

# **Quarterly Market Review**



U.S. equity markets rebounded strongly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, following a sharp sell-off in April triggered by sweeping tariff announcements. Technology stocks led the way, fueled by robust earnings that beat expectations. International stocks performed even better.

As for the bond market, after a similarly violent sell-off in April, bonds rallied into quarter-end.

It strikes us as odd that the markets have surged as much as they have, since there really has been no resolution to the tariff situation. Instead, deadlines for deals have simply been extended. Further, core inflation is starting to creep up, as the impact of tariffs that are in place is just beginning to work its way through the system.

Hopefully, earnings will continue to surprise to the upside, but without certainty on the tariff issue, it's hard to imagine the markets not running into difficulty sometime before year end. We will be looking for opportunities to establish hedges against a possible market decline. Please let us know if you would be interested in discussing how we might do that for your portfolio.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

Warm regards,

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President

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Returns (USD), as of June 30, 2025

		Sto	В	onds		
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q2 2025	10.99%	12.05%	11.99%	2.74%	1.21%	1.93%
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Since January 200	1					
Average Quarterly Return	2.5%	1.7%	2.6%	2.2%	0.9%	1.0%
Best	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%
Quarter	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Q4
Worst	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
Quarter	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1

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	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	15.30%	18.70%	15.29%	9.96%	6.08%	6.09%
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5 Years	15.96%	11.51%	6.81%	6.20%	-0.73%	0.91%
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10 Years	12.96%	6.65%	4.81%	3.88%	1.76%	2.68%
	1	1	1	1	1	
15 Years	14.46%	7.42%	4.44%	6.71%	2.29%	3.09%
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20 Years	10.53%	5.90%	6.45%	4.37%	3.09%	3.41%
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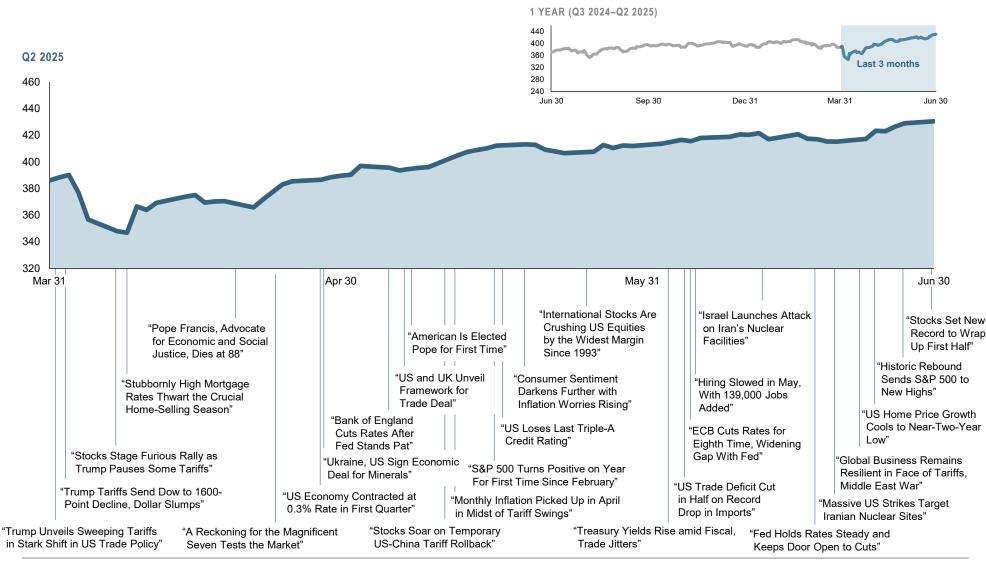
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# World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q2 2025



