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ECONOMY: STRONG RUN OF ECONOMIC DATA ACCELERATES GROWTH

Economic Data

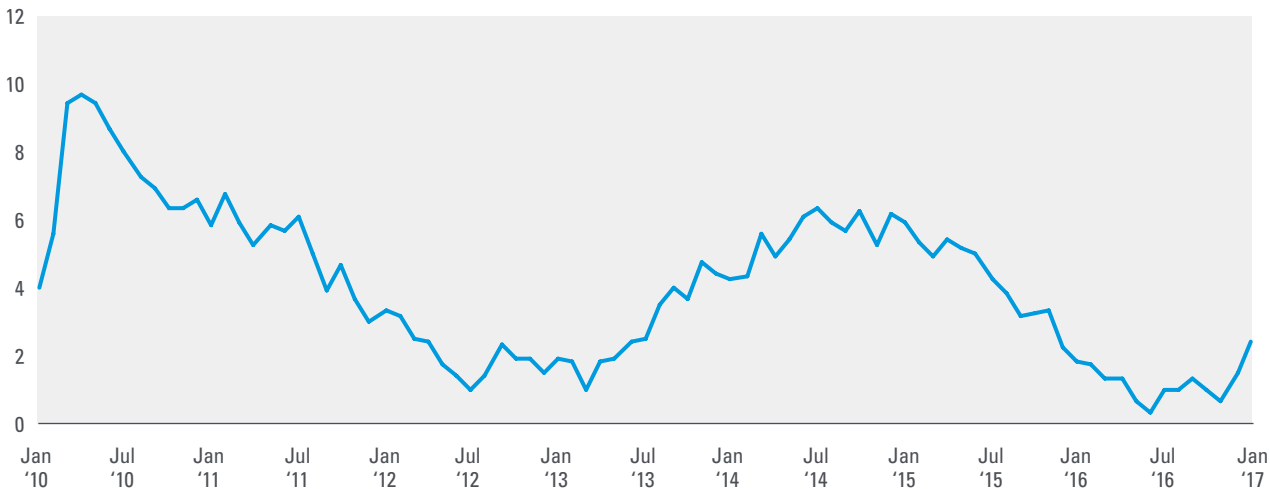
As they did in January 2017, February 2017 economic reports, which mostly reflect economic activity that occurred in January 2017, continued to support real gross domestic product (GDP) growth of about 2.5–3.0% for the first quarter of 2017, according to “NowCast” model estimates by the New York and Atlanta Federal Reserve Banks (Fed). A pace in this range would be ahead of the average growth rate of just over 2% seen since the end of the Great Recession. About 60% of the U.S. economic data reported in February exceeded economic estimates, a slowdown from the prior month but still an

indication that expectations have not yet caught up with improvements in the data. The pickup in data has likely been driven primarily by two sources: 1) the continued release of “animal spirits” post-election due to greater policy clarity and the potential enactment of pro-growth policies such as tax reform, deregulation, and infrastructure spending; and 2) the continued rebound from a period of slow growth in the second half of 2015 and first half of 2016 due to oil-related capital spending declines and tightening credit standards, as well as slower global growth and a strong U.S. dollar.

Helped by improving data, leading economic indicators continued to signal low odds of a recession. The level of the Conference Board’s Leading Economic Index (LEI), an aggregate of economic indicators that tend to lead the overall economy, rose a robust 0.6% between December 2016 and January 2017,

LEADING INDICATORS HAVE BEEN ACCELERATING

● Conference Board Leading Economic Index (LEI), Year Over Year, %



Source: LPL Research, Conference Board, Bloomberg 02/28/17

and the index's year-over-year change accelerated from +1.6% to +2.5%. The LEI has now posted a year-over-year increase in a record 86 consecutive months. Historically, when the change in the LEI has been at this level or higher, the economy has been in a recession a year later less than 10% of the time.

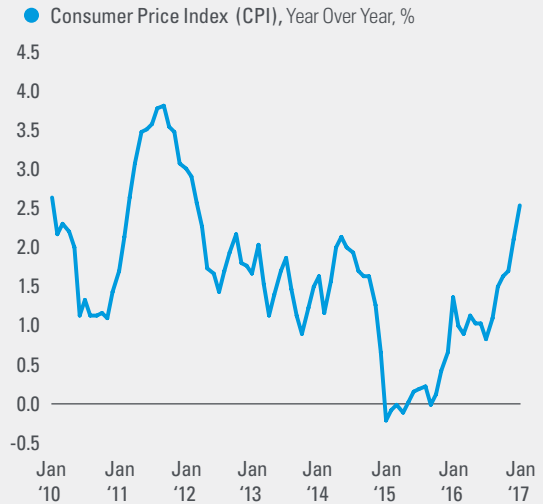
The inflation reports released in February 2017 generally showed inflation accelerating and exceeding expectations. Recall that a year ago, in January 2016, oil prices bottomed out at around \$26 per barrel. Oil prices are hovering in the low \$50 per barrel range today (as of 03/06/17). This large year-over-year increase in energy prices is making its way into the inflation readings here in early 2017. For example, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) continued to accelerate, from a 2.1% year-over-year gain in December 2016 to 2.5% in January 2017, the highest reading in almost five years. Wage gains—as measured by average hourly earnings—decelerated between December 2016 and January 2017, from +2.8% year over year to +2.5%, but most other measures of wages continued to indicate accelerating wages.

Central Banks

The Fed's first policy meeting of 2017 ended on February 1, 2017, and as expected, the Fed made no change to rates and talked up the economy, but continued to say that any future rate hikes would be gradual and data dependent. Fed Chair Janet Yellen's semiannual monetary policy testimony to Congress in mid-February, along with public appearances from Fed officials over the second half of the month, led market participants to increase the odds of a Fed rate hike as soon as the March 2017 policy meeting.

Outside of the U.S., February was a quiet month for developed market central banks, as among the major central banks (Bank of Japan, European Central Bank, and Bank of England) only the Bank of England met and made no change to rates. Emerging market central banks were active however, as the Reserve Bank of India, which was widely expected to cut rates, held policy steady instead, whereas the central bank of Brazil cut rates as expected. At its first meeting after the Fed's rate hike in December 2016, Mexico's central bank raised rates as expected.

