

# QUARTERLY CHARTBOOK

Q4 2019

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## QUARTERLY RECAP – Q4 2019

# US Stocks Rally in December, S&P Posts Best Year Since 2013

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## FINANCIAL MARKET UPDATE

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite gained 9.1% and 12.5% in the fourth quarter, finishing the year off with gains of 31.5% and 36.7%, respectively. Overall, all eleven S&P 500 sectors rose in 2019, led by Tech (50.3%), Communication Services (32.7%), and Financials (32.1%).

Bloomberg's commodities index also performed well in Q4, grossing a 4% gain. Coffee (24.3%), WTI Crude (13.4%), and Unleaded Gasoline (12.9%) outperformed the index, while Natural Gas (-17.6%), Livestock (0.2%), and Gold (2.9%) underperformed.

## MACROECONOMIC UPDATE

Following a year-and-a-half of tariffs, the U.S. and China reached a preliminary trade deal on December 13th. As part of the agreement, the U.S. cut in half an existing 15% import tax on \$120 billion of Chinese goods and canceled new tariffs scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>.

After cutting the benchmark rate three times between July and October, Federal Reserve officials held the rate steady in December. Chairman Jerome Powell indicated the Fed felt no urgency to reverse cuts anytime soon, and that he would first want to see a sustained upturn in inflation.

Source: Bloomberg. Tectonic analysis.  
US Aggregate Bonds refers to the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, REITs refers to the Dow Jones US Select REIT Index. All returns include dividends reinvested.  
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# **FINANCIAL MARKET UPDATE**

# Emerging Markets, Growth Stocks Outpace Peers in Q4

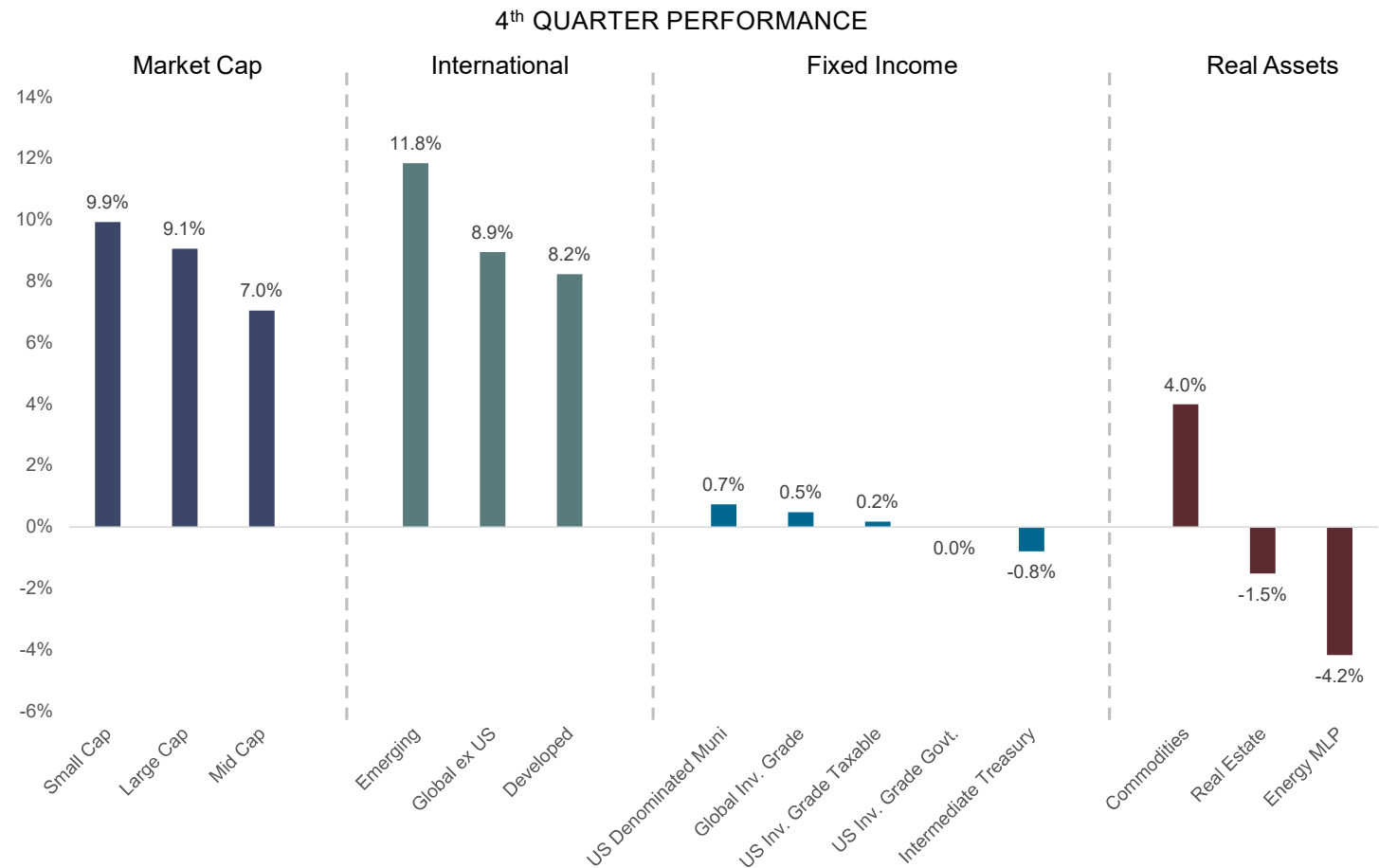
	Trailing Returns (%)						Annual Returns (%)			
Asset Class	Q4	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	2018	2017	2016	Benchmark
U.S. Stocks										
Large Cap	9.1	31.5	31.5	15.3	11.7	13.5	-5.2	21.1	13.8	S&P 500
Large Cap Value	7.4	26.5	26.5	9.7	8.3	11.8	-8.9	12.9	19.1	Russell 1000 Value®
Large Cap Growth	10.6	36.4	36.4	20.5	14.6	15.2	-2.6	29.6	9.0	Russell 1000 Growth®
Mid Cap	7.0	30.5	30.5	12.0	9.3	13.2	-9.7	17.8	15.4	Russell Midcap®
Small Cap	9.9	25.5	25.5	8.6	8.2	11.8	-11.9	14.1	24.6	Russell 2000®
International Stocks										
Developed Markets	8.2	22.8	22.8	10.2	6.3	6.1	-13.6	26.6	4.3	MSCI EAFE
Developed and Emerging	8.9	22.1	22.1	10.4	6.1	5.5	-14.4	28.4	8.1	MSCI ACWI Excluding United States
Emerging Markets	11.8	18.4	18.4	11.6	5.6	3.7	-16.1	36.9	15.2	MSCI Emerging Mkts
Fixed Income										
US Investment Grade Taxable	0.2	8.7	8.7	4.0	3.0	3.7	0.3	3.6	2.6	BBgBarc US Agg Total Return
Global Investment Grade	0.5	6.8	6.8	4.3	2.3	2.5	-1.2	8.4	2.0	BBgBarc Global Agg Total Return
US Investment Grade Govt.	0.0	9.7	9.7	4.3	3.2	4.0	-0.1	4.1	2.9	BBgBarc US Agg Gov/Credit Total Return
US Denominated Municipal	0.7	7.5	7.5	4.7	3.5	4.3	1.3	5.4	0.0	BBgBarc Municipal Bond Total Return
Intermediate-Term Treasury	-0.8	6.9	6.9	3.3	2.4	3.1	1.2	2.4	0.9	BBgBarc US Treasury Total Return
Real Assets										
Energy MLP	-4.2	6.3	6.3	-4.5	-7.0	4.2	-14.2	-7.2	16.6	Alerian Master Limited Partnership
Real Estate	-1.5	21.7	21.7	5.7	5.2	10.3	-5.1	2.4	7.0	DJ US REIT
Commodities	4.0	5.4	5.4	-2.6	-5.0	-5.3	-13.3	2.5	12.5	Bloomberg Commodity

Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

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# Equities, Commodities Post Strong Quarter



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# A Strong Year For Asset Class Returns Across the Board

