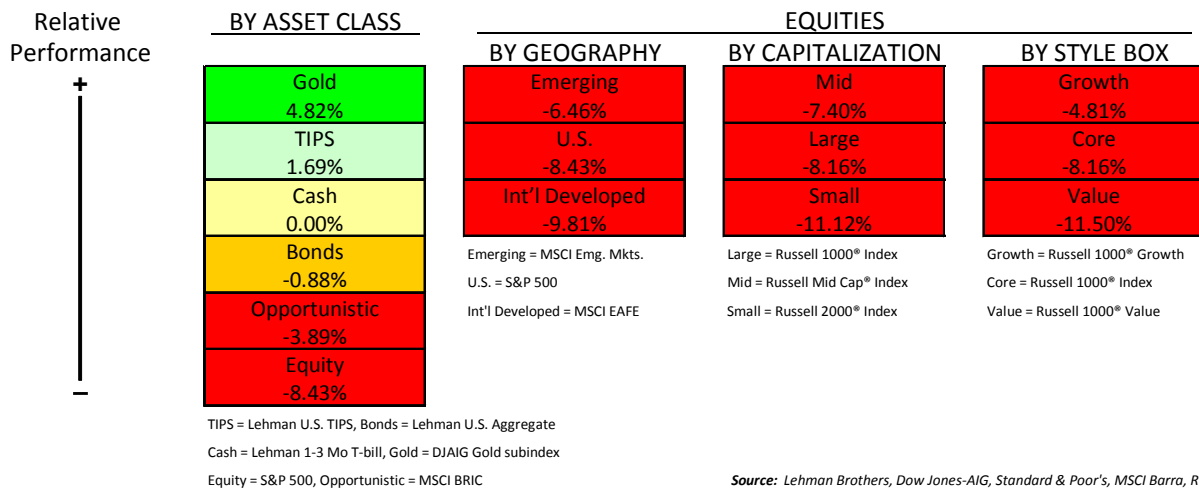


Equity markets retreated in January to start 2009 on a down note. U.S. equities made a post-inauguration bounce in January on optimism that the new administration would act quickly to stem the financial crisis, but the S&P 500 index still lost -8.4% for the month. Losses crossed all capitalization boundaries, with small, mid and large cap U.S. equities down between -7.4% and -11.1%. From a style perspective, growth stocks fared much better than the Financials-heavy value index, falling -4.8% versus -11.5%, respectively. The Financials sector of the S&P 500 index was down more than -26% in the month, balanced by less-severe performances from the two largest sectors in the index, Health Care (-1.3%) and Technology (-3.1%).

Non-U.S. equities also retreated in January, with returns for dollar-based investors made even worse by a strengthening U.S. dollar. The international developed market MSCI EAFE index fell -9.8%, while the MSCI Emerging Market index fell -6.5%. The Opportunistic BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India, China) index was down “only” -3.9%, helped by a +4.6% return from the Brazil component.

Many bond benchmarks also fell in January, as Treasuries at the long-end of the curve reversed some of their previous gains. The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index fell -0.9%, while the Barclays U.S. Credit Index was actually flat. Cash and short-term Treasury yields remained around 0%. Gold proved a defensive haven and an “alternative currency” play, gaining +4.8%. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities also gained in January, returning +1.7%.



These materials are solely informational, based upon publicly available information believed to be reliable, and may change without notice. Our views may change depending on market conditions, the assets presented to us, and your objectives. This is based on market conditions as of the printing date. Miracle Mile Advisors, Inc. shall not in any way be liable for claims relating to them, and makes no express or implied representations or warranties as to their accuracy or completeness or for statements or errors contained in, or omissions from, them. Legal, accounting and tax restrictions, transaction costs and changes to any assumptions may significantly affect the economics of any transaction. The information and analyses contained herein are not intended as tax, legal or investment advice and may not be suitable for your specific circumstances; accordingly, you should consult your own tax, legal, investment or other advisors, at both the outset of any transaction and on an ongoing basis, to determine such suitability. Miracle Mile Advisors, Inc. does not render advice on tax and tax accounting matters to clients. This material was not intended or written to be used, and it cannot be used by any taxpayer, for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on the taxpayer under U.S. federal tax laws. These materials do not constitute an offer to buy or sell any financial instrument or participate in any trading strategy.

IMPORTANT: The projections or other information shown in the Report regarding the likelihood of various investment outcomes are hypothetical in nature, do not reflect actual investment results and are not guarantees of future results.