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Market Review and Outlook

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- The first quarter of 2021 was another strong quarter for stock markets around the globe. The broad measure of the US markets was up 6.35% and international stocks were up 4.04%. Emerging markets rose 2.29% and global real estate rose 6.22%.
- Bonds, on the other hand, had a lousy start to the year and tempered first – quarter returns for diversified portfolios. Yields rose on intermediate – term and long – term bonds, pushing bond prices down. The broad US bond market dropped 3.37% and international bonds were down 1.90%.
- In light of all the challenges our economy has faced over the last year, people we talk to find it hard to believe that the markets have remained so strong. The markets may seem irrational, but there are definite positive points to consider:
 - While the Covid shutdowns have hurt many Americans financially, much of this damage has been offset by unprecedented government stimulus. Furthermore, many people have been saving money during the lockdowns that they plan to spend as life returns to normal.
 - Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve has pledged to maintain low short – term interest rates until they are sure the economy is back on its feet. That means the trade off between safe savings accounts and return potential on risk assets looks more attractive, bringing money into the market. There is an old market adage: Don't fight the Fed when they are trying to stimulate the economy.
 - Furthermore, we are seeing “rotation” in the market leaders: The market over the last several years has been led by a handful of large growth – oriented companies, such as Facebook and Apple. Since fall, we have seen market leadership pass to a much broader base of companies that had underperformed relative to those few companies. This is a sign of broader health in the market.
 - As BlackRock's Michael Gates, CFA put it, “You can make a lot of money in stocks when the economy simply improves from a ‘total disaster’ to not so bad.” During sharp downturns like we had last spring, companies are forced to aggressively cut costs to keep going. Then, as the economy returns to normal, their earnings improve while they maintain those low costs, and the result is stronger earnings to drive the market forward.
- There are still reasons for concern as well. The market's rise has been built around the scenario that the virus is contained, and that economic life returns to normal later this year. Threats to that scenario would cause a market backlash. Inflation is also a concern: with record stimulus and government spending, and the economy returning to normal, inflation could rise sharply and cut off economic growth. The Federal Reserve may need to reverse their policy of low short – term rates to head off this issue, and that could lead to tough stock and bond market conditions.
- Where do we go from here? As always, we can't say what will happen in the short run. The economic positives indicate the bull market can keep running but we know there will be corrections and setbacks along the way. Longer – term, our expectations would be that overall returns will probably be lower than recent history. Long – term averages stay stable, so a prolonged period of outperformance will usually be followed by a period of underperformance.

The outlook: A healthier world, but a sicker bond market

The good news





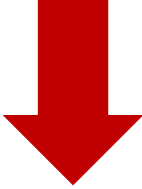

- COVID-19 vaccine creation and distribution are now being ramped up to a meaningful extent, raising hopes that the pandemic will subside in the U.S. and other advanced economies during the second half of 2021.
- Economic growth is set to accelerate throughout 2021, especially in the U.S., where fiscal stimulus is reaching record levels.
- The rebound in global economic activity should result in strong profit growth for cyclical companies and service-oriented industries that had been badly hurt during the pandemic.
- Monetary policy remains geared toward fostering strong economic growth and keeping interest rates low despite extraordinary debt issuance.

The bad news

- The virus continues to evolve, forcing countries and regions into additional disruptive lockdowns.
- The prospect of a quick return to full employment in the U.S. over the next 12-to-18 months has pushed bond yields higher.
- Richly-valued growth stocks have lagged badly in recent months amid the climb in interest rates, the gathering strength of the economic recovery, and the prospect of higher taxes beginning in 2022.
- There is some danger that the U.S. Federal Reserve maintains low interest rates and other stimulative policy measures for too long, allowing inflationary pressures to take root; however, in the near term, any increase in measured inflation will likely be viewed by investors as transitory.

Quarterly Market Summary

Index Returns



















	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate		US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1Q 2021	STOCKS					BONDS	
	6.35%	4.04%	2.29%	6.22%		-3.37%	-1.90%
							

Since Jan. 2001							
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.6%	3.0%	2.5%		1.1%	1.1%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%		4.6%	4.6%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3		2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%		-3.4%	-2.7%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4		2021 Q1	2015 Q2