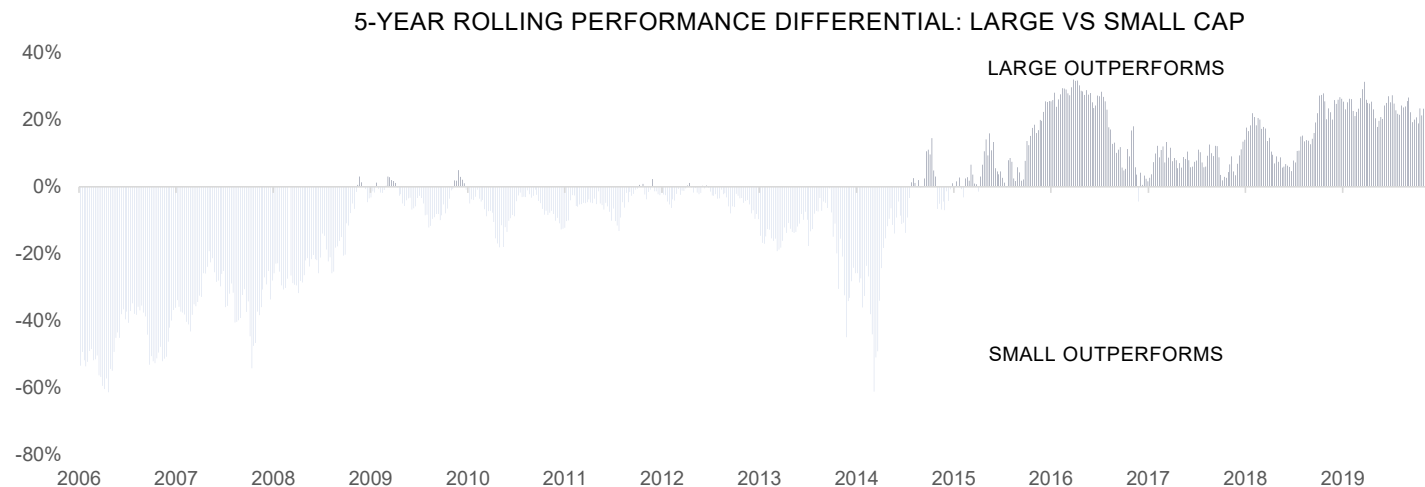
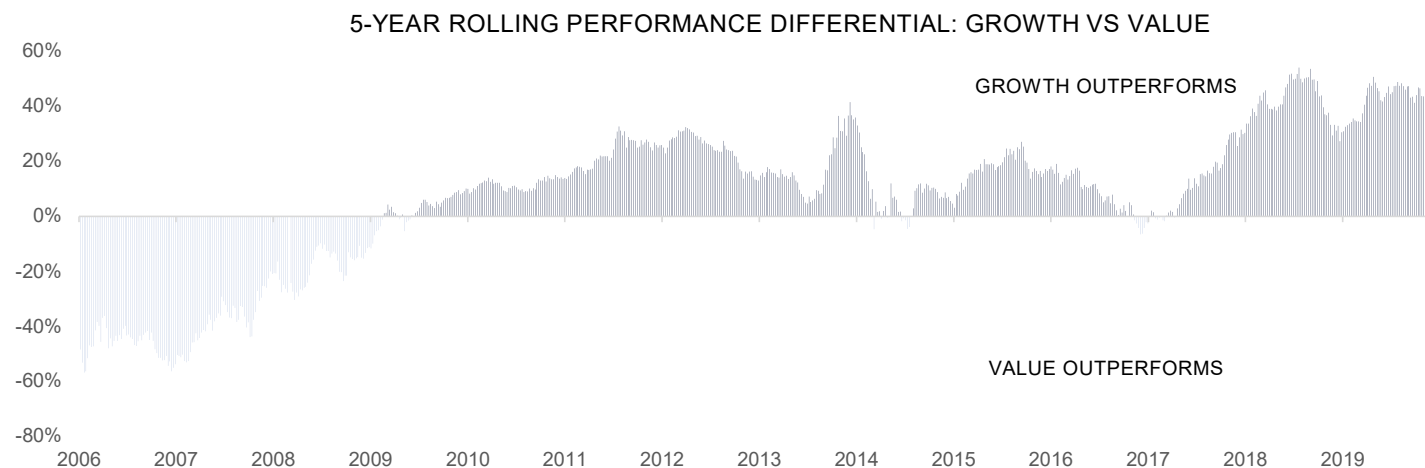
2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD
Emerging	REIT	Emerging	U.S. Inv. Grade	Emerging	MLP	MLP	Emerging	Small Cap	REIT	REIT	Small Cap	Emerging	U.S. Inv. Grade	Large Cap
34.3	34.3	39.7	5.2	78.9	35.6	13.9	18.6	38.8	30.6	3.4	21.2	37.8	0.0	31.5
Comdty.	Emerging	MLP	Global Inv. Grade	MLP	Small Cap	REIT	Developed	Mid Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	MLP	Developed	Global Inv. Grade	Mid Cap
17.5	32.5	12.6	4.8	75.6	26.8	8.2	17.9	34.8	13.7	1.4	18.3	25.7	-1.2	30.5
Developed	MLP	Developed	Small Cap	Mid Cap	REIT	U.S. Inv. Grade	Mid Cap	Large Cap	Mid Cap	U.S. Inv. Grade	Mid Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	Small Cap
14.1	27.1	11.7	-33.7	40.4	26.6	7.8	17.2	32.4	13.2	0.5	13.7	21.8	-4.4	25.5
Mid Cap	Developed	Comdty.	Comdty.	Developed	Mid Cap	Global Inv. Grade	Small Cap	MLP	U.S. Inv. Grade	Developed	Large Cap	Mid Cap	REIT	Developed
12.6	27.0	11.1	-36.5	32.6	25.4	5.6	16.3	27.6	6.0	-0.3	11.9	18.5	-5.4	22.8
REIT	Small Cap	Global Inv. Grade	Large Cap	Small Cap	Emerging	Large Cap	Large Cap	Developed	Small Cap	Mid Cap	Emerging	Small Cap	Mid Cap	REIT
12.2	18.3	9.5	-36.9	27.1	19.2	2.1	15.9	23.4	4.9	-2.4	11.7	14.6	-9.1	21.7
MLP	Large Cap	U.S. Inv. Grade	MLP	Large Cap	Comdty.	Mid Cap	REIT	REIT	MLP	Global Inv. Grade	Comdty.	Global Inv. Grade	Small Cap	Emerging
7.8	15.8	7.0	-37.0	26.4	16.7	-1.6	15.9	0.1	4.8	-3.2	11.4	7.4	-11.0	18.6
Large Cap	Mid Cap	Large Cap	REIT	REIT	Large Cap	Small Cap	MLP	U.S. Inv. Grade	Global Inv. Grade	Small Cap	REIT	U.S. Inv. Grade	MLP	U.S. Inv. Grade
4.9	15.2	5.6	-40.1	26.2	15.1	-4.2	4.8	-2.0	0.6	-4.4	5.5	3.5	-12.4	8.7
Small Cap	Global Inv. Grade	Mid Cap	Mid Cap	Comdty.	Developed	Developed	Global Inv. Grade	Emerging	Emerging	Emerging	U.S. Inv. Grade	REIT	Comdty.	Global Inv. Grade
4.5	6.6	5.5	-41.4	18.7	8.3	-11.7	4.3	-2.3	-2.0	-14.6	2.6	2.6	-13.0	6.8
U.S. Inv. Grade	U.S. Inv. Grade	Small Cap	Developed	Global Inv. Grade	U.S. Inv. Grade	Comdty.	U.S. Inv. Grade	Global Inv. Grade	Developed	Comdty.	Global Inv. Grade	Comdty.	Developed	MLP
2.4	4.3	-1.6	-42.9	6.9	6.5	-13.4	4.2	-2.6	-4.3	-24.7	2.1	0.7	-13.3	6.3
Global Inv. Grade	Comdty.	REIT	Emerging	U.S. Inv. Grade	Global Inv. Grade	Emerging	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	MLP	Developed	MLP	Emerging	Comdty.
-4.5	-2.7	-18.2	-53.1	5.9	5.5	-18.2	-1.1	-9.6	-17.0	-32.6	1.6	-6.5	-14.3	5.4

Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

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# Growth and Large Cap Equities Continue to Outperform Peers



