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This report features world capital market performance for the past year.

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MARKET SUMMARY

INDEX RETURNS

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
2017	STOCKS				BONDS	
	21.13%	24.21%	37.28%	7.41%	3.54%	2.06%
						
Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Annual Return	8.4%	7.0%	14.8%	11.0%	4.8%	4.5%
Best Year	33.6% 2013	39.4% 2003	78.5% 2009	37.4% 2006	10.3% 2002	9.8% 2014
Worst Year	-37.3% 2008	-43.6% 2008	-53.3% 2008	-45.7% 2008	-2.0% 2013	1.4% 2013

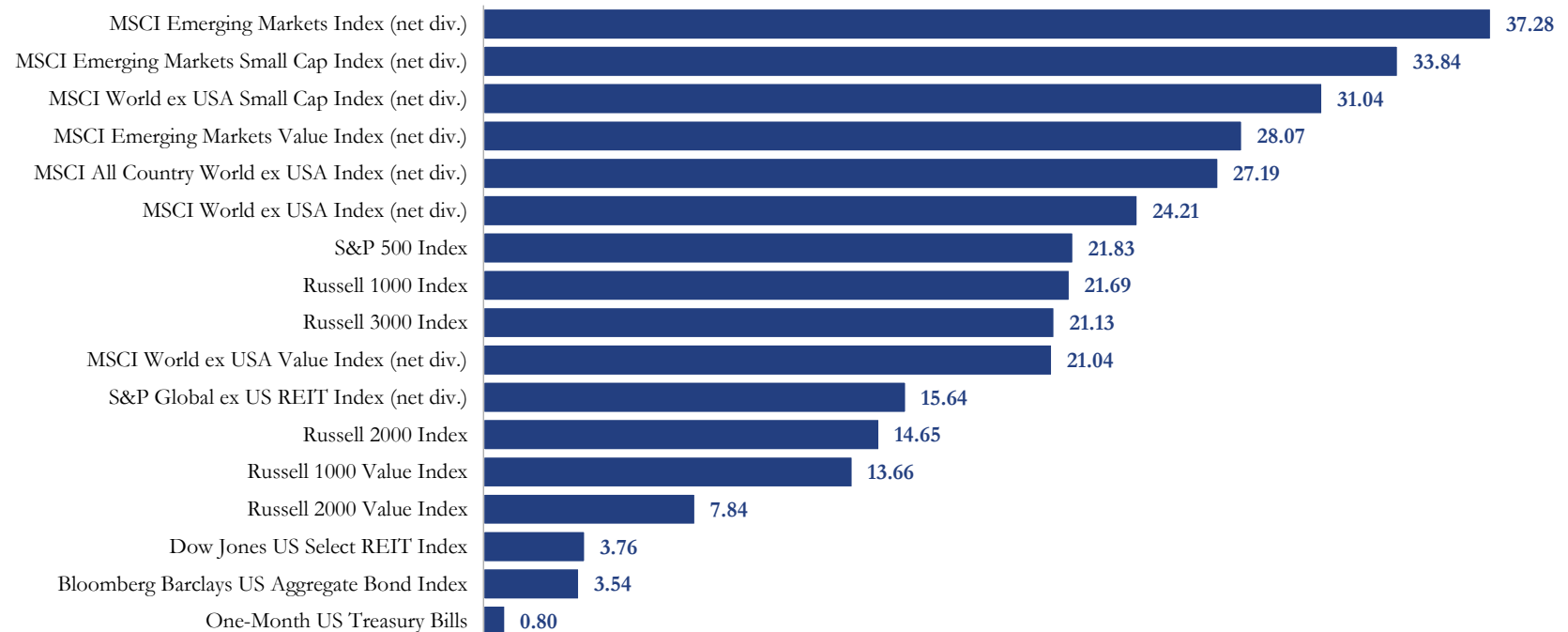
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WORLD ASSET CLASSES

2017 INDEX RETURNS (%)

Looking at broad market indices, emerging markets outperformed US and non-US developed markets in 2017.

