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# Market Commentary

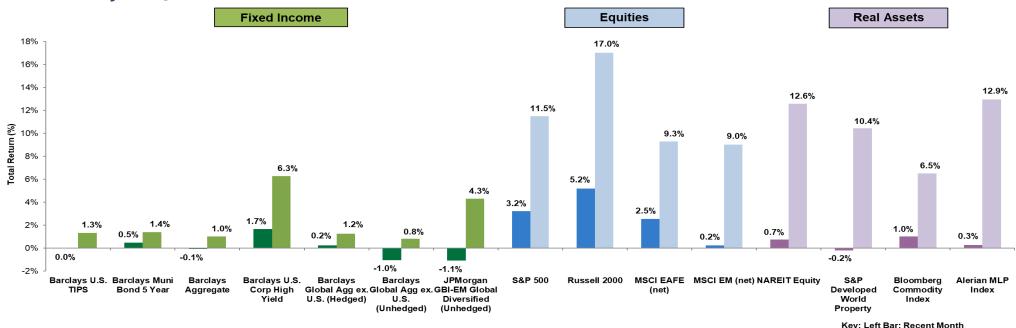
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# Global Markets Summary

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#### **Asset Class Returns**



Source: Morningstar

#### **Fixed Income**

- Longer-dated U.S. Treasury yields rose and the yield curve steepened due to stronger than expected GDP data and diminished concern over tariff issues with China.
- High yield corporate bonds were the best performing fixed income asset class as lower quality credits continued to benefit from healthy risk appetites. Municipal bond prices benefitted from constrained supply.
- International unhedged and emerging markets debt posted negative returns as the U.S. dollar rallied.

## <u>Equities</u>

- U.S. equities continued their advance as fewer macroeconomic headlines resulted in positive sentiment.
- Growth broadly outperformed value during the month. Industrials, Utilities, and Technology outperformed the broader index.
- Developed international equities advanced, but were subdued by weak economic data and concerns of slowing growth. Emerging market equities posted modest gains, as attractive valuations and a backdrop of economic reforms in China supported returns.

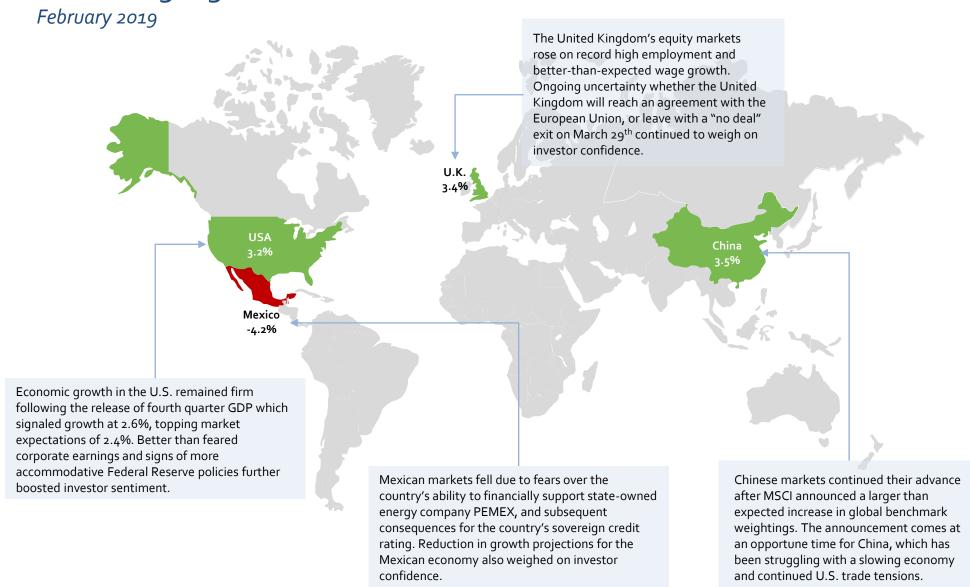
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#### **Real Assets**

- Real assets were higher for the month with the exception of international REITs, which fell moderately due to global growth concerns.
- Commodities were the best performing real asset class for the month. Lower-than-expected oil supply was supportive for prices throughout the period.
- MLPs advanced modestly on higher oil prices, but mixed earnings reports, rising interest rates and pipeline delays muted returns.



