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2Q 2021



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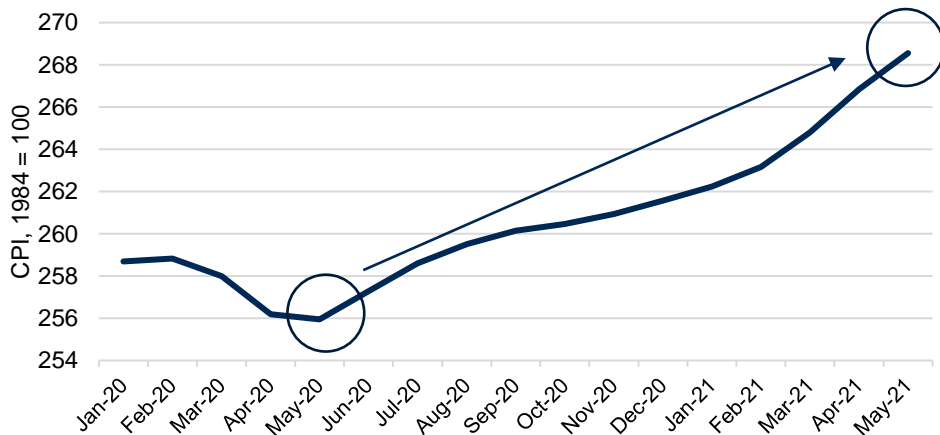
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# Market Themes

1. Stimulus measures and vaccination efforts have fostered historically robust GDP growth.
2. Inflation, while elevated, should not ultimately threaten the global recovery.
3. The breadth of asset class returns ratifies the pace of economic momentum with the highest returns year-to-date sourced from areas of the markets closely aligned with reopening.

## Heightened, but Transitory

Year-over-year inflation readings are higher following the emergence from the manufactured Covid-19 recession. Consensus is the inflation drivers of pent-up demand and supply chain shocks are transitory and will dissipate.

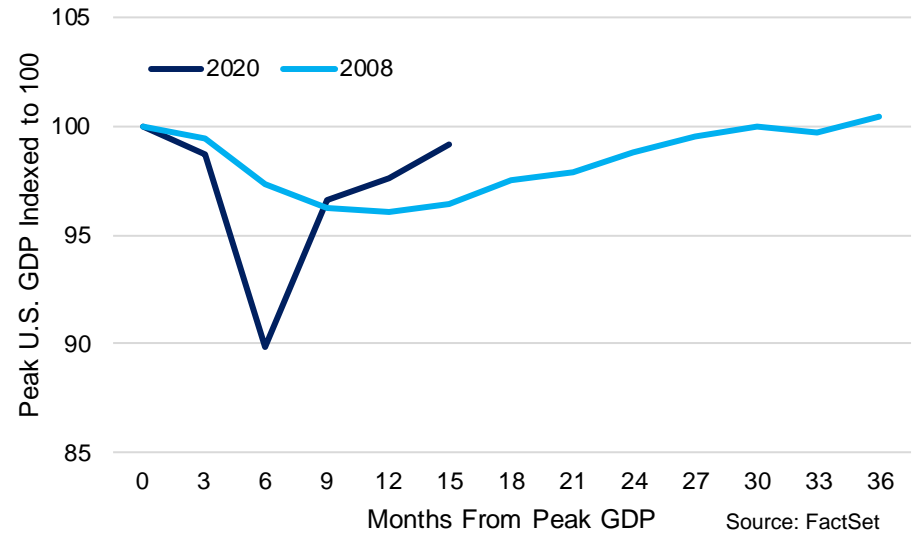


Source: FactSet, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Federal Reserve

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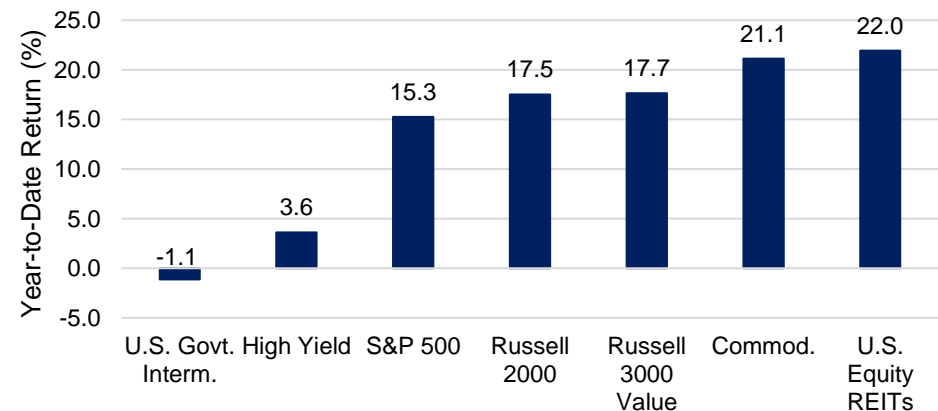
## U.S. Recovery Progress- GFC Versus Covid-19 Pandemic

The recovery in U.S. GDP levels has been nearly as dramatic as the pullback and we are now on pace to regain GDP loses just 18 months from the prior peak (Dec. 2019) versus 36 months during the GFC.