INFLATION HAS ACCELERATED TO ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE 2012



Source: LPL Research, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics 02/28/17

GLOBAL EQUITIES: STOCK GAINS CONTINUE WITH IMPRESSIVE CONSISTENCY

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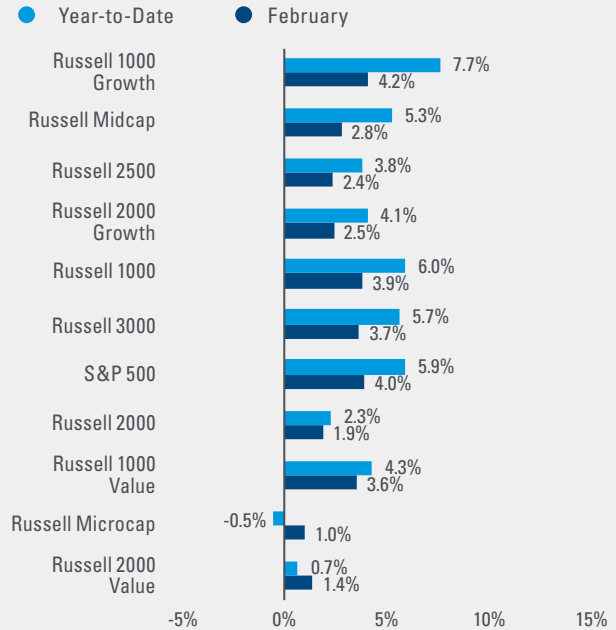
Stocks followed up a strong January with an even stronger February, with the S&P 500 Index returning 4.0% for the month after January’s 1.9% gain. February, which marked four consecutive positive months, delivered the best monthly gain since 6.8% in March 2016. The index continues to display impressive consistency, having lost ground only one month out of the past 12, while having avoided a 1% one-day decline since October 11, 2016 (based on S&P 500 closing prices).

Optimism surrounding President Trump’s policy roadmap remained a key market driver, though economic data and corporate earnings were also supportive. Market participants have seemingly ignored the challenges that lie ahead with such an aggressive agenda, including budgetary constraints, navigating the complexity of healthcare reform, and risks of souring trade relations. The market’s steady march to another series of record highs in the face of these uncertainties is notable.

Corporate America generally delivered amid lofty expectations during fourth quarter 2016 earnings season—much of it in February—and put the late 2014–early 2015 earnings recession further in the rear view mirror. S&P 500 earnings rose about 8% year over year in the quarter (according to Thomson Reuters), up from the 4% pace in the prior quarter and about 2% above quarter-end estimates. While fiscal policy implications dominated discussions on earnings conference calls, the energy sector’s rebound and strong increases for technology and financials were notable.

The Fed remained in focus for market participants in February, as strengthening economic data and comments from Fed officials led the market to move its rate hike timetable forward. Stock investors also shrugged off this risk, apparently emphasizing the Fed’s acknowledgment of the improved growth outlook and pro-growth policies over the potential

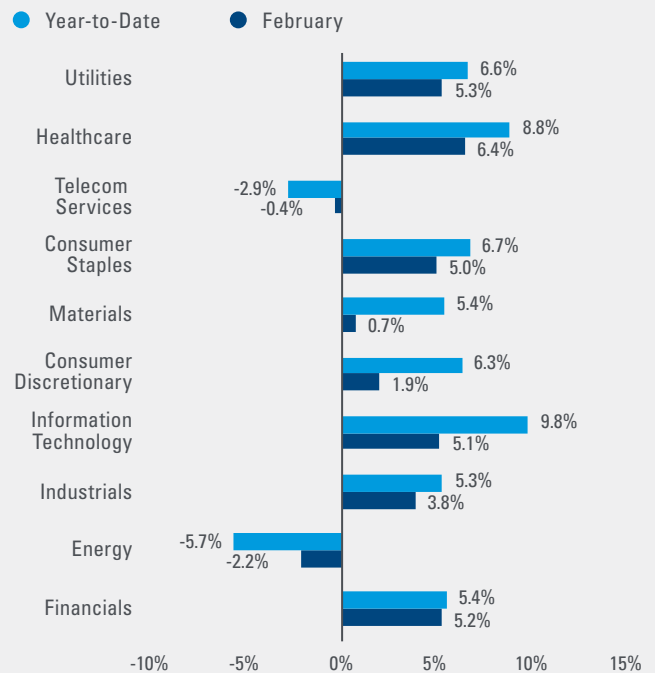
DOMESTIC INDEX PERFORMANCE



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S&P 500 SECTOR PERFORMANCE



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Because of its narrow focus, sector investing will be subject to greater volatility than investing more broadly across many sectors and companies.

for higher interest rates. The U.S. dollar did rise as the probability of a March hike—and three total hikes in 2017—increased, but remained below December 2016 levels. The border adjustment tax debate remains a primary driver of the U.S. dollar (the tax would drive the dollar higher, potentially substantially) and is therefore something global investors are watching closely.

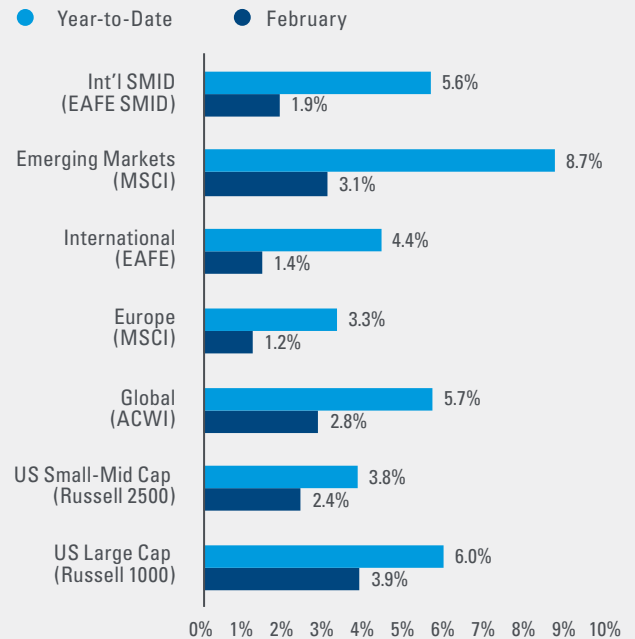
Healthcare topped the sector leaderboard for the month, as policy uncertainty surrounding the Affordable Care Act overhaul began to clear and market participants appeared interested in taking advantage of lower valuations. Markets also demonstrated a preference for more defensive (less economically sensitive) sectors, which likely helped both healthcare and the next best performer: utilities (falling interest rates also helped utilities). Energy was the worst sector performer amid a sharp decline in natural gas prices, even as oil prices rose modestly for the month. Year to date, technology and healthcare are the best-performing sectors, while telecom and energy are the only decliners.

Turning to style and market cap, after three straight months of underperformance to end 2016, growth outperformed value in both January and February of 2017. Losses for energy, the second-biggest value sector, and outperformance by growth sectors technology and industrials propelled growth ahead of value for the month. Small caps lagged again in February for the second straight month, despite their relatively greater economic sensitivity and likely boost from tax reform, as the small cap Russell 2000 Index (+1.9%) trailed both the large cap Russell 1000 (+3.9%) and Russell Midcap (+2.8%).

