



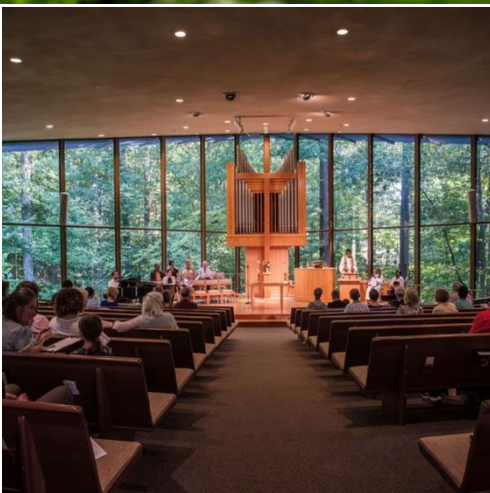
Client Town Hall Meeting

Second Quarter 2026

May 14, 2026



First Congregational UCC, Atlanta



Central Congregational UCC, Atlanta

United Church Funds (UCF) – Overview

Investing Together for a Sustainable Future

UCF Mission

To support our clients' missions through sustainable and responsible investing.

UCF Vision

A just and sustainable world for all.

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- Trusted investment provider to local churches, religious judicatories and faith-based non-profits, with over \$1.4 billion in assets under management (as of May 2026).
 - Experienced partner to fiduciaries in the development, management and governance of endowment and investment strategies.
 - Recognized leader in responsible investing strategies aligned with the United Church of Christ and like-minded progressive Christians.



Welcome!

Town Hall Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome and Introduction** Charles Buck, *President and CEO*
- **UCF Organizational Updates** Kelsey Rose, *Associate, Institutional Relationships*
- **Responsible Investing Updates** Matthew Illian, *Director, Responsible Investing*
- **Market and Fund Updates** Matt Wagner, *Vice President, Institutional Relationships*
Stacey Pettice, *Executive, Institutional Relationships*
- **Q&A with Townhall Participants** Minoti Dhanaraj, *Senior Investment Strategist*
Vanessa Wong, *Investment Strategist*

Poll Question

Organizational Updates – Q2 2026

- ✓ UCF Releases Our 2025 Annual Report. Download it [HERE](#).
- ✓ UCF Joins Investors in Calling on Dollar General to Address Rollback of Diversity and Inclusion. Read More [HERE](#).
- ✓ UCF Was Co-Sponsor of United Church of Christ’s 2026 Earth Summit, “A Future with Hope,” on April 25, along with Other UCC Financial Ministries. Learn more [HERE](#).
- ✓ UCF Has Made Several Important Updates to Client Account Forms, Which Can Be Accessed [HERE](#).
- ✓ UCC Financial Ministry Webinars:
 - Pension Boards-UCC: “Because of Ministry” Summer Seminars on Financial Security. Learn More and Register [HERE](#).
 - Insurance Board: Cybersecurity Awareness & CISA’s No-Cost Resources for Your Ministry. Watch the Webinar [HERE](#).



Responsible Investing

Responsible Investing – UCF 2026 Shareholder Resolutions

UCF Filed Resolutions with the Following Companies:

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP

Seeking Report on Patient Outcomes:

Addresses concerns over worsening patient outcomes after UnitedHealth Group vertical acquisitions across medical value chain.

Company omitted from Proxy.

Will not be going to vote.



PEPSICO

Seeking Report on Upholding Human Rights Across Enterprise Operations:

Addresses concerns over many issues related to Pepsi's human rights violations at sugarcane cutters in India, Malaysian palm oil plantations, expanded sales into Russia.

Shareholder Vote: 16.5%

Alphabet

Seeking Report on Data Privacy:

Addresses concerns about gaps in oversight of client data privacy and references EU fines over inadequate consent process.

Shareholder Meeting Date:

June 5, 2026



Seeking Enhanced Lobbying Transparency:

Addresses gaps in its reporting on governance of lobbying and payments disclosure.

Withdrawn for positive agreement.



