

# Capital Market Update

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015



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Volatility rattled the capital markets over the third quarter, sending equities and bond yields lower. Yields on the 10-year Treasury reversed their upward course finishing down 29 basis points ending at 2.06 percent. During the quarter the 10-year Treasury dipped below 2 percent driven by the combination of the Fed holding short-term rates steady and a flight to quality due to global economic uncertainty. Declining rates lifted U.S. fixed income higher resulting in a positive 1.2 percent return for the broad U.S. fixed income market (Barclays Aggregate Bond Index) which swung U.S. fixed income positive for the year. U.S. and international equities, on the other hand, experienced sharp declines over the quarter, leading to negative year-to-date performance numbers as of quarter end. U.S. equity posted a negative 7.2 percent return (Russell 3000 Index) and international equities posted an even larger negative 10.2 percent return (MSCI EAFE). Emerging markets, led by China, drove much of the uncertainty and volatility throughout the quarter.

Emerging markets posted some of the worst returns over the quarter, down 17.8 percent (MSCI EM). China was one of the main culprits, as early in the third quarter China's issues began to permeate throughout the global capital markets. Commodities were a prime example of how issues in China spread to other markets. The slowdown in China, one of the world's largest importers of raw materials, hit commodities hard, sending already low prices tumbling. Many other emerging market economies rely heavily on exporting commodities to China, and were hit hard as a result. Developed economies were still affected, but were better able to withstand the decline. China's failed attempts to stabilize their markets also worried investors as the government's controls became questioned alongside potentially stronger market forces.

At home, the Federal Reserve took note of the increased global market volatility and held short-term rates steady at their September meeting, delaying what was assumed by many to be their first rate hike since 2006. Rather than comforting the markets, this was viewed as a lack of confidence in the recovery and created more uncertainty among investors, likely contributing to the volatility experienced over the quarter. As more variables come into play with the timing of the Fed's first rate hike, signaling a tighter monetary policy moving forward, uncertainty will remain. Even though investors have enjoyed the benefits of a low rate environment for some time, a rate hike would be a signal that the U.S. economy is on strong enough footing for continued growth. As of the end of the third quarter, the Fed continues to signal that a rate hike is likely before the end of the year.

## U.S. Equity

U.S. equity posted a negative 7.2 percent return for the quarter (Russell 3000 Index). All U.S. equity styles posted negative returns for the quarter. Large cap growth was the best performing U.S. equity style, posting a negative 5.3 percent return (Russell 1000 Growth). Small cap growth was the worst performing style, posting a negative 13.1 percent return (Russell 2000 Growth).

## International Equity

Developed international equity underperformed U.S. equity over the quarter, returning a negative 10.2 percent (MSCI EAFE). All international equity styles posted negative returns for the quarter. The best performing region for the quarter was Europe ex UK which returned a negative 8.0 percent (MSCI Europe ex UK). Emerging Markets were the worst performing region, returning a negative 17.8 percent (MSCI EM).

## Fixed Income

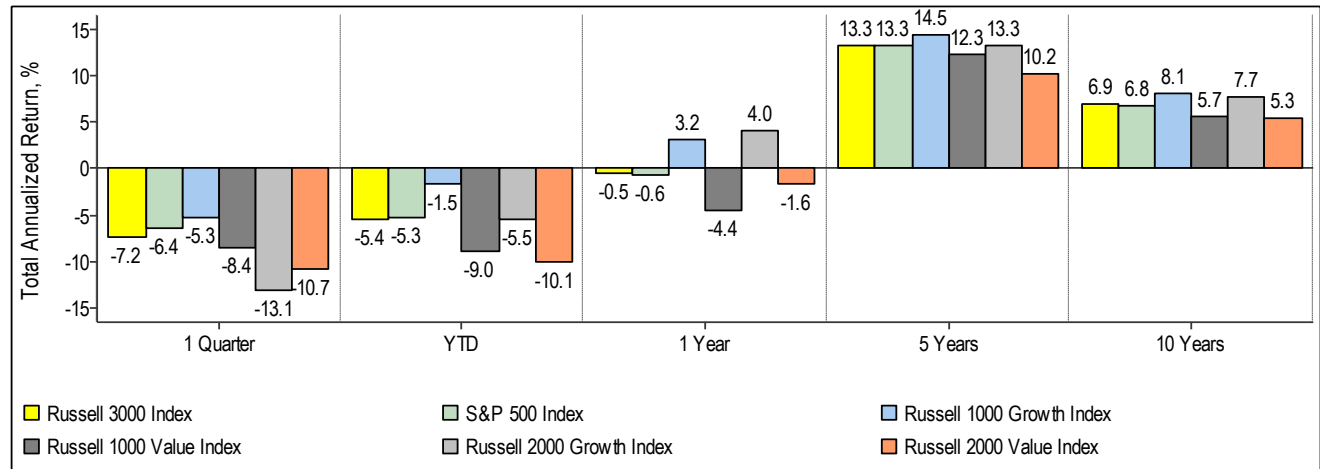
The broad U.S. fixed income market posted a gain for the quarter, returning a positive 1.2 percent (Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate). Government was the best performing sector, returning a positive 1.7 percent (BC Government). High Yield corporate was the worst performing sector, returning a negative 4.9 percent (BC High Yield Corporate). Global fixed income matched the broad U.S. fixed income market, returning a positive 1.2 percent (BofA ML Global Broad Market) for the quarter.

