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# Market Commentary

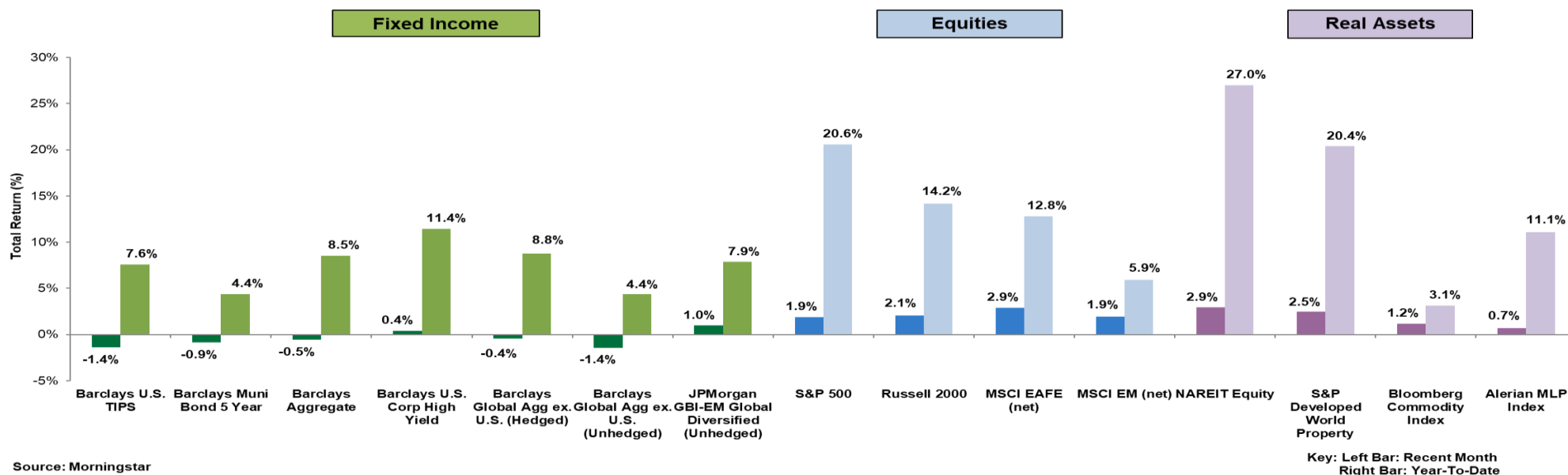
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# Global Markets Summary

## September 2019

### Asset Class Returns



#### Fixed Income

- U.S. Treasury yields rose across longer maturities with the 10-rate finishing at 1.68%. The belly of the yield curve steepened with the two-year trading below the 10-year rates.
- Rising rates sunk domestic fixed income sectors with the exception of high yield, which posted modestly positive returns amid “risk-on” investor sentiment.
- International developed bond markets fell as global yields rebounded on subsiding growth concerns. Emerging markets debt increased amid the risk-seeking environment.

#### Equities

- Domestic equities posted positive returns following positive economic data but were stunted by persistent U.S. – China trade tensions and political discord fueling volatility.
- Value broadly outperformed growth during the month. Utilities, industrials, financials and energy led while technology and healthcare lagged.
- International equities advanced as investors sought risk assets, but returns were dampened by weak economic data. Emerging markets gained as investors considered temporary delays in U.S. – China tariffs more probable.

