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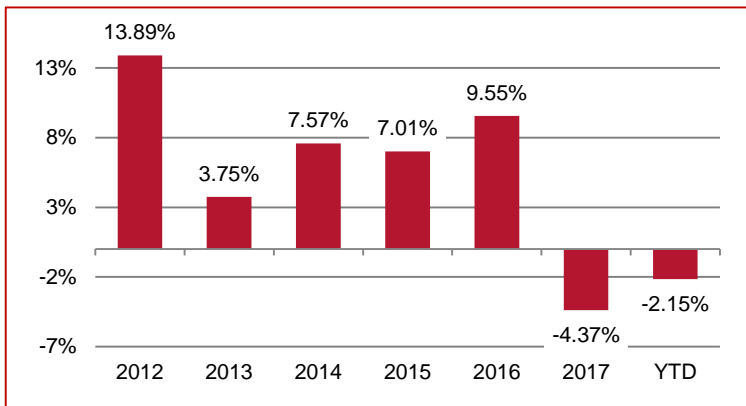
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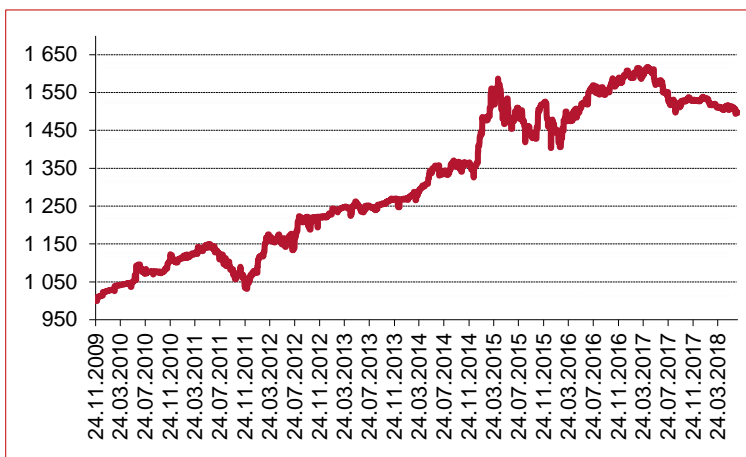
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Past performance, %

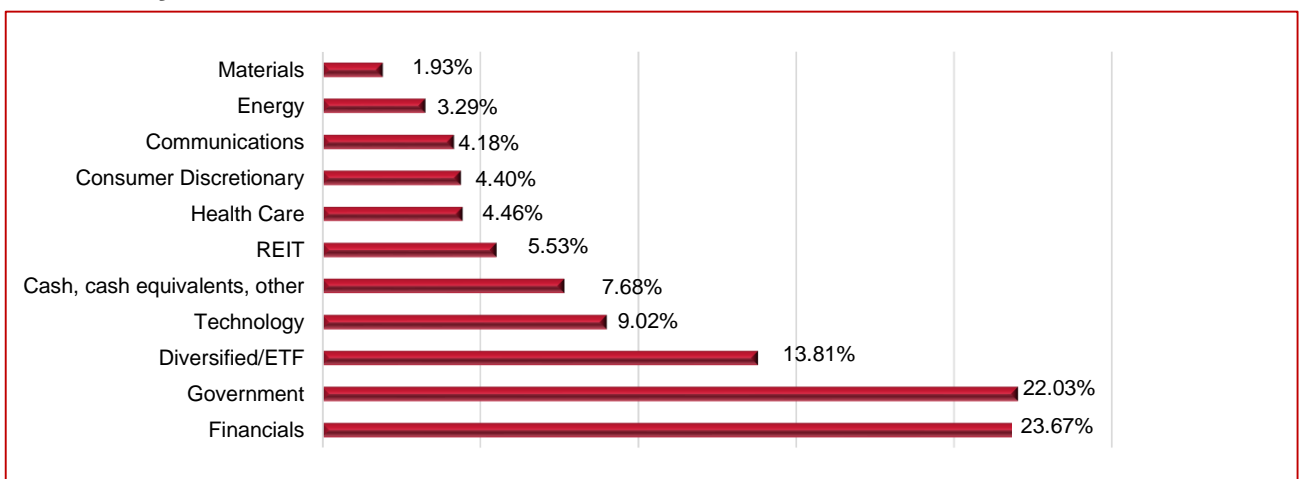


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Historical NAV per share, BGN



