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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the last 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 performance of globally diversified portfolios and features a topic of the quarter.

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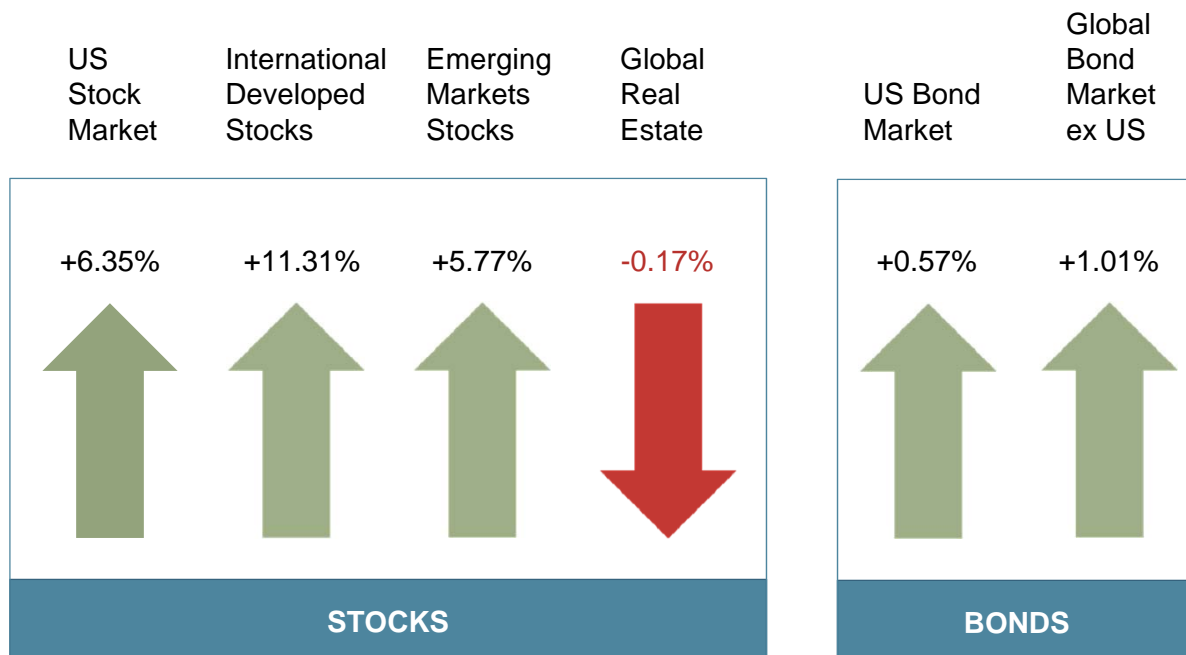
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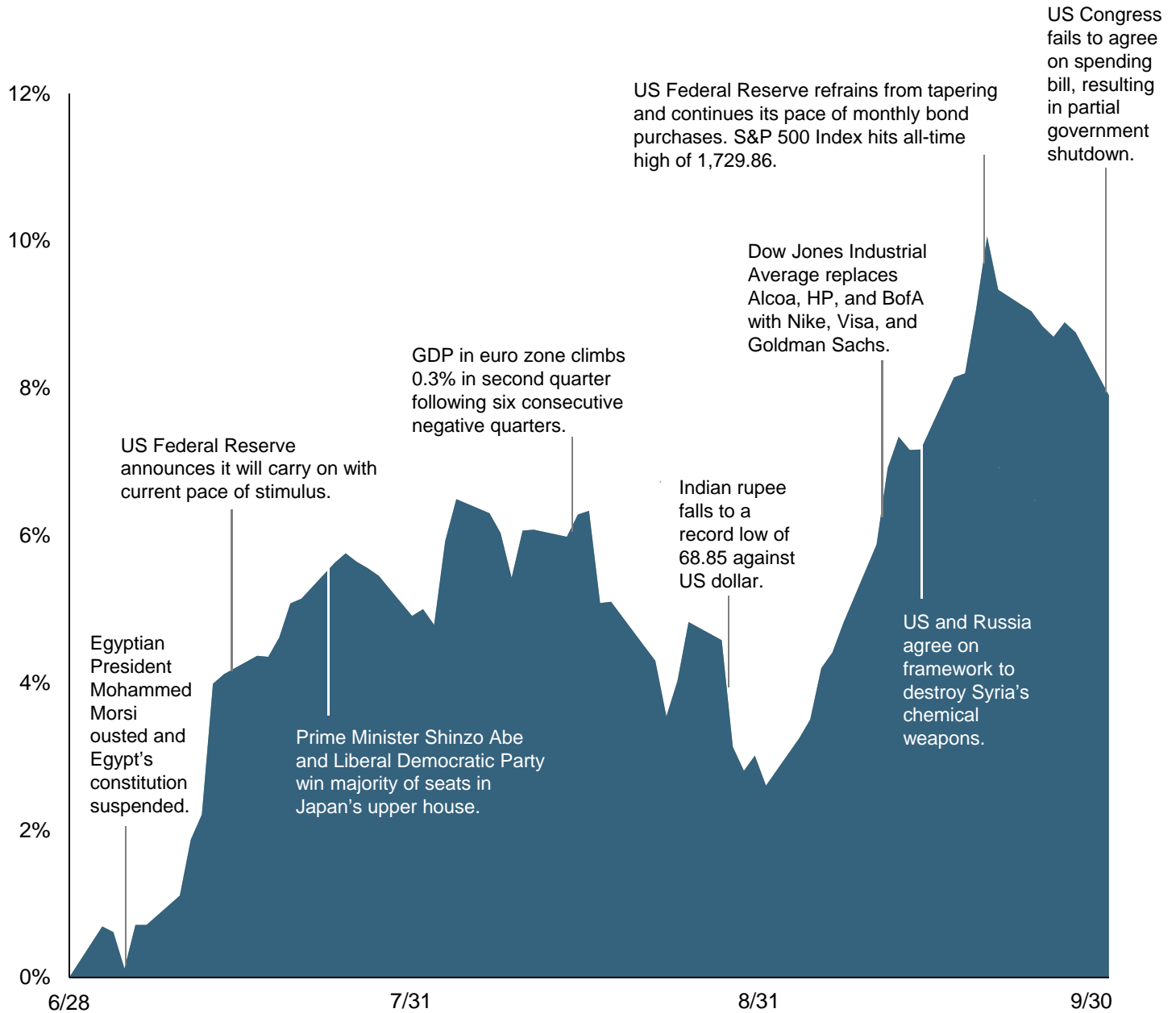
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Timeline of Events: Quarter in Review