## Mid-Market Cycle Asset Class Performance

Vaccine distribution and stimulus efforts have helped to pave the way for broader asset class returns. Some of the most depressed asset classes during the midst of the pandemic have led year-to-date.

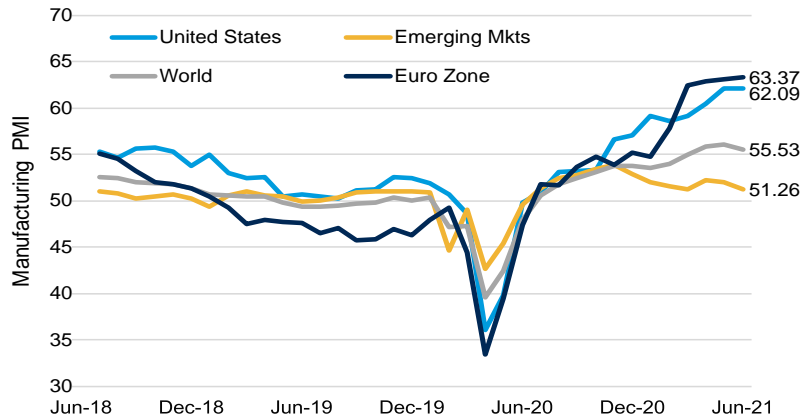


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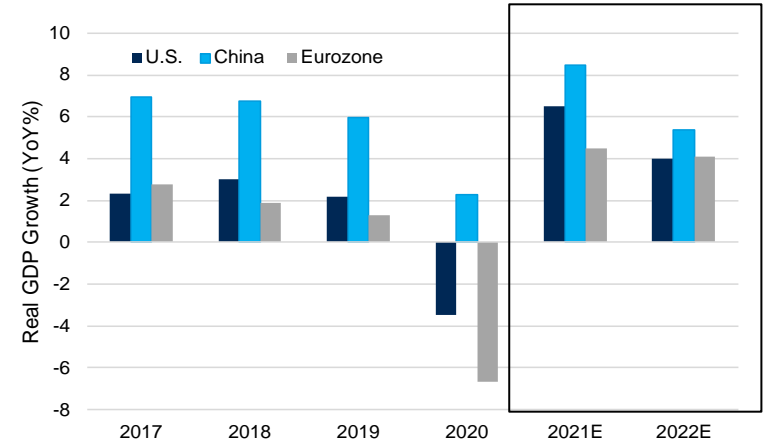
## PMI Composites

PMI's across most major economies remain above 50, signaling economic trends within manufacturing remain expansionary.



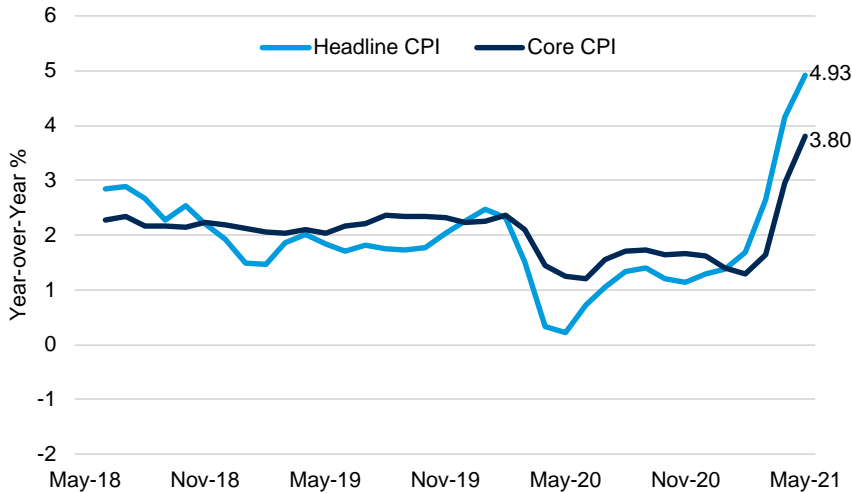
## Real GDP Growth (YoY)

Estimates for 2021 GDP remain robust, reflecting consumer pent up demand and high household savings rates.



