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# **Global Market Review**

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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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## Coronavirus and Market Declines

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#### **Controlling What You Can in a Crisis**

Like most people, you likely have experienced a roller-coaster of emotions, but worst of all you feel fear. First, the media reminds us daily of a deadly contagious virus that may infect our family, friends and us. Many are compelled to stay in their homes and unable to earn a living. We are separated from family and friends and is worse if we are sick. There is pain from isolation and worry how to pay rent and bills for many who live paycheck to paycheck. And lastly for those close to retirement or already retired, the rising portfolios you counted on to take through the rest of your life have seriously declined in value.

For Professional Financial, it is a fundamental principle of planning that markets can handle uncertainty, processing information almost instantly in prices as it becomes available. This occurs when markets decline as well as when they rise. Sharp decline in prices can distress any investor, but those kind of changes demonstration that the market is properly functioning. For the last decade financial markets have had remarkably low volatility. Investor got accustomed to it, thinking stocks were like bonds. From the history of equity markets, that was unrealistic for serious investors to expect and plan for.

Market declines occur when investors are forced to reassess, collectively, future expectations for returns. What made the Coronavirus especially terrifying were the media's sensationalized forecasts of death rates only found to be unrealistic weeks later. Once the CARES Act was passed, more sensible forecasts of deaths in the U.S. based on a "Murray model" were only 5% of the original numbers quoted. Due to the ability to quantify true risk parameters of a mysterious virus more reliably, despite an increasing number of deaths daily sensationalized by media, markets appear to be beginning to recover.

Our investing approach is based on the principle that prices are set to deliver positive future expected returns for holding risky assets. What drives prices is information that is processed. Markets respond to new information almost instantly as it becomes known. Moreover, markets price in unknown information, too, as participant speculate what is likely to happen. During times of heightened uncertainty, as risk increases, the returns investors demand for bearing that risk correspondingly increases. The pushes prices lower—

and lower, as in a crisis. As certainly about the impact of the virus and what governments are likely to do based on that new information, market risk ebbs as the participant look weeks, months ahead. In response to positive perceptions, market prices rise—even if sick people are still dying.

It's important to disentangle emotions from investment planning decisions. The daily and even hourly bombardment of market information plays havoc with emotions. We can't tell you when things will turn for sure or by how much, but our expectation is that bearing today's risk will be compensated with positive expected returns. That's been a lesson of past health crises, such as the Ebola and swine-flu outbreaks earlier this century, and of market disruptions, such as the global financial crisis of 2008–2009. [See exhibit next page.] No reliable way to identify a market bottom, much less a peak, exists. You should not make market moves based solely on fear or speculation. Once you go out, when do you get back in?

Professional Financial works with you to focus on what you can control. Our planning is grounded in decades of financial science and research-based investing strategies. We've developed a planning process you can stick with in a crisis. We've professionally considered wide range of possible outcomes, both good and bad, when recommending the right strategy for you. Our planning assumed that you would follow a pre-determined process to rebalance your portfolio as you wait out the crisis. We assumed that bad events would happen. The reporting framework we developed helps you avoid bad behavior. Our reports show that your portfolio results are so much better than what most people see going on.

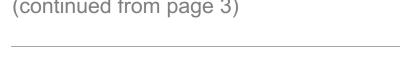
Stick with your plan and stay the course. The most important thing to control right now is yourself.

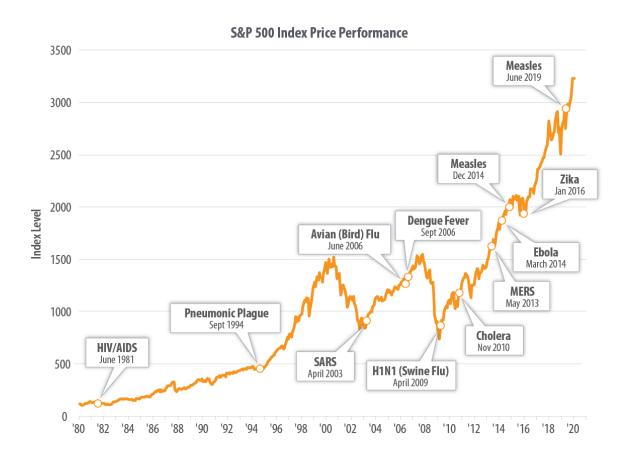
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# Coronavirus and Market Declines