Selected headlines from Q3 2013



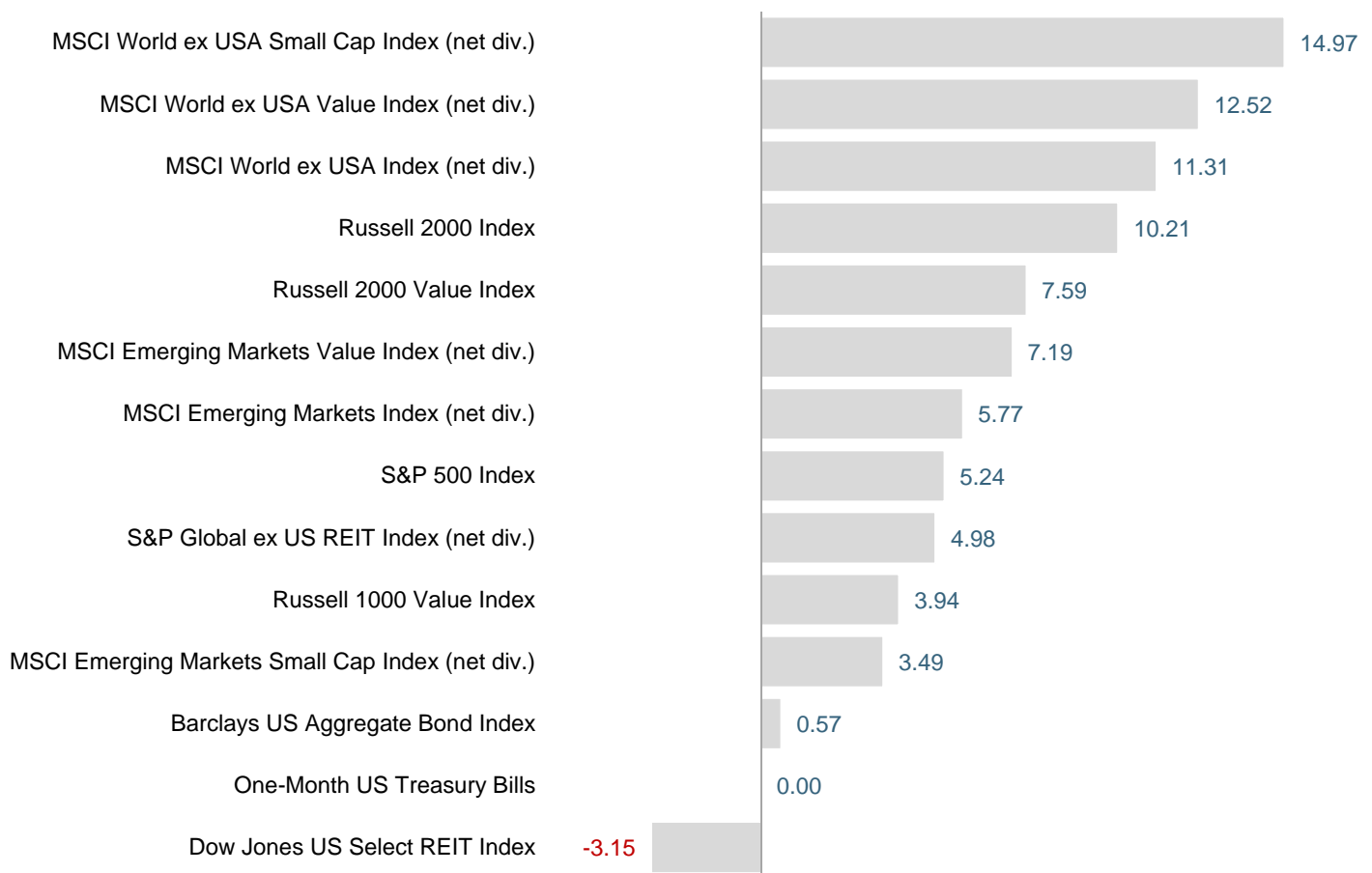
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World Asset Classes