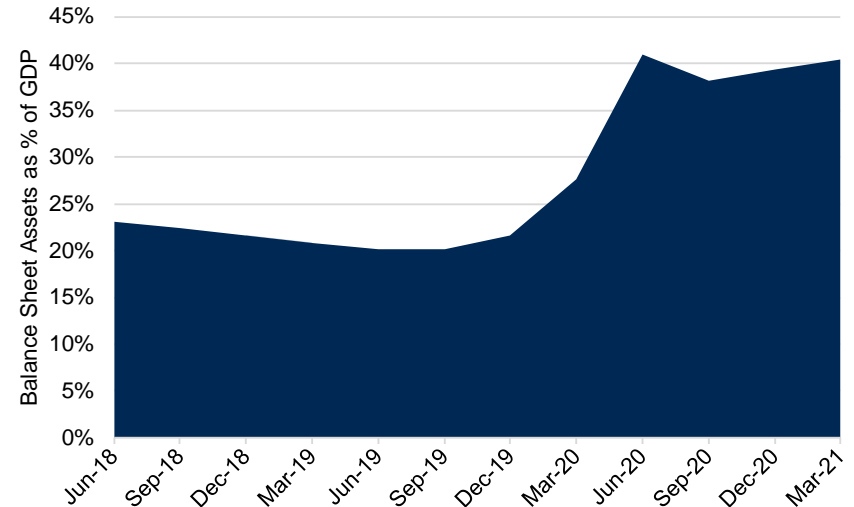
## U.S. Inflation

Inflation moved noticeable higher in April and continued into May. Year-over-year headline inflation was the highest in 12 years coming of 2020's low base.



## Federal Reserve Balance Sheet as Percentage of GDP

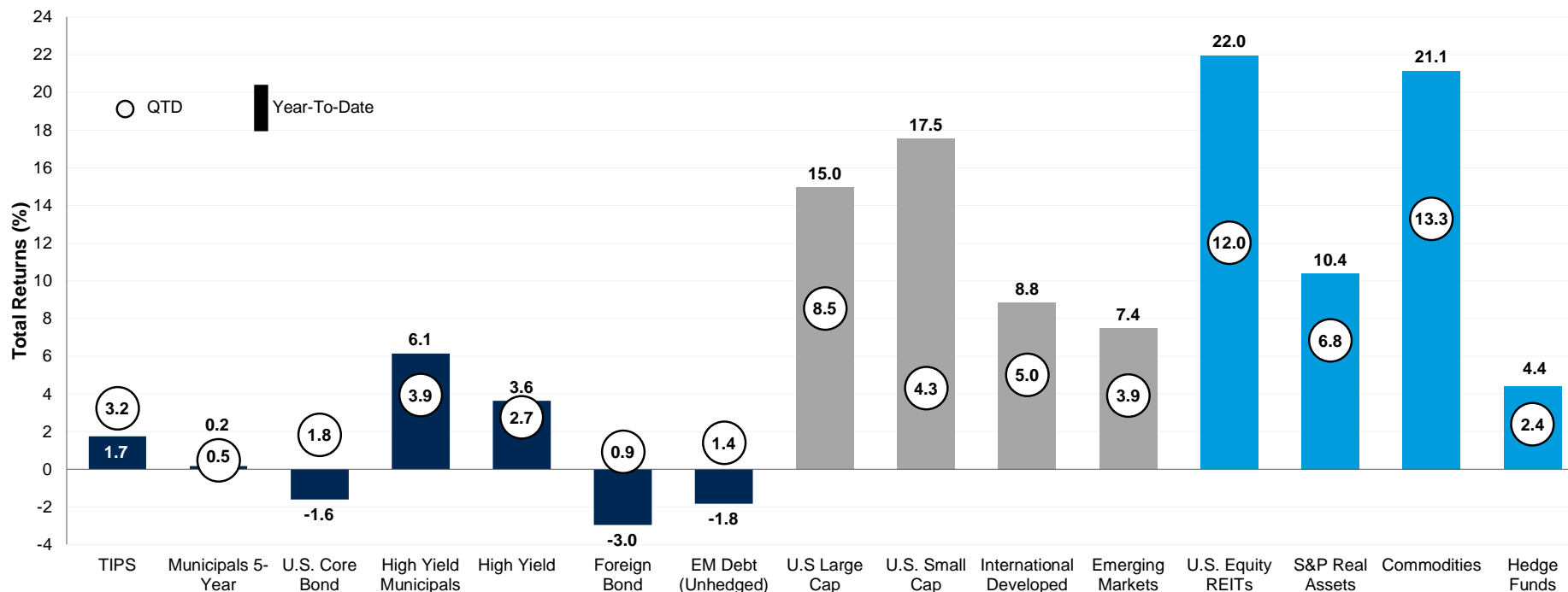
In spite of Federal Reserve balance sheet expansion, GDP growth has kept up with or exceeded balance sheet asset growth, limiting overall debt levels.



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# Market Themes



\*Hedge fund returns are lagged 1 month. Sources: FactSet, J.P. Morgan, Russell, MSCI, FTSE Russell, Alerian. Hedge Funds returns as of 5/31/21/21. All other returns as of 6/30/21.

## Fixed Income

- + Interest rates moved lower at the longer end of the curve and were slightly higher inside of 5-years.
- + Investment grade and high yield spreads compressed during the quarter.

## Equity

- + Optimism continued into the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as vaccinations continue to progress and many restrictions were lifted across the country.
- Emerging market equities lagged their developed market counterparts as many developing countries struggled to control Covid-19 outbreaks.