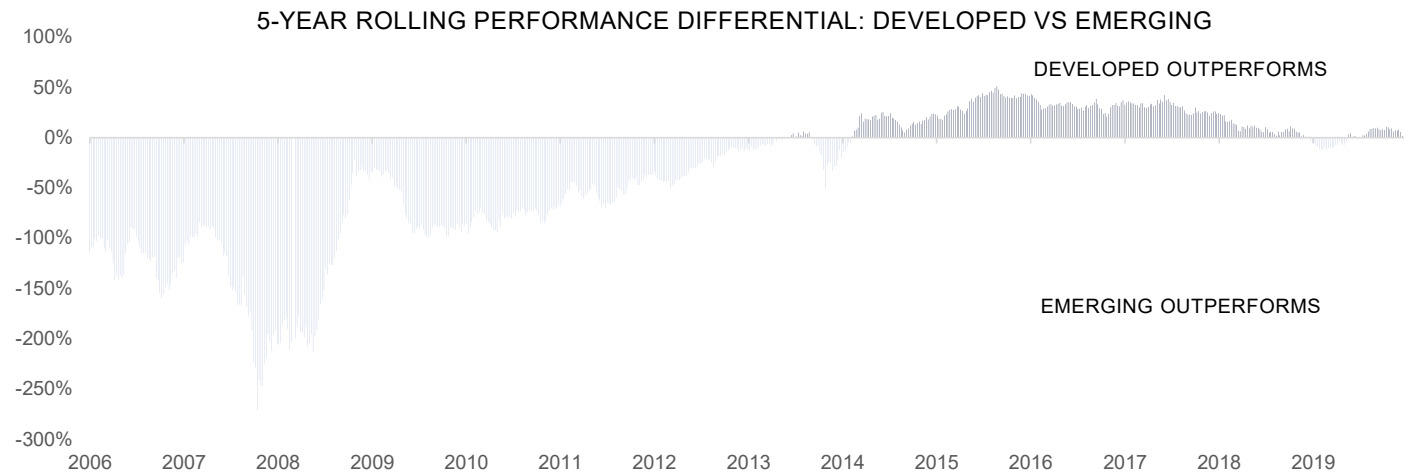
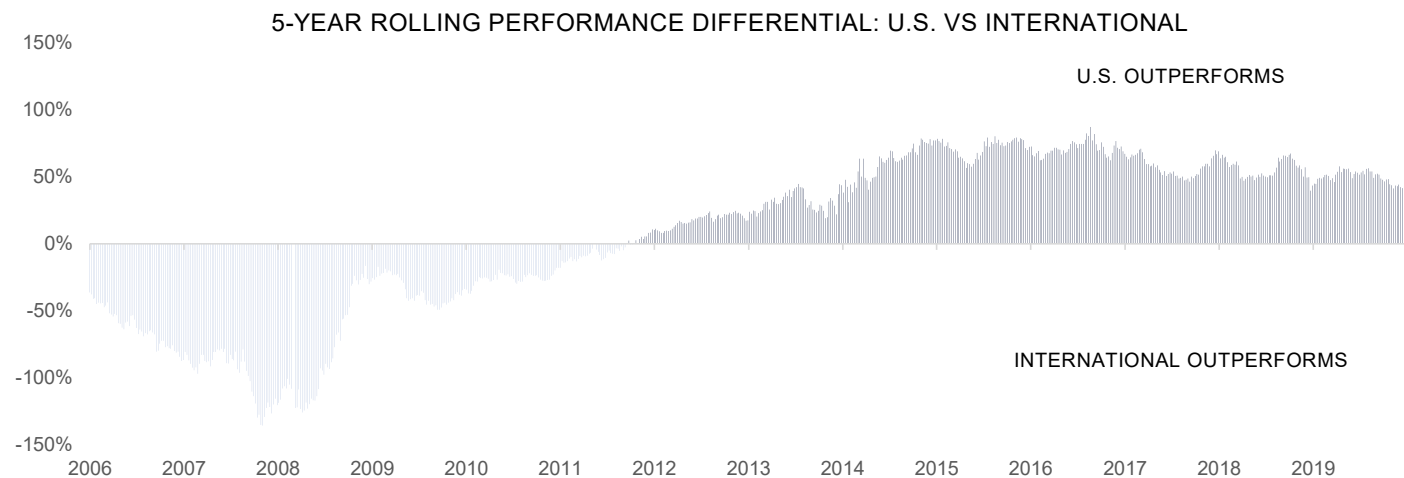
Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Performance is calculated on a five-year rolling average on a weekly basis. Indices used are the Russell 1000 Growth Index (Growth), Russell 1000 Value Index (Value), S&P 500 Index (Large), and Russell 2000 Index (Small). All returns include dividends reinvested.

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# U.S. and Developed Equities Outperform Peers



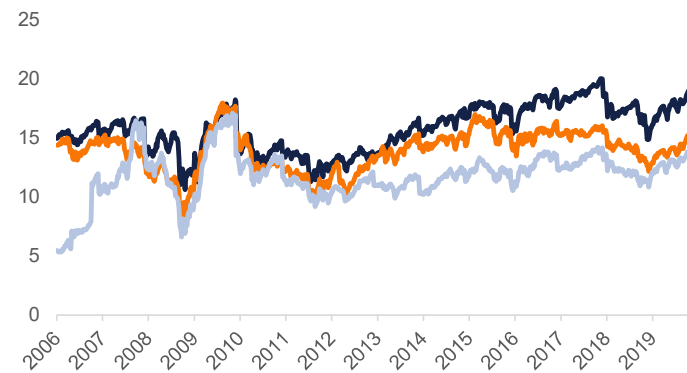
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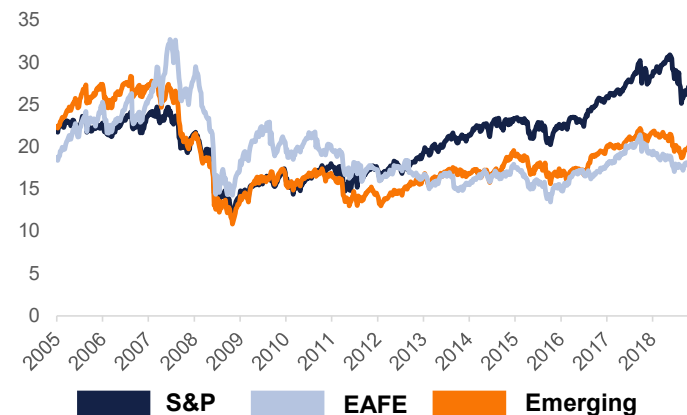
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# US & Growth Equities Expensive vs. Int'l & Value

FORWARD PRICE/EARNINGS RATIOS



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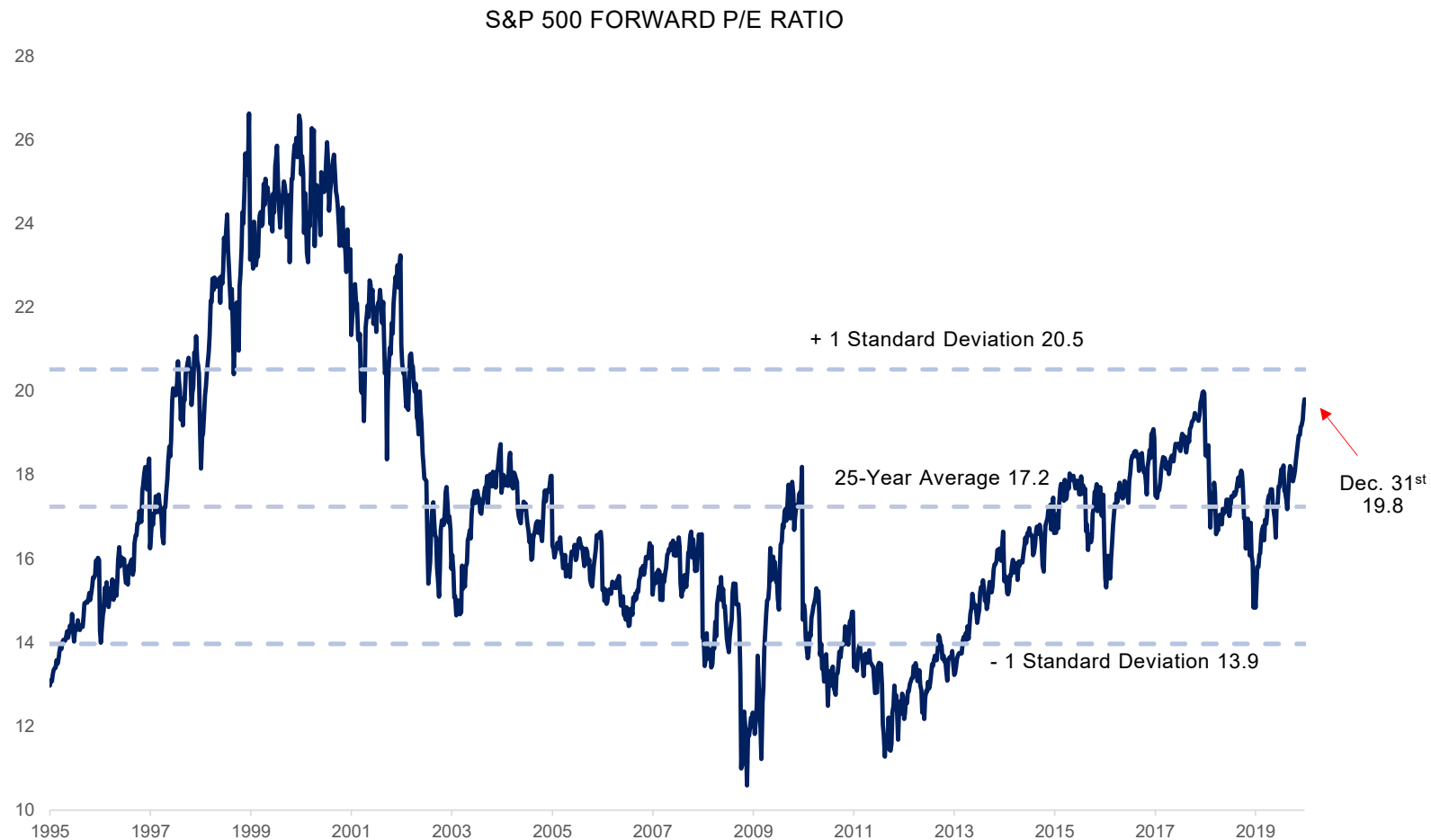
FORWARD PRICE/EARNINGS RATIOS

