

# ASSET CLASS PERFORMANCE UPDATE

As of March 31, 2021

### HOW TO USE MARKETS AT-A-GLANCE

*Markets At-A-Glance* shows annual and year-to-date (YTD) performance for a broad array of financial market asset classes. As the overall market moves through different cycles and environments, individual asset class performance can also fluctuate. This report is helpful in illustrating the extent to which asset class performance can vary and how a well-diversified portfolio can potentially help minimize these variations.

#### Page 2 Asset class performance snapshot

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- The S&P 500 returned 5.8% during the first quarter including dividends, as accelerating vaccine distribution and another huge fiscal stimulus package lifted investor sentiment.
- Small caps built on their stellar fourth quarter, as the Russell 2000 Index returned 12.7% for the first quarter. Enthusiasm about the economic reopening and healthy credit conditions helped drive the strength.
- Optimism about the reopening also helped drive outperformance of the value style in the quarter, as economic sensitive value sectors (energy and financials in particular) outpaced the growth-heavy consumer discretionary and technology sectors.
- Developed international and emerging markets (EM) stocks generated positive returns in the quarter but underperformed major U.S. benchmarks as the MSCI EAFE and EM indexes returned 3.6% and 2.3%, respectively. Non-U.S. stock returns were weighed down by the strong U.S. dollar and weakness in Brazil, China, and Japan.

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XED INCOME

- The Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index returned -3.4% during the first quarter, as improving economic growth and rising inflation expectations caused interest rates to rise.
- U.S. high-yield credit performed well during the quarter as the positive economic backdrop generally supported risk assets. Bank loans, high-yield bonds, and high-yield municipals all had positive returns during the quarter.
- Municipal bonds, which were down only 0.35% for the quarter, likely garnered some support from the fiscal stimulus that brought aid to states and municipalities as well as the potential for higher individual tax rates under a Biden administration.

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ALTERNATIVES

- The HFRI Event Driven Index led quarterly alternative strategy returns with a gain of 8.2%, as the robust merger and acquisition backdrop combined with a rising equity market supported by the industry.
- The HFRI Equity Hedge Index also performed well with a gain of 7.4%. Strategies with an overweight to value sectors outperformed on the long side, while the weakness in certain growth-related firms led to attractive short-sale opportunities.
- Managed futures, as measured by the HFRI Macro: Systematic Diversified Index, gained 4.2%, with positive
  contributions from long equity and short bond exposure. Long positioning in agriculture and energy-related
  commodities also supported returns.

