

Voya Global Perspectives

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Investment Weekly

Commentary and Statistics

- It was a strong year for U.S. equities as the S&P 500 Index returned 22% (YTD total return). Small- and mid-cap U.S. stocks also posted strong returns for the year, as the Russell 2000 Index and Russell MidCap Index returned 15% and 19%, respectively. Meanwhile, value stocks underperformed growth stocks across market capitalizations. From a sector perspective, technology stocks were the strongest performers in the U.S., while the telecom and energy sectors lagged.
- Looking abroad, international developed stocks fared equally well as the MSCI EAFE Index returned 26% for the year. Emerging market stocks were the best performers, as the MSCI Emerging Markets Index posted a return of 38%.
- Bonds also had a very strong year. Despite accelerating GDP, bond yields – which move in the opposite direction of prices – struggled throughout the year as global investors seeking yield kept up an insatiable demand for U.S. bonds, boosting prices. Safe haven long U.S. treasury bonds returned 9% for the year, while high yield was up 7.5%. Global bonds were also up, posting a 7% return (YTD total return). Other asset classes were also part of the party. Global REITS were up more than 10% and even gold enjoyed double digit returns up more than 12%.

Index Prices (\$)		
Index	12/29/17	12/31/16
Dow Jones Industrial Average	24,719.22	19,762.60
S&P 500 Index	2,673.61	2,238.83

Returns (%)				
U.S. Market Indexes Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-0.14	1.92	28.11	10.96
S&P 500 Index	-0.33	1.11	21.83	6.64
Russell 2000 Index	-0.42	-0.40	14.65	3.34
Russell MidCap Index	0.03	0.93	18.52	6.07
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index	0.51	0.46	3.54	0.39
Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond Index	0.21	0.30	7.50	0.47
United States 20-Year Treasury Bond	1.89	1.81	8.98	2.55
S&P/LSTA Senior Loan Index	0.10	0.29	3.28	0.94

S&P 500 Sector Returns	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Consumer Discretionary	-0.38	2.41	22.98	9.87
Consumer Staples	0.04	2.21	13.49	6.49
Energy	0.20	4.88	-1.01	6.02
Financials	-0.49	1.96	22.18	8.63
Health Care	-0.36	-0.65	22.08	1.47
Industrials	0.24	1.90	21.03	6.05
Materials	0.19	1.94	23.84	6.93
Technology	-1.04	0.01	38.83	9.01
Telecom	-0.42	5.77	-1.25	3.61
Utilities	0.38	-6.14	12.11	0.21

U.S. Returns by Style

One Week (%)		Year to Date (%)		3-Months (%)	
Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth	Large Value	Large Growth
-0.2	-0.4	13.7	30.2	5.3	7.9
Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth	Mid Value	Mid Growth
0.1	-0.1	13.3	25.3	5.5	6.8
Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth	Small Value	Small Growth
-0.5	-0.3	7.8	22.2	2.0	4.6

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value
MidCap Value: Russell MidCap Value
Small Value: Russell 2000 Value

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth
MidCap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth
Small Growth: Russell 2000 Growth

Global Market Returns (%)	One Week	MTD	YTD	3-Months
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	0.86	0.35	7.39	1.08
MSCI EAFE Index	0.95	1.62	25.62	4.27
MSCI United Kingdom Index	2.56	4.96	22.38	5.74
MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index	0.66	0.25	27.81	0.96
MSCI Japan Index	0.01	0.72	24.39	8.52
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Index	1.46	2.74	42.08	8.27
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1.71	3.64	37.75	7.50
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond Index	0.33	0.63	9.32	0.54
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT GRE Index	1.92	1.82	15.01	3.77

Source: FactSet

Bond Rates (%) as of:	12/29/17	12/22/17	12/31/16	09/29/17
U.S. Federal Funds Target Rate	1.50	1.50	0.75	1.25
U.S. Two-Year Treasury Yield	1.89	1.90	1.20	1.48
U.S. Ten-Year Treasury Yield	2.41	2.49	2.43	2.33
U.S. 30-Year Treasury Yield	2.74	2.84	3.05	2.86
High Yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	5.59	5.61	5.78	5.26

Commodity Prices as of:	12/29/17	12/22/17	12/31/16	09/29/17
Gold (USD/oz)	1,309.30	1,278.80	1,151.70	1,284.80
Crude Oil (USD/bbl)	60.42	58.47	53.72	51.67
Gasoline (USD/gal)	2.66	2.64	2.43	2.74
Copper (NYM \$/lbs)	3.28	3.21	2.50	2.94

Exchange Rates as of:	12/29/17	12/22/17	12/31/16	09/29/17
\$ per €	1.20	1.18	1.05	1.18
\$ per £	1.35	1.34	1.24	1.34
¥ per \$	112.65	113.39	116.64	112.57

Index Definitions

Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg Barclays High-Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the United States, adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the United Kingdom.

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the United Kingdom.

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

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MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell MidCap Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

S&P 500 Index is a widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, including 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

Economic Release Calendar

Monday, January 1	Tuesday, January 2	Wednesday, January 3	Thursday, January 4	Friday, January 5
Holiday	CIPS Manufacturing PMI (DEC) U.K. Markit PMI Manufacturing (DEC) U.S.	Caixin Services PMI (DEC) China Domestic Auto Sales (DEC) U.S. ISM Manufacturing Price (DEC) U.S.	BRC Shop Price Index (DEC) U.K. Challenger Layoffs (DEC) U.S. U.S. Refinery Utilization (Dec 29) U.S. EIA Natural Gas Stocks (Dec 29) U.S.	Manufacturing Payrolls (DEC) U.S. Durable Shipments (NOV) U.S. Factory Inventories (NOV) U.S. ISM Non Manufacturing Price (DEC) U.S. Baker Hughes U.S. Rig Count (Jan 5) U.S.

Source: Bloomberg

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79% of our assets outperformed their benchmark or peer median on a 5-year basis.²

84% of the time our portfolios outperformed their benchmark on a rolling 3-year basis.³

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