

# QUARTERLY MARKET REVIEW

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### **Quarterly Topic: Tuning Out the Noise**

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# When faced with short-term noise, it is easy to lose sight of the potential long-term benefits of staying invested.

For investors, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed by the relentless stream of news about markets. Being bombarded with data and headlines presented as impactful to your financial well-being can evoke strong emotional responses from even the most experienced investors. Headlines from the "lost decade" can help illustrate several periods that may have led market participants to question their approach.

May 1999: Dow Jones Industrial Average Closes Above 11,000 for the First Time

March 2000: Nasdaq Stock Exchange Index Reaches an All-Time High of 5,048

April 2000: In Less Than a Month, Nearly a Trillion Dollars of Stock Value Evaporates

October 2002: Nasdaq Hits a Bear-Market Low of 1,114

September 2005: Home Prices Post Record Gains

September 2008: Lehman Files for Bankruptcy, Merrill Is Sold

While these events are now a decade or more behind us, they can still serve as an important reminder for investors today. For many, feelings of elation or despair can accompany headlines like these. We should remember that markets can be volatile and recognize that, in the moment, doing nothing may feel paralyzing. Throughout these ups and downs, however, if one had hypothetically invested \$10,000 in US stocks in May 1999 and stayed invested, that investment would be worth approximately \$28,000 today.<sup>2</sup>

When faced with short-term noise, it is easy to lose sight of the potential long-term benefits of staying invested. While no one has a crystal ball, adopting a long-term perspective can help change how investors view market volatility and help them look beyond the headlines.

#### THE VALUE OF A TRUSTED ADVISOR

Part of being able to avoid giving in to emotion during periods of uncertainty is having an appropriate asset allocation that is aligned with an investor's willingness and ability to bear risk. It also helps to remember that if returns were guaranteed, you would not expect to earn a premium. Creating a portfolio investors are comfortable with, understanding that uncertainty is a part of investing, and sticking to a plan may ultimately lead to a better investment experience.

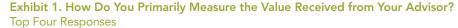
<sup>1.</sup> For the US stock market, this is generally understood as the period inclusive of 1999–2009.

<sup>2.</sup> In USD. As measured by the S&P 500 Index. A hypothetical portfolio of \$10,000 invested on April 30, 1999, and tracking the S&P 500 Index, would have grown to \$28,408 on March 31, 2018. However, performance of a hypothetical investment does not reflect transaction costs, taxes, or returns that any investor actually attained and may not reflect the true costs, including management fees, of an actual portfolio. Changes in any assumption may have a material impact on the hypothetical returns presented. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.



# **Quarterly Topic Continued: Tuning Out the Noise**

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However, as with many aspects of life, we can all benefit from a bit of help in reaching our goals. The best athletes in the world work closely with a coach to increase their odds of winning, and many successful professionals rely on the assistance of a mentor or career coach to help them manage the obstacles that arise during a career. Why? They understand that the wisdom of an experienced professional, combined with the discipline to forge ahead during challenging times, can keep them on the right track. The right financial advisor can play this vital role for an investor. A financial advisor can provide the expertise, perspective, and encouragement to keep you focused on your destination and in your seat when it matters most.

A recent survey conducted by Dimensional Fund Advisors (see Exhibit 1) found that, along with progress towards their goals, investors place a high value on the sense of security they receive from their relationship with a financial advisor.

Having a strong relationship with an advisor can help you be better prepared to live your life through the ups and downs of the market. That's the value of discipline, perspective, and calm. That's the difference the right financial advisor makes.

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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.



