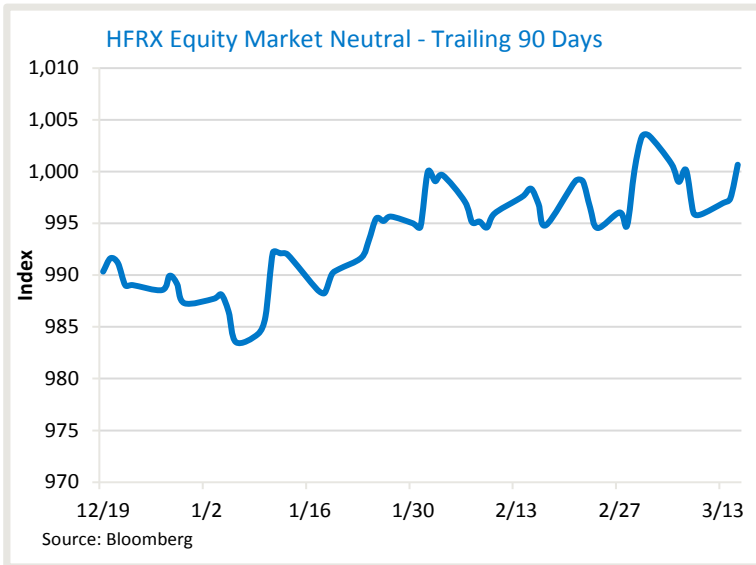
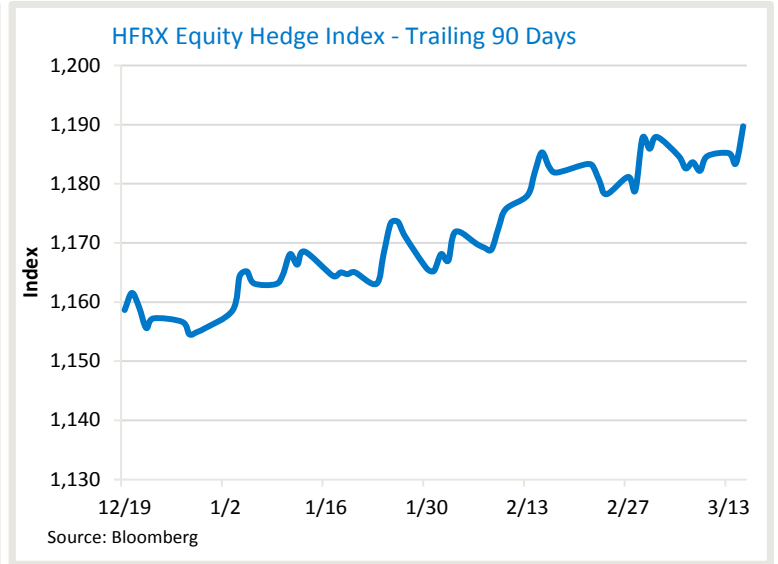
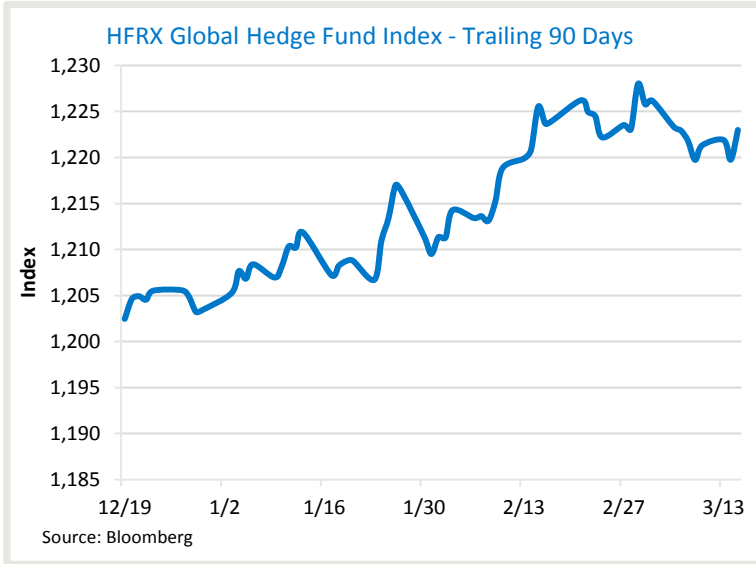