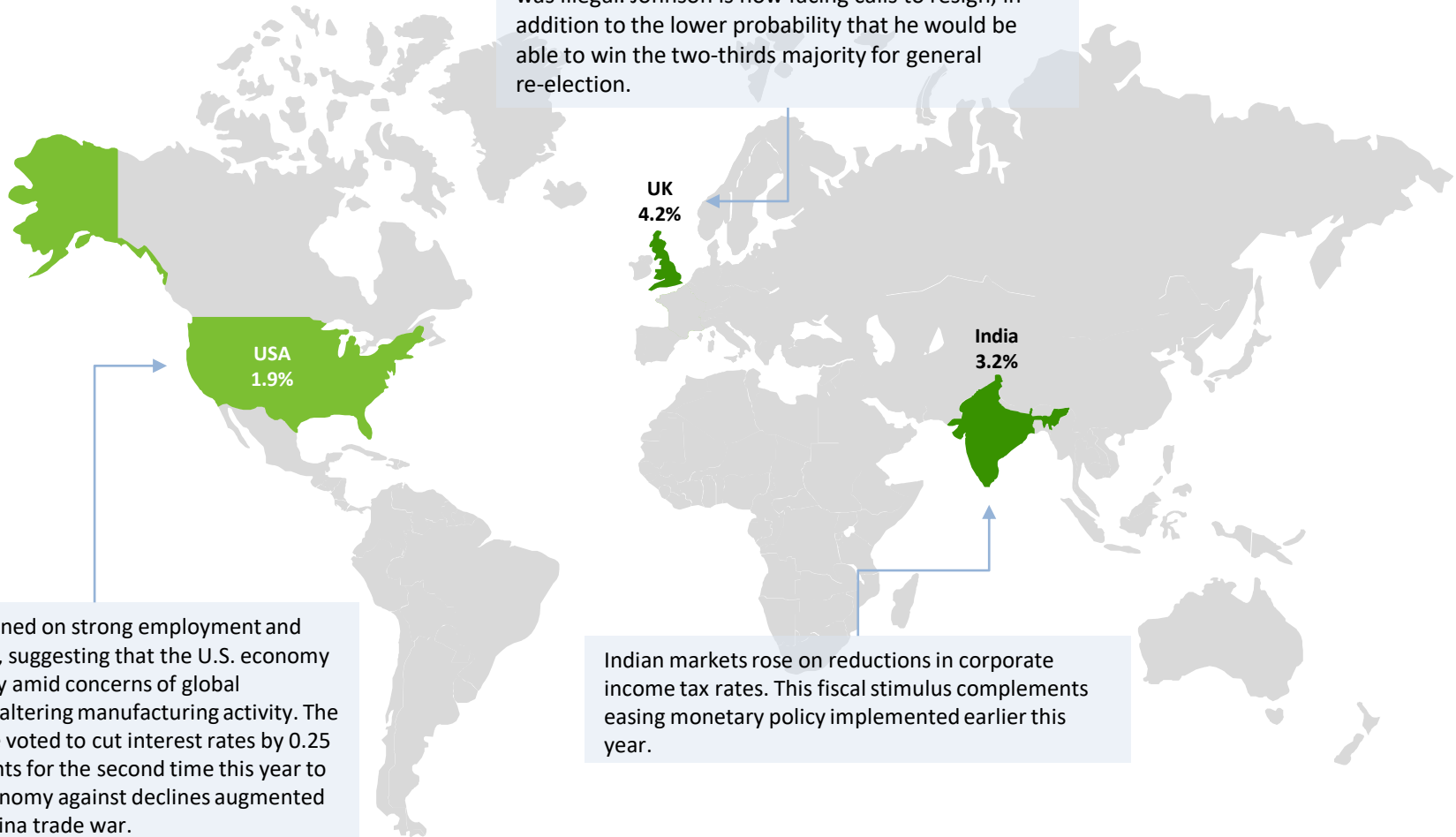
#### Real Assets

- Commodity prices improved as livestock and agriculture demand increased but were dampened by losses in precious metals due U.S. monetary easing.
- Domestic and international REITs generated positive returns influenced by U.S. monetary easing and low interest rates globally.
- MLPs were modestly positive, benefitting from uncertainty regarding oil supply following the Saudi Arabia drone strike.

# Global Highlights

September 2019

United Kingdom equities gained ahead of the October 31 Brexit deadline, as U.K. courts ruled that Prime Minister Boris Johnson's suspension of Parliament was illegal. Johnson is now facing calls to resign, in addition to the lower probability that he would be able to win the two-thirds majority for general re-election.



U.S. equities gained on strong employment and retail sales data, suggesting that the U.S. economy is holding steady amid concerns of global slowdown and faltering manufacturing activity. The Federal Reserve voted to cut interest rates by 0.25 percentage points for the second time this year to cushion the economy against declines augmented by the U.S. – China trade war.

Indian markets rose on reductions in corporate income tax rates. This fiscal stimulus complements easing monetary policy implemented earlier this year.