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Responsible Investing – UCF Green & Blue Bonds

RESPONSIBLE INVESTING FOR OUR PLANET



\$100+ Million

total in green bonds at the end of March 2026

INVESTMENT FOCUS AREAS



Accelerating Renewable Energy Adoption



Reducing Emissions



Supporting Energy Efficiency Upgrades



Ensuring Access to Clean Water

Learn More About UCF's Green and Blue Bonds Portfolio by Clicking [HERE](#).

Responsible Investing – “Just Investing” Podcast

Season 2, Ep. 8

Ben Cohen Serves Up Social Justice



Ben Cohen

Co-Founder, Ben & Jerry's



Poll Questions

Investment Performance and Strategy & Positioning

Market Themes – Takeaways through April 2026

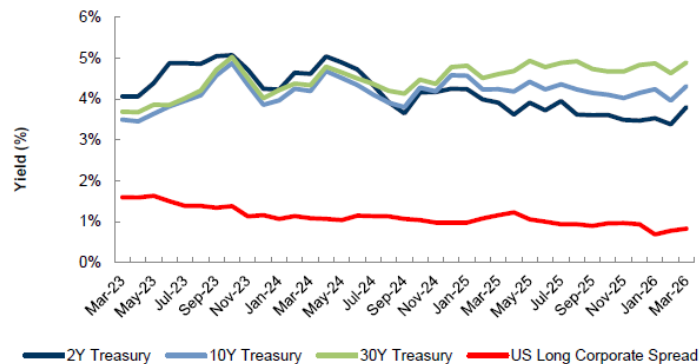
- ✓ **Markets Volatile but Positive YTD:** Global equity markets experienced volatile pivot when U.S. and Israel launched combat operations in Iran on February 28. Global equities sold off in March, erasing the gains in first two months but subsequently bounced back in April. Through end of April, U.S. stocks (S&P 500) have risen approximately 5.1% YTD. MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. is up 8.8% over same time period, showing resilience from international stock markets.
- ✓ **Leadership Broadens:** “Mag 7” companies underperformed S&P 500 during Q1, reflecting growing scrutiny by investors around monetization of investments in AI and stock price valuations. Materials, utilities and small-cap stocks, on the other hand, performed well. In April, “Mag 7” saw significant bounce-back, with investors encouraged by earnings growth.
- ✓ **Commodity Prices Surge:** Closure of Strait of Hormuz has pushed oil prices higher and caused concerns over inflation and commodity shortages. Crude oil, which traded around \$66/barrel at end of January, topped \$100/barrel by beginning of May. In addition, prices for fertilizer and other key agricultural inputs have moved higher, sparking food price inflation fears for 2026 and beyond.
- ✓ **Strong Earnings and Labor:** Earnings so far exceeded forecasts and were broad-based. The March jobs report showed resilience, with 178,000 jobs added, and unemployment rate edged down to 4.3%.
- ✓ **Diversified Allocation with Active Management:** We continue to remain diversified across asset classes and long-term focused with lens of sustainability. Risk-aware and cycle-aware tactical changes are necessary in this market.

Market Insights – Index Returns as of March 31, 2026

Public Markets Performance (USD)

	Q1	YTD	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
MSCI World	-3.6%	-3.6%	16.8%	10.3%	11.8%
MSCI World ESG Leaders	-5.0%	-5.0%	16.0%	9.9%	11.6%
ACWI IMI	-2.7%	-2.7%	16.2%	9.0%	11.1%
S&P 500	-4.3%	-4.3%	18.3%	12.1%	14.2%
Russell 1000	-4.2%	-4.2%	18.1%	11.3%	14.0%
MSCI EAFE	-1.2%	-1.2%	13.6%	7.9%	8.4%
Russell 2000	0.9%	0.9%	13.0%	3.8%	9.9%
MSCI EM Equity	-0.2%	-0.2%	14.8%	3.7%	7.8%
Barclays US Govt/Credit	-0.2%	-0.2%	3.4%	0.2%	1.8%
Barclays Global Aggregate	-1.1%	-1.1%	2.6%	-1.5%	0.6%
Barclays US Long Treasury	-0.4%	-0.4%	-1.5%	-4.6%	-0.8%
Barclays US Long Corporate	-1.2%	-1.2%	3.1%	-1.5%	2.6%
JPM EM Debt	-1.3%	-1.3%	9.5%	2.5%	3.8%
JPM EM Debt Local	-2.2%	-2.2%	6.8%	2.1%	2.6%
Barclays Global High Yield	-1.3%	-1.3%	10.1%	4.2%	5.5%
FTSE/NAREIT Global	1.0%	1.0%	6.9%	2.0%	3.0%
GSCI Commodities	40.0%	40.0%	18.2%	19.6%	10.0%

