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Market Review 2020: Looking Back on an Unprecedented Year

Fourth Quarter 2020

The year 2020 proved to be one of the most tumultuous in modern history, marked by a number of developments that were historically unprecedented. But the year also demonstrated the resilience of people, institutions, and financial markets.

The novel coronavirus was already in the news early in the year, and concerns grew as more countries began reporting their first cases of COVID-19. Infections multiplied around the world through February, and by early March, when the outbreak was labeled a pandemic, it was clear that the crisis would affect nearly every area of our lives. The spring would see a spike in cases and a global economic contraction as people stayed closer to home, and another surge of infections would come during the summer. Governments and central banks worked to cushion the blow, providing financial support for individuals and businesses and adjusting lending rates.

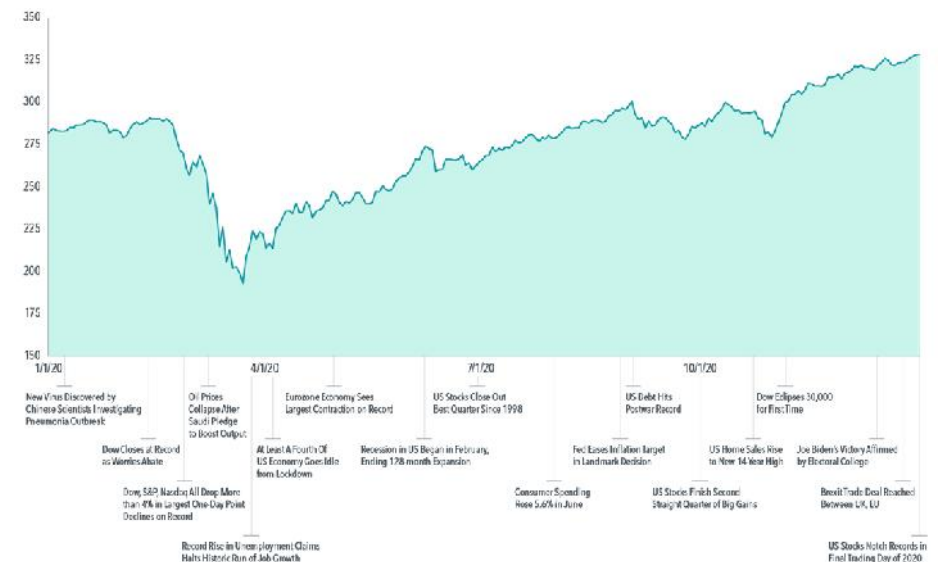
On top of the health crisis, there was widespread civil unrest over the summer in the US tied to policing and racial justice. In August, Americans increasingly focused on the US presidential race in this unusual year. Politicians, supporters, and voting officials wrestled with the challenges of a campaign that at times was conducted virtually and with an election in the fall that would include a heightened level of mail-in and early voting. In the end, the results of the election would be disputed well into December. As autumn turned to winter, 2020 would end with both troubling and hopeful news: yet another spike in COVID-19 cases, along with the first deliveries of vaccines in the US and elsewhere.

For investors, the year was characterized by sharp swings for stocks. March saw a 33.79% drop in the S&P 500 Index¹ as the pandemic worsened. This was followed by a rally in April, and stocks reached their previous highs by August. Ultimately, despite a sequence of epic events and continued concerns

over the pandemic, global stock market returns in 2020 were above their historical norm. The US market finished the year in record territory and with an 18.40% annual return for the S&P 500 Index. Non-US developed markets, as measured by the MSCI World ex USA Index,² returned 7.59%. Emerging markets, as measured by the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, returned 18.31% for the year.

Exhibit 1. Highs and Lows

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from 2020



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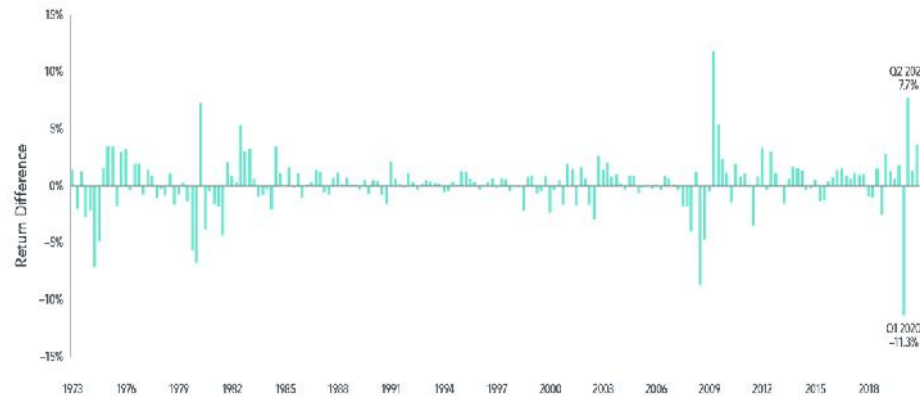
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Fixed income markets mirrored the extremity of equity behavior, with nearly unprecedented dispersion in returns during the first half of 2020. For example, in the first quarter, US corporate bonds underperformed US Treasuries by more than 11%, the most negative quarterly return difference in data going back a half century. But they soon swapped places: the second quarter was the second-most *positive* one on record for corporates over Treasuries, with a 7.74% advantage.³ Large return deviations were also observed between US and non-US fixed income as well as between inflation-protected and nominal bonds.

Global yield curves finished the year generally lower than at the start. US Treasury yields, for example, fell across the board, with drops of more than 1%

Exhibit 2. Sharp Shifts

US Credit minus US Treasury: Quarterly Returns, March 1973–December 2020



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on the short and intermediate portions of the curve.⁴ The US Treasury curve ended relatively flat in the short-term segment but upwardly sloped from the intermediate- to long-term segment. For 2020, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index returned 5.58%.⁵

Uncertainty remains about the pandemic and the broad impact of the new vaccines, continued lockdowns, and social distancing. But the events of 2020 provided investors with many lessons, affirming that following a disciplined and broadly diversified investment approach is a reliable way to pursue long-term investment goals.