# **Quarterly Market Summary:** Index Returns

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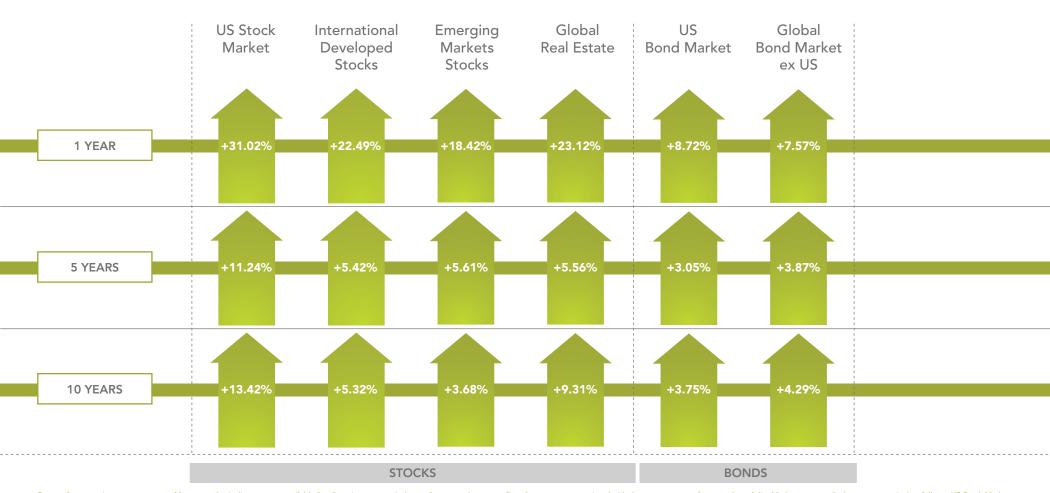
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.1%	1.5%	2.9%	2.6%	1.2%	1.1%
Best Quarter	16.8%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
	<b>Q2 2009</b>	<b>Q2 2009</b>	<b>Q2 2009</b>	<b>Q3 2009</b>	<b>Q3 2001</b>	<b>Q4 2008</b>
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-21.1%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-3.0%	-2.7%
	<b>Q4 2008</b>	<b>Q4 2008</b>	<b>Q4 2008</b>	<b>Q4 2008</b>	<b>Q4 2016</b>	<b>Q2 2015</b>

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# Long-Term Market Summary: Index Returns

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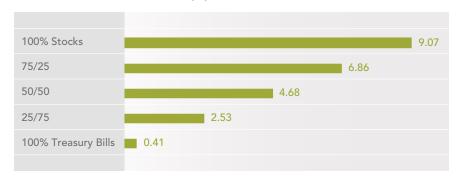


### **Impact of Diversification:** Index Returns

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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.

#### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



#### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV <sup>1</sup>
100% Stocks	9.07	27.30	13.05	9.00	9.37	13.18
75/25	6.86	20.69	10.21	7.08	7.27	9.89
50/50	4.68	14.29	7.35	5.10	5.09	6.59
25/75	2.53	8.11	4.47	3.07	2.83	3.30
100% Treasury Bills	0.41	2.14	1.58	0.99	0.52	0.22

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### Growth of Wealth: The Relationship Between Risk and Return



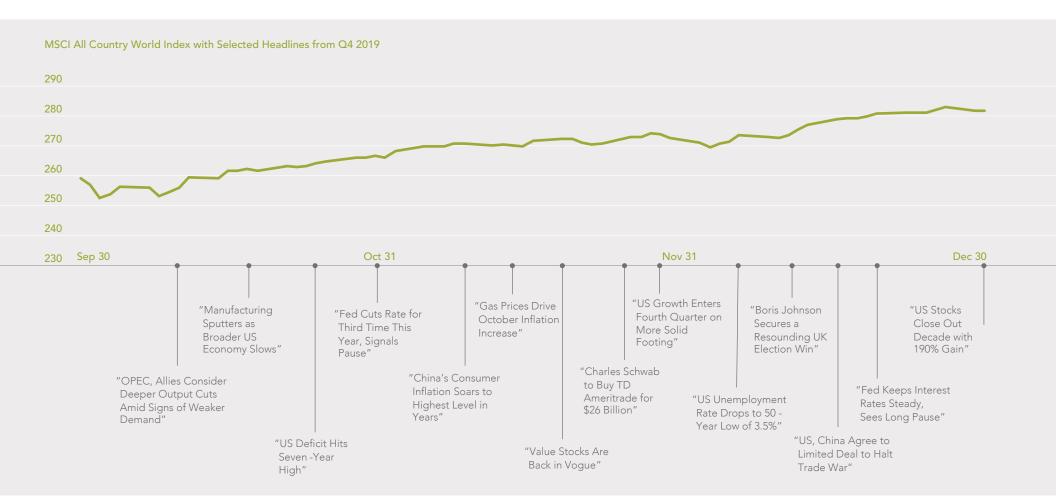
<sup>1.</sup> STDEV (standard deviation) is a measure of the variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviations are often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio.

