

# Capital Market Update

3rd Quarter 2017



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In spite of heightened geopolitical uncertainty and multiple destructive hurricanes, equity markets marched to new highs during the third quarter. U.S. equities posted a positive 4.6 percent return for the third quarter (Russell 3000). Equity returns were bolstered by solid economic and earnings reports, continued low interest rates and inflation, and a tax reform proposal from the White House late in the quarter. International equities outperformed domestic equities with a 5.5 percent gain over the quarter (MSCI EAFE). After briefly dipping down near 2 percent intra-quarter, 10-year treasury yields finished the quarter relatively unchanged at 2.3 percent. The broad U.S. fixed income market posted a 0.8 percent gain for the quarter (Barclays Aggregate).

The U.S. economic expansion continued with unemployment hitting another cycle low of 4.2 percent in September. Second quarter GDP growth accelerated to 3.1 percent and third quarter GDP is projected to show growth above 2 percent. The markets also welcomed news from the White House of potential tax reform. The tax proposal includes: a simplification from seven tax brackets into three; repatriation of foreign profits; elimination of estate tax; and a reduction in the corporate tax rate from 35 to 20 percent.

One of the unique attributes of this economic recovery has been the lack of inflation in the economy. Inflation remains below the Federal Reserve's target rate despite being multiple years into economic expansion and U.S. unemployment hitting cycle lows. The Fed held off on further rate hikes this quarter as they digested this lack of inflation, but signaled a likely rate hike later in the year. As the chart of the quarter shows, Core CPI (Consumer Price Index) is tracking well below the 50-year average of 4.1 percent, and the Fed's primary inflation gauge, the Core PCE (Personal Consumption Expenditure), is at 1.3 compared to their target of 2 percent.

## U.S. Equity

U.S. equity posted a positive 4.6 percent return for the quarter (Russell 3000). All U.S. equity styles posted positive returns for the quarter as growth outperformed value. Small growth was the best performing U.S. equity style, posting a positive 6.2 percent return (Russell 2000 Growth) and large value was the worst performing style, returning a positive 3.1 percent return (Russell 1000 Value).

## International Equity

Developed international equity outperformed U.S. equity, returning a positive 5.5 percent (MSCI EAFE). The best performing region for the quarter was emerging markets which posted a positive 8.0 percent return (MSCI EM). Pacific ex Japan was the worst performing region, returning a positive 3.7 percent (MSCI Pacific ex Japan) for the quarter.

## Fixed Income

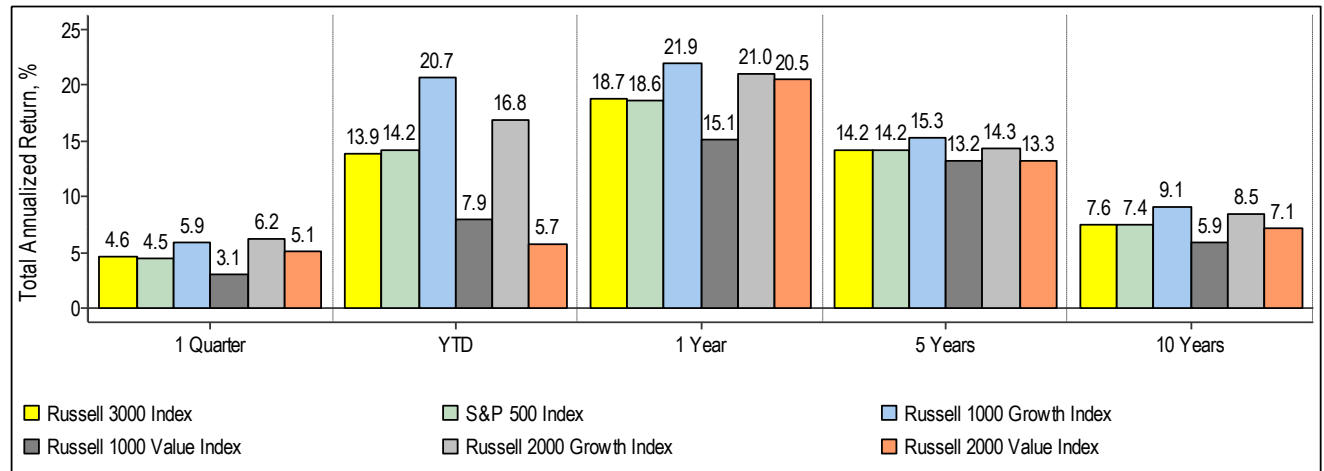
The broad U.S. fixed income market posted a positive 0.8 percent return (Barclays U.S. Aggregate). High yield was the best performing sector, returning a positive 2.0 percent (BC High Yield Corporate Bond). Government bond was the worst performing sector, returning a positive 0.4 percent (BC Government).

