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Market Commentary

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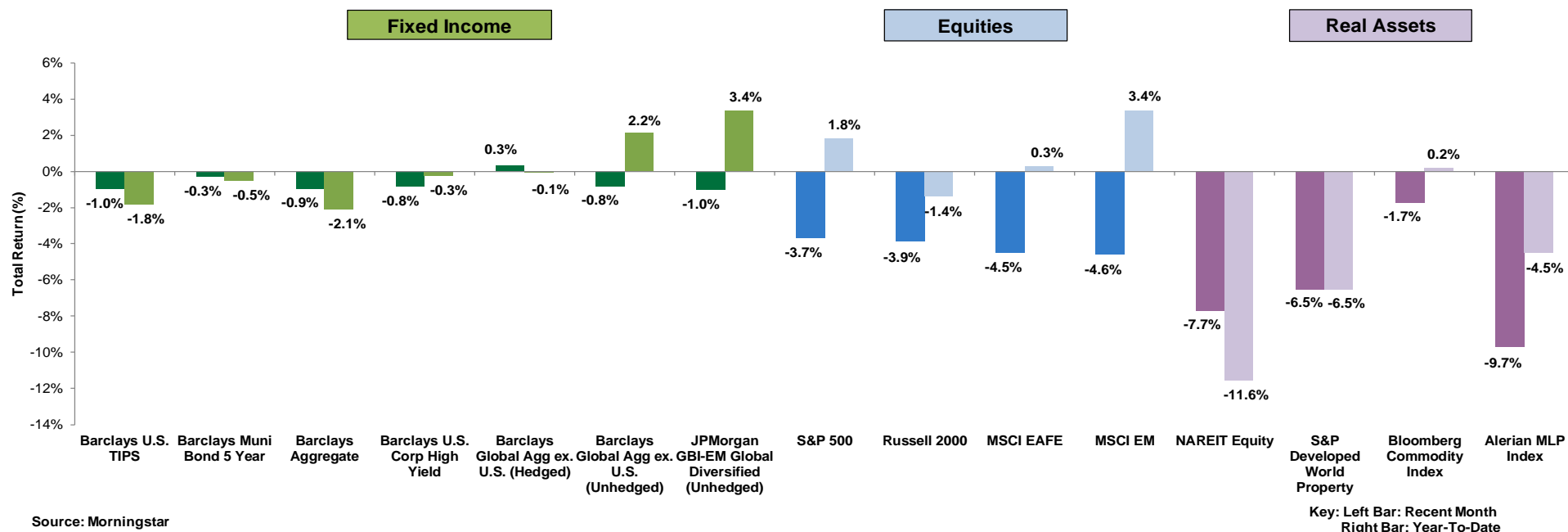
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Global Markets Summary

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Asset Class Returns



Fixed Income

- Domestic fixed income indices fell for the second straight month as rates rose moderately and the Fed continued to communicate a path toward normalized rates.
- International bonds were also lower, but held on to positive returns year-to-date. Emerging markets bonds continued to be the beneficiary of continued global growth prospects.
- The 10-Year U.S. Treasury yield rose 16 bps to end the month at 2.86%.

Equities

- After a long reprieve, equity markets exhibited significant volatility in February, more comparable to historic norms than recent years.
- Domestically, energy, real estate and telecom saw the sharpest declines while technology and financials performed better. Strong earnings from technology firms helped as did higher rates for banks.
- Internationally, Europe felt the brunt of the pullback as Germany and the UK both fell sharply. Japan fared relatively better.