*Stated returns reflect each country's MSCI Gross Country Index in U.S. dollars*

# Financial Markets Performance

Total Returns as of September 30, 2019

Periods greater than one year are annualized

All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3-Month T-Bill	0.2%	0.5%	1.8%	2.3%	1.5%	0.9%	0.7%	0.5%	1.3%
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS	(1.4%)	1.3%	7.6%	7.1%	2.2%	2.4%	1.1%	3.5%	3.9%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond (5 Year)	(0.9%)	0.5%	4.4%	6.0%	2.1%	2.3%	2.1%	2.9%	3.4%
Bloomberg Barclays HY Muni	(0.2%)	2.8%	9.7%	10.0%	5.9%	6.0%	5.7%	7.1%	5.9%
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate	(0.5%)	2.3%	8.5%	10.3%	2.9%	3.4%	2.7%	3.7%	4.2%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.4%	1.3%	11.4%	6.4%	6.1%	5.4%	5.9%	7.9%	7.3%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US Hedged	(0.4%)	2.8%	8.8%	10.8%	4.1%	4.6%	4.5%	4.4%	4.6%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US Unhedged	(1.4%)	(0.6%)	4.4%	5.3%	0.4%	0.9%	0.0%	1.3%	3.1%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Gov / Credit	(1.9%)	6.6%	20.9%	21.9%	5.6%	6.8%	5.3%	7.4%	6.9%
JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified	1.0%	(0.8%)	7.9%	10.1%	3.1%	0.6%	(0.4%)	2.5%	6.0%
Global Equity Markets	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
S&P 500	1.9%	1.7%	20.6%	4.3%	13.4%	10.8%	13.3%	13.2%	9.0%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	2.1%	1.8%	17.5%	4.2%	16.4%	12.3%	13.2%	13.6%	9.5%
NASDAQ Composite	0.5%	0.2%	21.5%	0.5%	15.9%	13.5%	15.8%	15.5%	11.2%
Russell 3000	1.8%	1.2%	20.1%	2.9%	12.8%	10.4%	13.0%	13.1%	9.1%
Russell 1000	1.7%	1.4%	20.5%	3.9%	13.2%	10.6%	13.2%	13.2%	9.2%
Russell 1000 Growth	0.0%	1.5%	23.3%	3.7%	16.9%	13.4%	15.0%	14.9%	10.4%
Russell 1000 Value	3.6%	1.4%	17.8%	4.0%	9.4%	7.8%	11.3%	11.5%	7.8%
Russell Mid Cap	2.0%	0.5%	21.9%	3.2%	10.7%	9.1%	12.6%	13.1%	9.9%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	(1.1%)	(0.7%)	25.2%	5.2%	14.5%	11.1%	13.8%	14.1%	10.5%
Russell Mid Cap Value	4.1%	1.2%	19.5%	1.6%	7.8%	7.6%	11.6%	12.3%	9.3%
Russell 2000	2.1%	(2.4%)	14.2%	(8.9%)	8.2%	8.2%	10.4%	11.2%	8.2%
Russell 2000 Growth	(0.8%)	(4.2%)	15.3%	(9.6%)	9.8%	9.1%	11.4%	12.2%	9.0%
Russell 2000 Value	5.1%	(0.6%)	12.8%	(8.2%)	6.5%	7.2%	9.4%	10.1%	7.2%
MSCI ACWI (net)	2.1%	(0.0%)	16.2%	1.4%	9.7%	6.7%	8.8%	8.3%	7.1%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S. (net)	2.6%	(1.8%)	11.6%	(1.2%)	6.3%	2.9%	5.0%	4.5%	5.7%
MSCI EAFE (net)	2.9%	(1.1%)	12.8%	(1.3%)	6.5%	3.3%	6.1%	4.9%	5.3%
MSCI EAFE Growth (net)	1.1%	(0.4%)	17.9%	2.2%	7.8%	5.5%	7.5%	6.5%	6.3%
MSCI EAFE Value (net)	4.8%	(1.7%)	7.7%	(4.9%)	5.1%	1.0%	4.7%	3.2%	4.3%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap (net)	2.8%	(0.4%)	12.1%	(5.9%)	5.9%	6.0%	8.6%	7.5%	7.3%
MSCI Emerging Markets (net)	1.9%	(4.2%)	5.9%	(2.0%)	6.0%	2.3%	2.4%	3.4%	7.8%
Real Assets	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs	2.9%	7.8%	27.0%	18.4%	7.4%	10.3%	10.0%	13.0%	9.0%
S&P Developed World Property ex-US	2.1%	2.2%	14.7%	9.0%	5.8%	5.4%	6.5%	7.1%	6.6%
S&P Developed World Property	2.5%	4.9%	20.4%	13.7%	6.7%	7.9%	8.4%	9.8%	7.9%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	1.2%	(1.8%)	3.1%	(6.6%)	(1.5%)	(7.2%)	(8.2%)	(4.3%)	(3.1%)
Alerian MLP	0.7%	(5.0%)	11.1%	(8.1%)	(2.5%)	(8.6%)	(0.9%)	6.3%	7.2%

Source: Morningstar

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