# Market Analysis / First Quarter 2020



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# Strong Quarter For Risk Assets, Strong Year for Everything

Global equities finished strong in Q4, with emerging markets leading the way. For 2019 overall, almost all asset classes logged sizable absolute gains, with U.S. growth stocks and the tech sector the top performers. In fixed income, long-duration bonds proved the worst-performing sector in Q4 but registered nearly a 20% gain for the year. Riskier credit categories such as high yield and EM debt led in Q4 and had strong full-year results.

#### **U.S. Equity Styles Total Return**

	Q4	2019
Growth	10.7%	35.8%
Large Caps	9.1%	31.5%
Mid Caps	7.1%	30.5%
Value	7.5%	26.3%
Small Caps	9.9%	25.5%

#### **U.S. Equity Sectors Total Return**

	Q4	2019			
Info Tech	14.4%	50.3%			
Communication Services	9.0%	32.7%			
Financials	10.4%	32.1%			
Industrials	5.5%	29.3%			
Real Estate	-0.5%	29.0%			
Consumer Discretionary	4.5%	27.9%			
Consumer Staples	3.5%	27.6%			
Utilities	0.8%	26.4%			
Materials	6.4%	24.6%			
Health Care	14.4%	20.8%			
Energy	5.5%	11.8%			

#### **International Equities and Global Assets Total Return**

	Q4	2019
ACWI ex USA	8.9%	21.5%
Canada	4.9%	27.5%
EAFE Small Cap	11.5%	25.0%
Europe	8.8%	23.8%
EAFE	8.2%	22.0%
Japan	7.6%	19.6%
EM Asia	12.5%	19.2%
Emerging Markets	11.8%	18.4%
Latin America	10.5%	17.5%
EMEA	9.9%	15.5%
Gold	3.0%	18.3%
Commodities	4.4%	7.7%

#### **U.S. Equity Factors Total Return**

	Q4	2019
Low Volatility	6.0%	30.9%
Value	11.3%	30.0%
Quality	8.1%	27.9%
Size	7.8%	25.5%
Momentum	5.3%	25.4%
Yield	8.5%	24.3%

#### **Fixed Income Total Return**

	Q4	2019
Long Govt & Credit	-1.1%	19.6%
EM Debt	2.1%	14.4%
High Yield	2.6%	14.4%
Credit	1.1%	13.8%
Aggregate	0.2%	8.7%
Leveraged Loan	1.7%	8.6%
TIPS	0.8%	8.4%
CMBS	-0.3%	8.3%
Municipal	0.7%	7.5%
Treasuries	-0.8%	6.9%
MBS	0.7%	6.4%
Agency	-0.1%	5.9%
ABS	0.4%	4.5%

EM: Emerging Markets. EMEA: Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. For indexes and other important information used to represent above asset categories, see Appendix. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All indexes are unmanaged. Sector returns represented by S&P 500 sectors. Sector investing involves risk. Because of its narrow focus, sector investing may be more volatile than 27 investing in more diversified baskets of securities. Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 12/31/19.



### Policy Improvement in an Uneven, Mature Expansion

Favorable policy developments, including further monetary easing by the Federal Reserve and a de-escalation of the U.S.-China trade confrontation, provided additional fuel to power stock markets to a strong finish in 2019. The global business cycle registered signs of improvement in some areas, although it remains relatively mature and the late-cycle U.S. backdrop continues to warrant smaller allocation tilts compared with earlier in the cycle.

#### **MACRO**

#### **ASSET MARKETS**

Q4 2019

- Favorable policy developments occurred amid signs global growth is no longer deteriorating.
- Riskier assets rallied sharply.

- **OUTLOOK** The U.S. is firmly in the late-cycle phase.
  - The global cycle is still mature but becoming less synchronized.
  - Incipient signs that the global trade and industrial recession is ending.
  - · Monetary easing is boosting liquidity, though it may be insufficient to materially reaccelerate global growth.
  - Trade and other policy uncertainty has not been eliminated but may be ebbing.

- Late-cycle phases typically exhibit higher volatility with a wider dispersion of potential outcomes.
- The near-term backdrop may favor more global assets over U.S.
- Smaller allocation tilts are warranted compared with earlier in the cycle.
- Prioritize diversification—including inflationresistant assets—amid significant uncertainty.



# Global Equities Finished Terrific 2019 on a High Note

The emerging-market and non-U.S. small cap equity segments led the widespread fourth-quarter gains that put an exclamation point on the best returns for global stocks in several years. For the full year 2019, all major asset categories posted strong results. The shift to monetary easing and lower interest rates boosted returns to bonds, and U.S. large cap equities led the outperformance of U.S. versus non-U.S. stocks.