Industry breakdown, %



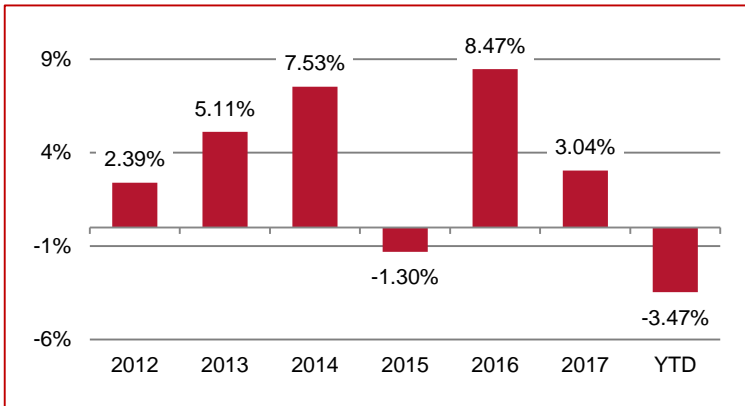
Comments

Soft European data in June added to slight appreciation of the U.S. dollar against the euro by +0.8%. However, long-term Treasury yields plunged with uncertainty around trade wars. Investment grade bonds decreased by -0.8%, as compared to High Yield corporate bonds which registered a decrease in the prices of -0.4%, but gold went down in sync by -3.8%. Yet the spread between high yield corporate bonds and investment grade bonds is historically low but enlarging.

Emerging markets bonds registered an decrease in prices (-2.3%) as trade tensions between the U.S. and China intensified. The US dollar stabilized its drop. Yet weak dollar mitigated concerns of national banks in emerging markets to cut rates because it does not add risks to their dollar-denominated bonds, especially South-East Asia, where foreign investors have a big share.

Our view is that the developed countries are starting to tighten their monetary policies and the end of the QE in the eurozone is imminent. Thus we remain cautious and underweight on euro-denominated bonds.

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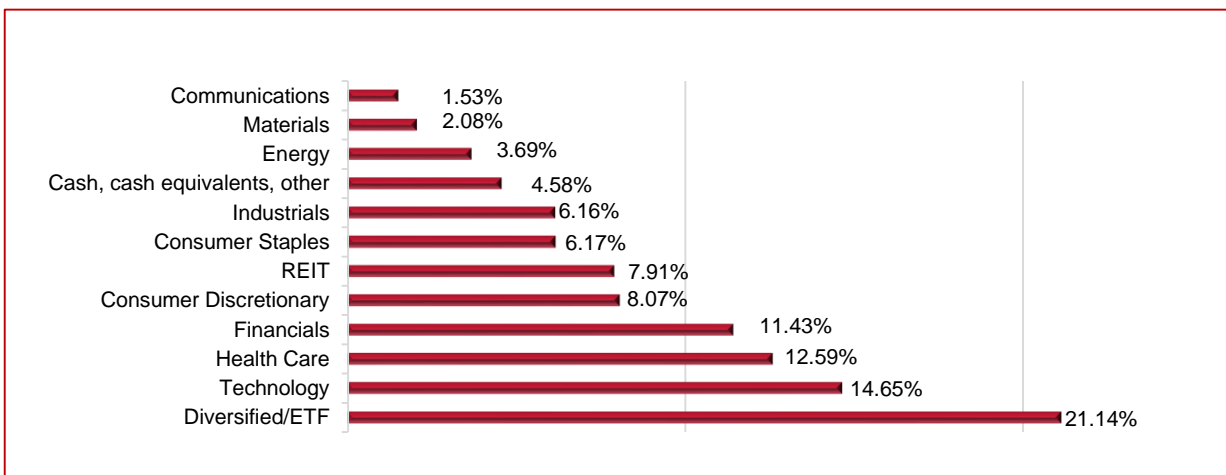


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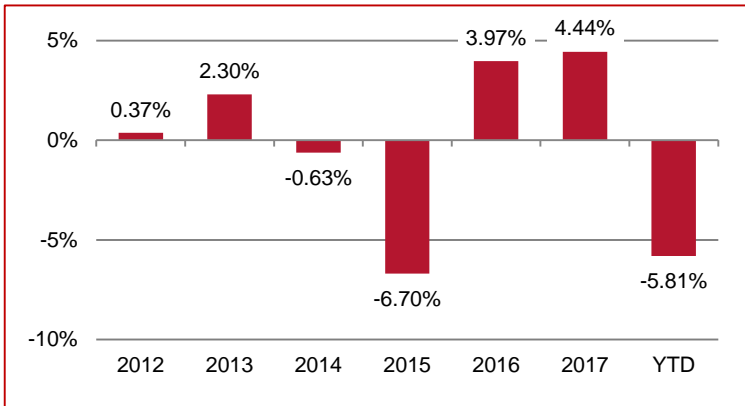
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In June, EU manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) kept dropping, this time to 55 points from 55.5 points in May. Consumer confidence in the EU also registered a decline. The ECB plan of the end of QE extends further away in time contributing to a gain of +0.8% for the USD against the euro in June. The French CAC and the German DAX closed the month with losses of -1.4% and -2.4%. Late June data from the EU showed slight improvement.