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## Domestic Equity Overview

- All U.S. equity styles were positive for the quarter
- Growth outperformed Value
  - Small growth was the best performing style, up 6.2%
  - Large value was the worst performing style, up 3.1%

### U.S. Equity Index Performance



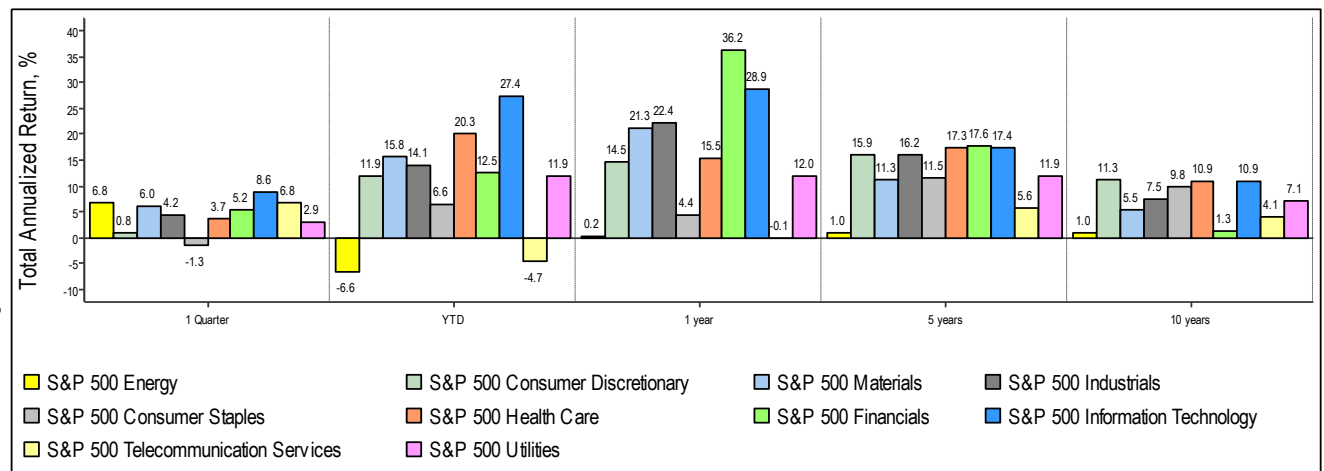
- Best performing sectors for the quarter:

- Technology, up 8.6%
- Energy, up 6.8%

- Worst performing sectors for the quarter:

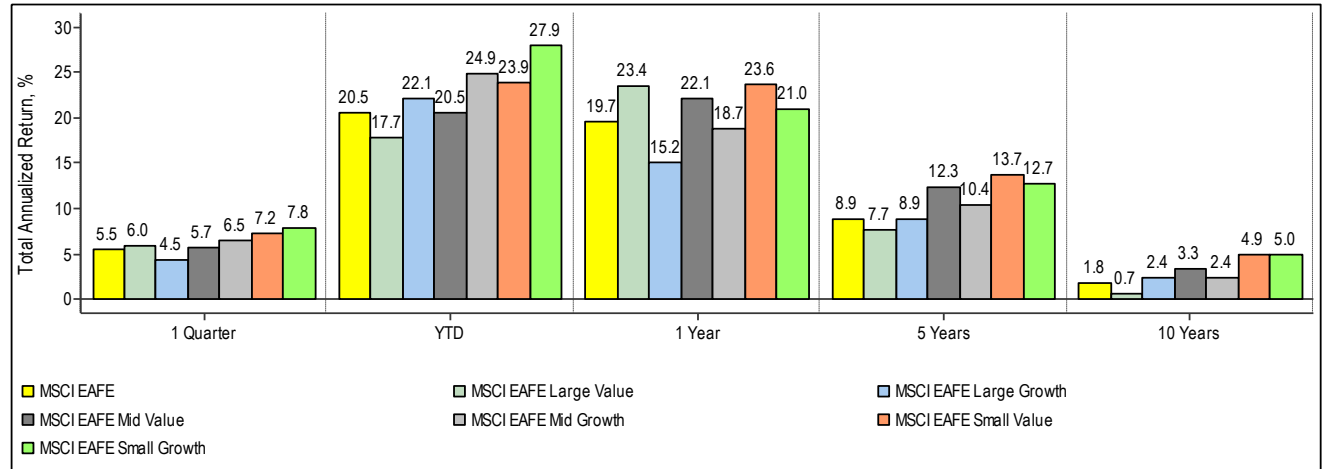
- Consumer Staples, down 1.3%
- Consumer Discretionary, up 0.8%

### U.S. Equity Sector Performance



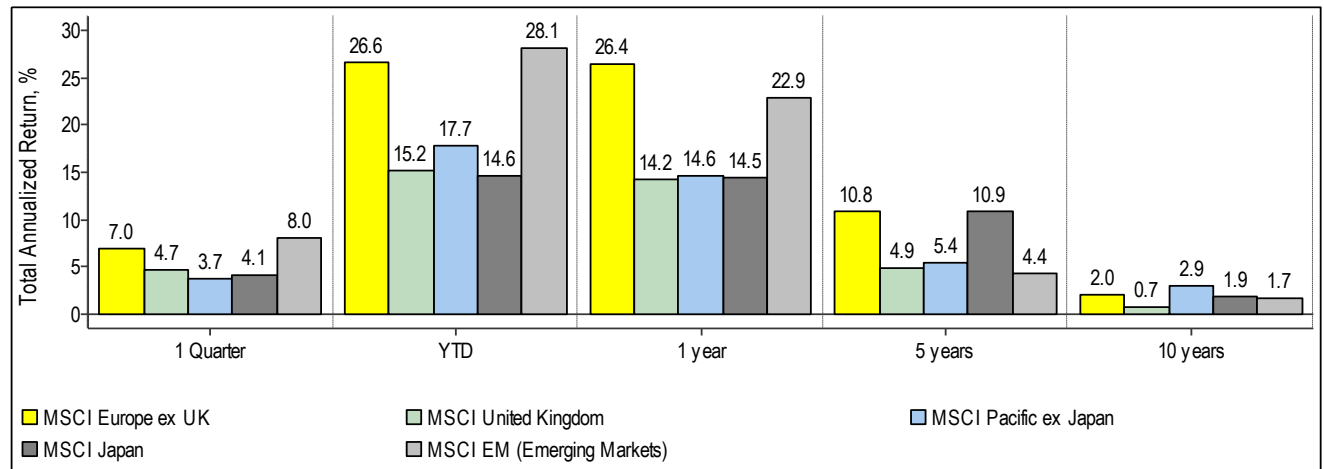
### International Index Performance by Style and Capitalization

- All international equity styles posted strong returns for the quarter
- The best performing international equity style for the quarter:
  - Small growth, up 7.8%
- The worst performing style for the quarter:
  - Large growth, up 4.5%