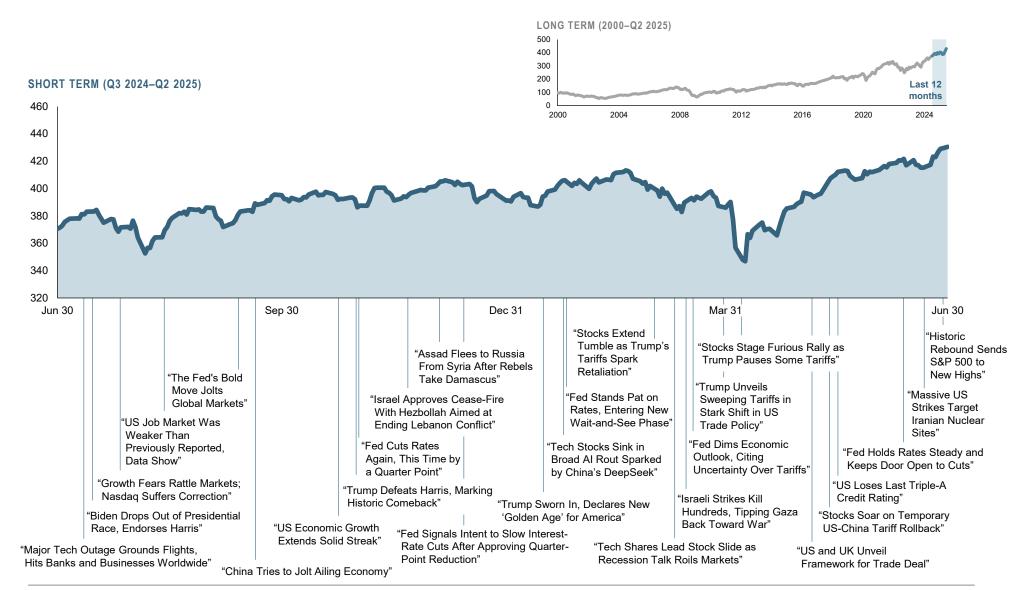
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# World Stock Market Performance

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



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# **US Stocks**

# Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025



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- The US equity market posted positive returns for the quarter and underperformed both non-US developed and emerging markets.
- Value underperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.
- REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

# Ranked Returns (%) Large Growth Small Growth Large Cap 11.11 Marketwide 10.99 Small Cap Small Value 4.97 Large Value 3.79

### **World Market Capitalization**



# Periodic Returns (%)

			ANNUALIZED						
Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	
Large Growth	17.84	6.09	17.22	25.76	18.15	17.01	17.54	12.99	
Small Growth	11.97	-0.48	9.73	12.38	7.42	7.14	11.06	8.49	
Large Cap	11.11	6.12	15.66	19.59	16.30	13.35	14.74	10.71	
Marketwide	10.99	5.75	15.30	19.08	15.96	12.96	14.46	10.53	
Small Cap	8.50	-1.79	7.68	10.00	10.04	7.12	10.35	7.76	
Small Value	4.97	-3.16	5.54	7.45	12.47	6.72	9.35	6.80	
Large Value	3.79	6.00	13.70	12.76	13.93	9.19	11.57	8.11	

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Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025

- Developed markets outside of the US posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed both US and emerging markets.
- Value underperformed growth.
- Small caps outperformed large caps.

# Ranked Returns (%) Local currency US currency Small Cap Growth 10.51 16.82 Large Cap Value 3.73 10.53

### **World Market Capitalization**



International
Developed Market
\$24.7 trillion

# Periodic Returns (%)

			ANNUALIZED							
Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years		
Small Cap	16.82	20.79	22.92	13.40	9.82	6.64	8.11	6.47		
Growth	13.64	16.02	12.63	13.72	8.11	6.69	7.61	6.23		
Large Cap	12.05	18.99	18.70	15.73	11.51	6.65	7.42	5.90		
Value	10.53	21.90	24.96	17.76	14.76	6.34	7.03	5.41		

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# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

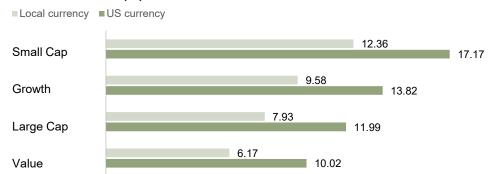


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Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025

- Emerging markets posted positive returns for the quarter and outperformed the US market, but underperformed non-US developed markets.
- Value underperformed growth.
- Small caps outperformed large caps.

