

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Global Market Summary

Global stocks, U.S. sectors and interest rates

Global	Stock	Market	Summary
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Index	Level	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	3340	-2.5%	-4.6%	7.8%	3.4%
Dow Jones Industrials Average	27665	-1.7%	-2.7%	7.2%	-3.1%
NASDAQ Composite	10853	-4.1%	-7.8%	7.9%	21.0%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1091	-0.7%	-0.9%	9.7%	-2.1%
MSCI EAFE Index	1896	1.4%	-0.7%	6.5%	-6.9%
MSCI All Country World Index	565	-1.2%	-3.2%	7.8%	0.1%
MSCI Europe Index	1642	2.0%	-0.6%	7.1%	-7.9%

Global Rates Summary

	Sep 11, 2020	Aug 31, 2020	Jun 30, 2020	Dec 31, 2019
3-Month Treasury Yield	0.11%	0.11%	0.16%	1.55%
2-Year Treasury Yield	0.13%	0.14%	0.16%	1.58%
10-Year Treasury Yield	0.67%	0.72%	0.66%	1.92%
30-Year Treasury Yield	1.42%	1.49%	1.41%	2.39%
30-Year Fixed Mortgage	2.86%	2.91%	3.13%	3.74%
German 10-Year Bund Yield	-0.48%	-0.40%	-0.45%	-0.18%

Sector Performance

Index	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD
Materials	0.8%	3.2%	15.0%	5.8%
Industrials	-0.3%	-0.4%	12.5%	-4.9%
Utilities	-0.8%	-0.7%	3.6%	-9.4%
Healthcare	-1.1%	-3.5%	4.1%	2.3%
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Real Estate	-1.8%	-1.9%	1.8%	-8.3%
Cons. Disc.	-1.9%	-4.5%	13.8%	21.4%
Financials	-2.4%	-1.5%	6.2%	-20.0%
S&P 500	-2.5%	-4.6%	7.8%	3.4%
Comm.	-3.3%	-5.4%	9.9%	8.9%
Technology	-4.4%	-8.7%	7.8%	23.1%
Energy	-6.4%	-8.6%	-15.3%	-46.6%

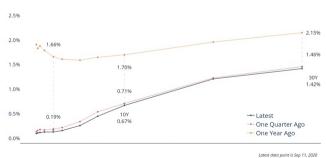
Currencies and Commodities

Index	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD
US Dollar Index	93.33	1.3%	-4.2%	-3.2%
Euro	1.18	-1.1%	5.3%	5.4%
Chinese RMB	6.84	0.3%	3.4%	1.9%
Japanese Yen	106.20	-0.1%	1.6%	2.3%
British Pound	1.28	-4.5%	3.5%	-3.5%
WTI Oil	37.30	-12.5%	-5.0%	-38.9%
Brent Oil	40.12	-11.1%	-2.7%	-39.5%

S&P 500 3600 3400 3200 3000 2800 2800 2400 200

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve

3.0%



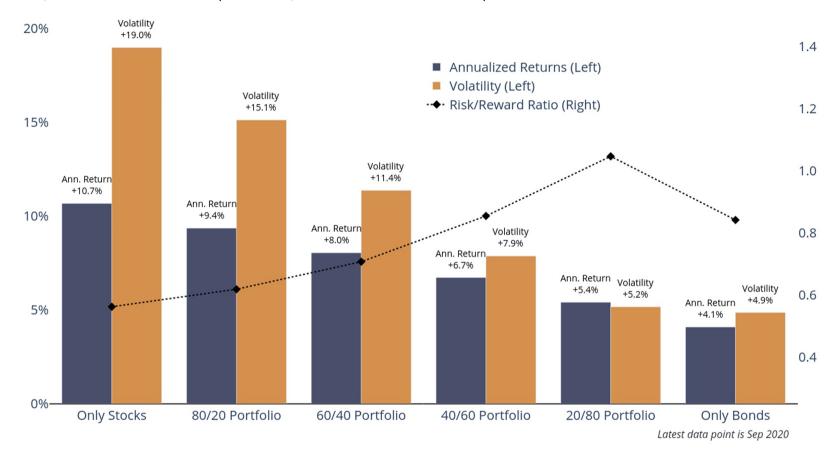
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Portfolio Risk/Reward

Returns and standard deviations over the past 15 years across hypothetical stock/bond asset allocation portfolios, before fees and other expenses



- This chart shows the historical risk and return profiles of various stock/bond portfolios.
- For instance, while an all-stock portfolio has the highest return, it also has the highest volatility.
- Selecting the best stock/bond allocation depends on personal characteristics and financial goals.

