

# MONTHLY CAPITAL MARKETS REVIEW

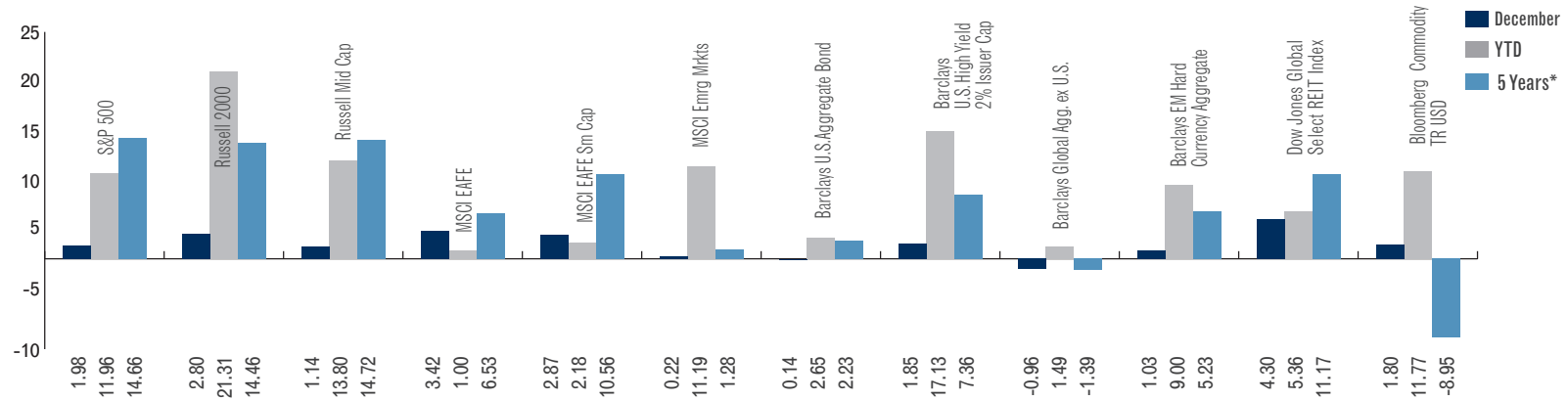
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## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Most asset classes had positive returns in December. Small cap stocks led domestic equity for the month and for the year, returning 2.80% and 21.31%, respectively, as per the Russell 2000 index. Large and mid-cap equity also had positive returns in December, gaining 1.98% and 1.14%, respectively, according to the S&P 500 and Russell Mid Cap indices. Across market caps, small-cap value represented by the Russell 2000 Value had the best performance in December, returning 4.13% and posting an impressive 31.74% for the year. Among the S&P 500 sectors, telecom stocks had the highest return of 8.12%. However, in 2016 energy stocks led other sectors by gaining 27.36%. The only sector that posted a loss in 2016 was health care, losing 2.69%. International developed equity also ended the year on a positive note by gaining 3.42% in December, according to the MSCI EAFE index. International developed value stocks represented by the MSCI EAFE Value index led growth and core in December by returning 4.58%.

- After the U.S. presidential election, the yield on the 10-year Treasury yield started rising, which caused core fixed income to give back some of its earlier gains. This trend continued in December, albeit more modestly, with the 10-year Treasury yield increasing by 2.66% from 2.38 to 2.44. More credit-sensitive fixed income, such as high-yield bonds, represented by the BBgBarc US HY 2% Issuer Cap index, were less impacted by yield increase and gained 1.85% in December. While 2015 was a challenging year for high yield, it made a comeback in 2016 and returned 17.13%. At the other end of the spectrum, international fixed income had a negative return of 0.96% in December, according to the BBgBarc Gbl Agg Ex index. While the U.S. dollar gained against other major currencies, gold lost 2.73% last month. Oil gained 8.66% in December and made an impressive comeback in 2016 by gaining 45.03% for the year.