The value effect was negative in the US, non-US developed markets, and emerging markets. Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets but underperformed in the US and emerging markets.



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US STOCKS

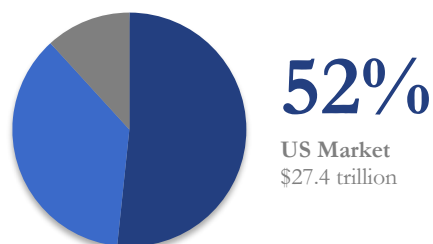
2017 INDEX RETURNS

The US equity market posted positive returns for 2017 but underperformed non-US developed and emerging markets.

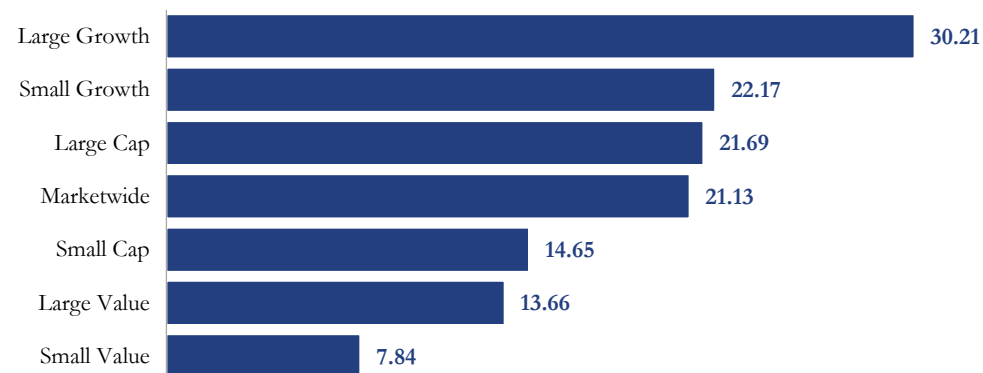
Value underperformed growth in the US across large and small cap indices.

Small caps underperformed large caps in the US.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns for 2017 (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Growth	30.21	13.79	17.33	10.00
Small Growth	22.17	10.28	15.21	9.19
Large Cap	21.69	11.23	15.71	8.59
Marketwide	21.13	11.12	15.58	8.60
Small Cap	14.65	9.96	14.12	8.71
Large Value	13.66	8.65	14.04	7.10
Small Value	7.84	9.55	13.01	8.17

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPED STOCKS

2017 INDEX RETURNS

In US dollar terms, non-US developed markets outperformed the US market but underperformed emerging markets during 2017.

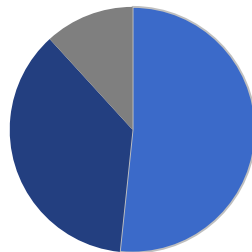
Looking at broad market indices, the value effect was negative.

Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

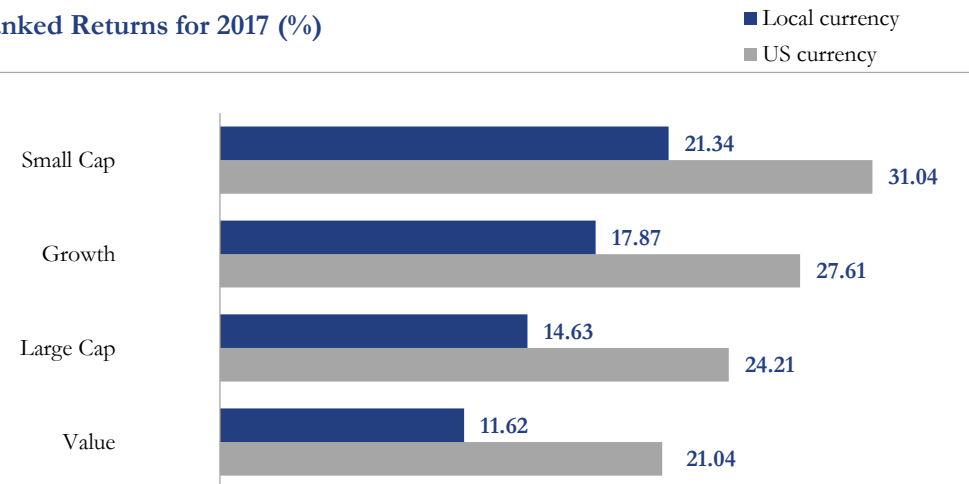
World Market Capitalization—International Developed