MARKET PRICES QUICKLY REFLECT NEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE FUTURE

The fluctuating markets in the spring and summer were also a lesson in how markets incorporate new information and changes in expectations. From its peak on February 19, 2020, the S&P 500 Index fell 33.79% in less than five weeks as the news headlines suggested more extreme outcomes from the pandemic. But the recovery would be swift as well. Market participants were watching for news that would provide insights into the pandemic and the economy, such as daily infection and mortality rates, effective therapeutic treatments, and the potential for vaccine development. As more information became available, the S&P 500 Index jumped 17.57% from its March 23 low in just three trading sessions, one of the fastest snapbacks on record. This period highlighted the vital role of data in setting market expectations and underscored how quickly prices adjust to new information.

One major theme of the year was the *perceived* disconnect between markets and the economy. How could the equity markets recover and reach new highs when the economic news remained so bleak? The market's behavior suggests investors were looking past the short-term impact of the pandemic to assess the expected rebound of business activity and an eventual return to

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more-normal conditions. Seen through that lens, the rebound in share prices reflected a market that is always looking ahead, incorporating both current news and expectations of the future into stock prices.

OWNING THE WINNERS AND LOSERS

The 2020 economy and market also underscored the importance of staying broadly diversified across companies and industries. The downturn in stocks impacted some segments of the market more than others in ways that were consistent with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on certain types of businesses or industries. For example, airline, hospitality, and retail industries tended to suffer disproportionately with people around the world staying at home, whereas companies in communications, online shopping, and technology emerged as relative winners during the crisis. However, predicting at the beginning of 2020 exactly how this might play out would likely have proved challenging.

In the end, the economic turmoil inflicted great hardship on some firms while creating economic and social conditions that provided growth opportunities for other companies. In any market, there will be winners and losers—and investors have historically been well served by owning a broad range of companies rather than trying to pick winners and losers.

STICKING WITH YOUR PLAN

Many news reports rightly emphasized the unprecedented nature of the health crisis, the emergency financial actions, and other extraordinary events during 2020. The year saw many “firsts”—and subsequent years will doubtless usher in many more. Yet 2020’s outcomes remind us that a consistent investment approach is a reliable path regardless of the market events we encounter. Investors who made moves by reacting to the moment may have missed opportunities. In March, spooked investors fled the stock and bond markets, as money-market funds experienced net flows for the month totaling \$684 billion. Then, over the six-month period from April 1 to September 30, global equities

and fixed income returned 29.54% and 3.16%, respectively. A move to cash in March may have been a costly decision for anxious investors.

It was important for investors to avoid reacting to the dispersion in performance between asset classes, too, lest they miss out on turnarounds from early in the year to later. For example, small cap stocks on the whole fared better in the second half of the year than the first. The stark difference in performance between the first and second quarters across bond classes also drives home this point.

Exhibit 3. Cash Concerns in 2020



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A WELCOME TURN OF THE CALENDAR

Moving into 2021, many questions remain about the pandemic, new vaccines, business activity, changes in how people work and socialize, and the direction of global markets. Yet 2020's economic and market tumult demonstrated that markets continue to function and that people can adapt to difficult circumstances. The year's positive equity and fixed income returns remind that, with a solid investment approach and a commitment to staying the course, investors can focus on building long-term wealth, even in challenging times.

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Market Summary



















Index Returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
2020	STOCKS				BONDS	
	20.89% 	7.59% 	18.31% 	-9.09% 	7.51% 	3.94% 
Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Annual Return	9.5%	6.8%	13.6%	9.8%	4.9%	4.5%
Best Year	33.6% 2013	39.4% 2003	78.5% 2009	37.4% 2006	10.3% 2002	8.8% 2014
Worst Year	-37.3% 2008	-43.6% 2008	-53.3% 2008	-45.7% 2008	-2.0% 2013	1.2% 2013

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Long-Term Market Summary

Index Returns as of December 31, 2020

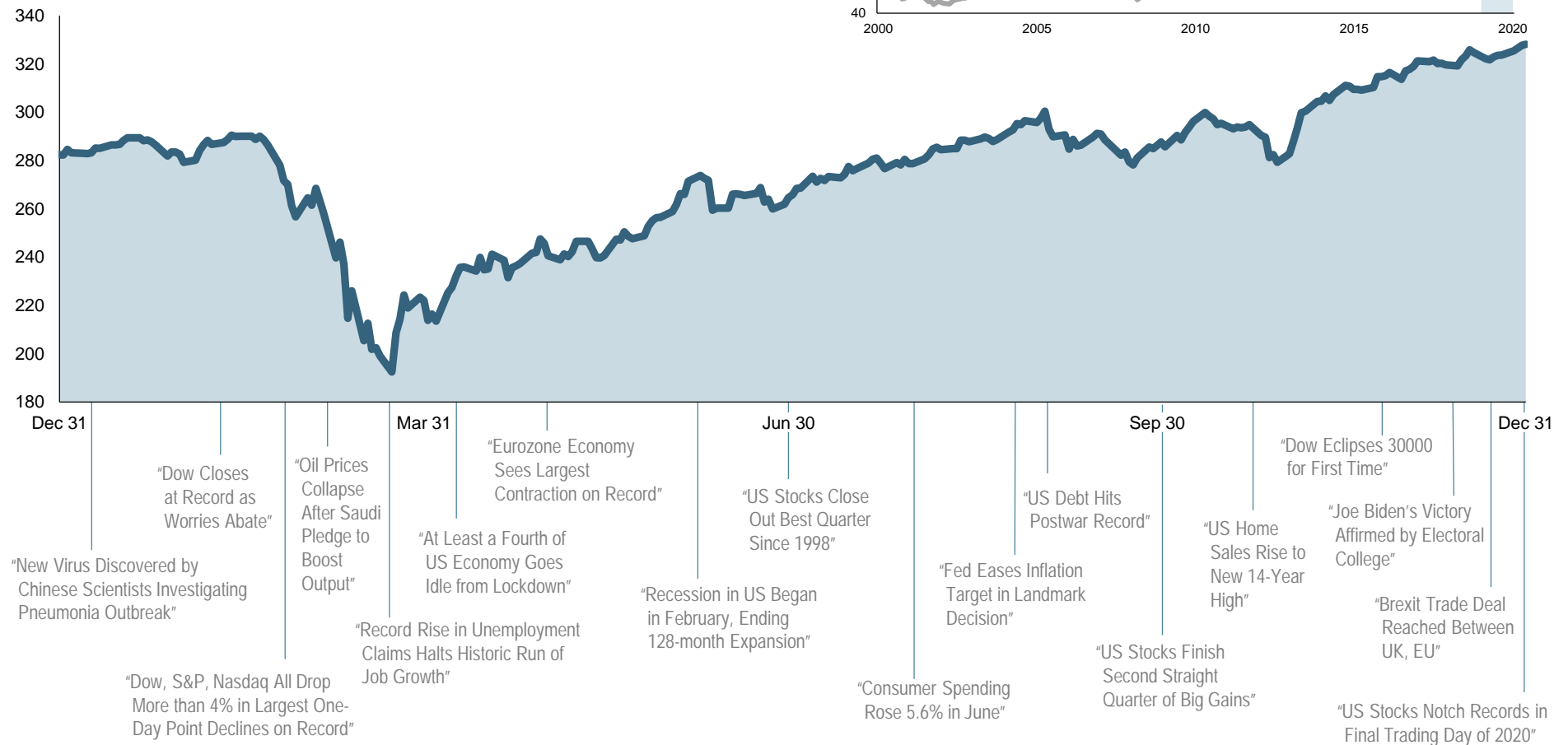
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	20.89%	7.59%	18.31%	-9.09%	7.51%	3.94%
						
