## **CSJ** WEALTH MANAGEMENT





#### 2nd QUARTER 2020 COMMENTARY

"The worse economic fundamentals and forecasts become, the more mysterious stock market outcomes in the US appear. At a time when genuine news suggests that equity prices should be tanking, not hitting record highs, explanations based on crowd psychology, the virality of ideas, and the dynamics of narrative epidemics can shed some light."

"In all three phases of the COVID-19 stock market, the effects of genuine news are apparent. But price movements are not necessarily a prompt, logical response to it. In fact, they rarely are."

- Both quotes above by Robert J. Shiller, a 2013 Nobel laureate in economics and Professor of Economics at Yale University.

**Do Fundamentals Matter?** – The total US stock market rose 22.03% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, while the S&P has had a spectacular 40% rally since the March 23<sup>rd</sup> lows. Given the unprecedented disconnect between the collapse of the real economy and valuations, this was mostly fueled by the massive levels of liquidity and debt issuance by the FED stimulus programs and unprecedented experiment with junk bonds, along with investors continuing to bet on a "hockey stick" or V shaped recovery in earnings.

The FED is the1000-pound gorilla. The Federal Reserve has embarked upon and has made it clear that they will continue to embark on an evolving series of support and lending programs, and there is continuing expectations, based on Chairman Powell's statements, that they will continue to do so if necessary. If these programs fail to adequately support the markets and the economy, the FED could look at other options such as:

- Formal QE program
- Yield curve control
- Negative interest rates
- Equity purchases

The FED does not technically have the legal authority to purchase stocks, although Janel Yellen, the previous Fed chair, told CNBC in April that the US central bank should seek that power. This is not unprecedented as the Bank of Japan has been buying equity ETFs for a decade and is now one of the biggest owners of Japanese stocks. Switzerland's central bank also owned more than \$94 billion of stock as of the end of the first quarter.

But the question is, at what cost? Is the FED effectively eliminating "investment risk" and ultimately is that good for the economy long haul? Will they "socialize" the



markets? Ultimately we believe that corporate profits and earnings matter. Fundamentals matter, but short term, massive intervention and speculative pressure can distort markets. So will the bubble burst or will these massive interventions and debt issuance ultimately lead to stagflation? Lacy H. Hunt, Ph.D. at Hoisington has outlined four economic issues and has stated that "Four economic considerations suggest that years will pass before the economy returns to its prior cyclical 2019 peak performance. These four influences on future economic growth will mean that an extended period of low inflation or deflation will be concurrent with high unemployment rates and sub-par economic performances."

Nobody knows, but we believe that the risk is asymmetrical to the downside. We believe that the job of a portfolio manager is to help investors manage their expectations in regard to their participation in the markets with a bias toward capital preservation. Studies have clearly shown that it is the destruction of capital during market declines that have the greatest impact on long-term portfolio performance.

Bottom line, there is a very high level of uncertainty right now about the global economy and possible outcomes. We at CSJ have the experience to look at your total financial situation, evaluate your objectives and goals, and help you to establish an appropriate asset allocation and plan.

If you have questions regarding your financial situation and want an advisor that will work with you to review your total financial situation and objectives please feel free to give us a call at 858-350-1365.

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## **Quarterly Market Review**

Second Quarter 2020

This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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## **Quarterly Market Summary**