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## Domestic Equity Overview

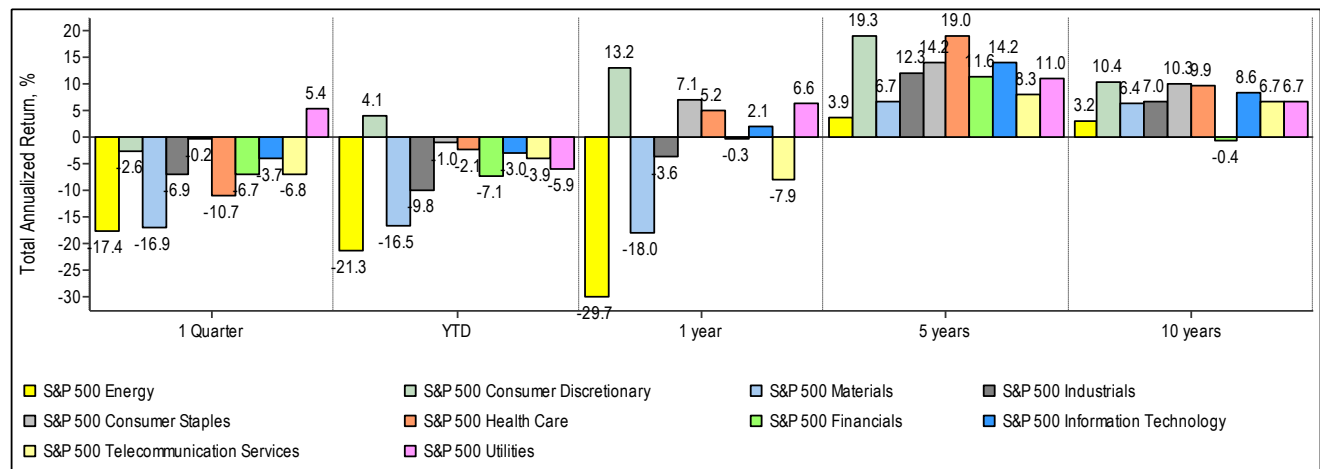
### U.S. Equity Index Performance

- All U.S. equity styles were negative for the quarter
- Large cap outperformed small cap
  - Large growth was the best performing style, down 5.3%
  - Small cap growth was the worst performing style, down 13.1%