5 Years						
	15.43%	7.64%	12.81%	3.66%	4.44%	4.40%
						
10 Years						
	13.79%	5.19%	3.63%	6.14%	3.84%	4.35%
						

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World Stock Market Performance

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

SHORT TERM (Q4 2019–Q4 2020)



These headlines are not offered to explain market returns. Instead, they serve as a reminder that investors should view daily events from a long-term perspective and avoid making investment decisions based solely on the news.

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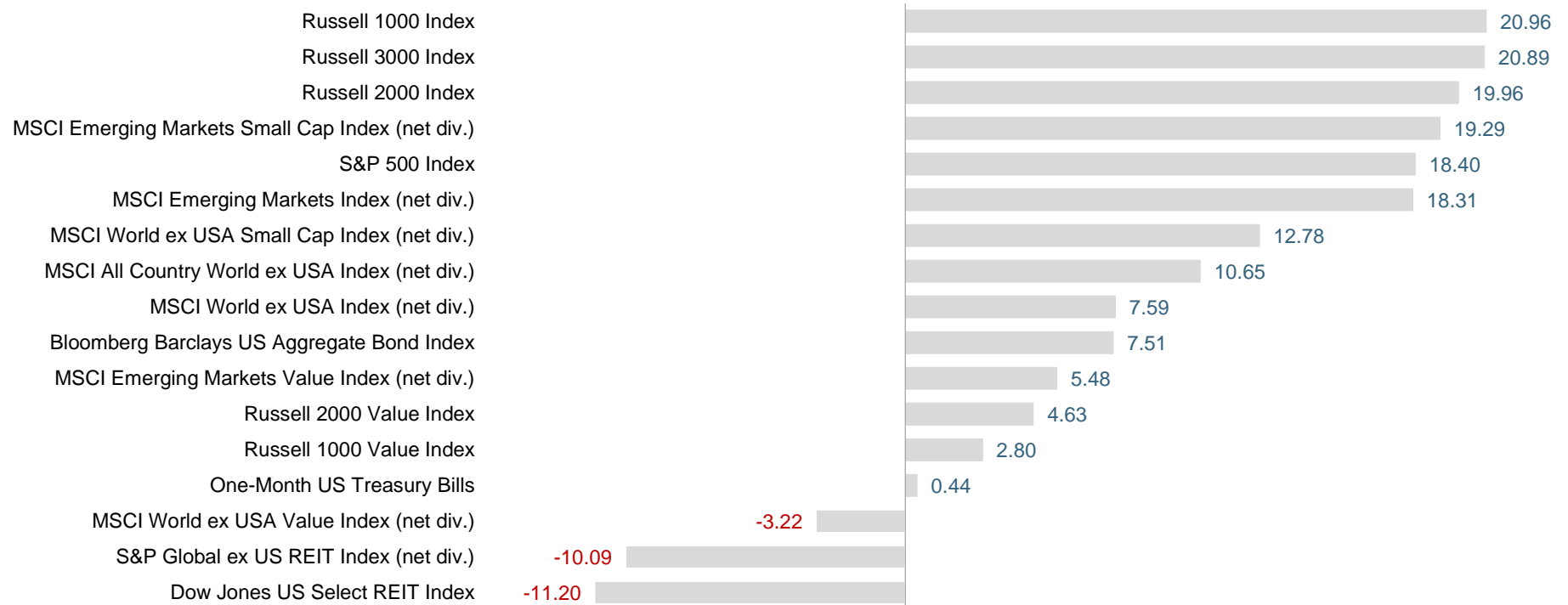
World Asset Classes

2020 Index Returns (%)

Equity markets around the globe posted positive returns in 2020. Looking at broad market indices, US equities outperformed emerging and non-US developed markets.

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.



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US Stocks

2020 Index Returns

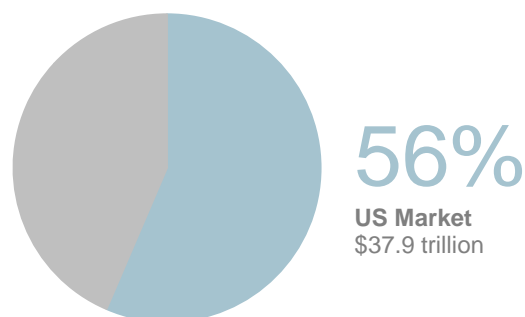
The US equity market posted positive returns for the year and outperformed emerging and non-US developed markets.

Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.