	Q4 2019 (%)	1 Year (%)		Q4 2019 (%)	1 Year (%)
U.S. Large Cap Stocks	9.1	31.5	Emerging-Market Stocks	11.8	18.4
U.S. Mid Cap Stocks	7.1	30.5	Gold	3.0	18.3
Real Estate Stocks	-0.8	26.0	Emerging-Market Bonds	2.1	14.4
U.S. Small Cap Stocks	9.9	25.5	High Yield Bonds	2.6	14.4
Non-U.S. Small Cap Stocks	11.5	25.0	U.S. Corporate Bonds	1.1	13.8
Non-U.S. Developed-Country Stocks	8.2	22.0	Investment-Grade Bonds	0.2	8.7
Long Government & Credit Bonds	-1.1	19.6	Commodities	4.4	7.7

#### 20-Year U.S. Stock Returns Minus IG Bond Returns since 1926

Annualized Return Difference (%)



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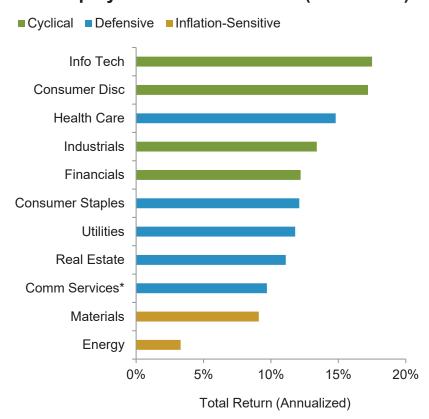
### U.S. Growth and Tech Stocks Dominated the Decade

The supremacy of U.S. large cap equity returns during 2019, particularly in the technology sector, underscored the 10-year outperformance of growth stocks along with U.S. assets more generally. For the decade, the more cyclical U.S. equity sectors performed best, whereas non-U.S. assets, as well as market segments and equity sectors tied to global commodities, fared relatively poorly.

#### Performance of Major Risk Assets (2010–2019)



#### U.S. Equity Sector Performance (2010–2019)



<sup>\*</sup> Sector was defensive for majority of period until change to GICS structure in 2018. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All indexes are unmanaged. See Appendix for important index information. Assets represented by: Growth—Russell 3000® Growth Index; Large Caps—S&P 500; Small Caps—Russell 2000® Index; Value—Russell 3000® Value Index; High-Yield (HY) Bonds—ICE BofAML High Yield Bond Index; Emerging-Market (EM) Debt—JP Morgan EMBI Global Index; Non-U.S. Developed-Market (DM) Equities—MSCI EAFE Index; EM Equities—MSCI EM Index; Gold—Gold Bullion, LBMA PM Fix; Commodities—Bloomberg Commodity Index. Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 12/31/19.

# Rising Valuations Powered Equity Performance in 2019

The expansion of price-to-earnings (P/E) multiples accounted for the bulk of the stellar gains for global equities in 2019. In contrast to 2018, when rapid corporate profit growth was negated by reduced P/E ratios, earnings growth was relatively weak in 2019. Declining interest rates and ebbing policy uncertainty likely supported the sizable appreciation in valuations.

#### **Equity Index Performance for 2019 Equity Index Performance for 2018** ■ P/E Expansion ■ EPS Growth ■ Dividend Yield ■ P/E Expansion **EPS** Growth ■ Dividend Yield ■ Reinvestment Return ■ Total Return ■ Reinvestment Return ● Total Return Percent Contribution Percent Contribution 40% 40% 32% 30% 30% 23% 19% 20% 20% 10% 10% 0% 0% -10% -10% -5% -14% -20% -20% -14% -30% -30% -40% -40% U.S. DM ΕM U.S. DM ΕM

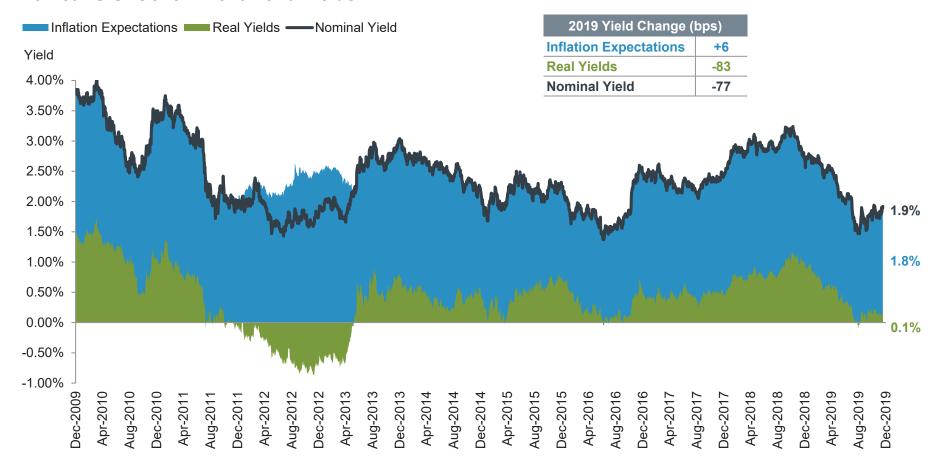
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# Bond Yields Ticked Up in Q4 but Sank Notably for the Year

Government bond yields declined around the world during 2019, with U.S. 10-year Treasury bonds dropping roughly 80 basis points. Global central banks' shift toward monetary easing—particularly the Fed's pivot—drove down the real cost of borrowing, and real U.S. yields finished the year in barely positive territory. Inflation expectations rose modestly during Q4, boosting yields amid signs of global economic improvement.