## Real Asset / Alternatives

- + REITs continued to benefit from increasing demand and low interest rates.
- + Commodities benefitted most from large increases in energy, namely oil, although strong performance was broad based across sectors.

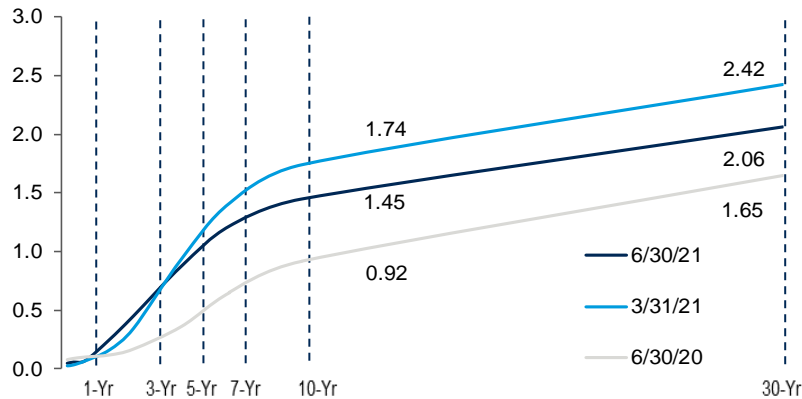
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# Fixed Income Market Update

## U.S. Treasury Yields Curve

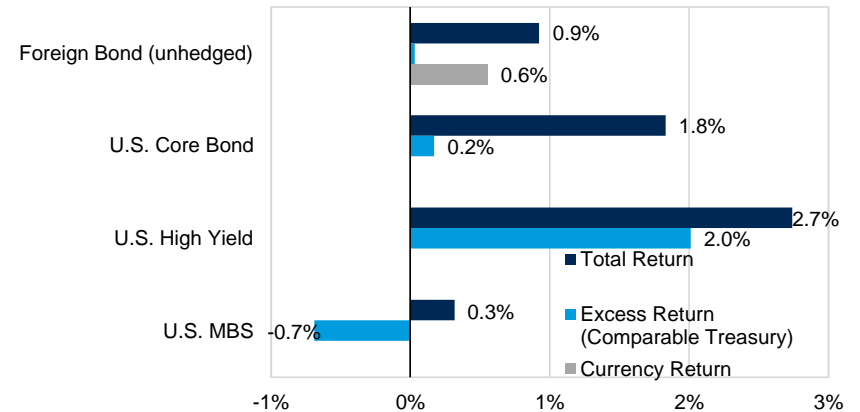
U.S. Treasuries moved lower at the longer end of the curve with the 10-year and 30-year rates declining 29bps and 36bps, respectively.



Source: FactSet

## Index Performance Attribution (2Q 2021)

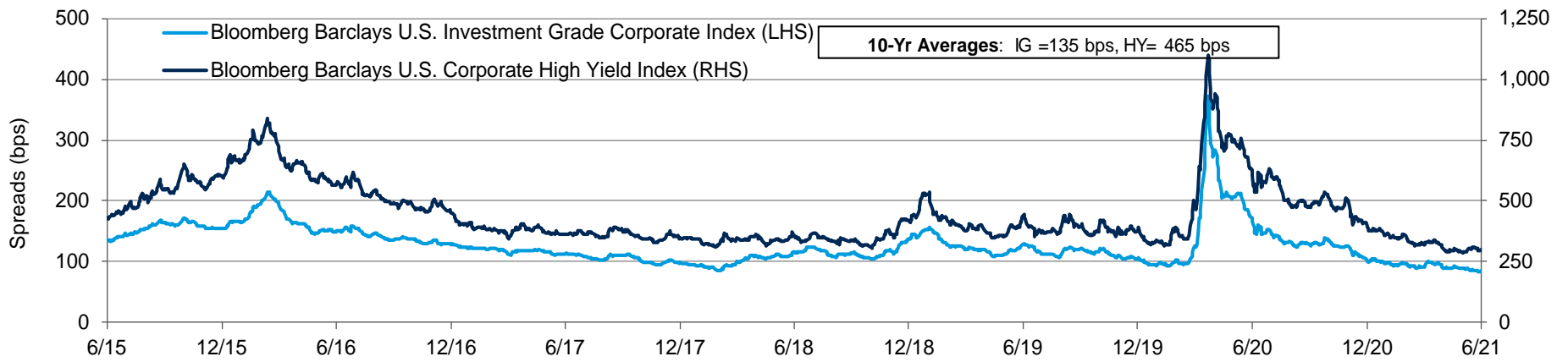
In the U.S., both lower rates and spread compression drove fixed income performance. Dollar weakness provided a nice tailwind for foreign bonds.



Source: FactSet

## Credit Market Spreads – Trailing 5 Years

Credit spreads compressed during the quarter with investment grade and high yield spreads decreasing 11bps and 42bps, respectively.



