

# WHAT HAPPENED IN 2013?

This infographic covers our 2013 "Year In Review."

## TIMELINE OF THE YEAR

A brief look back at some of the political, economic, natural, and societal events that shaped the year 2013.



## ECONOMIC THEMES

### Tame Inflation

- The latest report – CPI up 1.5% annualized

### Fed Monetary Policy Steady

- Unchanged for most of 2013
- Announced a modest reduction in bond buying to begin in January 2014

### Unemployment

- December = 6.7%
- Added an average of 182K jobs/month

### Eurozone Survives

- Signs of improvement as 4Q growth is estimated to increase nearly 0.5%

### GDP Growth

- Forecasted annual growth rate for 2013 = 2%
- 3Q real GDP increased at an annual rate of 4.1%

### U.S. Fiscal Policy

- Deficit decreasing faster than expected
- Revenues increased while spending decreased from the same time last year as of November 2013.

### Housing

- Home prices were up over 11% during the past year
- Home supply levels near multi-decade lows

### Oil: Domestic Production = Historical Milestone

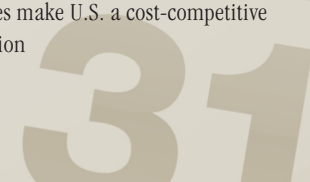
- In October 2013, the U.S. produced more crude than it imported.
- Since February 1995, first-time production has exceeded imports.

### U.S. Manufacturing Renaissance

- Competitive labor costs
- Low relative gas prices make U.S. a cost-competitive manufacturing location

Sources: Bloomberg, usinflationcalculator.com, Corelogic, Wells Fargo, FERC, Fidelity, tradingeconomics.com

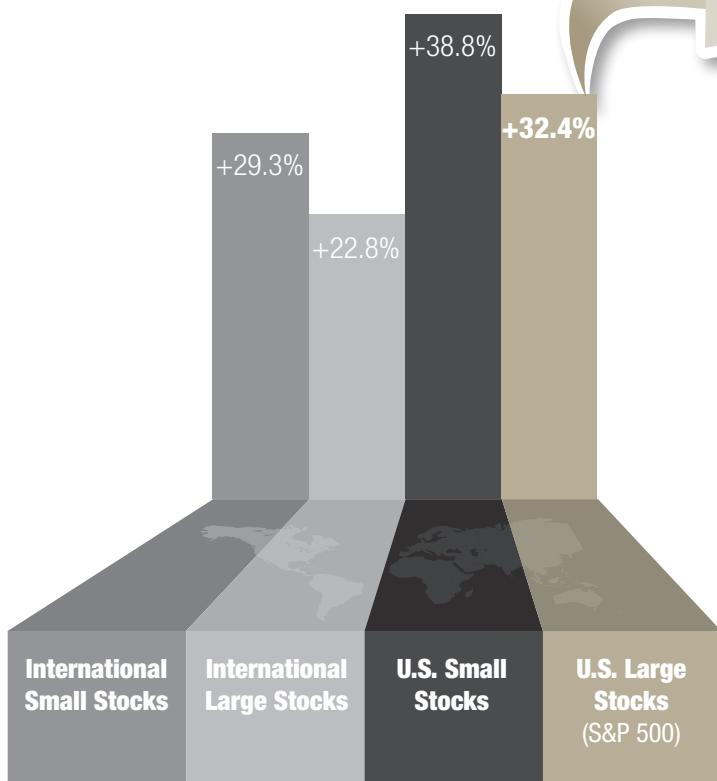
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## PERFORMANCE OF KEY ASSET CLASSES IN 2013



**BEST YEAR**

**+32.4%**

**SINCE 1997!**

# S&P 500

Just How Great Were U.S. Large Stocks In 2013?

**And Yet:**  
Valuations are reasonable

**Broader Gains:**  
Gains are less concentrated in just a few stocks

$\frac{P}{E} = 15.4$  &

12-mo. forward historical avg. (20-yr) = 16.2

**+20.0%**  
return

Top 10 stocks = 65% of the index return  
**1999**

**+3.5%**  
return

Top 10 stocks = 116% of the index return  
**2007**

**+32.4%**  
return

Top 10 stocks = 18% of the index return  
**2013**

Sources: JPM, Factset, USA Today, Strategas, BTIG LLC

Emerging Mkts Stocks	-2.6%	U.S. Inflation Bonds	-9.4%
Commodities	-9.5%	U.S. Bonds	-2.0%
Global REITs	+2.8%	International Bonds	+1.4%

Source: Morningstar Direct

## "FEAR" GAUGES

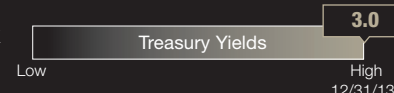
Volatility Index (VIX)  
**-10.0%**



Gold  
**-27.3%** (spot)



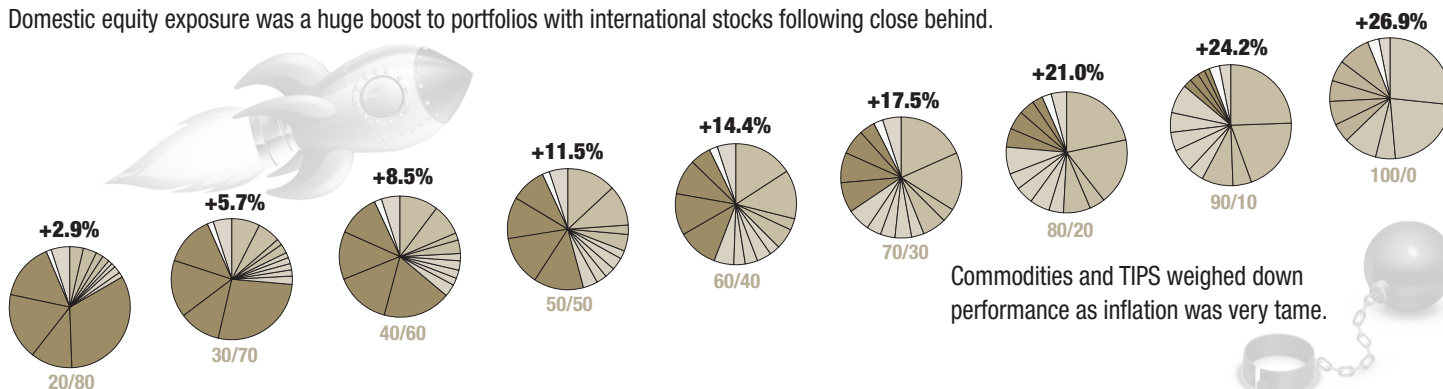
Treasury Bond Index  
**-6.0%**



Sources: Morningstar Direct, gold.org, Yahoo, Marketwatch

## 2013 INDEX PORTFOLIO RETURNS

Domestic equity exposure was a huge boost to portfolios with international stocks following close behind.



Commodities and TIPS weighed down performance as inflation was very tame.

Source: Morningstar Direct. Index Portfolio returns are hypothetical and illustrate how diversified portfolios might have performed in 2013. The portfolios are composed of market indices. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Returns have not been adjusted for any advisory or fund management fees. Refer to the back cover for more information.

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