#### 10-Year U.S. Government Bond Yields

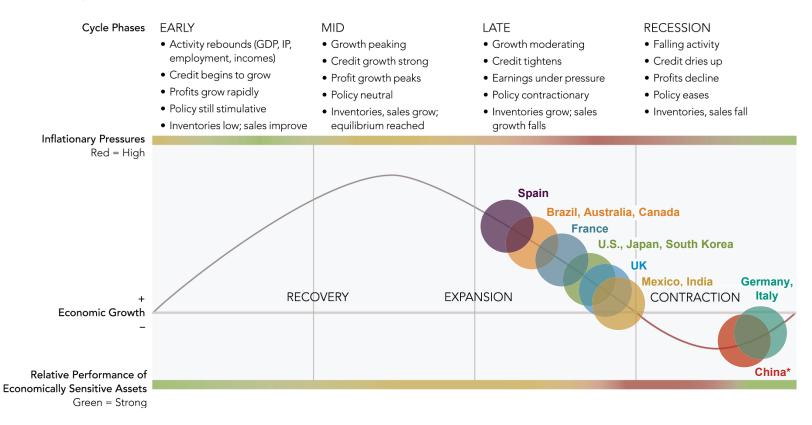




# Mature but Less Synchronized Global Business Cycle

The global economy remains sluggish, but we see signs that conditions are no longer deteriorating. The U.S. is firmly in the late-cycle phase, whereas recessionary conditions in major European nations such as Germany and Italy may be poised for improvement. Overall, the global cycle remains in a mature expansion but with hints of improvement in some areas along with signs of a bottoming in global trade and industrial activity.

#### **Business Cycle Framework**



Note: The diagram above is a hypothetical illustration of the business cycle. There is not always a chronological, linear progression among the phases of the business cycle, and there have been cycles when the economy has skipped a phase or retraced an earlier one. \* A growth recession is a significant decline in activity relative to a country's long-term economic potential. We use the "growth cycle" definition for most developing economies, such as China, because they tend to exhibit strong trend performance driven by rapid factor accumulation and increases in productivity, and the deviation from the trend tends to matter most for asset returns. We use the classic definition of recession, involving an outright contraction in economic activity, for developed economies. 12 Source: Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 12/31/19.

# Europe: Trade Drag Might be Ebbing, Sentiment Improving

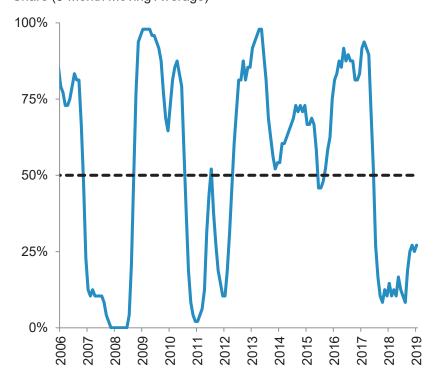
The global industrial and trade recession sapped momentum from major European economies, particularly those like Germany, where domestic growth relies heavily on the country's export sector. In late 2019, signs of a bottoming in manufacturing activity and a de-escalation of trade tensions helped lift business and economic sentiment from depressed levels.

### **Employment Reliance on Foreign Trade**

### Share of Employment from Exports 30% 25% 20% 15% 10% 5% 0% Mexico Japan ¥ China Sweden S. Korea Canada Germany

### **Eurozone Economic Sentiment**

——Share of Countries with Improving Sentiment over Last 6 Months Share (3-Month Moving Average)



**LEFT:** Share of domestic business sector employment sustained by exporting activities. Source: OECD, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 9/30/19. **RIGHT:** European Commission, Haver Analytics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 11/30/19.



# U.S. Economy in Late Cycle, but Credit Not Yet Tighter

Late cycle is often characterized as the phase during which economic and corporate activity peaks. Inflation rates are not always high, but tight labor markets tend to spur faster wage growth, which in turn can lead to more restrictive monetary policy, a flatter yield curve, and pressure on corporate profit margins. The U.S. has hit all of the typical late-cycle milestones, with the exception that credit conditions remain generally favorable.

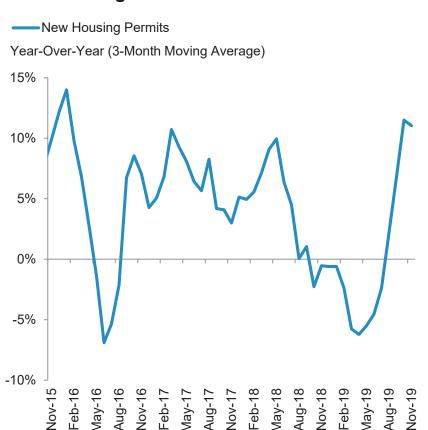
INDICATOR	TYPICAL LATE-CYCLE TREND	THIS CYCLE		
Employment/Wages	Tighter labor markets, higher wages	✓		
Monetary Policy	Tighter	✓		
<b>Yield Curve</b>	Flatter then inverted	✓		
Credit	Tighter lending standards and wider credit spreads	X		
Corporate Profits	Margins decline, slower earnings growth	✓		



# U.S. Bright Spots: Housing, Labor Market, and Consumer

The near-term risk of U.S. recession remains relatively low, with falling interest rates boosting housing activity and keeping consumers' debt service manageable. Tight employment conditions support consumer spending. However, some leading indicators suggest the labor market is nearing peak levels, including consumers' extremely favorable assessment of the job market, which tends to be most elevated just prior to recession.

