# **MONTHLY CAPITAL MARKETS REVIEW**

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#### **APRIL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Domestic small-cap value stocks demonstrated strong performance in April, gaining 1.73% as per the Russell 2000 Value index. While large-cap equity finished the month on a positive note, returning 0.38% according to the S&P 500 index, it lagged small capitalization companies' performance. The weakest performing S&P 500 sector was Consumer Staples with a loss of 4.32%. At the other end of the spectrum were once again energy stocks, with an impressive return of 9.36% for the month. Supply concerns caused the price of crude oil to increase 5.59% in April, boosting the energy sector's performance.
- Outside the U.S., international developed equity had a stellar month, according to the MSCI EAFE index, which outperformed other regional equity and gained 2.28% in April. Value stocks drove performance, with the MSCI EAFE Value index returning 3.08% in April. Although year-to-date it remains a leading asset class among equity markets, emerging markets stocks, represented by the MSCI EM index, posted a 0.44% loss for the month.
- With the 10-year Treasury yield increasing from 2.74 to 2.95 in April, core fixed income performance came under pressure and lost 0.74% in April, according to the BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR index. Less interest-rate sensitive bonds, such as high yield represented by the BBgBarc US HY 2% Issuer Cap index, fared better and gained 0.65% in April. International fixed income was negatively impacted by a strengthening U.S. dollar, which gained against other major currencies such as the Euro and Japanese yen. As a result, BBgBarc Gbl Agg Ex USD index posted a 2.27% loss for the month.

Dow Jones Global Select REIT Index BBgBarc U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap 3BgBarc EM Hard Currency Aggregate **INDEX RETURNS (%)** 3BgBarc Global Agg. ex-U.S. Dollar Bloomberg Commodity TRUSD BBgBarc U.S. Aggregate Bond 15.0 12.5 **MSCI EAFE Small Cap** APRIL **MSCI Emrg Mrkts** 10.0 Russell Mid Cap YTD Russell 2000 **MSCIEAFE** 7.5 S&P 500 5 Years\* 5.0 2.5 0.0 -2.5 0.38 -0.38 12.96 0.74 2.19 0.15 0.61 0.86 0.78 L1.74 2.28 0.72 5.90 1.36 1.60 0.61 0.44 0.97 4.74 1.470.65 0.21 4.76 2.27 1.27 2.14 3.08 1.693.54 4.59 2.58 2.17 11.77 0.44 1.11-5.0 -7.5

#### FOCUS ITEMS

-10.0

	4/30/2018	3/31/2018	1-Mth Change	4/30/2017
U.S. Dollar (\$) / Japanese Yen (¥)	109.34	106.28	2.88%	111.49
Euro (€) / U.S. Dollar (\$)	1.21	1.23	-2.00%	1.09
Gold	1313.20	1323.85	-0.80%	1266.45
10-Year Treasury Yield	2.95	2.74	7.82%	2.28
Light Crude Oil	68.57	64.94	5.59%	49.33

#### INTERNATIONAL EQUITY RETURNS (%)

	APRIL	YTD	5-Years*	
MSCI EAFE Growth NR USD	1.51	0.45	6.58	
MSCI EAFE NR USD	2.28	0.72	5.90	
MSCI EAFE Value NR USD	3.08	0.99	5.14	

#### **FIXED INCOME SECTOR RETURNS (%)**

	APRIL	YTD	5-Years*
BBgBarc US Agg Bond TR USD	-0.74	-2.19	1.47
BBgBarc US Treasury TR USD	-0.81	-1.98	0.72
BBgBarc US Corp IG TR USD	-0.93	-3.22	2.46
BBgBarc US Agg Govt Reltd TR USD	-0.77	-1.79	1.38
BBgBarc US Securitized TR USD	-0.51	-1.68	1.59
BBgBarc Municipal TR USD	-0.36	-1.46	2.44

#### S&P SECTOR RETURNS (%)



#### **EQUITY STYLE RETURNS (%)**

		Value	Core	Growth				Value	Core	Growth
APRIL	Large	0.33	0.34	0.35		YEAR TO DATE	Large	-2.51	-0.35	1.77
	Mid	0.50	-0.15	-0.94			Mid	-2.02	-0.61	1.21
	Small	1.73	0.86	0.10			Small	-0.95	0.78	2.40

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

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ASSET CLASS RETURNS: Source: Russell, Bloomberg 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 Growth Index, Russell Mid-cap Value Index, Russell Mid-cap Index, Russell Mid-cap Growth Index, Russell 2000 Value Index, Russell 2000 Growth Index.

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

FIXED INCOME SECTORS: [Source: Bloomberg 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:

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

**BBgBarc 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.

**BBgBarc U.S. Municipal Bond 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, and prerefunded bonds.

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

BBgBarc U.S. High Yield 2% Issuer Cap index : 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:** 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 98% 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 31% 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 10% 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:** Provides a diversified representation of commodity markets as an asset class. The index is comprised of exchanged-traded futures on physical commodities; representing 20 commodities which are weighted for economic significance and market liquidity. To promote diversification, weighting restrictions are placed on individual commodities and commodity groups.

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