Index	Current	Average FWD P/E	Std Dev From 10 Year Mean
S&P 500	19.8	16.0	1.8
S&P 500 Growth	24.7	18.0	2.4
S&P 500 Value	16.2	14.3	1.1
S&P MidCap 400	19.9	18.4	0.9
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	25.1	20.2	2.4
S&P MidCap 400 Value	16.2	16.9	-0.4
S&P SmallCap 600	21.1	19.9	0.6
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	23.3	20.7	1.1
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	19.2	19.3	0.0
MSCI EAFE	15.8	14.0	1.2
MSCI EAFE Growth	22.9	17.0	2.8
MSCI EAFE Value	12.0	11.9	0.1
MSCI Emerging Markets	14.7	11.9	2.6
MSCI Europe	15.9	13.7	1.1
MSCI Pacific	15.6	13.7	1.6
MSCI ACWI	17.8	14.8	1.7

Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Price to earnings is price divided by consensus analyst estimates of earnings per share for the next 12 months. Average P/E is calculated using 10 years of history. Indices used are the S&P 500 index (S&P), MSCI EAFE index (EAFE), and MSCI Emerging Markets index (Emerging). Average P/E and standard deviations are calculated using 10 years of history. Data as of December 31, 2019

# S&P 500 Trading Slightly Below 20x Forward P/E



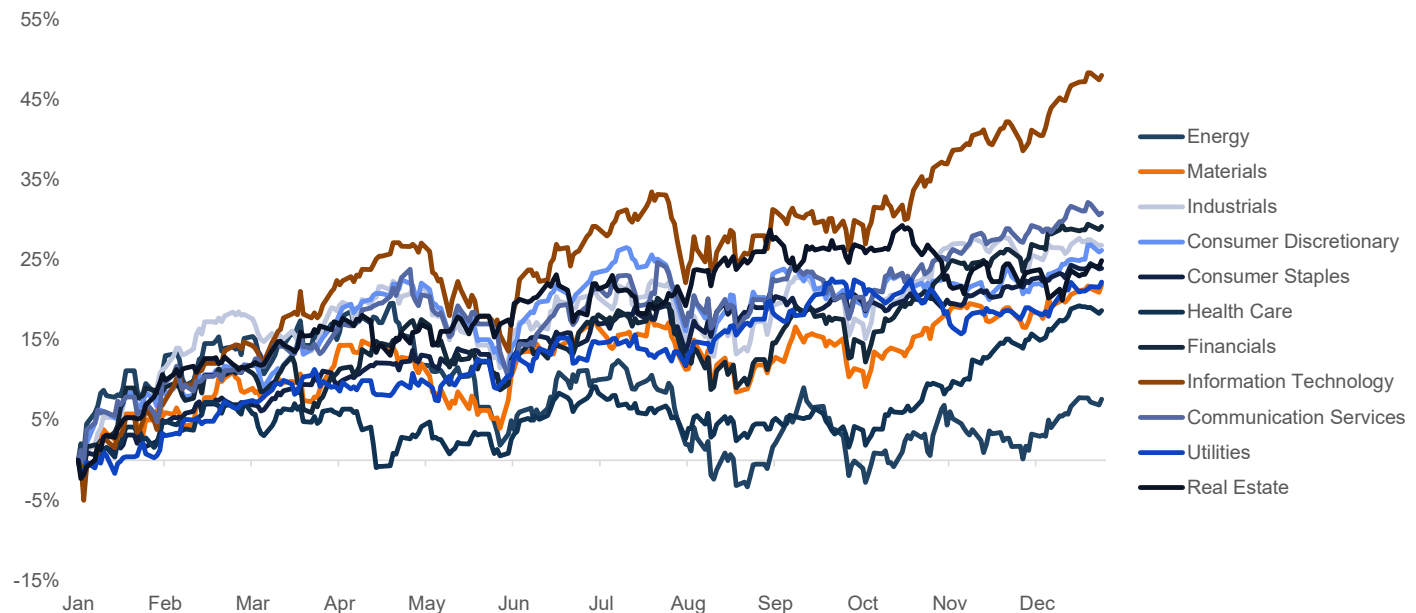
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P/E bands are one standard deviation away from the 10 year P/E mean.  
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## RETURNS BY SECTOR

# Leaders: Technology & Communication Services

	Materials	Financials	Industrials	Energy	Cons. Disc.	Cons. Staples	Health Care	Technology	Comm. Services	Utilities	Real Estate
<b>S&amp;P 500 Weight</b>	2.7%	12.8%	9.2%	4.5%	10.2%	7.7%	13.7%	22.0%	10.4%	3.6%	3.2%
<b>Beta to S&amp;P 500</b>	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.8	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.7
<b>YTD</b>	24.6%	32.1%	29.3%	11.8%	27.9%	27.6%	20.8%	50.3%	32.7%	26.4%	29.0%
<b>Since Market Peak</b>	5.3%	2.5%	7.4%	0.6%	12.0%	9.9%	11.0%	13.0%	4.9%	7.8%	3.5%
<b>Since Market Low</b>	14.8%	20.4%	19.0%	6.4%	22.8%	14.8%	17.6%	23.0%	12.0%	14.7%	18.1%

S&P 500 SECULAR PERFORMANCE 2019



Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Year to Date calculations are cumulative total return, since market peak (10/9/07 – 12/31/2019) and since market low (3/9/09 – 12/31/2019) are annualized total returns. Beta calculations are based on 10 years of monthly price returns for the S&P 500 and its respective sub-indices.

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## HISTORICAL FIXED INCOME PERFORMANCE

# Since '09, US Agg Bonds Have Gained 3.9% Per Year

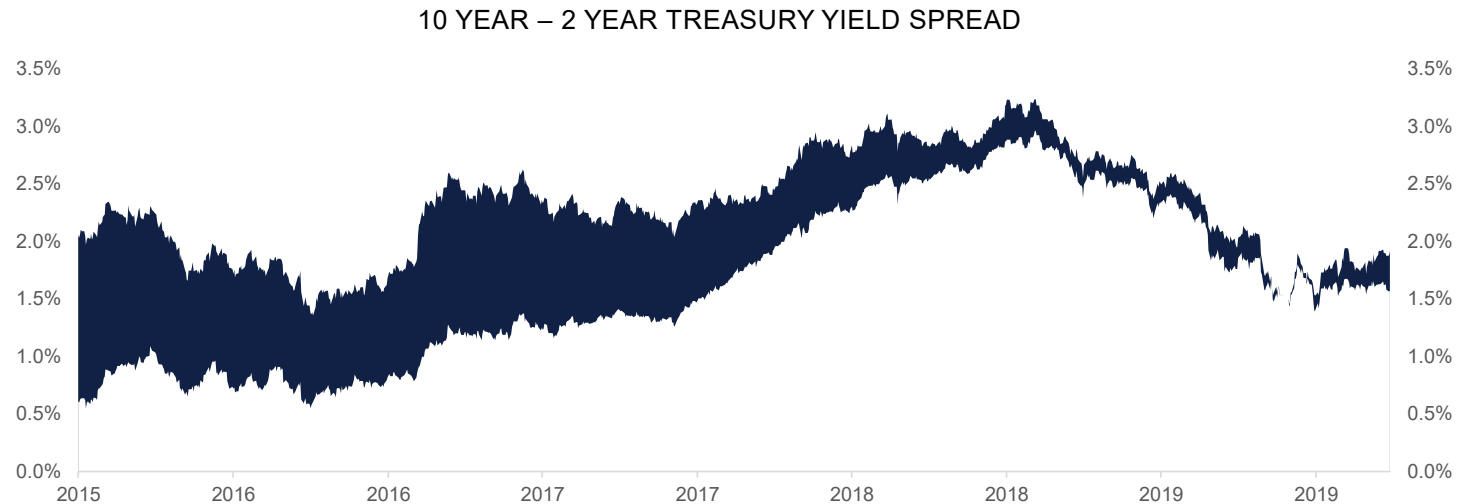
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Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Calculations for periods over one year are cumulative total returns annualized. Dates used for calculations are December 31 of the previous year to December 31 of the year listed. For example, an investor who was in the market from 1996 to 2017 experienced an 5.1% annualized total return. The dates used for this calculation are 12/31/1995 – 12/31/2017. Data as of December 31, 2019

