

## OCTOBER CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

October was a challenging month for global equities and bonds with many market segments declining in price. Broadly, commodity prices fell with precious metals and energy posting negative returns. However base metals rose 2.5% for the month.

### Equity Markets\*

Many of the world's stock markets declined in U.S. dollar terms in October with most of the damage done in the United Kingdom and Continental Europe as well as U.S. Small & Mid-Cap companies. U.S. Large-cap companies, as measured by the S&P 500, contracted 1.7%. There were some bright spots, notably in Latin America where equities climbed over 8%, and Italian stocks, which advanced 2.4%. Japanese equities rose a modest 0.7% in October.

### Bond Markets\*

Bond market investors also had a rough month as the yield on the U.S. 10-year Treasury bond rose from 1.60% at the beginning of October to 1.83% by month end. Both U.S. and International aggregate bonds prices fell 0.9% and 1.3%, respectively. Longer duration instruments suffered the largest down drafts by far with Long-term U.S. Treasuries and International Credit falling 4.4% in price while International Government bonds sold off 4.2%.

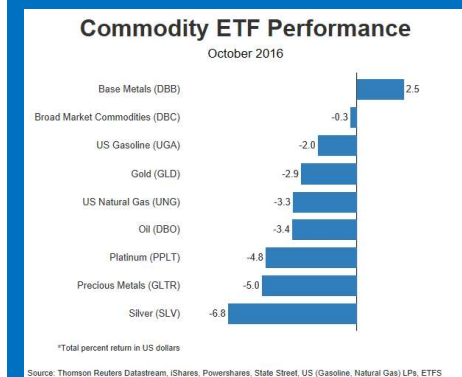
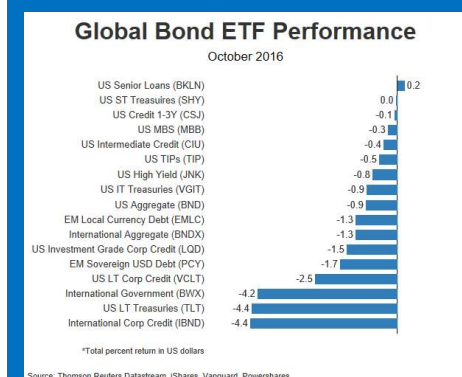
Emerging market bonds could not evade the ravages in global fixed income markets resulting from higher interest rates. Emerging Market currency debt fell 1.3% while U.S. denominated sovereign debt declined 1.7% in price.

### Commodity Markets\*

U.S. dollar prices of commodities mostly contracted for the month. Energy prices fell with Oil declining 3.4%, Natural Gas falling 3.3% and Gasoline contracting 3.0%. Precious metals fell 5.0% overall with Silver falling the most, -6.8%.

## *There were few places to hide in October*

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





## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

We continue to position portfolios towards the U.S. with lower exposure to international assets than our underlying 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. We continue to be positioned with lower duration than the benchmark. We have modest exposure to developed international government bonds and corporate credit. We have no emerging market debt holdings at this time.

## RISK OUTLOOK

U.S. National elections are November 8<sup>th</sup> and as the date approaches presidential polls are tightening. Several national and swing state polls are within the margin of error and that is surprising because the general consensus had been that Hillary Clinton would become the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. The polls likely have not fully digested the impact of FBI Director James Comey's October 28<sup>th</sup> letter to Congress informing law makers of his intentions to re-open investigations into Hillary Clinton's email troubles.

This new development has the potential to create uncertainty that may not be factored into capital markets. Possible outcomes have changed. Donald Trump's presidential bid was considered at best a long shot before Friday's letter from Director Comey. Now the odds of a Trump victory have increased and an unexpected win may cause an adverse market reaction because Mr. Trump's policies may mark a significant change to the status quo. If Clinton's campaign prevails and the FBI investigation uncovers further compromising details of how she mishandled classified information, her presidency could begin under a cloud of suspicion. Neither outcome is clearly market friendly.

This new political risk can be added to the list of economic risks at home and abroad. Interest rates in the U.S. will likely continue to rise and it remains to be seen how the global economy and markets will react to higher borrowing costs and economic activity in Europe and Japan is stubbornly tepid. There is growing concern that asset bubbles are forming in Chinese property, credit and even some of the more eclectic markets such as art and calligraphy. None of these conditions are conducive for robust capital markets.

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## *Key Events in November*

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### Week 1:

- 11/1 U.S. ISM manufacturing PMIs
- 11/2 Eurozone ISM manufacturing PMIs
- 11/2 U.S. MBA mortgage surveys
- 11/3 U.S. Payroll & labor surveys

### Week 2:

- 11/8 U.S. national & local Elections
- 11/8 Japan leading indicator
- 11/13 Japan Q3 GDP
- 11/18 Chinese GDP

### Week 3:

- 11/17 Eurozone inflation
- 11/17 U.S. CPI

### Week 4:

- 11/29 U.S. consumer confidence

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