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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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Index Returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate		US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
3Q 2020	STOCKS					BONDS	
	9.21% 	4.92% 	9.56% 	2.37% 		0.62% 	0.68% 
Since Jan. 2001							
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.1%	1.4%	2.8%	2.3%		1.2%	1.1%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%		4.6%	4.6%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3		2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%		-3.0%	-2.7%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4		2016 Q4	2015 Q2

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Long-Term Market Summary

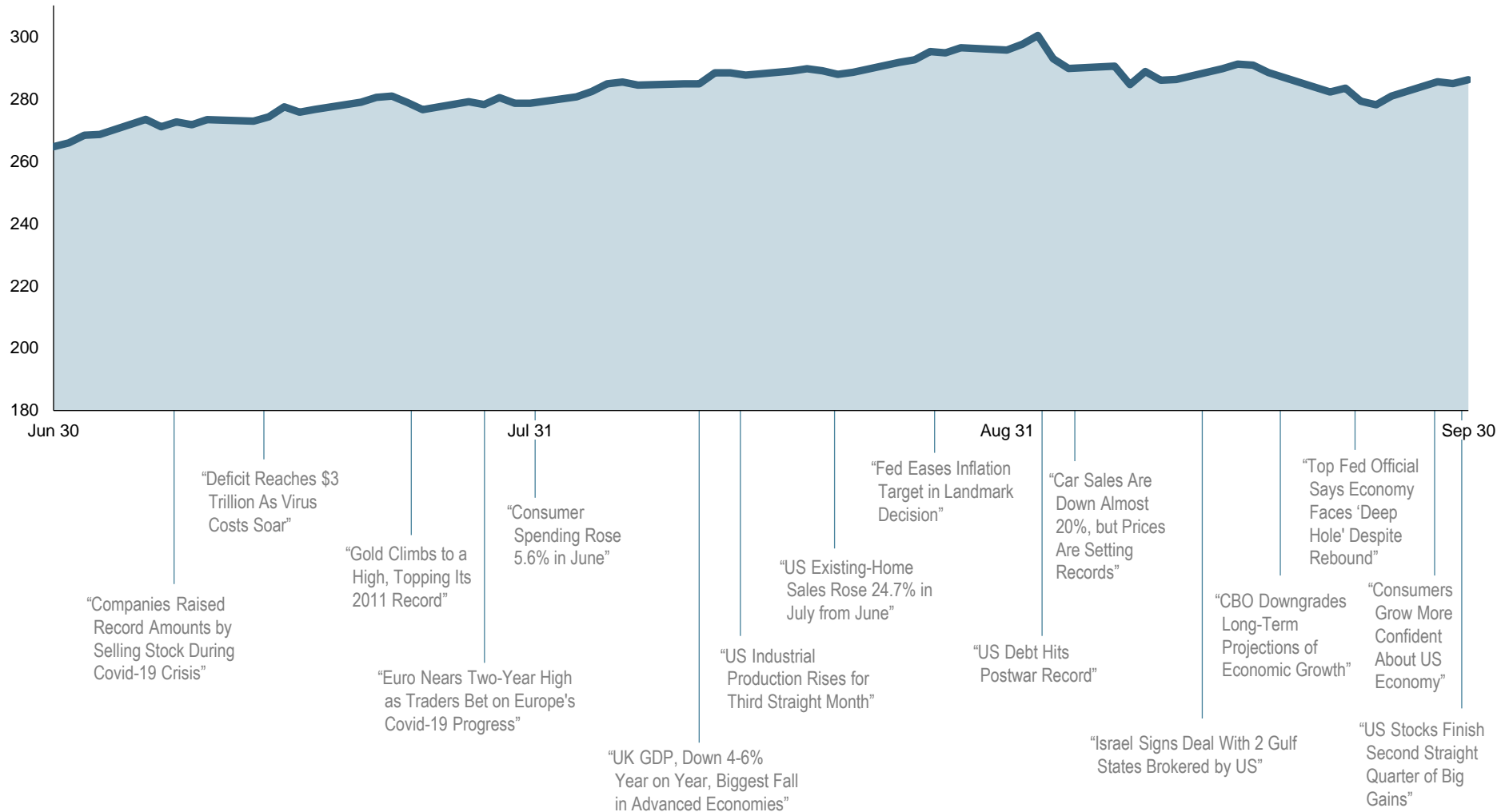
Index Returns as of September 30, 2020

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	15.00%	0.16%	10.54%	-18.58%	6.98%	1.82%
						