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International developed markets led equity returns during the quarter. Major indices posted positive returns, with the exception of the US real estate market.



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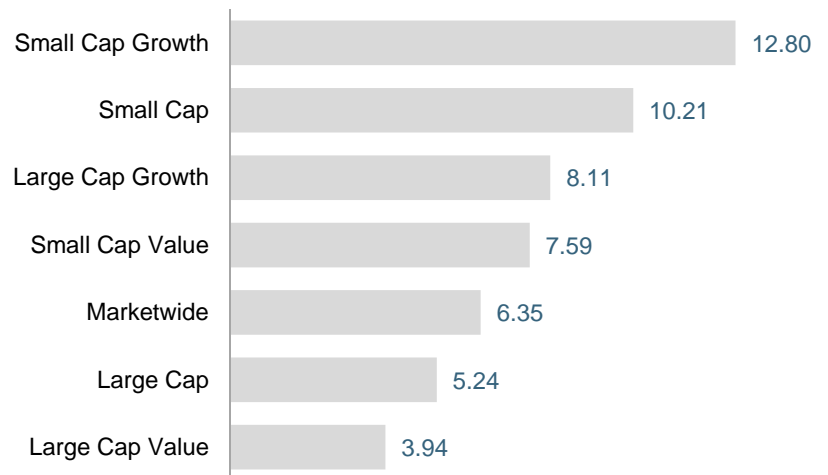
US Stocks

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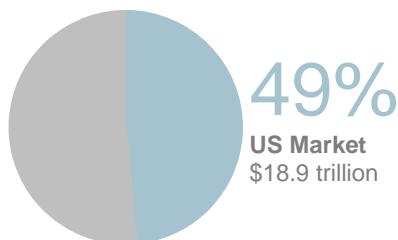
During the third quarter, major US asset classes continued to post positive performances. Asset class returns ranged from 12.80% in small growth to 3.94% in large value.

Small caps outperformed large caps. Growth indices outperformed value indices among both small caps and large caps.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



World Market Capitalization—US



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Marketwide	21.30	21.60	16.76	10.58	8.11
Large Cap	19.79	19.34	16.27	10.02	7.57
Large Cap Value	20.47	22.30	16.25	8.86	7.98
Large Cap Growth	20.87	19.27	16.94	12.07	7.83
Small Cap	27.69	30.06	18.29	11.15	9.64
Small Cap Value	23.07	27.04	16.57	9.13	9.29
Small Cap Growth	32.47	33.07	19.96	13.17	9.86

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International Developed Stocks

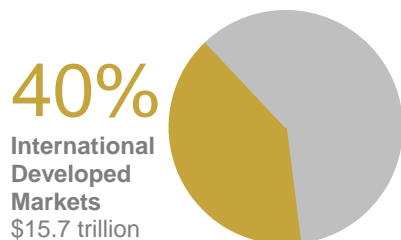
Third Quarter 2013 Index Returns

During the third quarter, developed markets outside the US posted strong performances. The size premium rebounded after reversing its negative trend in the second quarter.

