

# **QUARTERLY MARKETS REVIEW**





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First Quarter 2020

During turbulent times, you might be forgiven for wanting to avoid reviewing what's happened in the markets over the previous quarter.

Others, however, maintain an interest in knowing what just happened, down to the minute detail. For them, we present our quarterly market review.

As you might expect, we start this quarter's market review with an article about the coronavirus and market declines.

We then transition to a global overview - featuring the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets – before finishing with an illustration of the impact of globally diversified portfolios.

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# The Coronavirus and Market Declines

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The world is watching with concern the spread of the new coronavirus. The uncertainty is being felt around the globe, and it is unsettling on a human level as well as from the perspective of how markets respond.

At Woodward Financial Advisors, it is a fundamental principle that markets are designed to handle uncertainty, processing information in real-time as it becomes available. We see this happening when markets decline sharply, as they have recently, as well as when they rise. Such declines can be distressing to any investor, but they are also a demonstration that the market is functioning as we would expect.

Market declines can occur when investors are forced to reassess expectations for the future. The expansion of the outbreak is causing worry among governments, companies, and individuals about

the impact on the global economy. Apple announced earlier this month that it expected revenue to take a hit from problems making and selling products in China.<sup>1</sup> Australia's prime minister has said the virus will likely become a global pandemic,<sup>2</sup> and other officials there warned of a serious blow to the country's economy.<sup>3</sup> Airlines are preparing for the toll it will take on travel. <sup>4</sup> And these are just a few examples of how the impact of the coronavirus is being assessed.

The market is clearly responding to new information as it becomes known, but the market is pricing in unknowns, too. As risk increases during a time of heightened uncertainty, so do the returns investors demand for bearing that risk, which pushes prices lower.



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Our investing approach is based on the principle that prices are set to deliver positive future expected returns for holding risky assets

We can't tell you when things will turn or by how much, but our expectation is that bearing today's risk will be compensated with positive expected returns. That's been a lesson of past health crises, such as the Ebola and swine-flu outbreaks earlier this century, and of market disruptions, such as the global financial crisis of 2008–2009. Additionally, history has shown no reliable way to identify a market peak or bottom. These beliefs argue against making market moves based on fear or speculation, even as difficult and traumatic events transpire.

Perhaps now more than ever we see the benefits of working with an advisor, to help clients develop a long-term plan they can stick with in a variety of conditions. Together, we consider a wide range of possible outcomes, both good and bad, when helping clients establish an asset allocation and plan. Those preparations include the possibility, even the inevitability, of a downturn. Amid the anxiety that accompanies developments surrounding the coronavirus, decades of financial science and long-term investing principles remain a strong guide.

Over the last few weeks, you may have heard a friend, family member or colleague express concern about their financial situation. This may be the opportune time to suggest that they give us a call, so that we can help them just like we've helped you.

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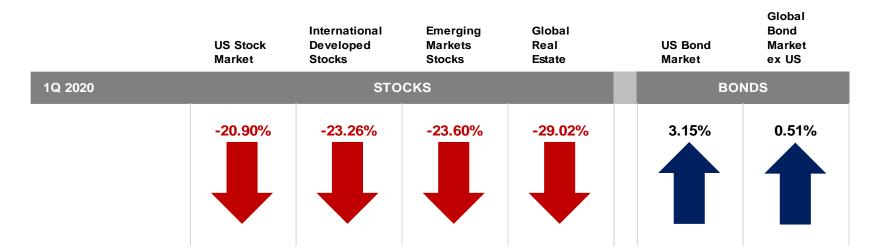
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# **Quarterly Market Summary**