Index Returns

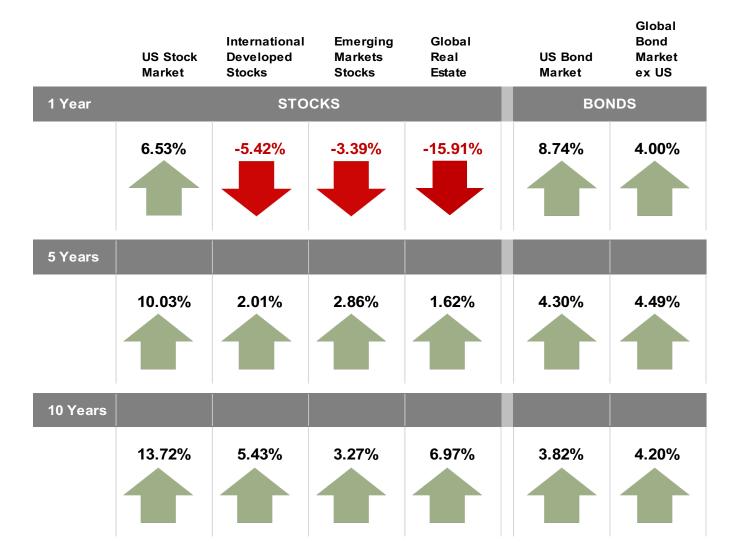
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bo Marke		
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	22.03%	15.34%	18.08%	11.17%	2.90	0% 1.76%	
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Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.1%	1.4%	2.7%	2.3%	1.2%	1.1%
Best	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Quarter	<b>2020 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q3</b>	<b>2001 Q3</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>
Worst	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-3.0%	-2.7%
Quarter	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2020 Q1</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2016 Q4</b>	<b>2015 Q2</b>

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## Long-Term Market Summary

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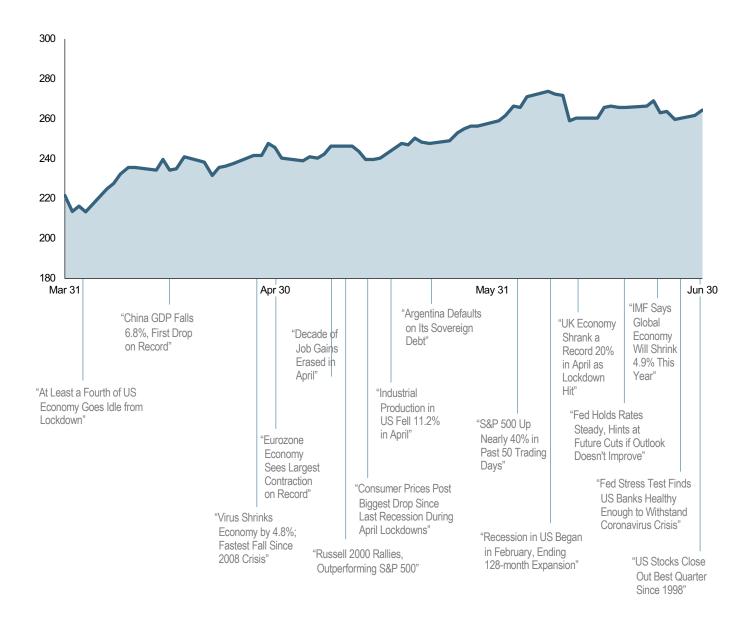


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## World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q2 2020



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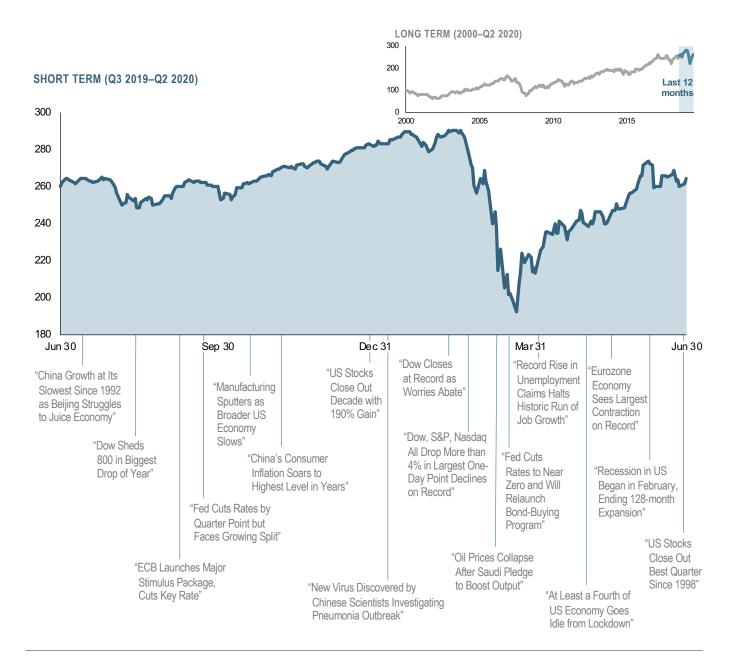
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## World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months