International

Developed international equity markets produced gains in February, as they did in January, based on the MSCI EAFE Index, but their 1.5% return fell well short of the S&P 500's 4.0%. U.S. dollar strength, which clips international returns when translated into U.S. dollars, was part of the story, while political risk ahead of French elections beginning in April 2017 weighed on European investor sentiment and was reflected in financials sector weakness. At the

GLOBAL INDEX PERFORMANCE



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country level, among the more influential markets, the biggest gains came from Australia (+3.8%) and Hong Kong (+2.0%), both reflecting a healthy China.* Italy lagged amid ongoing concerns about the health of its banks while French stocks were hurt by the possibility of an exit from the European Union ("Frexit").

Emerging markets (EM) fared better with a 3.1% February return despite headwinds from the strong U.S. dollar and commodity stock weakness. Trade policies with China and Mexico continued to get media attention, but those markets both outperformed the EM benchmark for the month, suggesting market participants gained some comfort with the risks. India (+5.9%) and Taiwan (+4.7%) were the top EM performers, while political risk was evident in Russia's 6% loss for the month.*

*Country stock performance data is based on MSCI country indexes.

FIXED INCOME: YIELD CURVE FLATTENS AS MARCH RATE HIKE GAINS MOMENTUM

Treasury yields moved in varying directions throughout February. Shorter-term yields moved higher as the chances of a Fed rate hike in March rose dramatically, especially late in the month. Longer-term rates oscillated during the month but fell overall, as the 10-year Treasury yield swung between 2.50% and 2.30% during February. The 2-year Treasury yield ended up 3 basis points (.03%), while the 10-year and 30-year Treasury ended the month down by 9 and 8 basis points (.09% and .08%), respectively, resulting in a flattening of the yield curve.

The decline in longer-term yields was largely a tailwind for fixed income, as all sectors ended the month in positive territory. The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate returned 0.7% during the month, outperforming the Bloomberg Barclays Treasury Index, up 0.5%*, equal to that of Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). Further improvement in valuations and elevated interest rate sensitivity (relative to the Barclays Aggregate) was a tailwind for investment-grade corporate bonds, which returned 1.2% during February.**

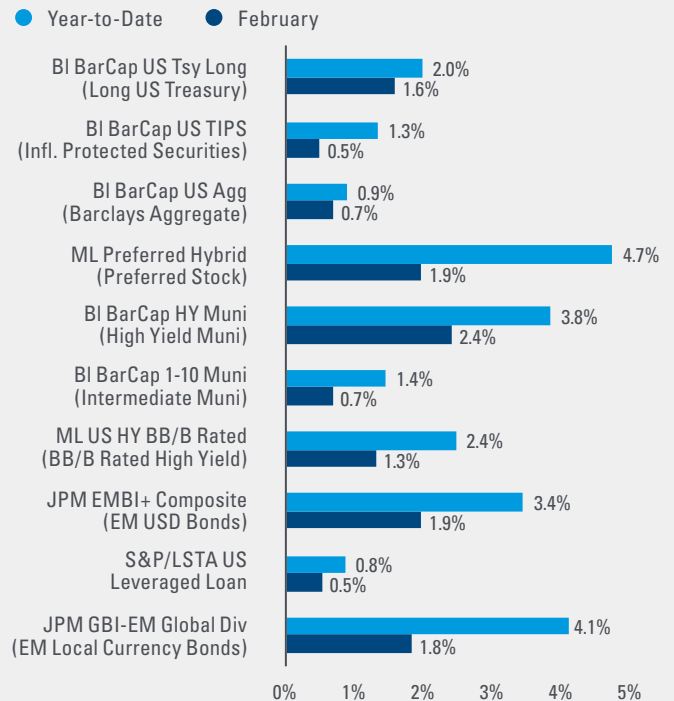
A very strong month for equities led to a similarly strong month for lower-quality, more economically-sensitive sectors of fixed income. High yield returned 1.3% and emerging markets debt (EMD) returned 1.9%. High-yield municipal bonds continued their recovery following late-2016 and early-2017 volatility to post a 2.4% return during the month.

*Based on the Bloomberg Barclays Treasury Index.

**Based on the Bloomberg Barclays Cap Inv. Grade Credit Index.

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FIXED INCOME PERFORMANCE



U.S. TREASURY YIELDS

Security	01/31/17	02/28/17	Change in Yield
3 Month	0.52	0.53	0.01
2 Year	1.19	1.22	0.03
5 Year	1.90	1.89	-0.01
10 Year	2.45	2.36	-0.09
30 Year	3.05	2.97	-0.08

AAA MUNICIPAL YIELDS

Security	01/31/17	02/28/17	Change in Yield
2 Year	1.12	1.08	-0.04
5 Year	1.70	1.62	-0.08
10 Year	2.37	2.34	-0.03
20 Year	3.00	2.97	-0.03
30 Year	3.19	3.17	-0.02

Source: LPL Research, Bloomberg, FactSet 02/28/17

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Bonds are subject to market and interest rate risk if sold prior to maturity. Bond values and yields will decline as interest rates rise, and bonds are subject to availability and change in price.

Bank loans are loans issued by below investment-grade companies for short-term funding purposes with higher yield than short-term debt and involve risk.

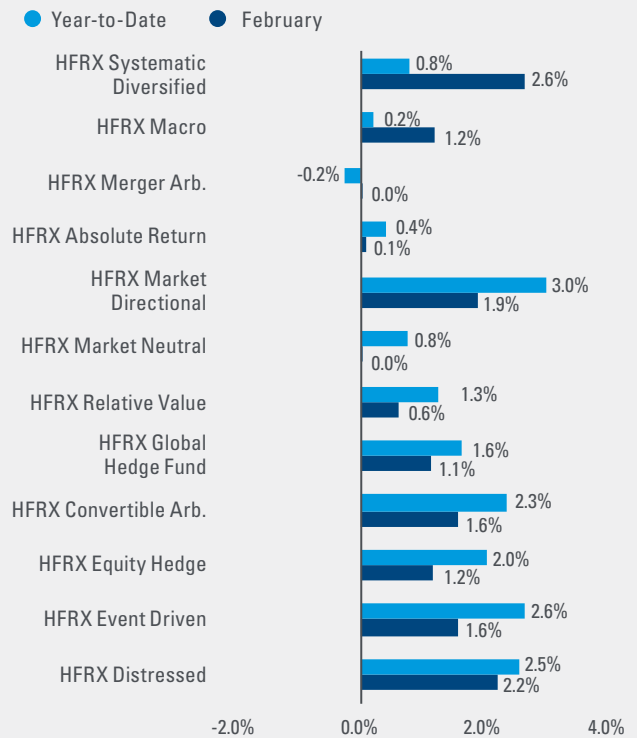
ALTERNATIVES: FEBRUARY ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS – BROAD GAINS ACROSS ALL AI STRATEGIES

Alternative investment strategies were broadly higher during February, as strong equity market gains were supportive of overall returns. Managed futures strategies led overall category gains, as the HFRX Systematic Diversified Index returned 2.6%. Underlying long exposure to global equity markets was the predominant positive contributor, while long U.S. dollar exposure against a variety of European and emerging market currencies also delivered gains. Returns within commodity contracts were mixed, with strong profits experienced in short natural gas positioning being offset by losses from short gold exposure. Short fixed income exposure was the main detractor across many programs, as the increase in interest rate has recently slowed.