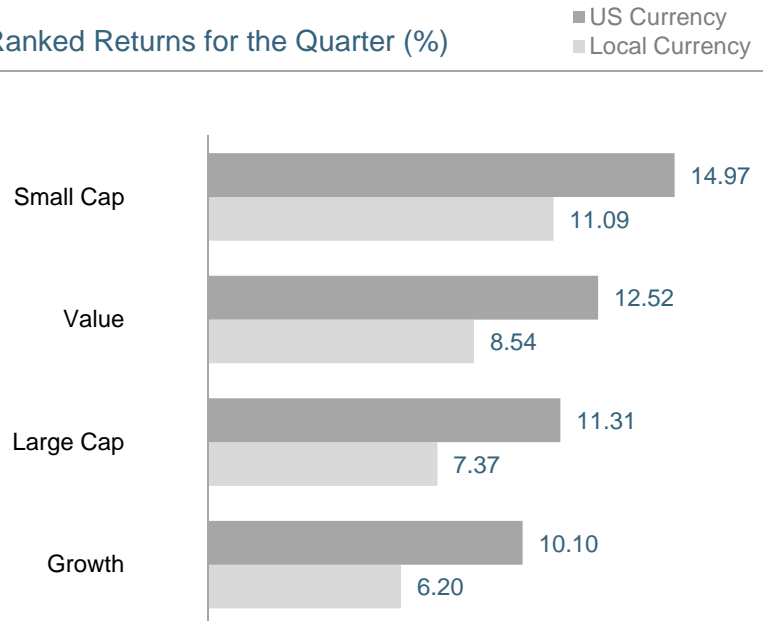
The US dollar depreciated relative to the currencies of most major foreign developed countries, in particular the euro and the British pound, further adding to US dollar returns.

Across the size spectrum, value outperformed growth.

World Market Capitalization— International Developed



Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualize

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	14.66	21.45	7.89	6.12	8.18
Small Cap	18.99	24.75	9.92	11.06	10.15
Value	14.58	22.56	7.87	5.99	8.26
Growth	14.70	20.32	7.85	6.19	8.02

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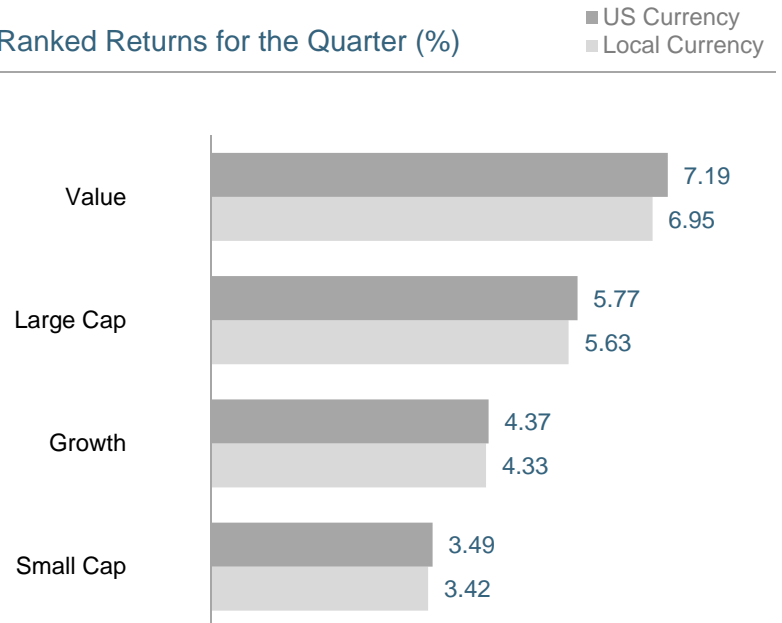
Emerging Markets Stocks

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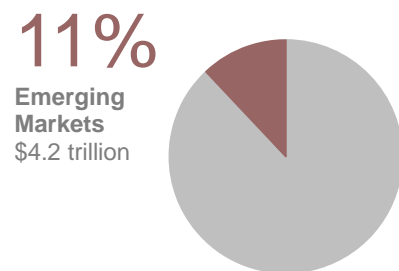
Emerging markets rebounded in the latter part of the third quarter. Value outperformed growth by 2.82%, and large caps outperformed small caps by 2.28% in US dollar terms.

The US dollar depreciated against most emerging markets currencies.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



World Market Capitalization— Emerging Markets



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Cap	-4.35	0.98	-0.33	7.22	12.80
Small Cap	-0.21	4.88	-1.41	12.36	13.77
Value	-5.65	-1.21	-1.15	7.08	14.07
Growth	-3.18	3.03	0.42	7.30	11.50

