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Quarterly Market Review

Second Quarter 2025

Quarterly Market Review

This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets. The report concludes with a quarterly topic.

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Quarterly Market Summary

Returns (USD), as of June 30, 2025

	Stocks				Bonds	
	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%
						
Since January 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.5%	1.7%	2.6%	2.2%	0.9%	1.0%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2023 Q4	2023 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1

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Long-Term Market Summary

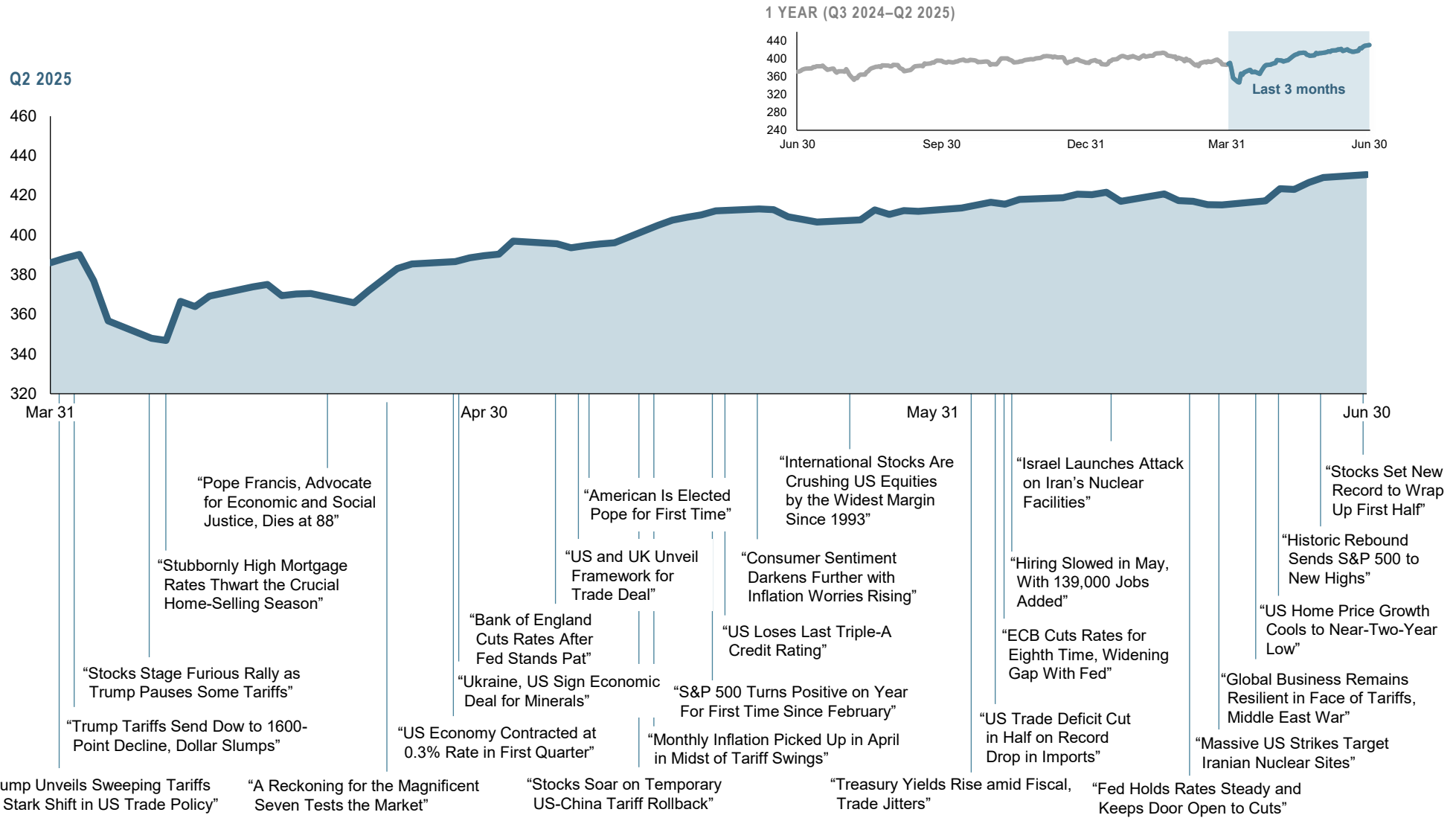
Returns (USD), as of June 30, 2025

	Stocks				Bonds	
	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% ↑
5 Years	15.96% ↑	11.51% ↑	6.81% ↑	6.20% ↑	-0.73% ↓	0.91% ↑
10 Years	12.96% ↑	6.65% ↑	4.81% ↑	3.88% ↑	1.76% ↑	2.68% ↑
15 Years	14.46% ↑	7.42% ↑	4.44% ↑	6.71% ↑	2.29% ↑	3.09% ↑
20 Years	10.53% ↑	5.90% ↑	6.45% ↑	4.37% ↑	3.09% ↑	3.41% ↑

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World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q2 2025



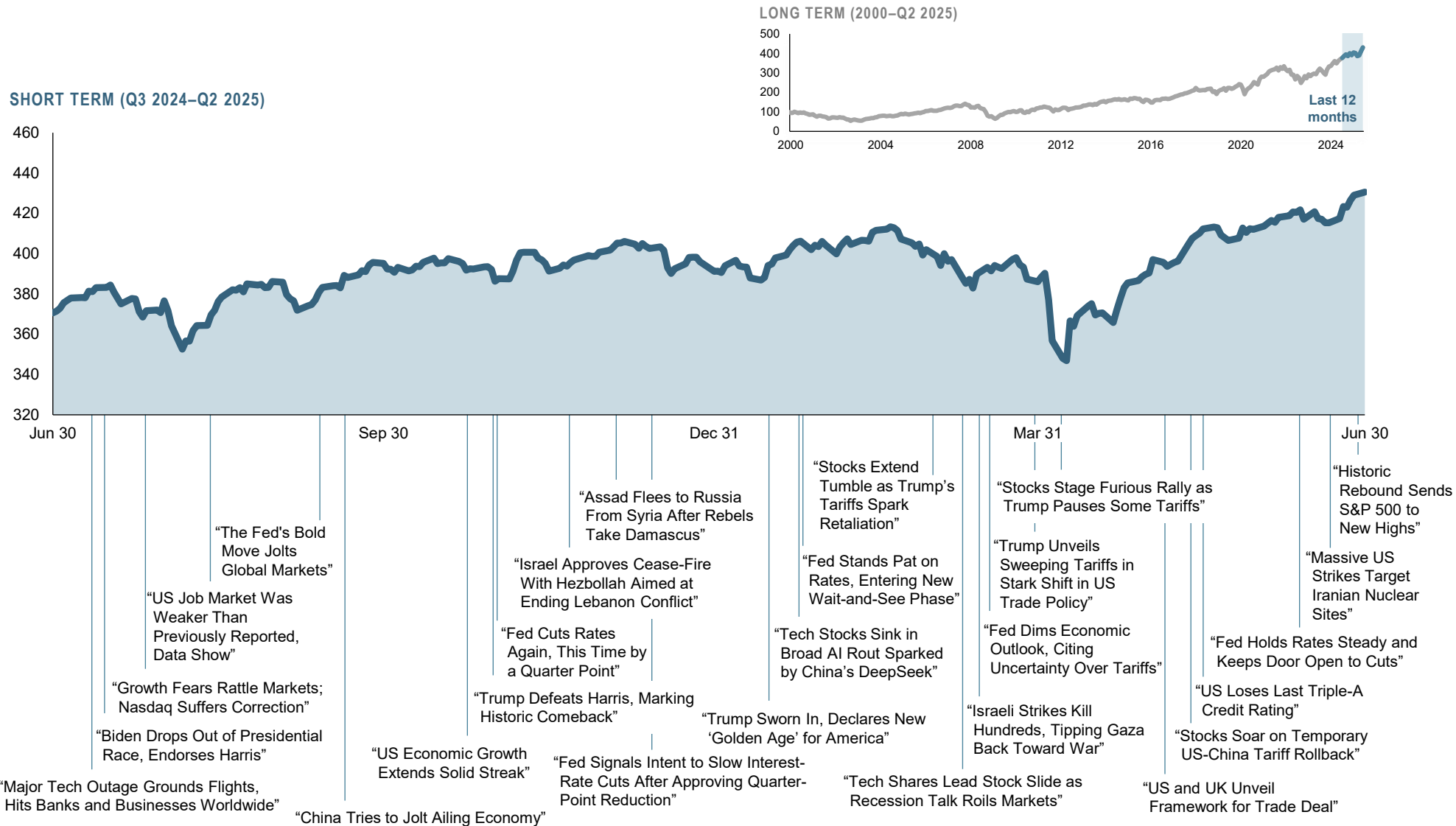
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World Stock Market Performance