# Ranked Returns (%)



# **World Market Capitalization**



# Periodic Returns (%)

			ANNUALIZED							
Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years		
Small Cap	17.17	10.74	8.40	13.81	13.86	5.97	5.66	7.95		
Growth	13.82	15.72	17.69	9.18	4.64	5.49	5.39	6.74		
Large Cap	11.99	15.27	15.29	9.70	6.81	4.81	4.44	6.45		
Value	10.02	14.77	12.66	10.22	9.07	4.01	3.39	6.07		

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# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025

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

### Ranked Returns (%)



### **Total Value of REIT Stocks**



**US** \$1,025 billion 103 REITs

Global ex US \$477 billion 270 REITs (25 other countries)

# Periodic Returns (%)

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Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Global ex US REITS	14.21	18.14	16.74	3.60	3.84	1.84	5.10	2.92
US REITS	-1.71	-0.56	8.09	4.77	8.55	5.45	8.36	6.11

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# Commodities

Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025



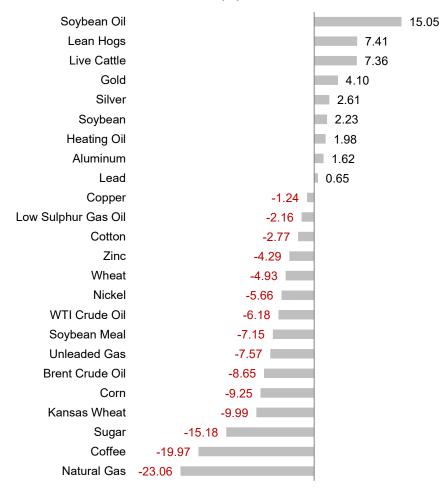
The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned -3.08% for the second quarter of 2025.

Natural Gas and Coffee were the worst performers, returning -23.06% and -19.97% during the quarter, respectively. Soybean Oil and Lean Hogs were the best performers, returning +15.05% and +7.41% during the quarter, respectively.

# **Commodities Periodic Returns (%)**

		ANNUALIZED									
QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years				
-3.08	5.53	5.77	0.13	12.68	1.99	-0.02	-0.35				

### **Commodities Ranked Returns (%)**



# **Fixed Income**

# Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025



During the quarter, short- to intermediateterm interest rates decreased, and longterm interest rates increased within the US Treasury market.

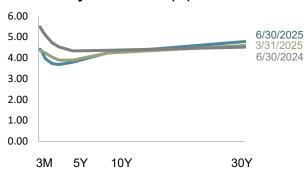
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield decreased 10 basis points (bps) to 4.28%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield decreased 7 bps to 3.96%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note decreased 17 bps to 3.72%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note decreased 17 bps to 3.79%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 1 bp to 4.24%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 19 bps to 4.78%.

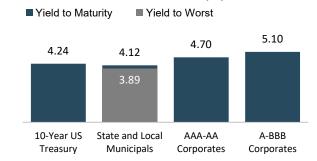
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +1.67% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +1.46%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +1.80% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned +2.12%.<sup>1</sup>

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were +1.06% and +1.21%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned 0.00% while revenue bonds returned -0.20%.<sup>2</sup>

# **US Treasury Yield Curve (%)**



### **Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)**



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### Periodic Returns (%)

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Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	4.17	7.03	8.67	3.54	0.42	1.05	0.55	1.63
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	3.53	4.57	10.29	9.93	5.97	5.38	6.44	6.62
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	1.52	2.97	6.20	3.74	1.46	1.92	1.79	2.42
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	1.21	4.02	6.08	2.55	-0.73	1.76	2.29	3.09
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	1.04	2.07	4.68	4.56	2.76	1.98	1.34	1.69
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.90	1.96	4.76	3.90	2.07	1.81	1.32	1.86
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	0.48	4.67	5.84	2.34	1.61	2.67	2.88	3.40
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.12	-0.35	1.11	2.50	0.51	2.20	2.96	3.32
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-1.51	3.08	1.58	-3.66	-8.16	0.15	2.14	3.09

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<sup>1.</sup> Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

<sup>2.</sup> Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

# Global Fixed Income

Yield curves, 2nd Quarter 2025



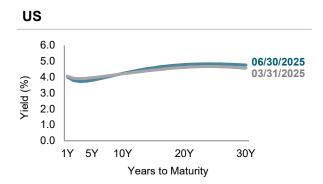
Except for Canada and Japan, interest rates decreased in the global developed markets for the quarter.