5 Years						
	13.69%	5.32%	8.97%	2.20%	4.18%	4.33%
						
10 Years						
	13.48%	4.37%	2.50%	5.58%	3.64%	4.06%
						

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q3 2020



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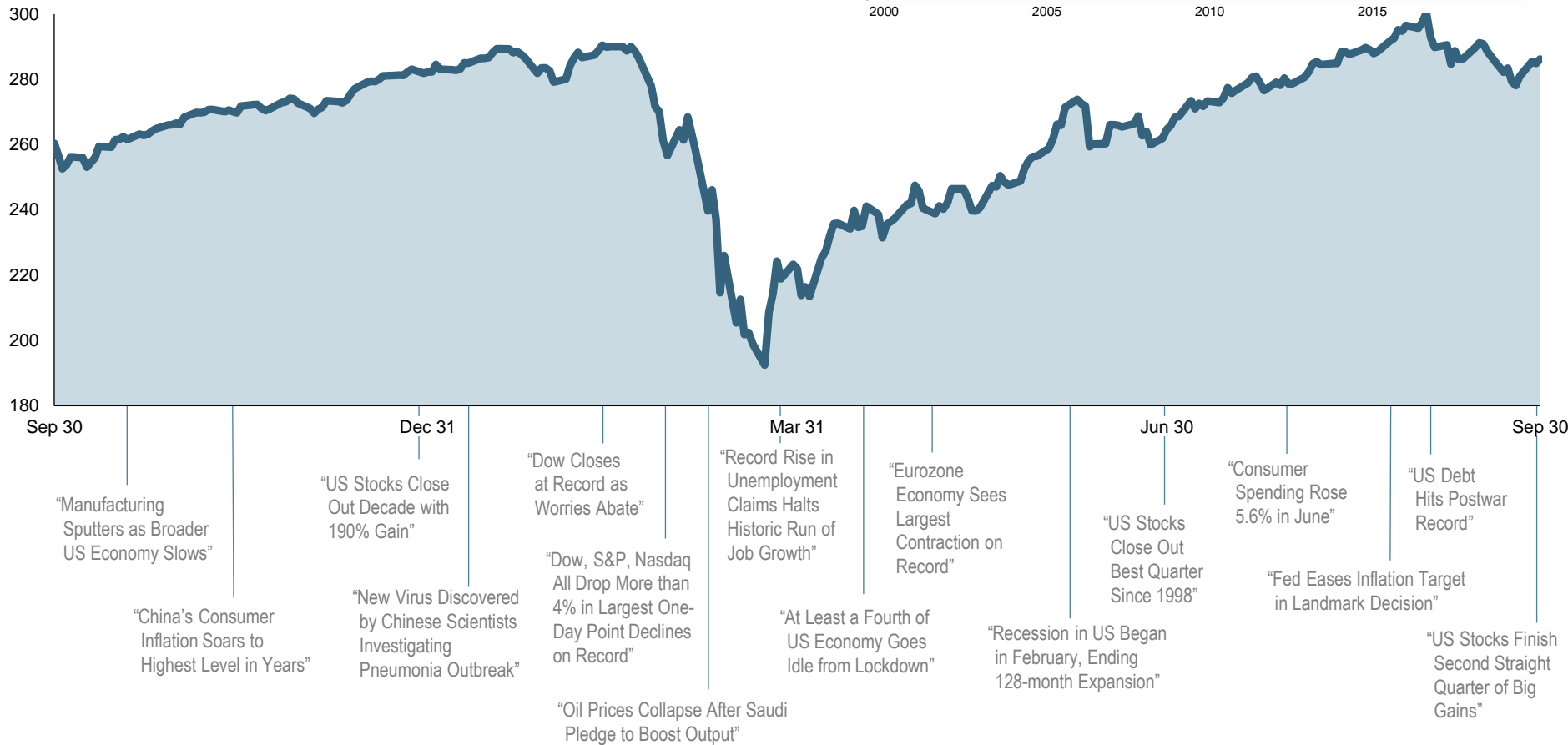
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World Stock Market Performance

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

SHORT TERM (Q3 2019–Q3 2020)



LONG TERM (2000–Q3 2020)



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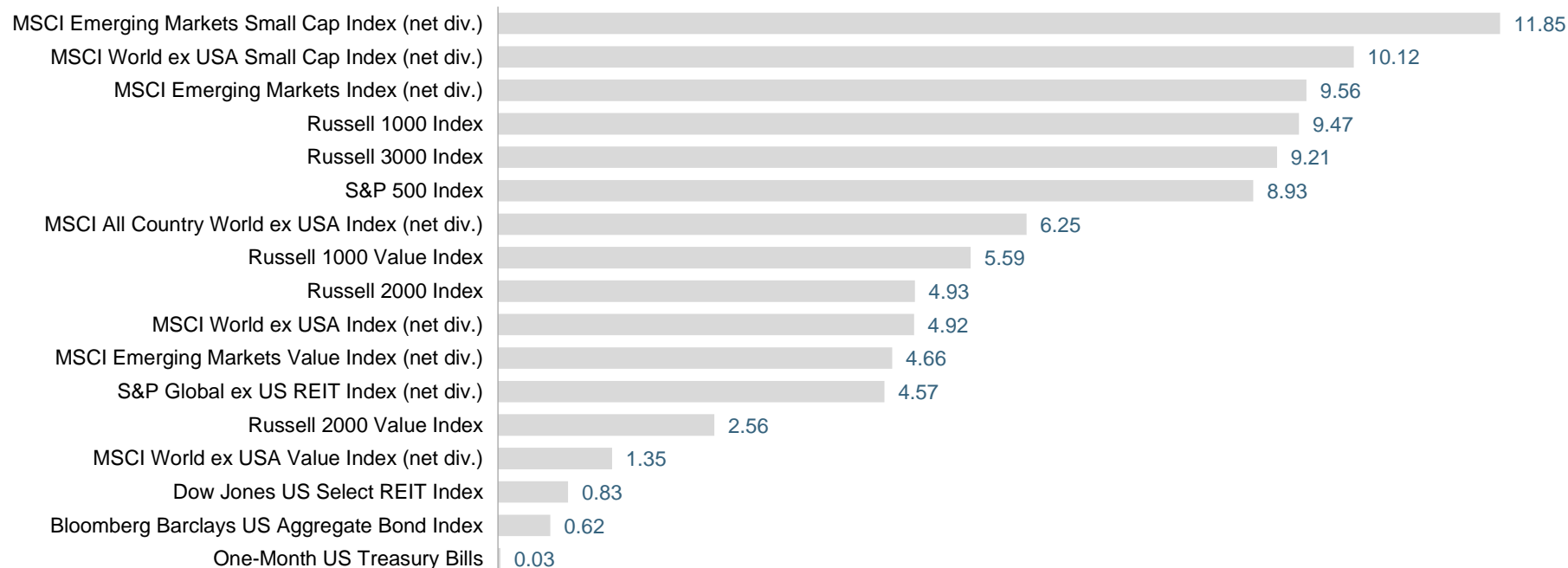
World Asset Classes

Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns (%)

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

Value underperformed growth across regions. Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed and emerging markets but underperformed in the US.

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



US Stocks

Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

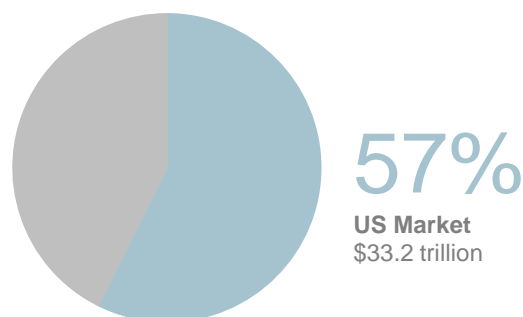
The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter, outperforming non-US developed markets but underperforming emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.

