



June 2015 Capital Markets Review

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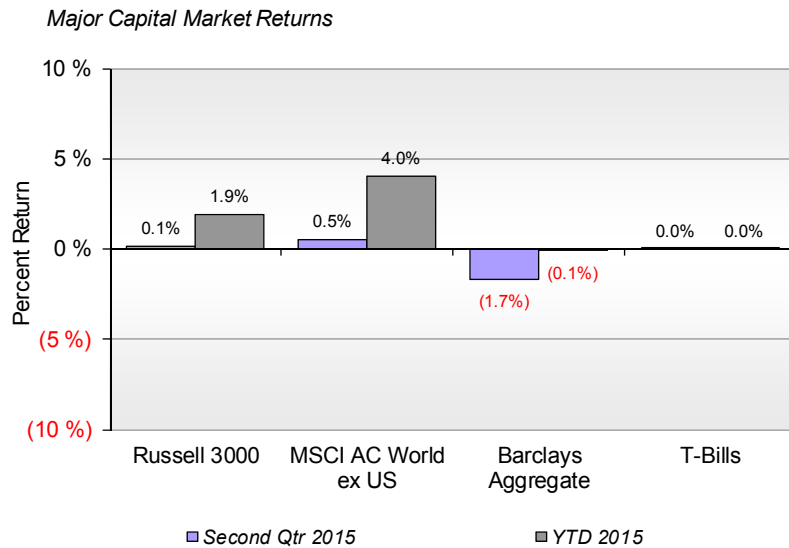
| INDEX | PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 | | | | | |
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| | QTR | YTD | 1 YR RETURN | 3 YR RETURN | 5 YR RETURN | 10 YR RETURN |
| U.S. EQUITY MARKETS | | | | | | |
| S&P 500 Index | 0.28% | 1.23% | 7.42% | 17.31% | 17.34% | 7.89% |
| Russell 3000 | 0.14% | 1.94% | 7.29% | 17.73% | 17.54% | 8.15% |
| Russell 1000 | 0.11% | 1.71% | 7.37% | 17.73% | 17.58% | 8.13% |
| Russell 1000 Value | 0.11% | -0.61% | 4.13% | 17.34% | 16.5% | 7.05% |
| Russell 2000 | 0.42% | 4.75% | 6.49% | 17.81% | 17.08% | 8.4% |
| Russell 2000 Value | -1.2% | 0.76% | 0.78% | 15.5% | 14.81% | 6.87% |
| NON-U.S. EQUITY MARKETS | | | | | | |
| MSCI ACWI Ex US | 0.53% | 4.03% | -5.26% | 9.44% | 7.76% | 5.54% |
| MSCI Emerging Markets | 0.69% | 2.95% | -5.12% | 3.71% | 3.68% | 8.11% |
| FIXED INCOME | | | | | | |
| Barclays Aggregate Bond | -1.68% | -0.1% | 1.86% | 1.83% | 3.35% | 4.44% |
| Barclays Municipal Bond 3 Year | -0.02% | 0.39% | 0.57% | 1.17% | 1.71% | 2.97% |
| Barclays US TIPS | -1.06% | 0.34% | -1.73% | -0.76% | 3.29% | 4.13% |
| REAL ASSETS/NATURAL RESOURCES | | | | | | |
| DJ US Select REIT | -10.0% | -5.75% | 5.21% | 8.67% | 14.43% | 6.78% |
| S&P North American Natural Resources | -2.67% | -4.14% | -25.71% | 3.05% | 5.44% | 5.57% |

Commentary

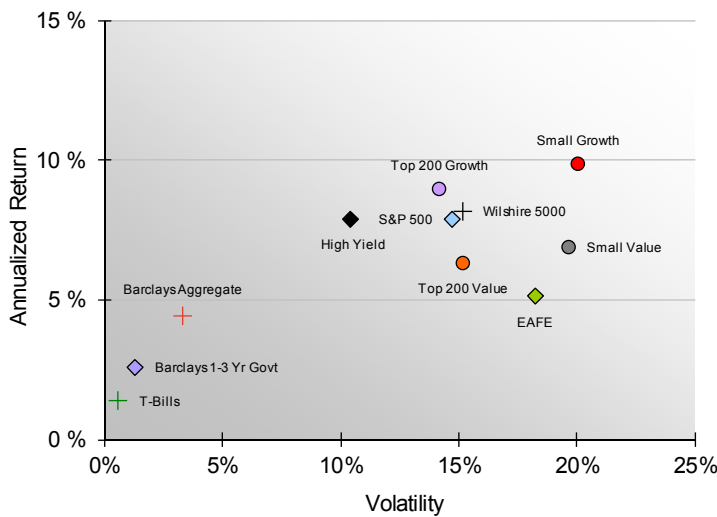
- ❖ U.S. equities were slightly positive in the quarter as a 1-day loss of more than 2% at the end of June offset prior gains. Market strength earlier in the quarter was supported by a favorable revision to the first quarter GDP, healthier consumer sentiment, and improvement in corporate profitability, and a record level of merger and acquisition activity. Market participants reacted negatively, however, to an announcement on June 29 by the Greek government that a referendum vote on July 5 would be held to determine if the country should accept the latest austerity terms prescribed by the European Union and International Monetary Fund required to extend funding.
- ❖ Large- and small-cap stocks performed in line for the quarter while mid-cap stocks trailed. For the first half of the year small-cap stocks maintained a premium versus their large- and mid-cap counterparts.
- ❖ Growth and value stocks generated similar results in the quarter, while growth issues outperformed by a wide margin for the year-to-date period.
- ❖ International equities declined by 1.3% in the quarter in local currency terms, but gained 0.5% in U.S. dollar terms as the dollar ended lower versus most major currencies, with the exception of the Japanese yen. Developed Europe fell 3.9% on a local currency basis on concerns of a possible Greek debt default and exit from the Euro. Japan posted a 5.2% yen-based return as improving economic data and healthier corporate earnings encouraged investors. Dollar strength versus the yen resulted in a 3.1% return for dollar-based investors in Japan. The combined emerging markets returned 0.7% on a local currency basis as flat results in Emerging Asia offset gains in Emerging Europe and Latin America. Currency movements had little impact on U.S. dollar-based returns in the emerging markets.



❖ The investment grade U.S. fixed income market dropped 1.7% in the quarter as the expectation of a Fed rate hike before year end prompted selling across the more rate-sensitive segments of the market, with longer-dated bond prices falling the most. TIPS lost 1.1% in the quarter, but performed ahead of nominal Treasuries as inflation expectations increased. Investment-grade corporate bonds sold off nearly 3% as investors shifted assets into areas of the market expected to benefit more from economic growth, including high-yield and asset-backed securities, which both posted flat to slightly positive returns in the period. Agency mortgages and municipal bonds each lost 0.9%, but performed better than the other high-quality segments of the market. Developed Non-U.S. government bonds declined 3.2% in local currency terms and 1.5% on a U.S. dollar basis, while emerging market bonds dropped 0.9% in local currency and U.S. dollar terms.



Note: The following indices represent the returns of the asset classes within the above chart: U.S. Stocks – Russell 3000, Non-U.S. Stocks – MSCI EAFE, Fixed Income – Barclays Aggregate, and U.S. Treasury Bills



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