Source: FactSet

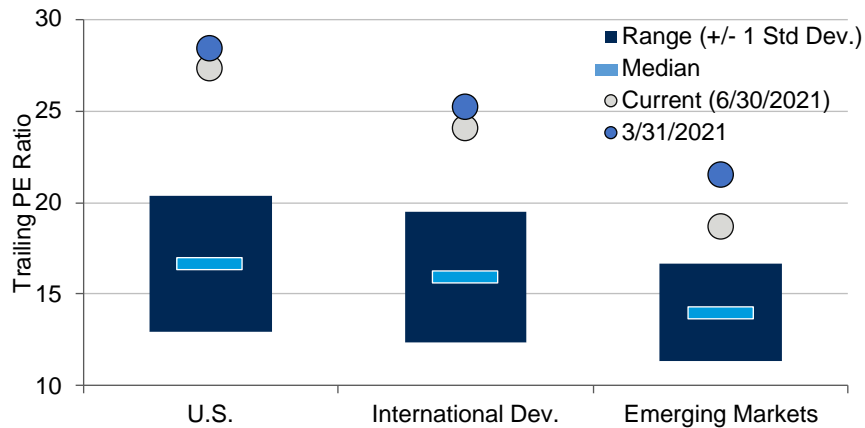
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# Equity Market Update

## Equity Valuations (Trailing 15 Years)

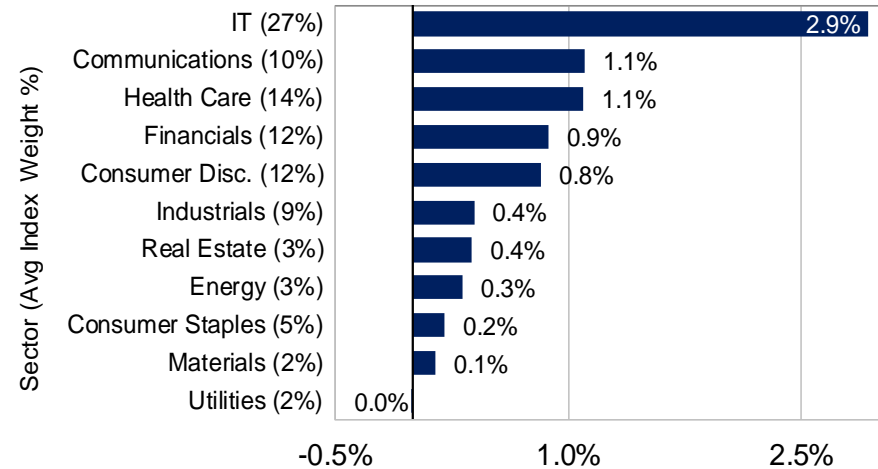
Valuations remain elevated when compared to historical ranges. Valuations were lower relative to the first quarter despite strong equity performance, driven by strong underlying earnings growth.



Source: FactSet

## U.S. Equities – Contribution to Return by Sector (2Q 2021)

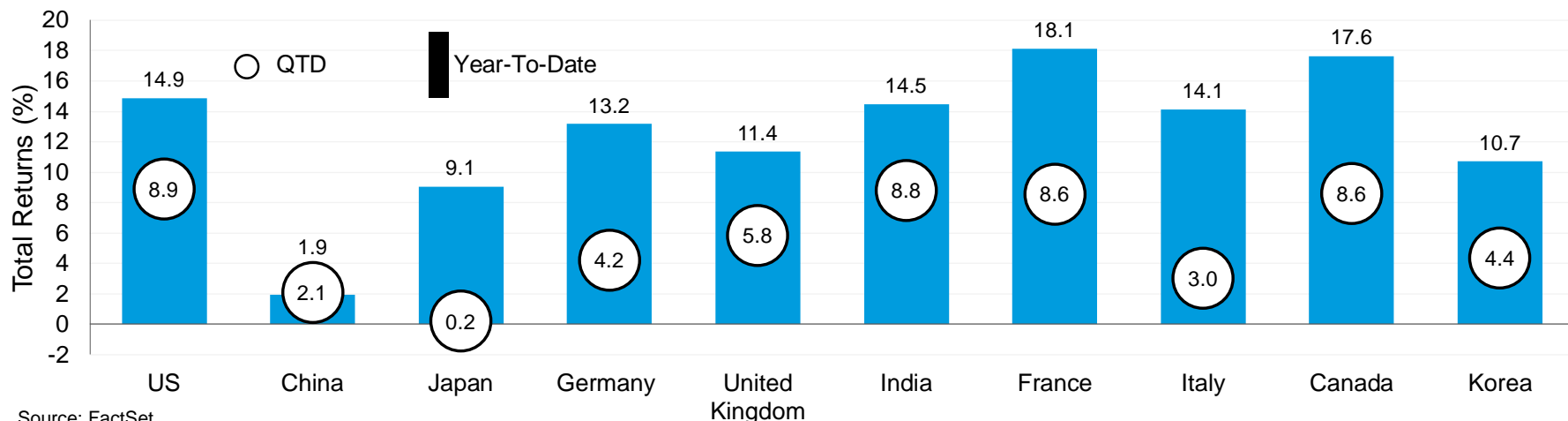
U.S. equity performance was strong across sectors with technology contributing most to index performance, although the real estate sector performed best on an absolute basis.