Yields & Spreads (%)



Changes in Yields and Spreads by Maturity (%)

	Mar 2026 (%)	Δ MTD (%)	Δ QTD (%)	Δ YTD (%)
Risk Free				
2Y Treasury	3.80	0.42	0.33	0.33
10Y Treasury	4.31	0.35	0.16	0.16
30Y Treasury	4.89	0.26	0.06	0.06
US Long Corporate Yield	5.07	0.41	0.32	0.32
US Long Corporate Spread	0.83	0.05	0.10	0.10

As of 31-March-2026. Source: MAS, Plot Tool. Plot tool is a proprietary analytical tool and database representing developed and emerging markets including the US, Europe, Asia, and Latin America for their respective Fixed Income, Equity, Foreign Exchange, Commodities, and Credit Markets covering thousands of cash, forward, futures, options, and swap instruments. Plot tool houses over 20 years of economic data. Indices are unhedged. Past performance does not guarantee future results, which may vary.



War Rattles Markets

Tracking Key Market Moves on Iran War

Updated: April 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM EDT

	Change since start of war
Daily Hormuz Ship Transits ⓘ	-101 ships
Brent Oil Futures >	▲ 41.8%
US Gasoline Price (Avg Spot)	▲ 32.3%
European Benchmark Gas >	▲ 49%
Global Stocks >	▼ 5.5%
Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index >	▲ 2%
US 10-Year Yield >	▲ 0.4ppts

Note: Pre-war baseline is Feb. 27.

Approximate oil disruptions and global spare capacity

Crisis	Supply disrupted (% of world)	Available spare capacity (% of world)
Suez Crisis (1956-57)	10%	35%
Six Day War (1967)	5%	14%
Arab Oil Embargo (1973)	7%	8%
Iranian Revolution (1978-79)	5%	5%
Iran-Iraq War (1980-88)	5%	10%
Gulf War I (1990-91)	9%	4%
Gulf War II (2003-11)	7%	1%
Abqaiq (2019)	5%	1%
Gulf War III (2026-present)	20%	0%