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



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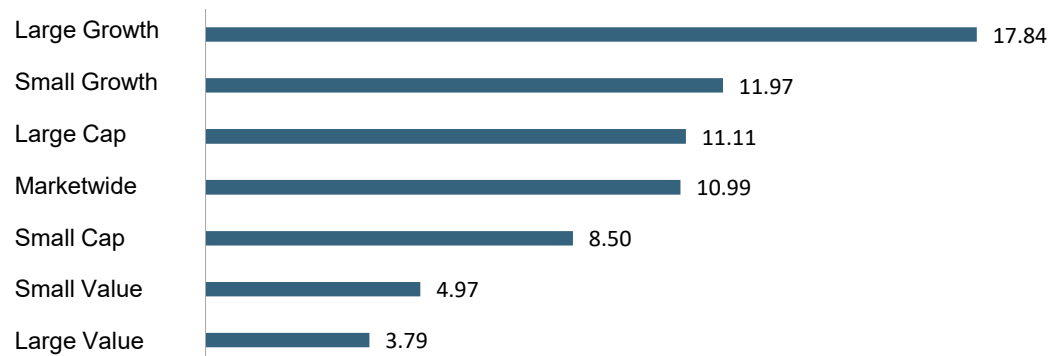
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US Stocks

Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025

- 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 (%)



World Market Capitalization



US Market
\$59.7 trillion

Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	ANNUALIZED					
			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

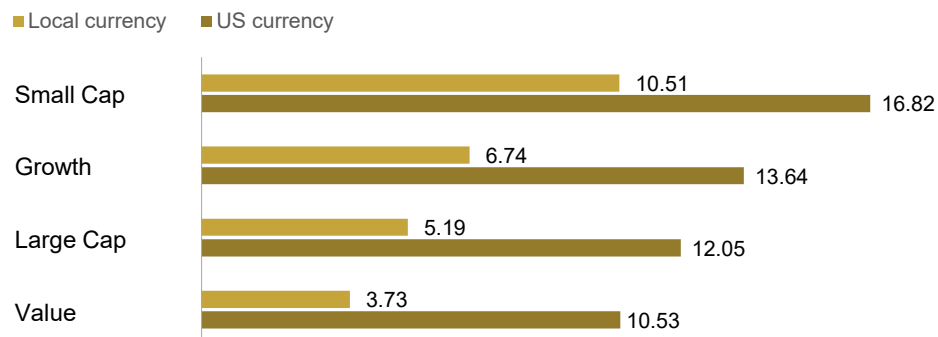
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International Developed Stocks

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 (%)



World Market Capitalization



International Developed Market
 \$24.7 trillion

Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	ANNUALIZED					
			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