Source: Clearnomics, Refinitiv

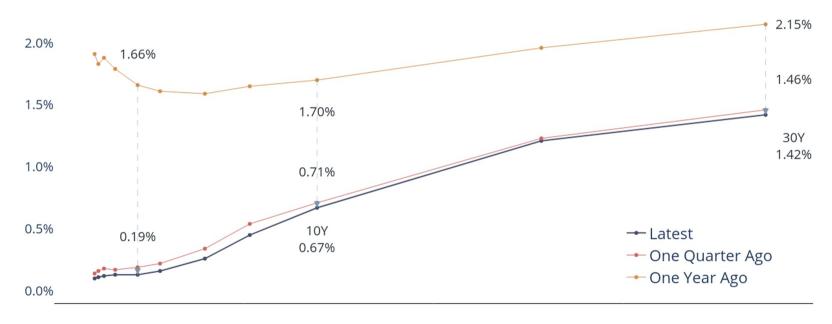


Treasury Yield Curve

The shape of the U.S. Treasury curve last year versus today



2.5%



Latest data point is Sep 11, 2020

- The yield curve is still flat due to falling long-term interest rates.
- However, the yield curve is no longer inverted since the Fed cut rates to zero.
- Economic uncertainty due to COVID-19 will likely keep interest rates across the yield curve low for some time.

Source: Federal Reserve



Interest Rates

10-year and 2-year yields since 2012

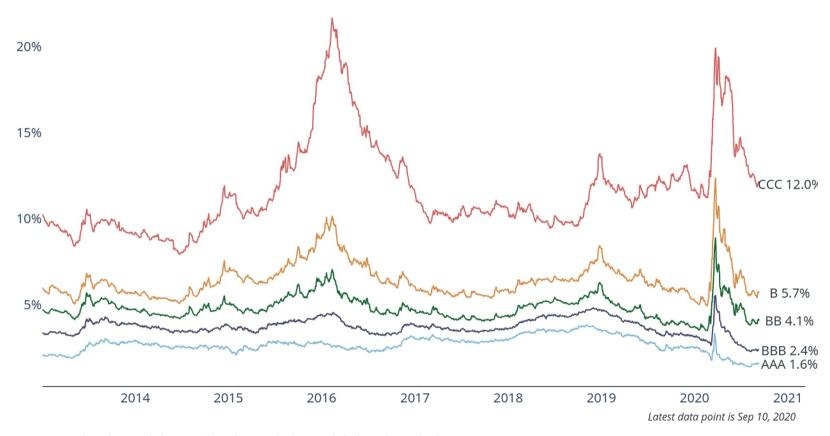


- Long-term interest rates have plummeted in 2020 due to the pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- The 10-year Treasury yield continues to hover at historically low levels due partly to Fed rate cuts.
- Interest rates could remain low as uncertainty over economic growth hangs over financial markets.

Source: Federal Reserve



U.S. Corporate Bond Yields



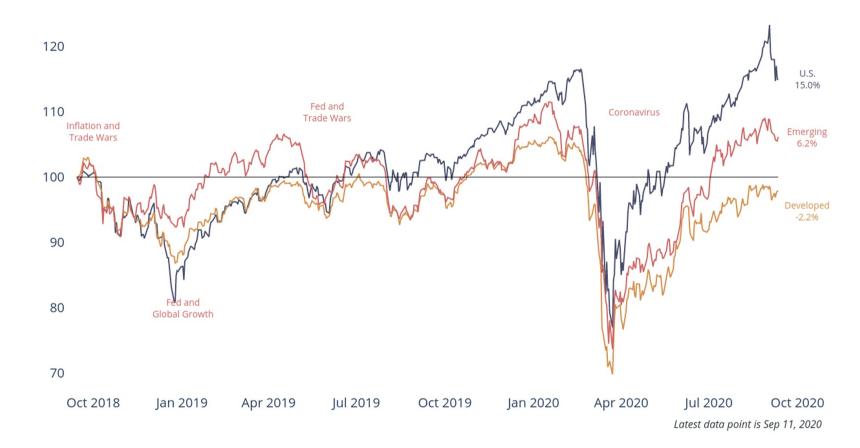
- Corporate bond spreads have widened recently due to global market volatility.
- Over the past decades, corporate bonds especially high yield was an attractive way to generate income.
- Corporate bonds are an important portfolio diversifier to stock market and government bond holdings.

Source: Merrill Lynch Bond Indices



Global Stock Market Performance

S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and MSCI EME. Prior 2 years



- COVID-19 created significant uncertainty for the stock market in 2020.
- While volatility has spiked and economic growth may slow, long-term investors should maintain perspective.
- There are still significant long-term benefits from staying diversified across global markets.



Stock Market Performance

S&P 500 Index, recent period



- The stock market performed well in 2019 but has become volatile due to the spread of the coronavirus.
- Uncertainty remains high as the health and economic implications unfold.
- For long-term investors, it is important to maintain the proper perspective and look past short-term volatility.