## Alternative Investments

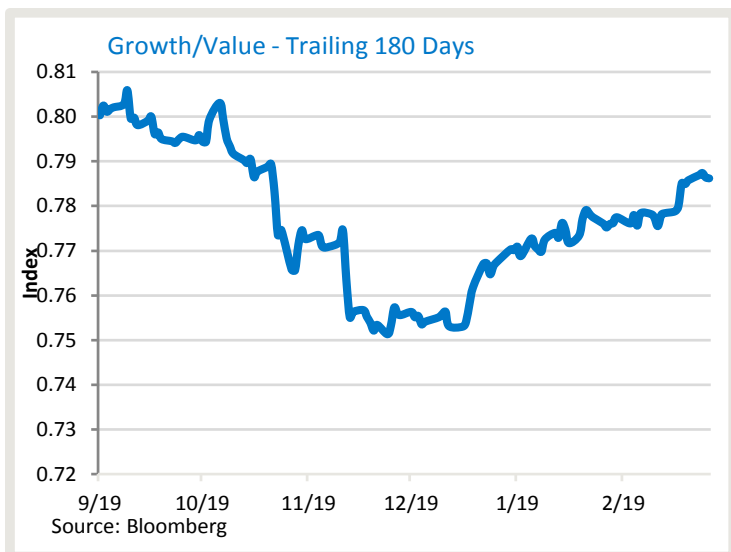
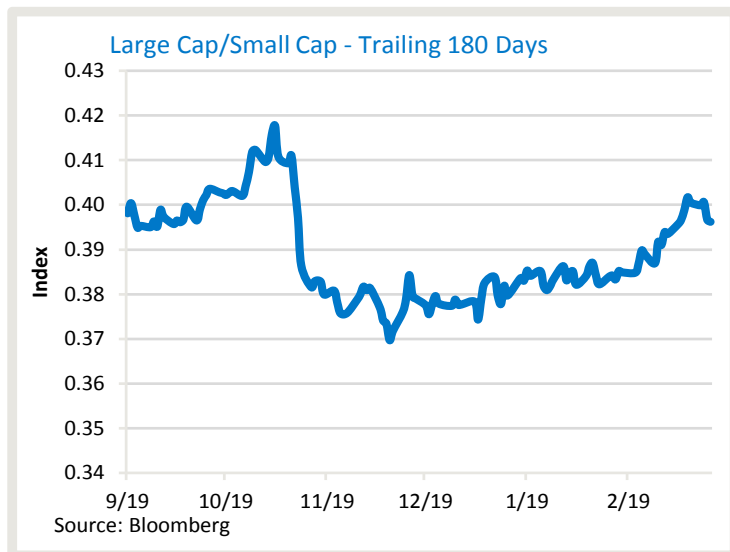
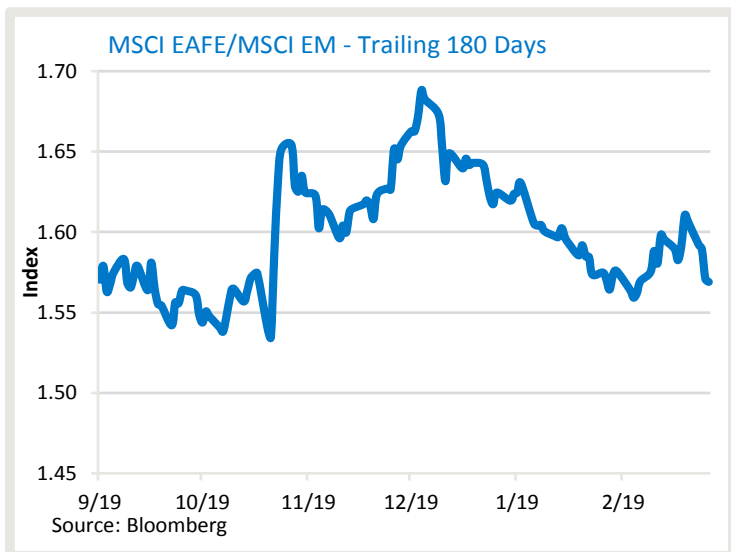