# 10 Year – 2 Year Treasury Spread Widens in Q4



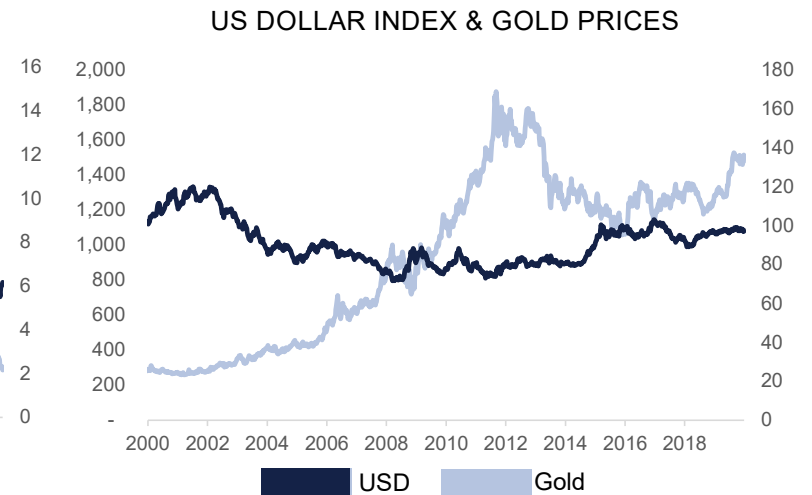
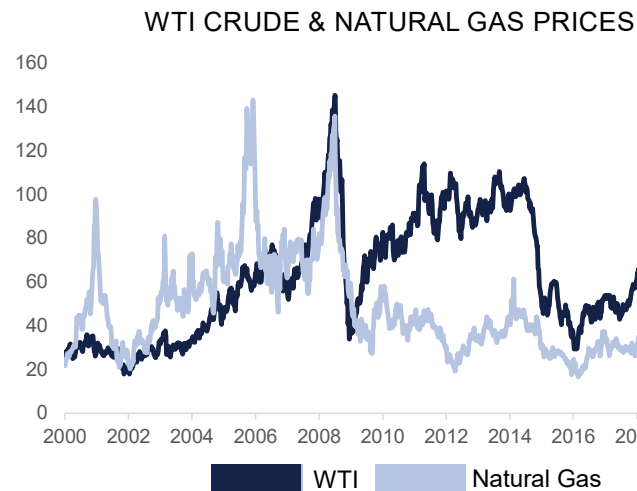
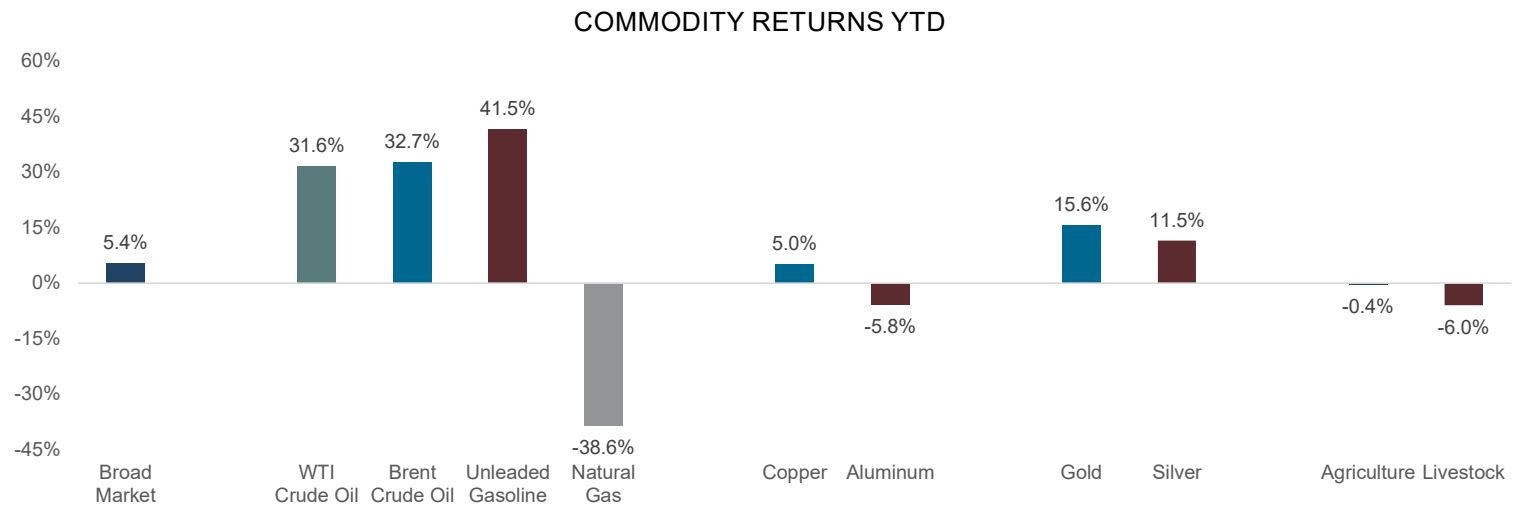
Yield				Spread to Treasuries			
Index	Current	10 Year Average	Std Dev From 10 Year Mean	Index	Current	10 Year Average	Std Dev From 10 Year Mean
Municipal	1.8	2.5	-1.4	GNMA	0.4	0.3	0.8
GNMA	2.5	2.9	-0.7	US Liquid IG	1.0	1.5	-1.3
US Liquid IG	3.0	3.6	-1.5	US Corporate-High Yield	3.3	4.8	-1.3
US Corporate-High Yield	5.1	6.7	-1.4	US Aggregate 1-3 Yr	0.2	0.3	-1.3
US Aggregate 1-3 Yr	1.8	1.3	0.7	US Agg Bond	0.4	0.5	-1.0
US Agg Bond	2.3	2.5	-0.4	Global Treasury Ex US USD	0.1	0.2	-1.0
Global Treasury Ex US USD	0.9	1.4	-1.0				

Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Yields are yield to maturity and pre-tax. Indices have increased in precision as of 5/20/2008 to 4 decimal places. The rates are comprised of Generic United States on-the-run government bill/note/bond indices.

Data as of December 31, 2019

# Broad Market Commodity Gains Driven by Gasoline & Crude



Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

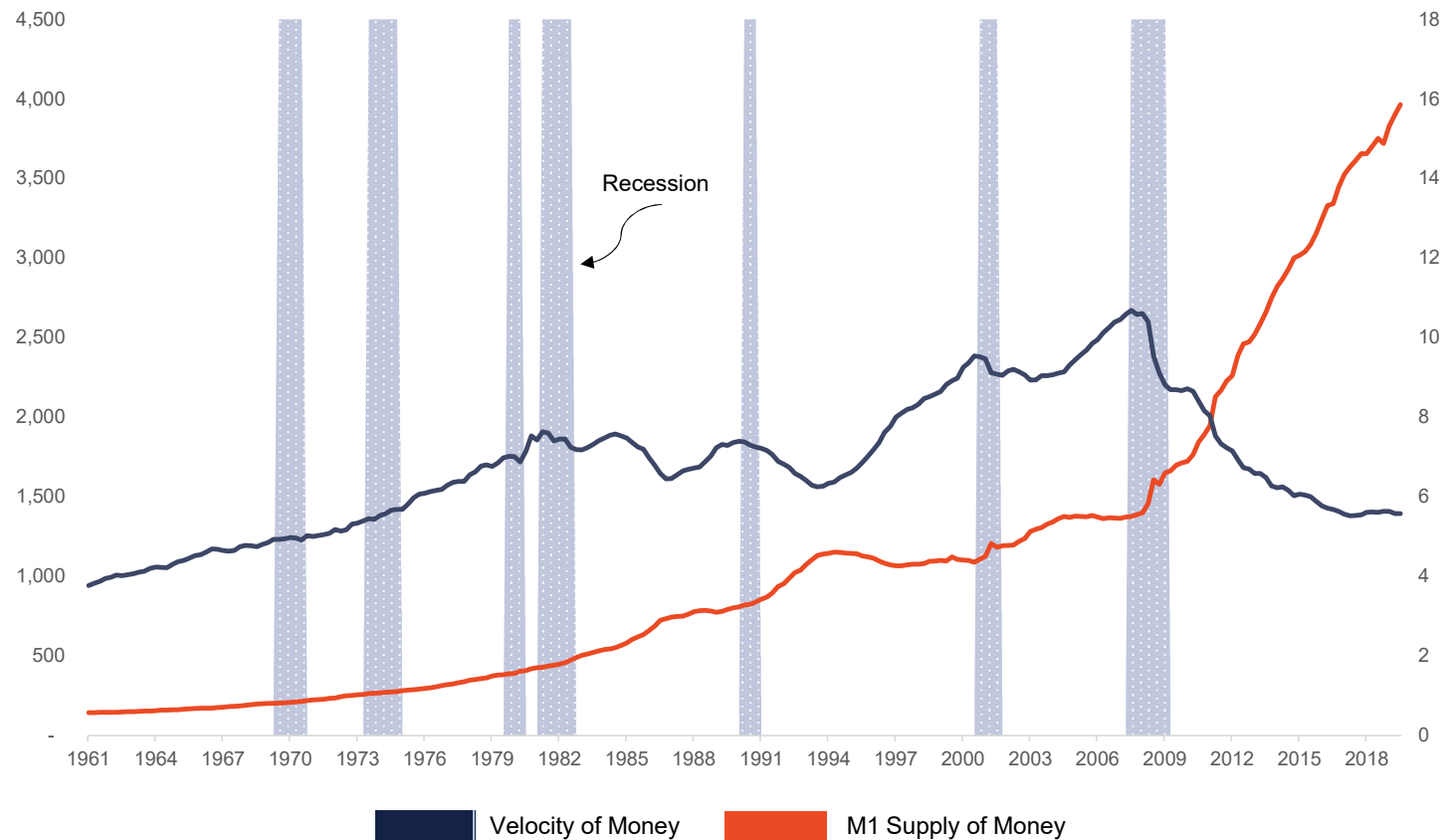
Commodity returns are shown as sectors and single commodities from Bloomberg's Commodity Index (BCOM). US Dollar Index indicates the international value of the USD by averaging the exchange rates between the USD and major world currencies.