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Long-Term Market Summary

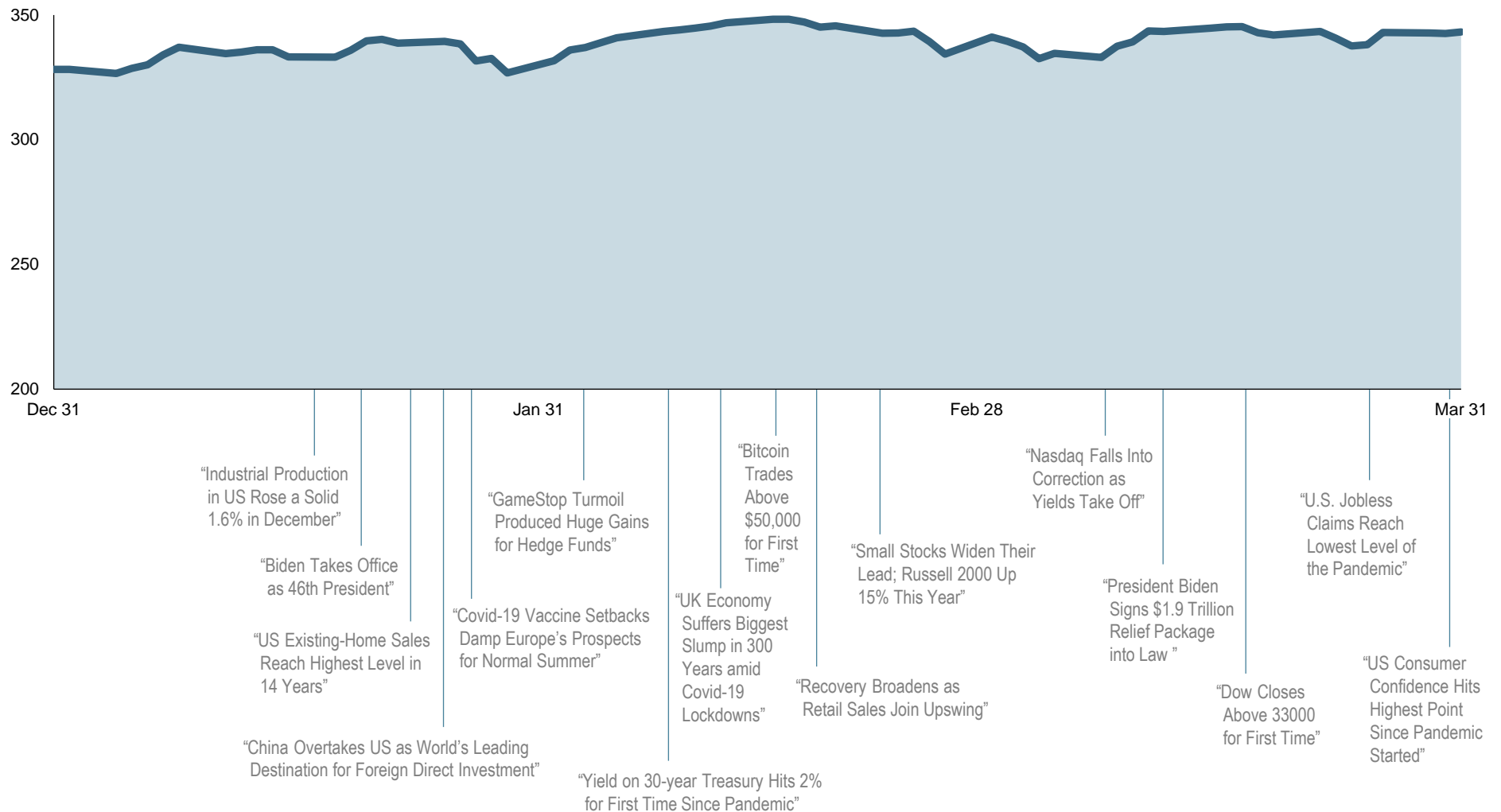
Index Returns as of March 31, 2021

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	STOCKS				BONDS	
	62.53%	45.86%	58.39%	36.05%	0.71%	1.45%
						