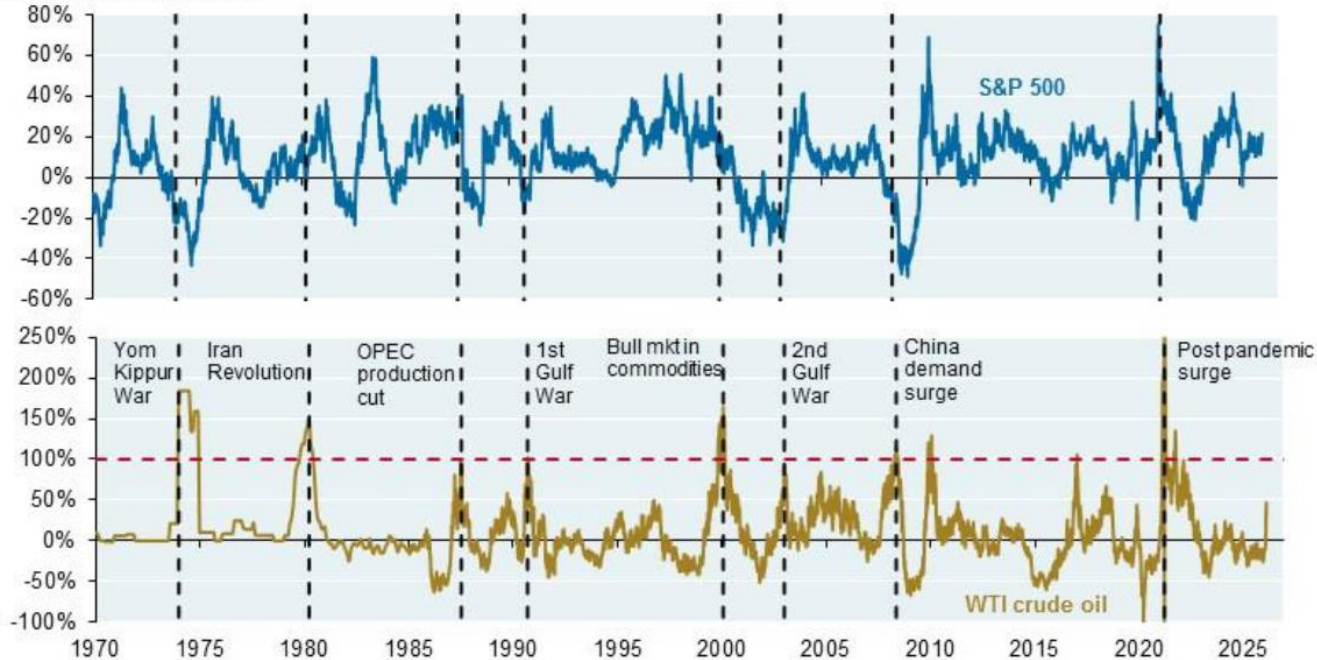
Source: Rapidan Energy Group, EIA, BP, St. Louis Fed, US Senate, March 9, 2026

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz drove Brent crude to its largest monthly increase on record, which rattled global stock markets, particularly in developing economies that depend heavily on oil imports. The conflict is still ongoing, with major updates day by day.



Oil vs. the S&P 500

S&P 500 vs WTI crude oil price: 100% oil price spikes usually coincide with equity market declines, Percent, y/y



Source: Bloomberg, Macrotrends, JPMAM, March 13, 2026

History shows that oil prices are negatively correlated with S&P 500 performance.

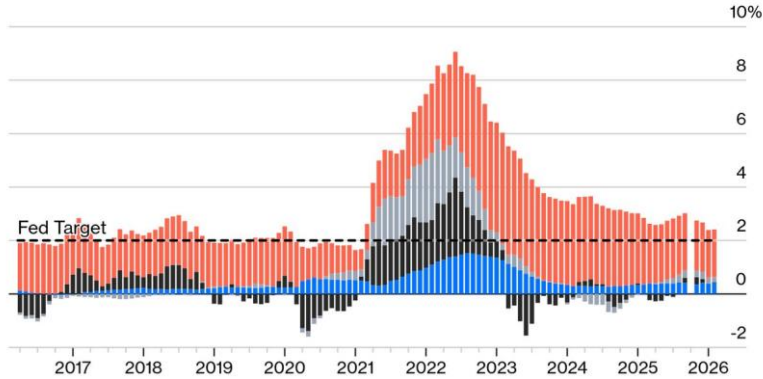
The S&P 500 declining for five consecutive weeks to end Q1 2026 before rebounding with four consecutive positive weeks in April to start Q2 2026.

Inflationary Impact

Nothing to See Here

Before the oil spike, US inflation was beginning to look tame

■ Food ■ Energy ■ Core Goods ■ Core Services



Source: Bloomberg Economic Analysis (ECAN)

