Reasons to diversify

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Diversifying your entire investment portfolio

This table shows the importance of remaining diversified in stocks and bonds from around the world to take advantage of opportunities wherever they may appear.

Sources: U.S. large-company stocks - S&P 500 Index; Global small-company stocks - S&P Global <\$3 Billion Index (1991–1994), MSCI All Country World Small Cap Index (1995-present, results reflect net dividends); International stocks - MSCI All Country World ex USA Index (results reflect gross dividends through 2000, net dividends thereafter): Emerging market stocks - MSCI Emerging Markets Index (results reflect gross dividends through 2000, net dividends thereafter); U.S. bonds - Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index; International bonds – FTSE World Government Bond Index (1988-1989), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index (1990-present); Cash – 30-day U.S. Treasury bills, as calculated by the USTREAS T-Bill Auction Ave 3 Mon. Unlike fund shares, U.S. Treasury bills are guaranteed. Indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

Are your portfolio returns as consistent as they could be?

Calendar-year total returns of selected asset classes (%)										
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
U.S. large- company stocks 13.69	U.S. large- company stocks 1.38	U.S. large- company stocks 11.96	Emerging market stocks 37.28	Cash 1.81	U.S. large- company stocks 31.49	U.S. large- company stocks 18.40	U.S. large- company stocks 28.71	Cash 2.13	U.S. large- company stocks 26.29	
U.S. bonds 5.97	U.S. bonds 0.55	Global small- company stocks 11.59	int'i stocks 27.19	U.S. bonds 0.01	Global small- company stocks 24.65	Emerging market stocks 18.31	Global small- company stocks 16.10	U.S. bonds -13.01	Global small- company stocks 16.84	
Global small- company stocks 1.78	Cash 0.02	Emerging market stocks 11.19	Global small- company stocks 23.81	Int'l bonds -1.20	int'i stocks 21.51	Global small- company stocks 16.33	int'i stocks 7.82	int'i stocks -16.00	int'i stocks 15.62	
Int'l bonds 0.59	Global small- company stocks -1.04	Int'l stocks 4.50	U.S. large- company stocks 21.83	U.S. large- company stocks -4.38	Emerging market stocks 18.42	Int'l stocks 10.65	Cash 0.09	Int'l bonds -16.25	Emerging market stocks 9.83	
Cash 0.02	Int'l bonds -3.15	U.S. bonds 2.65	Int'l bonds 7.39	Int'l stocks -14.20	U.S. bonds 8.72	Int'l bonds 9.20	U.S. bonds -1.54	U.S. large- company stocks -18.11	Int'l bonds 5.72	
Emerging market stocks -2.19	Int'l stocks -5.66	Int'l bonds 2.09	U.S. bonds 3.54	Global small- company stocks -14.39	Int'l bonds 6.84	U.S. bonds 7.51	Emerging market stocks -2.54	Global small- company stocks -18.67	U.S. bonds 5.53	
Int'l stocks –3.87	Emerging market stocks -14.92	Cash 0.20	Cash 0.80	Emerging market stocks -14.58	Cash 2.13	Cash 0.44	int'i bonds –4.71	Emerging market stocks -20.09	Cash 5.42	

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Diversifying your bond portfolio

Actively managed bond mutual funds with the flexibility to invest in a broad range of fixed-income sectors may offer compelling opportunities for investors seeking the potential benefits of diversification.

Sources: Cash - USTREAS T-Bill Auction Ave 3 Mon; Emerging Markets – J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global; Government - Bloomberg U.S. Government Index; High Yield - Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index; Intermediate Gov't/Corp -Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Government/Credit Index; International Gov't - FTSE Non-U.S. Dollar World Government Bond Index; Investment-Grade Corp - Bloomberg U.S. Corporate Investment-Grade Bond Index; Mortgage-Backed - Bloomberg U.S. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) Index; Municipal Bond - Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index; Short-Term Gov't/Corp - Bloomberg 1-3 Year Government/ Credit Index. Indexes shown include reinvested distributions. The market indexes are unmanaged and, therefore, have no expenses. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

Do you have access to the bond market's best opportunities?

Calendar-year total returns of selected fixed-income sectors (%)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Municipal 9.05	Municipal 3.30	High yield 17.13	Internat'l gov't 10.33	Cash 1.81	Investment- grade corp 14.54	internat'i gov't 10.78	High yield 5.26	Cash 2.13	High yield 13.44
Investment- grade corp 7.46	Mortgage- backed 1.51	Emerging markets 10.19	Emerging markets 9.32	Short-Term gov't/corp 1.60	Emerging markets 14.42	Investment- grade corp 9.89	Municipal 1.52	Short-Term gov't/corp -3.69	Emerging markets 10.45
Mortgage- backed 6.08	Emerging markets 1.23	Investment- grade corp 6.11	High yield 7.50	Municipal 1.28	High yield 14.32	Government 7.94	Cash 0.09	Intermediate gov't/corp -8.23	Investment- grade corp 8.52
Emerging markets 5.53	Intermediate gov't/corp 1.07	Intermediate gov't/corp 2.08	Investment- grade corp 6.42	Mortgage- backed 0.99	Municipal 7.54	Emerging markets 7.05	Short-Term gov't/corp -0.47	Municipal -8.53	Municipal 6.40
Government 4.92	Government 0.86	internat'i gov't 1.81	Municipal 5.45	Government 0.88	Government 6.83	High yield 7.05	Investment- grade corp -1.04	High yield -11.18	internat'i gov't 5.83
Intermediate gov't/corp 3.13	Short-Term gov't/corp 0.65	Mortgage- backed 1.67	Mortgage- backed 2.47	Intermediate gov'tcorp 0.88	Intermediate gov't/corp 6.80	Intermediate gov't/corp 6.43	Mortgage- backed -1.04	Mortgage- backed -11.81	Cash 5.42
High yield 2.46	Cash 0.02	Short-Term gov't/corp 1.28	Government 2.30	internat'i gov't -1.82	Mortgage- backed 6.35	Municipal 5.21	Intermediate gov't/corp -1.44	Government -12.32	Intermediate gov't/corp 5.24
Short-Term gov't/corp 0.77	Investment- grade corp -0.68	Government 1.05	Intermediate gov't/corp 2.14	High yield -2.08	Internat'l gov't 5.32	Mortgage- backed 3.87	Emerging markets -1.51	Investment- grade corp -15.76	Mortgage- backed 5.05
Cash 0.02	High yield -4.43	Municipal 0.25	Short-Term gov't/corp 0.84	Investment- grade corp -2.51	Short-Term gov't/corp 4.03	Short-Term gov't/corp 3.33	Government -2.28	Emerging markets -16.45	Short-Term gov't/corp 4.61
Internat'l gov't -2.68	Internat'l gov't -5.54	Cash 0.20	Cash 0.80	Emerging markets -4.61	Cash 2.13	Cash 0.44	Internat'l gov't -9.68	internat'i gov't -22.07	Government 4.09

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