5 Years						
	16.64%	8.92%	12.07%	3.52%	3.10%	3.28%
						
10 Years						
	13.79%	5.21%	3.65%	6.23%	3.44%	4.22%
						

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2021



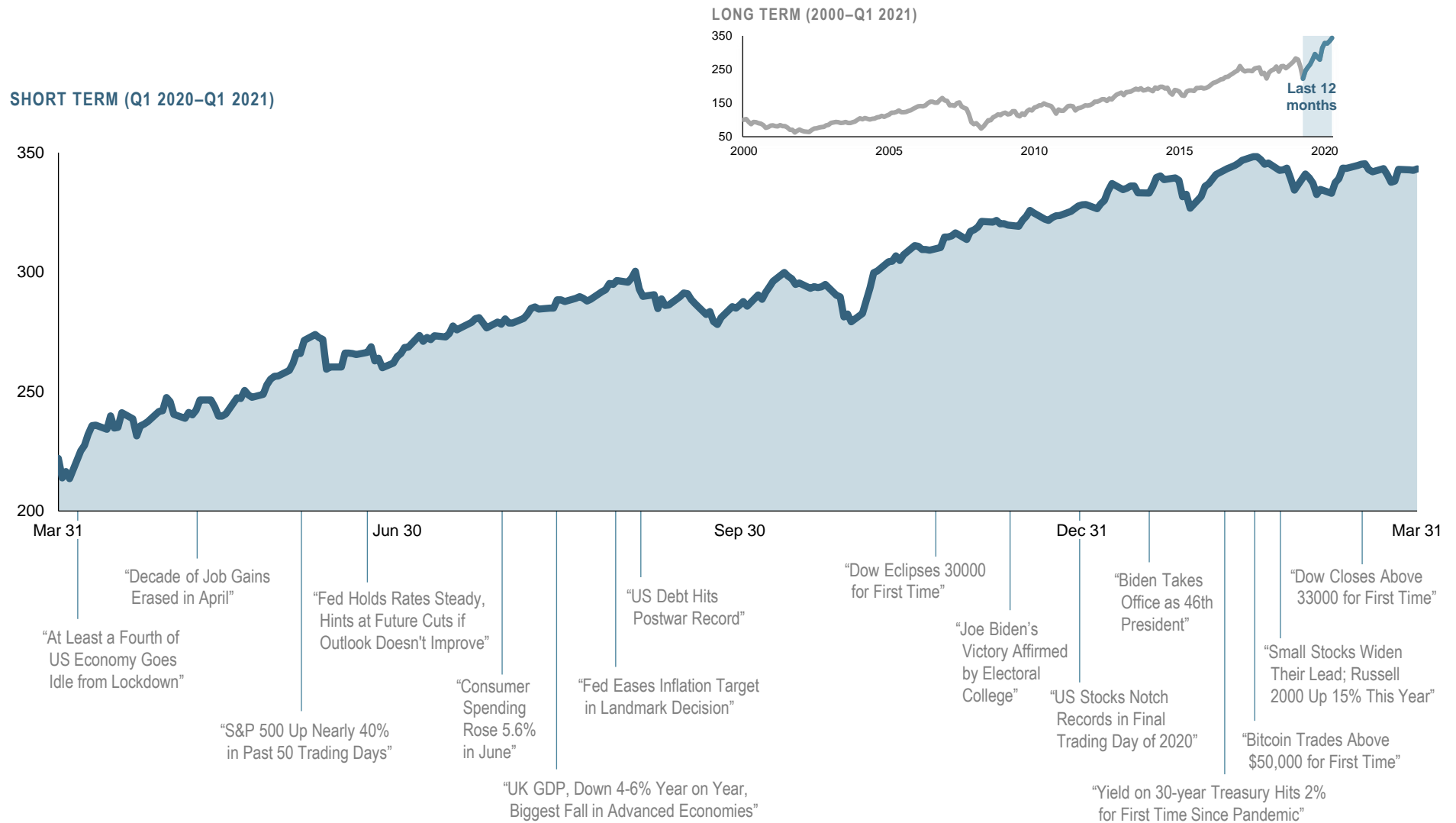
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World Stock Market Performance