Data as of December 31, 2019



# ECONOMIC UPDATE

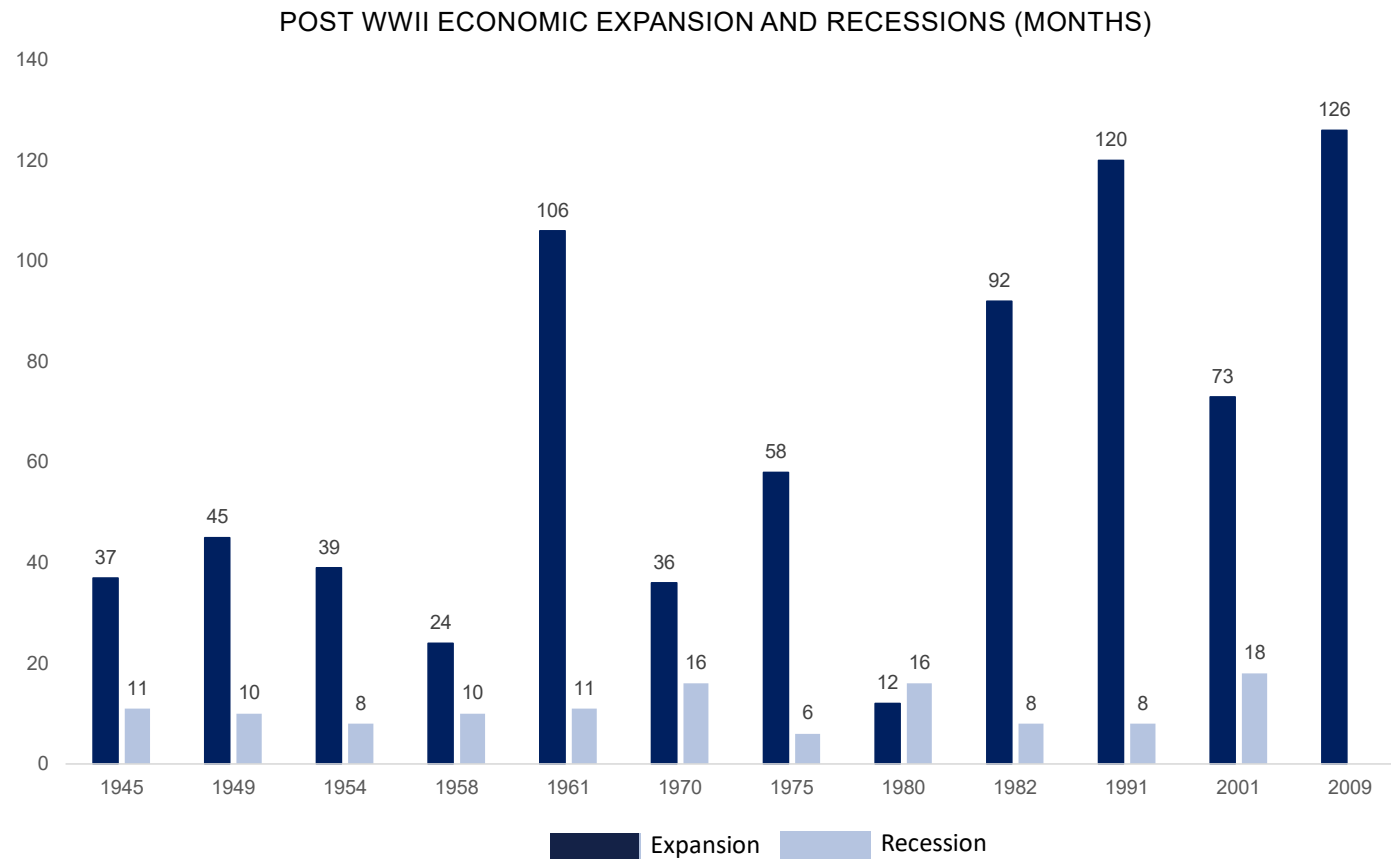
## Velocity of Money Reaches Recent Lows as M1 Money Supply Crosses \$3.9 Trillion



Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Money supply refers to the United States Money Supply M1 Index. M1 includes funds that are readily accessible for spending. M1 consists of: (1) currency outside the U.S. Treasury, Federal Reserve Banks, and the vaults of depository institutions; (2) traveler's checks of nonbank issuers; (3) demand deposits; and (4) other checkable deposits (OCDs). Periods of "Recession" are defined using the U.S. Recession Indicator (monthly) index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Data as of December 31, 2019