Index Returns



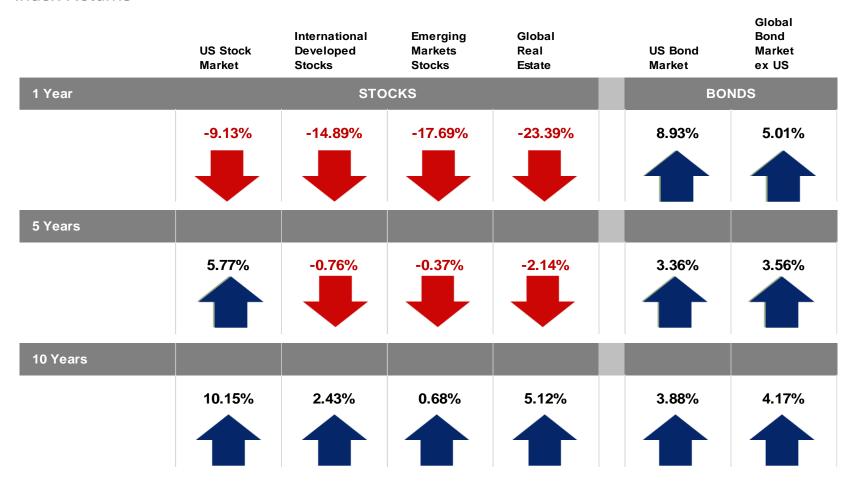
| Since Jan. 2001       |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Avg. Quarterly Return | 1.8%    | 1.2%    | 2.5%    | 2.2%    | 1.2%    | 1.1%    |
| Best                  | 16.8%   | 25.9%   | 34.7%   | 32.3%   | 4.6%    | 4.6%    |
| Quarter               | 2009 Q2 | 2009 Q2 | 2009 Q2 | 2009 Q3 | 2001 Q3 | 2008 Q4 |
| Worst                 | -22.8%  | -23.3%  | -27.6%  | -36.1%  | -3.0%   | -2.7%   |
| Quarter               | 2008 Q4 | 2020 Q1 | 2008 Q4 | 2008 Q4 | 2016 Q4 | 2015 Q2 |

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# Long-Term Market Summary

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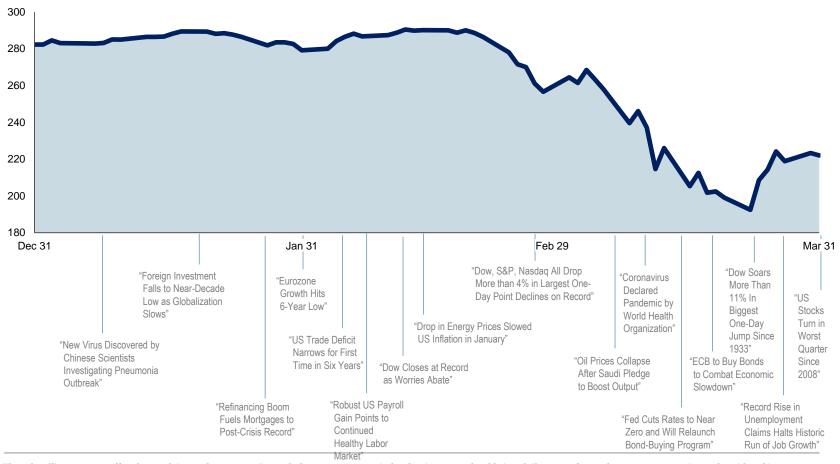


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# World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2020