#### **U.S. Housing**



#### **Consumer Assessment of Labor Market**

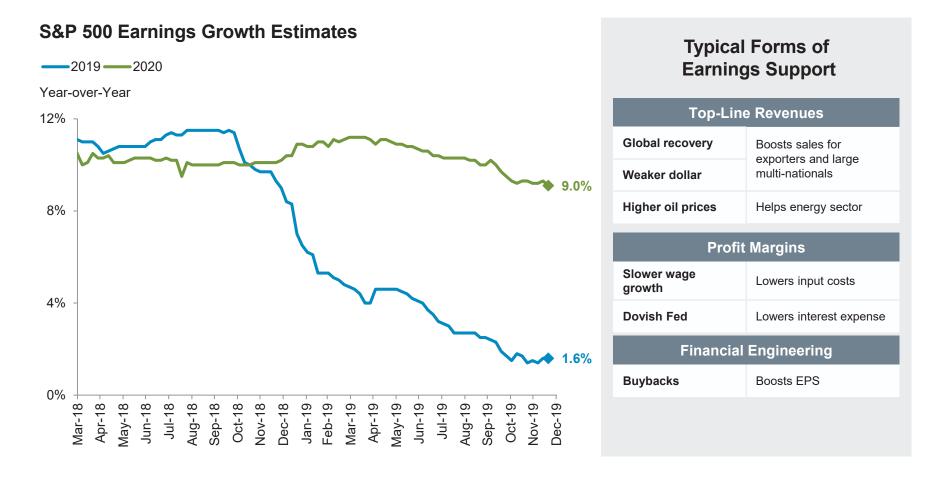


**LEFT:** Source: Census, Haver Analytics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 11/30/19. **RIGHT:** Shading represents U.S. economic recession as defined by the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Source: Conference Board, NBER, Haver Analytics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 11/30/19.



### Earnings Face A Difficult Expectations Hurdle for 2020

Market consensus expectations for 2020 earnings growth stand at 9%, which would be a big rebound from 2019's expectations, which declined steadily down to 1.6%. With companies facing an extremely tight labor market, it's difficult for earnings growth to accelerate meaningfully absent material improvement in the global economic environment. Thus, we expect profit growth to act as a fundamental late-cycle headwind in 2020.



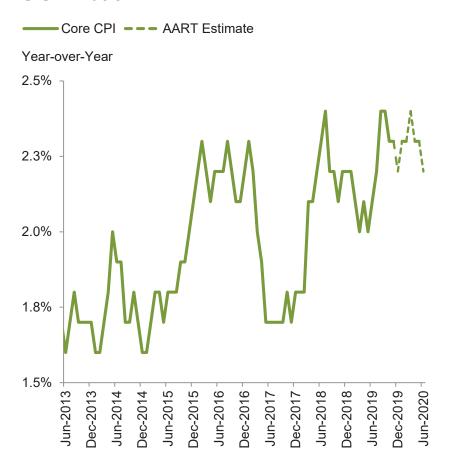




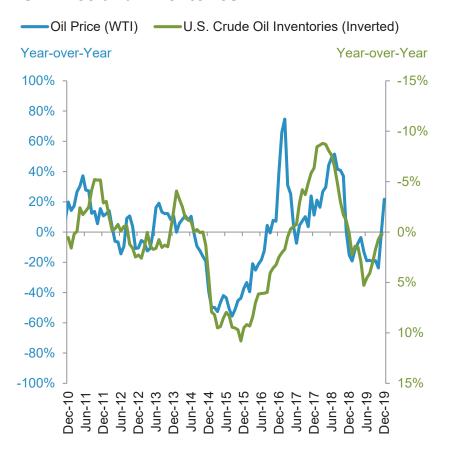
# Inflation Outlook Firm; Federal Reserve Likely on Pause

Core inflation has been generally stable at around 2% in recent years, with near-term expectations holding firm. The outlook for oil also is supportive, as prices have generally trended higher over the past several months amid a decline in inventories. The Fed is likely to be more permissive of inflationary pressure than in the past, implying an inclination to keep rates at current levels absent a major inflection in growth or inflation.

#### **U.S.** Inflation



#### Oil Price and Inventories



**LEFT:** Core CPI: Consumer Price Index excluding food and energy. Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Haver Analytics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 11/30/19. **RIGHT:** Source: EIA, CME, Haver Analytics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 12/31/19.