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		S&P 500 6-Month	S&P 500 12-Month	
Epidemic	Date	% Change	% Change	
HIV/AIDS	June 1981	-6.6%	-16.5%	
Pneumonic Plague	Sept 1994	8.2%	26.3%	
SARS	April 2003	14.6%	20.8%	
Avian (Bird) Flu	June 2006	11.7%	18.4%	
Dengue Fever	Sept 2006	6.4%	14.3%	
H1N1 (Swine Flu)	April 2009	18.7%	36.0%	
Cholera	Nov 2010	13.9%	5.6%	
MERS	May 2013	10.7%	18.0%	
Ebola	March 2014	5.3%	10.4%	
Measles	Dec 2014	0.2%	-0.7%	
Zika	Jan 2016	12.0%	17.5%	
Measles	June 2019	9.8%	N/A*	
Average Pric	e Return	8.8%	13.6%	

#### **Observations**

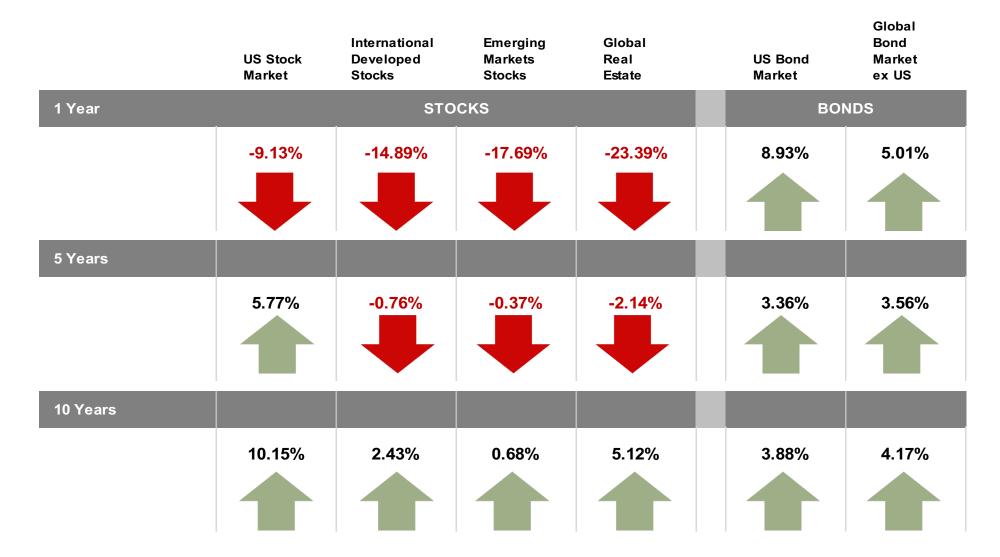
- 6-month change of the S&P 500 Index following the start of the epidemic was positive in 11 of the 12 cases, with an average price return of 8.8%.
- 12-month change of the S&P 500 Index following the start of the epidemic was positive in 9 of the 11 cases\*, with an average price return of 13.6%.

Source: Bloomberg, as of 2/24/20. Month end numbers were used for the 6- and 12-month % change. \*12-month data is not available for the June 2019 measles. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 stocks used to measure large-cap U.S. stock market performance. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges. Returns are based on price only and do not include dividends. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any actual investment. These returns were the result of certain market factors and events which may not be repeated in the future.