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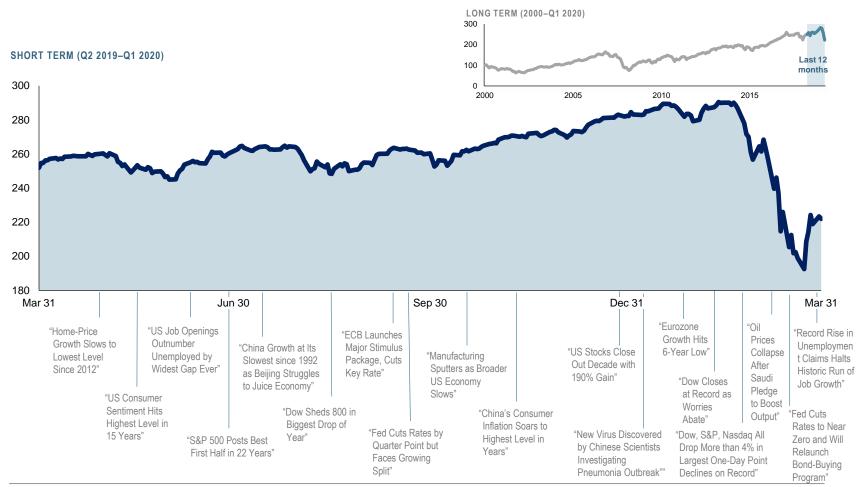
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# World Stock Market Performance

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



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### World Asset Classes

First Quarter 2020 Index Returns (%)

Equity markets around the globe posted negative returns in the first quarter. Looking at broad market indices, US equities outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks in all regions. Small caps also underperformed large caps in all regions.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices in both the US and non-US developed markets.



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# **US Stocks**

#### First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

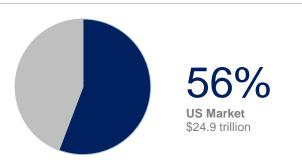
The US equity market posted negative returns for the quarter but on a broad index level outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

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

Small caps underperformed large caps in the US.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

#### World Market Capitalization—US



#### Ranked Returns (%)

| Large Growth      |        |       |        | -14.10 |  |
|-------------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--|
| Large Cap         |        |       | -20.22 |        |  |
| Marketwide        |        |       | 20.90  |        |  |
| Small Growth      | -2     | 25.76 |        |        |  |
| Large Value       | -26    | 5.73  |        |        |  |
| Small Cap         | -30.61 |       |        |        |  |
| Small Value-35.66 |        |       |        |        |  |

#### Period Returns (%)

\* Annualized

| Asset Class  | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Years* | 5 Years* | 10 Years* |
|--------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Large Growth | -14.10 | 0.91   | 11.32    | 10.36    | 12.97     |
| Large Cap    | -20.22 | -8.03  | 4.64     | 6.22     | 10.39     |
| Marketwide   | -20.90 | -9.13  | 4.00     | 5.77     | 10.15     |
| Small Growth | -25.76 | -18.58 | 0.10     | 1.70     | 8.89      |
| Large Value  | -26.73 | -17.17 | -2.18    | 1.90     | 7.67      |
| Small Cap    | -30.61 | -23.99 | -4.64    | -0.25    | 6.90      |
| Small Value  | -35.66 | -29.64 | -9.51    | -2.42    | 4.79      |

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# International Developed Stocks

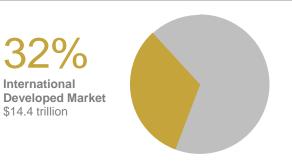
First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US underperformed the US equity market but outperformed emerging markets equities during the quarter.

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

Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.

#### World Market Capitalization—International Developed



# Ranked Returns (%) -15.06 Growth -17.81 -20.52 Large Cap -25.45 Small Cap -26.05 Value 28.76

#### Period Returns (%)

\* Annualized

| Asset Class | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Years* | 5 Years* | 10 Years* |
|-------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Growth      | -17.81 | -6.47  | 2.55     | 2.05     | 4.25      |
| Large Cap   | -23.26 | -14.89 | -2.07    | -0.76    | 2.43      |
| Small Cap   | -28.39 | -19.04 | -3.60    | 0.39     | 3.95      |
| Value       | -28.76 | -23.16 | -6.74    | -3.70    | 0.51      |

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# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

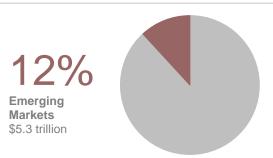
Emerging markets underperformed developed markets, including the US, for the quarter.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

