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Quarterly Market Review  
First Quarter 2026

# 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 March 31, 2026

	Stocks				Bonds	
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
<b>Q1 2026</b>	-3.96%	-0.94%	-0.17%	0.77%	-0.05%	-0.19%
						
<b>Since January 2000</b>						
Average Quarterly Return	2.3%	1.6%	2.2%	2.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	6.8%	5.4%
	<b>2020 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q2</b>	<b>2009 Q3</b>	<b>2023 Q4</b>	<b>2023 Q4</b>
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2020 Q1</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2008 Q4</b>	<b>2022 Q1</b>	<b>2022 Q1</b>

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# Long-Term Market Summary

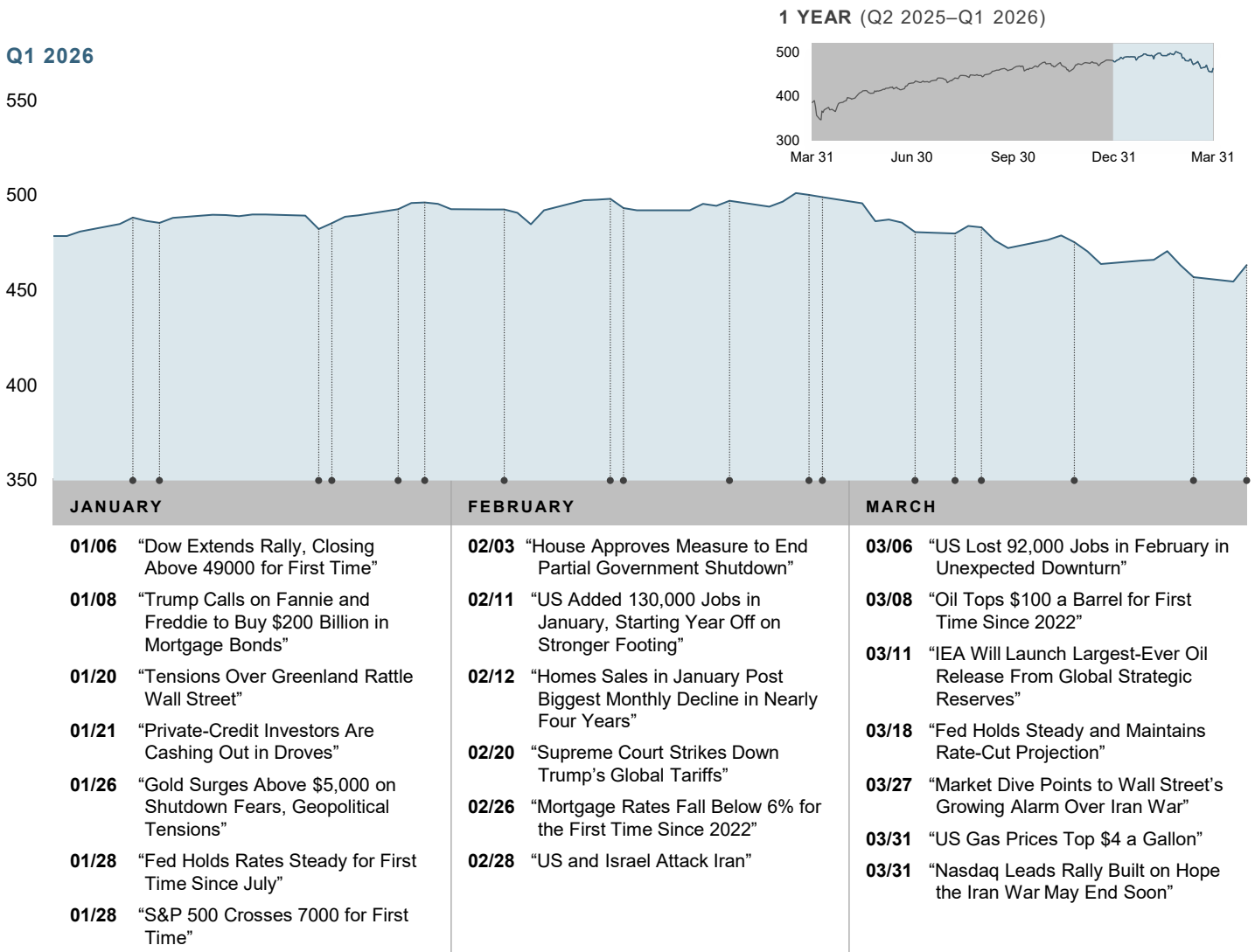
Returns (USD), as of March 31, 2026

	Stocks				Bonds	
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year	18.09% 	22.99% 	29.55% 	7.03% 	4.35% 	2.77% 
5 Years	10.87% 	8.40% 	3.69% 	2.83% 	0.31% 	1.13% 
10 Years	13.72% 	8.66% 	7.80% 	3.17% 	1.70% 	2.20% 
15 Years	12.81% 	6.26% 	3.67% 	5.08% 	2.39% 	3.18% 
20 Years	10.26% 	5.17% 	5.38% 	3.75% 	3.28% 	3.43% 

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# World Stock Market Performance

MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q1 2026

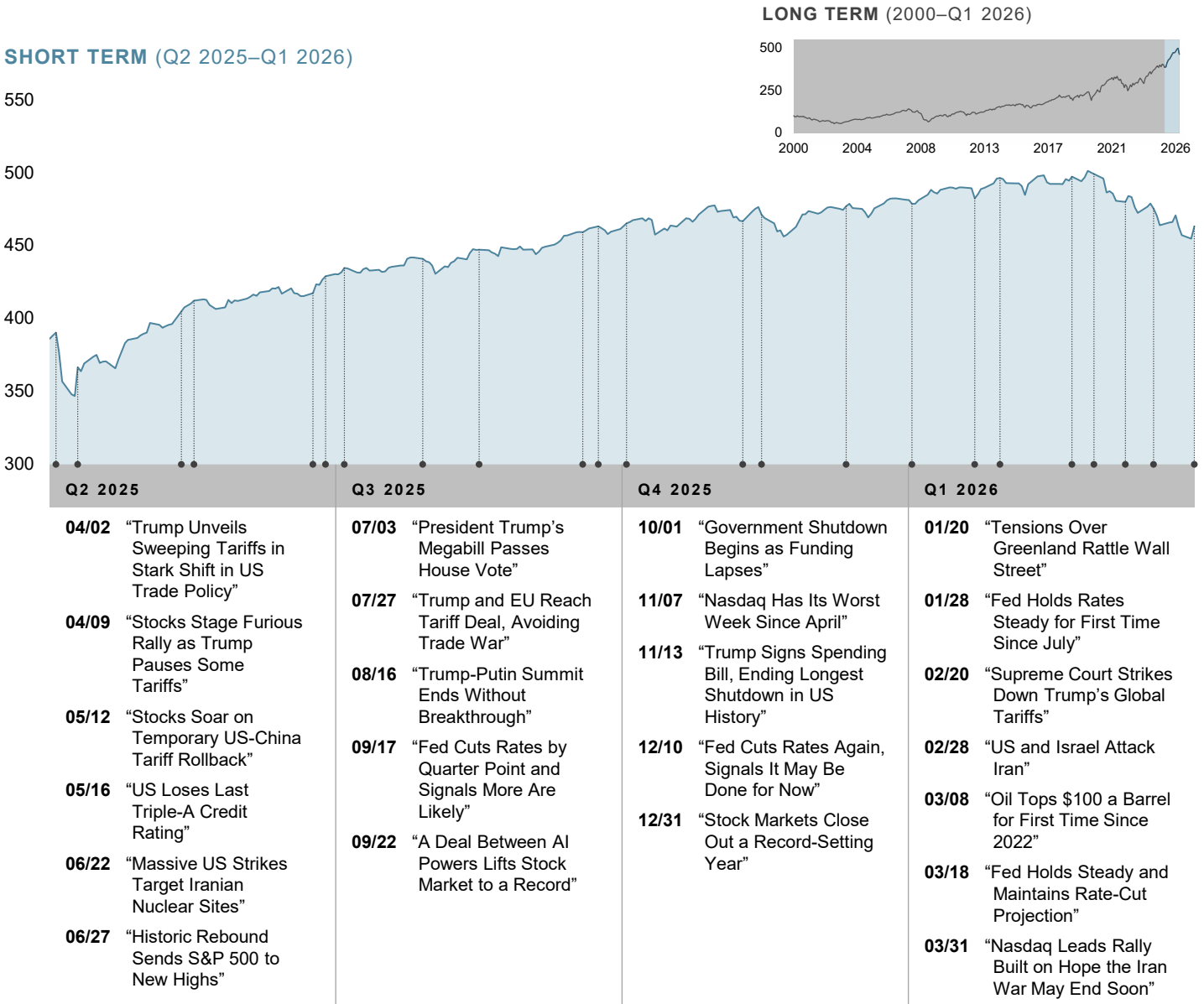


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# World Stock Market Performance

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



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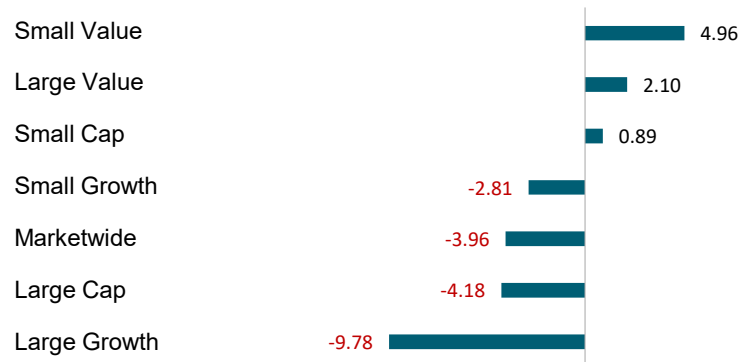
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# US Stocks

Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026

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