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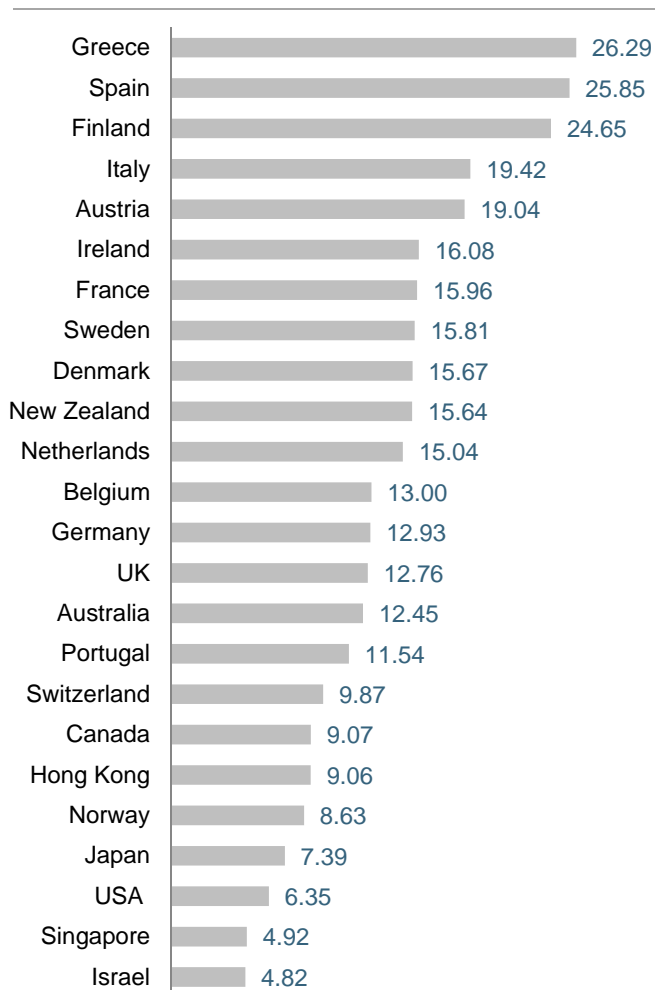
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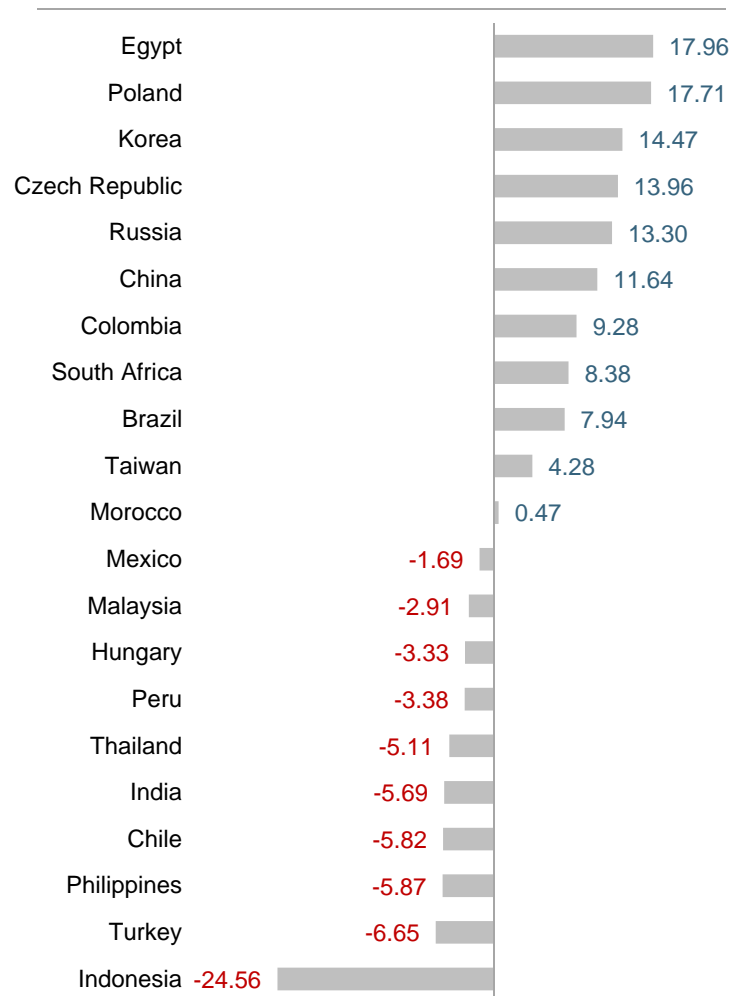
Third Quarter 2013 Index Returns

All developed countries posted positive returns for the quarter, while performance was mixed in emerging markets. Spain, Greece, Italy, and Egypt were among the best performers in USD terms, in contrast to their performance earlier this year. Indonesia, which reported a record high current account deficit, was the worst performing market as the rupiah declined sharply. The larger emerging markets countries of South Korea and Russia, however, performed well.