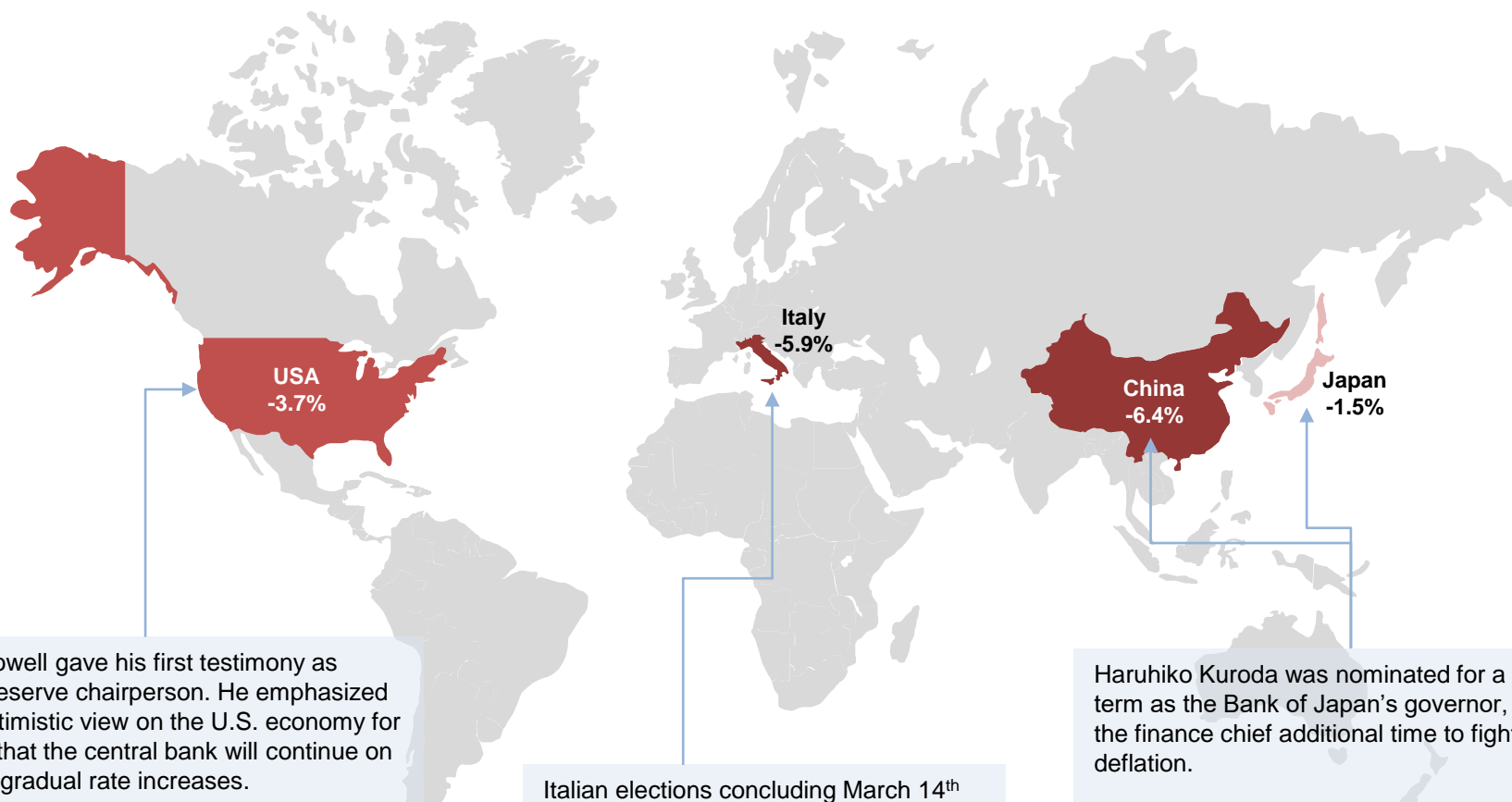
Real Assets

- Real assets were all lower last month as the effects of rising rates set in for MLPs and REITs continued to absorb the higher cost of financing. Within REITs, all property sectors fell.
- Also affecting the relative weakness in MLPs were sharper declines in oil and natural gas which fell 4.8% and 11.1%, respectively.
- Robust agriculture pricing helped alleviate the drag from energy on the overall commodity complex.



Global Highlights

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Jerome Powell gave his first testimony as Federal Reserve chairperson. He emphasized a more optimistic view on the U.S. economy for 2018 and that the central bank will continue on its path of gradual rate increases.

U.S. equity markets in February took investors on a roller-coaster ride. The Dow fell more than 12% in just two weeks, only for stocks to rally after, nearly recuperating those losses. The Dow then fell again in the final two trading days leaving the index down 1,600 points from its record high in January.

Italian elections concluding March 14th have left an air of uncertainty regarding the future leadership of Europe's third largest economy.

Haruhiko Kuroda was nominated for a second term as the Bank of Japan's governor, giving the finance chief additional time to fight deflation.

President Xi Jinping has convened top deputies to discuss policies for the future, including repealing a term-limit in place that would allow him to rule indefinitely.

Stated returns reflect each country's MSCI Gross Country Index in U.S. Dollars



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Financial Markets Performance