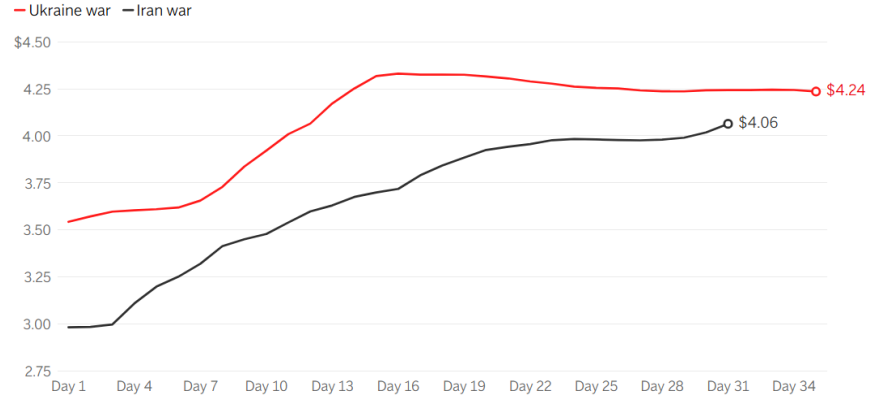
Bloomberg Opinion

US gas prices and war

The outbreak of war can push oil prices higher and affect what U.S. drivers pay at the pump.

National average price per gallon for regular unleaded

By day of each conflict



Source: AAA

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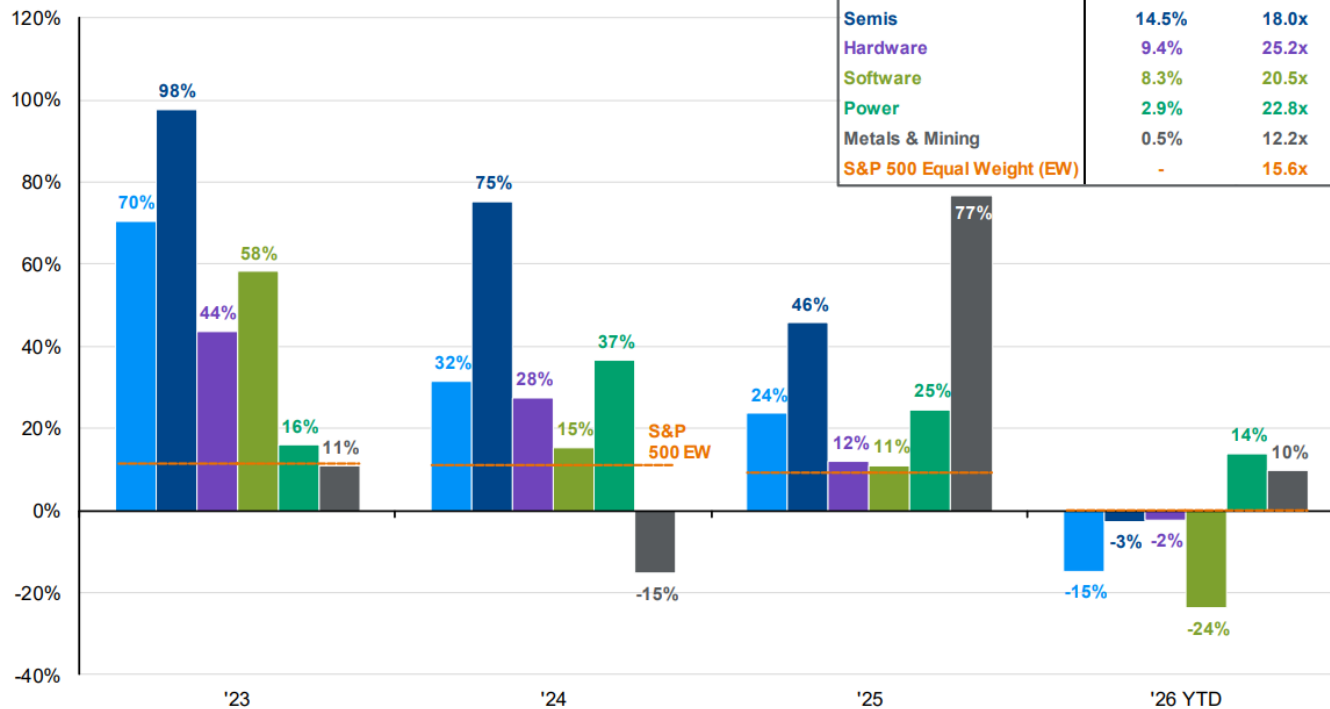
Although the US is an energy exporter, the longer the war persists, the more inflation could move even higher, including fuel, business operating expenses and grocery prices. March CPI surged 0.9% in March, the largest jump since mid-2022, with gas prices responsible for nearly three-quarters of the advance. The Fed continued to hold rates steady during the FOMC meeting in mid-March, citing the uncertain impact from the war.