Developed Markets (% Returns)



Emerging Markets (% Returns)



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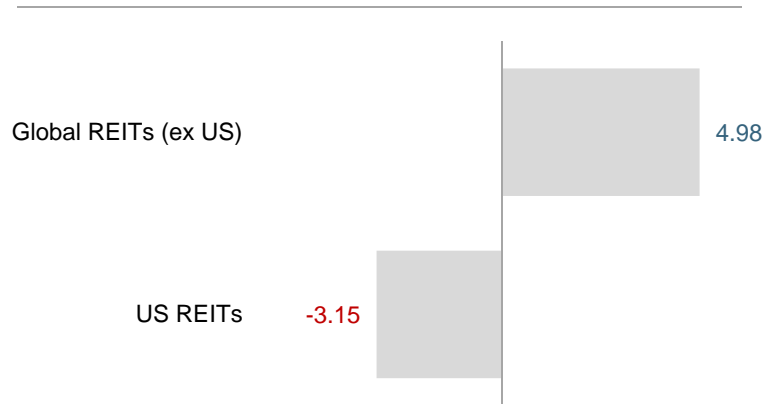
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Third Quarter 2013 Index Returns

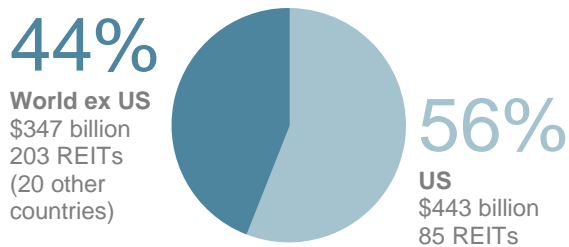
International REITs rebounded during the third quarter to post positive returns, while US REITs continued to experience negative performance.

This was the second consecutive quarter of negative performance for US REITs.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	2.33	4.70	12.09	5.30	9.29
Global REITs (ex US)	3.40	9.81	9.87	6.65	8.44

* Annualized

Commodities

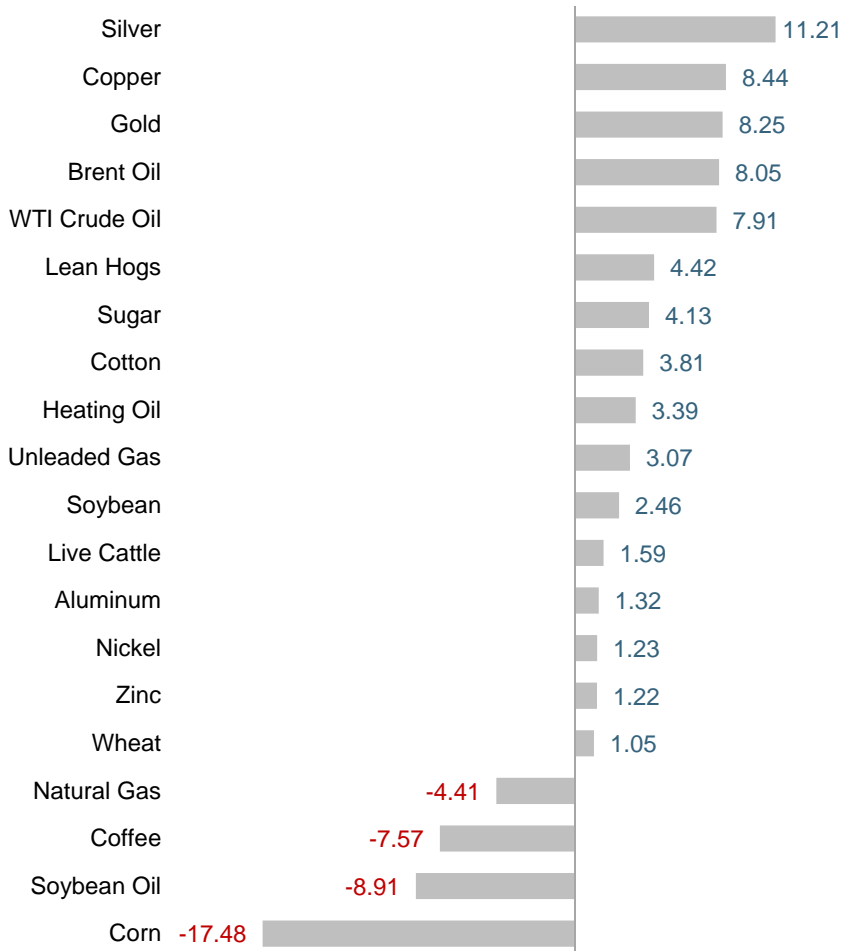
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Commodities reversed some of their YTD decline, as the DJ-UBS Commodity Index finished up 2.1% during the quarter.