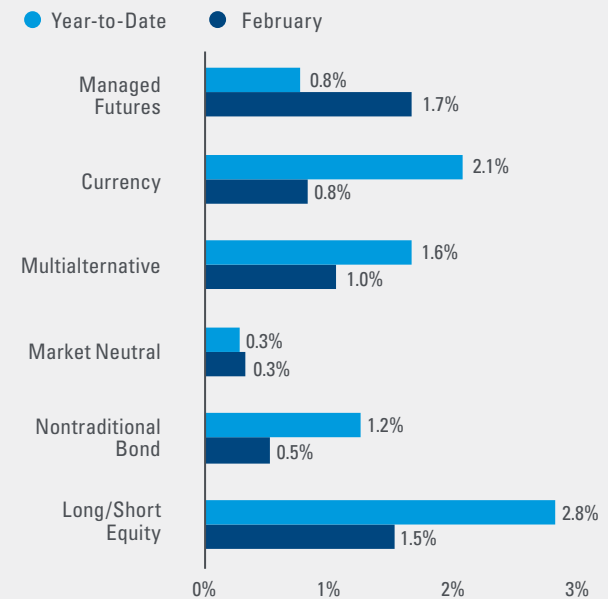
As measured by the HFRX Equity Hedge Index, long/short equity strategies gained 1.2%, with long exposure to the healthcare (+6.4%) and technology (+4.5%) sectors proving beneficial. In general, the industries tilt toward growth-related names and the modest increase in net market exposure over the past several months have been positive attributes this year. Additionally, the decline in average sector and individual stock correlations within the S&P 500 continues to provide a more attractive opportunity set for generating stock-picking alpha. Ideally, a larger spread between positive and negative returning stocks should support returns in the long/short category.

Within the distressed industry, managers once again saw positive returns, as the HFRX Distressed Index returned 2.2% during February. This marks the twelfth-straight month of positive gains for the subcategory, which has provided over a 30% return since March 2016. Over that time frame, the investment landscape has shifted away from being predominantly driven by the energy sector, to emerging opportunities within the consumer retail space.

HFRX INDEX PERFORMANCE



MORNINGSTAR INDEX PERFORMANCE



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Alternative strategies may not be suitable for all investors and should be considered as an investment for the risk capital portion of the investor's portfolio. The strategies employed in the management of alternative investments may accelerate the velocity of potential losses.

DISPARATE RETURNS FOR LIQUID REAL ASSETS IN FEBRUARY

February saw a high dispersion of returns among constituents of the real assets universe as precious metals performed strongly while energy and agriculture were weak. The U.S. dollar followed through on weakness from January as the trade weighted index returned -1.4% and the 10-year Treasury yield declined from 2.45% at the end of January to 2.36% at month's end.

MLPs & Global Listed Infrastructure

The master limited partnership (MLP) market saw a high level of equity issuance during the month that proved hard to digest. The Alerian MLP Index returned 0.40%, adding to its gains from the prior month, but lagged well behind the broad U.S. equity markets. Distribution announcements for the midstream energy space for the quarter, were relatively positive, as 32 companies announced increases from the prior quarter, whereas 39 companies remained unchanged. No distribution cuts were announced. Those that increased distributions averaged a quarter-over-quarter change of 3.4%, highlighting that there are still high-growth opportunities in the asset class. Valuations remain attractive with the index yielding 6.7%.

Global listed infrastructure, as measured by the S&P Global Infrastructure Index, returned 3.0% for the month.

REITs

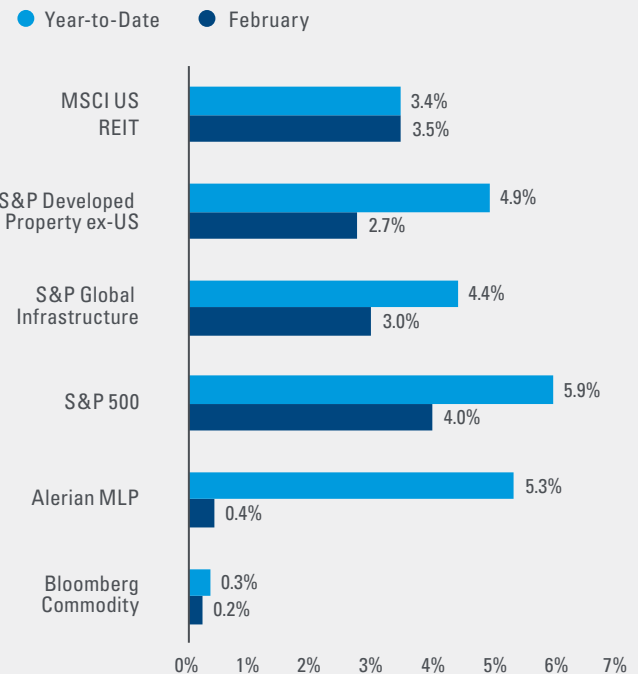
REITs followed up on an uneventful month by returning 3.5% in February, buoyed by lower interest rates. Healthcare and residential REITs were the outliers to the upside as retail and hotel and resort REITs struggled.

Investing in real estate/REITs involves special risks such as potential illiquidity and may not be suitable for all investors. There is no assurance that the investment objectives of this program will be attained.

Investing in MLPs involves additional risks as compared with the risks of investing in common stock, including risks related to cash flow, dilution, and voting rights.

MLPs may trade less frequently than larger companies due to their smaller capitalizations, which may result in erratic price movement or difficulty in buying or selling. MLPs are subject to significant regulation and may be adversely affected by changes in the regulatory environment, including the risk that an MLP could lose its tax status as a partnership. Additional management fees and other expenses are associated with investing in MLP funds.

