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Triggered by China's devaluation of their currency and additional data showing that their economy is slowing, the global equity markets responded to the fall in the value of Chinese stocks and corrected with a vengeance in August. While the markets were whipsawed with a good deal of volatility the end result was decidedly negative. All segments of the Domestic Equity market were down -6%, while most segments of the International Equity market fared worse. The sell-off was broad based as Developed Market Bonds, which were up a fraction, were the only asset class to post a gain for the month. The August decline pushed almost all of the equity asset classes into negative territory for the year. Year to date, both Commodities and Emerging Market Stocks are the laggards, with losses of nearly -13%, while International Small Cap stocks are the exception with a 6% gain.

Major Asset Classes	Total Return	
	August	YTD
DEVELOPED MARKET BONDS	0.35	-5.22
INVESTMENT GRADE BONDS	-0.14	0.45
COMMODITIES	-0.92	-12.82
EMERGING MARKET BONDS	-1.02	0.56
HIGH YIELD BONDS	-1.77	0.07
MULTI-STRATEGY HEDGE FUNDS	-2.27	-1.35
INTERNATIONAL SMALL CAP STOCKS	-4.39	6.20
LARGE CAP STOCKS	-6.03	-2.88
GLOBAL REAL ESTATE	-6.05	-6.87
SMALL CAP STOCKS	-6.28	-2.97
INTERNATIONAL LARGE CAP STOCKS	-7.36	-0.21
EMERGING MARKET STOCKS	-9.04	-12.85

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