37%

International
Developed
Market
\$19.4 trillion



Ranked Returns for 2017 (%)



Period Returns (%)

** Annualized*

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	31.04	12.96	11.37	5.16
Growth	27.61	8.38	8.22	2.36
Large Cap	24.21	7.36	7.46	1.87
Value	21.04	6.26	6.64	1.32

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EMERGING MARKETS STOCKS

2017 INDEX RETURNS

In US dollar terms, emerging markets outperformed the US and non-US developed markets for the year.

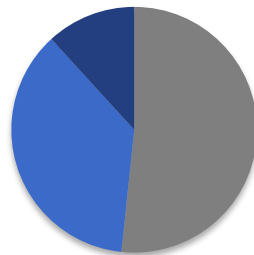
Across the large cap and mid cap space, the value effect was negative; however, in the small cap space, the effect was positive.

Overall, small caps underperformed large caps in emerging markets.

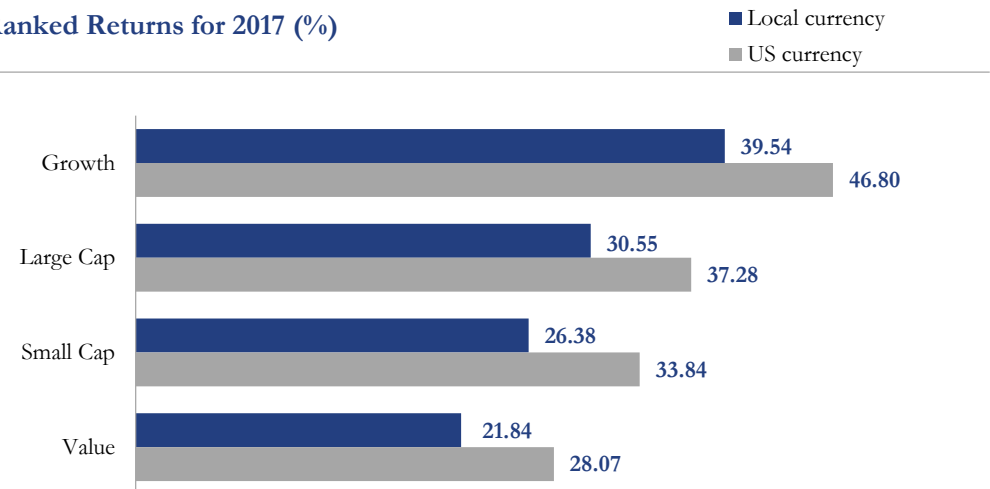
World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

12%

Emerging Markets
\$6.2 trillion



Ranked Returns for 2017 (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	46.80	11.88	6.85	2.35
Large Cap	37.28	9.10	4.35	1.68
Small Cap	33.84	8.44	5.41	2.78
Value	28.07	6.21	1.75	0.91