Dispersion within the AI Theme

AI-related industry performance

Price return

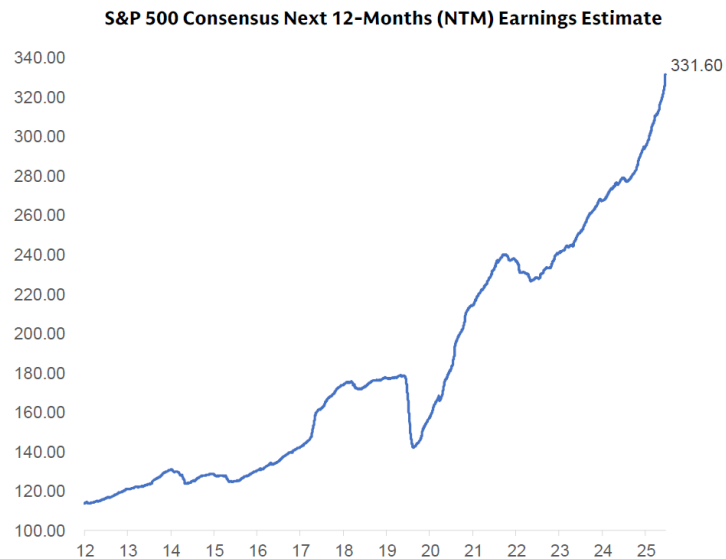
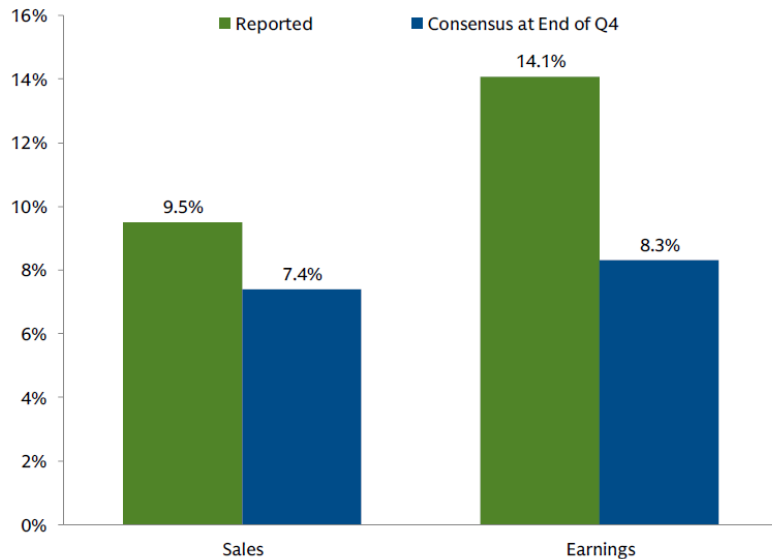


Industry	% of S&P 500	NTM P/E
Hyperscalers	16.6%	22.0x
Semis	14.5%	18.0x
Hardware	9.4%	25.2x
Software	8.3%	20.5x
Power	2.9%	22.8x
Metals & Mining	0.5%	12.2x
S&P 500 Equal Weight (EW)	-	15.6x

In Q1 2026, the “picks and shovels” of the AI trade, i.e., companies that provide power infrastructure and critical minerals, outperformed Big Tech.



A Bright Spot: U.S. Earnings



S&P 500 firms delivered much stronger earnings in Q4 than expected, marking the fifth consecutive quarter of double-digits earnings growth. Resilient profit margins were again a key driver of this strong result. This encouraging data has pushed next-12-month earnings estimates to an all-time high.