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



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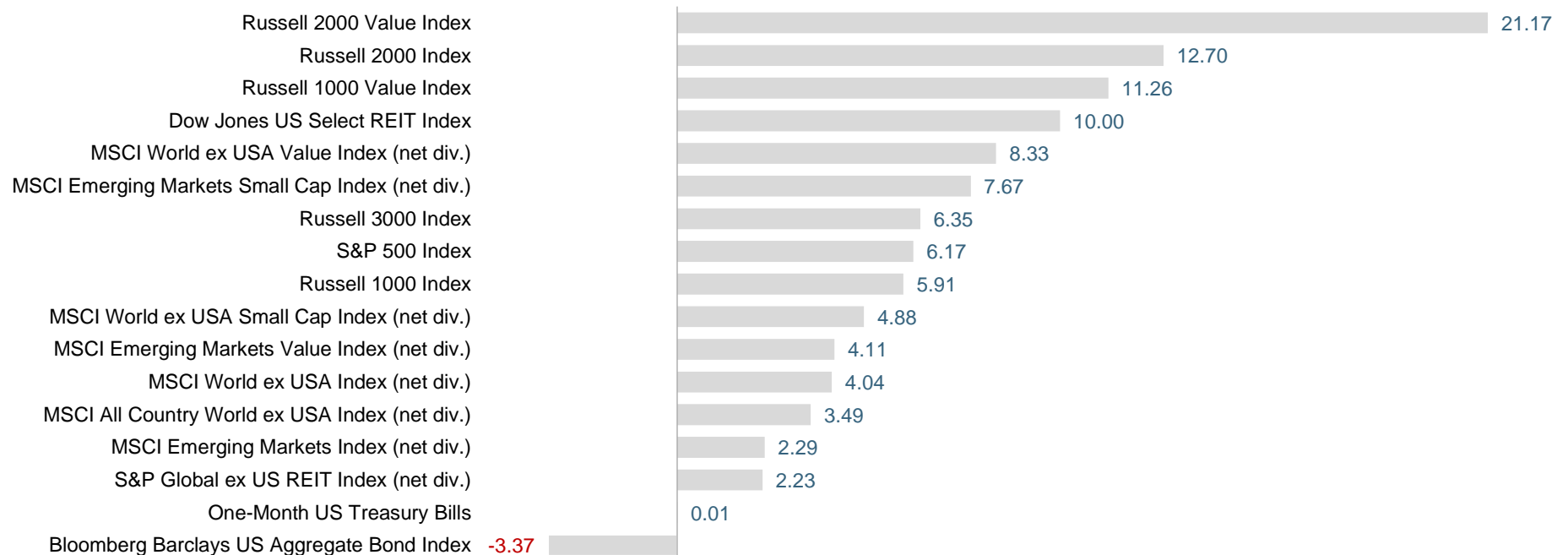
World Asset Classes

First Quarter 2021 Index Returns (%)

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

Value outperformed growth across regions. Small caps outperformed large caps across regions as well.

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



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US Stocks

First Quarter 2021 Index Returns

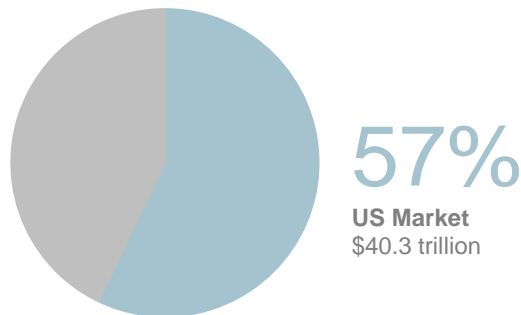
The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value outperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.

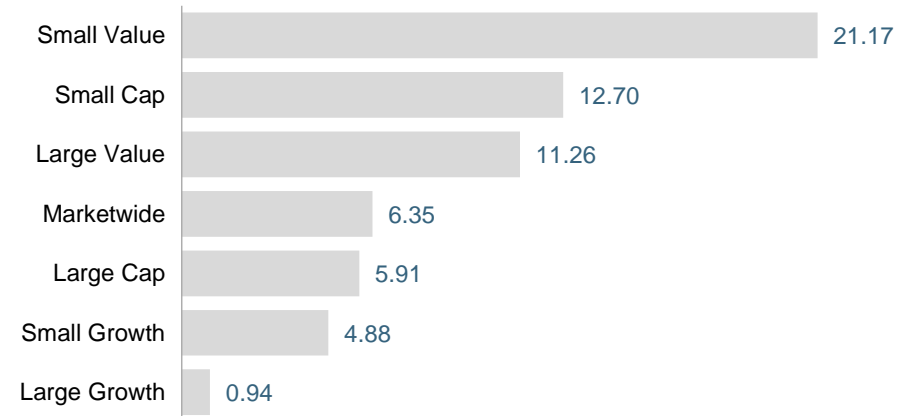
Small caps outperformed large caps.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	* Annualized			
		1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Value	21.17	97.05	11.57	13.56	10.06
Small Cap	12.70	94.85	14.76	16.35	11.68
Large Value	11.26	56.09	10.96	11.74	10.99
Marketwide	6.35	62.53	17.12	16.64	13.79
Large Cap	5.91	60.59	17.31	16.66	13.97
Small Growth	4.88	90.20	17.16	18.61	13.02
Large Growth	0.94	62.74	22.80	21.05	16.63

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International Developed Stocks

First Quarter 2021 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US posted positive returns for the quarter, underperforming US equities but outperforming emerging markets.