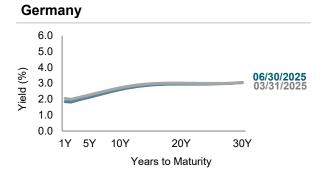
Realized term premiums were generally mixed across global developed markets. Intermediate-term bonds generally outperformed both short-term and long-term bonds during the quarter.

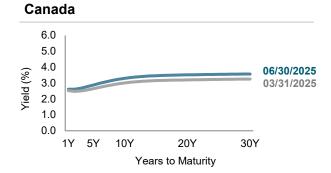
In Canada, interest rates increased across all maturity segments. In Japan, short- to intermediate-term interest rates decreased, and long-term interest rates increased. The short-term segment of the yield curve remained flat to inverted in Germany, Canada and Australia. However, the short-term segment of the yield curve in the UK remained upwardly sloped.

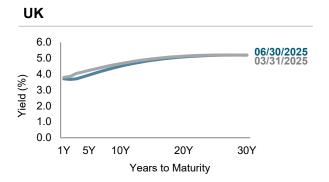
## Changes in Yield (bps) Since 03/31/2025

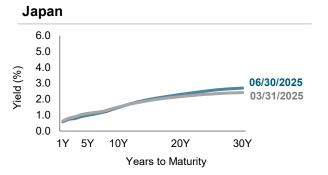
	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-5.6	-16.6	3.1	17.3	20.2
UK	-9.1	-28.7	-16.7	-4.6	0.2
Germany	-20.7	-13.8	-11.4	-5.4	0.5
Japan	-5.5	-12.7	-2.5	13.6	27.9
Canada	9.5	23.2	29.2	31.8	31.7
Australia	-49.3	-38.9	-24.2	-18.1	-12.4

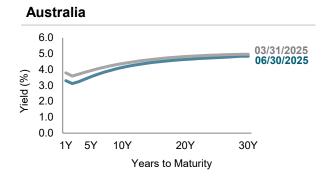












# Is Gold a Safe Haven?

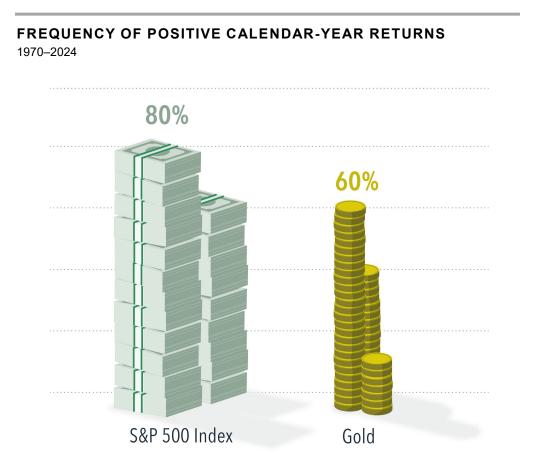


2nd Quarter 2025

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Not since the release of the third Austin Powers movie have I heard so much talk about gold. Stellar recent returns account for some of that—gold was up 25% year-to-date as of April 30. But another reason is the belief among some market participants that gold represents a safe haven, an asset to stabilize the portfolio when equity markets are choppy.

The problem with that story is gold has been far from immune to drawdowns. In fact, since 1970, gold has been positive in just 60% of calendar years, while the S&P 500 Index has been positive in 80%. Investors hoping for a safe haven may not find it with gold.



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Russell 2000 Growth Index - The Russell 2000® Growth Index measures the performance of the smallcap growth segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with relatively higher price-to-book ratios, higher I/B/E/S forecast medium term (2 year) growth and higher sales per share historical growth (5 years).

Russell 2000 Index - The Russell 2000 index tracks the 2,000 smallest public companies by market cap in its parent Russell 3000 stock index. Because small-cap companies make up a much smaller share of the U.S. stock market than large caps, the companies in the Russell 2000 represent approximately 10% of the U.S. stock market's total market capitalization.

Russell 2000 Value Index - The Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of the smallcap value segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with relatively lower price-to-book ratios, lower I/B/E/S forecast medium term (2 year) growth and lower sales per share historical growth (5 years).

Russell 3000 Index - The Russell 3000® Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 US companies representing approximately 96% of the investable US equity market, as of the most recent reconstitution.

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