Source: FactSet, Russell 1000.

## Country Total Returns (%) – Top 10 Largest Economies

Strong equity performance was broad based across countries with China the noticeable laggard as Chinese technology and consumer companies continue to face regulatory pressures.



Source: FactSet

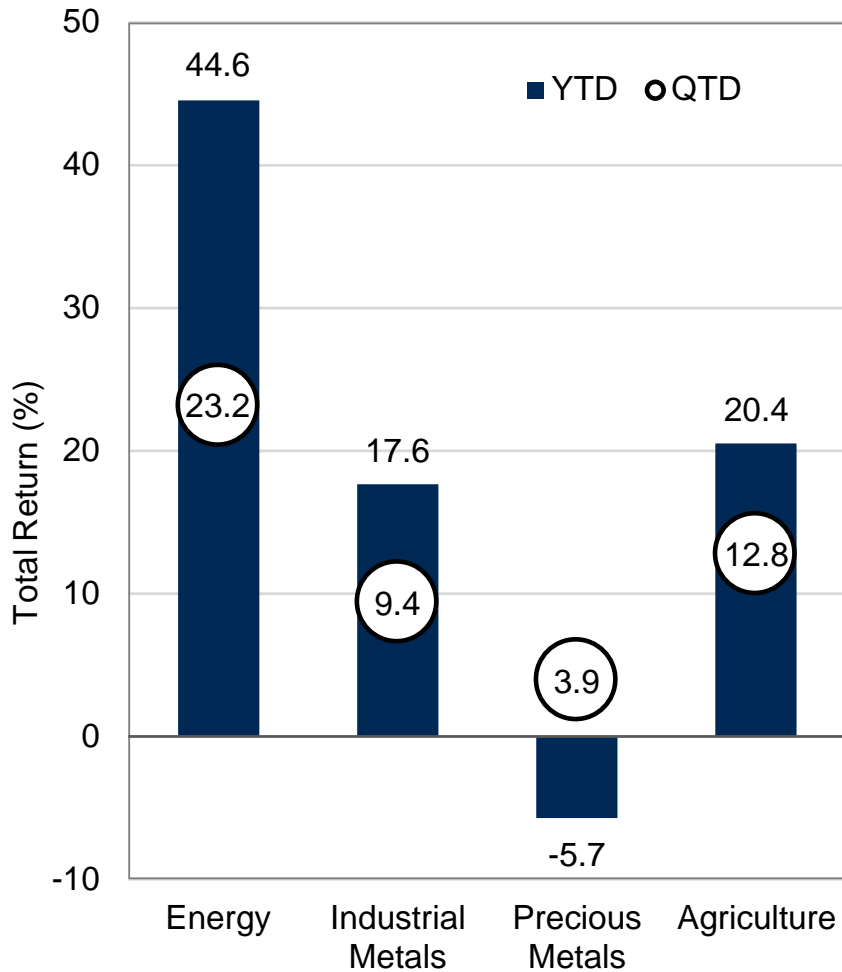
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# Real Asset Market Update

## Real Assets Performance

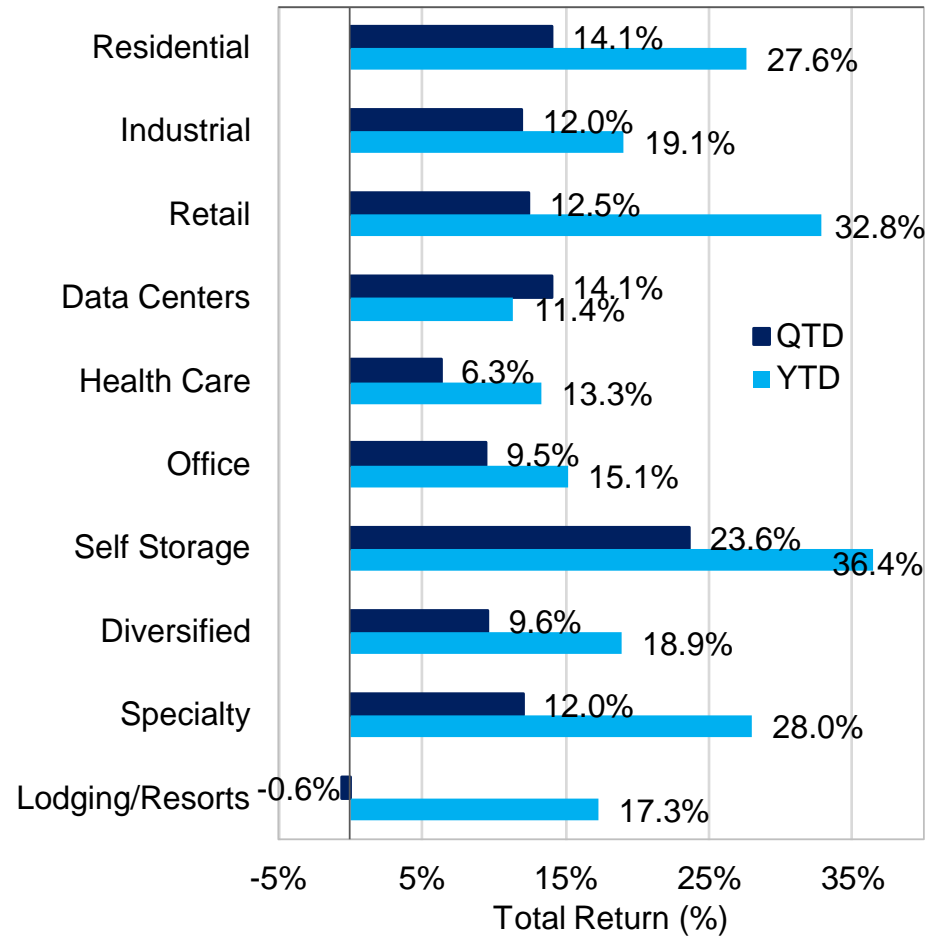
Energy drove real assets higher as May's ransomware attack on the Colonial Pipeline caused supply disruptions within the space.



