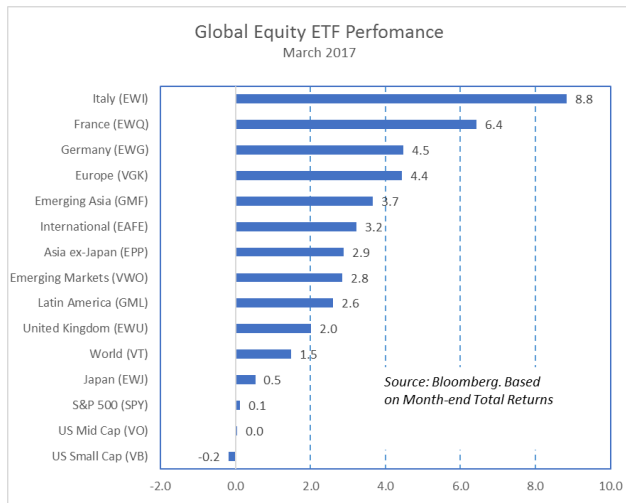




## MARCH 2017 CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

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### Equity Markets\*

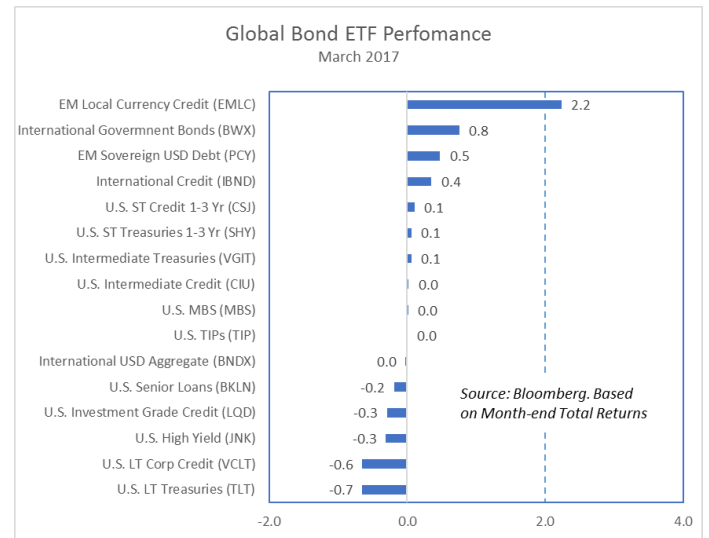
Several key European stock markets strongly rebounded in the month of March. Italian equities led global stock markets advancing 8.8% as measured in U.S. dollar terms followed by France and Germany which rose 6.4% and 4.5%, respectively.

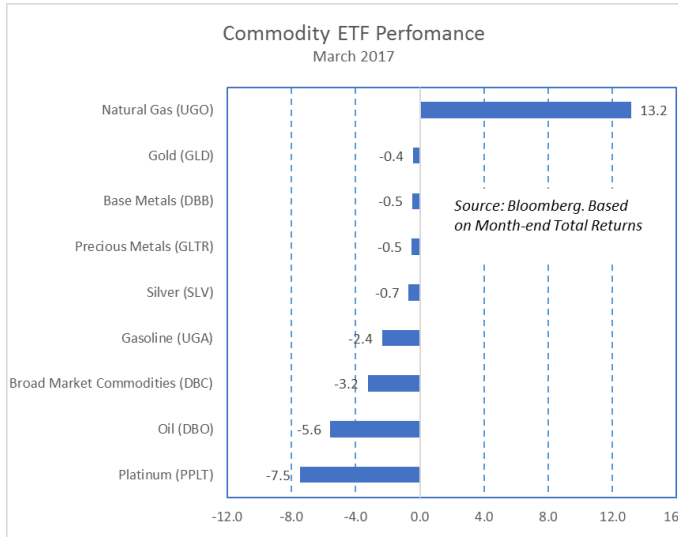
U.S. stocks lagged their international counterparts with Large Cap rising only 0.1% while Mid Caps were flat and Small Caps declined 0.2% for the month. U.S. stocks had been leading global equities but a combination of U.S. dollar weakness and political uncertainty served as major headwinds.

### Bond Markets\*

International fixed income markets outperformed U.S. bonds in March. Local Currency Emerging Market Credit led global bonds rising 2.2% for the month.

Longer dated U.S. fixed income segments struggled as Long-term Corporate Credit and Treasuries declined 0.6% and 0.7%, respectively.





**Commodity Markets\***

Natural Gas regained some lost ground, rising 13.2% during March after declining nearly 15% the previous month. In contrast, other commodity markets suffered price declines with Platinum faring the worst, falling 7.5%.

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

*“International stock and bond markets outpaced U.S. markets in the month of March led by European equities. This was in part due to U.S. dollar weakness.”*

**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 through a currency hedged instrument. We have no emerging market debt holdings at this time.



## RISK OUTLOOK

Economic activity is gaining momentum both home and abroad. Consumer and business sentiment indicators are rising, corporate earnings growth is expanding and, while inflation is picking up, it is not yet problematic. Fiscal policy in the developed world will most likely continue to be expansionary and monetary policy, on balance, should remain accommodative. All of these developments are positive for risk assets.

The U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 25 basis points in March and may do so two more times this year. This is well known and anticipated by market participants. There is also some concern that volatility may resurface as the Fed begins to shrink its balance sheet, which has grown to \$4.5 trillion after three rounds of asset purchases in extraordinary response to the financial crisis. Another significant risk continues to be the Trump administration's ability to execute on promised fiscal stimulus, corporate tax reform and regulatory relief. Healthcare reform has stalled and many market participants fear that may foreshadow further legislative conflict.

## KEY EVENTS IN APRIL

### Week 1

- 4/2 Japan Nikkei Mfg PMI
- 4/3 Markit Mfg PMIs (U.S., U.K., and Eurozone)
- 4/5 U.S. FOMC Meeting Minutes
- 4/6 Japan Consumer Confidence Index
- 4/7 U.S. Employment Surveys

### Week 2

- 4/11 U.K. Price Index Surveys
- 4/11 China Price Index Surveys
- 4/14 U.S. CPI

### Week 3

- 4/16 China GDP
- 4/19 Eurozone CPI
- 4/20 Eurozone Consumer Confidence

### Weeks 4 & 5

- 4/24 Japan Leading Indicator
- 4/25 U.S. Conference Board Consumer Confidence
- 4/27 Eurozone Sentiment Surveys
- 4/27 U.K. GFK Consumer Confidence
- 4/28 U.S. GDP
- 4/28 U.S. Univ. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment
- 4/28 U.K. GDP
- 4/29 China Mfg PMI



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