## INDEX RETURNS (%)



## FOCUS ITEMS

	12/31/16	11/30/16	1-Mth Change	12/31/15
U.S. Dollar (\$) / Japanese Yen (¥)	116.96	114.46	2.18%	120.22
Euro (€) / U.S. Dollar (\$)	1.05	1.06	-0.68%	1.09
Gold	1145.90	1178.10	-2.73%	1060.00
10-Year Treasury Yield	2.44	2.38	2.66%	2.27
Light Crude Oil	53.72	49.44	8.66%	37.04

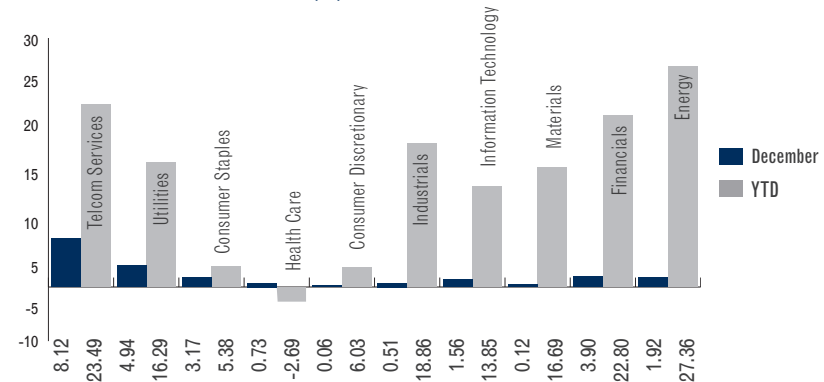
## INTERNATIONAL EQUITY RETURNS (%)

	December	YTD	5-Years*
MSCI EAFE Growth NR USD	2.21	-3.04	6.67
MSCI EAFE NR USD	3.42	1.00	6.53
MSCI EAFE Value NR USD	4.58	5.02	6.28

## FIXED INCOME SECTOR RETURNS (%)

	December	YTD	5-Years*
Barclays US Agg Bond TR USD	0.14	2.65	2.23
Barclays US Treasury TR USD	-0.11	1.04	1.21
Barclays US Corp IG TR USD	0.67	6.11	4.14
Barclays US Agg Govt Reltd TR USD	0.18	2.73	2.08
Barclays US Securitized TR USD	-0.03	1.78	2.14
Barclays Municipal TR USD	1.17	0.25	3.28

## S&P SECTOR RETURNS (%)



## EQUITY STYLE RETURNS (%)

		DECEMBER			YTD		
		Value	Core	Growth	Value	Core	Growth
DECEMBER	Large	2.50	1.88	1.24	17.34	12.05	7.08
	Mid	1.78	1.14	0.35	20.00	13.80	7.33
	Small	4.13	2.80	1.36	31.74	21.31	11.32

\*5-Year performance number is Annualized. Please see next page for additional information.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indexes are not available for direct investment. Any investor who attempts to mimic an index will incur fees and expenses which would reduce returns.

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Fixed income securities are subject to interest rate risk. Generally, when interest rates rise, bond prices fall, and vice versa. Specific sector investing can be subject to different and greater risks than more diversified investments.

Investing in small-cap and mid-cap stocks generally involves greater risks, and, therefore, may not be appropriate for every investor. International investing also involves special risks, including currency fluctuations, different financial accounting standards, and possible political and economic volatility. High-yield (below investment-grade) bonds are not suitable for all investors. When appropriate, these bonds should only comprise a modest portion of your portfolio. Commodities trading is generally considered speculative because of the significant potential for investment loss.

Specific sector investing such as real estate can be subject to different and greater risks than more diversified investments. declines in the value of real estate, economic conditions, property taxes, tax laws and interest rates all present potential risks to real estate investments

**ASSET CLASS RETURNS:** Source: Russell, Barclays, Dow Jones, JP Morgan, Morningstar Direct

**S&P 500 SECTOR RETURNS:** [Source: Standard & Poor's] Returns are based on the GICS Classification model. Returns are cumulative total return for stated period, including reinvestment of dividends.

**STYLE RETURNS:** [Source: Russell] Style box returns based on the GICS Classification model. All values are cumulative total return for stated period including reinvestment of dividends. The Indices used from L to R, top to bottom are: Russell 1000 Value Index, Russell 1000 Index, Russell 1000 Growth Index, Russell Mid-cap Value Index, Russell Mid-cap Index, Russell Mid-cap Growth Index, Russell 2000 Value Index, Russell 2000 Index, and Russell 2000 Growth Index.