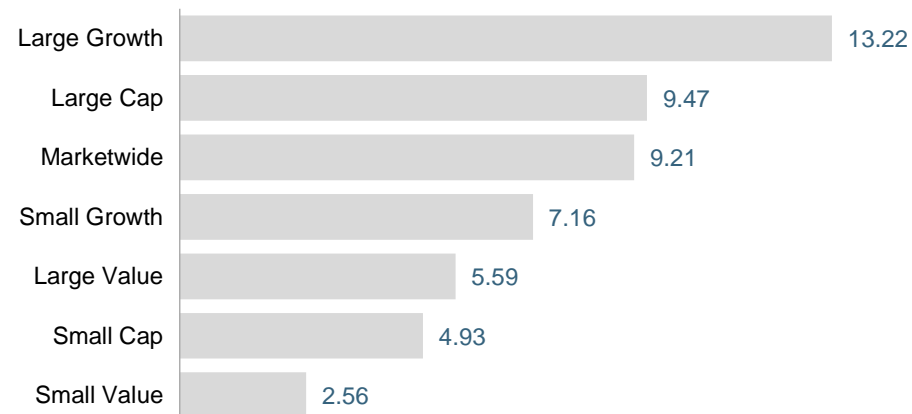
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized				
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Growth	24.33	37.53	21.67	20.10	17.25
Large Cap	6.40	16.01	12.38	14.09	13.76
Marketwide	5.41	15.00	11.65	13.69	13.48
Small Growth	3.88	15.71	8.18	11.42	12.34
Small Cap	-8.69	0.39	1.77	8.00	9.85
Large Value	-11.58	-5.03	2.63	7.66	9.95
Small Value	-21.54	-14.88	-5.13	4.11	7.09

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International Developed Stocks

Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US posted positive returns for the quarter but underperformed US and emerging markets equities.

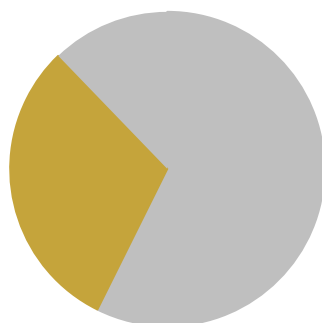
Value underperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

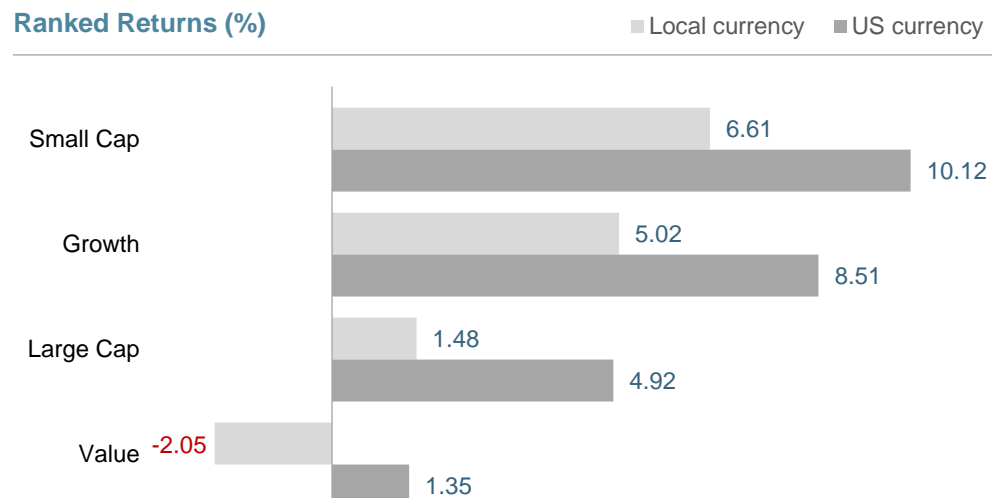
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

30%

International
Developed Market
\$17.6 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	* Annualized			
		1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	5.13	13.64	7.06	9.09	6.61
Small Cap	-4.05	6.88	1.42	7.35	6.55
Large Cap	-7.13	0.16	0.62	5.32	4.37
Value	-18.88	-12.74	-5.88	1.38	1.99

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Emerging Markets Stocks

Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter, outperforming the US and developed ex US equity markets.

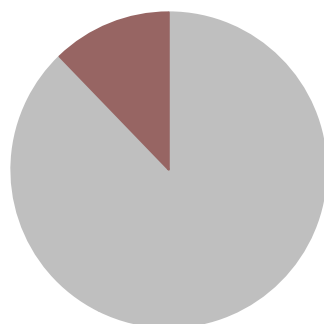
Value underperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

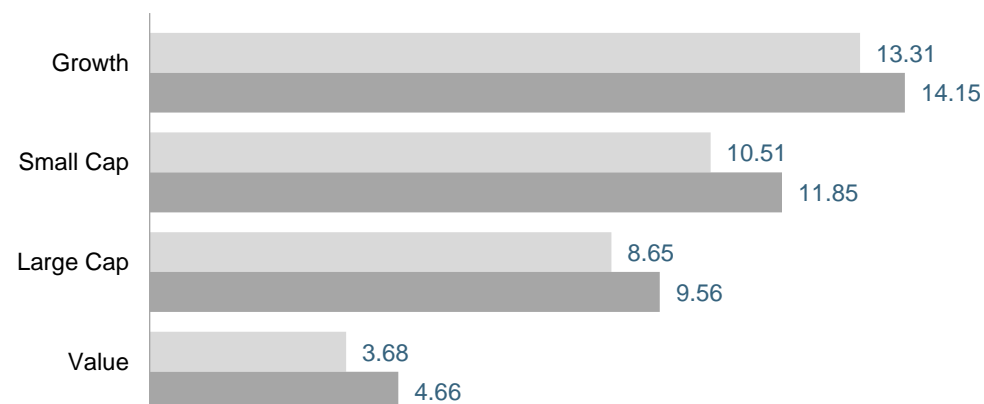
12%

Emerging Markets
\$7.1 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)

