

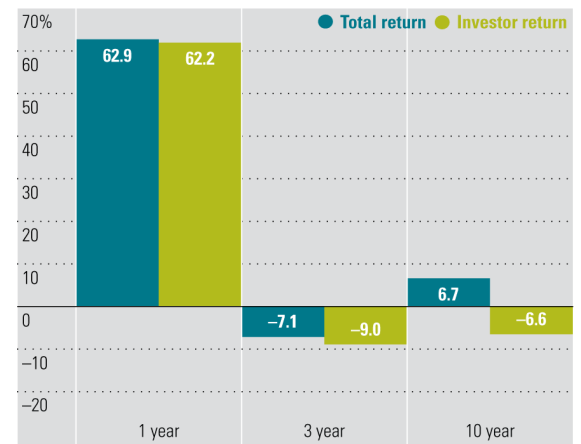


Chasing Performance

Investors often endure poor timing and planning as many chase past performance. They buy into funds that are performing well and initiate a selling spree following a decline. This becomes evident when evaluating a fund's total return compared with the investor return. Overall, the investor return translates to the average investor's experience as measured by the timing decisions of all investors in the fund.

The image illustrates the investor return relative to the total return for a given fund. Over the short term, both the total and investor returns were positive, with the investor return ending slightly lower. Over a 10-year period, however, total return greatly exceeded investor return. Investors who attempted to time the market ran the risk of missing periods of exceptional returns.

Comparison of a Fund's Return Performance Over Time



Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any investment. Returns and principal invested in stocks are not guaranteed. Morningstar investor returns measure how the typical investor in that fund fared over time, incorporating the impact of cash inflows and outflows from purchases and sales. It is not one specific investor's experience, but rather a measure of the return earned collectively by all the investors in the fund. Total return measures the percentage change in price for a fund, assuming the investor buys and holds the fund over the time period, reinvests distributions, and does not make any additional purchases or sales. Investor returns are not a substitute for total returns but can be used in combination with them. Data as of February 2010.

Source: The fund illustrated in this example was selected from Morningstar's open-end database.



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Monthly Market Commentary

The market has had its ups and downs in March, but the overall atmosphere has been optimistic in light of less negative news from Japan and the Middle East. On the not-so-optimistic side, however, bad news on the European debt crisis (Portugal in particular) may signal some dark clouds looming ahead.

Employment: After a year of almost no progress, employment statistics have finally begun to show some improvement. Current unemployment claims are in the 300,000–350,000 range, approximately half of the 674,000 we've seen in the early months of 2009. Since 20%–25% of the jobs lost during the recession were in the construction sector, significant improvement in unemployment numbers may not occur until both the homebuilding and construction industries recover. Still, in light of these recent positive numbers, next week's jobs report is an eagerly awaited piece of news.

Consumer spending: Other statistics to be released next week include personal income and spending data for the first quarter of 2011, which may provide insight into whether consumer confidence is back or still waning. Consumption numbers are crucial data points for quarterly GDP forecasts, which for now appear to be in the 2.0%–4.0% range. With higher inflation rates and volatile import numbers, Morningstar analysts estimate that first-quarter GDP growth may be on the lower side of this range. However, companies will start reporting corporate earnings next month, significantly impacting the market and economic forecasts.

Tech sector: Excellent news from the tech sector fueled the market in recent weeks, with some technology companies reporting revenue growth as high as 25% and raising their dividends. In the improving economic environment, businesses now have more money to invest in new technologies, such as cloud computing, which in turn may fuel future growth.

Housing market: Unfortunately, housing data still does not indicate any significant improvement.

New and existing home sales in February were dismal; only 250,000 units were sold, a new record low dating back to the 1960s. This is in sharp contradiction with realtors' and builders' optimism about the spring selling season. Even when taking seasonal factors into account, such as bad weather and low temperatures, the outlook remains bleak.

Economic growth: The GDP number for the fourth quarter of 2010 has been revised for a third and final time, from 3.3% to 2.8% and now back to 3.1%. Increasing consumer confidence was reflected in strong spending on consumer durables, with modest growth in non-durable goods and consumer services displaying the smallest growth. The overall message is clear: consumers are back, increasingly confident and willing to spend.