# **Long-Term Market Summary**

**Index Returns** 



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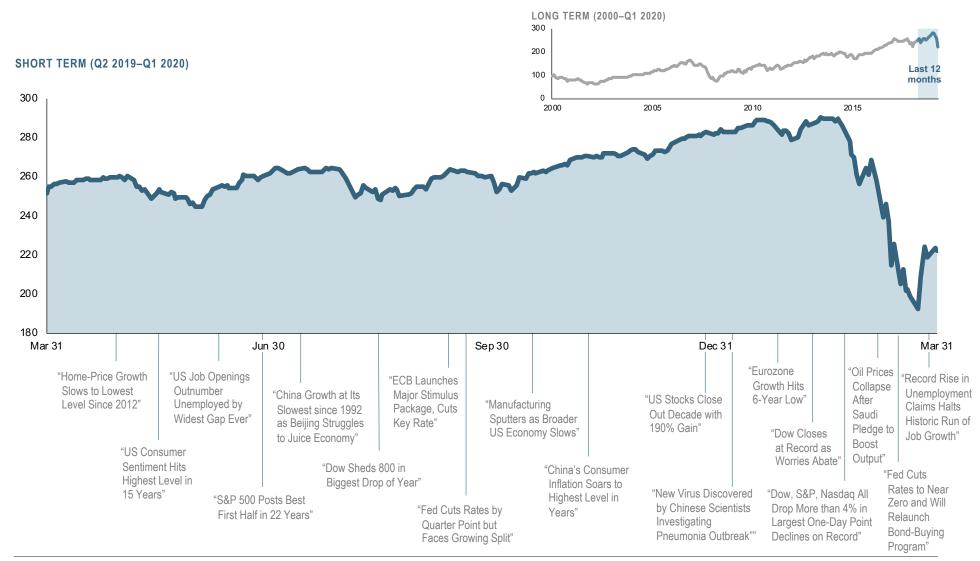
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# World Stock Market Performance

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MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months

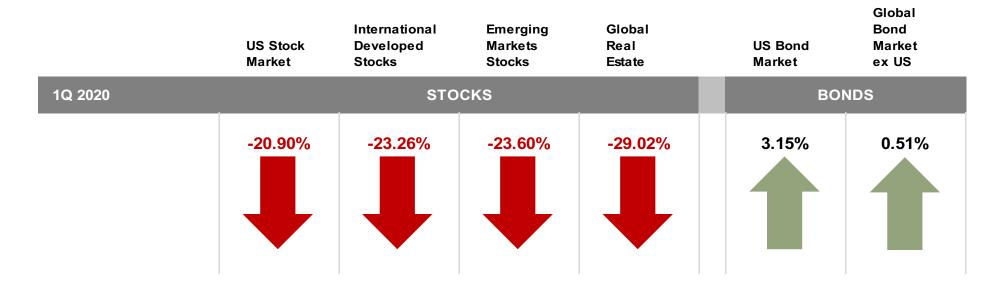


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# **Quarterly Market Summary**

Index Returns



Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	1.8%	1.2%	2.5%	2.2%	1.2%	1.1%
Best	16.8%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Quarter	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-3.0%	-2.7%
Quarter	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2016 Q4	2015 Q2

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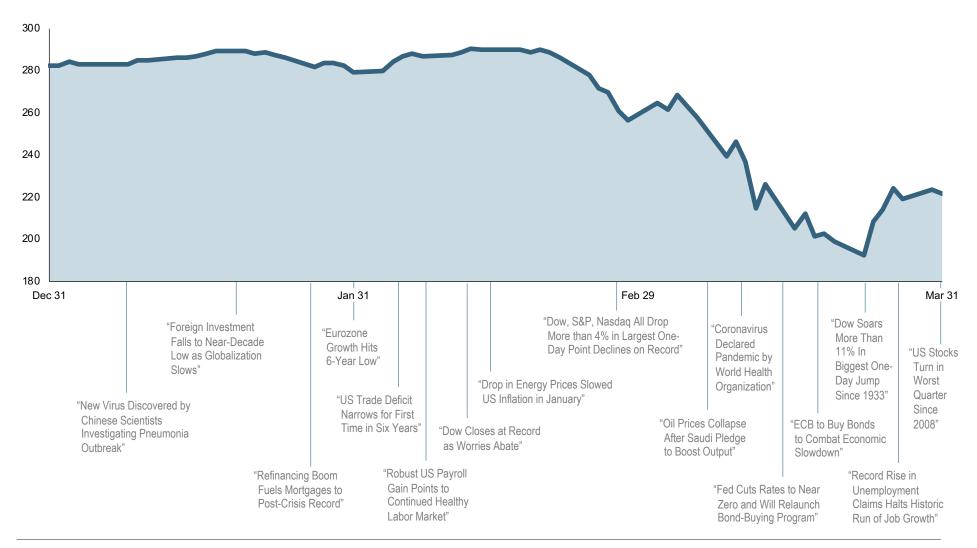
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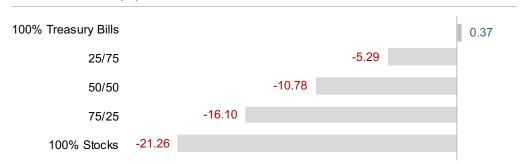
# Impact of Diversification