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



EQUITY			FIXED INCOME					ALTERNATIVES		
<ul> <li>Large Growth (LG)</li> <li>Mid Growth (MG)</li> <li>Small Growth (SG)</li> <li>Large Value (LV)</li> <li>Mid Value (MV)</li> <li>Small Value (SV)</li> <li>Large Foreign (LF)</li> </ul> <ul> <li>Emerging Markets</li> <li>(EM)</li> <li>Small Foreign (SF)</li> <li>REITs (R)</li> <li>Domestic Equity</li> <li>(DE)</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Broad Bond Market (Agg)</li> <li>Municipal Bonds (MB)</li> <li>High-Yield Bonds (HYB)</li> <li>Municipal High-Yield Bonds (MHY)</li> <li>U.S. Treasury (UST)</li> <li>TIPS (T)</li> <li>Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)</li> </ul>					<ul> <li>Absolute Return         (AR)</li> <li>Equity Long/Short         (L/S)</li> <li>Event Driven (ED)</li> <li>Managed Futures         (MF)</li> <li>Global Macro (GM)         Market Neutral         (MN)         Physical         Commodities (PC)</li> </ul>		
□ 60/40 Porti	olio (P) 2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
13.56 (T)	2012 20.42 (SF)	43.30 (SG)	28.03 (R)	9.94 (SF)	31.74 (SV)	37.75 (EM)	4.76 (MHY)	36.39 (LG)	38.49 (LG)	
10.70 (MB)	20.42 (SF) 19.70 (R)	43.30 (SG) 35.74 (MG)	18.37 (MF)	7.72 (PS)	20.00 (MV)	37.75 (EIVI) 33.50 (SF)	4.76 (MHY) 1.28 (MB)	35.39 (LG) 35.47 (MG)	35.59 (MG)	21.17 (SV) 13.55 (PC)
9.81 (UST)	18.63 (EM)	34.52 (SV)	14.75 (MV)	5.67 (LG)	17.34 (LV)	30.21 (LG)	1.20 (MBS)	31.02 (DE)	34.63 (SG)	13.05 (MV)
9.25 (MHY)	18.54 (EMD)	33.55 (DE)	13.84 (MHY)	5.46 (MN)	17.13(HYB)	25.62 (LF)	0.86 (UST)	28.66 (R)	20.89 (DE)	11.26 (LV)
8.46 (EMD)	18.51 (MV)	33.48 (LG)	13.68 (PS)	3.30 (MB)	12.74 (DE)	25.27 (MG)	0.00 (001) 0.01 (Agg)	28.48 (SG)	18.69 (EM)	8.32 (R)
8.28 (R)	18.14 (MHY)	33.46 (MV)	13.45 (LV)	2.86 (AR)	11.60 (EM)	22.17 (SG)	-0.49 (AR)	27.06 (MV)	16.28 (P)	6.35 (DE)
8.15 (CB)	18.05 (SV)	32.53 (LV)	13.05 (LG)	2.83 (R)	11.37 (PC)	21.13 (DE)	-0.62 (BL)	26.54 (LV)	12.75 (SF)	4.88 (SG)
7.84 (Agg)	17.90 (LF)	29.69 (SF)	12.56 (DE)	1.81 (MHY)	11.32 (SG)	13.81 (P)	-0.84 (UFB)	25.47 (SF)	10.99 (T)	4.59 (SF)
6.35 (UFB)	17.51 (LV)	23.29 (LF)	11.90 (MG)		11.08 (ED)	13.66 (LV)	-1.26 (T)	22.66 (LF)		3.60 (LF)
6.14 (MBS)	16.42 (DE)	18.19 (P)	9.96 (P)		10.88 (BL)	13.34 (MV)	-1.51 (LG)	22.39 (SV)		2.65 (LS)
4.98 (HYB)		13.87 (ED)	9.05 (MB)			12.03 (PS)	-2.08 (HYB)	21.94 (P)	8.89 (ED)	2.52 (MN)
4.07 (P)	15.81 (MG)	11.14 (L/S)	7.46 (CB)	0.73 (P)	8.79 (P)	9.98 (L/S)	-2.51 (CB)	18.88 (EM)	8.28 (LF)	2.40 (P)