LIQUID REAL ASSET PERFORMANCE



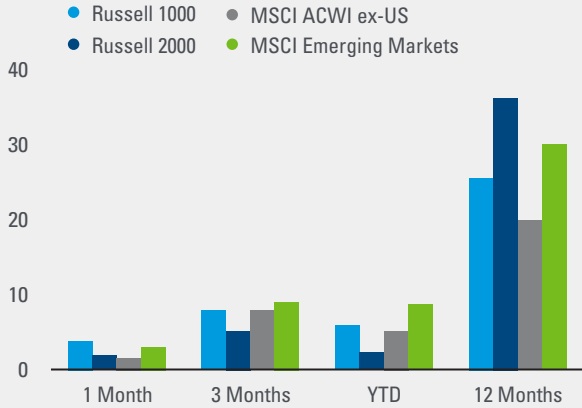
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Commodities

The Bloomberg Commodity Index returned 0.2% in February in another month with a high dispersion of returns among individual commodities. WTI crude oil gained 1.2% for the month as OPEC production caps held up and demand firmed amid growing U.S. production and higher rig counts. The most recent weekly reading for U.S. crude production was over 9 million barrels per day for the first time since April 2016. Natural gas fell sharply again, down 11.9%, with warm winter affecting prices still. Agricultural commodities were also down as the Bloomberg Agriculture Index dipped -0.3% despite gains for wheat and corn. Metals were mostly higher, led by precious (gold +3.5% and silver +4.9%), while industrial metals (+2.2%) were weighed down by copper's 1.0% loss.

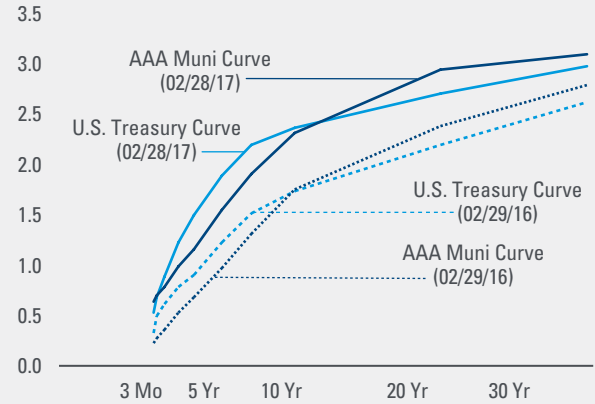
MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

EQUITY PERFORMANCE



Source: LPL Research, Bloomberg, FactSet 02/28/17

DOMESTIC YIELD CURVE



Source: LPL Research, Bloomberg, FactSet 02/28/17

		1 Mo	3 Mos	YTD	12 Mos
Large Cap	S&P 500	3.97	8.04	5.94	24.98
	DJIA	5.17	9.46	5.82	29.33
	Russell 1000	3.87	7.95	5.96	25.53
	Russell 1000 Value	3.59	6.94	4.33	29.13
	Russell 1000 Growth	4.15	9.00	7.66	22.15
Small/Mid Cap	Russell 2000	1.93	5.20	2.33	36.11
	Russell 2000 Value	1.45	4.88	0.72	41.29
	Russell 2000 Growth	2.45	5.54	4.12	30.91
	Russell Microcap	1.04	4.05	-0.48	35.65
	Russell Midcap	2.83	6.51	5.31	26.81
	Russell Midcap Value	2.79	6.38	4.52	31.84
All Cap	Russell Midcap Growth	2.88	6.67	6.31	21.54
	Russell 3000	3.72	7.73	5.67	26.29
	Russell 3000 Value	3.42	6.77	4.04	30.02
	Russell 3000 Growth	4.02	8.73	7.39	22.77
International Markets	MSCI EAFE	1.45	7.98	4.39	16.31
	MSCI ACWI ex US	1.61	7.95	5.22	19.88
	MSCI Europe	1.21	8.75	3.32	12.82
	MSCI Japan	1.12	5.93	4.89	20.71
	MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan	3.45	8.30	9.46	28.27
	MSCI EAFE SMID	1.87	8.61	5.63	16.58

		1 Mo	3 Mos	YTD	12 Mos
Int'l-Continued	MSCI ACWI ex US SMID	2.08	8.34	6.21	18.77
	MSCI Emerging Mkts	3.07	9.03	8.71	29.94
	MSCI EMEA	0.11	9.62	2.22	26.06
	MSCI Latin America	3.60	12.54	11.50	48.01
	MSCI Frontier Markets	-0.36	9.20	6.28	13.71
Sectors - S&P500 GICS	Consumer Discretionary	1.95	6.33	6.27	18.29
	Consumer Staples	4.95	10.07	6.68	11.55
	Energy	-2.19	-3.90	-5.71	26.19
	Financials	5.20	9.56	5.45	46.36
	Healthcare	6.43	9.62	8.82	15.16
	Industrials	3.82	5.82	5.29	27.67
	Information Technology	5.13	11.48	9.77	32.95
	Materials	0.69	5.48	5.35	27.75
	Telecom Services	-0.39	5.03	-2.85	9.41
	Utilities	5.28	11.87	6.60	15.88

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(Data continued on following page.)

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	1 Mo	3 Mos	YTD	12 Mos
BI BarCap US Agg	0.67	1.01	0.87	1.42
BI BarCap 1-10 Muni	0.66	2.04	1.45	0.03
BI BarCap HY Muni	2.38	5.26	3.82	5.17
BI BarCap Inv. Grade Credit	1.15	2.14	1.46	6.42
BI BarCap Muni Long Bond -22+	0.78	3.00	1.40	0.92
BI BarCap US Agg Securitized MBS	0.48	0.44	0.44	0.44
BI BarCap US TIPs	0.47	1.22	1.32	3.36
BI BarCap US Treasury Intern	0.30	0.46	0.49	-0.59
BI BarCap US Treasury Long	1.56	1.41	1.96	-4.48
BI BarCap US High Yield Loans	0.50	2.14	0.84	12.54
ML Preferred Stock Hybrid	1.95	4.98	4.71	6.09
ML US High Yield BB/B Rated	1.27	4.14	2.43	18.02
ML US Convert ex Mandatory	1.85	6.06	4.71	25.50
JPM GBI Global ex US Hedged	1.14	0.21	-0.22	1.60
JPM GBI Global ex US Unhedged	0.36	0.73	1.76	-1.49
JPM GBI-EM Global Div	1.80	6.04	4.09	12.42
JPM ELMI+	1.66	4.03	3.53	7.82
JPM EMBI+ Composite	1.94	4.79	3.43	10.47

Fixed Income

	1 Mo	3 Mos	YTD	12 Mos
HFRX Absolute Return	0.11	0.61	0.40	1.01
HFRX Market Directional	1.87	4.75	2.98	25.46
HFRX Convertible Arb.	1.58	3.10	2.33	9.68
HFRX Distressed	2.19	4.45	2.54	30.05
HFRX Equity Hedge	1.17	2.21	2.03	8.15
HFRX Market Neutral	0.01	-0.32	0.76	-2.65
HFRX Event Driven	1.55	4.60	2.62	18.44
HFRX Merger Arb.	0.03	0.50	-0.25	2.84
HFRX Relative Value Arb.	0.62	2.10	1.26	5.26
HFRX Global Hedge Fund	1.12	2.50	1.63	7.48
HFRX Macro Index	1.18	0.70	0.22	-3.88
HFRX Systematic Diversified	2.63	1.42	0.79	-5.61
Bloomberg Commodity	0.21	2.15	0.34	15.95
DJ Wilshire REIT	3.50	7.43	2.62	14.99
Alerian MLP	0.40	9.94	5.31	40.83