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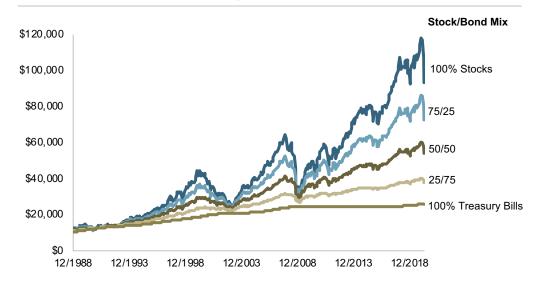
These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

Period Retu			* Annualized			
Asset Class	QTR	1 Yr	3 Yrs*	5 Yrs*	10 Yrs*	10-Year STDEV <sup>1</sup>
100% Treasury Bills	0.4	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.6	0.2
25/75	-5.3	-1.0	2.0	1.8	2.2	3.5
50/50	-10.8	-4.1	2.2	2.5	3.7	7.0
75/25	-16.1	-7.4	2.2	3.0	5.1	10.5
100% Stocks	-21.3	-10.8	2.1	3.4	6.5	14.0

#### Ranked Returns (%)



#### **Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return**



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# **US Stocks**

#### First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

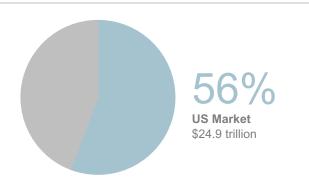
The US equity market posted negative returns for the quarter but on a broad index level outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth in the US across large and small cap stocks.

Small caps underperformed large caps in the US.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

#### **World Market Capitalization—US**



#### Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)					* Annualized
Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Growth	-14.1	0.9	11.3	10.4	13.0
Large Cap	-20.2	-8.0	4.6	6.2	10.4
Marketwide	-20.9	-9.1	4.0	5.8	10.2
Small Growth	-25.8	-18.6	0.1	1.7	8.9
Large Value	-26.7	-17.2	-2.2	1.9	7.7
Small Cap	-30.6	-24.0	-4.6	-0.3	6.9
Small Value	-35.7	-29.6	-9.5	-2.4	4.8

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■ Local currency ■ US currency

\* Annualized

# International Developed Stocks

First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US underperformed the US equity market but outperformed emerging markets equities

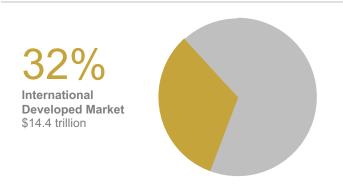
during the quarter.

Small caps underperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.

# -15.06 Growth -17.81 -20.52 Large Cap -23.26 Small Cap -28.39 -26.05 Value -28.76

#### **World Market Capitalization—International Developed**



#### Period Returns (%)

Ranked Returns (%)

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	-17.8	-6.5	2.6	2.1	4.3
Large Cap	-23.3	-14.9	-2.1	-0.8	2.4
Small Cap	-28.4	-19.0	-3.6	0.4	4.0
Value	-28.8	-23.2	-6.7	-3.7	0.5

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# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

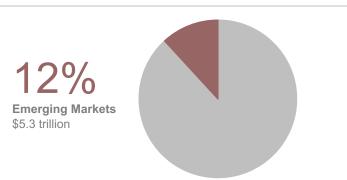
First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Emerging markets underperformed developed markets, including the US, for the quarter.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.

Small caps underperformed large caps.









