

Range of Returns for Various Asset Classes — 1980 to 2007

This chart shows the range of returns achieved during any 12-month holding period from January 1, 1980, through December 31, 2007 for large- and small-cap stocks, foreign stocks, long- and intermediate-term bonds, and cash. While stocks and long-term bonds had maximum returns much higher than cash and intermediate-term bonds, they also experienced periods of sharp declines.



Source: ChartSource, Standard & Poor's Financial Communications. Large-cap stocks are represented by the total returns of Standard & Poor's Composite Index of 500 Stocks, an unmanaged index that is generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market. Foreign stocks are represented by the total returns of the Morgan Stanley Capital International Europe, Australasia, Far East (EAFE®) Index, an unmanaged index that is generally considered representative of developed foreign markets. Long-term government bonds are represented by total returns of the Citigroup 10+ Year Treasury Bond Index. Intermediate-term government bonds are represented by total returns of the Citigroup 3-7 Year Treasury Bond Index. Cash is represented by a composite of the yields of 3-Month Treasury bills published by the Federal Reserve and the total return of Lehman 3-Month Treasury Bills index. Small-cap stocks are represented by the total returns of the composite of the CRSP 6th-10th decile portfolios and the S&P SmallCap 600. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. (CS000040)