Alternatives

	Latest Mo End (02/28/17)	3 Mos Ago (11/30/16)	Latest Yr End (12/31/16)	12 Mos Ago (02/29/16)
US Dollar Index Value	101.36	101.53	102.21	98.15
USD vs. Yen	112.98	114.40	116.90	112.43
Euro vs. USD	1.06	1.06	1.05	1.09
Gold (\$ per Troy Ounce)	1247.80	1173.00	1150.90	1238.30
Crude Oil (\$ per Barrel)	54.01	49.44	53.72	33.75

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IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

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Stock and Pooled Investment Risks

There is no guarantee that a diversified portfolio will enhance overall returns or outperform a non-diversified portfolio. Diversification does not ensure against market risk.

Investments in specialized industry sectors have additional risks, which are outlined in the prospectus. Please read the fund's prospectus for more information on risks, fees, and other important information.

Bond and Debt Equity Risks

Government bonds and Treasury bills are guaranteed by the U.S. government as to the timely payment of principal and interest and, if held to maturity, offer a fixed rate of return and fixed principal value. However, the value of fund shares is not guaranteed and will fluctuate.

High-yield/junk bonds are not investment-grade securities, involve substantial risks, and generally should be part of the diversified portfolio of sophisticated investors.

Municipal bonds are subject to availability, price, and to market and interest rate risk if sold prior to maturity. Bond values will decline as interest rate rise. Interest income may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Federally tax-free but other state and local taxes may apply.

Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) are subject to interest rate risk and opportunity risk. If interest rates rise, the value of your bond on the secondary market will likely fall. In periods of no or low inflation, other investments, including other Treasury bonds, may perform better.

Preferred stock investing involves risk, which may include loss of principal, and are subject to many of the same risks which affect fixed income securities.

Alternative Risks

Currency risk is a form of risk that arises from the change in price of one currency against another. Whenever investors or companies have assets or business operations across national borders, they face currency risk if their positions are not hedged.

Long/short equity funds are subject to normal alternative investment risks, including potentially higher fees; while there is additional management risk, as the manager is attempting to accurately anticipate the likely movement of both their long and short holdings. There is also the risk of "beta-mismatch," in which long positions could lose more than short positions during falling markets.

Global macro strategies attempt to profit from anticipated price movements in stock markets, interest rates, foreign exchange and physical commodities. Global macro risks include but are not limited to imperfect knowledge of macro events, divergent movement from macro events, loss of principal, and related geopolitical risks.

Event driven strategies, such as merger arbitrage, consist of buying shares of the target company in a proposed merger and fully or partially hedging the exposure to the acquirer by shorting the stock of the acquiring company or other means. This strategy involves significant risk as events may not occur as planned and disruptions to a planned merger may result in significant loss to a hedged position.

Selling short can result in losses should the borrowed security increase in price, rather than decline. The theoretical potential loss is unlimited. Additionally, short sales will incur interest on the borrowed shares while also being subject to margin calls, or early sales in the event that the original owner wishes to sell their position.

Commodity-linked investments may be more volatile and less liquid than the underlying instruments or measures, and their value may be affected by the performance of the overall commodities baskets as well as weather, geopolitical events, and regulatory developments.

Definitions

Different agencies employ different rating scales for credit quality. Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Fitch both use scales from AAA (highest) through AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C to D (lowest). Moody's uses a scale from Aaa (highest) through Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca to C (lowest).

The Leading Economic Index is a monthly publication from the Conference Board that attempts to predict future movements in the economy based on a composite of 10 economic indicators whose changes tend to precede changes in the overall economy.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the monetary value of all the finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period, though GDP is usually calculated on an annual basis. It includes all of private and public consumption, government outlays, investments and exports less imports that occur within a defined territory.

INDEX DEFINITIONS

The Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy master limited partnerships that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for this emerging asset class. The index, which is calculated using a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted methodology, is disseminated in real time on a price-return basis (NYSE: AMZ) and on a total-return basis (NYSE: AMZX).

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS, and CMBS (agency and non-agency).

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Securitized MBS Index tracks agency mortgage backed pass-through securities (both fixed-rate and hybrid (ARM) guaranteed by Ginnie Mae (GNMA), Fannie Mae (FNMA), and Freddie Mac (FHLMC).

The Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield Index covers the universe of publicly issued debt obligations rated below investment grade. Bonds must be rated below investment grade or high yield (Ba1/BB+ or lower), by at least two of the following ratings agencies: Moody's, S&P, and Fitch. Bonds must also have at least one year to maturity, have at least \$150 million in par value outstanding, and must be U.S. dollar denominated and nonconvertible. Bonds issued by countries designated as emerging markets are excluded.

The Bloomberg Barclays 7-year Municipal Bond Index is the 7 Year (6 -8 year) component of the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond, which is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market.

The Bloomberg Barclays Corporate Investment Grade Credit Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. It includes USD-denominated securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility, and financial issuers that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High-Yield Loan Index tracks the market for dollar-denominated floating-rate leveraged loans. Instead of individual securities, the U.S. High-Yield Loan Index is composed of loan tranches that may contain multiple contracts at the borrower level.

The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal High Yield Bond Index is comprised of bonds with maturities greater than one year, having a par value of at least \$3 million issued as part of a transaction size greater than \$20 million, and rated no higher than 'BB+' or equivalent by any of the three principal rating agencies. (The long and the short are subindexes of the Municipal Bond Index, based on duration length.)

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Energy Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. Original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, 144-As and pay-in-kind bonds (PIKs, as of October 1, 2009) are also included.

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS Index is a rules-based, market value-weighted index that tracks Inflation-Protected Securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. The U.S. TIPS Index is a subset of the Global Inflation-Linked Index, with a 36% market value weight in the index (as of December 2007), but is not eligible for other nominal treasury or aggregate indexes. In order to prevent the erosion of purchasing power, TIPS are indexed to the nonseasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or the CPI-U (CPI).

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index is an unmanaged index of public debt obligations of the U.S. Treasury with a remaining maturity of one year or more. The index does not include T-bills (due to the maturity constraint), zero coupon bonds (strips), or Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS). (The long and the intermediate are subindexes of the U.S. Treasury Index, based on duration length.)

The Bloomberg Commodity Index is calculated on an excess return basis and composed of futures contracts on 22 physical commodities. It reflects the return of underlying commodity futures price movements.

