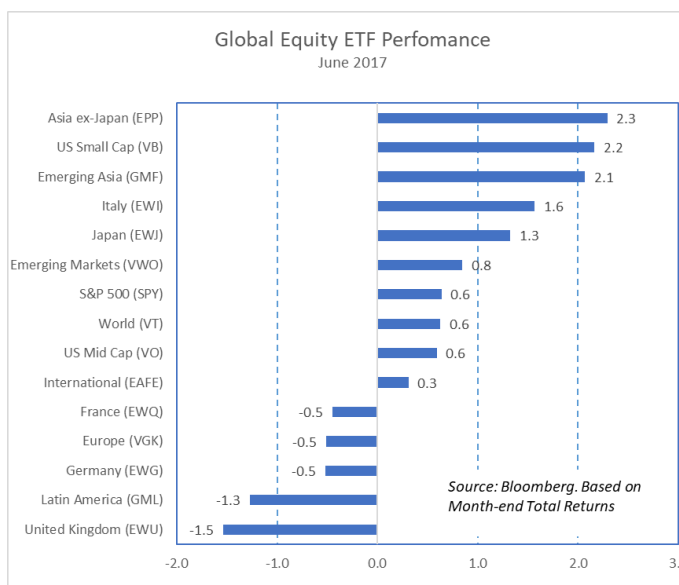




## JUNE 2017 CAPITAL MARKET REVIEW

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### Equity Markets\*

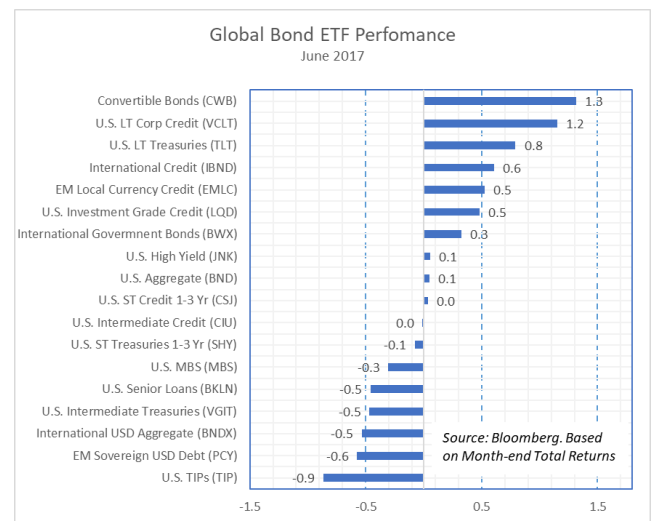
June was led by equity markets that generally are higher growth. Developed Asia outside of Japan outperformed, posting gains of 2.3% while emerging Asia followed closely behind advancing 2.1%. In the U.S., small cap companies outperformed larger companies, rising 2.2%.

With the exception of Italy, which climbed 1.6%, European bourses disappointed with France falling 0.5%, Germany 0.5%, and the U.K. contracting 1.5% mainly due to lingering concerns about Brexit.

### Bond Markets\*

Long-dated U.S. credit and treasuries led global bonds as did non-dollar denominated debt instruments.

Dollar denominated international fixed income faced headwinds from currency weakness in the U.S. dollar again in June. Bloomberg's measure of the U.S. dollar's exchange rate versus a basket of major currencies contracted 1.2% during the month.





**Key Market Driver**

The technology sector within the U.S. equity market and economy has been a growth engine for several years and especially lately. In the past year, through the end of this quarter, the S&P 500 technology index has risen almost 34% while the broader index has risen 17.9%. One of our key positions has been in technology-related investments so we are concerned when a key position and market barometer begins to stumble.

**Technology Stocks relative to S&P 500**



Since the recent peak in the tech sector on June 8th, the group has fallen 4.3% compared with the modest contraction of 0.3% in the S&P 500 through June 30th. The sector is dominated by some of the largest and most reputable companies in the world with solid fundamentals – strong balance sheets and robust earnings – and valuations, while full, are not overly so. This is one area of the market that we are continually monitoring closely.

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

*“Asian equities outpaced most global markets in the month of June led by developed Asia excluding Japan. Dollar denominated assets underperformed due to persistent U.S. dollar weakness.”*



## PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

We continue to position portfolios towards the U.S. but also have a favorable view of Asia and the emerging markets. European equity positions are now fully invested. In the U.S. stock market, we have the strongest preference for small and mid-cap companies. Cash positions in portfolios are generally neutral.

Our bond allocations favor the U.S. over the rest of the world with sizable commitments to short-term corporate credit and convertible securities. 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 generally remains robust both home and abroad. Consumer and business sentiment indicators remain bullish, corporate earnings growth is expanding, while inflation remains in check. Fiscal policy in the developed world will most likely continue to be expansionary and monetary policy, on balance, should remain accommodative. Political risk across Europe has dissipated through the election cycle. All of these developments are constructive for global risk assets.

As expected, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates by 25 basis points (0.25%) in June and appears on track for another hike by year end. The Fed's moves have been telegraphed and anticipated by market participants. There is some concern that volatility may resurface as the Fed begins to shrink its \$4.5 trillion balance sheet. Another significant risk continues to be the Trump administration's ability to execute on policy. Healthcare legislation has stalled and the tax reform proposal is not likely to be addressed prior to the summer legislative recess. With the ongoing special investigation regarding Russian influence with the Trump presidential campaign, many market participants fear that the legislative agenda could be delayed for an extended period of time.



## KEY EVENTS IN JULY

### Week 1

- 7/2 China Caixin Mfg PMI (June)
- 7/2 Japan Nikkei Mfg PMI (June)
- 7/3 Markit Mfg PMI (June) – U.S., U.K., and Eurozone
- 7/5 U.S. FOMC Meeting Minutes
- 7/6 Eurozone ECB Policy Meeting Recap
- 7/7 U.S. Unemployment Rate

### Week 2

- 7/9 China Price Surveys
- 7/10 Eurozone Sentix Investor Confidence
- 7/12 U.S. Federal Reserve releases Beige Book
- 7/13 U.K. BOE Surveys
- 7/13-7/14 U.S. Price Index Surveys

### Week 3

- 7/16 China GDP
- 7/18 U.K. Price Surveys
- 7/19 U.S. Housing
- 7/19-7/20 Japan BOJ Policy
- 7/20 U.S. Bloomberg Economic Expectations
- 7/20 U.S. Conf. Board Leading Indicators
- 7/20 Eurozone Consumer Confidence

### Weeks 4 & 5

- 7/24 China Conf. Board Leading Indicators
- 7/24 Japan Leading Index Cycle Indicators
- 7/26 U.S. FOMC Rate Decision
- 7/26 U.K. GDP
- 7/27 U.K. GfK Consumer Confidence
- 7/27 Japan CPI Surveys
- 7/28 U.S. GDP
- 7/28 U.S. Univ. of Mich. Sentiment Surveys
- 7/28 Eurozone Confidence Surveys
- 7/31 China Caixin Mfg PMI (July)
- 7/31 Eurozone Unemployment Rate (June)



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