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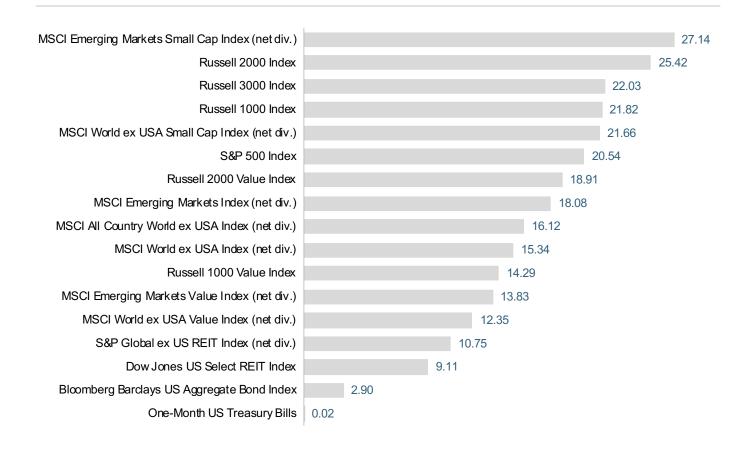
## World Asset Classes

Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns (%)

Equity markets around the globe posted positive returns in the second quarter. Looking at broad market indices, US equities outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks, and small caps outperformed large caps.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices in both the US and non-US developed markets.



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## **US Stocks**

Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns

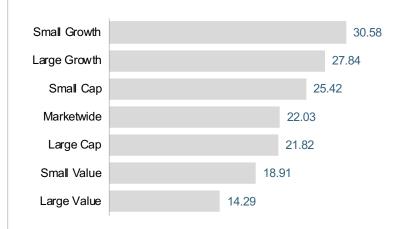
The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter, outperforming non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth in the US across large and small cap stocks.

Small caps outperformed large caps in the US.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

#### Ranked Returns (%)



#### World Market Capitalization—US



#### Period Returns (%)

\* Annualized

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	Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
	Large Growth	9.81	23.28	18.99	15.89	17.23
	Large Cap	-2.81	7.48	10.64	10.47	13.97
	Small Growth	-3.06	3.48	7.86	6.86	12.92
	Marketwide	-3.48	6.53	10.04	10.03	13.72
	Small Cap	-12.98	-6.63	2.01	4.29	10.50
	Large Value	-16.26	-8.84	1.82	4.64	10.41
	Small Value	-23.50	-17.48	-4.35	1.26	7.82

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## **International Developed Stocks**

Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US underperformed both the US equity market and emerging markets equities for the quarter.

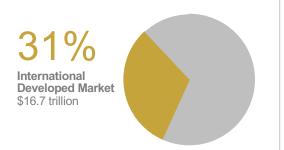
Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.





#### World Market Capitalization— International Developed



#### **Period Returns (%)**

\* Annualized

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	Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
	Growth	-3.11	4.25	5.93	5.29	7.36
	Large Cap	-11.49	-5.42	0.84	2.01	5.43
	Small Cap	-12.87	-3.20	0.53	3.56	7.26
	Value	-19.96	-15.14	-4.42	-1.46	3.36

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## **Emerging Markets Stocks**

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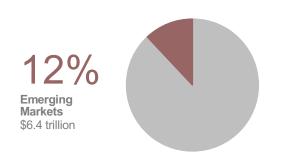
Emerging markets underperformed the US equity market but outperformed developed ex US equities for the quarter.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.

Small caps outperformed large caps.