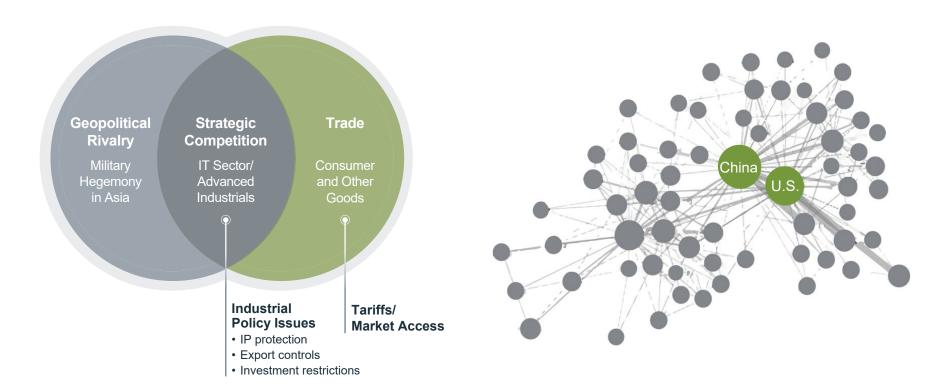


### U.S.-China De-Escalation Positive but No Game Changer

The U.S. and China reportedly reached an agreement during Q4 to reduce certain U.S. tariffs, providing a tactical boost to sentiment after sustained escalation over the past two years generated a confidence headwind for businesses. However, the deepening geopolitical rivalry makes broader agreement on bilateral commercial issues less tractable, implying U.S.-China tensions remain a medium-term risk to the global trade system.

#### **U.S.-China Relationship**

#### **Global Trade Interdependence**



**RIGHT:** The size of the circles represents total trade. The thickness of lines represents the volume of trade flows. The size of the circle and proximity to other countries represent importance and interconnectedness. Gray circles represent other countries. Source: International Monetary Fund, Haver Analytics, Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 12/31/15.



### Outlook: Market Assessment

Fidelity's Business Cycle Board, composed of portfolio managers responsible for a variety of global asset allocation strategies, believes that, outside of the U.S., the global economy is showing signs of stabilization after several quarters of deterioration. The Board believes that any advances from here hinge on sustained improvement in corporate sentiment and the effectiveness of global monetary stimulus.

#### **Business Cycle**

U.S. firmly in late-cycle phase

China's economic slowdown has stabilized

#### **Risks**

Monetary and trade policy uncertainty

China's uncertain outlook and policy response

#### **Asset Allocation Implications**

Current environment warrants smaller asset allocation tilts and a diversified strategy

Policymakers' shift to a more accommodative stance may support global asset markets

Non-U.S. equities and inflation-sensitive assets are attractive from valuation and diversification perspectives



# Equity Styles: Value Starting to Look Attractive

Growth outperformed value stocks over the past decade by 3.5 percentage points on an annualized basis. The growth-value relative performance was highly correlated with commodity prices, which may have stopped declining amid a stabilizing global economy. Equity sectors with a high concentration of value stocks, including financials and energy, could benefit in such an environment.

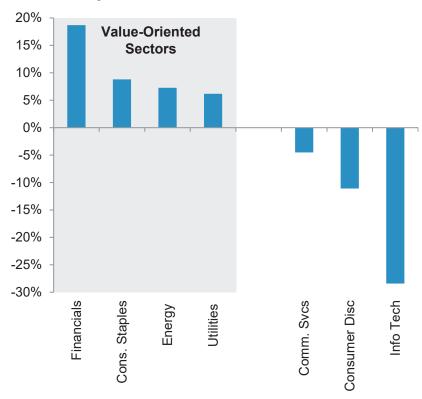
#### **Equity Styles and Commodities**



### **Relative Equity Sector Weights by Style Index**

■MSCI USA Value Less MSCI USA Growth

Relative Weight



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### Performance Rotations Underscore Need for Diversification

The performance of different assets has fluctuated widely from year to year, and the magnitude of returns can vary significantly among asset classes in any given year—even among asset classes that are moving in the same direction. A portfolio allocation with a variety of global assets illustrates the potential benefits of diversification.

#### **Periodic Table of Returns**

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Legend
66%	32%	14%	26%	56%	32%	35%	35%	40%	5%	79%	28%	8%	20%	39%	28%	5%	21%	38%	0%	36%	Growth Stocks
34%	26%	8%	10%	47%	26%	21%	33%	16%	-20%	58%	27%	8%	19%	34%	14%	3%	18%	30%	-2%	31%	Large Cap Stocks
27%	12%	5%	4%	39%	21%	14%	27%	12%	-26%	37%	19%	4%	18%	33%	13%	1%	18%	26%	-2%	26%	Value Stocks
24%	8%	2%	-2%	37%	18%	12%	22%	11%	-34%	32%	18%	4%	18%	32%	12%	1%	12%	22%	-3%	26%	REITs
21%	-1%	-2%	-6%	31%	17%	7%	18%	7%	-36%	28%	17%	2%	16%	23%	11%	1%	12%	15%	-4%	26%	Small Cap Stocks
21%	-3%	-4%	-9%	31%	11%	5%	16%	6%	-36%	27%	16%	2%	16%	19%	6%	0%	11%	15%	-4%	22%	60% Large Cap 40% IG Bonds
12%	-5%	-4%	-15%	29%	11%	5%	12%	5%	-37%	26%	15%	0%	16%	7%	5%	-4%	9%	13%	-9%	22%	Foreign-Developed Country Stocks
7%	-9%	-12%	-16%	28%	9%	5%	11%	2%	-38%	20%	15%	-4%	15%	3%	3%	-4%	8%	9%	-11%	18%	Emerging-Market Stocks
3%	-14%	-20%	-20%	24%	8%	4%	9%	-1%	-38%	19%	12%	-12%	11%	-2%	-2%	-5%	7%	8%	-11%	14%	High-Yield Bonds
-1%	-22%	-20%	-22%	19%	7%	3%	4%	-2%	-43%	18%	8%	-13%	4%	-2%	-4%	-15%	3%	4%	-11%	9%	Investment-Grade Bonds
-5%	-31%	-21%	-28%	4%	4%	2%	2%	-16%	-53%	6%	7%	-18%	-1%	-10%	-17%	-25%	2%	1%	-14%	8%	Commodities

