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Market Recap – Jim Stoutenborough, CFP®

Let's do the numbers:

- The U.S. stock markets continued forward in June with the S&P 500 gaining 0.62%, the Dow Jones Industrial Average up 1.74% and the Russell 2000 providing most of the energy with a 3.46% gain. International markets coasted in with a 0.09% gain and bonds were down a diminutive (-0.1%).
- Year-to-date returns for 2017 through June 30th - Large U.S. companies, the S&P 500 Index and Dow advanced in tandem with 9.34% and 9.35% gains respectively and the Russell 2000 Index (small U.S. companies) despite its good June still lagged its larger brethren with a 4.99% gain. The international index, the MSCI World ex US is still the year-to-date leader up 12.82%. The Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (quality U.S. corporate and gov't bonds) was up 2.27%.

Asset Class	Index/Category	2017 YTD	2016	2015
Cash & cash alternatives	Average 1-yr CD Rate (annual yield)	0.35%	0.32%	0.27%
U.S. Bonds	Barclays US Aggregate Bond TR Index	2.3%	2.7%	0.6%
U.S. Large Stocks	S&P 500 TR Index	9.3%	12.0%	1.4%
U.S. Small Stocks	Russell 2000 TR Index	5.0%	21.3%	-4.4
International Stocks	MSCI EAFE NR USD TR Index	13.8%	1.0%	-0.8%

Sources: Morningstar.com and Bankrate.com

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