#### World Market Capitalization— Emerging Markets



#### **Period Returns (%)**

\* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	-1.52	9.67	6.19	6.35	5.76
Large Cap	-9.78	-3.39	1.90	2.86	3.27
Small Cap	-12.74	-8.82	-2.95	-1.38	1.78
Value	-18.05	-15.74	-2.64	-0.80	0.66

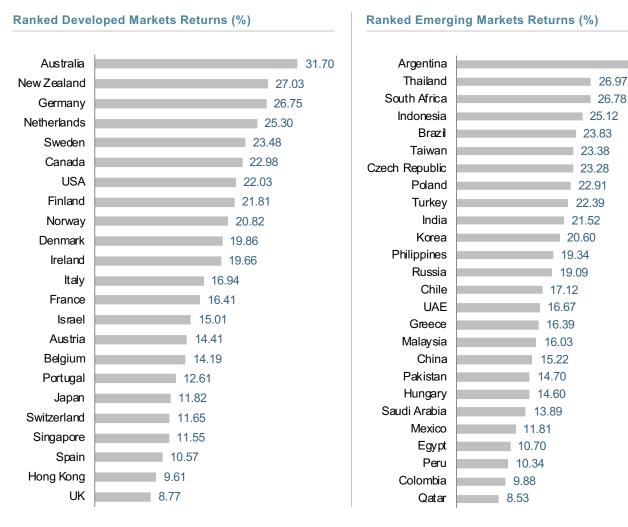
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## Select Market Performance

Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns

In US dollar terms, Australia and New Zealand recorded the highest country performance in developed markets, while the UK and Hong Kong posted the lowest returns for the quarter. In emerging markets, Argentina and Thailand recorded the highest country performance, while Qatar and Colombia posted the lowest performance.



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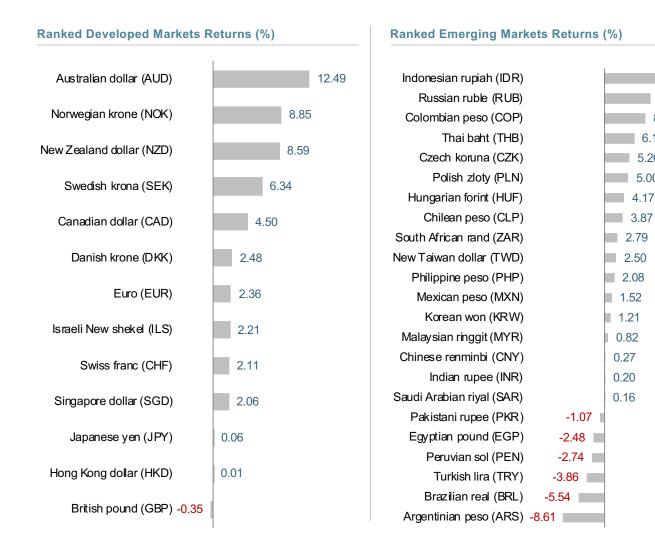
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## Select Currency Performance vs. US Dollar

Second Quarter 2020

In developed markets, most currencies appreciated vs. the US dollar except for the British pound. In emerging markets, currency performance vs. the US dollar was mixed. Most currencies generally appreciated vs. the US dollar, but others, notably the Argentinian peso and Brazilian real, depreciated.



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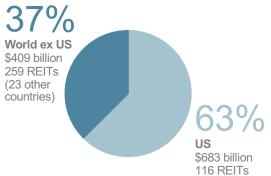
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## Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns

US real estate investment trusts **Ranked Returns (%)** underperformed non-US REITs in US dollar terms during the quarter. Global ex US REITS 10.75 US REITS 9.11 **Total Value of REIT Stocks Period Returns (%)** \* Annualized



Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITS	-22.01	-17.71	-1.99	2.45	8.27
Global ex US REITS	-25.25	-19.44	-2.37	-0.11	5.73

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### Commodities

Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns

The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return returned 5.08% for the second quarter.

Unleaded gas and Brent crude oil were the best performers, returning 69.46% and 31.26%, respectively.

Lean hogs and coffee were the worst performers, declining 23.90% and 17.78%, respectively.