# January 1<sup>st</sup> Marks the 127<sup>th</sup> Month Since the Great Recession

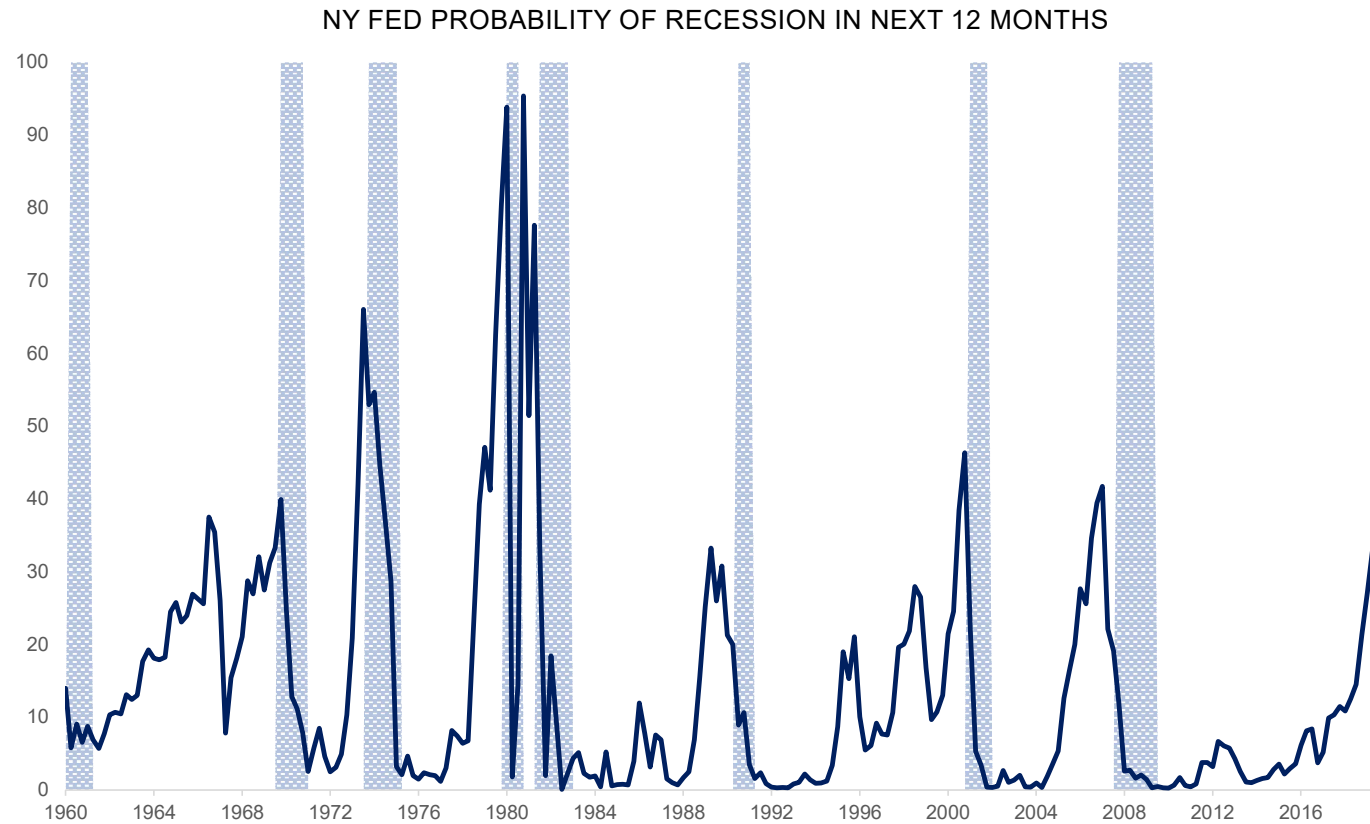


Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Chart assumes current expansion started in July 2009 and continued through September 2019, lasting 123 months so far. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

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# Highest Probability of Recession Since 2008

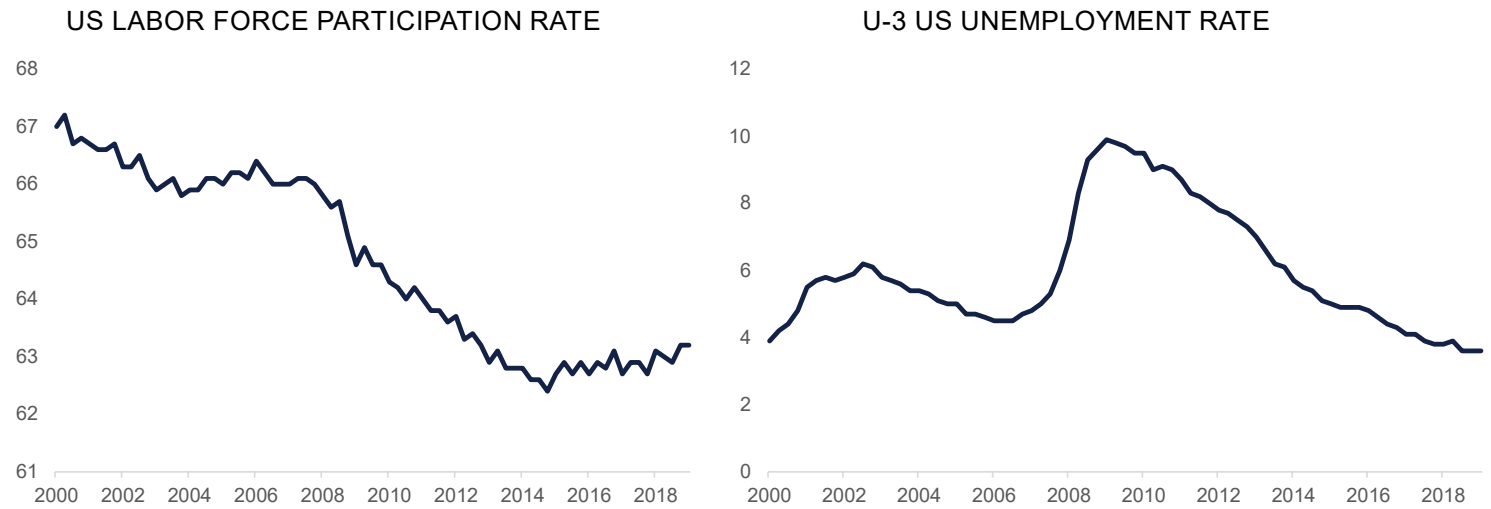


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Chart data is based off of the New York Federal Reserve Probability of Recession in US Twelve Months Ahead by Treasury Spread Index. Periods of "Recession" are defined using the U.S. Recession Indicator (monthly) index. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results.

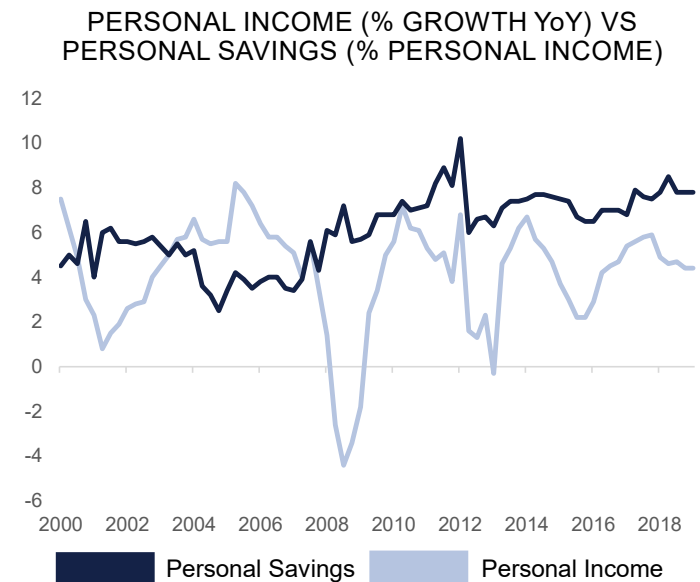
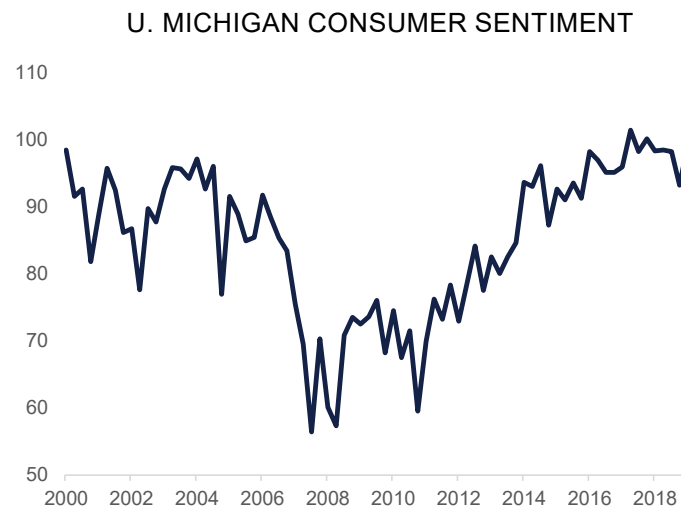
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# Labor Force Participation Ticks Up, Unemployment Lowest Since 1969



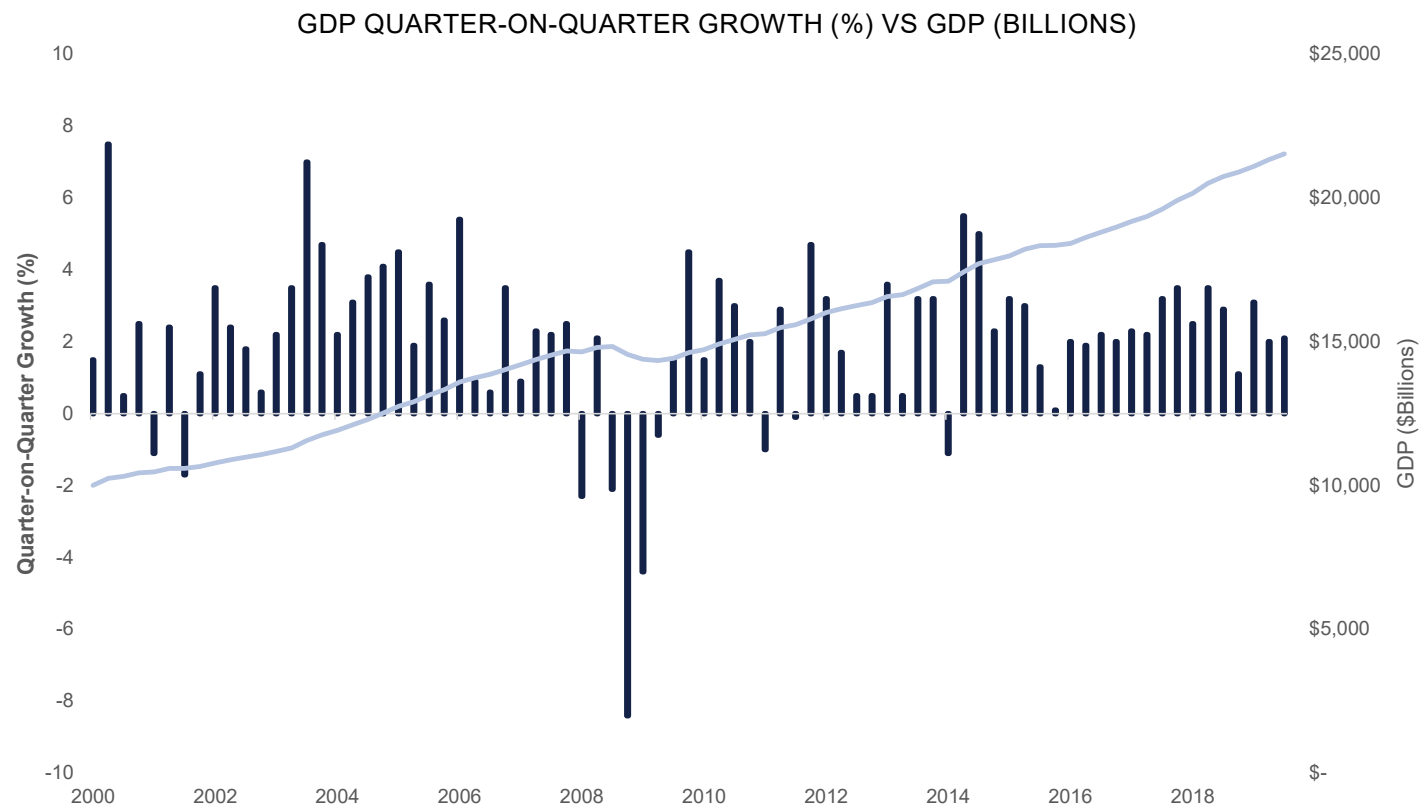
Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.  
 Data shown above is represented by the United States Labor Force Participation Rate index, and the U-3 U.S. Unemployment Rate Total in Labor Force Seasonally Adjusted index. The unemployment rate tracks the number of unemployed persons as a percentage of the labor force. These figures generally come from a household labor force survey. Data as of December 31, 2019