#### Period Returns (%)

\* Annualized

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	-19.3	-9.9	2.4	2.1	2.7
Large Cap	-23.6	-17.7	-1.6	-0.4	0.7
Value	-28.0	-25.3	-5.8	-3.0	-1.5
Small Cap	-31.4	-29.0	-9.6	-5.2	-1.3

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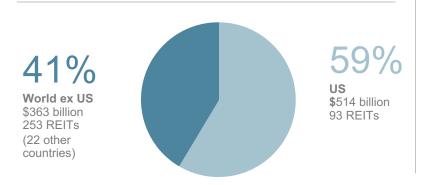
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US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs in US dollar terms during the quarter.



#### **Total Value of REIT Stocks**



#### **Period Returns (%)**

Asset Class	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITS	-28.5	-24.0	-4.3	-1.4	6.9
Global ex US REITS	-32.5	-25.3	-4.8	-2.8	3.6

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Number of REIT stocks and total value based on the two indices. All index returns are net of withholding tax on dividends. Total value of REIT stocks represented by Dow Jones US Select REIT Index and the S&P Global ex US REIT Index. Dow Jones US Select REIT Index used as proxy for the US market, and S&P Global ex US REIT Index used as proxy for the World ex US market. Dow Jones and S&P data © 2020 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.



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# **Fixed Income**

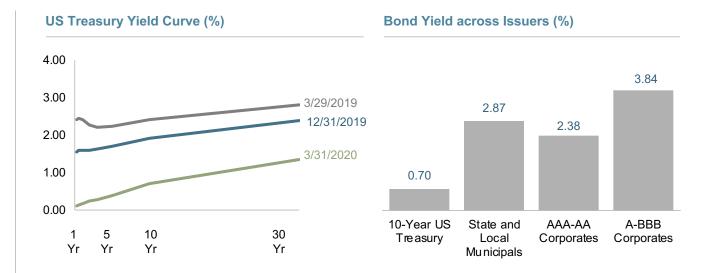
#### First Quarter 2020 Index Returns

Interest rates decreased in the US treasury market in the first quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note decreased by 132 basis points (bps), ending at 0.37%. The yield on the 10-year note decreased by 122 bps to 0.70%. The 30-year Treasury bond yield decreased 104 bps to 1.35%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-month Treasury bill yield decreased to 0.05%, while the 1-year Treasury bill yield decreased by 142 bps to 0.17%. The 2-year note finished at 0.23% after a decrease of 135 bps.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds declined 2.19%. Intermediate-term corporate bonds declined 3.15%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was -0.51%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds returned -0.82%. General obligation bonds outperformed revenue bonds.



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	Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
	Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	20.6	32.3	13.3	7.3	8.9
	Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	3.2	8.9	4.8	3.4	3.9
	FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	2.3	5.0	3.0	2.2	2.0
	ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	1.7	3.9	2.3	1.6	1.0
	Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	1.7	6.9	3.5	2.7	3.5
	FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	0.7	2.8	2.1	1.6	0.4
	ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.6	2.3	1.8	1.2	0.6
	Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	-0.6	3.9	4.0	3.2	4.2
	Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	-12.7	-6.9	0.8	2.8	5.6

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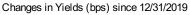
## Global Fixed Income

#### First Quarter 2020 Yield Curves

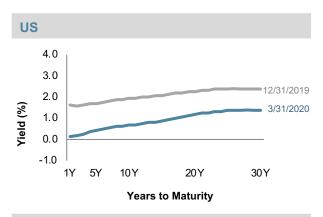
Government bond interest rates in the global developed markets generally decreased during the quarter.

Longer-term bonds generally outperformed shorter-term bonds in the global developed markets.

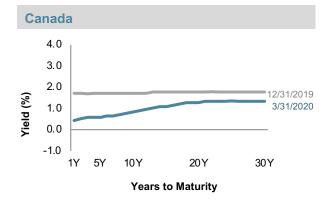
Short- and Intermediate-term nominal interest rates are negative in Japan and Germany.