The Japanese central bank cut its estimates for the inflation this year as uncertainty and volatility in the markets created a flight to the yen leading to its appreciation. Nikkei increased by +0.5%.

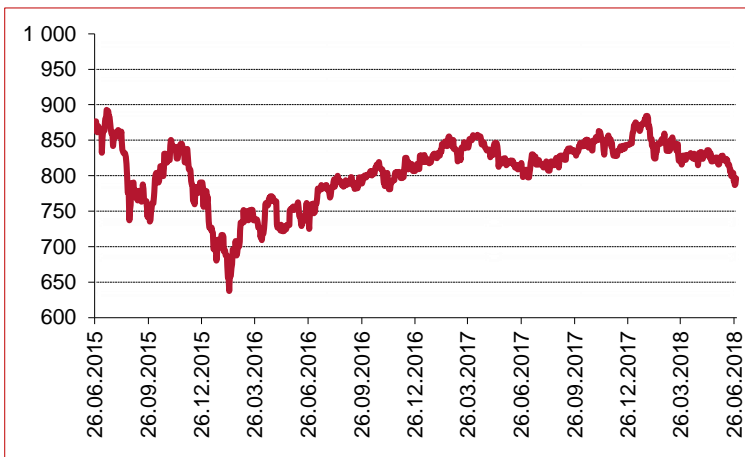
The sector of Consumer Discretionary in the U.S. surged in June, followed by the rather defensive sectors of Utilities and Consumer Staples. The broad S&P 500 index gained +0.5%. The tech-heavy NASDAQ ended June +0.9%. Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index also decreased to 19.9 from 34.4. The surge in the price of crude oil generated inflationary concerns and Trump tweeted his worries about the high price.

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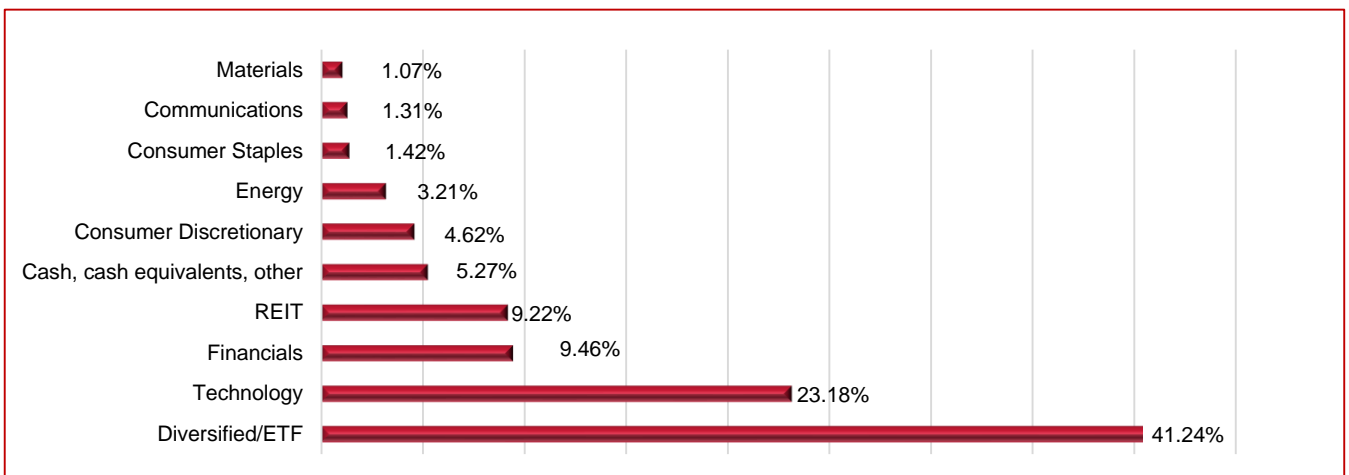


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During the second quarter, trade tariffs kept causing heated discussions. China retaliated with reciprocal measures in July. Trump announced further tariffs for about \$200 bn starting in late August. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index lost -4.6% in US dollars in June on continuing fears of trade wars inspired by American president tariff suggestions.

The Chinese stocks ended June in red (CSI 300 -7.7%, Hang Seng -4.9%) after Trump took a hard line against Chinese exports. At the latest, China could not avert the U.S. tariffs. The RTS index dropped -0.8% in US dollars.

In June, Mexico gained the most +8.8% in US dollars after the president elections and the rather centrist policies suggested by the leftist president. Trump concentrated on China giving room for rest for the EU, Canada and Mexico. South America followed the lead and MSCI Brazil dropped -8.5%.

The price of the WTI crude oil increased to above \$70 (+10.6%) on pending sanctions on Iran.

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