2.64 (LG)	15.26 (LG)	7.44 (HYB)		0.55 (Agg)	8.63 (R)	9.69 (MHY)	-2.87 (P)	17.63 (PC)	8.00 (UST)	2.34 (EM)
1.86 (PS)	14.59 (SG)	5.02 (BL)	5.97 (Agg)	0.48 (DE)	7.33 (MG)	9.32 (EMD)	-3.16 (MN)	17.32 (PS)		2.25 (MF)
0.63 (BL)	11.64 (PS)	3.57 (AR)	5.60 (SG)	-0.20 (MG)	7.08 (LG)	8.67 (R)	-3.25 (GM)	14.54 (CB)		2.11 (MHY)
1.03 (DE)	11.55 (P)	2.86 (R)	5.53 (EMD)	-0.39 (LF)		7.84 (SV)	-4.04 (R)	14.42 (EMD)		1.71 (ED)
0.39 (LV)		1.72 (MN)	5.24 (GM)				-4.61 (EMD)	14.32 (HYB)	5.88 (EMD)	1.02 (BL)
-1.18 (PC)		-0.94 (PS)	5.05 (UST)	-2.75 (BL)		7.49 (UFB)	-4.71 (PS)	10.71 (L/S)	5.21 (MB)	0.94 (LG)
-1.38 (MV)		-1.22 (PC)	4.22 (SV)	-0.93 (MF)	2.65 (Agg)	6.48 (ED)	-4.75 (MG)	10.68 (MHY)	4.96 (MV)	0.85 (HYB)
-1.65 (MG)	6.78 (MB)	-1.39 (MBS)	3.64 (T)	-1.38 (SG)	2.55 (SF)	6.42 (CB)	-5.24 (DE)	10.65 (BL)	4.89 (MHY)	0.65 (AR)
-2.91 (SG)	5.96 (ED)	-1.53 (CB)	3.63 (MN)	-1.44 (T)		5.77 (PC)	-6.67 (MF)	9.96 (ED)	4.63 (SV)	0.52 (GM)
-2.92 (MN)	4.81 (L/S)	-1.79 (GM)	2.45 (HYB)	-1.96 (GM)			-8.27 (LV)	9.01 (MF)	4.60 (L/S)	-0.35 (MB)
-3.71 (AR)		-2.02 (Agg)	0.99 (BL)	-2.33 (L/S)	1.60 (UFB) 1.51 (LF)	3.54 (Agg) 3.39 (AR)	-9.31 (SG)	8.72 (Agg)	4.29 (GM)	-0.57 (MG)
-4.19 (MF)		-2.27 (EM)	1.42 (L/S)	-3.57 (UFB)			-9.42 (L/S)	8.43 (T)		
-4.88 (GM)		-2.55 (MB)	0.79 (AR)	-3.83 (LV)	1.04 (UST)	3.31 (BL)	-11.68 (ED)	7.54 (MB)	2.84 (BL)	-1.47 (T)
-4.90 (ED)	1.65 (UFB)	-2.56 (MF)	-0.48 (UFB)	-4.47 (HYB)	0.31 (AR)	3.29 (MF)	-12.29 (MV)	6.86 (UST)	2.80 (LV)	-2.37 (PS)
-5.50 (SV)	0.88 (AR)	-2.75 (UST)	-1.82 (EM)	-4.78 (MV)	0.25 (MB)	3.01 (T)	-12.86 (SV)	6.51 (MBS)	2.72 (AR)	-3.37 (Agg)
-11.73 (LF) -15.66 (SF)	0.08 (PC) -1.00 (GM)	-4.00 (UFB) -5.51 (MHY)	-4.06 (ED) -4.48 (LF)	-6.94 (ED) -7.47 (SV)	0.10 (L/S) -2.93 (GM)	2.51 (GM) 2.45 (MBS)	-13.36 (LF) -13.82 (PC)	5.90 (UFB) 4.84 (GM)	-3.92 (MN) -5.12 (R)	-4.25 (UST) -4.65 (CB)
-15.00 (SF) -18.17 (EM)	-1.00 (GIVI) -2.93 (MF)	-6.58 (EMD)	-4.48 (LF) -4.63 (SF)	-7.47 (SV) -14.60 (EM)	-2.93 (GIVI) -5.08 (MN)	2.45 (IVIBS) 2.31 (UST)	-13.82 (PC) -14.25 (EM)	4.84 (GIVI) 4.37 (AR)	-3.12 (N) -23.72 (PC)	-4.05 (СБ) -4.74 (EMD)
-18.17 (EIVI) -19.08 (L/S)	-2.93 (MP) -4.66 (MN)	-8.61 (T)	-4.03 (SF)	-14.80 (EIVI) -32.86 (PC)	-6.84 (MF)	1.73 (MN)	-14.23 (EIVI) -17.58 (SF)	-1.87 (MN)	N/A (MF)	-4.74 (EIVID) -5.68 (UFB)
-13.00 (L/3)	-4.00 (IVIIV)	-0.01(1)	-33.00 (FC)	-32.00 (FC)	-0.04 (IVIT)	1.73 (IVIIV)	-17.00 (SF)	-1.07 (IVIIV)	N/A (IVIT)	-3.00 (UFB)