■ Local currency ■ US currency



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	12.41	27.80	7.45	13.26	5.29
Large Cap	-1.16	10.54	2.42	8.97	2.50
Small Cap	-2.40	6.89	-1.09	4.60	1.03
Value	-14.23	-5.70	-2.89	4.45	-0.44

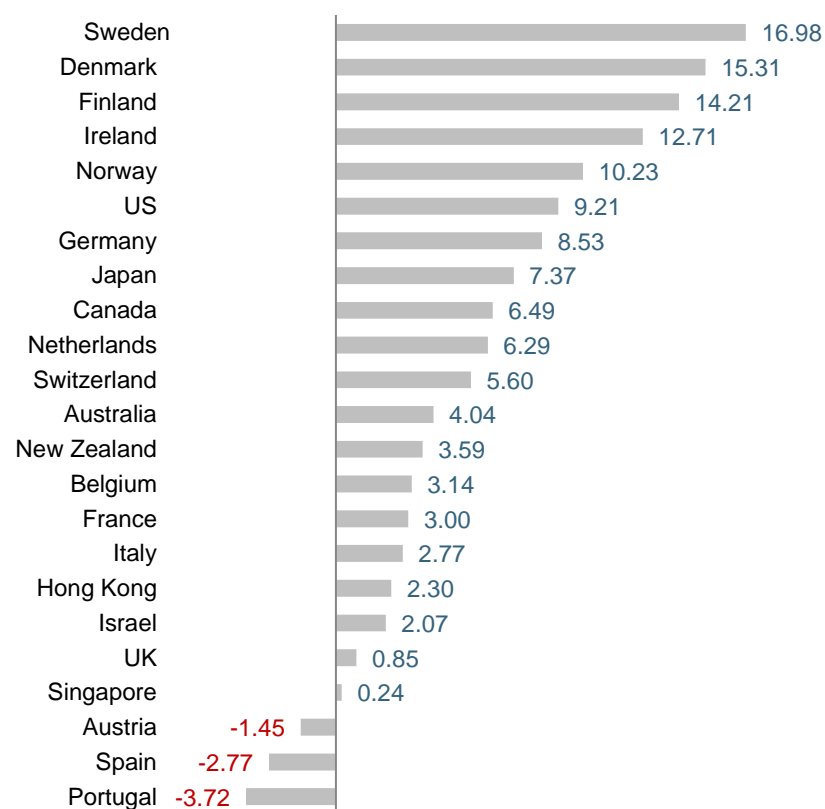
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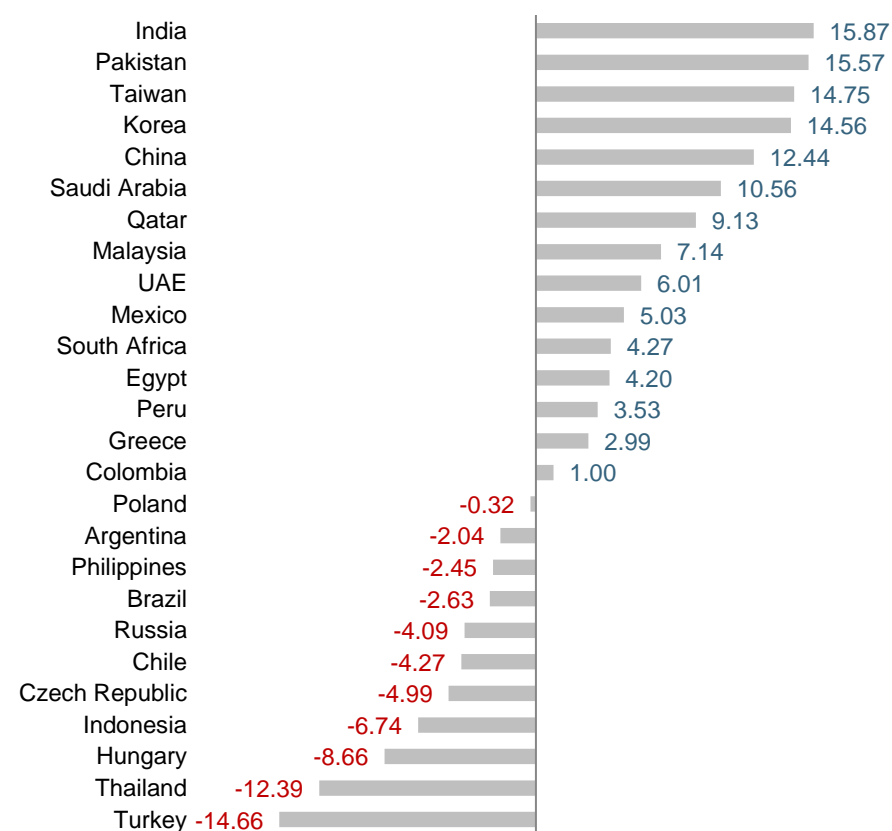
Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

In US dollar terms, Sweden and Denmark recorded the highest country performance in developed markets, while Portugal and Spain posted the lowest returns for the quarter. In emerging markets, India and Pakistan recorded the highest country performance, while Turkey and Thailand posted the lowest performance.

Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



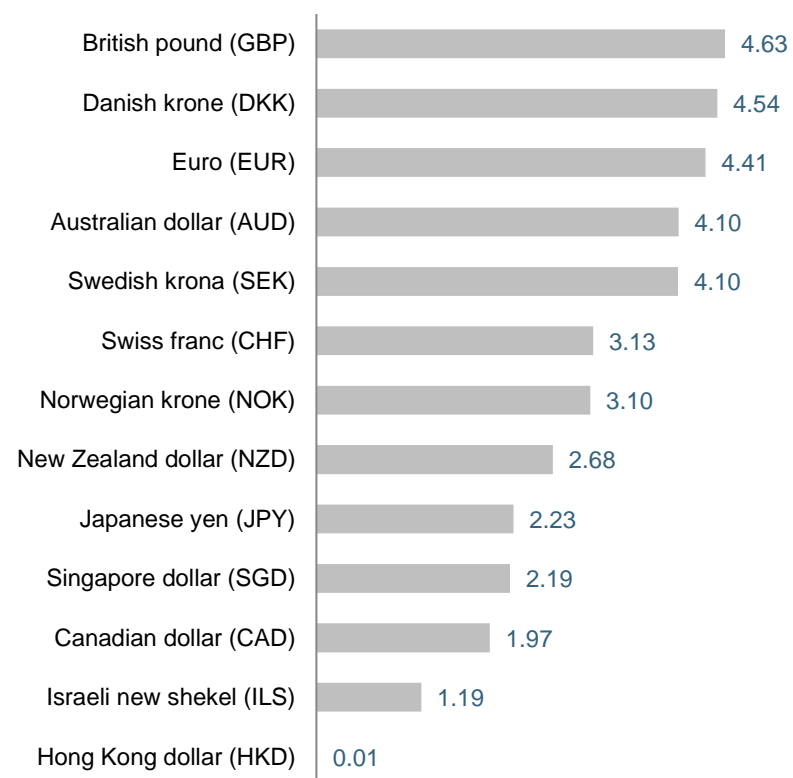
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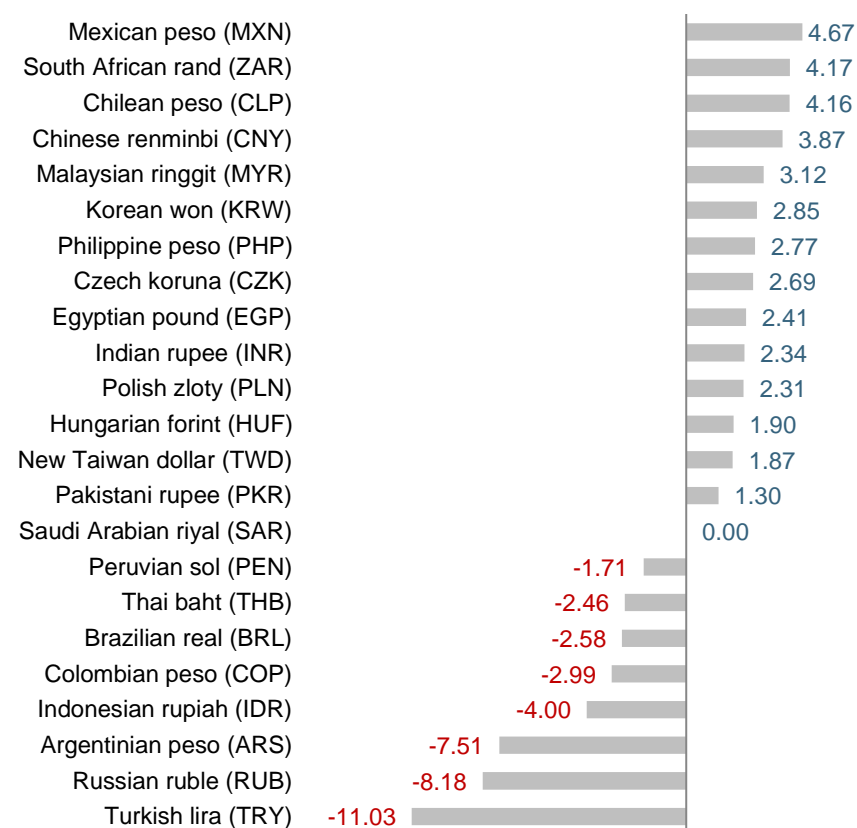
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In developed markets, all currencies appreciated versus the US dollar. In emerging markets, currency performance versus the US dollar was mixed. Most currencies generally appreciated versus the US dollar, but some, notably the Turkish lira and Russian ruble, depreciated.

Ranked Developed Markets (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets (%)

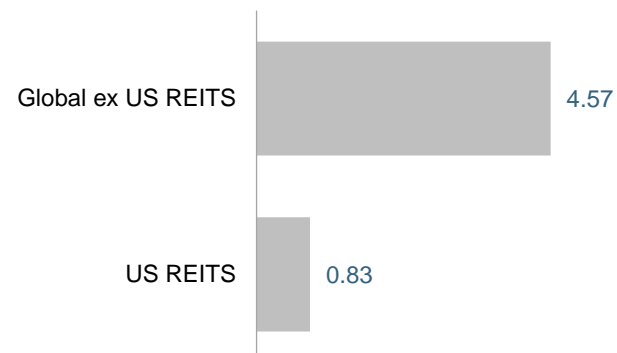


Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

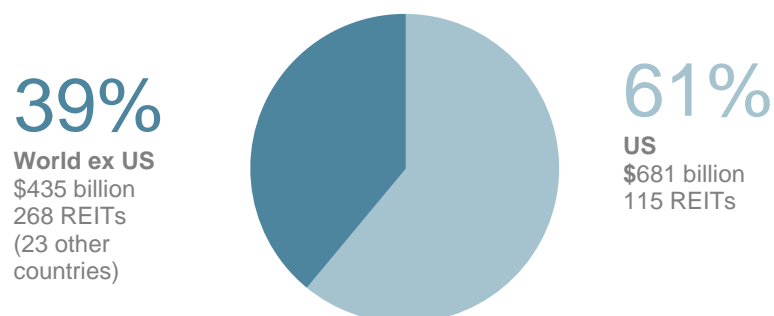
Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

US real estate investment trusts underperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized				
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITs	-21.36	-22.33	-1.85	1.99	7.03
Global ex US REITs	-21.84	-18.37	-1.62	1.67	4.13

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Commodities

Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return returned 9.07% for the third quarter of 2020.

Lean hogs and Silver were the best performers, returning 30.76% and 25.06%, respectively.