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### World Stock Market Performance: Selected Headlines

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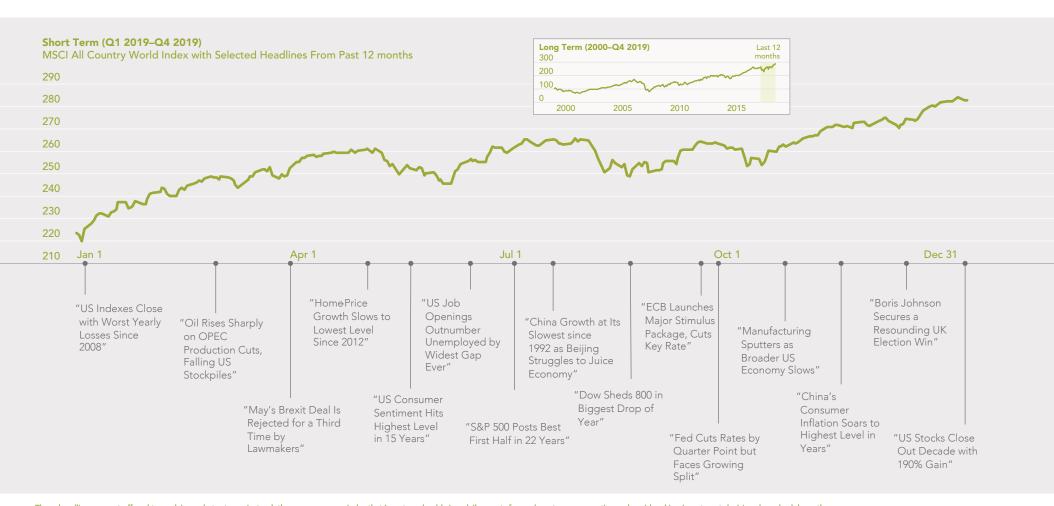
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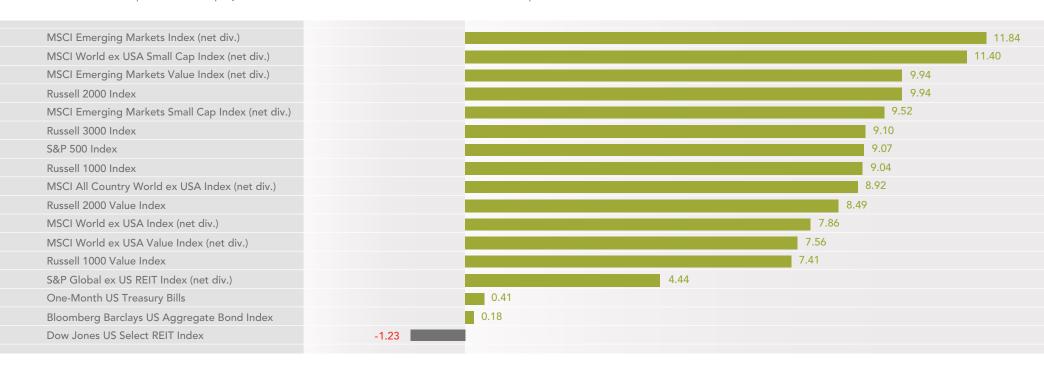
### World Asset Classes: Index Returns (%)

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

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

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



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### **US Stocks:** Index Returns

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US equities outperformed non-US developed equities but underperformed emerging markets stocks in the fourth quarter.

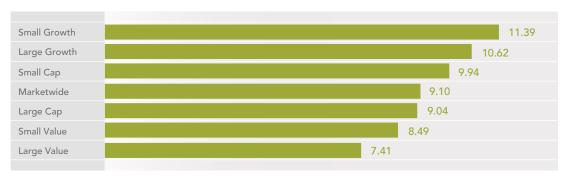
Value underperformed growth in the US across large and small cap stocks.

Small caps outperformed large caps in the US.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.



#### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



### Period Returns (%)

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10.62	36.39	20.49	14.63	15.22	
9.94	25.52	8.59	8.23	11.83	
9.10	31.02	14.57	11.24	13.42	
9.04	31.43	15.05	11.48	13.54	
8.49	22.39	4.77	6.99	10.56	
7.41	26.54	9.68	8.29	11.80	
	10.62 9.94 9.10 9.04 8.49	11.39     28.48       10.62     36.39       9.94     25.52       9.10     31.02       9.04     31.43       8.49     22.39	11.39     28.48     12.49       10.62     36.39     20.49       9.94     25.52     8.59       9.10     31.02     14.57       9.04     31.43     15.05       8.49     22.39     4.77	11.39     28.48     12.49     9.34       10.62     36.39     20.49     14.63       9.94     25.52     8.59     8.23       9.10     31.02     14.57     11.24       9.04     31.43     15.05     11.48       8.49     22.39     4.77     6.99	