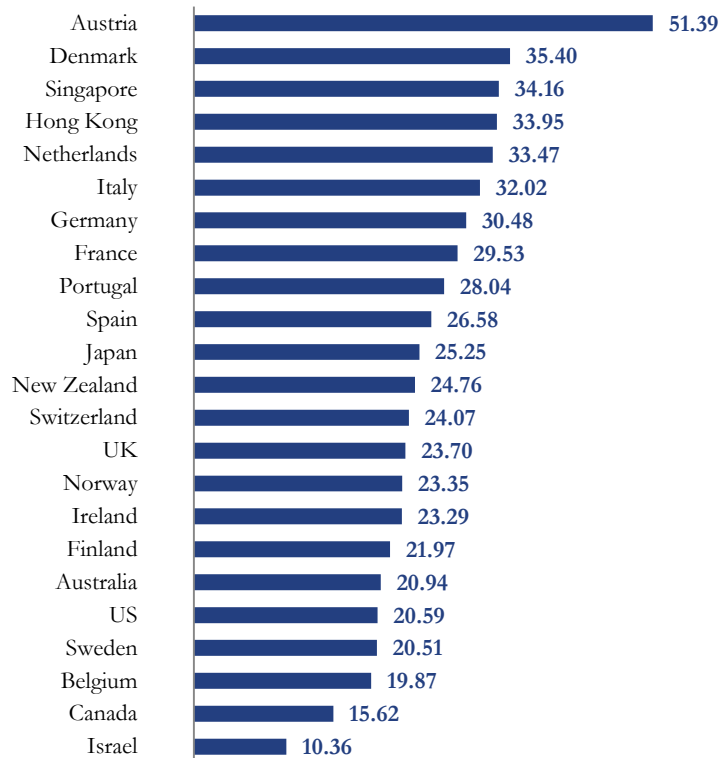
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SELECT COUNTRY PERFORMANCE

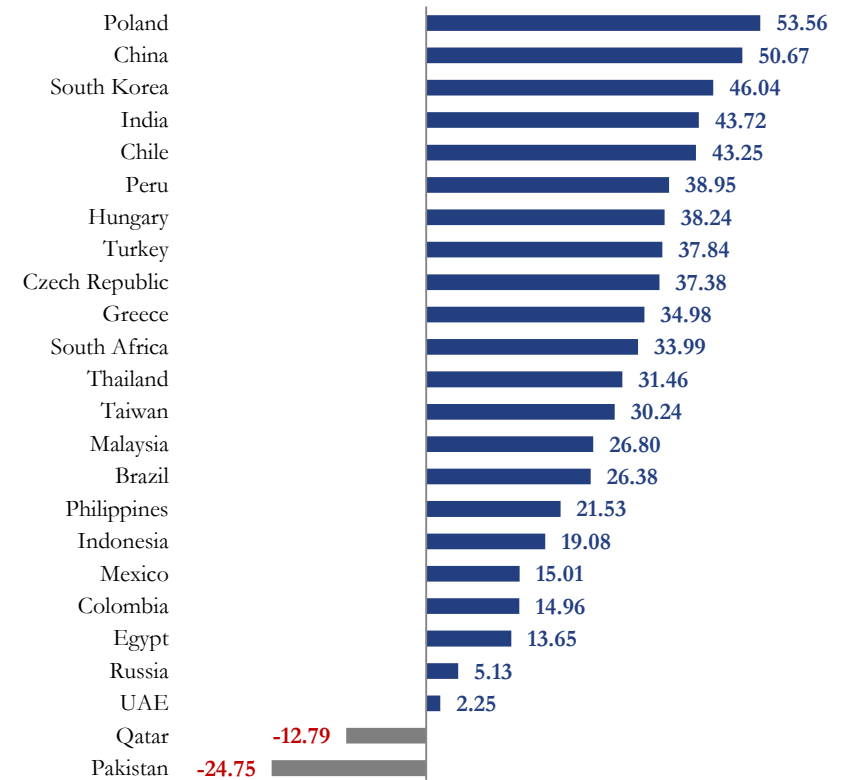
2017 INDEX RETURNS

In US dollar terms, Austria recorded the highest country performance in developed markets with a gain of more than 50%, while Israel posted the lowest return for the year. In emerging markets, Poland and China posted the highest country returns, each returning over 50%, while Pakistan and Qatar had the lowest performance.

Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%)



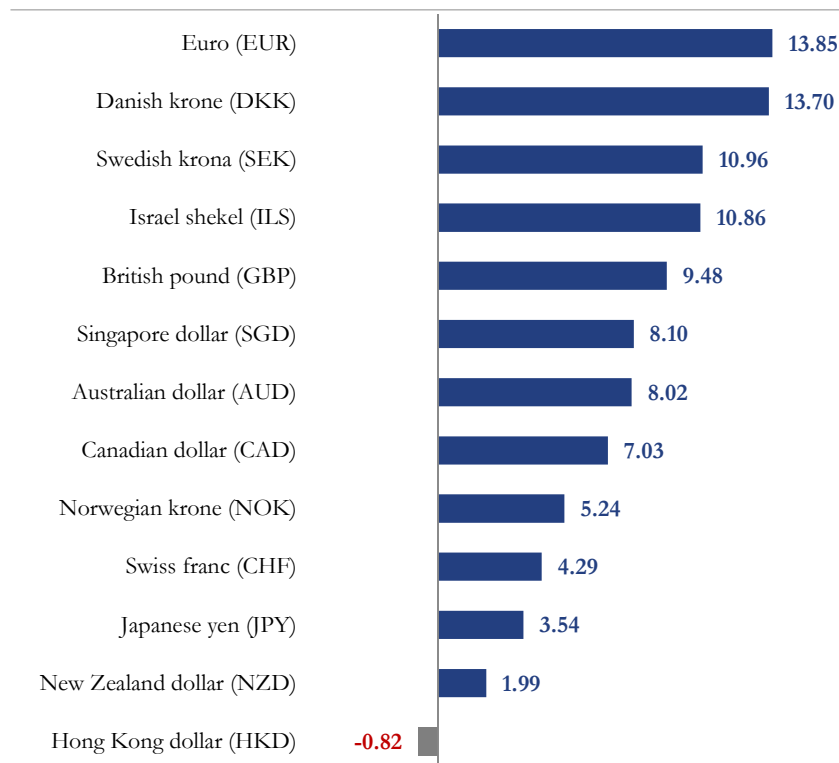
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SELECT CURRENCY PERFORMANCE VS. US DOLLAR

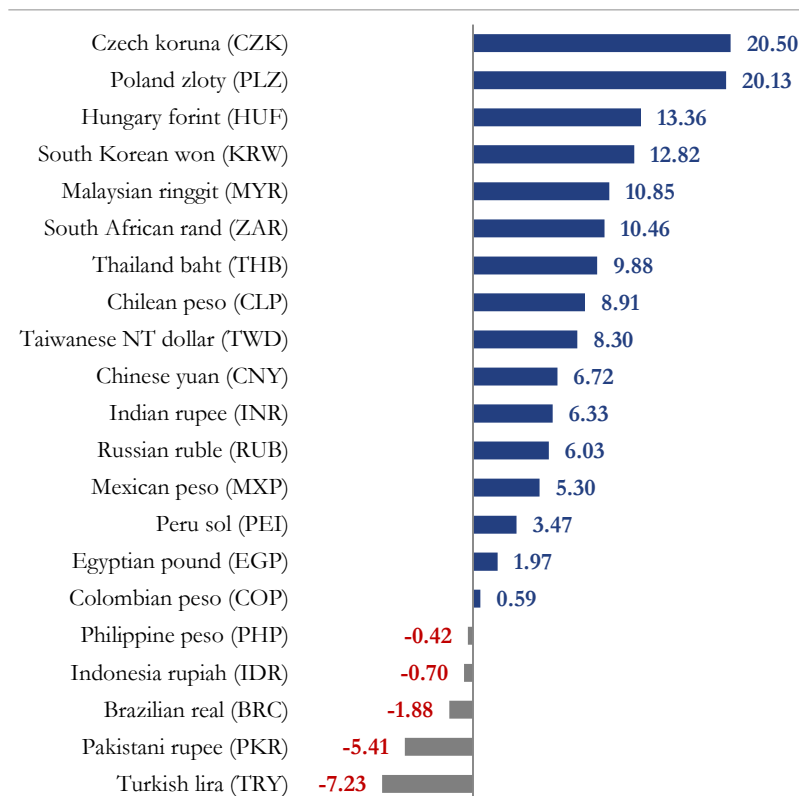
2017

Most developed market currencies appreciated against the US dollar in 2017. The euro and Danish krone appreciated the most with gains of almost 14%, while the Hong Kong dollar depreciated. In emerging markets, the Polish zloty and the Czech koruna appreciated more than 20%, while the Turkish lira depreciated over 7%.