## Ranked Returns (%)



## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Small Value	4.96	28.09	13.80	5.79	9.61	8.62	6.98
Large Value	2.10	15.87	14.31	9.43	10.58	10.47	8.12
Small Cap	0.89	25.72	13.05	3.77	9.88	8.98	7.54
Small Growth	-2.81	23.58	12.27	1.62	9.79	9.09	7.88
Marketwide	-3.96	18.09	17.86	10.87	13.72	12.81	10.26
Large Cap	-4.18	17.74	18.14	11.34	13.97	13.09	10.46
Large Growth	-9.78	18.81	21.18	12.76	16.83	15.33	12.48

## World Market Capitalization

**63%** US Market  
\$62.6 trillion

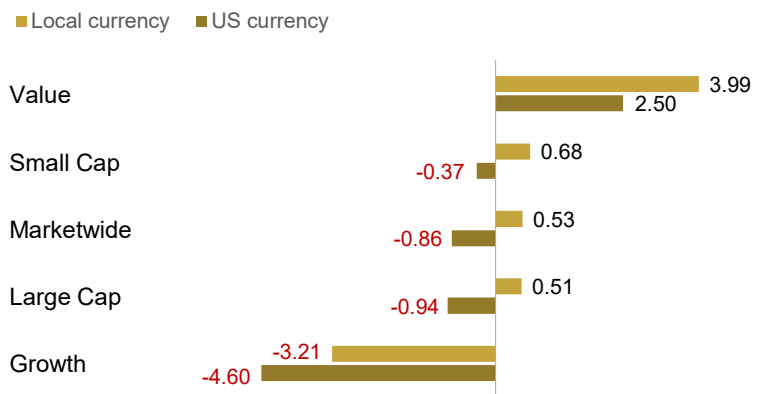
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# International Developed Stocks

Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026

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

## Ranked Returns (%)



## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	2.50	32.19	20.37	12.69	9.71	6.50	5.14
Small Cap	-0.37	29.19	13.77	5.40	7.95	6.56	5.49
Marketwide	-0.86	23.84	14.23	7.96	8.56	6.29	5.25
Large Cap	-0.94	22.99	14.30	8.40	8.66	6.26	5.17
Growth	-4.60	13.95	8.34	3.99	7.31	5.79	5.01

## World Market Capitalization



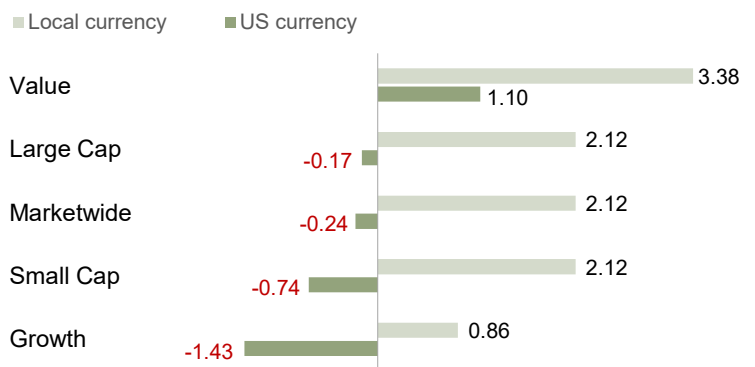
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# Emerging Markets Stocks

Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026

- Emerging Markets posted negative returns for the quarter and outperformed both US and non-US developed markets.
- Value outperformed growth.
- Small caps underperformed large caps.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Value	1.10	28.65	15.52	6.14	7.27	2.70	5.10
Large Cap	-0.17	29.55	14.84	3.69	7.80	3.67	5.38
Marketwide	-0.24	28.88	14.67	4.03	7.82	3.75	5.55
Small Cap	-0.74	24.55	13.74	6.68	8.13	4.44	6.59
Growth	-1.43	30.21	14.11	1.36	8.22	4.53	5.57