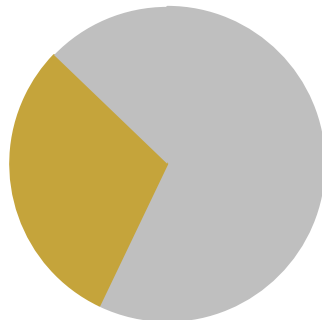
Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

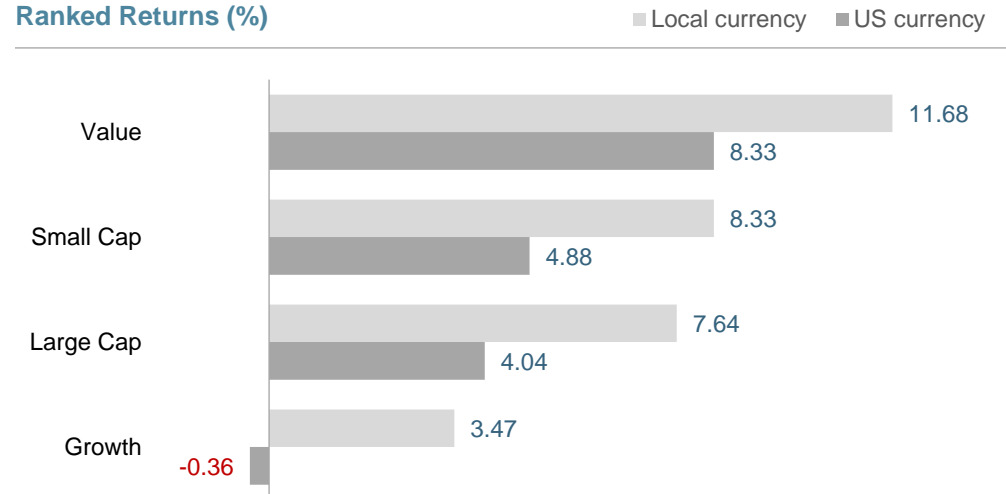
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

30%

International
Developed Market
\$21.2 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Value	8.33	47.17	2.25	6.81	3.54
Small Cap	4.88	65.17	6.89	10.55	7.14
Large Cap	4.04	45.86	6.34	8.92	5.21
Growth	-0.36	43.55	10.02	10.72	6.69

* Annualized

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Emerging Markets Stocks

First Quarter 2021 Index Returns

Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter, underperforming the US and developed ex US equity markets.

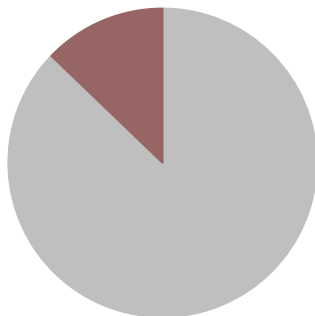
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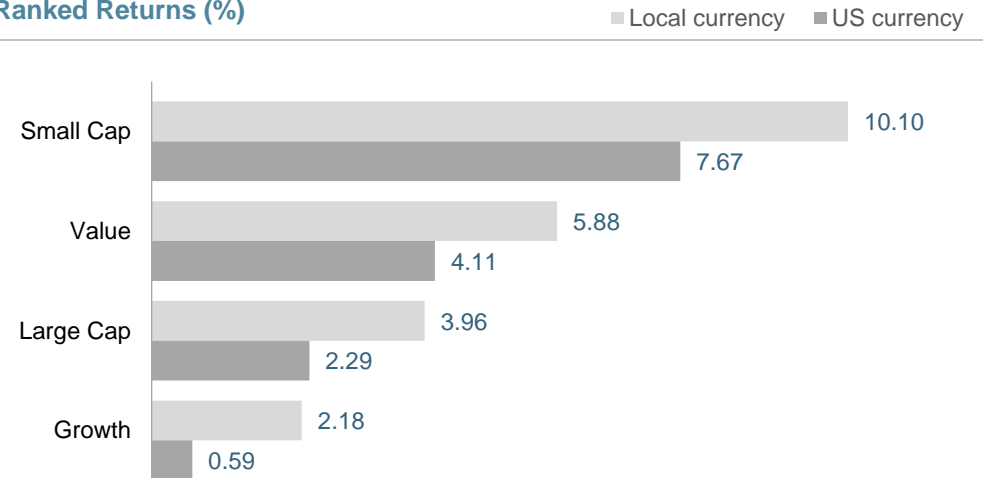
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

13%

Emerging Markets
\$9.0 trillion



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	7.67	87.13	5.19	9.59	3.33
Value	4.11	52.53	2.60	8.42	1.03
Large Cap	2.29	58.39	6.48	12.07	3.65
Growth	0.59	63.78	10.10	15.53	6.15