**INTERNATIONAL EQUITY STYLE RETURNS, AND FOCUS ITEMS:** Source: Morningstar Direct

**FIXED INCOME SECTORS:** [Source: Barclays] Returns based on the four sectors of Barclays Global Sector Classification Scheme: Securitized (consisting of U.S. MBS Index, the ERISA-Eligible CMBS Index, and the fixed-rate ABS Index), Government Related (consisting of U.S. Agencies and non-corporate debts with four sub sectors: Agencies, Local Authorities, Sovereign, and Supranational), Corporate (dollar denominated debt from U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial institutions issuers), and Treasuries (includes public obligations of the U.S. Treasury that have remaining maturities of one year or more).

Please note that all indices are unmanaged and investors cannot invest directly in an index. An investor who purchases an investment product which attempts to mimic the performance of an index will incur expenses that would reduce returns. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

**INDEX DESCRIPTIONS:**

**Barclays EM Hard Currency Aggregate:** The Barclays EM Hard Currency Aggregate index covers countries and sectors of the emerging markets fixed income investment universe, which includes USD-denominated emerging markets corporate and government-related debt.

**Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index:** Measures changes in the fixed rate debt issues rated investment grade or higher by Moody's Investors Service, Standard and Poor's, or Fitch Investor's Service, in that order. The Aggregate Index is comprised of the Government/Corporate, the Mortgage-Backed Securities, and the Asset-Backed Securities indices.

**Barclays U.S. Municipal Bond Index:** The U.S. Municipal Index covers the USD-denominated long-term tax exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and prerefunded bonds local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and prerefunded bonds.

**Barclays Global Aggregate ex U.S.:** Measures changes in global investment-grade, fixed-rate debt markets. It combines non-U.S. dollar-denominated versions of the (an-European Index and the Japanese, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand components of the Global Treasury Index.

**Barclays U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap index :** The Barclays US Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Bond Index is an issuer-constrained version of the flagship US Corporate High Yield Index, which measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. The index follows the same rules as the uncapped version, but limits the exposure of each issuer to 2% of the total market value and redistributes any excess market value index wide on a pro rata basis.

**MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East):** A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the United States & Canada. The EAFE consists of the country indices of 21 developed nations.

**The Dow Jones Global Select REIT Index:** intends to measure the performance of publicly traded real estate securities. The indices are designed to serve as proxies for direct real estate investment, in part by excluding companies whose performance may be driven by factors other than the value of real estate. This index represents equity real estate investment trusts (REITs) and real estate operating companies (REOCs) traded globally.

**MSCI EAFE Small Cap:** The MSCI Developed Markets Small Cap Indices offer an exhaustive representation of this size segment by targeting companies that are in the Investable Market Index but not in the Standard Index in a particular developed market. The indices include Value and Growth style indices and industry indices based on the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS).

**MSCI EAFE Value:** Represents approximately 50% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the MSCI EAFE index, and consists of those securities classified by MSCI as most representing the value style.

**MSCI EAFE Growth:** Represents approximately 50% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization of the MSCI EAFE index, and consists of those securities classified by MSCI as most representing the growth style.

**MSCI Emerging Markets:** A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. As of June 2, 2014, the index consists of the following 23 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

**MSCI Local Currency:** A special currency perspective that approximates the return of an index as if there were no currency valuation changes from one day to the next.

**MSCI EAFE U.S. Dollar:** An unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of companies representing the stock markets of Europe, Australasia and the Far East.

**Russell 1000:** Measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which represents approximately 90% of the investable U.S. equity market.

**Russell 1000 Value Index:** Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

**Russell 1000 Growth Index:** Measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell Mid-cap:** Measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies of the Russell 1000 Index, which represent approximately 30% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 Index.

**Russell Mid-cap Value Index:** Measures the performance of those Russell Mid-cap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

**Russell Mid-cap Growth Index:** Measures the performance of those Russell Mid-cap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 2000:** Measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which represent approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index.

**Russell 2000 Value Index:** Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

**Russell 2000 Growth Index:** Measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

**Russell 3000:** Representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market, the Russell 3000 index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies

**Standard & Poor's 500 (S&P 500):** Measures changes in stock market conditions based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks. Represents approximately 68% of the investable U.S. equity market.

**Bloomberg Commodities Index:** Formerly known as Dow Jones UBS Commodity Index (DJUBS). The Bloomberg Commodity Index is calculated on an excess return basis and composed of futures contracts on 22 physical commodities. It reflects the return of underlying commodity futures price movements.

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