

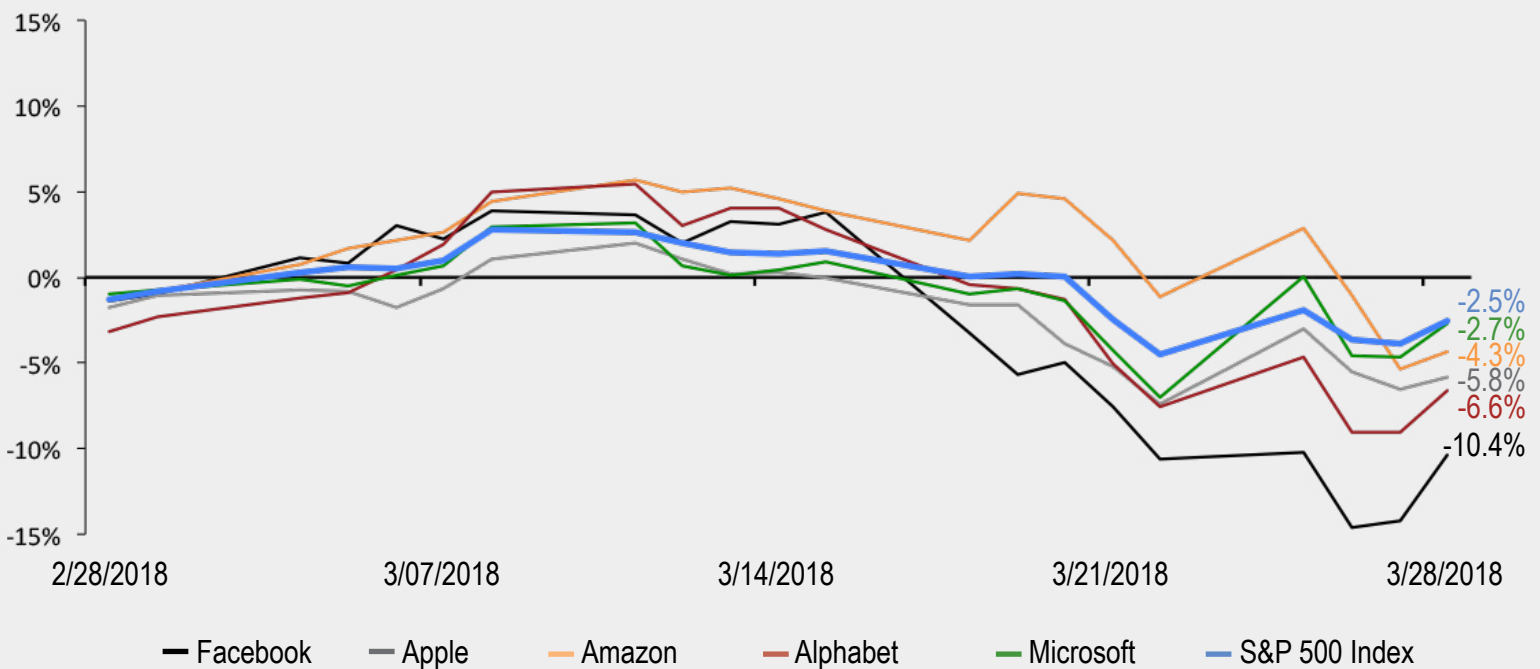
High Flying Tech Stocks Sell-Off, Time to Rotate into Quality?

- High flying tech stocks like Facebook and Google sold-off in March after very strong performance in 2017.
- The downturn may be a sign the popular 'tech trade' is ending and that caution on the technology sector (25% of the S&P 500) is warranted.
- By rotating into Quality companies with high profitability, strong cash flow and low leverage, investors can diversify away from volatile tech stocks and potentially improve portfolio positioning for 2018.

High Profile Tech Stock Performance - 2017 vs. March 2018

	2017	March 2018	Return Contribution to S&P 500 in March
Facebook	53.4%	-10.4%	-0.19%
Apple	48.5%	-5.8%	-0.23%
Amazon	56.0%	-4.3%	-0.12%
Alphabet	35.6%	-6.6%	-0.19%
Microsoft	40.7%	-2.7%	-0.08%
S&P 500 Index	21.8%	-2.5%	Total: -0.81%

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Is Volatility Back? Time to Think Defense?

Also known as Wall Street's "fear gauge", the Chicago Board Options Exchange SPX Volatility Index is often used as a proxy for market volatility. Spikes in the VIX often correspond with periods of market stress. On November 5, 2017, the VIX index closed at 9.14, an all-time low.

The VIX has closed below 10 a total of 68 times since 1990. 52 of these occurrences have happened in 2017. With the recent uptick in market volatility, could the market be due for a correction? There are certainly arguments to stay invested in the market, but it might be a good time for investors to revisit their portfolios and assess their risk tolerance. Lower volatility, high quality stocks may allow investors to maintain their equity exposure but avoid the full brunt of market pull-backs.

VIX Level	Date
10.85	2/20/2018
All-Time Low	9.14 11/03/2017
All-Time High	80.86 11/20/2008
Average	19.35

Peak 5 Years	Date
5 Year Low	9.14 11/03/2017
5 Year High	40.74 02/04/2015
5 Year Average	14.49

of times closed below 10: **68**

of times closed below 10 in 2017: **62**

Chicago Board Options Exchange SPX Volatility Index

Chicago Board Options Exchange SPX Volatility Index - Year to date

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S&P 500 Scatterplot: Long-Term Performance Versus Risk

- The best performing sectors in the past 10 years were Consumer Discretionary and Information Technology.
- The worst performing sectors were Energy and Real Estate.
- The sectors with the lowest volatility in the past 10 years were Consumer Staples and Health Care. The highest volatility sectors were Financials and Real Estate.
- Adjusting for risk, the best performing sectors were Consumer Staples and Information Technology.

S&P 500 Sectors: 10 Year Risk vs. Return

Return/Risk (Annualized Return/Annualized Volatility)

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Global Heatmap: Diversify for Cheaper Valuations and Higher Yield?

- The U.S. market returned 21.8% in 2017 but was outperformed by Asia, International and Europe equities. YTD, U.S. large caps have returned 1.8%, underperforming Europe and International stocks while trailing Asia.
- Given recent market volatility, valuations across global equity markets appear more attractive while earnings growth rates remain positive.
- Higher dividend yields and cheaper valuations may provide investors more reason to diversify globally.

	Price PE	Yield	1y Total Earnings Gr. Rate
U.S. Large Cap	17.0	1.9%	16.6%
U.S. Small Cap	22.8	1.4%	17.6%
MSCI World Ex U.S.	14.3	3.2%	19.5%
Europe	13.5	3.4%	11.3%
Asia Pacific	13.5	2.5%	11.3%

U.S. Large Cap U.S. Small Cap MSCI World Ex U.S. Europe Asia Pacific

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Source: Bloomberg. Data from 12/31/1998 to 2/20/2018. * Returns are in USD. U.S. S&P 500 Index, Asia Pacific: MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index, U.S. Small Cap: Russell 2000 Index, MSCI World Ex U.S.: MSCI World Excluding United States Index, Europe: EURO STOXX 50 Net Return USD. Past performance is not indicative of future results. One cannot invest directly in an index.
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