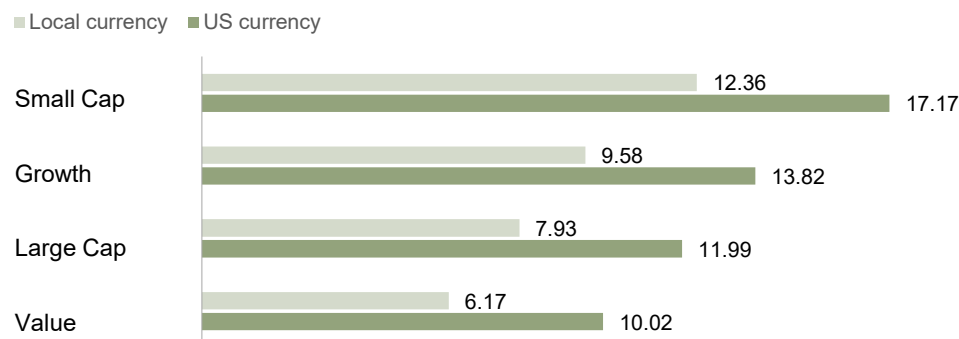
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Emerging Markets Stocks

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



Emerging Markets
\$10.2 trillion

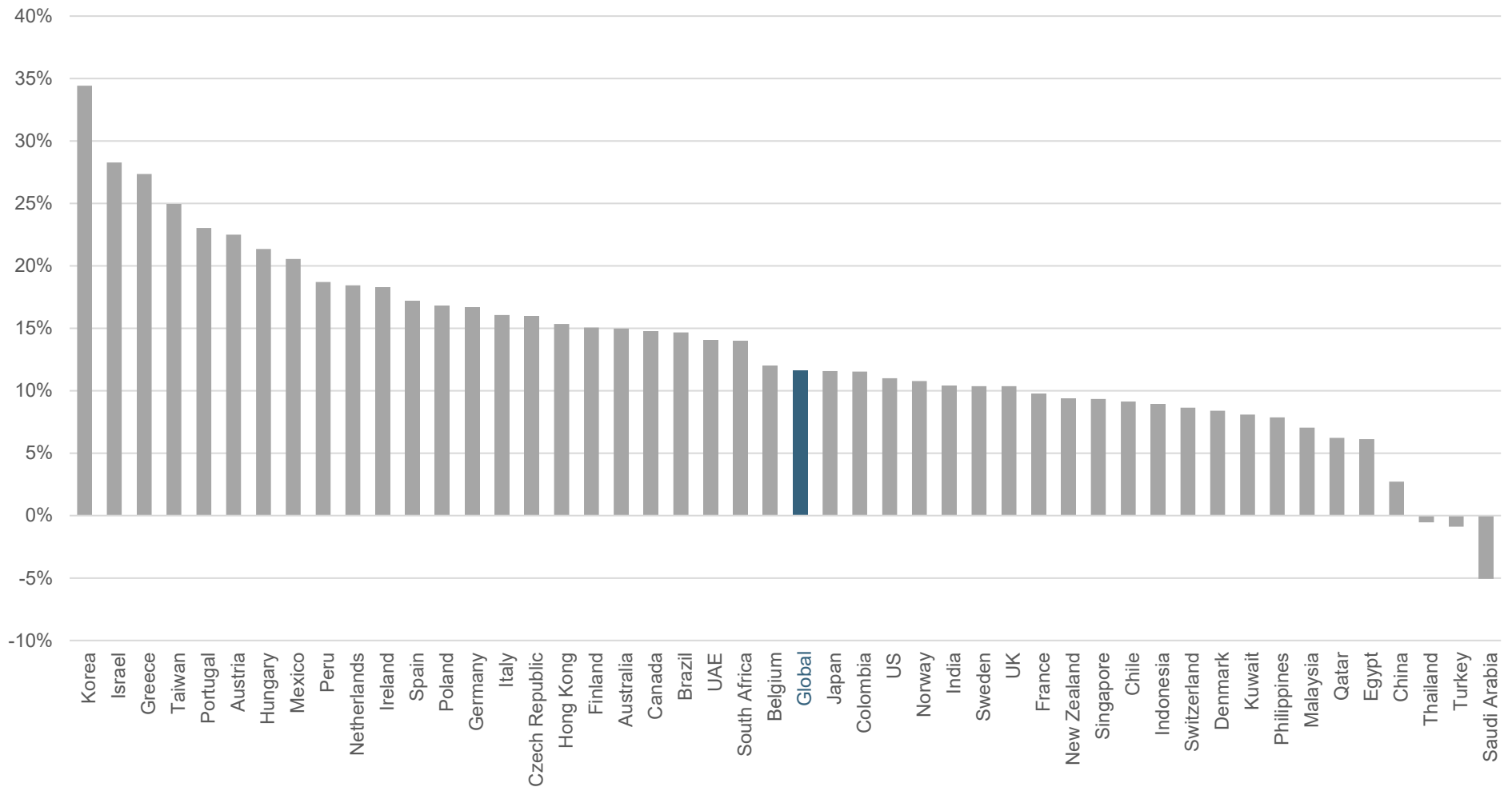
Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	ANNUALIZED					
			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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Country Returns

Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025



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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

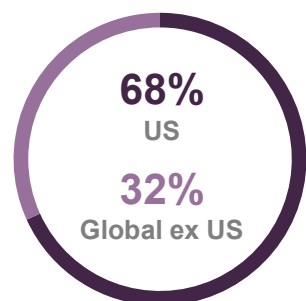
Returns (USD), 2nd Quarter 2025

- 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 (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	ANNUALIZED					
			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

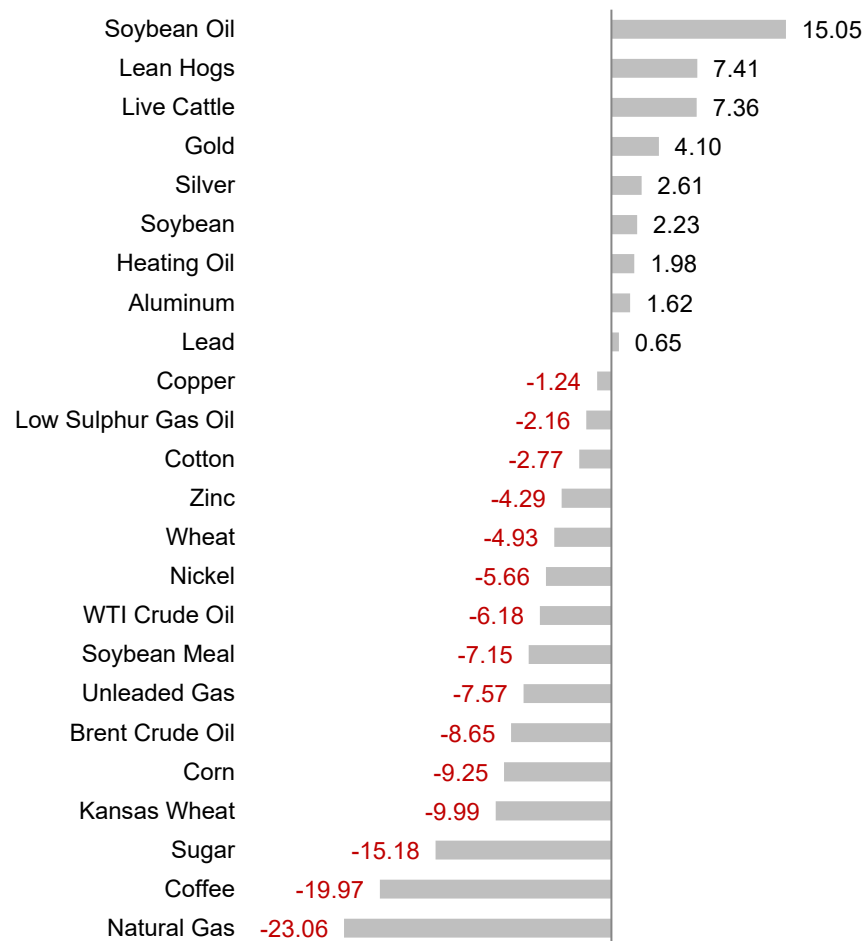
The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned -3.08% for the second quarter of 2025.

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 (%)

QTR	YTD	ANNUALIZED					
		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 intermediate-term interest rates decreased, and long-term interest rates increased within the US Treasury market.

