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Returns were relatively tame for most asset classes last month, with half of the asset classes that IPEX tracks producing rather flat returns within +/- 50 bp. At least for the time being, the high levels of volatility that characterized most of the 1Q seems to have subsided. Domestic equity was in the forefront with moderate gains of roughly 2.0%, with small caps besting large caps for the first time this year. Most segments of the international markets were negative. The emerging markets were hit the hardest with a loss of -3.7% led by Brazil down -13%. In response to the lack of direction from the Fed, investment grade bonds were basically flat. The rough start to the year is now a distant memory, as almost all asset classes are solidly positive year to date. Despite the May U.S. dollar reversal, dollar sensitive asset classes (commodities and developed market bonds), are up about 8% for the year.

Major Asset Classes	Total Return	
	May	YTD
SMALL CAP STOCKS	2.25	2.28
LARGE CAP STOCKS	1.80	3.57
HIGH YIELD BONDS	0.66	8.04
GLOBAL REAL ESTATE	0.23	6.78
INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP STOCKS	0.13	3.91
MULTI-STRATEGY HEDGE FUNDS	0.12	-0.24
INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS	0.03	3.45
COMMODITIES	-0.19	8.76
EMERGING MARKET BONDS	-0.34	6.33
INTERNATIONAL LARGE CAP STOCKS	-0.91	-1.10
DEVELOPED MARKET BONDS	-2.38	7.83
EMERGING MARKET STOCKS	-3.73	2.32

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