The BofA Merrill Lynch BB-B U.S. High Yield Constrained Index contains all securities in the BofA Merrill Lynch US High Yield Index rated BB+ through B- by S&P (or equivalent as rated by Moody's or Fitch), but caps issuer exposure at 2%. Index constituents are capitalization-weighted, based on their current amount outstanding, provided the total allocation to an individual issuer does not exceed 2%.

The BofA Merrill Lynch U.S. Convertibles Ex-Mandatory Index is a rule-driven Index designed to capture the organic evolution of the U.S. convertible market and adjust automatically based on any changes in the market such as size of the market, industry skew, structure popularity, issuer size or equity sensitivity. The index rules include issues: U.S. dollar denominated greater than \$50M in aggregate market value that are publicly traded (including 144A) in the U.S. market but are not currently in bankruptcy. Exclusions are synthetic convertibles and mandatory convertibles.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index is comprised of U.S.-listed stocks of companies that produce other (non-transportation and non-utility) goods and services. The Dow Jones industrial averages are maintained by editors of The Wall Street Journal. While the stock selection process is somewhat subjective, a stock typically is added only if the company has an excellent reputation, demonstrates sustained growth, is of interest to a large number of investors, and accurately represents the market sectors covered by the average. The Dow Jones averages are unique in that they are price weighted; therefore, their component weightings are affected only by changes in the stocks' prices.

The Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT Index (formerly the DJ Wilshire REIT) intends to measure the performance of publicly traded REITs and REIT-like securities. The index is a subset of the Dow Jones U.S. Select Real Estate Securities Index (RESI), which represents equity REITs and real estate operating companies (REOCs) traded in the U.S. The indices are designed to serve as proxies for direct real estate investment, in part by excluding companies whose performance may be driven by factors other than the value of real estate.

The HFRX Absolute Return Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies; including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage.

The HFRX Distressed Restructuring Index strategies employ an investment process focused on corporate fixed income instruments, primarily on corporate credit instruments of companies trading at significant discounts to their value at issuance or obliged (par value) at maturity as a result of either formal bankruptcy proceeding or financial market perception of near term proceedings. Managers are typically actively involved with the management of these companies, frequently involved on creditors' committees in negotiating the exchange of securities for alternative obligations, either swaps of debt, equity, or hybrid securities. Managers employ fundamental credit processes focused on valuation and asset coverage of securities of distressed firms; in most cases portfolio exposures are concentrated in instruments that are publicly traded, in some cases actively and in others under reduced liquidity, but in general for which a reasonable public market exists. In contrast to special situations, distressed strategies employ primarily debt (greater than 60%) but also may maintain related equity exposure.

The HFRX Equity Hedge Index, also known as long/short equity, combines core long holdings of equities with short sales of stock or stock index options. Equity hedge portfolios may be anywhere from net long to net short, depending on market conditions. Equity hedge managers generally increase net long exposure in bull markets and decrease net long exposure (or even are net short) in a bear market. Generally, the short exposure is intended to generate an ongoing positive return in addition to acting as a hedge against a general stock market decline. Stock index put options are also often used as a hedge against market risk. Profits are made when long positions appreciate and stocks sold short depreciate. Conversely, losses are incurred when long positions depreciate or the value of stocks sold short appreciates. Equity hedge managers' source of return is similar to that of traditional stock pickers on the upside, but they use short selling and hedging to attempt to outperform the market on the downside.

The HFRX Equity Market Neutral Index strategies employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. These can include both factor-based and statistical arbitrage/trading strategies. Factor-based investment strategies include strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on the systematic analysis of common relationships between securities. In many but not all cases, portfolios are constructed to be neutral to one or multiple variables, such as broader equity markets in dollar or beta terms, and leverage is frequently employed to enhance the return profile of the positions identified. Statistical arbitrage/trading strategies consist of strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on exploiting pricing anomalies that may occur as a function of expected mean reversion inherent in security prices; high frequency techniques may be employed and trading strategies may also be employed on the basis on technical analysis or opportunistically to exploit new information the investment manager believes has not been fully, completely, or accurately discounted into current security prices. Equity market neutral strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.

The HFRX Event Driven Index managers maintain positions in companies currently or prospectively involved in corporate transactions of a wide variety, including but not limited to mergers, restructurings, financial distress, tender offers, shareholder buybacks, debt exchanges, security issuance, or other capital structure adjustments. Security types can range from most senior in the capital structure to most junior or subordinated, and frequently involve additional derivative securities. Event driven exposure includes a combination of sensitivities to equity markets, credit markets and idiosyncratic, company-specific developments. Investment theses are typically predicated on fundamental characteristics (as opposed to quantitative), with the realization of the thesis predicated on a specific development exogenous to the existing capital structure.

The HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies, including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage. The strategies are asset weighted based on the distribution of assets in the hedge fund industry.

The HFRX Macro Index strategy managers trade a broad range of strategies in which the investment process is predicated on movements in underlying economic variables and the impact these have on equity, fixed income, hard currency, and commodity markets. Managers employ a variety of techniques, both discretionary and systematic analysis, combinations of top-down and bottom-up theses, quantitative and fundamental approaches, and long- and short-term holding periods. Although some strategies employ RV techniques, macro strategies are distinct from RV strategies in that the primary investment thesis is predicated on predicted or future movements in the underlying instruments, rather than realization of a valuation discrepancy between securities. In a similar way, while both macro and equity hedge managers may hold equity securities, the overriding investment thesis is predicated on the impact movements in underlying macroeconomic variables may have on security prices, as opposed to EH, in which the fundamental characteristics on the company are the most significant and integral to investment thesis.

The HFRX Macro: Systematic Diversified CTA Index strategies have investment processes typically as function of mathematical, algorithmic, and technical models, with little or no influence of individuals over the portfolio positioning. Strategies employ an investment process designed to identify opportunities in markets exhibiting trending or momentum characteristics across individual instruments or asset classes. Strategies typically employ a quantitative process that focuses on statistically robust or technical patterns in the return series of the asset, and they typically focus on highly liquid instruments and maintain shorter holding periods than either discretionary or mean reverting strategies. Although some strategies seek to employ counter trend models, strategies benefit most from an environment characterized by persistent, discernible trending behavior. Systematic diversified strategies typically would expect to have no greater than 35% of the portfolio in either dedicated currency or commodity exposures over a given market cycle.

The HFRX Market Directional Index is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies, including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage. As a component of the optimization process, the index selects constituents which characteristically exhibit higher volatilities and higher correlations to standard directional benchmarks of equity, bond market, and hedge fund industry.