Ranked Developed Markets (%)



Ranked Emerging Markets (%)



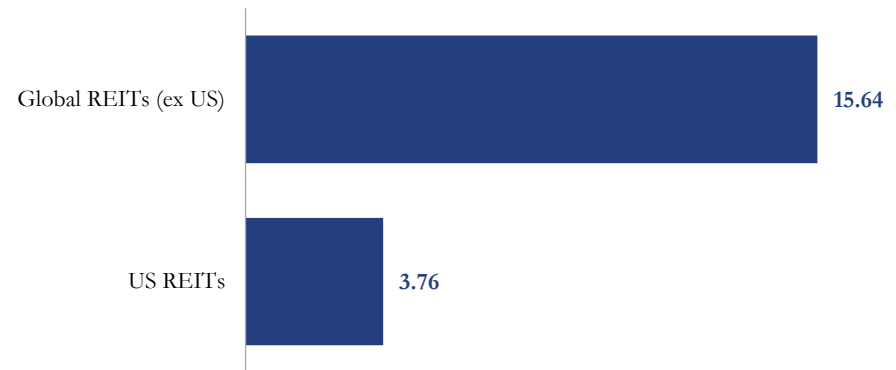
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REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REITs)

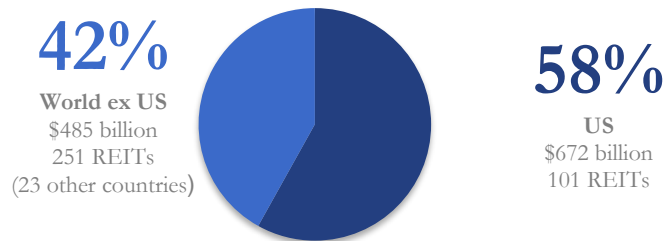
2017 Index Returns

Non-US real estate investment trusts outperformed US REITs in 2017.

Ranked Returns for 2017 (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

** Annualized*

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Global REITs (ex US)	15.64	4.78	5.49	2.05
US REITs	3.76	4.97	9.09	7.07

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COMMODITIES

2017 RETURNS

The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return advanced 1.70% in 2017.

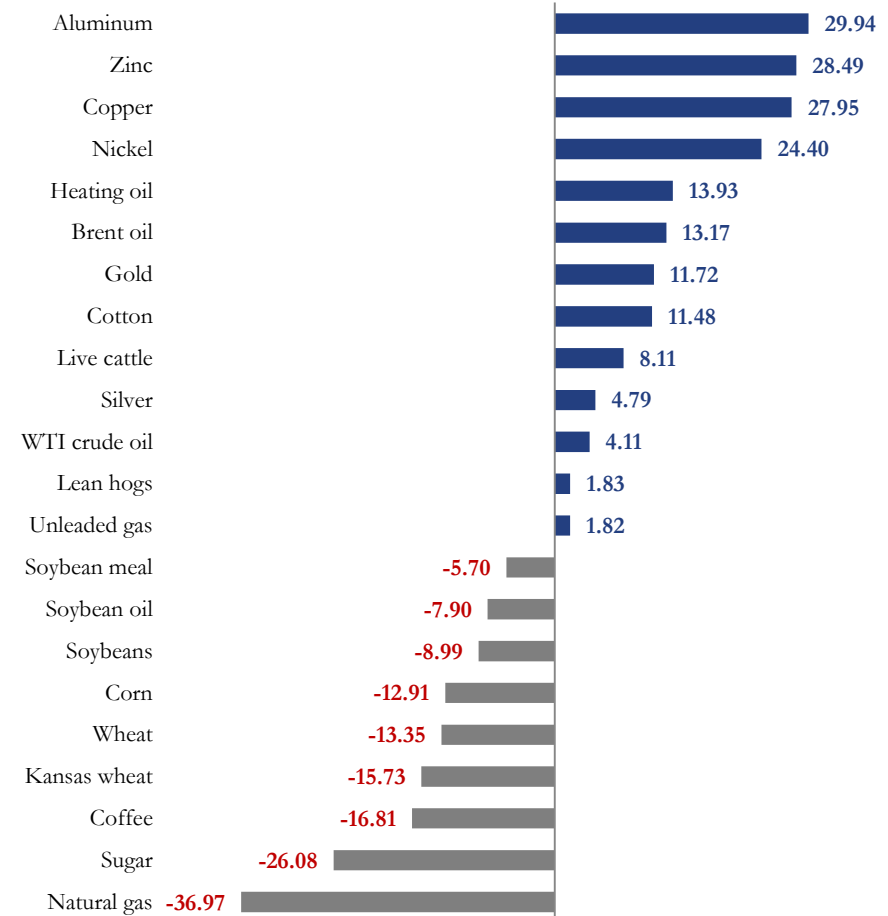
Aluminum was the strongest performer, posting a return of 29.94%. Zinc and copper followed with respective returns of 28.49% and 27.95%. Natural gas was the weakest performer, falling 36.97%.