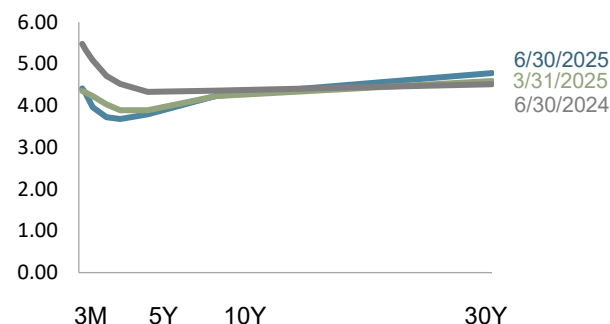
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield decreased 10 basis points (bps) to 4.28%, while the 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield decreased 7 bps to 3.96%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note decreased 17 bps to 3.72%.

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%.

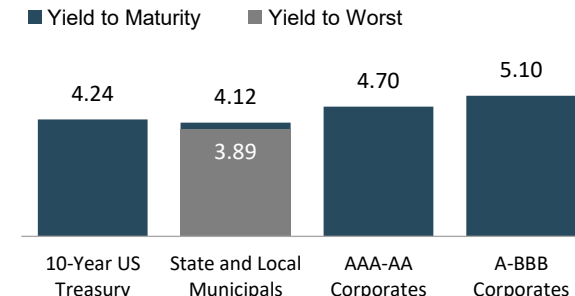
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +1.67% while intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +1.46%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +1.80% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned +2.12%.¹

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%.²

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yield Across Issuers (%)



Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	ANNUALIZED					
			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

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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Global Fixed Income

Yield curves, 2nd Quarter 2025

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

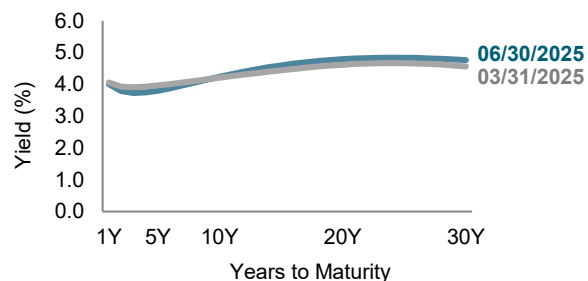
Realized term premiums were generally mixed across global developed markets. Intermediate-term bonds generally outperformed both short-term and long-term bonds during the quarter.

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.