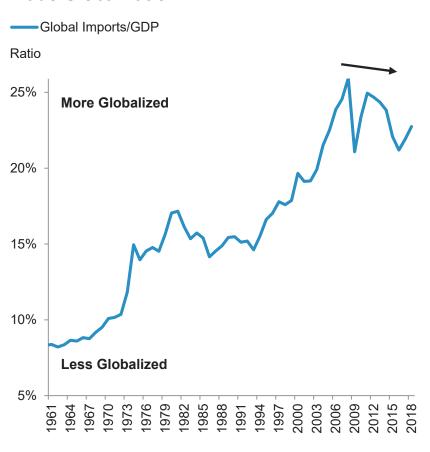
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### Secular Trend: Peak Globalization

After decades of rapid global integration, economic openness stalled in recent years amid geopolitical shifts and domestic political pressures in many advanced economies. Changes to global rules may pose risks for incumbent companies, industries, and countries that have benefited the most from the rise of a rule-based global order. These risks include greater uncertainty and lower productivity and corporate profit margins.

#### **Trade Globalization**



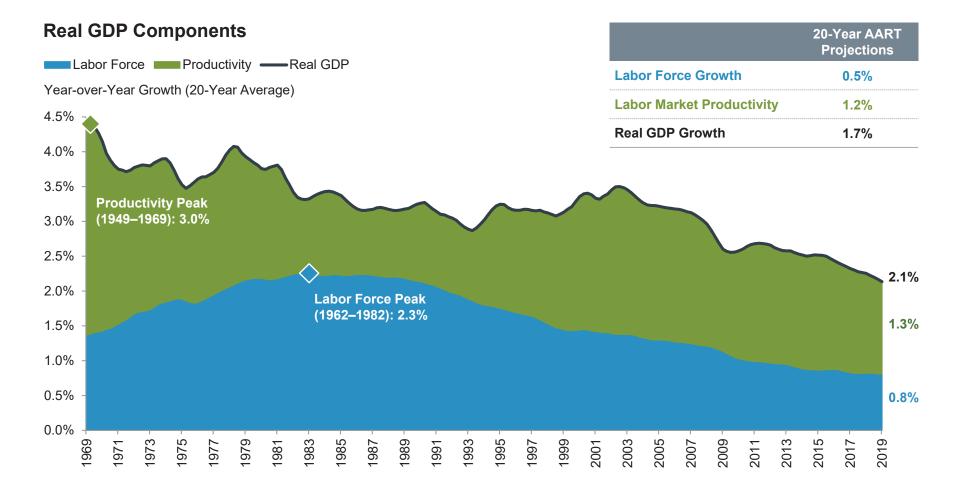
#### **Secular Risks for Asset Markets**

- Less rules-based and less marketoriented global system
- Higher political risk
- Inflationary pressures
- Pressures on productivity growth and corporate profit margins



# Slower U.S. Economic Growth Likely over the Long Term

Slower population growth and aging demographics will provide a more challenging backdrop for U.S. growth over the next 20 years. Labor force growth has continued to decelerate from its peak in the 1960s and '70s, and since 2000 nearly half of this growth came from immigration. Even if productivity rates reaccelerate, it will be difficult for the U.S. to return to the roughly 3% real GDP growth average since World War II.





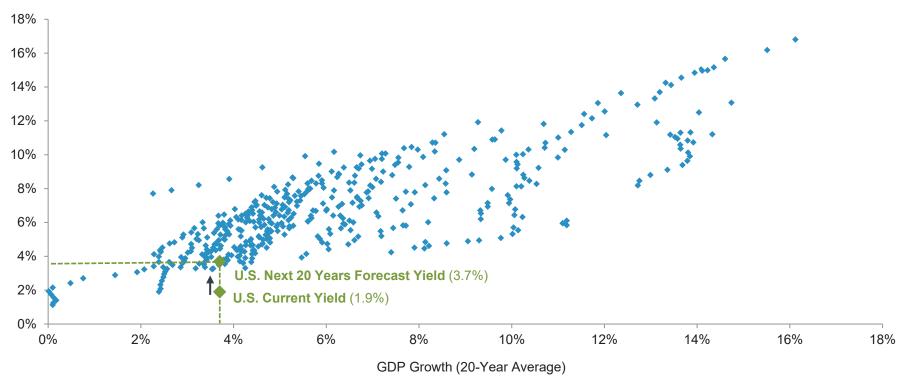
# Secular Rate Outlook: Higher Than Now, Lower Than History

Over long periods of time, GDP growth has had a tight positive relationship with long-term government bond yields (yields generally have averaged the same rate as nominal growth). We expect interest rates will rise over the long term to an average that is closer to our 3.7% nominal GDP forecast, but this implies that rates would settle at a significantly lower level than their historical averages.