The tale of two recoveries (rich versus not so rich): As worrisome as this news may be, it is by now clear that so far in the recovery higher earners have fared much better than their counterparts (especially those with less education). The latter continue to face double-digit unemployment and have difficulties confronting the higher food and energy costs. Further pain in the lower income brackets may create a ripple effect and stall overall economic growth.

Quarter-end insights: Although this year started on a bad note, Morningstar economists are optimistic and predict that real GDP growth of 3.5%–4.0% may still be possible if inflation doesn't get out of control. However, this is a big "if." Judging by the already-rising fuel and food prices, inflation may reach 3% in no time (the annualized increase in the Consumer Price Index over the last six months is an even more frightening 3.9%). Looking forward, consumer spending remains key, as well as business investing. These may well be the two most important determinants of the recovery for the rest of the year.

Major Stock Market Indexes

There are a number of stock market indexes that are frequently mentioned on television and cited in financial newspapers and magazines. They measure various slices of the stock market and can be used as performance benchmarks for both investment vehicles (such as mutual funds) and one's own portfolio returns. Here are three of the most popular and referenced indexes.

Dow Jones Industrial Average: The Dow Jones Industrial Average was first unveiled by Charles H. Dow on May 26, 1896, and consisted of 12 stocks. In 1916, the industrial average expanded to 20 stocks and in 1928 was subsequently bumped to 30, where it currently stands. The index constituents are 30 of the world's largest, most influential and well-known companies. Whenever you hear someone referring to what "the market" did in any given day, they are most likely referring to the Dow.

Changes to the index are rare and usually take place, according to Dow Jones Indexes (www.djaverages.com), "when a current component is going through a major change, such as a shift in its main line of business, acquisition by another company, or bankruptcy. There is no review schedule."

Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index: When you hear that a portfolio has "beaten the market" it is most likely being compared with the S&P 500, which was first published in 1957. The index is composed of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, focusing on the large-cap segment of the market but also serving as a proxy for the total market—covering approximately 75% of the U.S. equities market.

The S&P Index Committee follows a set of published guidelines for maintaining the index (complete details of these guidelines are available at www.indices.standardandpoors.com). Some of the criteria for addition include a market capitalization (share price multiplied by shares outstanding) in excess of \$3 billion, adequate liquidity (how easy it is to buy and sell shares) and

reasonable price and financial viability. Those that substantially violate the criteria are dropped.

Nasdaq Composite Index: Launched in 1971, the Nasdaq Composite Index measures all Nasdaq domestic- and international-based common type stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market. The index includes nearly 3,000 securities. While it is best known for its large portion of technology stocks, it also contains stocks in other industries.

To be eligible for inclusion in this index, securities must be listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market and they need to be of a specific type. For more information, visit www.nasdaq.com.

Please keep in mind that a company can be a member of more than one of the three indexes described above. Microsoft is an example of a company that has a place in all three.

Stock Market Index Comparison

Stock Index	Dow	S&P 500	Nasdaq
Year Introduced	1896	1957	1971
Constituents	30	500	2,900*
Types of Companies	Large, well-known, influential.	Leading companies in leading industries. Focuses on large-cap segment.	Large number of technology stocks. Also stocks in other industries.
Index Modifications/Eligibility	Companies undergoing a major change can lead to a modification.	Market cap in excess of \$3 billion, adequate liquidity/ reasonable price/ financial viability.	Listed on Nasdaq Stock Market and needs to be specific security type.
Examples of Current Constituents*	Walt Disney, Johnson & Johnson, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Walmart	AT&T, Boeing, General Mills, Procter & Gamble, Google	Apple, eBay, Cisco, Dell, Yahoo!

*As of 12/02/2010

Stocks are not guaranteed and are more volatile than other asset classes. The information above is provided for illustrative and information purposes only. The indexes noted are unmanaged and can not be directly invested in. References to specific securities should not be viewed as a recommendation to buy or sell the mentioned security.

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