

		<u>July 2018</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>1-Year</u>	<u>3-Years</u>	<u>5-Years</u>	<u>10-Years</u>
U.S. Large Cap Equities	S&P 500	3.72%	6.47%	16.24%	12.52%	13.12%	10.67%
U.S Mid Cap Equities	Russell Midcap	2.49%	4.90%	13.45%	10.21%	11.51%	10.79%
U.S. Small Cap Equities	Russell 2000	1.74%	9.54%	18.73%	12.04%	11.33%	10.39%
Master Limited Partnerships (MLP)	Alerian MLP	6.58%	5.91%	0.40%	-2.85%	-2.77%	7.33%
Global Equities	MSCI All Country World Index	3.02%	2.57%	10.97%	8.95%	9.04%	6.39%
International Developed Equities	MSCI EAFE	2.46%	-0.36%	6.40%	5.03%	5.86%	3.43%
Emerging Market Equities	MSCI Emerging Markets	2.20%	-4.61%	4.36%	8.94%	5.25%	2.87%
U.S. Taxable Fixed Income	Barclay's U.S. Aggregate	0.02%	-1.59%	-0.80%	1.49%	2.25%	3.73%
U.S. Tax-Exempt Fixed Income	Barclay's Municipal Aggregate	0.24%	-0.01%	0.99%	2.69%	3.76%	4.41%
High Yield Fixed Income	Barclay's U.S. Corporate High Yield	1.09%	1.25%	2.60%	6.12%	5.35%	8.45%
Floating Rate Fixed Income	S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan	0.74%	2.91%	4.42%	4.47%	3.95%	5.35%
International Fixed Income	Barclay's Global Aggregate Ex-U.S.	-0.36%	-1.67%	-0.27%	3.15%	0.40%	1.70%

- Global equity markets were unanimously positive in July, supported by strong corporate earnings results and above-trend U.S. economic data.
- The S&P 500 gained 3.7% as markets responded favorably to a deluge of strong corporate earnings reports; GDP in the second quarter rose at an annualized pace of 4.1% and inflation rose 2.9% in June (partially attributed to higher oil prices in June).
- Midstream MLPs gained 6.6% in July and are up 19.2% since April; the Alerian MLP Index is now positive for the year and yielding 7.9%.
- Non-U.S. equities gained but at a lower rate relative to U.S. equities; developed markets and emerging markets were up 2.5% and 2.2%, respectively.
- International developed equities performed well despite a series of headwinds including; a) stubbornly low inflation in Japan and signs of moderation of growth, b) the upcoming UK Brexit deadline and c) the appearance of a faltering European economic recovery.
- Emerging markets equities have lagged other global indexes but managed a positive monthly return despite deteriorating trade tension discussions.
- U.S. bond markets generally performed better than foreign bond markets during the month; the 1-year U.S. Treasury yield rose to 3%.
- U.S. municipal bonds outperformed U.S. investment grade taxable bonds by 0.2% and offer a better tax-equivalent yield for higher earners.
- U.S. high yield bonds and bank loans outperformed U.S. investment grade and non-U.S. bonds, gaining 1.1% and 0.7%, respectively; defaults remain low.
- Global bond markets remained pressured by a stronger U.S. dollar and generally unfavorable monetary, fiscal and geopolitical policies.



- The Canadian dollar strengthened against the U.S. dollar by approximately 1.0% in July.
- Canada’s economy appears to be gaining strength despite lingering trade tensions with the United States.
- According to *Statistics Canada*, exports rose to a record high in June despite U.S. tariffs on steel and aluminum and Canadian gross domestic product expanded in May at its fastest rate in a year.
- Economist predict second quarter growth of more than 3%, leading investors to speculate that the Bank of Canada could raise rates for the second straight time in September (priced at 25% as of this writing).

Date Range	CAD/USD	+/-
1H 2018	0.795-0.761	-4.3%
July 2018	0.761-0.768	+1.0%
YTD 2018	0.795-0.768	-3.4%

	Last 30 Days	Last 90 Days
<a href="#">High</a>	1.32613	1.33298
<a href="#">Low</a>	1.29920	1.27722
<a href="#">Average</a>	1.31048	1.30505
<a href="#">Volatility</a>	0.34%	0.37%

