

Voya Index Solution PortfoliosSM

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Market Review

Global economic expansion gained strength during the second quarter amongst an array of elevated political risks that continue to arise in the wake of Brexit. The global growth impulse recently shifted to be more international than U.S.-based, with Europe and the emerging markets seeming to be the most potent growth drivers. As expected, the Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked short-term interest rates 25 basis points in June.

As Fed policy has shifted toward normalizing, the European Central Bank (ECB) has moved front and center; and is now driving an accommodative global monetary system, as seen by the negative rate on the German two-year note. The ECB will stop expanding its balance sheet later this year, but will be patient to raise rates with no pressure from inflation.

Domestically, data continues to support economic growth, however not as robustly as readings late last year, especially in hard economic data such as retail sales and inflation. The optimism that drove the so-called “Trump trade” in the first half of 2017 has all but evaporated. The market is questioning the possibility of a tax deal, but policy analysts still expect some fiscal stimulus, which they believe would add 0.3–0.5 percentage points to GDP in 2018. Even the Fed’s June hike of short term rates has not been able to convince long rate investors that the economy is in danger of running too hot.

We believe rates will likely go higher, however the low growth U.S. GDP scenario needs to be liberated with a revolution of fiscal policy change since monetary policy has seemingly run its course. In our view, all of these factors add up to financial markets that are well supported, but not fully positioned. Bond strategies have still accumulated more flows than equity strategies this year, which is surprising. It also means that low volatility may persist far longer than expected. Short of an exogenous shock such as geopolitics, equities have a lot of strength to hold onto their gains and bond markets face marginally higher yields, which could be later this year as U.S. fiscal policy gains clarity. What’s more, the Q2 broad based swath of good performance reinforces the case for global diversification as a means of building wealth while mitigating risk.

As of reporting period end, the Portfolios were comprised of the following funds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETF):

- Credit Suisse Commodity Return Strategy Fund
- iShares 1-3 Year Treasury Bond ETF
- iShares MSCI Emerging Markets ETF
- iShares Russell 1000 Growth ETF
- iShares TR 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF
- iShares TR Russell 1000 Value ETF
- Powershares Senior Loan ETF
- SPDR Barclays High Yield Bond ETF
- SPDR Dow Jones International REIT ETF
- Vanguard REIT Index ETF
- Voya Emerging Markets Index Portfolio Class P2
- Voya International Index Portfolio Class P2
- Voya Russell Mid Cap Index Portfolio – Class P2
- Voya Russell Small Cap Index Port Class P2
- Voya U.S. Stock Index Port Class P2
- Voya U.S. Bond Index Portfolio – Class P2
- WisdomTree Europe Hedged Equity ETF

The Portfolios started the quarter favoring equities over fixed income, with overweight positions in domestic large blend, international developed and emerging market equities, funded by underweights in core U.S. fixed income and high yield.

At the close of April, we made adjustments to our strategic asset allocation targets to reflect our revised long-term capital market expectations for a range of asset classes. This resulted in modest changes in our sub-asset allocations. Notable changes include modest increases to international developed, emerging market and small cap equities, new allocations to U.S. large cap value and short duration, and reduced exposure to high yield bonds in favor of core U.S. fixed income. In addition, long government bonds were removed as a strategic asset class but are included in the Portfolios as a tactical position for duration management. Finally, to maintain equity weights through the annual glide down process, a tactical overweight to equities was enacted for the 2035-2020 Trusts.

In June, the Portfolios tactically rotated the U.S. equity portion towards growth to offset the value bias in its strategic allocation. The Federal Reserve’s firm resolve for gradual interest-rate increases, two straight disappointing inflation readings and continual problems besetting the Trump Administration’s agenda has turned to favor a growth-tilted market.

Overall, tactical moves during the quarter had a negative impact on performance.

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