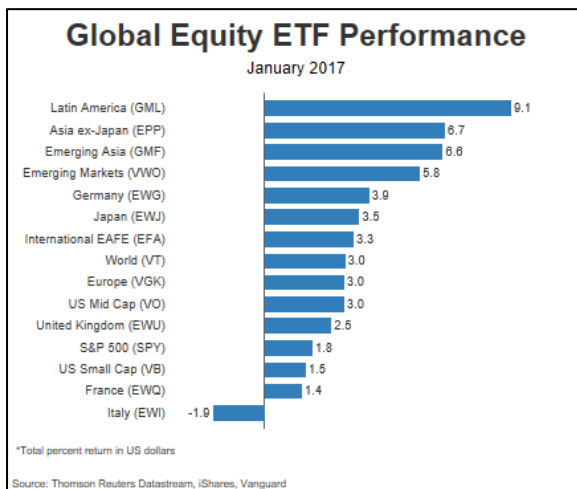




## JANUARY 2017 CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

January was a month of catch-up among many of the international markets that lagged towards the end of last year. Non-U.S. asset classes generally outpaced U.S. equities and bonds while precious metals posted the strongest returns.

### Equity Markets\*



Many of the emerging equity markets delivered robust results with Latin America leading the way, climbing 9.1% for the month of January. Many of the larger international markets gained ground that had been lost in November and December of last year. U.S. equity results were positive and respectable, although not as strong as the rest of the world with the exception of France and Italy.

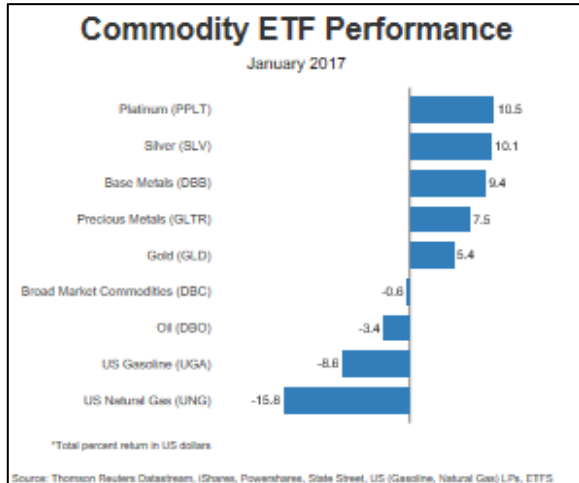
### Bond Markets\*

Bond markets generally were positive and the riskier parts of the asset class continued to advance. U.S. dollar denominated and local currency Emerging Market debt rose 2.2% and 1.8%, respectively while U.S. dollar denominated international bonds fell 1.0%, mainly due to weakness in the dollar.





**Commodity Markets\***



Investors witnessed another swing in commodity markets with Precious Metals strongly advancing while Energy prices fell. Platinum prices rose 10.5% followed by silver which climbed 10.1%. U.S. Natural Gas sold off the most, falling 15.8%.

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

*“U.S. asset classes fared well in the month of January; however, several international markets posted superior returns, reversing trends of late last year.”*

**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. In the U.S. stock market we have the strongest preference for small and mid-cap companies. We continue to hold higher cash positions in portfolios mainly at the expense of European equities and non-U.S. fixed income.

Our bond allocations also favor the U.S. over the rest of the world with sizable commitments to short-term 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

A major risk continues to be the path of interest rates – not only in the U.S. but also in the rest of the world. Many investors consider President Trump’s economic policies to be pro-growth and we agree that lifting unnecessary or antiquated regulatory requirements and increasing spending on infrastructure projects may well prove to be expansionary. Lowering corporate and individual taxes would also augment activity. The United States definitely needs new and higher paying jobs, yet few are focusing on the potential consequences of higher inflation. That is most likely because we have not witnessed a higher general price level for several years, if not decades. If inflation begins to accelerate, the Federal Reserve would likely be forced to raise the Federal Funds rate at a pace that may unnerve investors, pose a challenge for borrowers, and derail the upward movement in stock markets.

Higher borrowing costs will likely find their way into other parts of the world which could dampen global economic growth, particularly in Europe and Japan where economic activity is sluggish, demographic trends are deteriorating, and structural problems are deep. There is still concern that asset bubbles are forming in Chinese property, credit, and even some of the more eclectic markets such as art and calligraphy. All of these factors pose risks for global capital markets.

## KEY EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

### Week 1

- 2/1 Eurozone Markit Mfg Final PMI
- 2/1 U.S. MBA Mortgage Surveys
- 2/1 U.S. ISM Mfg PMI
- 2/1 U.S. Fed Funds Target Rate
- 2/2-2/3 U.S. Employment Surveys
- 2/7 Japan Leading Indicator

### Week 2

- 2/10 U.K. Output Surveys
- 2/13 China Price Index Surveys
- 2/14 U.K. Price Index Surveys
- 2/14 Eurozone Industrial Production

### Week 3

- 2/15 U.S. CPI
- 2/16 U.S. Housing Surveys

### Week 4

- 2/22 Eurozone Inflation
- 2/24 U.S. Univ. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment
- 2/27 Eurozone Sentiment Surveys
- 2/27 Eurozone Consumer Confidence
- 2/28 U.S. Consumer Confidence



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