Global investing provides opportunities for investment in a variety of asset classes. These asset classes can have wide price swings over time, and a sector that is strong one year may fall prey to economic weaknesses the next. The periodic table shows the volatility of 11 different sectors over the past 10 years, and illustrates the principle of mean reversion—the concept that returns eventually move back towards their mean or average. We believe this demonstrates how important it is to hold a well-diversified portfolio over time. As with all investments, diversification does not protect an investor from market risks and does not assure a profit, and of course, past performance does not guarantee future results. Categories quoted are Steele classifications.