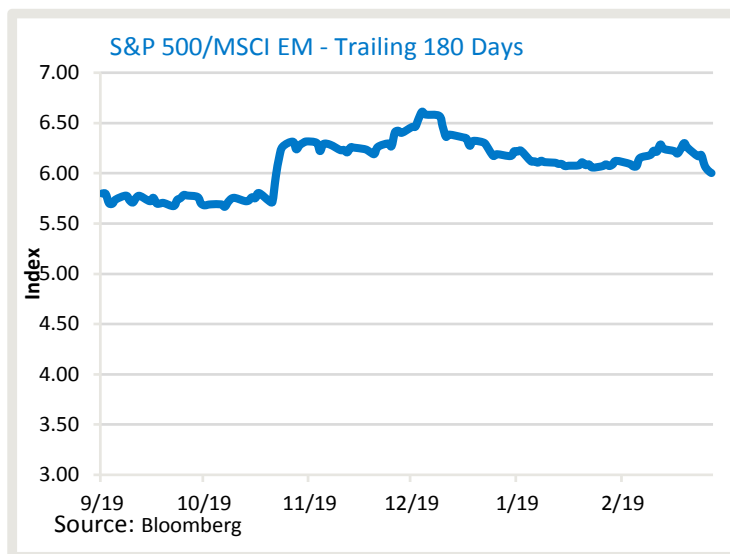
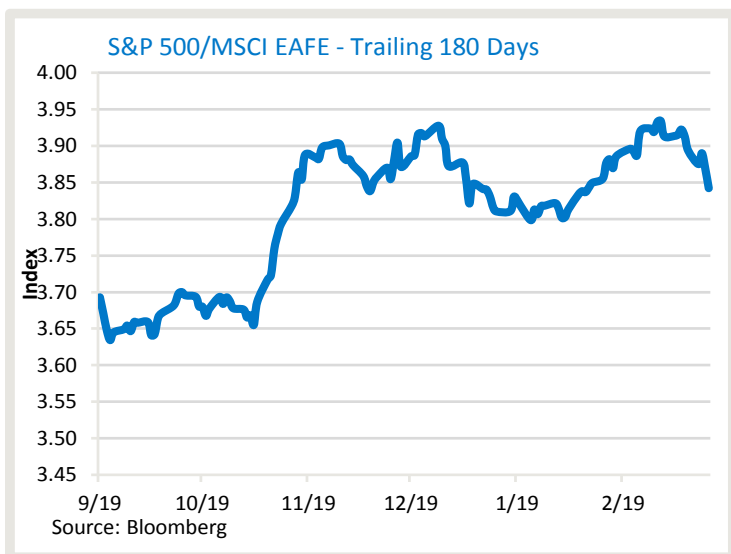
### SELECTED ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT INDEX PERFORMANCE

	Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %		Last	Change	% Chg.	YTD %
HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	1222.99	1.67	0.14%	1.62%	HFRX Distressed Index	1091.92	-0.09	-0.01%	1.76%
HFRX Equity Market Neutral	1000.67	4.81	0.48%	1.36%	HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index	1811.35	0.23	0.01%	-0.07%
HFRX Equity Hedge Index	1189.72	5.06	0.43%	2.97%	HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index	756.20	-0.99	-0.13%	1.83%
HFRX Event-Driven Index	1603.05	1.66	0.10%	2.47%	HFRX Macro CTA Index	1129.15	-0.19	-0.02%	-0.55%
HFRX Absolute Return Index	1034.36	1.26	0.12%	0.57%	IQ Fixed Income Beta Arb Index	1433.16	6.22	0.44%	0.93%

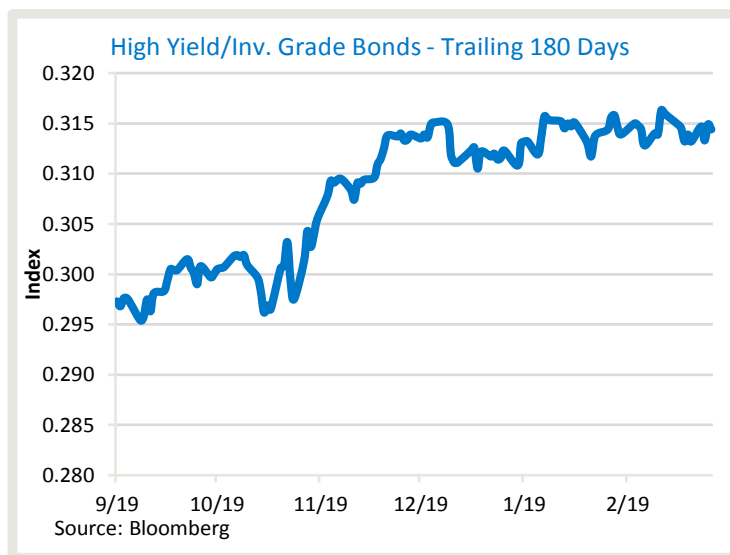
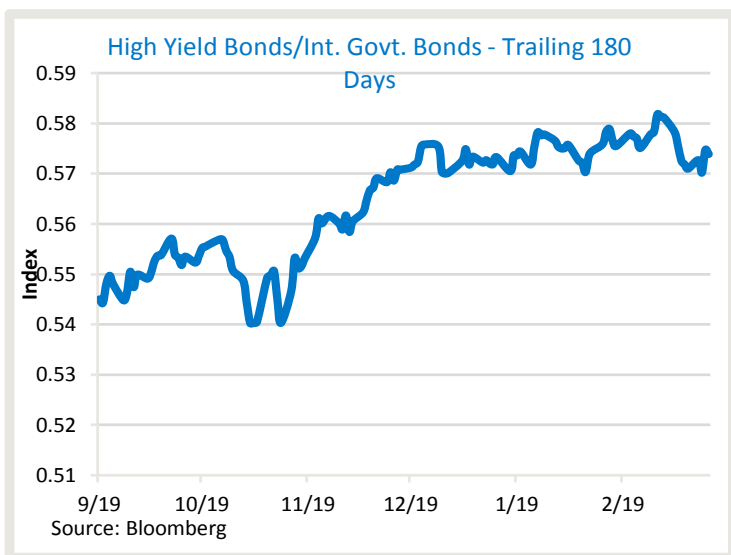
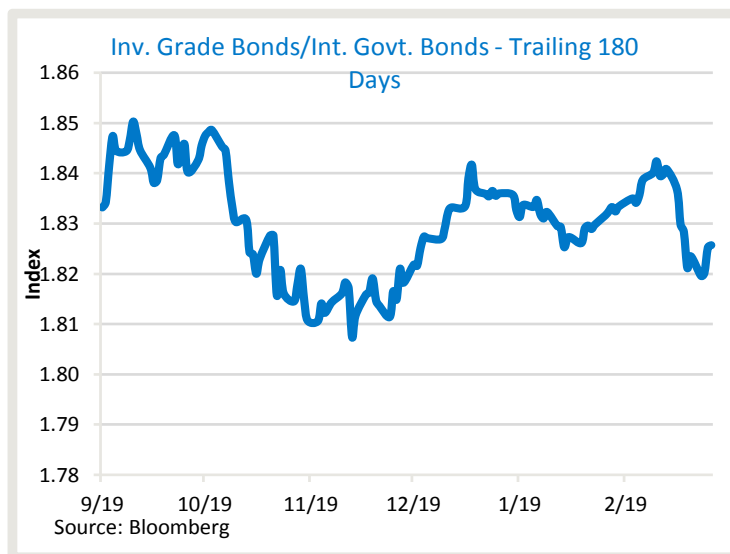
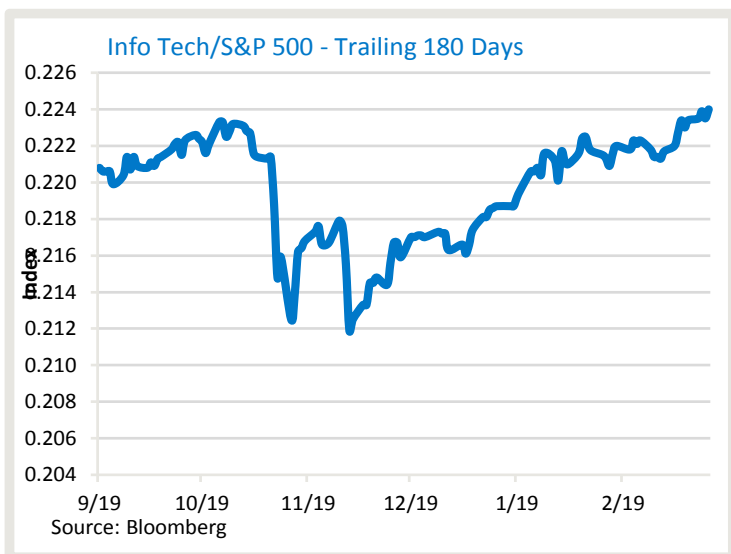
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## Portfolio Construction



## Portfolio Construction (continued)



WEEKLY ASSET CLASS PERFORMANCE (Prior 12 weeks ending Thursday)