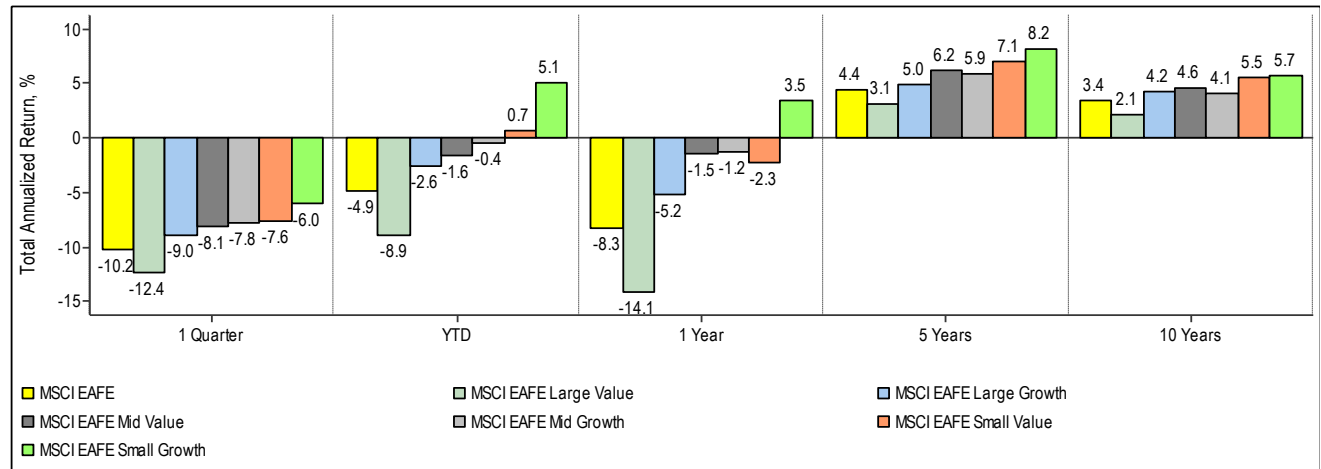
- Best performing sectors for the quarter:
  - Utilities, up 5.4%
  - Consumer Staples, down 0.2%
- Worst performing sectors for the quarter:
  - Energy, down 17.4%
  - Materials, down 16.9%

### U.S. Equity Sector Performance



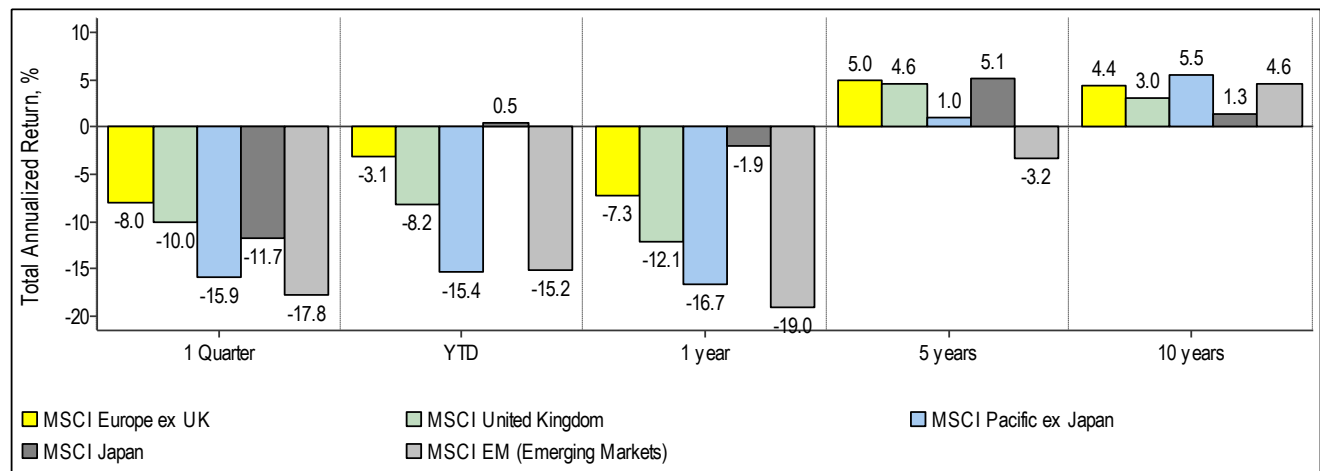
### International Index Performance by Style and Capitalization

- All international equity styles posted negative returns for the quarter
- The best performing international equity style for the quarter:
  - Small growth, down 6.0%
- The worst performing style for the quarter:
  - Large value, down 12.4%



### International Index Performance by Region

- Best performing region for the quarter:
  - Europe ex UK, down 8.0%
- Worst performing region for the quarter:
  - Emerging Markets, down 17.8%