# Consumer Sentiment Rebounds on Trade Optimism



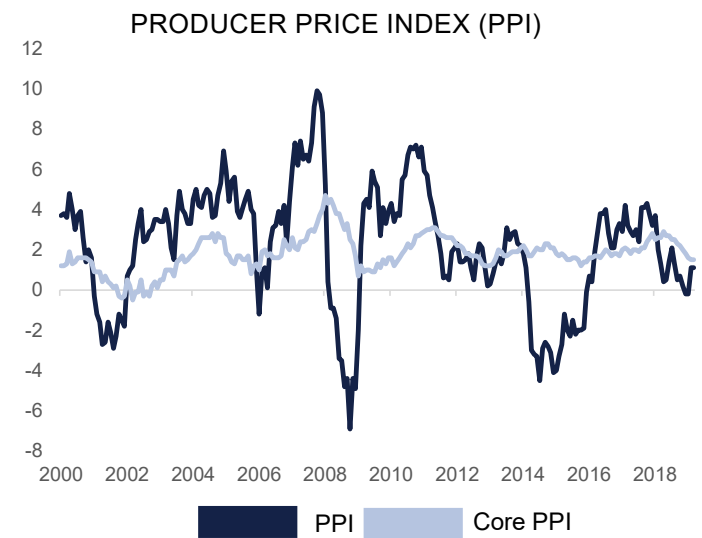
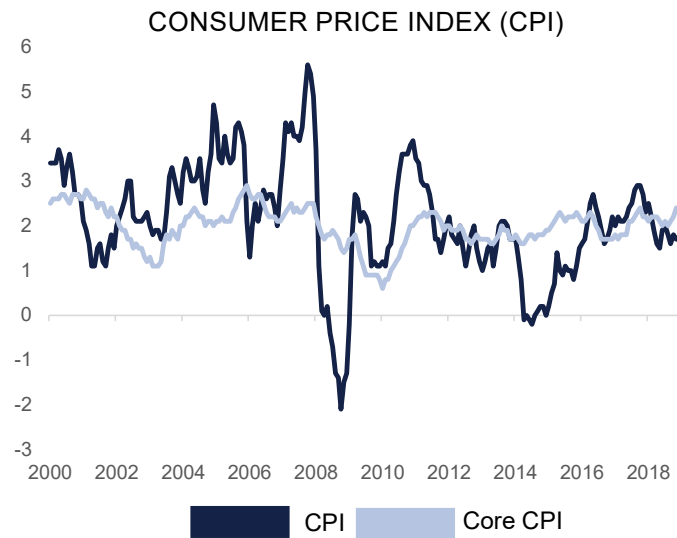
Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.  
Data shown above is represented by the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment index, U.S. Personal Savings as a % of Disposable Personal Income index, and U.S. Personal Income YoY index.  
Data as of December 31, 2019

## Q4 2019 GDP Numbers Will be Released on January 30<sup>th</sup>



Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.  
Quarter-over-quarter percent changes are at an annualized rate.  
Data as of September 30, 2019

# Inflation Rates Remain Low



Source: Bloomberg, Tectonic analysis.

Consumer prices (CPI) are a measure of prices paid by consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services. Producer prices (output) are a measure of the change in the price of goods as they leave their place of production. Core CPI and PPI exclude food and energy prices.  
Data as of December 31, 2019



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## EQUITIES:

The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip U.S. stocks.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets and emerging markets.

The **MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, Far East)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

The **MSCI Europe Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe.

The **MSCI Pacific Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region.

The **Russell 1000 Index®** measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index®** measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth.

The **Russell 1000 Value Index®** measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth.

The **Russell 2000 Index®** measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000.

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### EQUITIES:

The **Russell 3000 Index®** measures the performance of the 3,000 largest companies based on total market capitalization

The **Russell Midcap Index®** measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 index.

The **Russell Midcap Growth Index®** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The **Russell Midcap Value Index®** measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. The index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in the leading industries of the U.S. Economy. The **S&P 500 Index** focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, however, since it includes a significant portion of the total value of the market, it also represents the market.

### FIXED INCOME:

The **Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** includes all publicly issued zero-coupon U.S. Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more outstanding face value.

The **Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Index** is a multi-currency flagship measure of the global high yield debt market. The index represents the union of the U.S. High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indices.

The **Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Index** consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to thirty years.

The **Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index** consists of publicly issued U.S. corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that are rated investment grade or above by at least two rating agencies, have at least one year to maturity, and have at least \$250 million par amount outstanding.

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### FIXED INCOME:

The **Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Index** covers a universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded.

The **Bloomberg Barclays US Mortgage Backed Securities Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment grade fixed-rate mortgage backed pass-through securities of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC.

The **Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index** consists of inflation-protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The **U.S. Treasury Index** is a component of the U.S. Government Index.

### OTHER ASSET CLASSES:

The **Alerian MLP Index** is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for the asset class.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** and related sub-indices are composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc.

The **Dow Jones US Select REIT Index** measures U.S. REITs and REIT-like securities. It screens for market cap, liquidity, and percentage of revenue derived from ownership and operation of real estate securities. It is float market cap weighted.

### DEFINITIONS:

Investing in **alternative assets** involves higher risks than traditional investments and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. They are not tax efficient and an investor should consult with his/her tax advisors prior to investing. Alternative investments have higher fees than traditional investments and they may also be highly leveraged and entail speculative investment techniques, which can magnify the potential for investment loss or gain. Investors may get back less than they invested.

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**Bonds** are subject to interest rate risk. Prices generally fall as interest rates rise.

Investments in **commodities** may have greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, volatility, interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity such as drought, floods, weather, disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

**Derivatives** may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic or market conditions than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment.

Investments in **emerging markets** can be more volatile. The normal risks of investing in foreign countries are heightened when investing in emerging markets. The small size of securities markets and low trading volume can lead to a lack of liquidity, and in turn increase volatility. Emerging markets may not provide adequate legal protection for private or foreign investment or private property.

The price of **equity** securities may rise or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries, or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. Equities are subject to "stock market risk" meaning that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods of time.

**International** investing involves a greater degree of risk and increased volatility. Changes in currency exchange rates and differences in accounting and taxation policies outside the U.S. can raise or lower returns. Some overseas markets may not be as politically and economically stable as the United States and other nations.

**Mid-capitalization** investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established companies. Historically, mid-cap companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

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### DEFINITIONS:

**Price to forward earnings** is a measure of the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) using forecasted earnings.

**Real estate** investments may be subject to a higher degree of market risk because of concentration in a specific industry, sector or geographical sector. Real estate investments may be subject to risks including, but not limited to, declines in the value of real estate, risks related to general and economic conditions, changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trust and defaults by borrower.

**Small-capitalization** investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established companies since smaller companies generally have a higher risk of failure. Historically, smaller companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

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