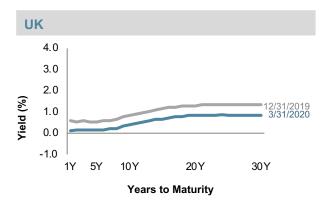


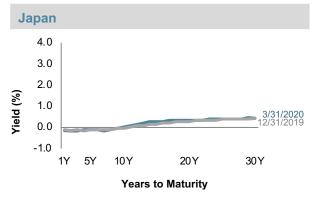
	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0
UK	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Germany	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Japan	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Canada	-1.3	-1.1	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4
Australia	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3

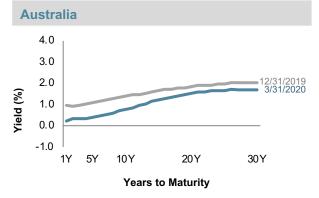














## **Retirement Stress Test**

In these uncertain times, you may know a friend, family member or colleague who may have a difficult situation, or who wonders whether they are getting the right advice, or simply needs sound professional advice but doesn't get it. That's not uncommon. Studies suggest that over 80 percent of "middle-class millionaires" would value a second opinion for planning.\*

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Paul founded Professional Financial Strategies, Inc. as one of the first fiduciary advisory firms in 1993 that now specializes in retirement and wealth planning for affluent and aspiring families. Paul is a personal chief financial officer who acts in the best interest of clients. He brings together a distinctive management process and a network of specialists for making informed decisions for scientifically-structured investing, secure income, mitigating taxes, protecting assets, and preserving wealth for family and causes for making an enduring impact.

Mr. Hill received a BA with distinction from the University of Rochester and later an MBA in finance from its Simon School of Business. He earned an MS in financial services from The American College along with his Chartered Financial Consultant and Retirement Income Certified Professional designations, and then received an MS in financial planning from the College for Financial Planning (now at the University of Phoenix). The College for Financial Planning appointed him as adjunct faculty, and he has taught at St. John Fisher College. Who's Who presented Paul with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 and featured him with other recipients in *The Wall Street Journal*.

#### THE PROFESSIONAL WEALTH MANAGEMENT PROCESS Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4 Phase 5 Periodic **Planning** Advanced Retirement Strategic Investment Wealth **Envisionment** Stress Testing Commitment **Planning Planning Progress** Session Sessions Sessions Sessions Sessions Session

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Russ Alan Prince and David A. Geracioti, Cultivating the Middle-Class Millionaire, 2005.



## **Retirement Stress Test**

# Working with professionals who redefine wealth management

Ask ten investors to define wealth management. Rather, ask ten financial advisors you meet to do so. You'll probably get ten different answers, and most replies will focus on investing or only products. As a client of Professional Financial, however, you benefit from a team of CFPs® with a network of experts sharing a distinctive vision of integrative wealth management.

#### Our professional planning process

At Professional Financial we approach each engagement with a time-tested, collaborative process. We'll have an open conversation so we can learn about your values, goals and dreams. This proven process enables us to expertly tailor an individual plan that works toward your wealth and legacy goals. As a valued client, you'll recognize each of the six steps above. In our **Retirement Stress Testing**, we offer a portion of our consultative service, complimentary, to your friends, family and colleagues.

#### **What to expect from Retirement Stress Testing**

We will meet with your friends and family in a conversation to explore their concerns and opportunities to see if we can help. If there is a fit and a benefit, we will invite them back for a follow up conversation. We may confirm whether they are on the right track with their existing financial advisors. Or if we are not the right fit, we will suggest another qualified professional firm that may be more appropriate. Either way, they will receive constructive advice and recommendations regarding their planning situation—easily a value of \$5,000 or more.

#### STRESS TESTING CONVERSATION

Phase 1 Phase 2

Planning Envisionment Session Retirement Stress Testing Session

#### **PURPOSEFUL WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

#### INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

- Strategic planning
- Goal monitoring
- Performance evaluation
- Risk evaluation
- Portfolio structuring
- Manager due diligence

#### WEALTH PLANNING

 Wealth enhancement, including tax minimization and liability restructuring

- Asset Protection
- Security of Heirs' Lifestyle
- Legacy Planning
- Charitable Impact

# RELATIONSHIP CONSULTATIONS

- Regularly scheduled calls, emails, reviews and in-person meetings
- Professional network, including accounting, tax, legal, insurance, actuarial and benefits experts



#### Let us help those you care about. Contact us today.

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