#### Ranked Returns (%) ■ Local currency ■ US currency -14.69Growth -19.34-19.05Large Cap -23.60-23.57 Value -28.00Small Cap -31,37

#### **World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets**



| Period Returns (%) |    |
|--------------------|----|
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| Asset Class | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Years* | 5 Years* | 10 Years* |
|-------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Growth      | -19.34 | -9.94  | 2.39     | 2.13     | 2.71      |
| Large Cap   | -23.60 | -17.69 | -1.62    | -0.37    | 0.68      |
| Value       | -28.00 | -25.26 | -5.78    | -3.00    | -1.45     |
| Small Cap   | -31.37 | -28.98 | -9.64    | -5.17    | -1.34     |

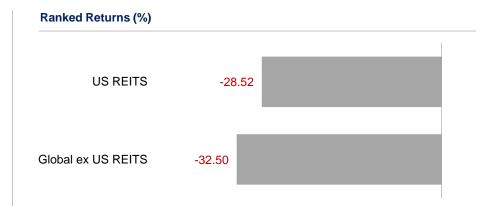
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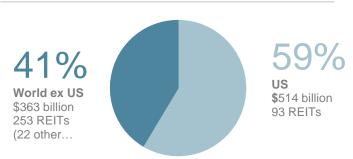
# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs in US dollar terms during the quarter.



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



| Period Returns (%) * Annualized |        |        |          |          |           |  |  |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|--|--|
| Asset Class                     | YTD    | 1 Year | 3 Years* | 5 Years* | 10 Years* |  |  |
| US REITS                        | -28.52 | -23.96 | -4.28    | -1.42    | 6.88      |  |  |
| Global ex US REITS              | -32.50 | -25.34 | -4.83    | -2.76    | 3.61      |  |  |

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# **Fixed Income**

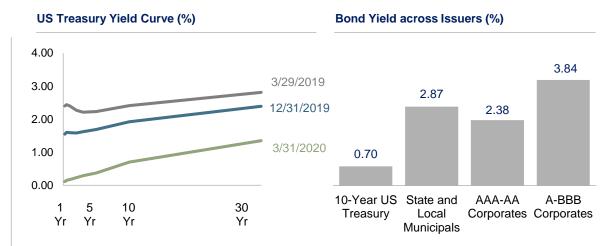
#### First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Interest rates decreased in the US treasury market in the first quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note decreased by 132 basis points (bps), ending at 0.37%. The yield on the 10-year note decreased by 122 bps to 0.70%. The 30-year Treasury bond yield decreased 104 bps to 1.35%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-month Treasury bill yield decreased to 0.05%, while the 1-year Treasury bill yield decreased by 142 bps to 0.17%. The 2-year note finished at 0.23% after a decrease of 135 bps.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds declined 2.19%. Intermediate-term corporate bonds declined 3.15%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was -0.51%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds returned -0.82%. General obligation bonds outperformed revenue bonds.



#### Period Returns (%)

| Asset Class  | QTR    | 1 Year | 3 Years* | 5 Years* | 10 Years* |
|--|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long           | 20.63  | 32.28  | 13.30    | 7.32     | 8.89      |
| Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index                 | 3.15   | 8.93   | 4.82     | 3.36     | 3.88      |
| FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD) | 2.25   | 4.98   | 3.03     | 2.24     | 2.00      |
| ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index                     | 1.72   | 3.85   | 2.31     | 1.57     | 0.98      |
| Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index                           | 1.69   | 6.85   | 3.46     | 2.67     | 3.48      |
| FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years                 | 0.69   | 2.79   | 2.12     | 1.55     | 0.40      |
| ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index                    | 0.57   | 2.25   | 1.83     | 1.19     | 0.64      |
| Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index                    | -0.63  | 3.85   | 3.96     | 3.19     | 4.15      |
| Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index      | -12.68 | -6.94  | 0.77     | 2.78     | 5.64      |

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# Global Fixed Income

#### First Quarter 2020 Yield Curves

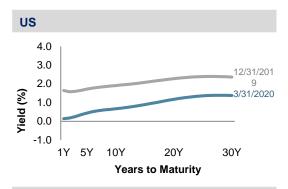
Government bond interest rates in the global developed markets generally decreased during the quarter.