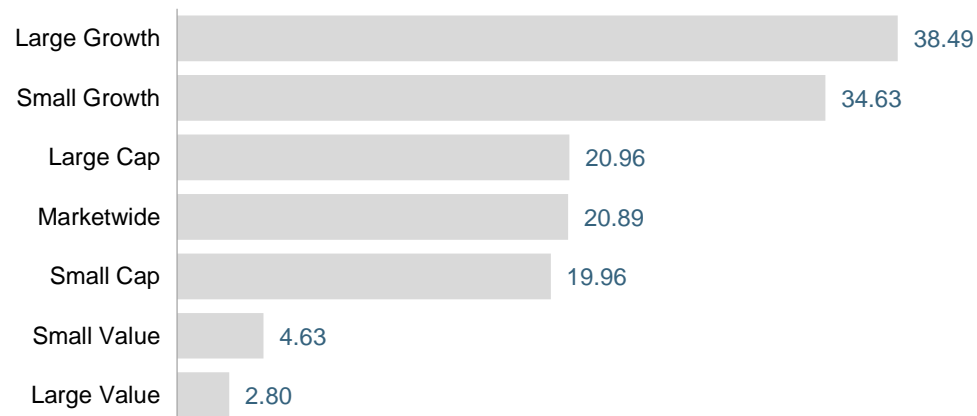
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns for 2020 (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Growth	38.49	22.99	21.00	17.21
Small Growth	34.63	16.20	16.36	13.48
Large Cap	20.96	14.82	15.60	14.01
Marketwide	20.89	14.49	15.43	13.79
Small Cap	19.96	10.25	13.26	11.20
Small Value	4.63	3.72	9.65	8.66
Large Value	2.80	6.07	9.74	10.50

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International Developed Stocks

2020 Index Returns

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

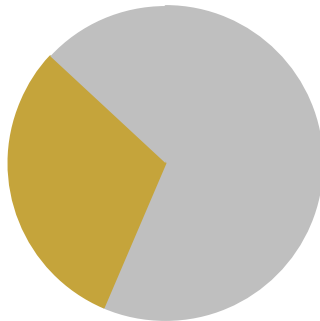
Value underperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

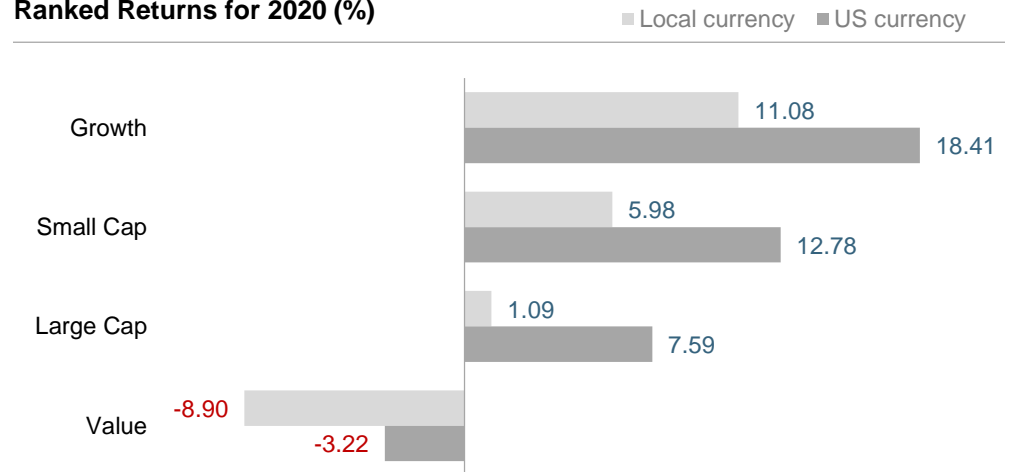
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

30%

International
Developed Market
\$20.5 trillion



Ranked Returns for 2020 (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	18.41	9.57	10.50	7.01
Small Cap	12.78	5.04	9.63	6.98
Large Cap	7.59	4.22	7.64	5.19
Value	-3.22	-1.28	4.57	3.23

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Emerging Markets Stocks

2020 Index Returns

Emerging markets posted positive returns for the year, outperforming developed ex US equity markets but underperforming US equities.

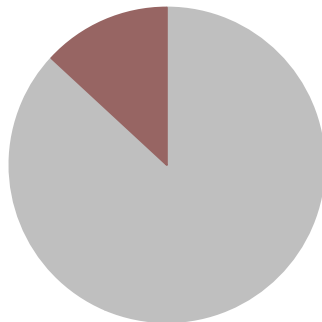
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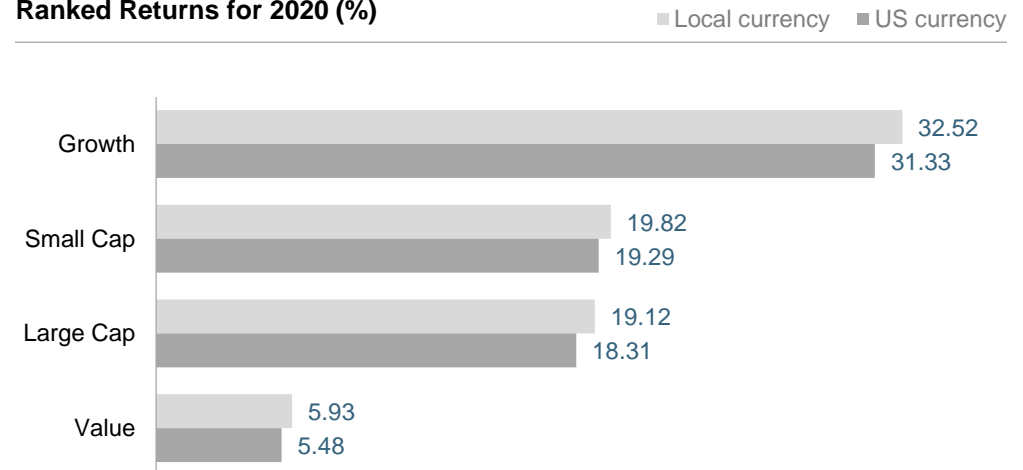
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

13%

Emerging Markets
\$8.8 trillion



Ranked Returns for 2020 (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	31.33	10.33	16.23	6.21
Small Cap	19.29	2.69	8.19	2.29
Large Cap	18.31	6.17	12.81	3.63
Value	5.48	1.77	9.18	0.90