#### Ranked Returns (%)

Unleaded gas				69.46
Brent crude oil			31.26	
Silver			29.12	
WTI crude oil		2	3.53	
Copper		21	.12	
Cotton		19	.43	
Sugar		12.71		
Gold		12.03		
Nickel		10.76		
Zinc		6.75		
Low sulphur gas oil		6.44		
Heating oil		6.35		
Aluminum		3.94		
Soybean oil		1.91		
Live cattle	-0.67			
Soybean	-2.65			
Corn	-2.88			
Soybean meal	-12.49			
Kansas wheat	-13.65			
Natural gas	-14.26			
Wheat	-14.54			
Coffee -	17.78			
Lean hogs -23	.90			
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Period Returns (%)			*,	Annualized
Asset Class QTR	YTD 1 Ye	ar 3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities 5.08	-19.40 -17.3	38 -6.14	-7.69	-5.82

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## **Fixed Income**

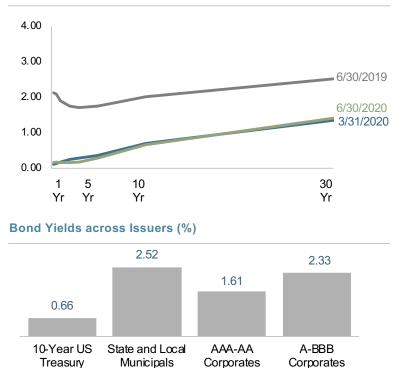
Second Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Interest rate changes were mixed in the US Treasury fixed income market in the second quarter. The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note decreased by 8 basis points (bps), ending at 0.29%. The yield on the 10-year note decreased by 4 bps to 0.66%. The 30-Year US Treasury Bond yield increased by 6 bps to 1.41%.

On the short end of the curve, the 1-Month T-bill yield rose by 8 bps to 0.13%, while the 1-year T-bill yield fell by 1 bp to 0.16%. The 2-year note finished at 0.16% after a yield decrease of 7 bps.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds returned 5.59% for the quarter. Intermediate corporates returned 7.63%. The total return for short-term municipal bonds was 2.38%, while intermediate-term muni bonds returned 3.19%. General obligation bonds outperformed revenue bonds.

#### US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Period	Returns	(%)	)
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Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	10.18	-3.80	0.03	3.33	4.79	6.68
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	4.24	6.01	8.28	5.05	3.75	3.52
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	2.90	6.14	8.74	5.32	4.30	3.82
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	2.72	2.08	4.45	4.22	3.93	4.22
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	1.41	2.11	2.27	1.86	1.68	0.62
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD	0.53	2.79	3.96	3.09	2.38	1.96
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	0.28	20.97	25.14	11.96	9.21	7.71
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.02	0.60	1.63	1.77	1.19	0.64
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	-0.03	1.69	2.86	2.25	1.54	0.95

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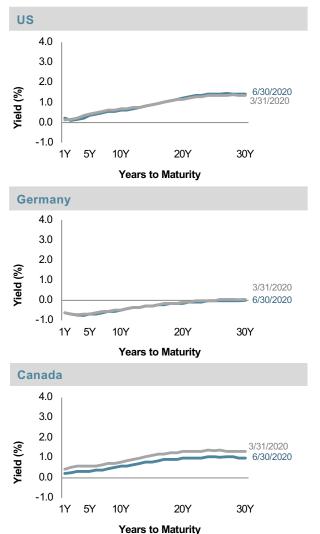
## **Global Fixed Income**

Second Quarter 2020 Yield Curves

Changes in government bond interest rates in the developed markets were mixed for the quarter.

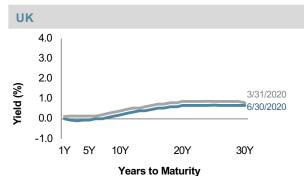
Longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorterterm bonds in global developed markets.

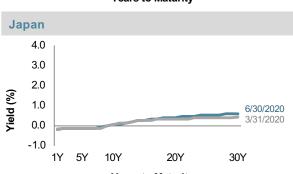
Short- and intermediate-term nominal interest rates were negative in Japan, while all maturities finished the quarter negative in Germany.

