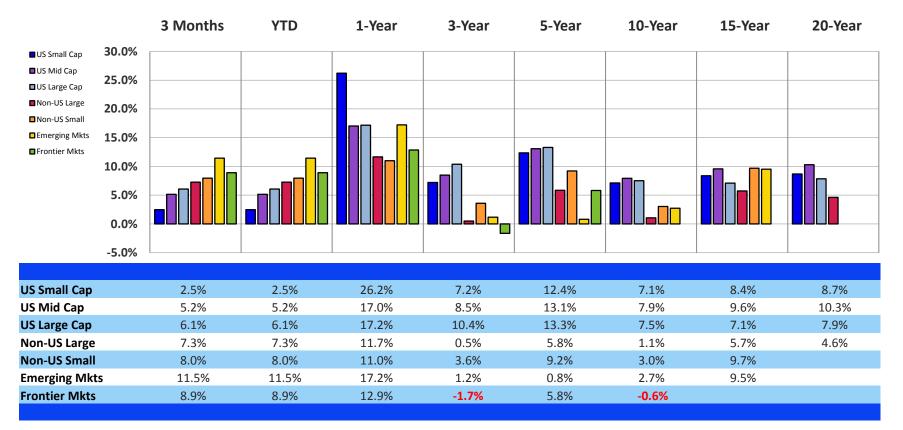
## World Equity Performance

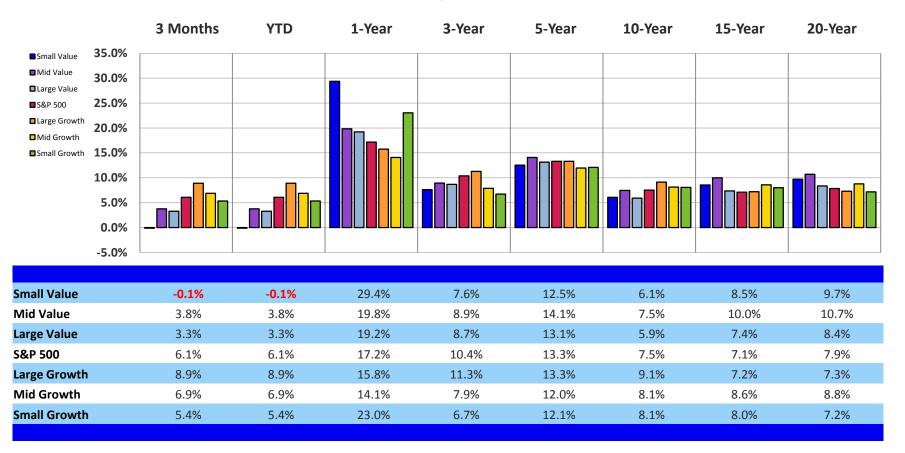


Quarter Ending March 31, 2017

Emerging Markets and Frontier Markets got out to a hot start in 2017, returning 11.5% and 8.9% respectively. Non-US stocks in general outperformed to start the year, however US stocks maintain their strong return advantage over the trailing 5-year and 10-year time periods. Small Caps in the US had a relatively weak quarter after their strong performance in Q4.

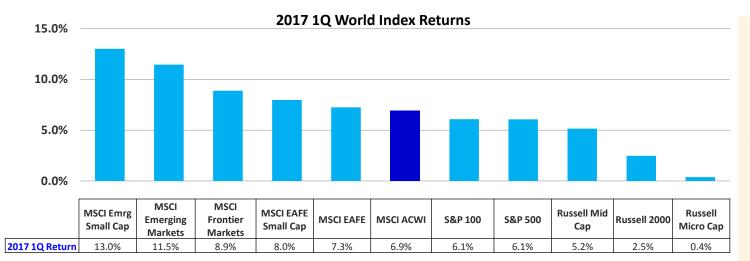
## **U.S. Equity Style Performance**

Quarter Ending March 31, 2017



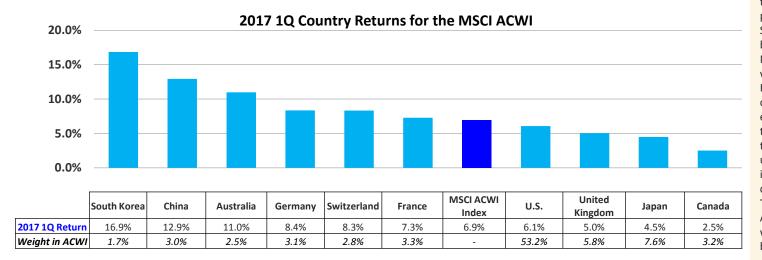
After leading the pack in Q4, Small Value was the lone segment of the US market to experience a negative return in Q1. Bank stocks represent a large portion of the Small Value index, and that sector had relatively weak performance last quarter after surging in November and December. Large Growth stocks had the best performance in the first quarter, led by strength in the Technology sector.

### Equity Performance Breakdown



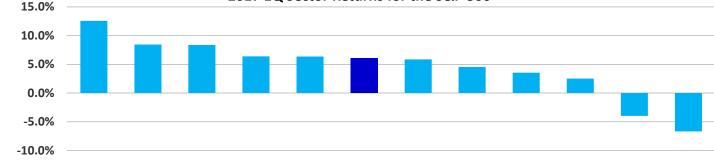
The first quarter of 2017 was in some ways a reversal of the post-election market investors experienced in Q4 2016. U.S. Small Cap and Micro Cap stocks led by a wide margin to end 2016, but in Q1 they were easily the weakest segments of the market. Likewise, while Emerging Markets and EM Small Cap stocks lagged in the fourth quarter (losing -4.2% and -6.2%, respectively) they rebounded with strong performance to start 2017.