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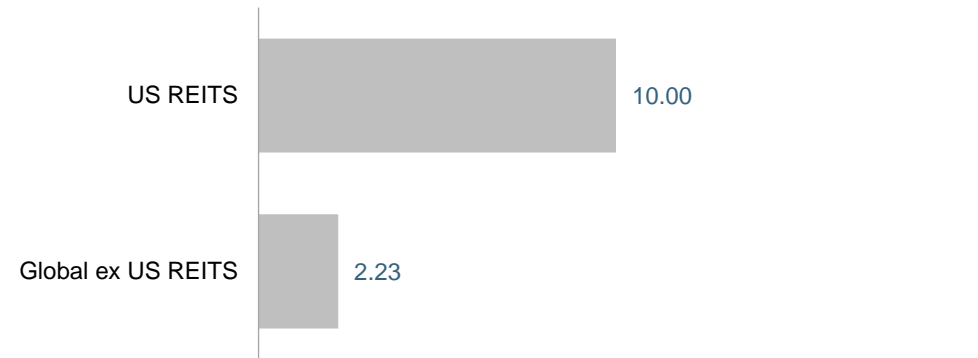
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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

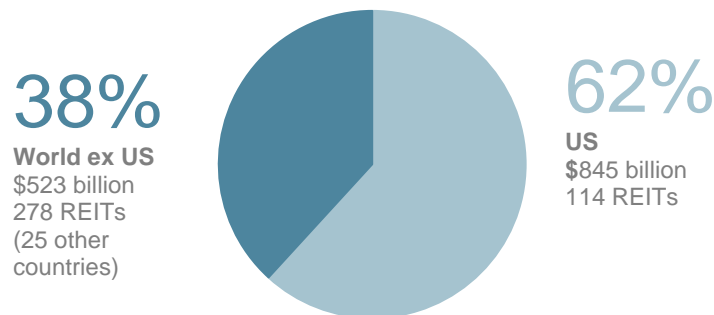
First Quarter 2021 Index Returns

US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.

Ranked Returns (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

** Annualized*

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITS	10.00	36.66	7.55	3.94	7.89
Global ex US REITS	2.23	36.18	2.12	2.92	4.74

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Number of REIT stocks and total value based on the two indices. All index returns are net of withholding tax on dividends. Total value of REIT stocks represented by Dow Jones US Select REIT Index and the S&P Global ex US REIT Index. Dow Jones US Select REIT Index used as proxy for the US market, and S&P Global ex US REIT Index used as proxy for the World ex US market. Dow Jones and S&P data © 2021 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.

Fixed Income

First Quarter 2021 Index Returns

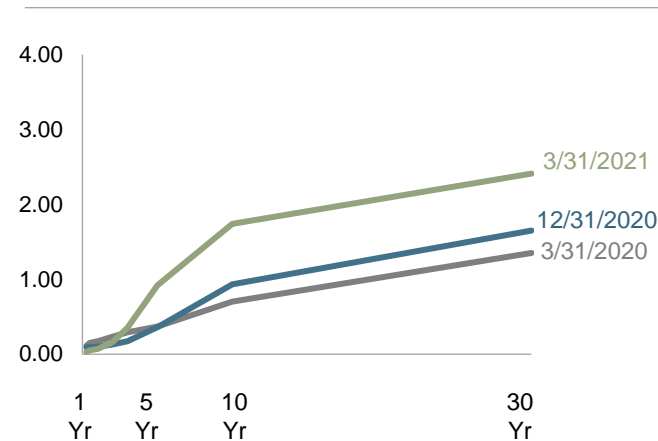
Interest rates generally increased in the US Treasury fixed income market during the first quarter. The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury note rose 56 basis points (bps), ending at 0.95%. The yield on the 10-Year T-note increased 81 bps to 1.74%. The 30-Year Treasury bond yield increased 75 bps to 2.39%.

On the short end of the curve, the 1-Month US Treasury bill yield decreased 3 bps to 0.05%, and the 1-Year T-bill yield fell 5 bps to 0.08%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury note climbed 6 bps to end at 0.15%.

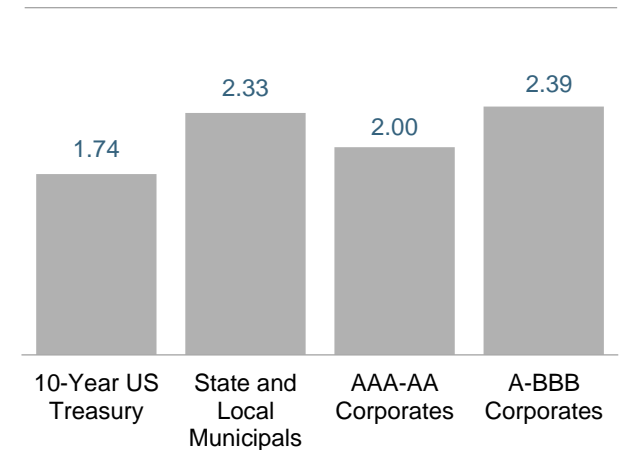
In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds declined 0.59%. Intermediate-term corporate bonds declined 2.19%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was flat, while intermediate-term municipal bonds lost 0.52%. Revenue bonds outperformed general obligation bonds.