### International Index Performance by Region

- Best performing region for the quarter:
  - Emerging Markets, up 8.0%
- Worst performing region for the quarter:
  - Pacific ex Japan, up 3.7%

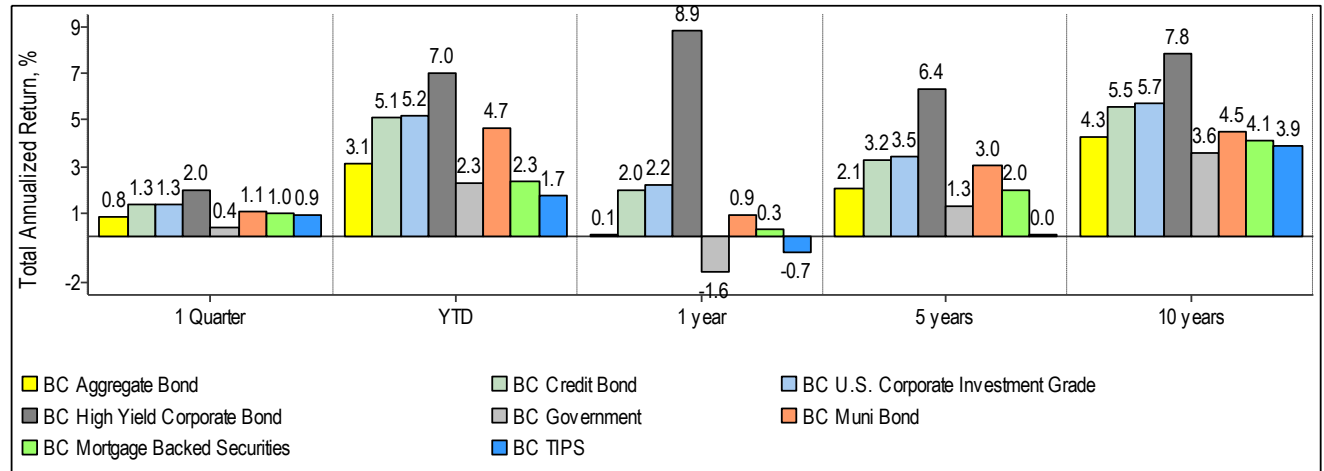


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## Fixed Income Overview

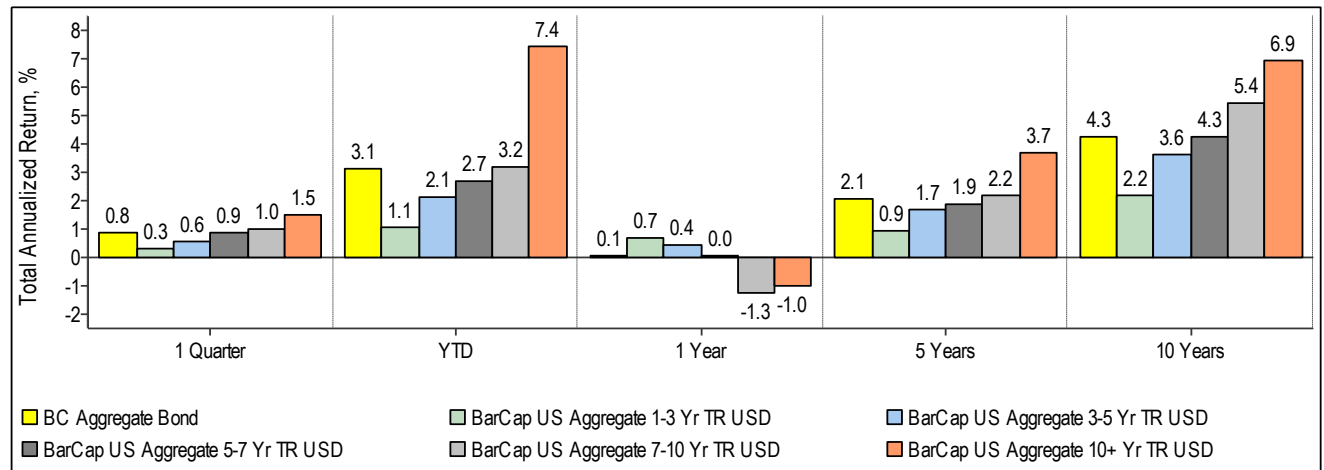
- Fixed income was slightly positive for the quarter
- The best performing sector for the quarter:
  - High Yield, up 2.0%
- The worst performing sector for the quarter:
  - Government, up 0.4%