All ten of the largest countries in the MSCI ACWI index posted a positive return to start the year. South Korea and China, which are both part of the MSCI Emerging Markets universe, led the way with returns of 16.9% and 12.9%. In March, the US Federal Reserve decided the market was healthy enough to raise interest rates for the second time in three months, though the US market slightly underperformed the global index in Q1. At the very end of the quarter, U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May officially invoked Article 50 to enter negotiations with the European Union and begin the "Brexit" process.

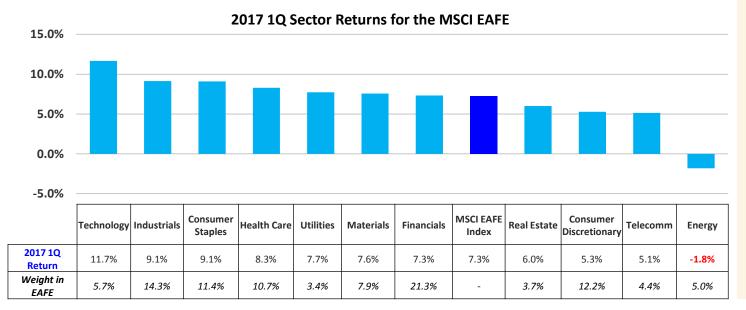


## Equity Performance Breakdown

2017 1Q Sector Returns for the S&P 500



	Technology	Consumer Discretionary	Health Care	Utilities	Consumer Staples	S&P 500 Index	Materials	Industrials	Real Estate	Financials	Telecomm	Energy
2017 1Q Return	12.6%	8.5%	8.4%	6.4%	6.4%	6.1%	5.9%	4.6%	3.5%	2.5%	-4.0%	-6.7%
Weight in S&P	22.1%	12.3%	13.9%	3.2%	9.3%	-	2.8%	10.1%	2.9%	14.4%	2.4%	6.6%



The Technology sector led the way in the US, with Software and Semiconductor companies performing very well in the first quarter. Health Care stocks also performed well, as fears of a full repeal of the Affordable Care Act subsided. The Energy sector was the worst performer in the first quarter, as oil prices declined in March. Bank stocks, which surged in the immediate aftermath of the November election, were also relative laggards to start the new year.

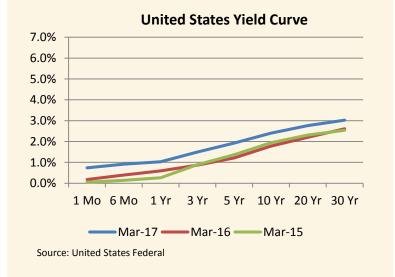
As in the US, Technology was the top-performing sector to start the year in the International markets. Ten out of 11 sectors had a positive return in Q1, with Energy being the lone negative sector.

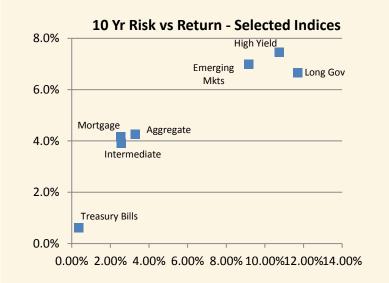
Unlike in the US, the International Industrials sector also had a strong return last quarter. According to JP Morgan, stocks in Europe and Japan are trading at a P/E ratio of 14.5-15x, which is still relatively attractive when compared to the US (17.9x).

Fixed Income Rates of Return	n	2017 1Q	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Broad Market Indices	BBgBarc US Aggregate TR	0.82%	0.82%	0.44%	2.68%	2.34%	4.27%
	BBgBarc US Govt/Credit TR	0.96%	0.96%	0.54%	2.69%	2.46%	4.34%
Intermediate Indices	BBgBarc US Int TR	0.68%	0.68%	0.35%	2.25%	1.95%	3.91%
	BBgBarc US Govt/Credit Int TR	0.78%	0.78%	0.42%	2.01%	1.88%	3.76%
Government Only Indices	Citi 3 Month Treasury	0.12%	0.12%	0.34%	0.15%	0.11%	0.61%
	BBgBarc US Govt 1-3 Yr TR	0.28%	0.28%	0.25%	0.74%	0.65%	2.07%
	BBgBarc US Govt Int TR	0.54%	0.54%	-0.67%	1.55%	1.23%	3.32%
	BBgBarc US TIPS TR	1.26%	1.26%	1.48%	2.03%	0.97%	4.24%
	BBgBarc US Govt Long TR	1.45%	1.45%	-4.78%	5.81%	4.05%	6.65%
Municipal Indices	BBgBarc US Municipal TR	1.58%	1.58%	0.15%	3.55%	3.24%	4.33%
	BBgBarc US Municipal 1 Yr TR	0.69%	0.69%	0.67%	0.65%	0.70%	1.80%
	BBgBarc US Municipal 10 Yr TR	1.78%	1.78%	-0.24%	3.60%	3.35%	4.81%
	BBgBarc US Municipal 20 Yr TR	1.50%	1.50%	0.04%	4.58%	4.12%	4.93%
Mortgage Backed Indices	BBgBarc US MBS TR	0.47%	0.47%	0.17%	2.69%	2.04%	4.16%
Corporate Bond Indices	BBgBarc US Credit TR	1.30%	1.30%	2.96%	3.52%	3.70%	5.29%
	BBgBarc US High Yield TR	2.70%	2.70%	16.39%	4.56%	6.82%	7.46%
World Bond Indices	Citi World Government Bond	1.55%	1.55%	-3.65%	-1.20%	-0.58%	3.03%
	BBgBarc EM USD Sovereign TR	3.77%	3.77%	7.92%	5.90%	5.46%	6.99%

# **Fixed Income Performance**

Source: Morningstar Advisor Workstation





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