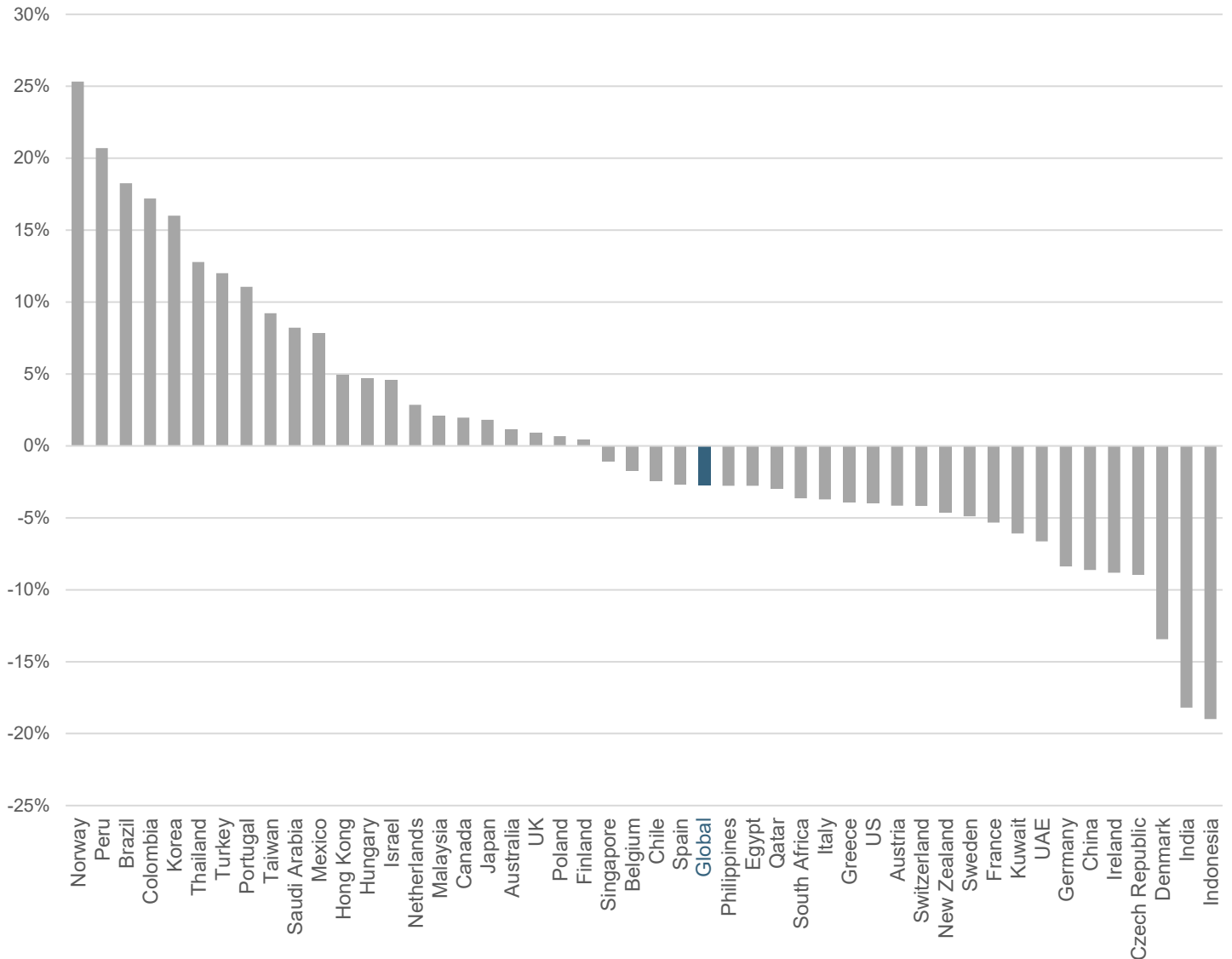
## World Market Capitalization

**11%** Emerging Markets  
\$11.7 trillion

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# Country Returns

Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026



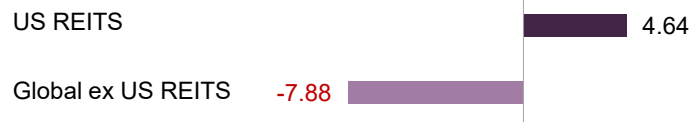
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# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026

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

## Ranked Returns (%)



## Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
US REITS	4.64	7.23	9.15	5.59	4.76	7.12	5.46
Global ex US REITS	-7.88	10.68	3.99	-0.99	0.95	2.79	2.21