#### Nominal Government Bond Yields and GDP Growth

♦ U.S. Secular Growth Forecast
♦ Historical Observations of Various Countries

10-Year Sovereign Yield (20-Year Average)





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Although bonds generally present less short-term risk and volatility than stocks, bonds do contain interest rate risk (as interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa) and the risk of default, or the risk that an issuer will be unable to make income or principal payments.

Additionally, bonds and short-term investments entail greater inflation risk—or the risk that the return of an investment will not keep up with increases in the prices of goods and services—than stocks. Increases in real interest rates can cause the price of inflation-protected debt securities to decrease

Stock markets, especially non-U.S. markets, are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. Foreign securities are subject to interest rate, currency exchange rate, economic, and political risks, all of which are magnified in emerging markets.

The securities of smaller, less well-known companies can be more volatile than those of larger companies.

Growth stocks can perform differently from the market as a whole and from other types of stocks, and can be more volatile than other types of stocks. Value stocks can perform differently from other types of stocks and can continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time

Lower-quality debt securities generally offer higher yields but also involve greater risk of default or price changes due to potential changes in the credit quality of the issuer. Any fixed income security sold or redeemed prior to maturity may be subject to loss.

Floating rate loans generally are subject to restrictions on resale, and sometimes trade infrequently in the secondary market; as a result, they may be more difficult to value, buy, or sell. A floating rate loan may not be fully collateralized and therefore may decline significantly in value.

The municipal market can be affected by adverse tax, legislative, or political changes, and by the financial condition of the issuers of municipal securities. Interest income generated by municipal bonds is generally expected to be exempt from federal income taxes and, if the bonds are held by an investor resident in the state of issuance, from state and local income taxes. Such interest income may be subject to federal and/or state alternative minimum taxes. Investing in municipal bonds for the purpose of generating tax-exempt income may not be appropriate for investors in all tax brackets. Generally, tax-exempt municipal securities are not appropriate holdings for tax-advantaged accounts such as IRAs and 401(k)s.

The commodities industry can be significantly affected by commodity prices, world events, import controls, worldwide competition, government regulations, and economic conditions.

The gold industry can be significantly affected by international monetary and political developments, such as currency devaluations or revaluations, central bank movements, economic and social conditions within a country, trade imbalances, or trade or currency restrictions between countries.

Changes in real estate values or economic downturns can have a significant negative effect on issuers in the real estate industry.

Leverage can magnify the impact that adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments have on a company. In the event of bankruptcy, a company's creditors take precedence over the company's stockholders.



#### Market Indexes

Index returns on slide 27 represented by: Growth—Russell 3000® Growth Index: Large Caps—S&P 500® index; Mid Caps—Russell Midcap® Index; Small Caps—Russell 2000® Index; Value—Russell 3000® Value Index; ACWI ex USA—MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI); Canada—MSCI Canada Index; Commodities—Bloomberg Commodity Index; EAFE—MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East) Index; EAFE Small Cap—MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index; EM Asia—MSCI Emerging Markets Asia Index; EMEA (Europe, Middle East, and Africa)—MSCI EM EMEA Index; Emerging Markets (EM)—MSCI EM Index; Europe—MSCI Europe Index; Gold—Gold Bullion Price, LBMA PM Fix; Japan—MSCI Japan Index; Latin America—MSCI EM Latin America Index; ABS (Asset-Backed Securities)—Bloomberg Barclays ABS Index; Agency—Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Agency Index: Aggregate—Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index: CMBS (Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities)—Bloomberg Barclays Investment-Grade CMBS Index: Credit—Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Bond Index; EM Debt (Emerging-Market Debt)— JP Morgan EMBI Global Index; High Yield—ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Index; Leveraged Loan—S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Index: Long Government & Credit (Investment-Grade)—Bloomberg Barclays Long Government & Credit Index; MBS (Mortgage-Backed Securities)—Bloomberg Barclays MBS Index; Municipal—Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index; TIPS (Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities)—Bloomberg Barclays U.S. TIPS Index; Treasuries—Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Index; Low Volatility—Fidelity U.S. Low Volatility Factor Index; Value—Fidelity U.S. Value Factor Index; Quality—Fidelity U.S. Quality Factor Index; Size—Fidelity Small-Mid Factor Index; Momentum—Fidelity U.S Momentum Factor Index TR: Yield—Fidelity High Dividend Index.

**Bloomberg Barclays ABS Index** is a market value-weighted index that covers fixed-rate asset-backed securities with average lives greater than or equal to one year and that are part of a public deal; the index covers the following collateral types: credit cards, autos, home equity loans, stranded-cost utility (rate-reduction bonds), and manufactured housing.

Bloomberg Barclays CMBS Index is designed to mirror commercial mortgage-backed securities of investment-grade quality (Baa3/BBB-/BBB- or above) using Moody's, S&P, and Fitch, respectively, with maturities of at least one year. Bloomberg Barclays Long U.S. Government Credit Index includes all publicly issued U.S. government and corporate securities that have a remaining maturity of 10 or more years, are rated investment-grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value.

Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of investment-grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Agency Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of U.S. Agency government and investment-grade corporate fixed-rate debt issues. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond is a broad-based, market value-weighted benchmark that measures the performance of the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Credit Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of investment-grade corporate fixed-rate debt issues with maturities of one year or more.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. MBS Index** is a market value-weighted index of fixed-rate securities that represent interests in pools of mortgage loans, including balloon mortgages, with original terms of 15 and 30 years that are issued by the Government National

Mortgage Association (GNMA), the Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA), and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (FHLMC).

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) Index (Series-L) is a market value-weighted index that measures the performance of inflation-protected securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Treasury Bond Index is a market value-weighted index of public obligations of the U.S. Treasury with maturities of one year or more. Bloomberg Commodity Index measures the performance of the commodities market. It consists of exchange traded futures contracts on physical commodities that are weighted to account for the economic significance and market liquidity of each commodity.

**Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index**<sup>SM</sup> is a full market capitalization-weighted index of all equity securities of U.S.-headquartered companies with readily available price data.

Fidelity U.S. Low Volatility Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization U.S. companies with lower volatility than the broader market. Fidelity U.S. Value Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization U.S. companies that have attractive valuations. Fidelity U.S. Quality Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization U.S. companies with a higher quality profile than the broader market. Fidelity Small-Mid Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of small and mid-capitalization U.S. companies with attractive valuations, high quality profiles, positive momentum signals, and lower volatility than the broader market. Fidelity U.S. Momentum Factor Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization U.S. companies that exhibit positive momentum signals. Fidelity High Dividend Index is designed to reflect the performance of stocks of large and mid-capitalization dividend-paying companies that are expected to continue to pay and grow their dividends.

FTSE® National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT®) All REITs Index is a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of all tax-qualified REITs listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange, or the NASDAQ National Market List. FTSE® NAREIT® Equity REIT Index is an unmanaged market value-weighted index based on the last closing price of the month for tax-qualified REITs listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

**ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index of U.S. dollar-denominated, below-investment-grade corporate debt publicly issued in the U.S. market.

**JPM® EMBI Global Index**, and its country sub-indexes, tracks total returns for the U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging-market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities, such as Brady bonds, loans, and Eurobonds.

MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors of developed and emerging markets. MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) ex USA Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors of large and mid cap stocks in developed and emerging markets, excluding the United States.

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#### Market Indexes (continued)

MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in emerging markets.

MSCI EM Asia Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance of EM countries of Asia. MSCI EM Europe, Middle East, and Africa Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in the EM countries of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. MSCI EM Latin America Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in Latin America.

MSCI Europe, Australasia, Far East Index (EAFE) is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors in developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada. MSCI EAFE Small Cap Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the investable equity market performance of small cap stocks for global investors in developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

MSCI USA Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. equity market. MSCI USA Value Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. equity market exhibiting overall value style characteristics. MSCI USA Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the U.S. equity market exhibiting overall growth style characteristics.

**MSCI Europe Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index that is designed to measure the investable equity market performance for global investors of the developed markets in Europe. **MSCI Canada Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in Canada. **MSCI Japan Index** is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in Japan.

Russell 2000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities in the Russell 3000 Index. Russell 3000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the 3,000 largest companies in the U.S. equity market. Russell 3000 Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth rates. Russell 3000 Value Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the small to mid cap value segment of the U.S. equity market. It includes those Russell 3000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth rates. Russell Midcap® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure the performance of the mid cap segment of the U.S. equity market. It contains approximately 800 of the smallest securities in the Russell 1000 Index.

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Standard & Poor's/Loan Syndications and Trading Association (S&P/LSTA)
Leveraged Performing Loan Index is a market value-weighted index designed to represent the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated institutional leveraged performing loan portfolios (excluding loans in payment default) using current market weightings, spreads, and interest payments.

#### Other Indexes

Commodity Research Bureau (CRB) Raw Industrials Index is a sub-index of 13 markets: burlap, copper scrap, cotton, hides, lead scrap, print cloth, rosin, rubber, steel scrap, tallow, tin, wool tops, and zinc.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a monthly inflation indicator that measures the change in the cost of a fixed basket of products and services, including housing, electricity, food, and transportation.

**London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)** publishes the international benchmark price of gold in USD, twice daily. **LBMA Gold price** auction takes place by ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA) at 10:30 and 15:00 with the price set in USD per fine troy ounce.



#### **Definitions**

**Correlation coefficient** measures the interdependencies of two random variables that range in value from -1 to +1, indicating perfect negative correlation at -1, absence of correlation at 0, and perfect positive correlation at +1.

**Price-to-Earnings (P/E) ratio** is the ratio of a company's current share price to its current earnings, typically trailing 12-months earnings per share. A Forward P/E calculation will typically use an average of analysts' published estimates of earnings for the next 12 months in the denominator.

**Excess return** is the amount by which a portfolio's performance exceeds its benchmark, net (in the case of the analysis in this article) or gross of operating expenses, in percentage points.

**Option-Adjusted Spread** (OAS) is the measurement of the spread between a fixed-income security's rate and the risk-free rate of return, which is adjusted to take into account any embedded options.

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