With the US Federal Reserve hinting in mid-September that it will keep rates low for the foreseeable future, precious metals, which have borne the brunt of the commodity market decline so far this year, finished the quarter with a gain of 8-11%. The inflationary impact of the Fed's decision was positive news for precious-metal investors.

Soft commodities, with the exception of coffee, corn, and soybean oil, reversed the declines from the previous quarter, finishing with gains of 1-4%. The energy complex, with the exception of natural gas, had a good quarter; oil led the way, finishing up approximately 8%.

Individual Commodity (% Returns)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	Q3	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	-8.56	2.13	-14.35	-3.16	-5.29	2.14

* Annualized

Fixed Income

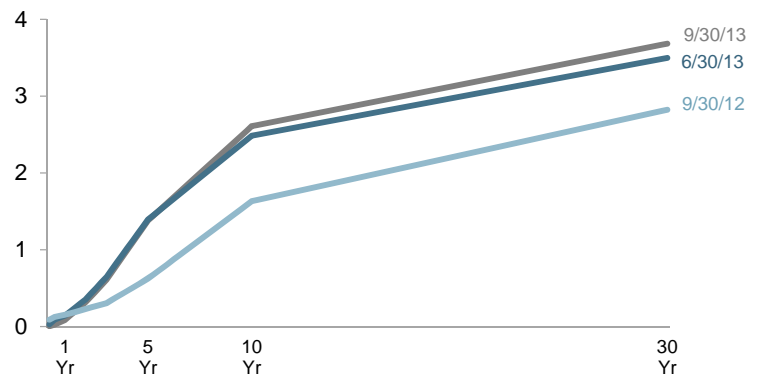
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Bond investors got a bit of good news this quarter as the US Federal Reserve continued the pace of bond buying in the latest quantitative easing program. This was a far cry from the news last quarter, when the Fed announced it would begin to taper the purchase of government bonds with a view to end the most recent round of quantitative easing by mid-2014. The market reacted by taking 10-year bond yields from a two-year high of 3.00% to a close of 2.61%.

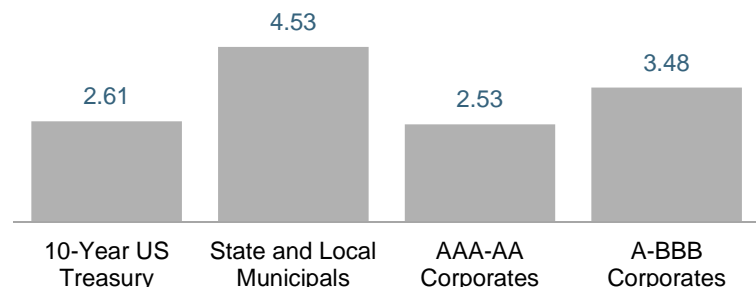
The positive effects of continuing the latest round of quantitative easing, which could be inflationary, spilled over to the TIPS market. Real rates across most of the maturity spectrum declined quarter over quarter.

Yield-seeking investors were rewarded as credit spreads narrowed.

US Treasury Yield Curve



Bond Yields across Different Issuers



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
BofA Merrill Lynch Three-Month US Treasury Bill Index	0.06	0.10	0.10	0.16	1.70
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.24	0.31	0.37	0.87	2.09
Citigroup WGBI 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.40	0.80	1.43	2.53	3.18
Long-Term Government Bonds	-8.86	-10.16	3.48	6.43	6.22
Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	-1.89	-1.68	2.86	5.41	4.59
Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index	3.73	7.14	9.19	13.53	8.86
Barclays Municipal Bond Index	-2.87	-2.21	3.24	5.98	4.40
Barclays US TIPS Index	-6.74	-6.10	4.02	5.31	5.24

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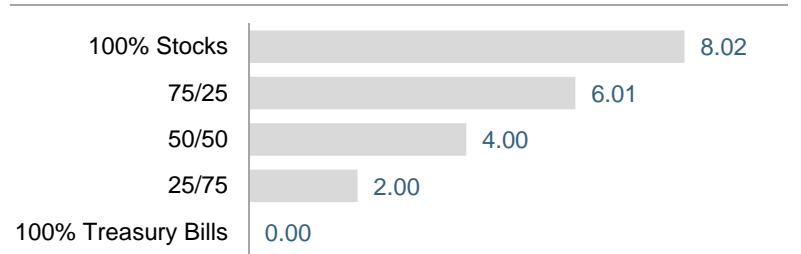
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Global Diversification

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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 also have higher expected returns over time.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)