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Bank Loans (BL) asset data based on Barclays U.S. High Yield Loan Index (2008) and S&P/LSTA U.S. Leveraged Loan (2009–2018 YTD).

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## **EQUITY ASSET CLASSES**

60/40 Portfolio (P)  Large Growth (LG)  Mid Growth (MG)			Small Growth (SG)  Large Value (LV)  Mid Value (MV)			Large Foreign (LF)			Small Foreign (SF) REITs (R) Domestic Equity (DE)	
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
R 8.28		SG 43.30	R 28.03		SV 31.74	EM 37.75	LG -1.51	LG 36.39	LG 38.49	SV 21.17
P	R	MG	MV	LG	MV	SF	P	MG	MG	MV
4.07	19.70	35.74	14.75	5.67	20.00	33.50	-2.87	35.47	35.59	13.05
LG	EM	SV	LV	R	LV	LG	R	DE	SG	LV
2.64	18.63	34.52	13.45	2.83	17.34	30.21	-4.04	31.02	34.63	11.26
DE	MV	DE	LG	P	DE	LF	MG	R	DE	R
1.03	18.51	33.55	13.05	0.73	12.74	25.62	-4.75	28.66	20.89	8.32
LV	SV	LG	DE	DE	EM	MG	DE	SG	EM	DE
0.39	18.05	33.48	12.56	0.48	11.60	25.27	-5.24	28.48	18.69	6.35
MV	LF	MV	MG	MG	SG	SG	LV	MV	P	SG
-1.38	17.90	33.46	11.90	-0.20	11.32	22.17	-8.27	27.06	16.28	4.88
MG	LV	LV	P	LF	P	DE	SG	LV	SF	SF
-1.65	17.51	32.53	9.96	-0.39	8.79	21.13	-9.31	26.54	12.75	4.59
SG	DE		SG	SG	R	P	MV	SF	LF	LF
-2.91	16.42		5.60	-1.38	8.63	13.81	-12.29	25.47	8.28	3.60
SV	MG	LF	SV	LV	MG	LV	SV	LF	MV	P
-5.50	15.81	23.29	4.22	-3.83	7.33	13.66	-12.86	22.66	4.96	2.40
LF	LG	P	EM	MV	LG	MV	LF	SV	SV	EM
-11.73	15.26	18.19	-1.82	-4.78	7.08	13.34	-13.36	22.39	4.63	2.34
SF	SG	R	LF	SV	SF	R	EM	P	LV	LG
-15.66	14.59	2.86	-4.48	-7.47	2.55	8.67	-14.25	21.94	2.80	0.94
EM	P	EM	SF	EM	LF	SV	SF	EM	R	MG
-18.17	11.55	-2.27	-4.63	-14.60	1.51	7.84	-17.58	18.88	-5.12	-0.57

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### **FIXED INCOME ASSET CLASSES**