### Fixed Income Sector Performance



- Performance was positive across all maturities. Longer dated maturities performed better

### Fixed Income Performance by Maturity



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## Kaleidoscope: Changing Leadership

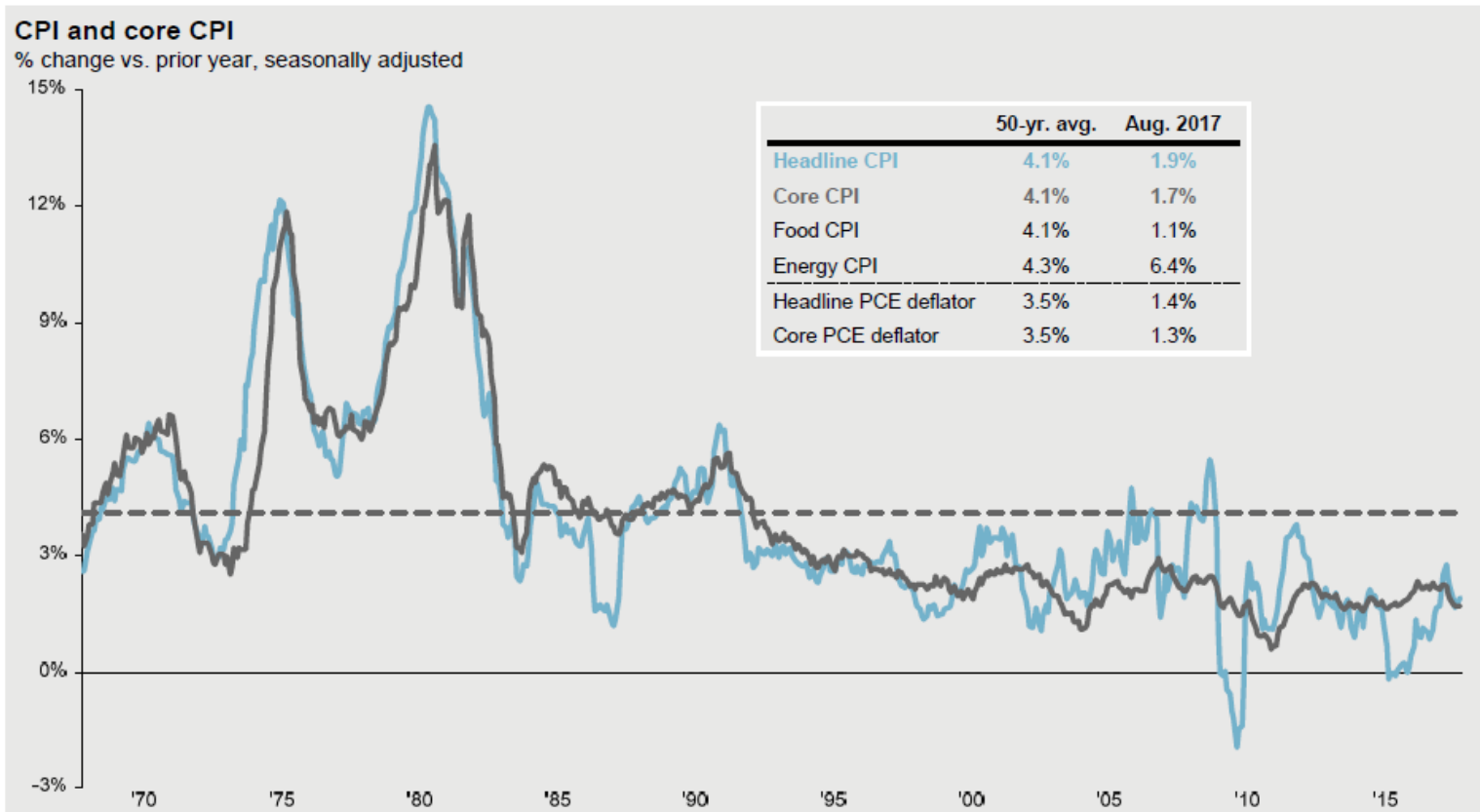
The following chart exhibits the volatility of asset class returns from year to year by ranking certain key indices in order of performance. Also included in the chart is a balanced index, which represents a mix of U.S. equity, international equity and fixed income indices. The chart graphically displays 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 volatility and the uncertainty that accompanies trying to pick the best asset class (or avoid the worst) in any given year.