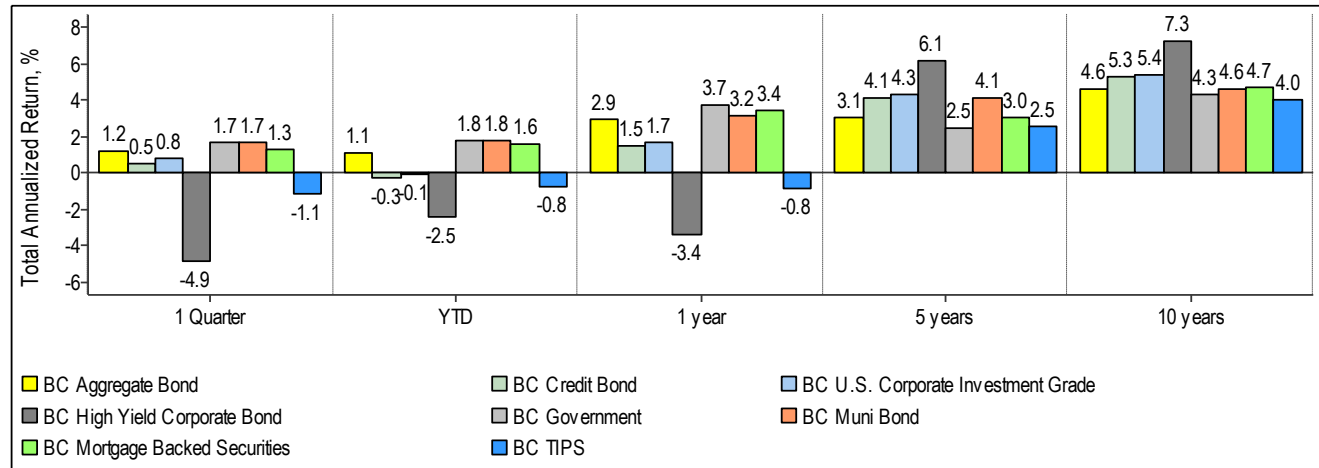


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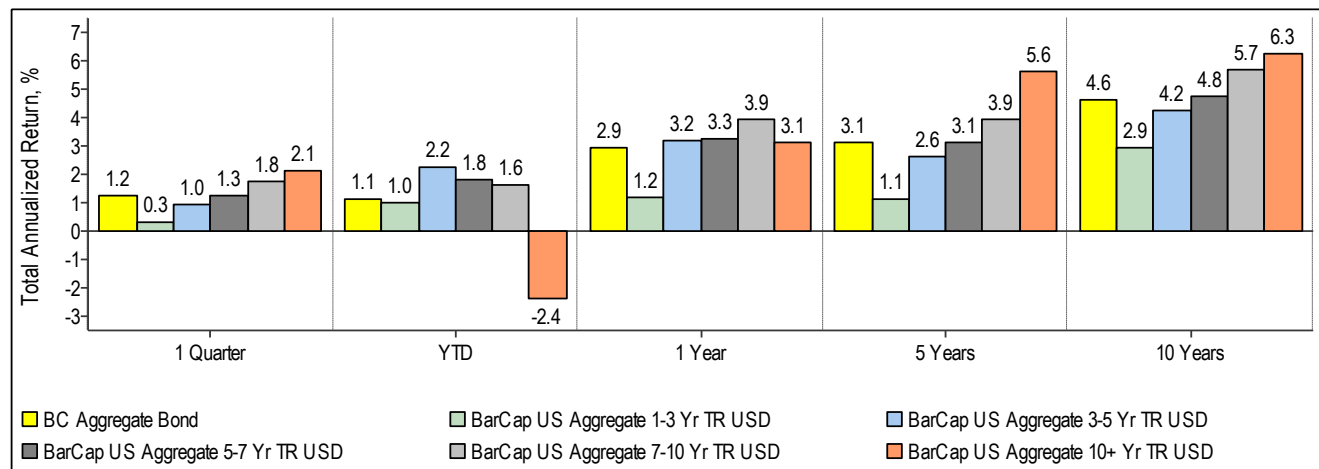
## Fixed Income Overview

- Fixed income performance was positive for all sectors except for High Yield and TIPS
- The best performing sector for the quarter:
  - Government, up 1.7%
- The worst performing sector for the quarter:
  - High Yield corporate, down 4.9%

### Fixed Income Sector Performance



### Fixed Income Performance by Maturity



- Yields declined over the quarter, benefitting long-term bonds the most

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## Annualized Style Box Performance

1 Quarter (%)			
Value	Blend	Growth	
-8.55	-6.31	-4.13	Large
-8.04	-8.01	-7.99	Mid
-10.73	-11.92	-13.06	Small
Int'l Equity	Global Equity	Core Fixed Income	3-Month T-Bill
-10.19	-8.45	1.23	0.01