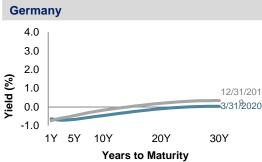
Longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorter-term bonds in the global developed markets.

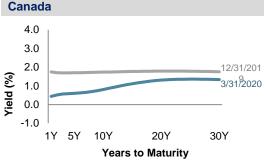
Short- and Intermediate-term nominal interest rates are negative in Japan and Germany.

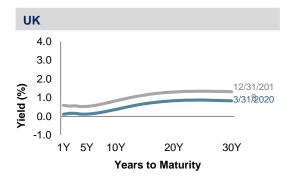


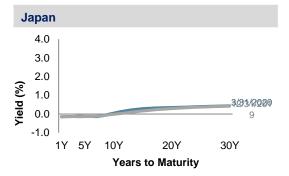
|           | 1Y   | 5Y   | 10Y  | 20Y  | 30Y  |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| US        | -1.5 | -1.3 | -1.2 | -1.1 | -1.0 |
| UK        | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| Germany   | 0.1  | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| Japan     | -0.0 | 0.0  | 0.1  | 0.1  | 0.0  |
| Canada    | -1.3 | -1.1 | -0.9 | -0.5 | -0.4 |
| Australia | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 |

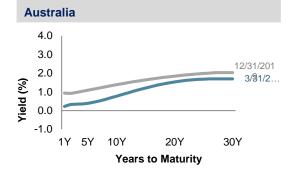












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# Impact of Diversification

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

# Ranked Returns (%) 100% Treasury Bills 25/75 50/50 -10.78 75/25 -16.10

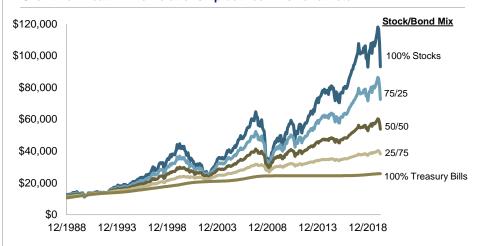
#### Period Returns (%)

\* Annualized

| Asset Class         | QTR    | 1 Year | 3 Years* | 5 Years* | 10 Years* | 10-Year<br>STDEV <sup>1</sup> |
|---------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 100% Treasury Bills | 0.37   | 1.93   | 1.67     | 1.06     | 0.56      | 0.23                          |
| 25/75               | -5.29  | -1.03  | 1.98     | 1.83     | 2.19      | 3.50                          |
| 50/50               | -10.78 | -4.14  | 2.15     | 2.48     | 3.72      | 7.00                          |
| 75/25               | -16.10 | -7.39  | 2.17     | 3.01     | 5.14      | 10.50                         |
| 100% Stocks         | -21.26 | -10.76 | 2.05     | 3.41     | 6.45      | 14.00                         |

#### Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return

100% Stocks -21.26



<sup>1.</sup> STDEV (standard deviation) is a measure of the variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviations are often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Asset allocations and the hypothetical index portfolio returns are for illustrative purposes only and do not represent actual performance. Global Stocks represented by MSCI All Country World Index (gross div.) and Treasury Bills represented by US One-Month Treasury Bills. Globally diversified allocations rebalanced monthly, no withdrawals. Data © MSCI 2020, all rights reserved. Treasury bills © Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation Yearbook™, Ibbotson Associates, Chicago (annually updated work by Roger G. Ibbotson and Rex A. Singuefield).



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