Source: FactSet

## REIT Sector Performance

Most REIT sectors generated positive returns and continued to benefit from re-opening measures and low interest rates.



Source: FactSet

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# The Case For Diversification

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD	10Yr (Ann)
TIPS 13.6	Emerging Markets 18.2	U.S. Small Cap 38.8	U.S. Equity REITs 30.1	U.S. Equity REITs 3.2	U.S. Small Cap 21.3	Emerging Markets 37.3	High Yield Munis 4.8	U.S. Large Cap 31.5	U.S. Small Cap 20.0	U.S. Equity REITs 22.0	U.S. Large Cap 14.8
High Yield Munis 9.3	High Yield Munis 18.1	U.S. Large Cap 32.4	High Yield Munis 13.8	Municipals 5-Year 2.4	High Yield 17.1	International Dev. 25.0	Municipals 5-Year 1.7	U.S. Equity REITs 26.0	U.S. Large Cap 18.4	Commodities 21.1	U.S. Small Cap 12.3
U.S. Equity REITs 8.3	U.S. Equity REITs 18.1	International Dev. 22.8	U.S. Large Cap 13.7	High Yield Munis 1.8	U.S. Large Cap 12.0	U.S. Large Cap 21.8	Foreign Bond 0.5	U.S. Small Cap 25.5	Emerging Markets 18.3	U.S. Small Cap 17.5	U.S. Equity REITs 9.4
Core Bond 7.8	International Dev. 17.3	Balanced 12.2	Core Bond 6.0	U.S. Large Cap 1.4	Commodities 11.7	EM Debt (unhedged) 15.2	Core Bond 0.0	International Dev. 22.5	TIPS 11.0	U.S. Large Cap 15.3	High Yield Munis 7.0
Municipals 5-Year 6.9	EM Debt (unhedged) 16.9	Hedge Funds 9.0	Balanced 5.1	Core Bond 0.6	Emerging Markets 11.2	U.S. Small Cap 14.6	TIPS -1.3	Emerging Markets 18.4	Balanced 8.8	International Dev. 8.8	High Yield 6.7
High Yield 5.0	U.S. Small Cap 16.3	High Yield 7.4	U.S. Small Cap 4.9	Hedge Funds -0.3	EM Debt (unhedged) 9.9	Balanced 13.6	High Yield -2.1	Balanced 17.5	International Dev. 7.8	Hedge Funds 8.4	Balanced 6.6
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U.S. Large Cap 2.1	High Yield 15.8	Municipals 5-Year 0.8	Hedge Funds 3.4	TIPS -1.4	Balanced 7.6	Hedge Funds 7.8	U.S. Large Cap -4.4	EM Debt (unhedged) 13.5	Hedge Funds 7.1	Balanced 7.1	Hedge Funds 4.7
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EM Debt (unhedged) -1.8	TIPS 7.0	Core Bond -2.0	Foreign Bond 2.9	Balanced -3.3	Foreign Bond 3.2	Foreign Bond 6.5	Balanced -5.8	Core Bond 8.7	Foreign Bond 7.0	High Yield 3.6	TIPS 3.4
U.S. Small Cap -4.2	Foreign Bond 5.3	Emerging Markets -2.6	High Yield 2.5	U.S. Small Cap -4.4	High Yield Munis 3.0	U.S. Equity REITs 5.2	EM Debt (unhedged) -6.2	TIPS 8.4	High Yield Munis 4.9	TIPS 1.7	Core Bond 3.4
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## Financial Markets Performance