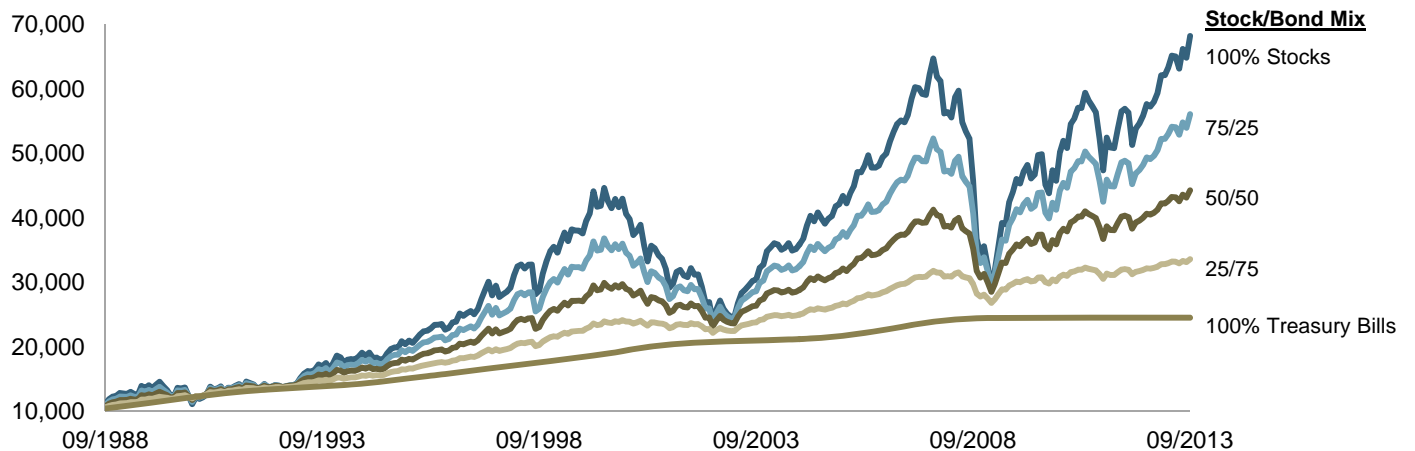


Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
100% Stocks	14.92	18.37	10.81	8.30	8.41
75/25	11.09	13.60	8.24	6.61	6.95
50/50	7.33	8.96	5.58	4.67	5.31
25/75	3.64	4.44	2.85	2.49	3.51
100% Treasury Bills	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.09	1.56

Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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Riding the Emerging Markets Tiger

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Many investors fell for emerging markets in recent years when they delivered sizeable returns. More recently, the associated risk has reasserted itself and the infatuation has faded.

What's the right approach?

A major theme in media commentary since the turn of the century has been the prospect of a gradual passing of the baton in global economic leadership from the world's most industrialized nations to the emerging economies.

Anticipating this change, investors have sought greater exposure to these changing economic forces by including in their portfolios an allocation to some of the emerging powerhouses such as China, India, and Brazil.

These markets historically have provided higher average returns than developed markets.

But the flipside of these returns is that emerging markets also tend to be riskier and more volatile. This is reflected in their higher standard deviation of returns, which is one measure of risk.

The risk associated with emerging markets has reasserted itself in recent months. Expectations that the US Federal Reserve will "taper" its monetary stimulus have led to a retreat by many investors from these developing markets.

In its latest economic assessment released in September, the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) noted that while advanced economies were growing again, some emerging economies were slowing.¹

Naturally, many investors will be feeling anxious about these developments and wondering whether emerging markets still have a place in their portfolios. There are number of points to make in response to these concerns.

First, this information is in the price. Markets reflect concerns about the impact of the Fed's tapering on capital flows. Changing a portfolio allocation based on past events is tantamount to closing the stable door after the horse has bolted.

Second, just as rich economies and markets like the US, Japan, Britain, and Australia tend to perform differently from one another, emerging economies and markets tend to perform differently from rich ones.

This just means that irrespective of short-term performance, emerging markets offer the benefit of added diversification. And we know that historically, diversification across securities, sectors, industries, and countries has been a good source of risk management for a portfolio.

Third, emerging markets perform differently from one another, and it is extremely difficult to predict with any consistency which countries will perform best and worst from year to year. That's why concentrated bets are not advised. Fourth, in judging your exposure to emerging markets, it is important to distinguish between a country's economic footprint and the size of its market. Combined, emerging markets make up only 11% of the total world market.

This is not to downplay the importance of emerging markets. The global economy is changing, and the internationalization of emerging markets in recent decades has allowed investors to invest their capital more broadly. Emerging markets are part of that.

We know that risk and return are related, so getting out of emerging markets or reducing one's exposure to them after stock prices have dropped means forgoing the increased expected return potential.

A bumpy ride on this tiger is not unexpected. But for those adequately diversified with an asset allocation set for their needs and risk appetites, it is worth holding on.

1. "Interim Economic Assessment," OECD, September 3, 2013

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