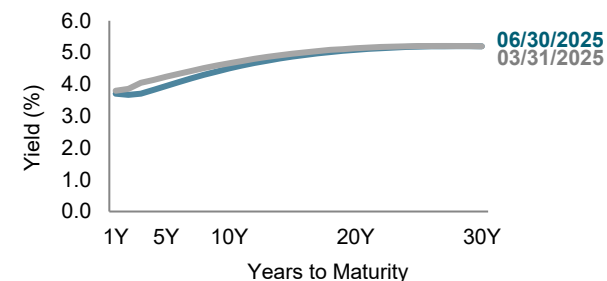
Changes in Yield (bps) Since 03/31/2025

	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

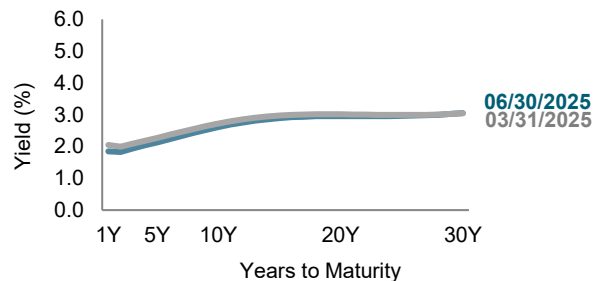
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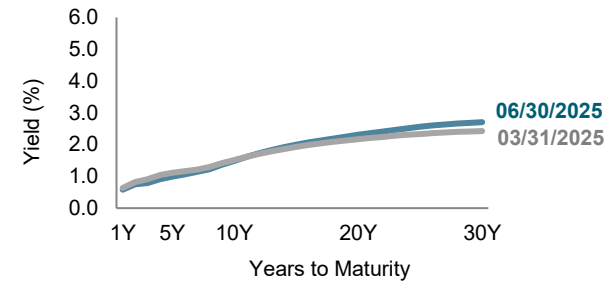
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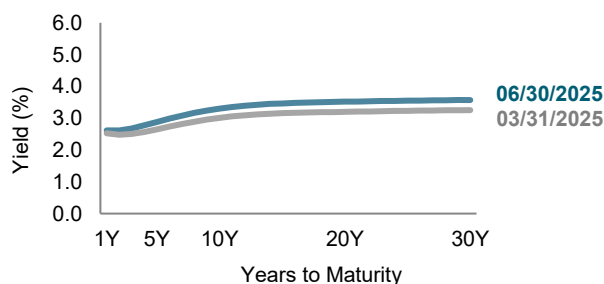
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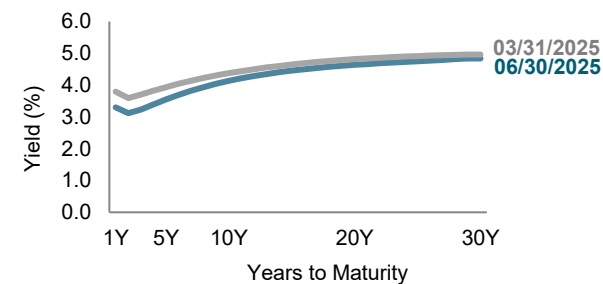
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Canada



Australia



Is Gold a Safe Haven?

2nd Quarter 2025

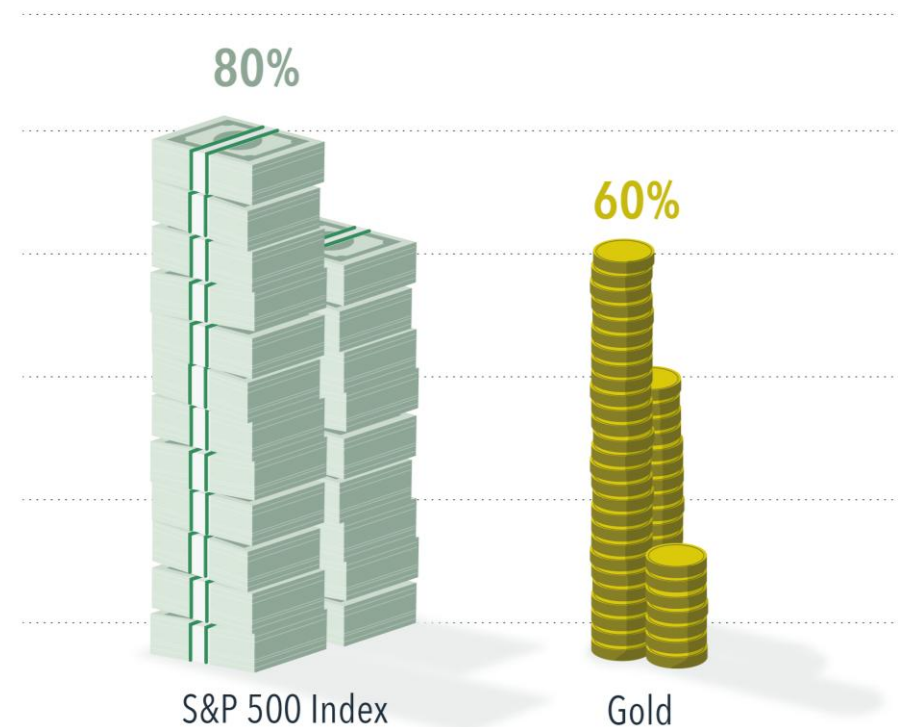
Wes Crill, PhD, Senior Client Solutions Director and Vice President, Dimensional Fund Advisors

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.

FREQUENCY OF POSITIVE CALENDAR-YEAR RETURNS

1970–2024



Is Gold a Safe Haven?

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