## Total Value of REIT Stocks

**70% US**  
\$1,107 billion  
100 REITs

**30% Global ex US**  
\$467 billion  
277 REITs  
(26 other countries)

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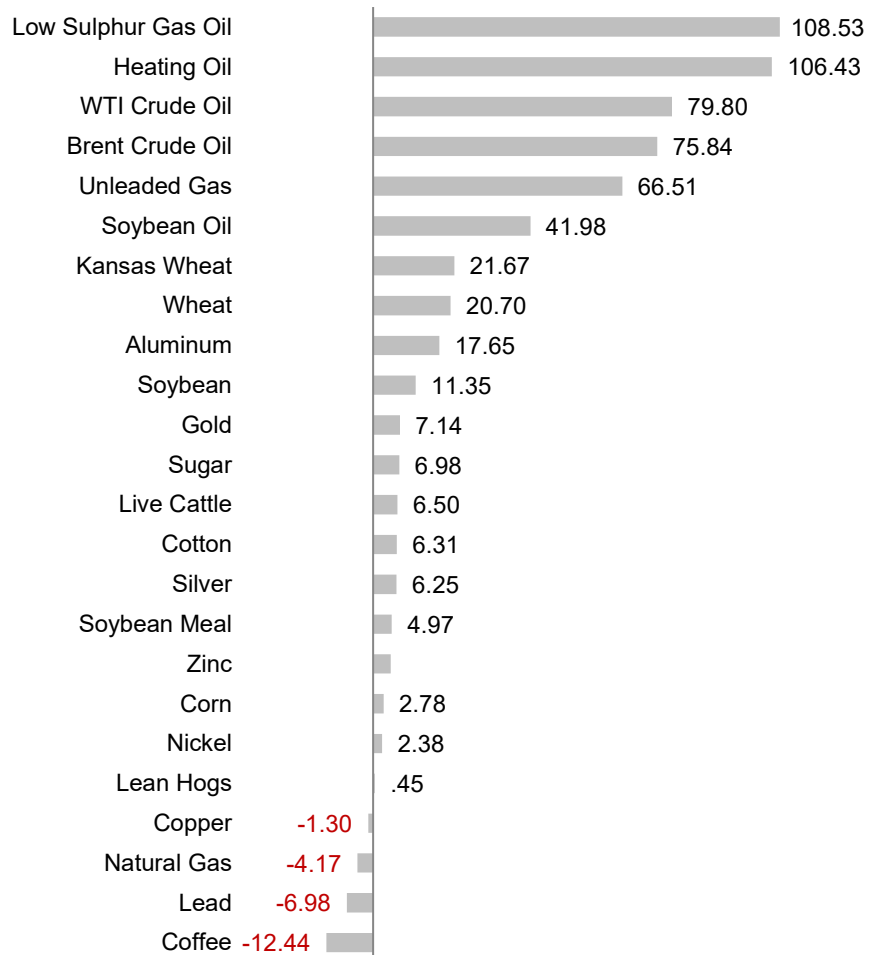
# Commodities

Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026

The Bloomberg Commodity Total Return Index returned +24.41% for the first quarter of 2026.

Low Sulphur Gas Oil and Heating Oil were the best performers, returning +108.53% and +106.43% for the quarter, respectively. Coffee and Lead were the worst performers, returning -12.44% and -6.98% for the quarter, respectively.

## Ranked Returns (%)



## Periodic Returns (%)

QTR	ANNUALIZED					
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
24.41	32.29	13.88	14.04	8.02	0.06	0.68

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# Fixed Income

## Returns (USD), 1st Quarter 2026

Within the US Treasury market, interest rates increased during the quarter.

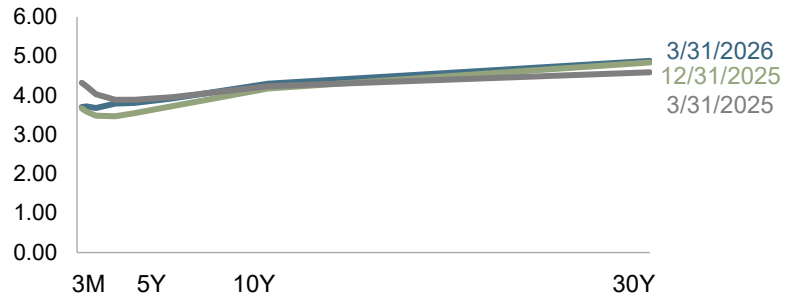
On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-Month US Treasury Bill yield remained unchanged at 3.74%. The 1-Year US Treasury Bill yield increased 20 basis points (bps) to 3.68%. The yield on the 2-Year US Treasury Note increased 32 bps to 3.79%.

The yield on the 5-Year US Treasury Note increased 19 bps to 3.92%. The yield on the 10-Year US Treasury Note increased 12 bps to 4.30%. The yield on the 30-Year US Treasury Bond increased 4 bps to 4.88%.

