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	1-Month	YTD	1-Year
Equity Returns			
Dow Jones Industrial Average	-3.96%	1.69%	23.10%
S&P 500	-3.69%	1.83%	17.10%
NASDAQ	-1.74%	5.54%	26.18%
S&P Mid Cap	-4.43%	-1.69%	9.53%
Russell 2000	-3.87%	-1.36%	10.51%
MSCI World (ex-US)	-4.72%	0.59%	21.63%
MSCI EAFE	-4.51%	0.28%	20.13%
Developed Intl Ex-US Small Cap	-3.55%	1.39%	27.40%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-4.61%	3.34%	30.51%
MSCI ACWI	-4.20%	1.20%	18.79%

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S&P 500 Sector Returns			
Consumer Discretionary	-3.46%	5.55%	22.15%
Consumer Staples	-7.76%	-6.30%	-0.32%
Energy	-10.82%	-7.42%	-2.80%
Financials	-2.78%	3.51%	19.94%
Health Care	-4.45%	1.90%	14.31%
Industrials	-3.95%	1.15%	16.28%
Information Technology	0.10%	7.73%	36.26%
Materials	-5.26%	-1.33%	15.98%
Real Estate	-6.37%	-8.59%	-3.20%
Telecom	-7.06%	-6.55%	-5.01%
Utilities	-3.86%	-6.81%	-1.99%

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Style Returns			
S&P 500 Growth	-2.02%	5.06%	24.91%
S&P 500 Value	-5.48%	-1.56%	8.62%
S&P High Beta	-3.72%	2.08%	16.64%
S&P Low Volatility	-4.24%	-1.70%	9.64%

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Fixed Income Returns			
Barclays Agg	-1.25%	-2.12%	0.49%
Barclays Agg 1-3 Year	-0.35%	-0.58%	0.58%
Barclays Intermediate Gov Credit	-0.71%	-1.40%	-0.17%
Barclays Global Bond	-2.11%	1.08%	14.93%
Barclays High Yield	-1.49%	-0.95%	2.80%
Barclays High Yield Muni Index	-0.99%	-0.67%	6.08%

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Alternative Returns			
Alerian MLP	-9.69%	-4.49%	-15.22%
Gold	-1.99%	1.21%	5.56%
US Dollar Index	1.66%	-1.64%	-10.39%
Volatility Index	46.60%	79.80%	53.64%

- The streak of consecutive monthly gains ended for the global stock market as the MSCI ACWI posted its first monthly loss (total return basis) in 15 months. The move lower also marked the first peak-to-trough decline of at least 10% since January 2016 for the S&P 500. US markets were marginally stronger than international markets. Information Technology was the only S&P 500 sector to post a gain in the month.
- As of the end of February, over 90% of S&P 500 companies had reported earnings for the fourth quarter. With earnings season coming to a close, results remain positive as earnings have grown 15.2% vs last year (4.4% surprise) and revenue has grown 8.2% vs last year (1.2% surprise). S&P 500 earnings growth expectations for 2018 continue to be revised higher, sitting at 19.2%.
- The second estimate for fourth-quarter GDP growth was little changed from the first reading, coming in at a 2.5% annualized rate vs the last reading at 2.6% annualized.
- The ISM Manufacturing Index showed continued expansion in the manufacturing sector as new orders stand at nearly a 10 year high. Input costs also showed signs of increasing. Growth in the services sector has held steady as indicated by the PMI Service Index.
- Equity market volatility (measured by the VIX Index) spiked to levels not seen since August 2015. Inflation fears were stoked as a January jobs report (released 2/2) showed higher than expected gains in employment as well as average hourly earnings, which grew 2.9% year-over-year. Interest rates rose during February, leading to declining bond prices. The US Dollar Index strengthened slightly with the rate movement.

	Close	Prior Week	Prior Year End	1 Year Ago
Interest Rates				
Fed Funds Target	1.25% - 1.50%	1.25% - 1.50%	1.25% - 1.50%	0.50% - 0.75%
2-Year Treasury	2.26%	2.08%	1.89%	1.22%
5-Year Treasury	2.65%	2.44%	2.21%	1.88%
10-Year Treasury	2.87%	2.65%	2.41%	2.36%
Merrill Lynch Inv. Grade Corp.	3.73%	3.74%	3.27%	3.28%
Merrill Lynch High Yield	6.13%	6.14%	5.84%	5.68%

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Commodities				
WTI Oil	61.64	65.61	60.42	54.01
Gold	1317.9	1358.09	1302.1	1248.52
Natural Gas	2.667	3.509	2.953	2.774

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Currency				
EUR/USD	1.2193	1.2406	1.1996	1.0575
GBP/USD	1.376	1.4241	1.3512	1.238
USD/JPY	106.67	109.21	112.67	112.75
USD/BRL	3.2458	3.1464	3.3121	3.1086
USD/MXN	18.83	18.49	19.65	20.10

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