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yield across Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	0.85	23.72	6.84	8.06	6.48
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.07	0.17	2.14	1.52	0.92
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.03	0.12	1.49	1.19	0.63
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	-0.35	5.51	4.91	3.49	4.54
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	-0.36	0.57	2.88	2.05	1.96
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	-1.47	7.54	5.68	3.86	3.44
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-2.39	3.20	1.29	1.43	0.09
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	-3.37	0.71	4.65	3.10	3.44
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	-13.39	-15.60	5.84	3.17	6.30

*Annualized

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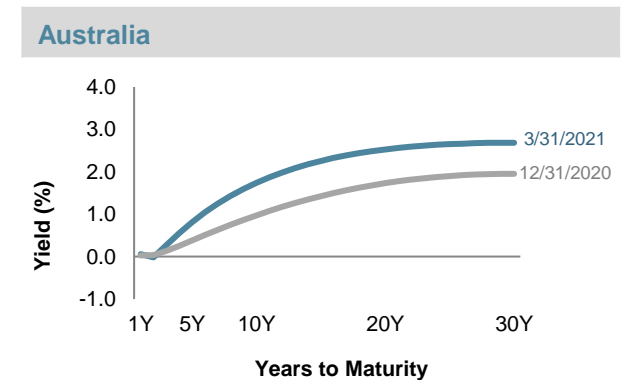
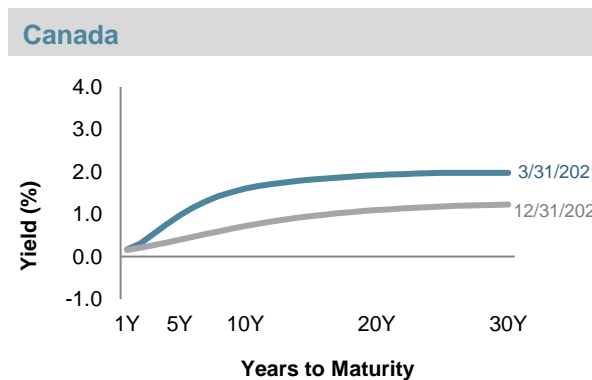
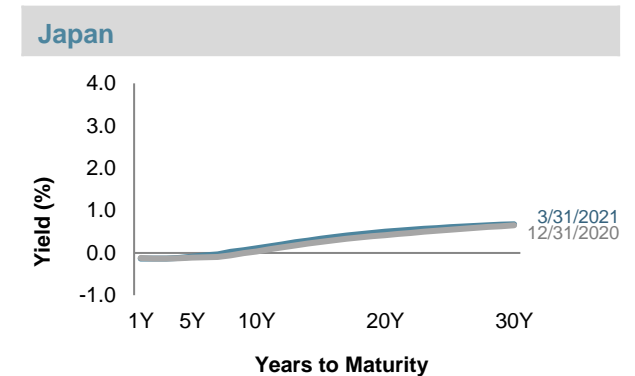
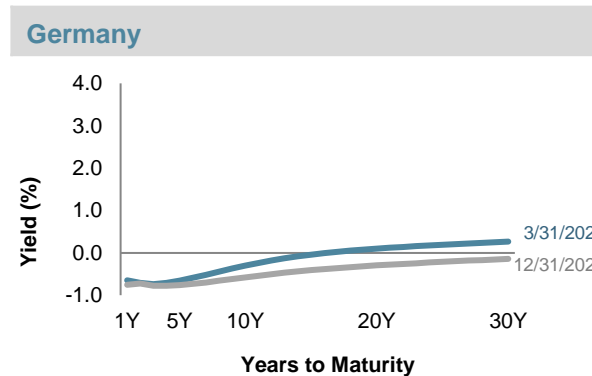
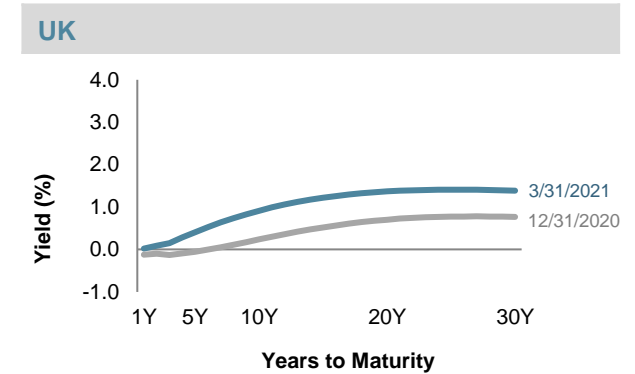
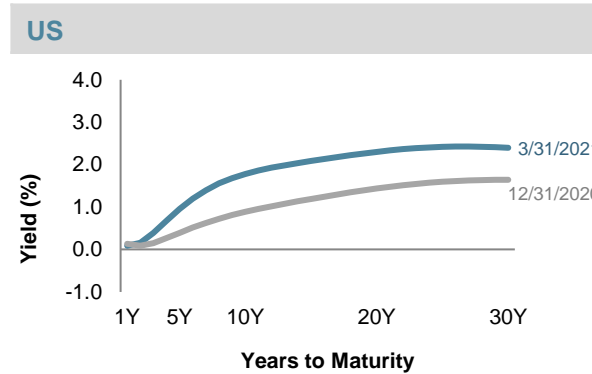
Global Fixed Income