			12/29	1/5	1/12	1/19	1/26	2/2	2/9	2/16	2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16
Equity	Domestic Equity	Large Cap (R200)	-0.54%	0.85%	0.10%	-0.28%	1.36%	-0.68%	1.18%	1.88%	0.83%	0.84%	-0.48%	0.58%
		Small Cap (R2000)	0.04%	0.64%	-0.79%	-1.13%	2.22%	-1.32%	1.55%	1.49%	-0.32%	0.07%	-2.55%	1.90%
	Int'l. Equity	MSCI EAFE	0.06%	2.77%	0.03%	-0.58%	1.59%	-0.18%	-0.13%	1.45%	0.27%	-0.32%	-0.60%	2.80%
		MSCI Em. Mkts.	1.89%	2.71%	1.69%	-0.24%	2.48%	-0.17%	1.13%	2.17%	0.69%	-1.65%	-1.43%	4.36%
Fixed Income	BarCap Agg. (AGG)	0.42%	0.75%	-0.04%	-0.52%	-0.05%	-0.01%	0.46%	-0.33%	0.44%	-0.70%	-0.65%	0.49%	
	High Yield (JNK)	-0.46%	0.91%	0.11%	-0.24%	0.79%	-0.46%	0.19%	0.19%	0.57%	-0.16%	-2.05%	0.85%	
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity Index	1.55%	-0.16%	1.09%	-0.37%	0.13%	0.15%	0.14%	-0.05%	-1.25%	-0.44%	-2.77%	0.35%	
Alternatives	Hedge Funds (HFRX Global)	-0.11%	0.30%	0.28%	-0.12%	0.69%	-0.47%	0.33%	0.69%	0.07%	0.11%	-0.49%	0.27%	
Asset Allocation	60/40*	0.07%	1.18%	0.03%	-0.49%	1.02%	-0.40%	0.72%	0.93%	0.48%	-0.12%	-0.89%	1.22%	
	48/32/20 (w/Alts.)**	0.03%	1.00%	0.08%	-0.42%	0.95%	-0.41%	0.64%	0.89%	0.39%	-0.08%	-0.81%	1.03%	

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	1.10	1.18	1.12	1.24	1.26	1.20	1.31	1.03	1.03	1.35	1.57	1.48	1.39
Large Cap Growth	1.05	1.00	1.16	1.25	1.18	1.30	1.33	1.27	1.38	1.09	1.08	1.42	1.66	1.56	1.46
Large Cap Value	0.91	0.87	1.00	1.08	1.03	1.13	1.15	1.10	1.20	0.94	0.94	1.23	1.43	1.35	1.26
Mid Cap Core	0.84	0.80	0.93	1.00	0.95	1.04	1.06	1.01	1.11	0.87	0.87	1.14	1.33	1.25	1.17
Mid Cap Growth	0.89	0.84	0.98	1.05	1.00	1.10	1.12	1.07	1.17	0.92	0.91	1.20	1.40	1.32	1.23
Mid Cap Value	0.81	0.77	0.89	0.96	0.91	1.00	1.02	0.97	1.06	0.83	0.83	1.09	1.27	1.20	1.12
Small Cap Core	0.80	0.75	0.87	0.94	0.89	0.98	1.00	0.96	1.04	0.82	0.82	1.07	1.25	1.18	1.10
Small Cap Growth	0.83	0.79	0.91	0.99	0.94	1.03	1.05	1.00	1.09	0.86	0.85	1.12	1.31	1.23	1.15
Small Cap Value	0.76	0.72	0.83	0.90	0.86	0.94	0.96	0.91	1.00	0.78	0.78	1.03	1.20	1.13	1.05
Int'l. Developed	0.97	0.92	1.06	1.15	1.09	1.20	1.22	1.17	1.27	1.00	1.00	1.31	1.52	1.44	1.34
Emerging Markets	0.97	0.92	1.07	1.15	1.10	1.20	1.23	1.17	1.28	1.00	1.00	1.32	1.53	1.44	1.35
REITs	0.74	0.70	0.81	0.88	0.83	0.91	0.93	0.89	0.97	0.76	0.76	1.00	1.16	1.10	1.03
Commodities	0.64	0.60	0.70	0.75	0.72	0.79	0.80	0.76	0.84	0.66	0.65	0.86	1.00	0.94	0.88
Int. Bond	0.67	0.64	0.74	0.80	0.76	0.83	0.85	0.81	0.89	0.70	0.69	0.91	1.06	1.00	0.93
High Yield	0.72	0.68	0.79	0.85	0.81	0.89	0.91	0.87	0.95	0.74	0.74	0.97	1.13	1.07	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.

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The **Nikkei Index (Nikkei 225 or Nikkei)** is a stock market index for the Tokyo Stock Exchange calculated daily by the Nihon Keizai Shimbun (Nikkei) newspaper since 1950. It is a price-weighted index (the unit is yen), and the components are reviewed once a year. The **FTSE 100 Index (FTSE 100)** is a share index of the 100 companies listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) with the highest market capitalization. The **Bloomberg Commodity Index (formerly the Dow Jones-UBS Commodity Index)** tracks prices of futures contracts on physical commodities on the commodity markets and is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector (currently 22 commodity futures in seven sectors). The **Barclays Capital 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 Capital 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 Capital US Corporate High Yield Index** covers the USD-denominated, 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 Capital 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. 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