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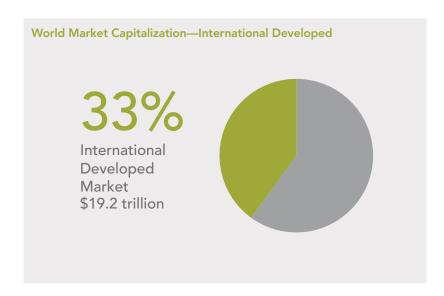


### **International Developed Stocks:** Index Returns

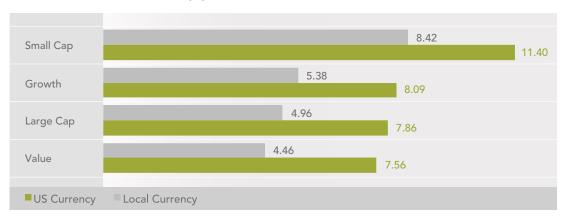
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In US dollar terms, developed markets outside the US underperformed both the US equity market and emerging markets equities during the quarter.

Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets. Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.



#### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	11.40	25.41	10.42	8.17	8.04
Growth	8.09	27.92	12.34	7.18	6.51
Large Cap	7.86	22.49	9.34	5.42	5.32
Value	7.56	17.02	6.36	3.59	4.05

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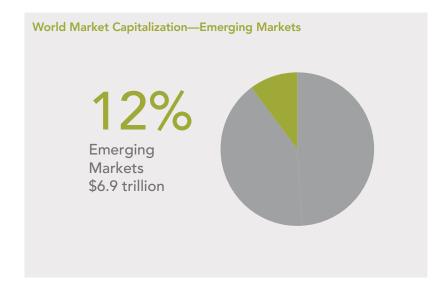
### **Emerging Markets Stocks:** Index Returns

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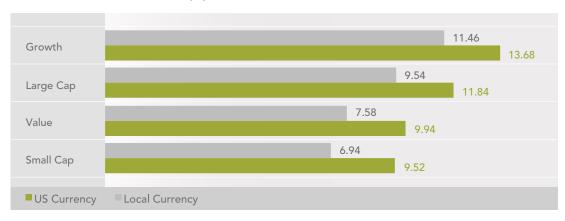
In US dollar terms, emerging markets outperformed developed markets, including the US, in the fourth quarter.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.

Small caps underperformed large caps.



#### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



#### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	13.68	25.10	14.50	7.45	5.20
Large Cap	11.84	18.42	11.57	5.61	3.68
Value	9.94	11.94	8.57	3.67	2.08
Small Cap	9.52	11.50	6.70	2.97	2.95

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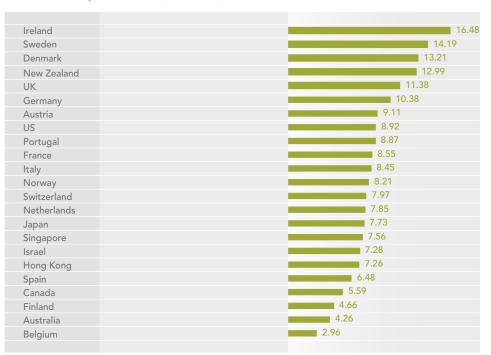


# Select Country Performance: Index Returns

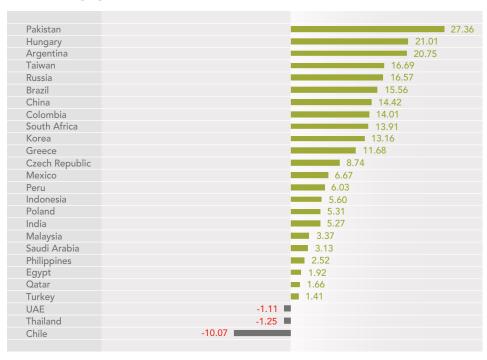
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In US dollar terms, Ireland and Sweden recorded the highest country performance in developed markets in the fourth quarter, while Australia and Belgium posted the lowest returns. In emerging markets, Pakistan and Hungary were the top performers, while Chile and Thailand posted the lowest performance.

#### Ranked Developed Markets (% Returns)



### Ranked Emerging Markets (% Returns)



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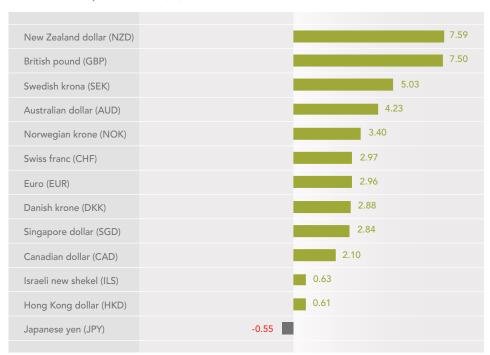


# Select Currency Performance vs. US Dollar

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In developed and emerging markets, most currencies appreciated vs. the US dollar. The few exceptions included the Japanese yen and the Turkish lira.

