

AUGUST CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

The world's riskier areas of the capital markets posted moderate gains in August after July's sharp rebound in the aftermath of Great Britain's June referendum to leave the European Union, commonly known as "Brexit".

Equity Markets*

International stock markets generally outpaced their U.S. counterparts in August. Emerging Asia equities posted the strongest gains climbing 2.9%, followed by Germany (+2.2%) and Japan (+1.8%) for the month. In the U.S., the S&P 500 advanced a modest +0.1% as did mid-sized U.S. companies while U.S. small cap companies rose +0.7%. Asia ex-Japan declined 2.4%, mainly dragged down by the Australian and Singapore markets.

Bond Markets*

In the U.S., the benchmark 10-year treasury yield continued to move upward climbing from 1.46% at the beginning of August to 1.57% by month end. The increase in yield adversely impacted prices of longer maturity U.S. treasuries with a contraction of -0.2% as seen through SHY, a 1-3 year U.S. Treasury ETF while the long-term U.S. Treasury ETF, TLT fell 1%. The International Government Bond ETF, BWX also declined by 1.1% in U.S. dollar terms.

Riskier segments of fixed income markets generally fared better than global government bonds during August. U.S. high yield as represented by JNK rose 1.9%, followed by U.S. Senior Loans (BKLN), up 0.6%, and International Corporate Credit (IBND) gaining 0.4% in U.S. dollar terms.

Commodity Markets*

U.S. dollar prices of commodities diverged with metal prices declining, especially precious metals falling 5.5%. Energy returns were mixed with Gasoline and Oil increasing 6.3% and 4.6%, respectively, while Natural Gas prices contracted 1.2%. The broad market commodity ETF rose a modest 0.8%.

August was another "risk on" month

*The returns cited in the above paragraphs reflect total return performance of exchange traded funds listed in the corresponding bar charts on this page.



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PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

We continue to position portfolios towards U.S. assets with lower exposure to international assets than our underlyng benchmarks. We prefer the relative safety of U.S. assets but do have a more favorable view of Asia and the emerging markets as compared to European asset classes.

We continue to hold higher cash positions in portfolios mainly at the expense of European equities.

Our bond allocations also favor the U.S. over the rest of the world with sizable commitments to investment grade corporate credit and long-term U.S. treasuries. We have modest exposure to developed international government bonds and corporate credit. We have no emerging market debt at this time.

RISK OUTLOOK

Entering the months of September and October always raises our sensitivity to risk and this year is no exception. Interest rates are likely to rise in the United States over coming months and quarters. The key is the path that rising rates take. If rates rise slowly alongside an expanding U.S. economy, stock markets should respond favorably. If rates rise rapidly, volatility in many markets will increase and will likely impact asset values adversely in the riskier areas of the capital markets.

Central banks throughout the major economies have kept interest rates intentionally and historically low - in the case of Japan, Germany and other European countries, rates have been negative - in an effort to reflate their economies. Low rates in many of the major world economies should tether equivalent rates in the U.S. lower than what we would expect in normal, upward trending rate cycles.

KEY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Week 1:

• 9/1 U.S. ISM Manufacturing PMIs

Week 2:

- 9/7 U.S. MBA Mortgage surveys
- 9/7 Bank of Canada rate decision

Week 3:

- 9/20-21 BoJ to hold monetary policy meeting
- 9/21 U.S. Federal Reserve FOMC to announce decision on interest rates
- 9/22 ECB to hold general meeting

Week 4:

- 9/26 U.S. new home sales
- 9/29 U.S. Wholesale and Retail inventories
- 9/29 U.S. Jobless claims
- 9/30 Great Britain GDP

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An investment in small/mid-capitalization companies involves greater risk and price volatility than an investment in securities of larger capitalization, more established companies. Such securities may have limited marketability and the firms may have more limited product lines, markets and financial resources than larger, more established companies.

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