

# Country Indices Flash Report

October 2018

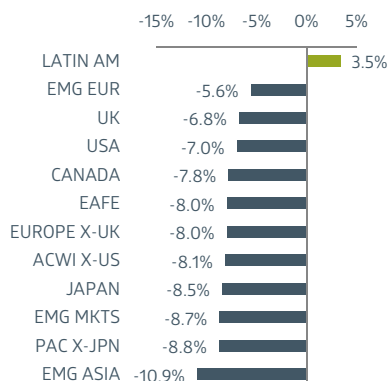
## Commentary\*

- In the worst month for U.S. equity returns in seven years, international stocks weren't a safe haven. No developed markets produced positive results and only two major emerging markets rose. The pain was due to local market returns as the dollar was only marginally stronger for the month.
- As expected, the 2nd round of Brazilian elections were a tidal wave for Jair Bolsonaro. Leading up to the election and in its aftermath, the Brazilian market rallied. Brazilians chose (the appearance of) a less corrupt leader whose views are more closely aligned with the pre-1985 dictatorship than the last three decades of democracy.
- Tech-heavy Asian EMs lagged while Brexit angst and Italian budget woes weighed on Europe's shares and currency.
- China endured another tough month, but as 2nd quarter earnings are indicating, U.S. earnings aren't immune from the tariffs. Watch for the sideshow at this month's G-20.

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## COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

October 2018 total return (MSCI indices)\*  
US\$ terms with net dividends



## TOTAL RETURN FOR SELECTED MSCI INDICES, US\$ TERMS WITH NET DIVIDENDS\*

(for periods ended 10/31/18)

COUNTRY/REGION	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2018 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2017
USA	-7.0%	-3.6%	2.5%	6.6%	21.2%
ALL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US)	-8.1%	-9.6%	-11.0%	-8.2%	27.2%
Canada	-7.8%	-9.3%	-9.9%	-5.8%	16.1%
EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East)	-8.0%	-9.0%	-9.3%	-6.9%	25.0%
Japan	-8.5%	-5.5%	-7.0%	-3.6%	24.0%
UK	-6.8%	-9.1%	-9.3%	-4.7%	22.3%
PACIFIC EX-JAPAN	-8.8%	-11.0%	-11.1%	-6.2%	25.9%
Australia	-7.6%	-10.4%	-9.6%	-4.8%	19.9%
Hong Kong	-11.1%	-13.4%	-14.2%	-8.9%	36.2%
Singapore	-8.6%	-8.2%	-11.2%	-6.9%	35.6%
EUROPE EX-UK	-8.0%	-10.2%	-10.2%	-9.7%	26.8%
France	-9.4%	-10.1%	-6.9%	-6.9%	28.7%
Germany	-8.4%	-12.7%	-15.7%	-14.7%	27.7%
Netherlands	-7.8%	-12.8%	-9.9%	-10.0%	32.2%
Belgium	-11.7%	-18.1%	-20.9%	-23.4%	18.6%
Finland	-9.5%	-7.7%	2.4%	2.2%	22.5%
Austria	-6.3%	-10.5%	-14.2%	-11.1%	58.3%
Portugal	-9.8%	-14.5%	-6.4%	-6.5%	23.8%
Italy	-9.4%	-16.1%	-15.5%	-16.3%	28.4%
Spain	-6.8%	-12.3%	-14.5%	-15.9%	27.0%
Denmark	-9.8%	-12.7%	-15.4%	-14.8%	34.7%
Norway	-7.9%	-2.6%	2.8%	4.0%	28.3%
Sweden	-10.0%	-8.7%	-9.5%	-12.7%	20.6%
Switzerland	-3.9%	-3.3%	-4.1%	-0.7%	22.5%
Israel	-6.0%	-5.1%	3.7%	11.2%	2.1%
EMERGING MARKETS	-8.7%	-11.6%	-15.7%	-12.5%	37.3%
South Africa	-10.9%	-21.5%	-30.3%	-17.4%	36.1%
EMERGING EUROPE	-5.6%	-6.9%	-11.5%	-6.8%	20.5%
Poland	-10.0%	-10.4%	-19.2%	-17.2%	54.7%
Russia	-4.6%	-2.5%	4.1%	10.7%	5.2%
Turkey	-2.3%	-16.4%	-45.4%	-43.1%	38.4%
Greece	-8.2%	-24.2%	-31.0%	-20.1%	28.6%
LATIN AMERICA	3.5%	-0.8%	-3.7%	-2.4%	23.7%
Brazil	17.8%	11.8%	3.4%	4.8%	24.1%
Chile	-8.3%	-14.0%	-19.3%	-17.6%	42.2%
Mexico	-17.4%	-18.7%	-14.1%	-14.5%	16.0%
EMERGING ASIA	-10.9%	-13.2%	-17.0%	-14.6%	42.8%
China	-11.5%	-16.0%	-19.5%	-16.7%	54.1%
India	-7.0%	-14.6%	-15.9%	-12.4%	38.8%
Indonesia	-3.1%	-3.9%	-19.8%	-13.3%	24.2%
Korea	-14.3%	-12.4%	-22.0%	-19.9%	47.3%
Malaysia	-6.4%	-7.2%	-6.6%	1.0%	25.1%
Taiwan	-11.8%	-10.6%	-7.0%	-9.0%	27.5%
Thailand	-7.3%	-2.3%	-2.4%	4.2%	34.5%

## CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD\* (for periods ended 10/31/18)

	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2018 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2017
Australian Dollar	-2.0%	-4.7%	-9.4%	-7.6%	8.0%
Canadian Dollar	-1.6%	-0.9%	-4.6%	-1.8%	7.0%
Euro	-2.4%	-3.2%	-5.6%	-2.7%	13.8%
Yen	0.6%	-0.8%	-0.2%	0.7%	3.5%
Swiss Franc	-2.9%	-1.6%	-3.1%	-0.9%	4.3%
British Pound	-2.0%	-2.6%	-5.5%	-3.8%	9.5%

Sources: Bailard, MSCI/Bloomberg.

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