Year to Date (%)			
Value	Blend	Growth	
-9.53	-4.99	-0.42	Large
-7.66	-5.84	-4.15	Mid
-10.06	-7.73	-5.47	Small
Int'l Equity	Global Equity	Core Fixed Income	3-Month T-Bill
-4.91	-6.04	1.13	0.02

1 Year (%)			
Value	Blend	Growth	
-5.44	-0.79	3.87	Large
-2.07	-0.25	1.45	Mid
-1.60	1.25	4.04	Small
Int'l Equity	Global Equity	Core Fixed Income	3-Month T-Bill
-8.27	-5.09	2.94	0.02

3 Year (Annualized %)			
Value	Blend	Growth	
10.70	12.15	13.53	Large
13.69	13.91	13.98	Mid
9.18	11.02	12.85	Small
Int'l Equity	Global Equity	Core Fixed Income	3-Month T-Bill
6.08	8.58	1.71	0.06

5 Year (Annualized %)			
Value	Blend	Growth	
11.88	13.42	14.93	Large
13.15	13.40	13.58	Mid
10.17	11.73	13.26	Small
Int'l Equity	Global Equity	Core Fixed Income	3-Month T-Bill
4.45	8.29	3.10	0.08

10 Year (Annualized %)			
Value	Blend	Growth	
5.01	6.60	8.17	Large
7.42	7.87	8.09	Mid
5.35	6.55	7.67	Small
Int'l Equity	Global Equity	Core Fixed Income	3-Month T-Bill
3.44	4.73	4.64	1.33

Performance as of September 30, 2015. Data is for informational purposes only and cannot be guaranteed. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Russell Top 200, Top 200 Growth, and Top 200 Value used for Large Blend, Large Growth and Large Value categories. Russell Mid-cap, Mid-cap Growth and Mid-Cap Value used for Mid Blend, Mid Value and Mid Growth categories. Russell 2000, 2000 Growth and 2000 Value used for Small Blend, Small Growth and Small Value categories. MSCI EAFE used for International Equity category. MSCI Global used for World Equity category.

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## Kaleidoscope: Changing Leadership

The following chart exhibits the volatility of asset class returns from year to year by ranking certain key indices in order of performance. Also included in the chart is a balanced index, which represents a mix of U.S. equity, international equity and fixed income indices. The chart graphically displays the volatility of asset class returns from year to year, highlighting the importance of diversification. Top-performing asset classes in a given year do not tend to repeat their stellar performance in subsequent years. Accordingly, the worst performing asset classes in a given year often tend to outperform in future years. Said differently, past performance is not a good indicator of future performance. Diversification, demonstrated by the balanced index, helps reduce return volatility and the uncertainty that accompanies trying to pick the best asset class (or avoid the worst) in any given year.

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	YTD
22.25 Russell 2000 Value	14.02 MSCI EAFE USD	26.86 MSCI EAFE USD	11.81 Russell 1000 Growth	5.24 BarCap US Agg	37.21 Russell 1000 Growth	29.09 Russell 2000 Growth	7.84 BarCap US Agg	18.05 Russell 2000 Value	43.30 Russell 2000 Growth	13.45 Russell 1000 Value	1.13 BarCap US Agg
20.70 MSCI EAFE USD	7.05 Russell 1000 Value	23.48 Russell 2000 Value	11.63 MSCI EAFE USD	-22.48 Balanced Index*	34.47 Russell 2000 Growth	24.50 Russell 2000 Value	3.04 Balanced Index*	17.90 MSCI EAFE USD	34.52 Russell 2000 Value	13.05 Russell 1000 Growth	-1.54 Russell 1000 Growth
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14.31 Russell 2000 Growth	5.26 Russell 1000 Growth	13.35 Russell 2000 Growth	6.97 BarCap US Agg	-36.85 Russell 1000 Value	20.58 Russell 2000 Value	15.51 Russell 1000 Value	0.39 Russell 1000 Value	15.26 Russell 1000 Growth	32.53 Russell 1000 Value	5.97 BarCap US Agg	-4.91 MSCI EAFE USD
9.84 Balanced Index*	4.71 Russell 2000 Value	12.17 Balanced Index*	6.61 Balanced Index*	-38.44 Russell 1000 Growth	20.05 Balanced Index*	12.47 Balanced Index*	-2.91 Russell 2000 Growth	14.59 Russell 2000 Growth	23.29 MSCI EAFE USD	5.60 Russell 2000 Growth	-5.47 Russell 2000 Growth
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4.34 BarCap US Agg	2.43 BarCap US Agg	4.33 BarCap US Agg	-9.78 Russell 2000 Value	-43.06 MSCI EAFE USD	5.93 BarCap US Agg	6.54 BarCap US Agg	-11.73 MSCI EAFE USD	4.22 BarCap US Agg	-2.02 BarCap US Agg	-4.48 MSCI EAFE USD	-10.06 Russell 2000 Value