Total Returns as of February 28, 2018

Periods greater than one year are annualized

All returns are in U.S. dollar terms

Global Fixed Income Markets	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3-Month T-Bill	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.9%	0.4%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%	1.2%
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS	(1.0%)	(0.9%)	(1.8%)	(0.2%)	0.8%	(0.1%)	2.5%	2.8%	4.0%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond (5 Year)	(0.3%)	(0.1%)	(0.5%)	0.7%	1.3%	1.5%	2.6%	3.5%	3.3%
Bloomberg Barclays HY Muni	0.1%	0.4%	(0.9%)	4.7%	4.0%	3.9%	6.8%	5.5%	6.1%
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate	(0.9%)	(1.6%)	(2.1%)	0.5%	1.1%	1.7%	2.8%	3.6%	3.9%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield	(0.8%)	0.0%	(0.3%)	4.2%	5.2%	5.3%	6.5%	8.3%	8.6%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US Hedged	0.3%	(0.0%)	(0.1%)	2.3%	2.4%	3.6%	4.2%	4.0%	4.1%
Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-US Unhedged	(0.8%)	2.4%	2.2%	10.5%	3.4%	0.8%	1.2%	2.0%	4.2%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Long Gov / Credit	(3.2%)	(3.4%)	(5.1%)	2.8%	1.8%	3.7%	6.6%	6.6%	6.2%
JPMorgan GBI-EM Global Diversified	(1.0%)	5.5%	3.4%	14.4%	4.0%	(1.0%)	1.3%	3.6%	7.6%
Global Equity Markets	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
S&P 500	(3.7%)	3.0%	1.8%	17.1%	11.1%	14.7%	13.1%	9.7%	10.4%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	(4.0%)	3.6%	1.7%	23.1%	14.2%	15.0%	13.6%	10.3%	10.8%
NASDAQ Composite	(1.7%)	6.0%	5.5%	26.2%	14.9%	19.6%	16.1%	13.6%	13.0%
Russell 3000	(3.7%)	2.4%	1.4%	16.2%	10.6%	14.4%	12.8%	9.8%	10.7%
Russell 1000	(3.7%)	2.7%	1.6%	16.7%	10.8%	14.6%	13.0%	9.8%	10.6%
Russell 1000 Growth	(2.6%)	5.1%	4.3%	26.1%	13.5%	17.0%	14.6%	11.6%	11.2%
Russell 1000 Value	(4.8%)	0.4%	(1.1%)	7.8%	8.0%	12.0%	11.3%	7.9%	9.9%
Russell Mid Cap	(4.1%)	0.4%	(0.5%)	12.0%	8.0%	13.0%	11.7%	10.0%	12.3%
Russell Mid Cap Growth	(3.1%)	2.9%	2.3%	20.6%	9.3%	14.2%	12.2%	10.4%	12.3%
Russell Mid Cap Value	(4.9%)	(1.5%)	(2.7%)	5.5%	7.1%	12.0%	11.4%	9.7%	12.1%
Russell 2000	(3.9%)	(1.8%)	(1.4%)	10.5%	8.5%	12.2%	10.6%	9.7%	11.5%
Russell 2000 Growth	(2.8%)	1.1%	0.9%	18.4%	8.9%	13.7%	11.7%	10.7%	12.0%
Russell 2000 Value	(5.0%)	(4.7%)	(3.8%)	3.0%	8.0%	10.6%	9.4%	8.6%	10.8%
MSCI ACWI	(4.2%)	2.9%	1.3%	19.4%	8.9%	10.7%	8.8%	6.2%	10.0%
MSCI ACWI ex. U.S.	(4.7%)	2.9%	0.6%	22.2%	6.7%	6.8%	5.0%	3.1%	9.7%
MSCI EAFE	(4.5%)	1.9%	0.3%	20.7%	6.1%	7.5%	5.7%	3.3%	9.1%
MSCI EAFE Growth	(4.3%)	1.9%	0.2%	22.6%	7.2%	8.1%	6.5%	3.8%	9.0%
MSCI EAFE Value	(4.7%)	2.0%	0.4%	18.8%	5.0%	6.9%	4.9%	2.8%	9.1%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	(3.5%)	4.1%	1.4%	27.9%	12.7%	12.1%	9.3%	6.9%	12.9%
MSCI Emerging Markets	(4.6%)	7.1%	3.4%	31.0%	9.4%	5.4%	3.9%	3.0%	13.2%
Real Assets	1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1YR	3YR	5YR	7YR	10YR	15YR
FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs	(7.7%)	(11.8%)	(11.6%)	(10.1%)	0.4%	5.8%	7.4%	6.6%	10.1%
S&P Developed World Property ex-US	(5.8%)	1.0%	(2.0%)	14.9%	4.9%	5.9%	6.8%	3.6%	10.7%
S&P Developed World Property	(6.5%)	(5.2%)	(6.5%)	1.6%	2.4%	5.7%	6.9%	4.6%	10.2%
Bloomberg Commodity Total Return	(1.7%)	3.2%	0.2%	1.6%	(4.7%)	(8.1%)	(8.4%)	(8.3%)	(1.0%)
Alerian MLP	(9.7%)	0.0%	(4.5%)	(15.2%)	(10.4%)	(3.5%)	0.9%	5.7%	9.9%

Source: Morningstar