Source: Standard & Poor's



The Stock Market and Earnings

S&P 500 Index price and trailing earnings-per-share since 1990



- This chart shows the S&P 500 index alongside its trailing 12 months earnings-per-share.
- Over the long run, the stock market tends to follow earnings. If earnings are rising, investors are willing to pay more per share.
- Earnings, in turn, tend to track economic growth. Thus, a healthy economy tends to result in a rising stock market.



Sector Returns – Year-to-Date

S&P 500 sector year-to-date, peak and trough returns



- Stock market sectors have performed differently from one another during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Technology-driven sectors have led the pack while energy and financials have trailed.
- Most investors should continue to benefit from broad diversification across sectors and industries.



Stock Market Cycles

S&P 500 Index since 1995



- This bull market that began in 2009 lasted 11 years until the recent pullback due to the novel coronavirus.
- The bull market was driven by slow and steady economic growth, rising corporate earnings, and low interest rates.
- While uncertainty has increased, overcoming emotions and staying invested is one of the most important principles of investing.

Source: Standard & Poor's



Global Stock Market Cycles

S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and MSCI EME. Prior 2 cycles, since 2003

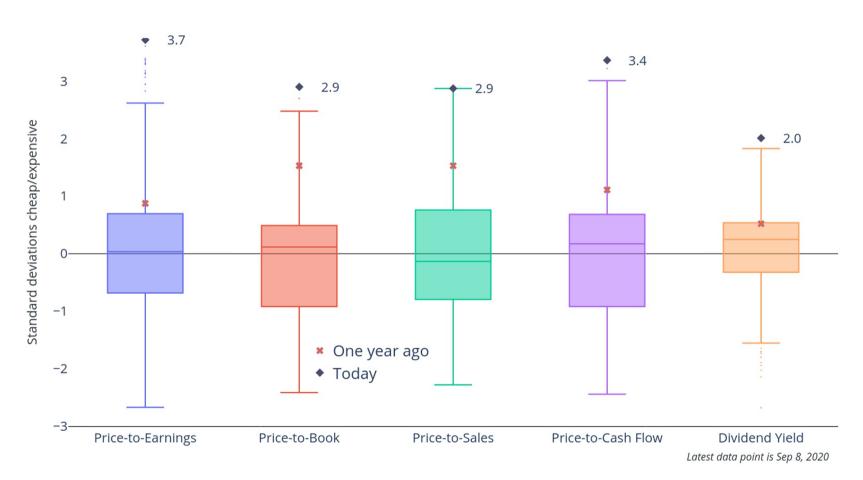


- Global markets have performed well over the past two market cycles, despite recent volatility.
- However, it is clear that each market behaves in unique ways. EM is clearly the most volatile of the three
 regions.
- Investors who stay disciplined have historically been rewarded over the long run.



Stock Market Valuations

S&P 500 Index valuations today, one year ago, and ranges since 2003



- U.S. stock valuations have become expensive as earnings estimates have fallen due to COVID-19
- Valuations are now at their most expensive level in years. It is unclear how quickly earnings will recover.
- Investors should remain properly diversified both in the U.S. and abroad.

Source: Refinitiv



Definitions and Methodology

The **S&P 500** is a market capitalization-weighted index of large cap U.S. stocks. U.S. **mid cap** and **small cap** are the S&P 400 and S&P 600, respectively. **Value** and **growth** are the corresponding Standard and Poor's value and growth indices.

MSCI EME is an index of emerging market stocks. **MSCI EAFE** is an index of developed market stocks. **MSCI ACWI** is an index of global stocks.

The **forward P/E** is a ratio of the current market price of an index divided by an estimate of earnings over the next twelve months. The **Shiller P/E** is based on Robert Shiller's cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio.

The **AAII Investor Sentiment** index is based on a weekly survey conducted by AAII.

Unless stated otherwise, **earnings** and **valuations** data are from Refinitiv indices.

The **LEI**, or Leading Economic Index, is produced monthly by the Conference Board.

Consumer sentiment indices are based on surveys conducted by the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers.

Asset Class Performance and Asset Classes Relative to U.S. Stocks charts: The EM, EAFE, Small Cap, Fixed Income and Commodities are these indices, respectively: MSCI EM, MSCI EAFE, Russell 2000, iShares Core U.S. Bond Aggregate, Bloomberg Commodity Index.

The Balanced Portfolio is a hypothetical 60/40 portfolio consisting of 40% U.S. Large Cap, 5% Small Cap, 10% International Developed Equities, 5% Emerging Market Equities, 35% U.S. Bonds, and 5% Commodities.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** is a broadly diversified basket of physical commodities futures contracts.

The **DXY** is a U.S. dollar index based on a basket of currencies, including the Euro, Yen, Pound, Canadian Dollar, Swedish Krona and Swiss Franc.

Portfolio Risk/Reward and Portfolio Drift Since 2009 charts: stocks and bonds are the S&P 500 and iShares Core U.S. Bond Aggregate, respectively. Each portfolio represents a hypothetical stock/bond asset allocation.

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