\*Balanced Index comprised of 50% Russell 3000, 10% MSCI EAFE and 40% Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate, rebalanced quarterly.

## Market Volatility

Market volatility is often expressed as a decline in the stock market. Depending on the size and duration, stock market declines can be very unpleasant for investors and often a cause for concern. They are, however, a natural part of the stock market and have not been uncommon over the course of stock market history. The below table provides some historical perspective into the size and frequency of U.S. stock market declines from 1928 to 2013. A decline of at least 10%, similar to what occurred over the third quarter happens quite frequently at once every eleven months.

Decline of at least...	10%	15%	20%	30%	50%
Frequency	89 times	41 times	21 times	9 times	3 times
Average occurrence: Once every...	11 months	2 years	4 years	10 years	30 years

*Past results are not predictive of future results.*

Source: *Motleyfool.com*

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Citigroup Corporate Bond is an index which serves as a benchmark for corporate bond performance. You cannot invest directly in an index.

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Citigroup WGBI Index is an index which serves as a benchmark for global bond performance, including 22 different government bond markets.

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BC (Barclays Capital) U.S. Aggregate Bond Index represents securities that are U. S., domestic, taxable, and dollar denominated. The index covers the U. S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities, and asset-backed securities. These major sectors are subdivided into more specific indices that are calculated and reported on a regular basis.

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BC High Yield Corporate Bond represents below investment grade corporate securities that are U. S., domestic, taxable, and dollar denominated.

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BC Mortgage Backed Securities covers agency mortgage-backed pass-through securities (both fixed-rate and hybrid ARMs) issued by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

BC Muni Bond covers the USD-denominated long term tax exempt bond market with four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and pre-refunded bonds.

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BarCap U.S. Aggregate 5-7 Yr. TR USD Index represents securities in the BC U.S. Aggregate Index that have maturity dates over the next 5-7 years.

BarCap U.S. Aggregate 7-10 Yr. TR USD Index represents securities in the BC U.S. Aggregate Index that have maturity dates over the next 7 to 10 years.

BarCap U.S. Aggregate 10+ Yr. TR USD Index represents securities in the BC U.S. Aggregate Index that have maturity dates over 10 years.

DJW 5000 (Full Cap) Index measures the performance of all U.S. common equity securities, and serves as an index of all stock trades in the United States.

MSCI FI Emerging Markets is a rules-based index which serves as a benchmark for emerging country fixed income performance.

MSCI FI EAFE International is a rules-based index which serves as a benchmark for developed international country fixed income performance.

MSCI EAFE Index is listed for foreign stock funds (EAFE refers to Europe, Australia, and Far East). Widely accepted as a benchmark for international stock performance, it is an aggregate of 21 individual country indexes.

MSCI EAFE Large Value represents the large cap value stocks within the MSCI EAFE Index.

MSCI EAFE Large Growth represents the large cap growth stocks within the MSCI EAFE Index.

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MSCI EAFE Mid Growth represents the mid cap growth stocks within the MSCI EAFE Index.

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MSCI World Index is a rules-based index that serves as a benchmark for the developed global equity markets.

MSCI Europe ex UK Index is a rules-based index that serves as a benchmark for the Europe's equity markets, excluding the United Kingdom.

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Russell 1000 Growth Index is a market-capitalization weighted index of those firms in the Russell 1000 with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

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Russell MidCap Value Index is a market-weighted total return index that measures the performance of companies within the Russell MidCap index having lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

Russell Top 200 Index consists of the 200 largest securities in the Russell 3000 Index.

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S&P 500 Utilities measures the performance of the utilities sector in the S&P 500 Index.

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