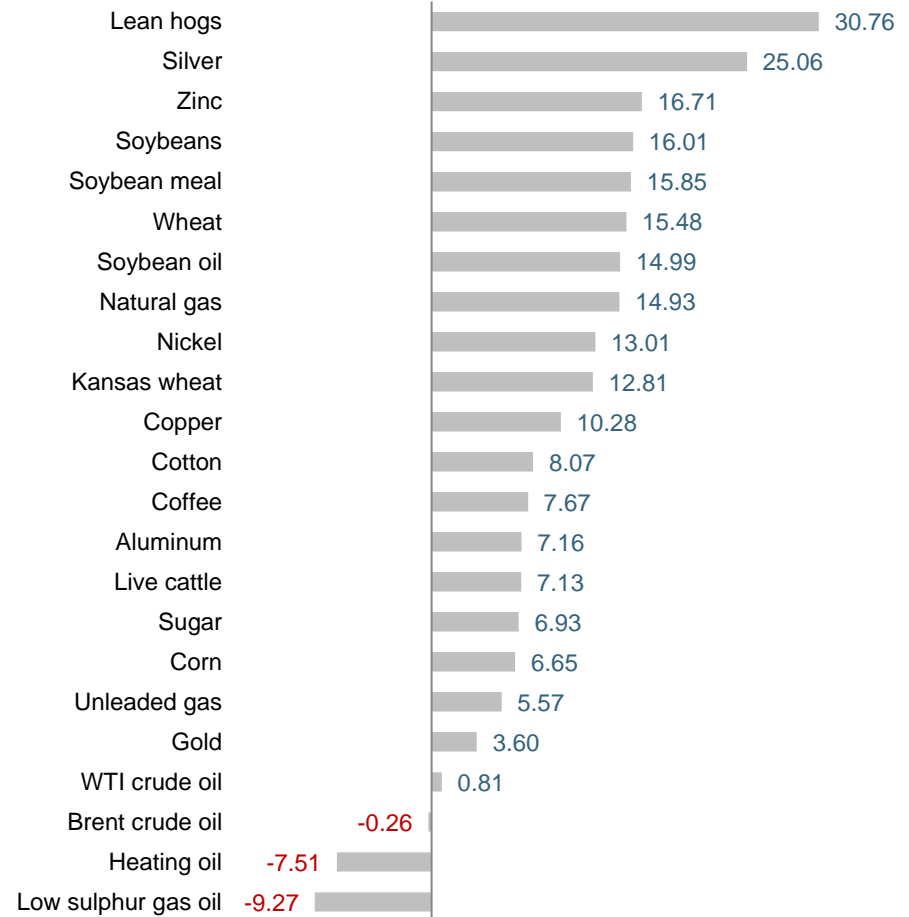
Low sulfur gas and Heating oil were the worst performers, declining 9.27% and 7.51%, respectively.

Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	9.07	-12.08	-8.20	-4.18	-3.09	-6.03

Ranked Returns (%)



Fixed Income

Third Quarter 2020 Index Returns

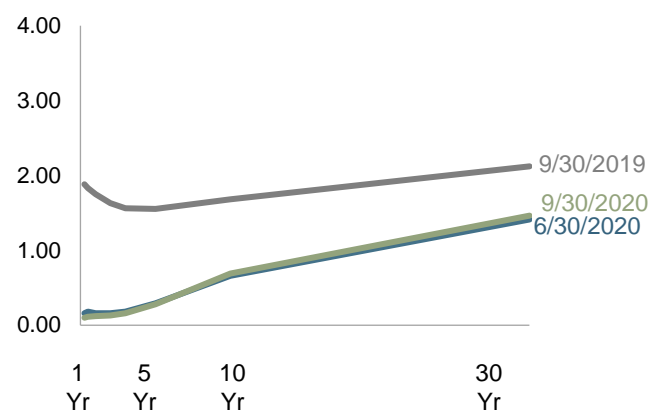
Interest rate changes were mixed in the US Treasury fixed income market during the third quarter. The yield on the 5-year US Treasury note decreased by 3 basis points (bps), ending at 0.31%. The yield on the 10-year US T-note rose by 3 bps to 0.64%. The 30-year US T-bond yield increased by 5 bps to 1.46%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-month US Treasury bill yield decreased to 0.08%, while the 1-year T-bill yield decreased by 5 bps to 0.14%. The 2-year US T-note yield finished at 0.09% after a decrease of 2 basis points.

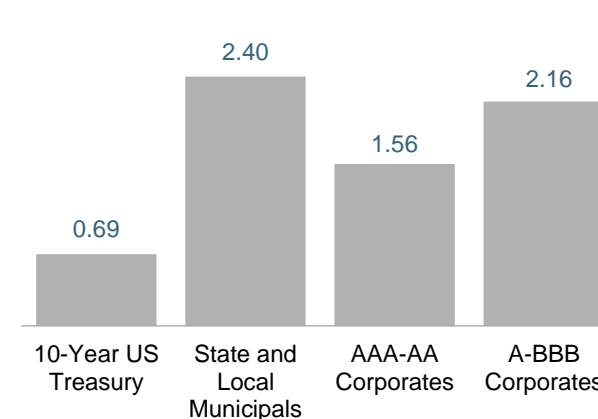
In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds returned 0.92% for the quarter. Intermediate-term corporates returned 1.33%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was 0.83%, while intermediate munis returned 1.40%. Revenue bonds outperformed general obligation bonds.