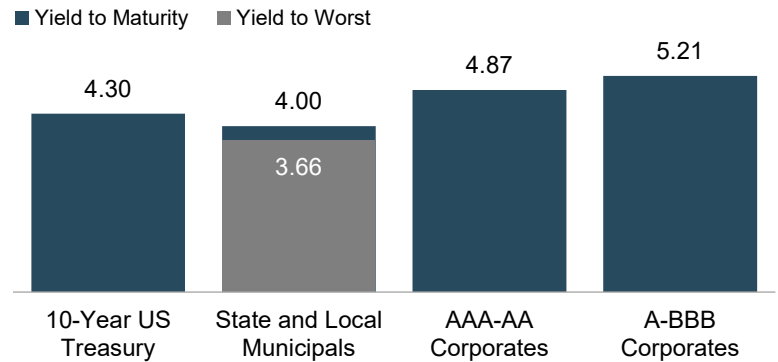
In terms of total returns, short-term US treasury bonds returned +0.15% and intermediate-term US treasury bonds returned +0.05%. Short-term corporate bonds returned +0.09% and intermediate-term corporate bonds returned -0.22%.<sup>1</sup>

The total returns for short- and intermediate-term municipal bonds were +0.43% and -0.57%, respectively. Within the municipal fixed income market, general obligation bonds returned -0.32% while revenue bonds returned -0.13%.<sup>2</sup>

### US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



### Bond Yields Across Issuers (%)



### Periodic Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	ANNUALIZED					
		1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.85	4.00	4.74	3.34	2.26	1.53	1.70
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.59	3.67	4.32	2.58	2.05	1.47	1.90
Bloomberg U.S. TIPS Index	0.26	3.00	3.18	1.48	2.66	2.78	3.64
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.23	3.88	4.35	1.92	1.99	1.95	2.49
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	-0.05	4.35	3.63	0.31	1.70	2.39	3.28
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.18	4.29	2.87	0.84	2.16	3.29	3.50
Bloomberg U.S. Government Bond Index Long	-0.40	0.49	-1.47	-4.55	-0.77	2.55	3.47
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-0.48	5.15	3.55	0.26	0.84	0.14	1.81
Bloomberg U.S. High Yield Corporate Bond Index	-0.50	7.01	8.60	4.23	6.12	5.72	6.56

1. Bloomberg US Treasury and US Corporate Bond Indices.

2. Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index.

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# Global Fixed Income

## Yield curves, 1st Quarter 2026

Interest rates generally increased across global developed markets for the quarter.

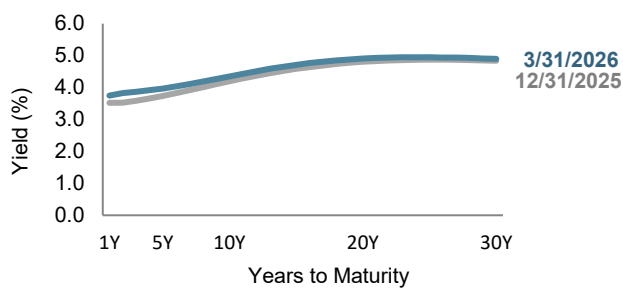
Realized term premiums were negative across global developed markets, as shorter-term bonds generally outperformed longer-term bonds.

In Canada, Germany, UK, Australia and Japan, the intermediate- to longer-term maturity range remained upwardly sloped. In Canada and Germany, the short-term maturity range steepened. However, in Australia and the UK, the short-term maturity segment flattened and inverted, respectively.

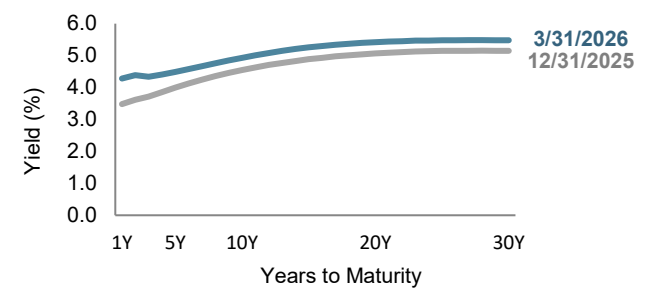
### Changes in Yields (bps) Since 12/31/2025

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	22.7	23.3	15.1	10.1	5.9
UK	80.1	49.4	38.6	35.3	33.1
Germany	52.3	27.9	14.1	6.0	-0.5
Japan	20.4	23.8	27.4	30.8	28.9
Canada	25.1	9.8	3.9	1.8	2.0
Australia	48.5	36.4	23.6	16.4	15.0