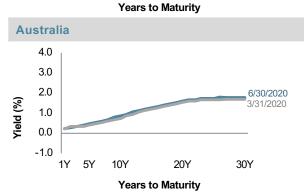


#### Changes in Yields (bps) since 3/31/2020

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	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	5.7	-9.9	-6.9	4.6	3.1
UK	-13.5	-18.9	-17.1	-20.2	-16.9
Germany	1.2	-4.0	-1.5	-3.2	-3.3
Japan	-3.0	2.2	0.0	8.9	16.1
Canada	-21.0	-24.6	-24.5	-33.1	-32.6
Australia	1.4	6.1	10.7	7.0	8.9







One basis point (bps) equals 0.01%. Source: ICE BofA government yield. ICE BofA index data © 2020 ICE Data Indices, LLC.



## Impact of Diversification

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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

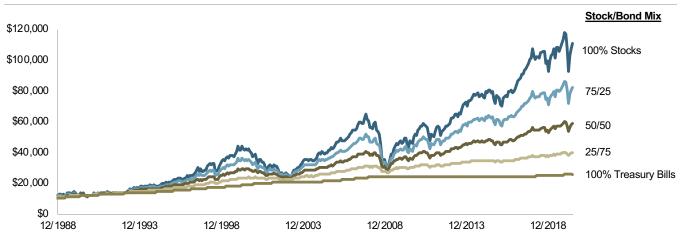
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#### Period Returns (%)

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AssetClass	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV <u>Ê</u>
100% Treasury Bills	0.39	1.35	1.62	1.07	0.55	0.23
25/75	-0.86	2.10	3.12	2.73	2.97	3.49
50/50	-2.34	2.57	4.48	4.29	5.31	7.00
75/25	-4.05	2.75	5.67	5.72	7.57	10.51
100% Stocks	-5.99	2.64	6.70	7.03	9.74	14.02

#### Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



1. STDEV (standard deviation) is a measure of the variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviations are often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio.

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## Long-Term Investors, Don't Let a Recession Faze You

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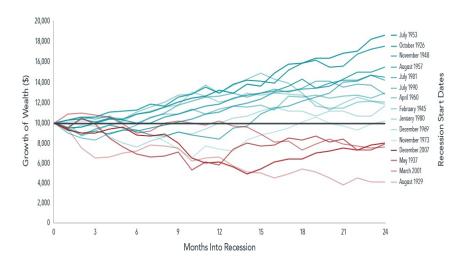
With activity in many industries sharply curtailed in an effort to reduce the chances of spreading the coronavirus, some economists say a recession is inevitable, if one hasn't already begun.<sup>1</sup> From a markets perspective, we have already experienced a drop in stocks, as prices have likely incorporated the growing chance of recession. Investors may be tempted to abandon equities and go to cash because of perceptions of recessions and their impact. But across the two years that follow a recession's onset, equities have a history of positive performance.

Data covering the past century's 15 US recessions show that investors tended to be rewarded for sticking with stocks. **Exhibit 1** shows that in 11 of the 15 instances, or 73% of the time, returns on stocks were positive two years after a recession began. The annualized market return for the two years following a recession's start averaged 7.8%.

Recessions understandably trigger worries over how markets might perform. But history can be a comfort for investors wondering whether now may be the time to move out of stocks.

#### Exhibit 1. Downturns, Then Upturns

Growth of wealth for the Fama/French Total US Market Research Index



#### Past performance, including hypothetical performance, is not a guarantee of future results.

In USD. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Indices are not available for direct investment; therefore, their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio.

Growth of wealth shows the growth of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the securities in the Fama/French US Total Market Research Index over the 24 months starting the month after the relevant Recession Start Date. Sample includes 15 recessions as identified by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) from October 1926 to December 2007.

NBER defines recessions as starting at the peak of a business cycle.

<sup>1.</sup> Nelson D. Schwartz, "Coronavirus Recession Looms, Its Course 'Unrecognizable," New York Times, March 21, 2020; Peter Coy, "The U.S. May Already Be in a Recession," Bloomberg Businessweek, March 6, 2020.



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#### GLOSSARY

Fama/French Total US Market Research Index: The valueweighed US market index is constructed every month, using all issues listed on the NYSE, AMEX, or Nasdaq with available outstanding shares and valid prices for that month and the month before. Exclusions: American Depositary Receipts. Sources: CRSP for value-weighted US market return. Rebalancing: Monthly. Dividends: Reinvested in the paying company until the portfolio is rebalanced.

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