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yield across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

*Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	4.60	0.62	3.25	4.21	6.79	6.47
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	3.03	9.22	10.08	5.79	4.61	3.57
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	2.01	4.16	5.21	2.03	2.01	0.21
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	1.23	3.33	4.09	4.28	3.84	3.99
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	0.62	6.79	6.98	5.24	4.18	3.64
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.24	3.04	3.22	3.02	2.31	1.90
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	0.13	21.13	16.21	11.79	8.18	7.18
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.08	1.77	2.37	2.19	1.54	0.93
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.04	0.64	1.10	1.69	1.20	0.64

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Global Fixed Income

Third Quarter 2020 Yield Curves

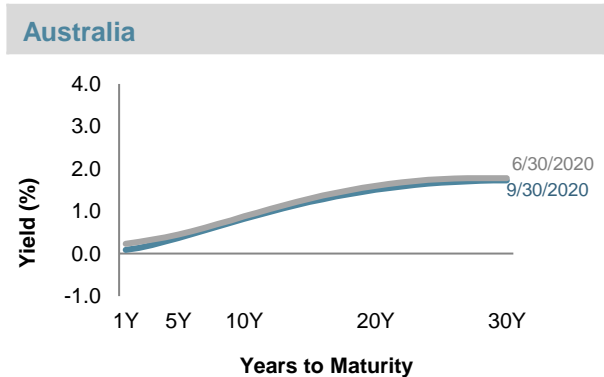
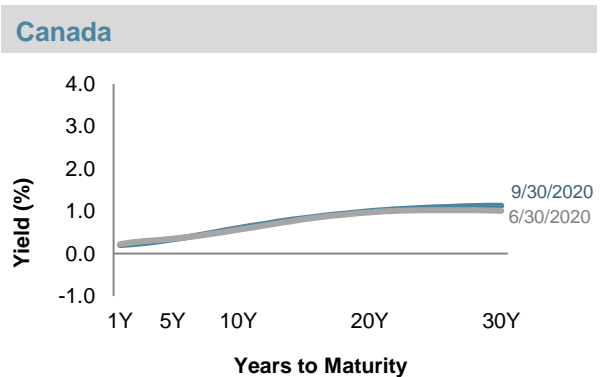
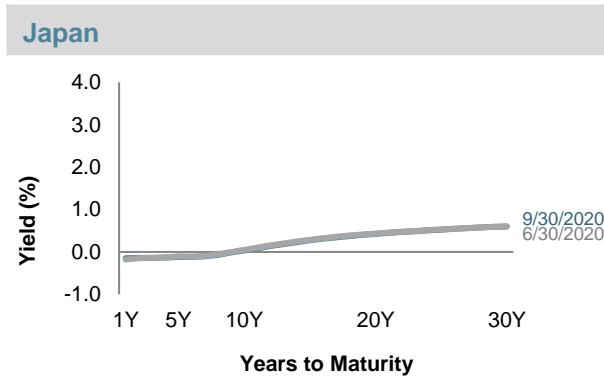
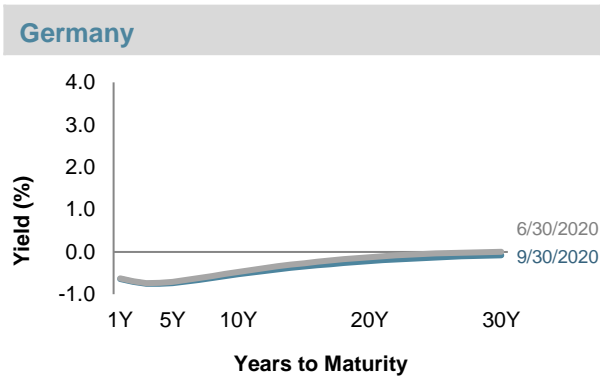
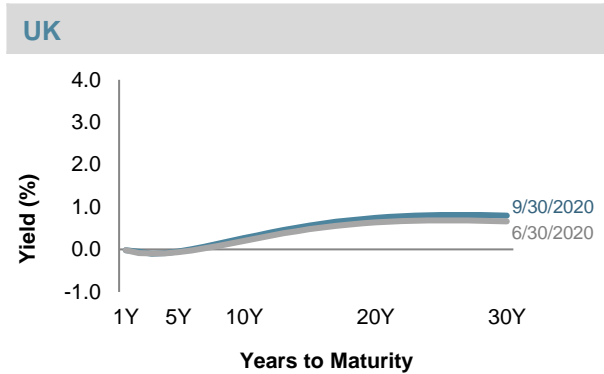
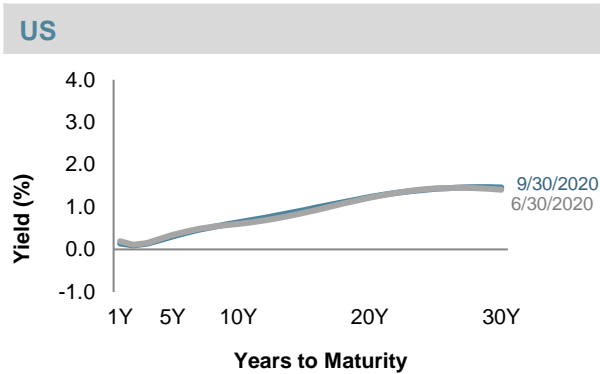
Changes in Government bond interest rates in the global developed markets were mixed for the quarter.

Longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorter-term bonds in global ex-US developed markets.

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

Changes in Yields (bps) since 6/30/2020

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-5.4	-3.3	3.4	1.3	5.3
UK	0.0	1.8	6.1	10.7	13.9
Germany	-2.0	-2.8	-5.7	-9.2	-7.6
Japan	3.0	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	0.2
Canada	-2.1	-1.9	3.9	2.6	12.2
Australia	-14.5	-8.3	-5.9	-9.6	-5.1



Impact of Diversification

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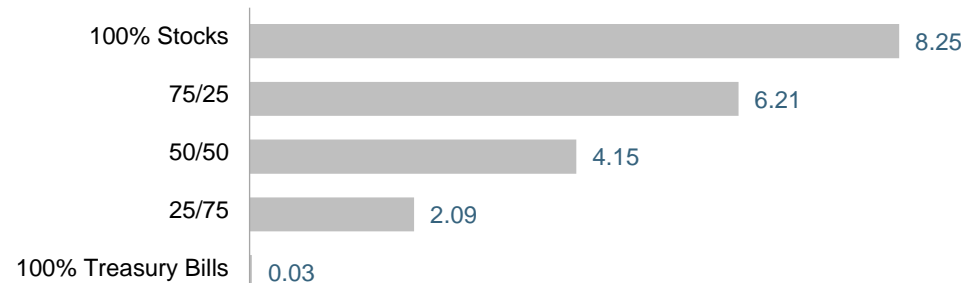
These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

Period Returns (%)