#### Ranked Developed Markets (%)



### Ranked Emerging Markets (%)



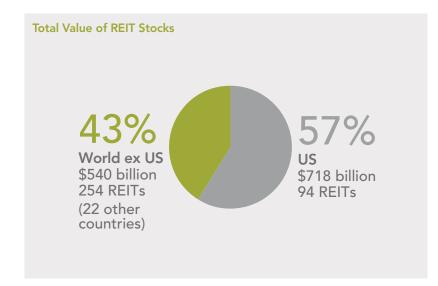
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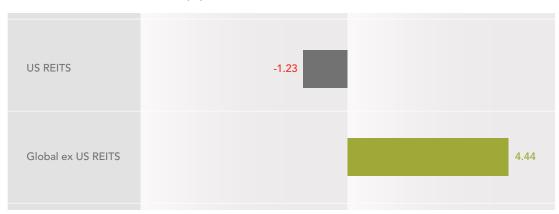
### Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs): Index Returns

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US real estate investment trusts (REITs) underperformed non-US REITs in US dollar terms during the fourth guarter.



#### Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Global ex US REITS	4.44	23.59	9.79	5.65	7.74
US REITS	-1.23	23.10	6.95	6.40	11.57

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### Fixed Income: Index Returns

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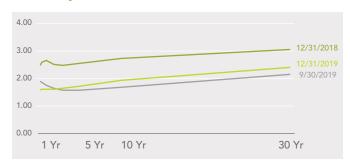
Interest rate changes were mixed in the US Treasury market during the fourth quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note increased 14 basis points (bps), ending at 1.69%. The yield on the 10-year note rose 24 bps to 1.92%. The 30-year Treasury bond yield increased 27 bps to 2.39%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-month Treasury bill yield decreased to 1.48%, while the yield on the 1-year bill dipped 16 bps to 1.59%. The 2-year note yield finished at 1.58% after a decrease of 5 bps.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds gained 0.95%. Intermediate corporate bonds had a total return of 1.10%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was 0.84%, while intermediate-term munis returned 0.93%. General obligation bonds outperformed revenue bonds.

### **US Treasury Yield Curve (%)**



### **Bond Yields Across Different Issuers (%)**



#### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	2.61	14.32	6.37	6.13	7.57
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	1.01	2.43	2.40	0.74	0.19
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	0.79	8.43	3.32	2.62	3.36
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	0.74	7.54	4.72	3.53	4.34
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.59	2.93	1.78	1.25	0.83
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.46	2.28	1.67	1.07	0.58
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	0.18	8.72	4.03	3.05	3.75
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.18	3.86	2.37	1.92	1.85
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	-4.06	14.75	6.95	4.16	6.97

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### **Global Fixed Income Yield Curves**

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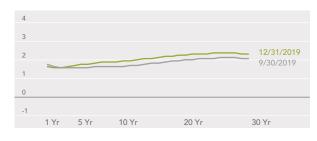
Longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorterterm bonds in the global developed markets.

Short- and intermediate-term nominal rates are negative in Japan and Germany.

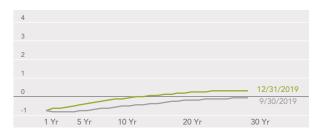
### Changes in Yields (bps) since 9/30/2019

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-17.2	12.7	25.4	29.3	24.1
UK	8.2	30.6	36.8	34.9	33.1
Germany	-1.4	32.2	40.9	42.7	40.3
Japan	16.9	23.8	19.6	7.0	3.9
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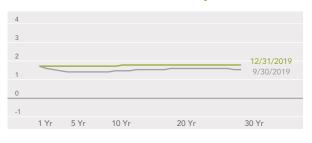
### **US** (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



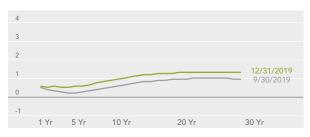
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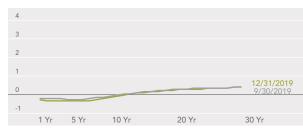
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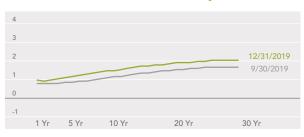
### **UK (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)**



### Japan (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



### Australia (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



One basis point (bps) equals 0.01%. Source: ICE BofA government yield. ICE BofA index data © 2019 ICE Data Indices, LLC.



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