First Quarter 2021 Yield Curves

Government bond yields generally increased in the global developed markets for the quarter.

Longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds in developed markets.

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



Changes in Yields (bps) since 12/31/2020

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-4.7	56.1	89.6	86.0	74.9
UK	13.9	46.2	67.6	66.5	62.2
Germany	10.6	10.6	27.5	39.7	40.4
Japan	-1.0	2.5	7.6	7.8	2.7
Canada	1.7	57.8	88.3	82.3	74.7
Australia	2.9	43.2	76.9	79.5	73.2

Impact of Diversification

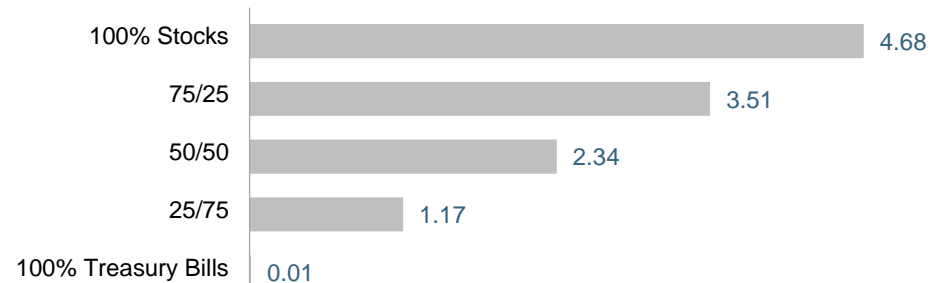
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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

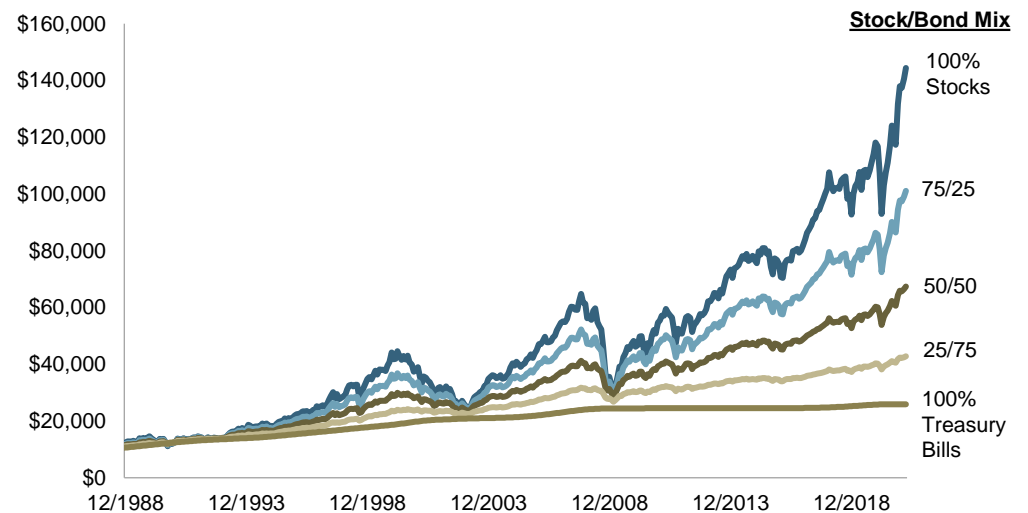
Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	* Annualized					
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV ¹
100% Stocks	4.68	55.31	12.66	13.81	9.73	14.07
75/25	3.51	39.64	10.05	10.71	7.57	10.55
50/50	2.34	25.27	7.29	7.55	5.31	7.03
25/75	1.17	12.11	4.38	4.33	2.97	3.51
100% Treasury Bills	0.01	0.08	1.35	1.07	0.55	0.23

Ranked Returns (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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