60/40 Portfolio (P)  Broad Bond Market (Agg)  Municipal Bonds (MB)		Municipal High-Yield Bonds (MHY) U.S. Treasury (UST) TIPS (T)		Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Corporate Bonds (CB) High-Yield Bonds (HYB)			Unhedged Foreign Bonds (UFB)  Emerging Markets Debt (EMD)  Preferred Stocks (PS)			
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
T 13.56	EMD 18.54	P 18.19		PS 7.72	HYB 17.13	P 13.81		P 21.94	P 16.28	P 2.40
MB	MHY	HYB	PS	MB	BL	PS	MB	PS	T	MHY
10.70	18.14	7.44	13.68	3.30	10.88	12.03	1.28	17.32	10.99	2.11
UST	HYB	BL	P	MHY	EMD	MHY	MBS	CB	UFB	BL
9.81	15.81	5.02	9.96	1.81	10.19	9.69	1.00	14.54	10.11	1.02
MHY	PS	PS	MB	MBS	P	EMD	UST	EMD	CB	HYB
9.25	11.64	-0.94	9.05	1.46	8.79	9.32	0.86	14.42	9.89	0.85
EMD	P	MBS	CB	EMD	CB	HYB	Agg	HYB	UST	MB
8.46	11.55	-1.39	7.46	1.23	6.11	7.50	0.01	14.32	8.00	-0.35
CB	BL	CB	MBS	UST	T	UFB	BL		Agg	MBS
8.15	10.50	-1.53	6.07	0.84	4.68	7.49	-0.62		7.51	-1.15
Agg	CB	Agg	Agg	P	MHY	CB	UFB	BL	PS	T
7.84	9.82	-2.02	5.97	0.73	2.99	6.42	-0.84	10.65	7.29	-1.47
UFB	T	MB	EMD	Agg	Agg	MB	T	Agg	HYB	PS
6.35	6.98	-2.55	5.53	0.55	2.65	5.45	-1.26	8.72	7.11	-2.37
MBS	MB	UST	UST	CB	PS	Agg	HYB	T	EMD	Agg
6.14	6.78	-2.75	5.05	-0.68	1.77	3.54	-2.08	8.43	5.88	-3.37
HYB	Agg	UFB	T	BL	MBS	BL	CB	MB	MB	UST
4.98	4.21	-4.00	3.64	-2.75	1.67	3.31	-2.51	7.54	5.21	-4.25
P	MBS	MHY	HYB	T	UFB	T	P	UST	MHY	CB
4.07	2.59	-5.51	2.45	-1.44	1.60	3.01	-2.87	6.86	4.89	-4.65
PS	UST	EMD	BL	UFB	UST	MBS	EMD	MBS	MBS	EMD
1.86	1.99	-6.58	0.99	-3.57	1.04	2.45	-4.61	6.51	4.09	-4.74
BL	UFB	T	UFB	HYB	MB	UST	PS	UFB	BL	UFB
0.63	1.65	-8.61	-0.48	-4.47	0.25	2.31	-4.71	5.90	2.84	-5.68

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### **ALTERNATIVE & COMMODITY ASSET CLASSES**

60/40 Portfolio (P) Absolute Return (AR)			Equity Long/Short (L/S)  Event Driven (ED)						Market Neutral (MN) Physical Commodities (PC)	
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
P	P	P	MF	MN	PC	P	AR	P	P	PC
4.07	11.55	18.19	18.37	5.46	11.37	13.81	-0.49	21.94	16.28	13.55
PC -1.18			P 9.96	AR 2.86		L/S 9.98	P -2.87	PC 17.63		L/S 2.65
MN	L/S	L/S	GM	P	P	ED	MN	L/S	L/S	MN
-2.92	4.81	11.14	5.24	0.73	8.79	6.48	-3.16	10.71	4.60	2.52
AR	AR	AR	MN	MF	AR	PC	GM	ED	GM	P
-3.71	0.88	3.57	3.63	-0.93	0.31	5.77	-3.25	9.96	4.29	2.40
MF	PC	MN	L/S	GM	L/S	AR	MF	MF	AR	MF
-4.19	0.08	1.72	1.42	-1.96	0.10	3.39	-6.67	9.01	2.72	2.25
GM	GM	PC	AR	L/S	GM	MF	L/S	GM	MN	ED
-4.88	-1.00	-1.22	0.79	-2.33	-2.93	3.29	-9.42	4.84	-3.92	1.71
ED	MF	GM	ED	ED	MN	GM	ED	AR	PS	AR
-4.90	-2.93	-1.79	-4.06	-6.94	-5.08	2.51	-11.68	4.37	-23.72	0.65
L/S	MN	MF	PC	PC	MF	MN	PC	MN	MF	GM
-19.08	-4.66	-2.56	-33.06	-32.86	-6.84	1.73	-13.82	-1.87	N/A	0.52

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