# **Global Highlights**





# **Financial Markets Performance**

#### Total Returns as of February 28, 2019

Periods greater than one year are annualized All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	<u>1 MO</u>	<u>3 MO</u>	YTD	<u>1YR</u>	3YR	<u>5YR</u>	<u>7YR</u>	<u>10YR</u>	<u>15YR</u>
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3-Month T-Bill	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%	2.0%	1.1%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	1.3%
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS	(0.0%)	1.9%	1.3%	1.9%	1.7%	1.5%	0.8%	3.8%	3.6%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond (5 Year)	0.5%	2.4%	1.4%	3.7%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	3.1%	3.3%
Bloomberg Barclays HY Muni	0.5%	2.1%	1.2%	7.0%	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%	8.4%	5.5%
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate	(0.1%)	2.9%	1.0%	3.2%	1.7%	2.3%	2.1%	3.7%	3.8%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.7%	4.0%	6.3%	4.3%	9.8%	4.5%	6.1%	11.5%	7.3%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US Hedged	0.2%	2.4%	1.2%	4.5%	3.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.2%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US Unhedged	(1.0%)	3.0%	0.8%	(3.4%)	2.1%	(0.4%)	(0.1%)	2.7%	2.9%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Gov / Credit	(0.6%)	5.4%	1.7%	2.2%	3.1%	4.5%	3.8%	6.9%	5.9%
JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified	(1.1%)	5.7%	4.3%	(5.4%)	6.8%	0.1%	(0.6%)	5.1%	6.1%
Global Equity Markets	<u>1 MO</u>	<u>3 MO</u>	YTD	<u>1YR</u>	3YR	<u>5YR</u>	<u>7YR</u>	<u>10YR</u>	<u>15YR</u>
S&P 500	3.2%	1.4%	11.5%	4.7%	15.3%	10.7%	13.1%	16.7%	8.3%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	4.0%	2.0%	11.6%	5.9%	19.0%	12.4%	13.2%	16.8%	8.9%
NASDAQ Composite	3.6%	3.0%	13.7%	4.7%	19.6%	13.1%	15.6%	19.9%	10.2%
Russell 3000	3.5%	1.9%	12.4%	5.0%	15.5%	10.2%	12.9%	16.8%	8.5%
Russell 1000	3.4%	1.8%	12.0%	5.0%	15.4%	10.4%	13.0%	16.8%	8.5%
Russell 1000 Growth	3.6%	3.2%	12.9%	6.6%	18.0%	12.6%	14.4%	18.2%	9.4%
Russell 1000 Value	3.2%	0.5%	11.2%	3.2%	12.8%	8.1%	11.5%	15.4%	7.5%
Russell Mid Cap	4.3%	4.1%	15.5%	5.6%	14.5%	8.6%	12.2%	17.8%	9.6%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	5.9%	7.3%	18.0%	9.8%	17.2%	10.2%	13.1%	18.5%	9.8%
Russell Mid Cap Value	3.2%	1.9%	13.8%	2.6%	12.6%	7.4%	11.6%	17.3%	9.2%
Russell 2000	5.2%	3.1%	17.0%	5.6%	16.7%	7.4%	11.5%	16.6%	8.3%
Russell 2000 Growth	6.5%	4.9%	18.8%	6.7%	18.3%	8.2%	12.3%	17.7%	8.8%
Russell 2000 Value	3.9%	1.3%	15.2%	4.4%	15.0%	6.5%	10.6%	15.4%	7.5%
MSCI ACWI (net)	2.7%	3.0%	10.8%	(0.8%)	12.9%	6.3%	8.3%	12.7%	6.7%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S. (net)	2.0%	4.7%	9.7%	(6.5%)	10.7%	2.5%	4.4%	9.6%	5.6%
MSCI EAFE (net)	2.5%	4.0%	9.3%	(6.0%)	9.3%	2.1%	5.5%	9.6%	5.1%
MSCI EAFE Growth (net)	3.4%	4.8%	10.1%	(4.2%)	9.2%	3.4%	6.2%	10.2%	5.6%
MSCI EAFE Value (net)	1.7%	3.2%	8.5%	(7.9%)	9.4%	0.6%	4.6%	8.9%	4.6%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap (net)	2.2%	3.4%	10.5%	(10.5%)	10.2%	4.3%	8.2%	13.5%	7.5%
MSCI Emerging Markets (net)	0.2%	6.1%	9.0%	(9.9%)	15.0%	4.1%	2.1%	10.3%	8.0%
Real Assets	<u>1 MO</u>	<u>3 MO</u>	YTD	<u>1YR</u>	3YR	<u>5YR</u>	<u>7YR</u>	<u>10YR</u>	<u>15YR</u>
FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs	0.7%	3.3%	12.6%	21.4%	8.4%	8.5%	9.5%	18.4%	8.7%
S&P Developed World Property ex-US	(0.9%)	6.6%	8.7%	1.8%	9.1%	5.5%	7.7%	13.7%	7.2%
S&P Developed World Property	(0.2%)	4.8%	10.4%	11.0%	8.7%	6.8%	8.5%	15.6%	7.7%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	1.0%	(0.8%)	6.5%	(5.7%)	3.6%	(8.8%)	(7.7%)	(2.2%)	(2.6%)
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