The HFRX Merger Arbitrage Index strategies employ an investment process primarily focused on opportunities in equity and equity-related instruments of companies that are currently engaged in a corporate transaction. Merger arbitrage involves primarily announced transactions, typically with limited or no exposure to situations that pre- or post-date, or situations in which no formal announcement is expected to occur. Opportunities are frequently presented in cross border, collared, and international transactions that incorporate multiple geographic regulatory institutions, with typically involve minimal exposure to corporate credits. Merger arbitrage strategies typically have over 75% of positions in announced transactions over a given market cycle.

The HFRX Relative Value Arbitrage Index includes managers who maintain positions in which the investment thesis is predicated on the realization of a valuation discrepancy in the relationship between multiple securities. Managers employ a variety of fundamental and quantitative techniques to establish investment theses, and security types range broadly across equity, fixed income, derivative, or other security types. Fixed income strategies are typically quantitatively driven to measure the existing relationship between instruments and, in some cases, identify attractive positions in which the risk adjusted spread between these instruments represents an attractive opportunity for the investment manager. RV position may be involved in corporate transactions also, but as opposed to ED exposures, the investment thesis is predicated on the realization of a pricing discrepancy between related securities, as opposed to the outcome of the corporate transaction.

The HFRX RV: FI-Convertible Arbitrage Index includes strategies in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a spread between related instruments in which one or multiple components of the spread is a convertible fixed income instrument. Strategies employ an investment process designed to isolate attractive opportunities between the price of a convertible security and the price of a non-convertible security, typically of the same issuer. Convertible arbitrage positions maintain characteristic sensitivities to credit quality the issuer, implied and realized volatility of the underlying instruments, levels of interest rates and the valuation of the issuer's equity, among other more general market and idiosyncratic sensitivities.

The J.P. Morgan GBI Global ex-U.S. Hedged Index tracks fixed rate issuances from high-income countries spanning the globe, launched in 1989.

The JPM GBI Global ex-U.S. Unhedged Index generally tracks fixed rate issuances from high-income countries spanning North America, Europe, and Asia, not including the United States.

The JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified Index limits the weights of those index countries with larger debt stocks by only including a specified portion of these countries as eligible, current face amounts of debt outstanding.

The JPM ELMI+ and JPM ELMI+ Composite Indexes measure the performance of debt issued by emerging markets in the local currency.

The Merrill Lynch Preferred Stock Hybrid Securities Index is an unmanaged index consisting of a set of investment-grade, exchange-traded preferred stocks with outstanding market values of at least \$50 million that are covered by Merrill Lynch Fixed Income Research.

The MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Index captures large and mid cap representation across four of five developed markets countries (excluding Japan) and eight emerging markets countries in the Asia Pacific region. With 682 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 developed markets (DM) countries (excluding the U.S.) and 23 emerging markets (EM) countries. With 1,839 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the U.S.

The MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. SMID Cap Index captures mid and small cap representation across 22 of 23 developed market (DM) countries (excluding the U.S.) and 23 emerging markets countries. With 5,164 constituents, the index covers approximately 28% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI EAFE Index is recognized as the pre-eminent benchmark in the United States to measure international equity performance. It comprises the MSCI country indexes that represent developed markets outside of North America: Europe, Australasia, and the Far East.

The MSCI EAFE SMID Cap Index captures mid and small cap representation across developed market countries around the world, excluding the U.S. and Canada. With 2,695 constituents, the index covers approximately 28% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 23 emerging markets (EM) countries. With 822 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Emerging Markets EMEA Index captures large and mid cap representation across eight emerging markets (EM) countries in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA). With 162 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Latin America Index captures large and mid cap representation across five emerging markets (EM) countries in Latin America. With 137 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Europe Index is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of the developed markets in Europe.

The MSCI Frontier Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 24 frontier markets (FM) countries. The index includes 127 constituents, covering about 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

The MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to track the equity market performance of Japanese securities listed on Tokyo Stock Exchange, Osaka Stock Exchange, JASDAQ, and Nagoya Stock Exchange.

The MSCI U.S. REIT Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is comprised of equity REITs. The index is based on MSCI USA Investable Market Index (IMI), its parent index that captures large, mid, and small caps securities. With 139 constituents, it represents about 99% of the U.S. REIT universe and securities are classified in the REIT sector according to the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS). It, however, excludes mortgage REITs and selected specialized REITs.

The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index and includes approximately 1000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 1000 represents approximately 92% of the U.S. market.

The Russell 1000 Value Index measures the performance of the large cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe.

The Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the performance of the large cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe.

The Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 Index is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index.

The Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell 2500 Index is a broad index featuring 2,500 stocks that cover the small and mid cap market capitalizations. The Russell 2500 is a market capitalization-weighted index that includes the smallest 2,500 companies covered in the Russell 3000 universe of U.S.-based listed equities.

The Russell 3000 Index measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

The Russell 3000 Growth Index measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 3000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The Russell 3000 Value Index measures the performance of the broad value segment of U.S. equity value universe. It includes those Russell 3000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The Russell Microcap Index measures the performance of the microcap segment of the U.S. equity market. Microcap stocks make up less than 3% of the U.S. equity market (by market cap) and consist of the smallest 1,000 securities in the small-cap Russell 2000 Index, plus the next 1,000 smallest eligible securities by market cap.

The Russell Midcap Index offers investors access to the mid cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the mid cap segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure that larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true mid cap opportunity set. The Russell Midcap Index includes the smallest 800 securities in the Russell 1000.

The Russell Midcap Growth Index offers investors access to the mid cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid cap growth market. Based on ongoing empirical research of investment manager behavior, the methodology used to determine growth probability approximates the aggregate mid cap growth manager's opportunity set.

The Russell Midcap Value Index offers investors access to the mid cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap Value Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid cap value market. Based on ongoing empirical research of investment manager behavior, the methodology used to determine value probability approximates the aggregate mid cap value manager's opportunity set.

The S&P 500 Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

The S&P Global Infrastructure Index is comprised of 75 of the largest publicly listed infrastructure companies that meet specific investability requirements. The index is designed to provide liquid exposure to the leading publicly listed companies in the global infrastructure industry, from both developed markets and emerging markets.

The S&P Utilities Index is comprised primarily of companies involved in water and electrical power and natural gas distribution industries.

The S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan 100 index is a market value-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the U.S. leveraged loan market. The index consists of 100 loan facilities drawn from a larger benchmark - the S&P/LSTA (Loan Syndications and Trading Association) Leveraged Loan Index (LLI).

The S&P Developed Ex-U.S. Property defines and measures the investable universe of publicly traded property companies domiciled in developed countries outside of the U.S. The companies included are engaged in real estate related activities, such as property ownership, management, development, rental and investment.

The USD Index measures the performance of the U.S. dollar against a basket of foreign currencies: EUR, JPY, GBP, CAD, CHF and SEK. The U.S. Dollar Index goes up when the dollar gains "strength" compared to other currencies.

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