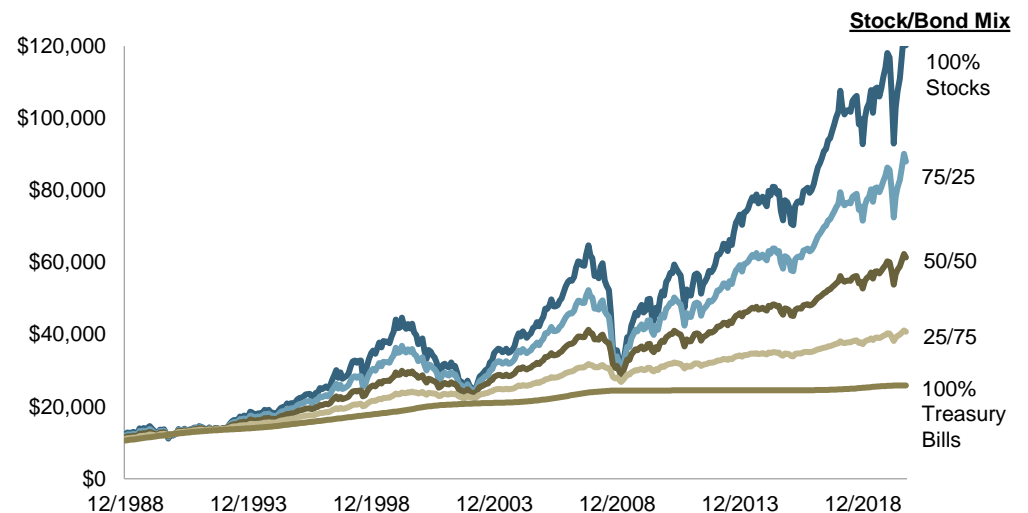
* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV ¹
100% Stocks	1.77	11.00	7.68	10.90	9.13	13.71
75/25	1.90	8.89	6.40	8.58	7.12	10.28
50/50	1.71	6.48	4.95	6.16	5.01	6.85
25/75	1.22	3.78	3.32	3.65	2.82	3.42
100% Treasury Bills	0.42	0.83	1.54	1.07	0.55	0.23

Ranked Returns (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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When It's Value vs. Growth, History Is on Value's Side

Third Quarter 2020

Logic and data provide the basis for a positive expected value premium, offering a guide for investors targeting higher potential returns. There is pervasive historical evidence of value stocks outperforming growth stocks. Data covering nearly a century in the US, and nearly five decades of market data outside the US, support the notion that value stocks—those with lower relative prices—have higher expected returns.

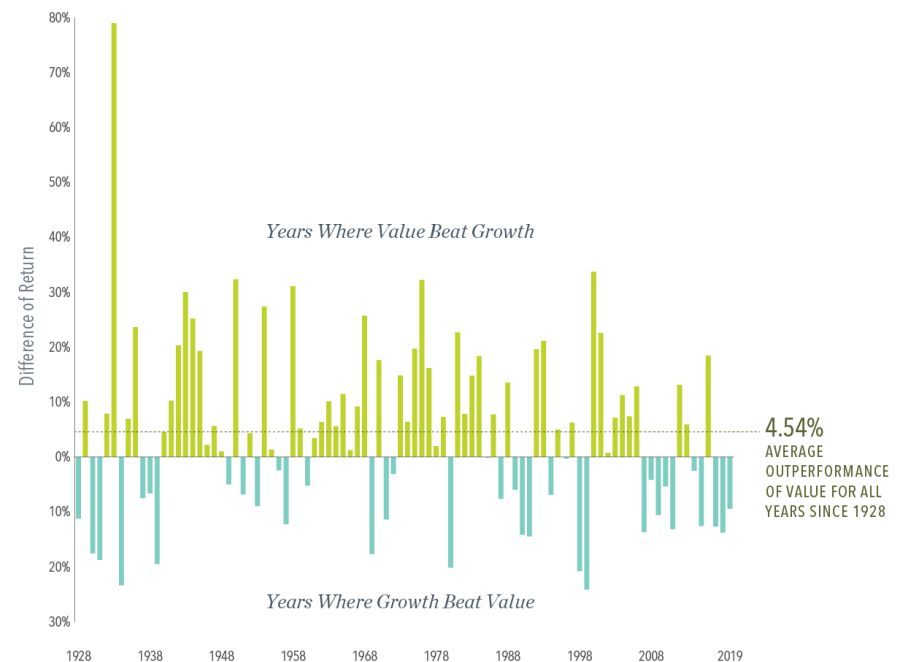
Recently, growth stocks have enjoyed a run of outperformance vs. their value counterparts. But while disappointing periods emerge from time to time, the principle that lower relative prices lead to higher expected returns remains the same. On average, value stocks have outperformed growth stocks by 4.54% annually in the US since 1928, as **Exhibit 1** shows.

Some historical context is helpful in providing perspective for growth stocks' recent outperformance. As **Exhibit 1** demonstrates, realized premiums are highly volatile. While periods of underperformance are disappointing, they are also within the range of possible outcomes.

We believe investors are best served by making decisions based on sound economic principles supported by a preponderance of evidence. Value investing is based on the premise that paying less for a set of future cash flows is associated with a higher expected return. That's one of the most fundamental tenets of investing. Combined with the long series of empirical data on the value premium, our research shows that value investing continues to be a reliable way for investors to increase expected returns going forward.

Exhibit 1. Value Add

Yearly observations of premiums: value minus growth in US markets, 1928–2019



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In US dollars. Yearly premiums are calculated as the difference in one-year returns between the two indices described. Value minus growth: Fama/French US Value Research Index minus the Fama/French US Growth Research Index.

Fama/French US Value Research Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the lower 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

Fama/French US Growth Research Index: Provided by Fama/French from CRSP securities data. Includes the higher 30% in price-to-book of NYSE securities (plus NYSE Amex equivalents since July 1962 and Nasdaq equivalents since 1973).

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GLOSSARY

Value Stock: A stock trading at a low price relative to a measure of fundamental value such as book equity.

Growth Stock: A stock trading at a high price relative to a measure of fundamental value such as book equity.

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