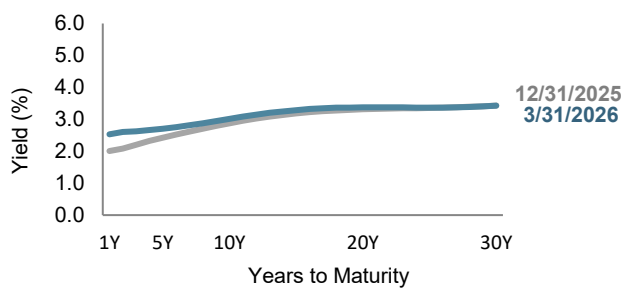
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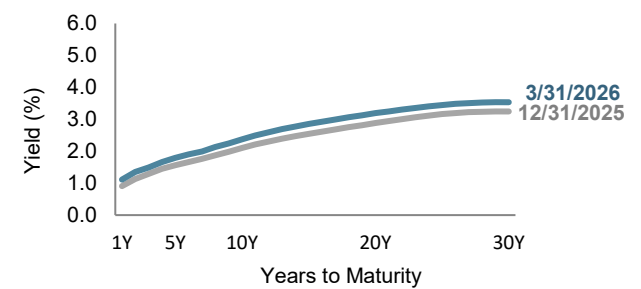
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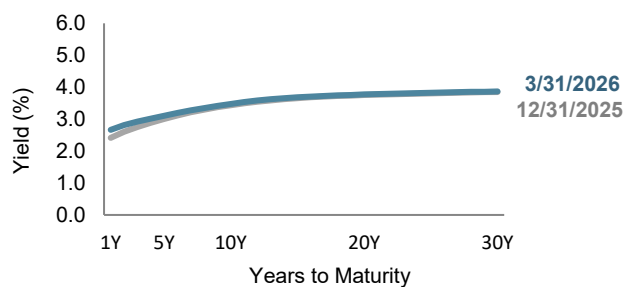
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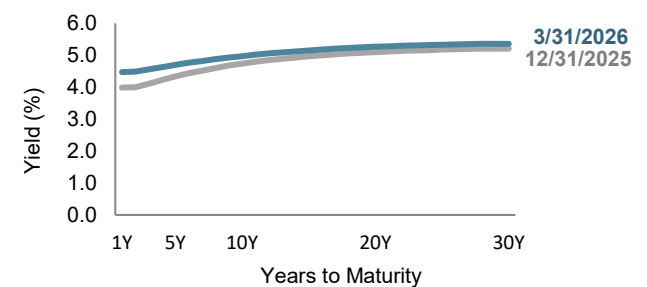
### Japan



### Canada



### Australia



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# Geopolitical Risk

1st Quarter 2026

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## MARKETS HAVE REWARDED DISCIPLINE

Growth of \$1—MSCI World Index (net dividends), 1970–2025



Wars such as the one unfolding in Iran are always disturbing. For investors, there's additional concern over whether these conflicts will spill over into their investment performance. But it's important for investors to be cautious about making asset allocation changes in response to such events.

Markets are forward-looking. Prices move in response to changes in information. When unexpected developments arise that investors deem to be poor for markets, markets often drop. But the flip side is markets always set prices for positive expected returns. Once the news gets reflected in market prices, investors can still expect positive returns even amid worrisome circumstances.

This is borne out in historical stock returns. Global equity markets have continued an upward climb even in the face of economic and political upheavals. We don't have to look far for illustrative examples. During the past few years, stock markets have had positive returns despite multiple wars being fought around the world.

This is not to trivialize the destruction wars bring and their impact on geopolitical risks. But history suggests investors may not help themselves by divesting from stocks. For long-term investors, the best bet is usually to stay the course.

# Geopolitical Risk

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## **Glossary**

Expected return: An estimate of average anticipated returns informed by historical data.

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