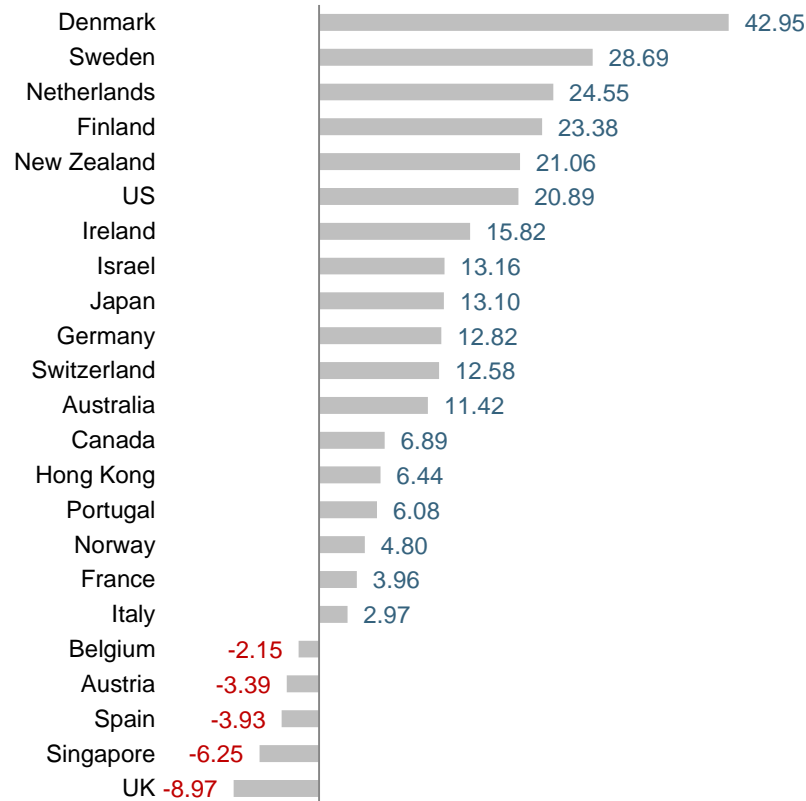
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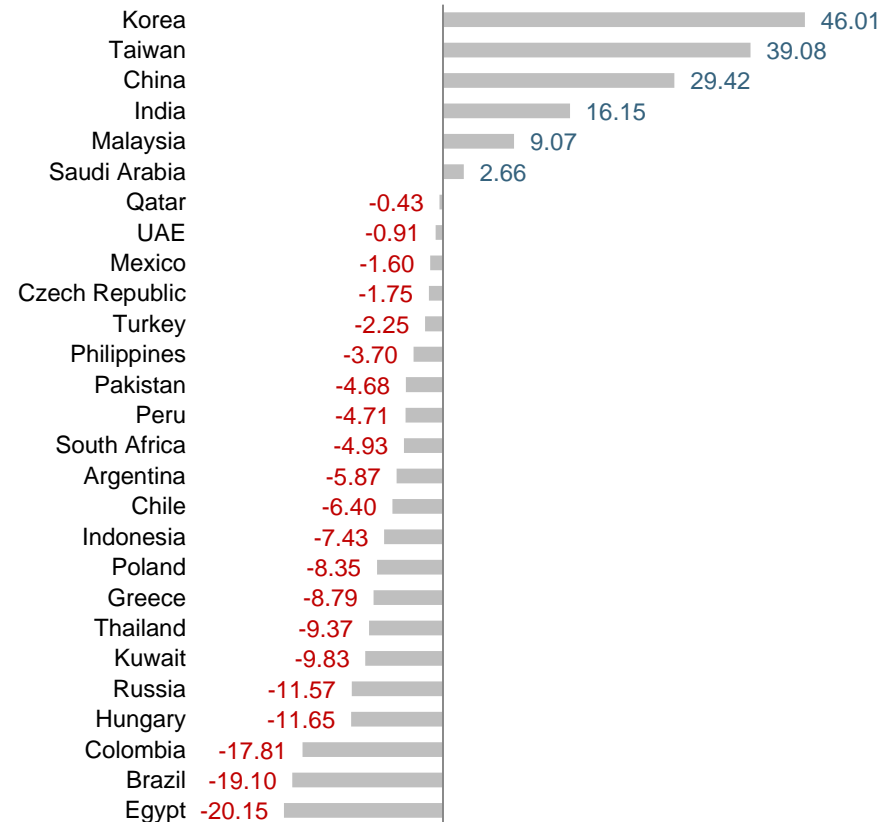
2020 Index Returns

In US dollar terms, Denmark and Sweden recorded the highest country performance in developed markets, while the UK and Singapore posted the lowest returns for the year. In emerging markets, Korea and Taiwan recorded the highest country performance, while Egypt and Brazil posted the lowest performance.

Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



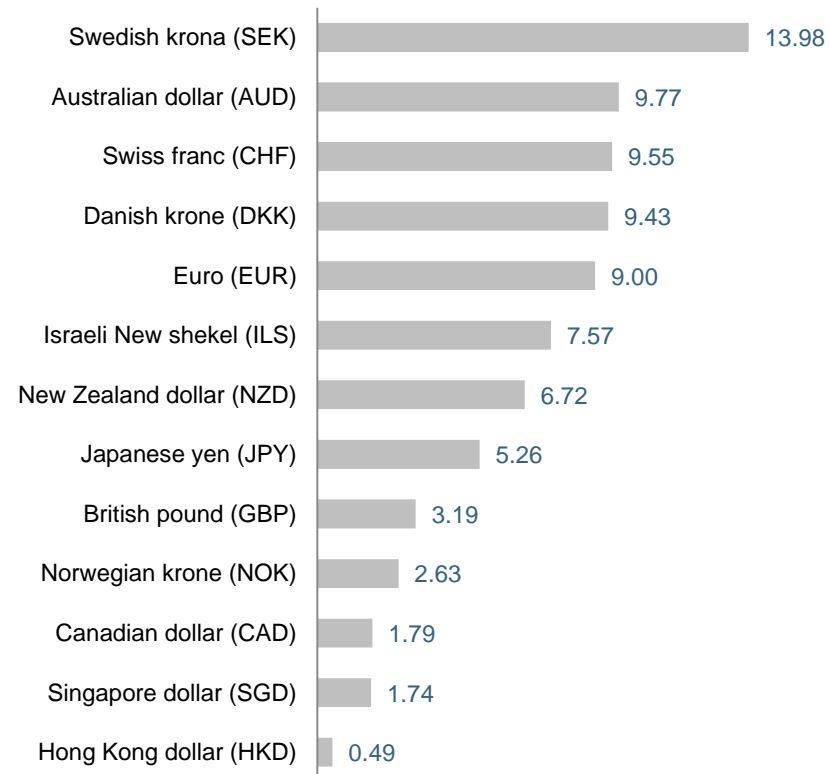
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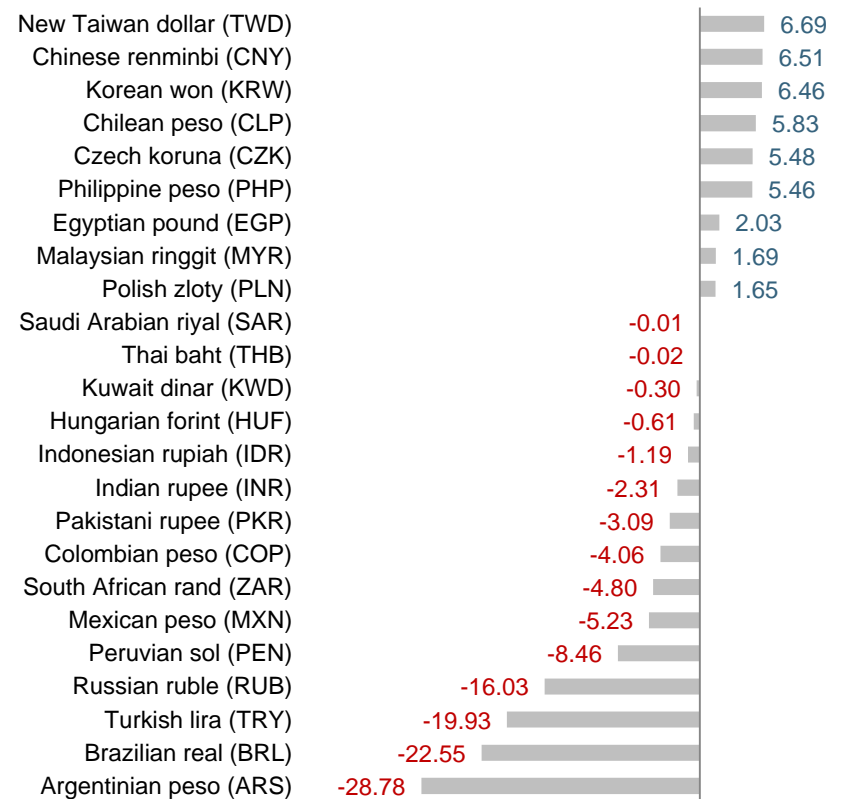
2020

In developed markets, all currencies appreciated versus the US dollar. In emerging markets, currency performance versus the US dollar was mixed. Most currencies generally depreciated versus the US dollar, but some, notably the Taiwan dollar and Chinese renminbi, appreciated.

Ranked Developed Markets (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets (%)

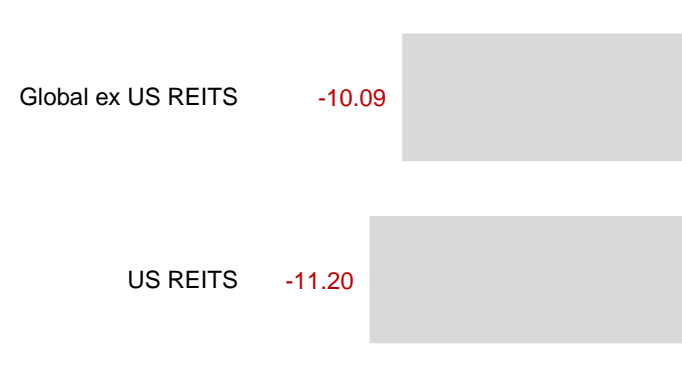


Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

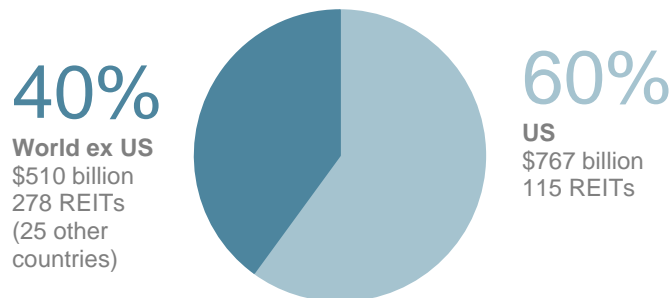
2020 Index Returns

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

Ranked Returns for 2020 (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Global ex US REITS	-10.09	0.95	4.17	4.94
US REITS	-11.20	1.54	3.00	7.56

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Commodities

2020 Index Returns

The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return declined 3.12% in 2020.

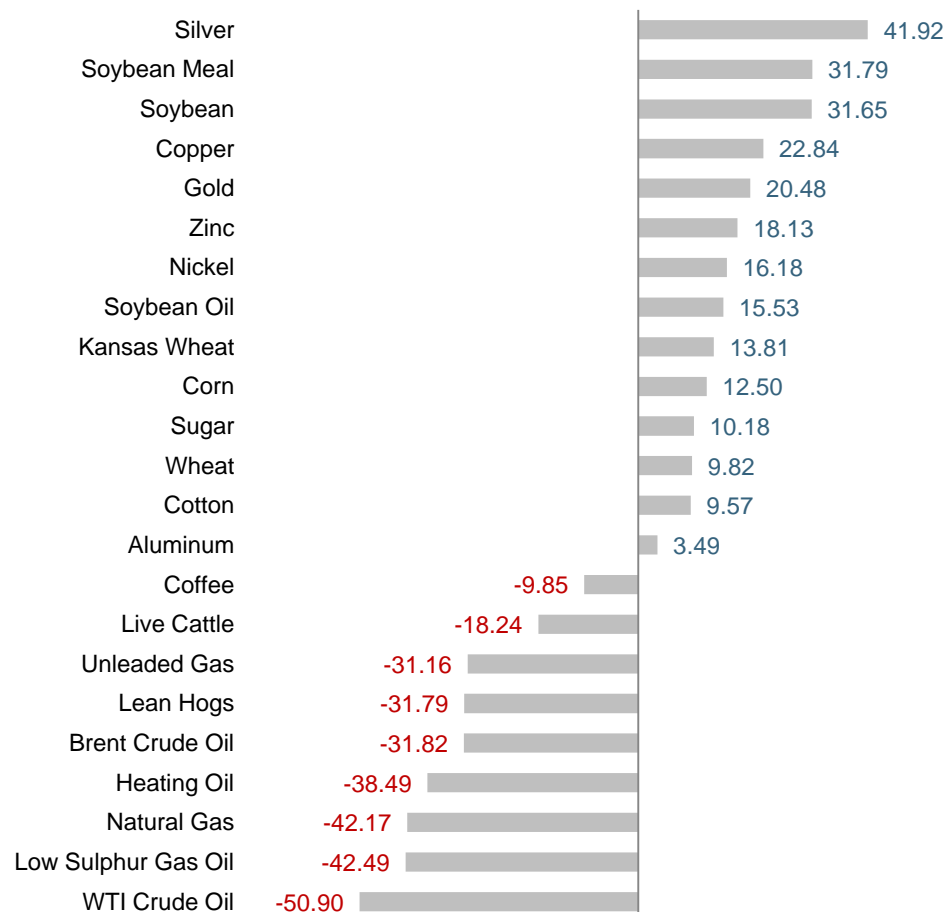
Silver and soybean meal were the best performers, returning 41.92% and 31.79%, respectively.