Diversification Matters

2011 - 2025		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Ann.	Vol.																
Large Cap	Small Cap	REITs	REITs	Small Cap	REITs	REITs	Small Cap	EM Equity	Cash	Large Cap	Small Cap	REITs	Comdty.	Large Cap	Large Cap	EM Equity	Comdty.
14.1%	20.3%	8.3%	19.7%	38.8%	28.0%	2.8%	21.3%	37.8%	1.8%	31.5%	20.0%	41.3%	16.1%	26.3%	25.0%	34.4%	24.4%
Small Cap	EM Equity	Fixed Income	High Yield	Large Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	High Yield	DM Equity	Fixed Income	REITs	EM Equity	Large Cap	Cash	DM Equity	Small Cap	DM Equity	REITs
9.5%	17.5%	7.8%	19.6%	32.4%	13.7%	1.4%	14.3%	25.6%	0.0%	28.7%	18.7%	28.7%	1.5%	18.9%	11.5%	31.9%	3.8%
REITs	REITs	High Yield	EM Equity	DM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Large Cap	Large Cap	REITs	Small Cap	Large Cap	Comdty.	High Yield	Small Cap	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	Small Cap
7.8%	16.4%	3.1%	18.6%	23.3%	6.0%	0.5%	12.0%	21.8%	-4.0%	25.5%	18.4%	27.1%	-12.7%	16.9%	10.0%	17.9%	0.9%
Asset Alloc.	DM Equity	Large Cap	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	Cash	Comdty.	Small Cap	High Yield	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Small Cap	Fixed Income	Asset Alloc.	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	Cash
7.3%	15.7%	2.1%	17.9%	14.9%	5.2%	0.0%	11.8%	14.6%	-4.1%	22.7%	10.6%	14.8%	-13.0%	14.1%	9.2%	15.8%	0.9%
DM Equity	Comdty.	Cash	Small Cap	High Yield	Small Cap	DM Equity	EM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	Asset Alloc.	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	High Yield	EM Equity	Comdty.	Asset Alloc.
7.1%	15.4%	0.1%	16.3%	7.3%	4.9%	-0.4%	11.6%	14.6%	-4.4%	19.5%	8.3%	13.5%	-13.9%	14.0%	8.1%	15.8%	0.2%
High Yield	Large Cap	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	REITs	Cash	Asset Alloc.	REITs	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	EM Equity	Fixed Income	DM Equity	DM Equity	REITs	Comdty.	Small Cap	Fixed Income
5.7%	14.7%	-0.7%	16.0%	2.9%	0.0%	-2.0%	8.6%	10.4%	-5.8%	18.9%	7.5%	11.8%	-14.0%	11.4%	5.4%	12.8%	0.0%
EM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Small Cap	Asset Alloc.	Cash	High Yield	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	REITs	Small Cap	High Yield	High Yield	High Yield	Large Cap	EM Equity	Cash	High Yield	EM Equity
4.2%	10.1%	-4.2%	12.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	8.3%	8.7%	-11.0%	12.6%	7.0%	1.0%	-18.1%	10.3%	5.3%	12.1%	-0.1%
Fixed Income	High Yield	DM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	EM Equity	Small Cap	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Comdty.	Fixed Income	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	Fixed Income	REITs	Fixed Income	DM Equity
2.4%	9.1%	-11.7%	4.2%	-2.0%	-1.8%	-4.4%	2.6%	3.5%	-11.2%	8.7%	0.5%	0.0%	-19.7%	5.5%	4.9%	7.3%	-1.1%
Cash	Fixed Income	Comdty.	Cash	EM Equity	DM Equity	EM Equity	DM Equity	Comdty.	DM Equity	Comdty.	Comdty.	Fixed Income	Small Cap	Cash	DM Equity	Cash	High Yield
1.5%	4.6%	-13.3%	0.1%	-2.3%	-4.5%	-14.6%	1.5%	1.7%	-13.4%	7.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-20.4%	5.1%	4.3%	4.3%	-1.3%
Comdty.	Cash	EM Equity	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	Cash	REITs	EM Equity	REITs	Comdty.	Fixed Income	REITs	Large Cap
-1.1%	0.9%	-18.2%	-1.1%	-9.5%	-17.0%	-24.7%	0.3%	0.8%	-14.2%	2.2%	-5.1%	-2.2%	-24.9%	-7.9%	1.3%	2.3%	-4.3%



Thank You!

Q&A



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