

# Country Indices Flash Report

December 2018

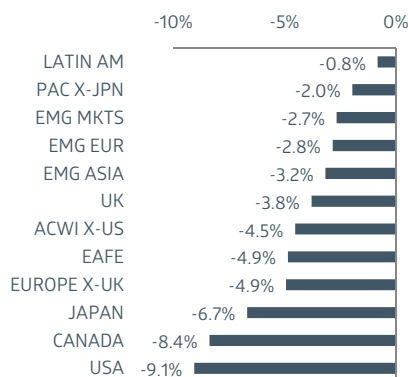
## Commentary\*

- Non-U.S. stocks reached their peak in late January 2018 and have struggled through a litany of concerns since. December and the 4th quarter as a whole stand in stark contrast: while global stocks got pummeled, U.S. markets were the leader on the downside whereas emerging markets provided the greatest protection. Political noise from D.C. handed safe-haven status to the Japanese Yen.
- That “noise” pushed Brexit and Italian issues below the fold. Brexit has seen little progress while the Italian coalition is working to meet EU demands.
- The biggest negative for selected currencies this month was the weakness in oil (WTI down more than 10%), natural gas plummeting 33% and broad weakness in industrial metals. 2018 may be remembered as the year secular changes in demand for oil mattered as much as supply, and led to OPEC’s marginalization.

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## COUNTRY/REGIONAL SNAPSHOT

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



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

(for periods ended 12/31/18)

COUNTRY/REGION	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2018 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2017
USA	-9.1%	-13.8%	-5.0%	-5.0%	21.2%
ALL COUNTRY WORLD EX-USA (ACWI X-US)	-4.5%	-11.5%	-14.2%	-14.2%	27.2%
Canada	-8.4%	-15.3%	-17.2%	-17.2%	16.1%
EAFE (Europe, Aus, Far East)	-4.9%	-12.5%	-13.8%	-13.8%	25.0%
Japan	-6.7%	-14.2%	-12.9%	-12.9%	24.0%
UK	-3.8%	-11.8%	-14.2%	-14.2%	22.3%
PACIFIC EX-JAPAN	-2.0%	-7.9%	-10.3%	-10.3%	25.9%
Australia	-3.2%	-10.0%	-12.0%	-12.0%	19.9%
Hong Kong	0.0%	-4.5%	-7.8%	-7.8%	36.2%
Singapore	-0.9%	-6.7%	-9.4%	-9.4%	35.6%
EUROPE EX-UK	-4.9%	-13.1%	-15.1%	-15.1%	26.8%
France	-4.6%	-15.0%	-12.8%	-12.8%	28.7%
Germany	-5.8%	-15.5%	-22.2%	-22.2%	27.7%
Netherlands	-6.1%	-11.0%	-13.1%	-13.1%	32.2%
Belgium	-9.3%	-18.4%	-26.9%	-26.9%	18.6%
Finland	-0.7%	-14.6%	-3.4%	-3.4%	22.5%
Austria	-11.6%	-20.7%	-27.4%	-27.4%	58.3%
Portugal	-1.9%	-14.3%	-11.1%	-11.1%	23.8%
Italy	-3.4%	-11.8%	-17.8%	-17.8%	28.4%
Spain	-3.8%	-8.7%	-16.2%	-16.2%	27.0%
Denmark	-3.3%	-9.8%	-15.4%	-15.4%	34.7%
Norway	-6.2%	-18.1%	-8.6%	-8.6%	28.3%
Sweden	-3.3%	-14.2%	-13.7%	-13.7%	20.6%
Switzerland	-5.4%	-8.9%	-9.1%	-9.1%	22.5%
Israel	-12.8%	-14.4%	-5.5%	-5.5%	2.1%
EMERGING MARKETS	-2.7%	-7.5%	-14.6%	-14.6%	37.3%
South Africa	-0.7%	-3.8%	-24.8%	-24.8%	36.1%
EMERGING EUROPE	-2.8%	-6.1%	-12.1%	-12.1%	20.5%
Poland	0.2%	-3.0%	-12.9%	-12.9%	54.7%
Russia	-3.5%	-9.0%	-0.7%	-0.7%	5.2%
Turkey	-5.2%	4.8%	-41.4%	-41.4%	38.4%
Greece	-5.3%	-16.0%	-36.8%	-36.8%	28.6%
LATIN AMERICA	-0.8%	0.4%	-6.6%	-6.6%	23.7%
Brazil	-1.8%	13.4%	-0.5%	-0.5%	24.1%
Chile	-3.6%	-8.7%	-19.7%	-19.7%	42.2%
Mexico	3.3%	-18.8%	-15.5%	-15.5%	16.0%
EMERGING ASIA	-3.2%	-9.3%	-15.5%	-15.5%	42.8%
China	-6.1%	-10.7%	-18.9%	-18.9%	54.1%
India	-0.1%	2.5%	-7.3%	-7.3%	38.8%
Indonesia	0.8%	9.7%	-9.2%	-9.2%	24.2%
Korea	-1.9%	-13.1%	-20.9%	-20.9%	47.3%
Malaysia	1.6%	-5.8%	-6.0%	-6.0%	25.1%
Taiwan	-1.4%	-13.7%	-8.9%	-8.9%	27.5%
Thailand	-2.9%	-10.2%	-5.5%	-5.5%	34.5%

## CURRENCY RETURN VS. USD\* (for periods ended 12/31/18)

	1 MO.	3 MOS.	2018 YTD	12 MOS.	CAL 2017
Australian Dollar	-3.6%	-2.7%	-10.0%	-10.0%	8.0%
Canadian Dollar	-2.7%	-5.4%	-8.3%	-8.3%	7.0%
Euro	1.0%	-1.6%	-4.8%	-4.8%	13.8%
Yen	3.5%	3.5%	2.7%	2.7%	3.5%
Swiss Franc	1.4%	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.1%	4.3%
British Pound	-0.2%	-2.3%	-5.8%	-5.8%	9.5%

Sources: Bailard, MSCI/Bloomberg.

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