WTI crude oil and low sulfur gas oil were the worst performers, declining 50.90% and 42.49%, respectively.

Asset Class	Period Returns (%)			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	-3.12	-2.53	1.03	-6.50

* Annualized

Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



Fixed Income

2020 Index Returns

Interest rates declined in the US Treasury fixed income market in 2020. The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury note decreased 133 basis points (bps), ending at 0.39%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury note declined 98 bps to 0.93%. The 30-Year US Treasury bond yield decreased 72 bps to finish at 1.64%.

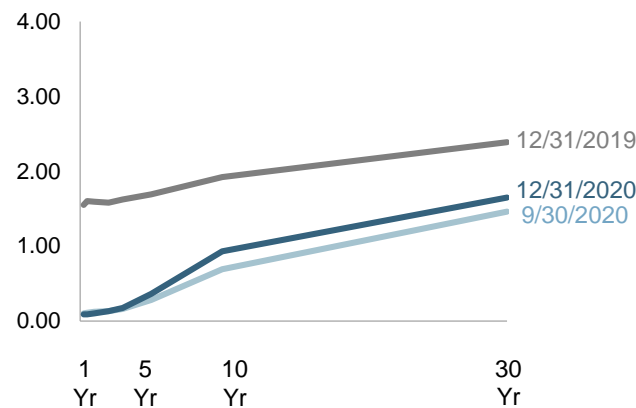
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury bill yield decreased 140 bps to end at 0.08%, while the 1-Year US Treasury bill yield declined 151 bps to 0.13%. The 2-Year US Treasury note finished at 0.09%, a decrease of 149 bps.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds gained 5.41%.

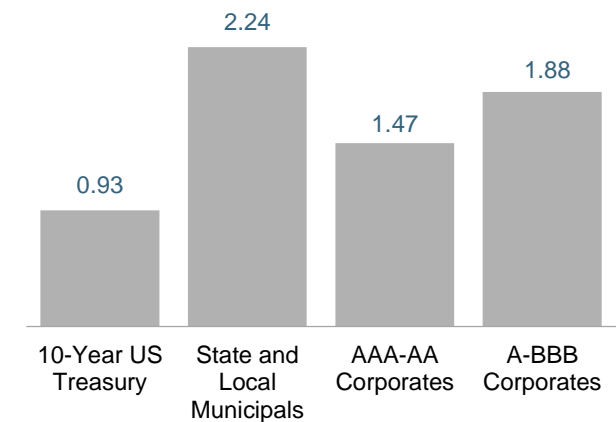
Intermediate-term corporate bonds returned 7.47%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was 3.15%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds returned 5.18%. Revenue bonds outperformed general obligation bonds for the year.

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	*Annualized			
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	17.55	9.83	7.84	7.74
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	10.99	5.92	5.08	3.81
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	7.51	5.34	4.44	3.84
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	7.11	6.24	8.59	6.80
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	6.45	2.67	2.70	0.43
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	5.21	4.64	3.91	4.63
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	3.21	3.06	2.36	1.97
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	1.82	2.20	1.58	0.93
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.67	1.61	1.20	0.64

