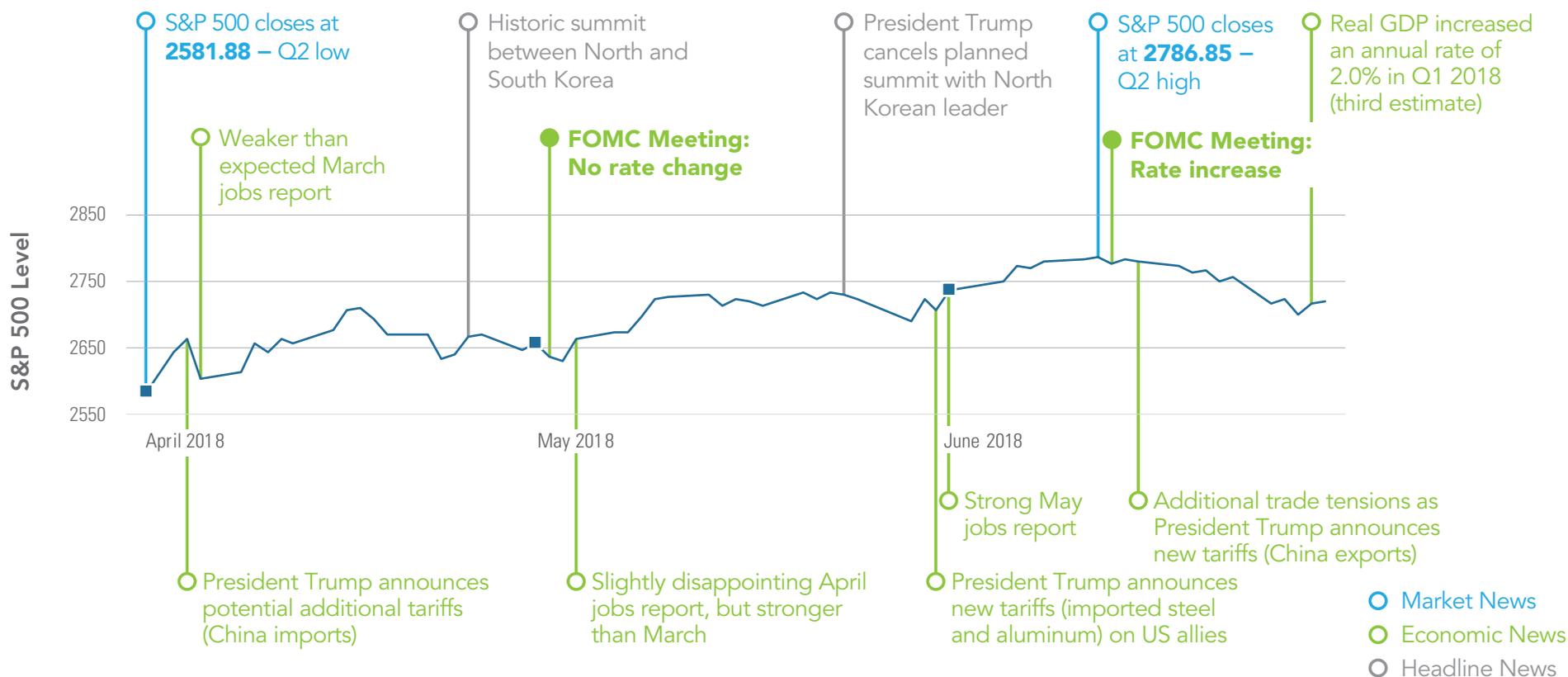


# Second Quarter 2018 in Review

THE S&P 500® INDEX AND KEY EVENTS



## 1 During the quarter, pockets of the equity market soared—or soured

- Equity market volatility returned to normal in May and June, after being elevated in April.
- Primarily due to the stronger dollar, global equity markets diverged strongly – the US performed well; emerging markets trailed significantly. In particular, US small cap delivered a stellar quarter (Russell 2000® Index: 7.8%), outpacing both US large cap (Dow Jones® Industrial Average: 1.3%) and non-US developed (MSCI EAFE Index: -1.1%). In contrast, emerging markets were pummeled, returning a disappointing -7.9% (MSCI EM Index).

## 2 US bond markets disappointed across most sectors and maturities

- Both Treasuries and investment grade corporate bonds delivered sub-par returns in the second quarter (iShares 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF: -0.1%; S&P 500® Investment Grade Corporate Bond Index: -0.8%). After a rough first quarter, municipal bonds landed in positive territory (S&P Municipal Bond Index: 0.9%).
- Corporate high yield continued to struggle (S&P 500 High Yield Corporate Bond Index: -0.3%).

## 3 Important events

- While the US economic expansion continues, real GDP ticked downward for the third consecutive quarter (2.0% in the first quarter of 2018).
- The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) raised interest rates for the second time this year at the June meeting and confirmed the expectation for two additional increases in 2018.
- President Trump announced additional tariffs, causing a number of US industries to raise concerns.

Data as of 6/29/18, unless noted. Sources: Bloomberg, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

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