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD
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	5.67 Russell 1000 Growth	31.74 Russell 2000 Value	20.72 Russell 1000 Growth
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	0.59 Balanced Index*	17.34 Russell 1000 Value	20.47 MSCI EAFE USD
22.25 Russell 1000 Value	7.05 Russell 2000 Growth	-28.92 Russell 2000 Value	32.46 MSCI EAFE USD	16.71 Russell 1000 Growth	2.64 Russell 1000 Growth	17.51 Russell 1000 Value	33.48 Russell 1000 Growth	8.15 Balanced Index*	0.55 BarCap US Agg	11.32 Russell 2000 Growth	16.81 Russell 2000 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	-0.39 MSCI EAFE USD	7.56 Balanced Index*	10.15 Balanced Index*
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	-1.38 Russell 2000 Growth	7.08 Russell 1000 Growth	7.92 Russell 1000 Value
9.07 Russell 1000 Growth	-0.17 Russell 1000 Value	-38.54 Russell 2000 Growth	19.69 Russell 1000 Value	8.21 MSCI EAFE USD	-5.50 Russell 2000 Value	11.79 Balanced Index*	17.42 Balanced Index*	4.22 Russell 2000 Value	-3.83 Russell 1000 Value	2.65 BarCap US Agg	5.68 Russell 2000 Value
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	-7.47 Russell 2000 Value	1.51 MSCI EAFE USD	3.14 BarCap US Agg

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

## Inflation

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Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.  
CPI used is CPI-U and values shown are % change vs. one year ago. Core CPI is defined as CPI excluding food and energy prices. The Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) deflator employs an evolving chain-weighted basket of consumer expenditures instead of the fixedweight basket used in CPI calculations.

Source: J.P. Morgan's 4Q'17 Guide to the Markets.

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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).

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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.

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

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MSCI EAFE Small Growth represents the small cap growth stocks within the MSCI EAFE Index.

MSCI EM (Emerging Markets) Index serves as a benchmark for each emerging country. The average size of these companies is (U.S.) \$400 million, as compared with \$300 billion for those companies in the World index.

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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 Top 200 Growth Index is a market-capitalization weighted index of those firms in the Russell Top 200 with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

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Russell 2000 Growth Index is a market-weighted total return index that measures the performance of companies within the Russell 2000 Index having higher price-to-book ratio and higher forecasted growth values.

Russell 2000 Index consists of the smallest 2000 companies in the Russell 3000 Index, representing approximately 7% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization.

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Russell Mid-Cap Index includes firms 201 through 1000, based on market capitalization, from the Russell 3000 Index.

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.

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Russell 3000 Index is a market-capitalization weighted index, consisting of 3,000 U.S. common equity securities, reflective of the broad U.S. equity market.

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S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary Index measures the performance of the consumer discretionary sector in the S&P 500 Index.

S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index measures the performance of the consumer staples sector in the S&P 500 Index.

S&P 500 Information Technology measures the performance of the information technology sector in the S&P 500 Index.

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