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Global Fixed Income

2020 Yield Curves

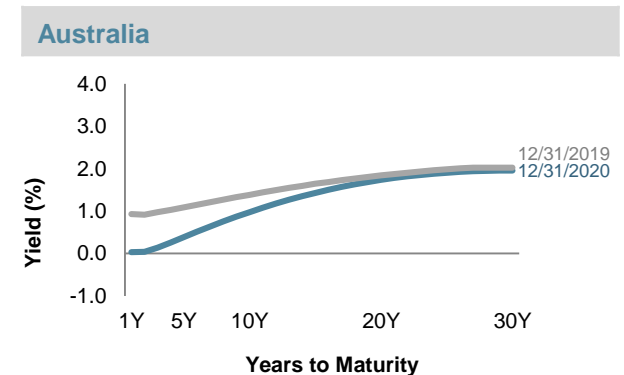
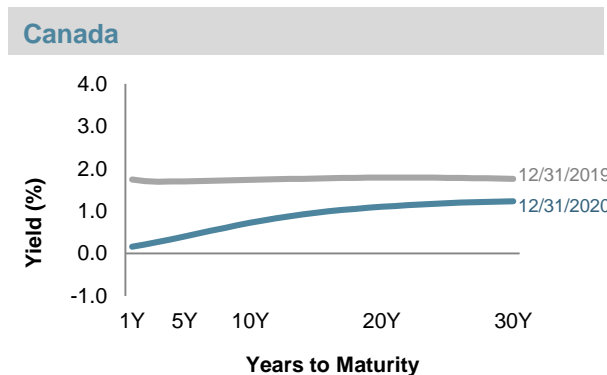
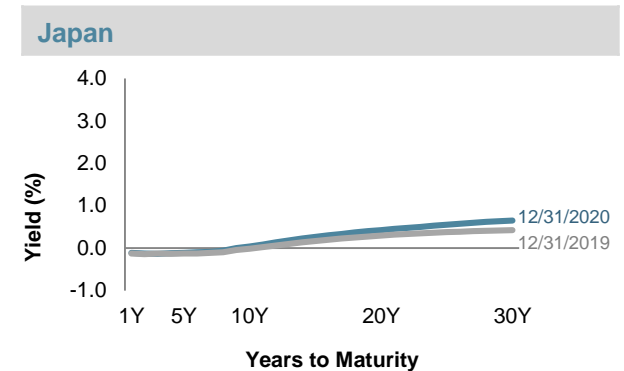
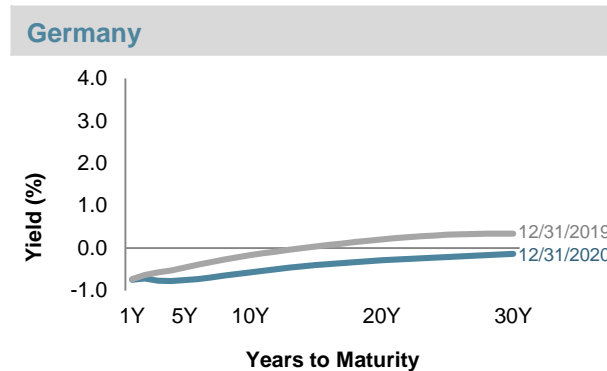
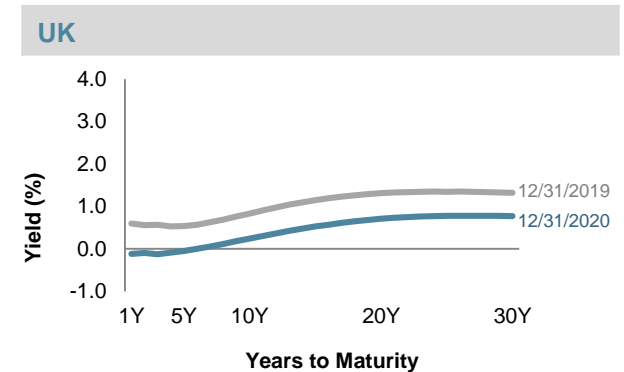
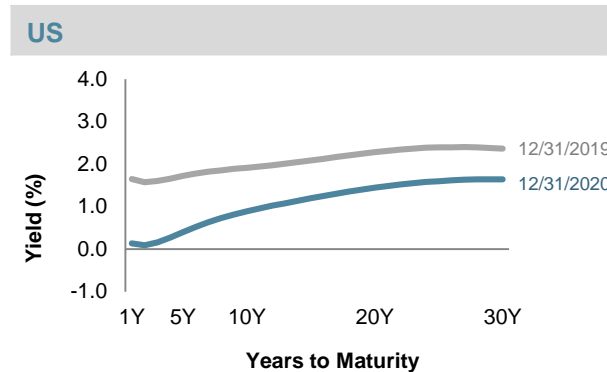
Changes in government bond interest rates in the global developed markets were mixed for the year.

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 in negative territory in Germany.

Changes in Yields (bps) since 12/31/2019

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-151.4	-132.5	-102.7	-84.0	-71.7
UK	-71.6	-58.6	-59.3	-60.5	-55.3
Germany	-2.1	-29.7	-40.2	-49.4	-48.0
Japan	1.1	1.8	5.1	12.9	22.6
Canada	-158.5	-130.4	-101.3	-69.0	-52.8
Australia	-90.0	-70.2	-41.0	-10.6	-7.2



Impact of Diversification

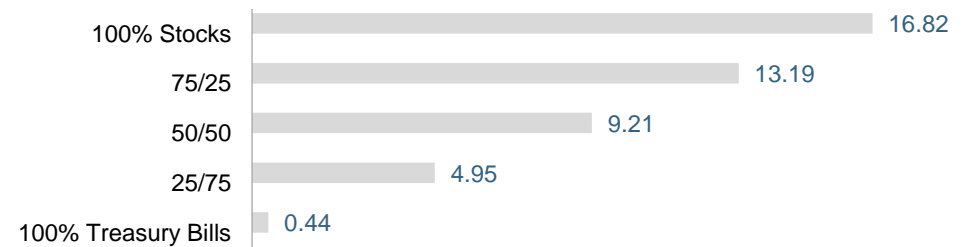
2020 Returns

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

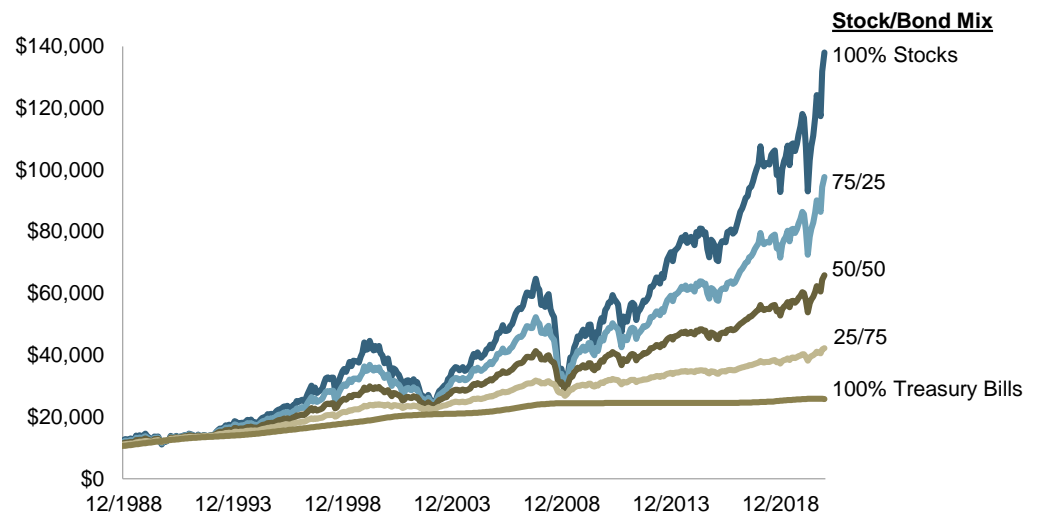
Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized				
	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV ¹
100% Stocks	16.82	10.64	12.86	9.71	14.07
75/25	13.19	8.62	10.04	7.55	10.55
50/50	9.21	6.40	7.12	5.30	7.02
25/75	4.95	4.01	4.13	2.96	3.51
100% Treasury Bills	0.44	1.46	1.07	0.55	0.23

Ranked Returns for 2020 (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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