Period Returns (%)

** Annualized*

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	1.70	-5.03	-8.45	-6.83

Ranked Returns for Individual Commodities (%)



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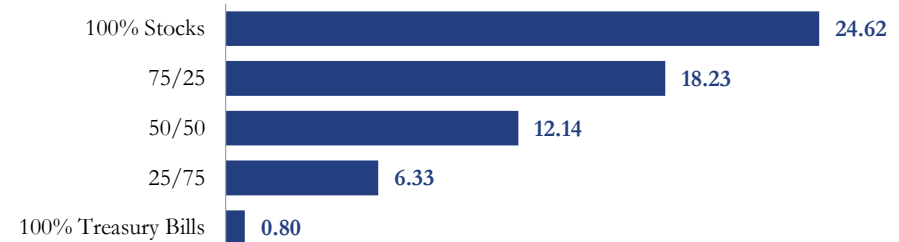
2017 Index Returns

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

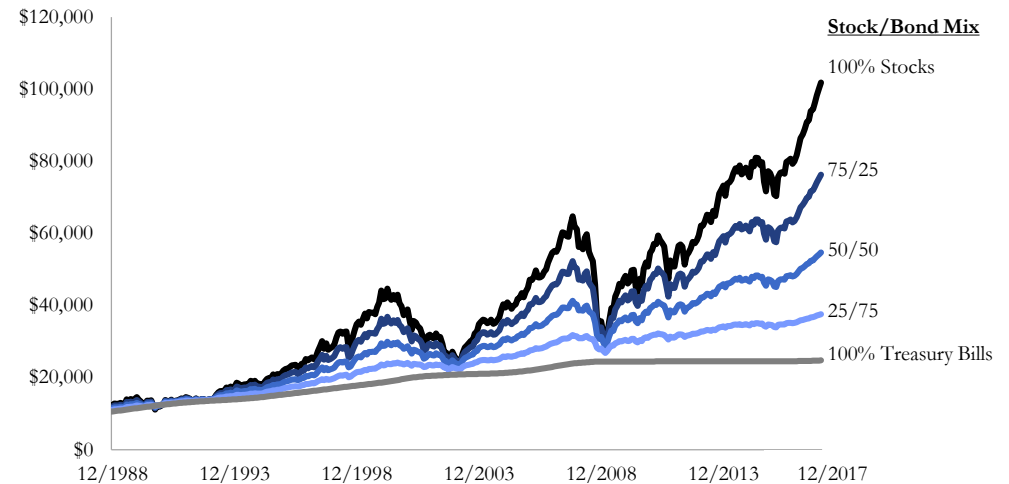
Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	* Annualized	
					10-Year STDEV ¹	
100% Stocks	24.62	9.89	11.40	5.22	16.80	
75/25	18.23	7.54	8.59	4.26	12.59	
50/50	12.14	5.15	5.79	3.11	8.38	
25/75	6.33	2.75	3.00	1.78	4.18	
100% Treasury Bills	0.80	0.34	0.21	0.30	0.16	

Ranked Returns for 2017 (%)



Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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