Total return as of June 30, 2021

Periods greater than one year are annualized

All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3-Month T-Bill	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	0.6%	1.0%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS	3.2%	1.7%	6.5%	6.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.4%	4.6%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond (5 Year)	0.5%	0.2%	2.2%	3.8%	2.4%	2.5%	2.7%	3.7%
Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Municipal Bond	3.9%	6.1%	14.3%	7.6%	6.2%	6.7%	7.0%	5.5%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate	1.8%	-1.6%	-0.3%	5.3%	3.0%	3.3%	3.4%	4.4%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	2.7%	3.6%	15.4%	7.4%	7.5%	5.5%	6.7%	7.5%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Hedged	0.9%	-1.5%	0.0%	3.8%	2.8%	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-U.S. Unhedged	0.9%	-4.4%	4.6%	3.1%	1.6%	0.7%	1.0%	3.1%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Gov / Credit	6.4%	-4.6%	-1.9%	9.9%	5.5%	6.3%	7.3%	7.4%
JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified	1.5%	-1.7%	2.6%	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Global Equity Markets	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
S&P 500	8.5%	15.3%	40.8%	18.7%	17.6%	14.1%	14.8%	10.7%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	5.1%	13.8%	36.3%	15.0%	16.7%	13.5%	13.5%	10.6%
NASDAQ Composite	9.7%	12.9%	45.2%	25.7%	25.8%	19.8%	19.3%	14.7%
Russell 3000	8.2%	15.1%	44.2%	18.7%	17.9%	14.0%	14.7%	10.8%
Russell 1000	8.5%	15.0%	43.1%	19.2%	18.0%	14.2%	14.9%	10.9%
Russell 1000 Growth	11.9%	13.0%	42.5%	25.1%	23.7%	18.6%	17.9%	13.5%
Russell 1000 Value	5.2%	17.0%	43.7%	12.4%	11.9%	9.4%	11.6%	8.0%
Russell Mid Cap	7.5%	16.2%	49.8%	16.4%	15.6%	12.0%	13.2%	10.5%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	11.1%	10.4%	43.8%	22.4%	20.5%	15.4%	15.1%	12.1%
Russell Mid Cap Value	5.7%	19.5%	53.1%	11.9%	11.8%	9.3%	11.7%	9.1%
Russell 2000	4.3%	17.5%	62.0%	13.5%	16.5%	11.4%	12.3%	9.5%
Russell 2000 Growth	3.9%	9.0%	51.4%	15.9%	18.8%	13.1%	13.5%	10.9%
Russell 2000 Value	4.6%	26.7%	73.3%	10.3%	13.6%	9.3%	10.8%	7.9%
MSCI ACWI	7.4%	12.3%	39.3%	14.6%	14.6%	9.7%	9.9%	7.6%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.	5.5%	9.2%	35.7%	9.4%	11.1%	5.3%	5.4%	4.9%
MSCI EAFE	5.2%	8.8%	32.4%	8.3%	10.3%	5.0%	5.9%	4.4%
MSCI EAFE Growth	7.4%	6.8%	31.0%	12.5%	12.5%	7.8%	7.8%	6.0%
MSCI EAFE Value	3.0%	10.7%	33.5%	3.8%	7.8%	1.9%	3.9%	2.7%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	4.3%	9.0%	41.0%	8.4%	12.0%	7.8%	8.4%	6.3%
MSCI Emerging Markets	5.0%	7.4%	40.9%	11.3%	13.0%	6.4%	4.3%	6.6%
Alternatives	QTD	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Consumer Price Index*	1.4%	2.4%	4.9%	2.3%	2.3%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%
FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs	12.0%	22.0%	38.0%	10.1%	6.3%	8.4%	9.4%	7.1%
S&P Real Assets	6.8%	10.4%	25.2%	7.3%	6.4%	3.9%	5.1%	6.0%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed	8.4%	19.8%	27.7%	6.8%	4.6%	8.3%	9.5%	5.9%
FTSE EPRA NAREIT Developed ex U.S.	7.1%	9.4%	29.8%	5.5%	6.4%	4.3%	5.7%	4.2%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	13.3%	21.1%	45.6%	3.9%	2.4%	-4.1%	-4.4%	-3.0%
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite*	2.4%	4.4%	20.0%	6.0%	5.9%	4.2%	3.7%	3.0%
HFRI Fund Weighted Composite*	2.5%	8.4%	31.1%	8.3%	7.8%	5.7%	4.7%	4.8%
Alerian MLP	21.2%	47.8%	64.0%	-0.3%	-1.1%	-5.7%	1.1%	5.9%

\*One month lag.

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Core Bond: Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Total Return Value Unhedged USD  
High Yield Municipals: Bloomberg Barclays Muni High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD  
High Yield: Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Total Return Index Value Unhedged USD  
Foreign Bond: Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Total Return Index Value USD (50/50 blend of hedged and unhedged)  
EM Debt (unhedged): J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Composite Unhedged USD  
U.S. Large Cap: S&P 500 Total Return Index  
U.S. Small Cap : Russell 2000 Total Return Index  
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