



THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2019 COULD BE A CHALLENGING ONE FOR MARKET PARTICIPANTS.

Markets may be volatile as investors search for clues about the health of the global economy, while most asset class valuations look fair to rich. However, it's not all doom and gloom. Despite the potential for choppy trade, we believe fixed income and equity markets could generate mid-single-digit returns over the next 12 months.



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Though economic growth continues to slow around the world, we see limited signs of an impending recession.

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Central banks around the globe are cutting interest rates in response to weaker economic growth. Dollar strength seems likely to persist in this environment.

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Forward valuations look a bit elevated at the index level, underscoring the importance of security selection.

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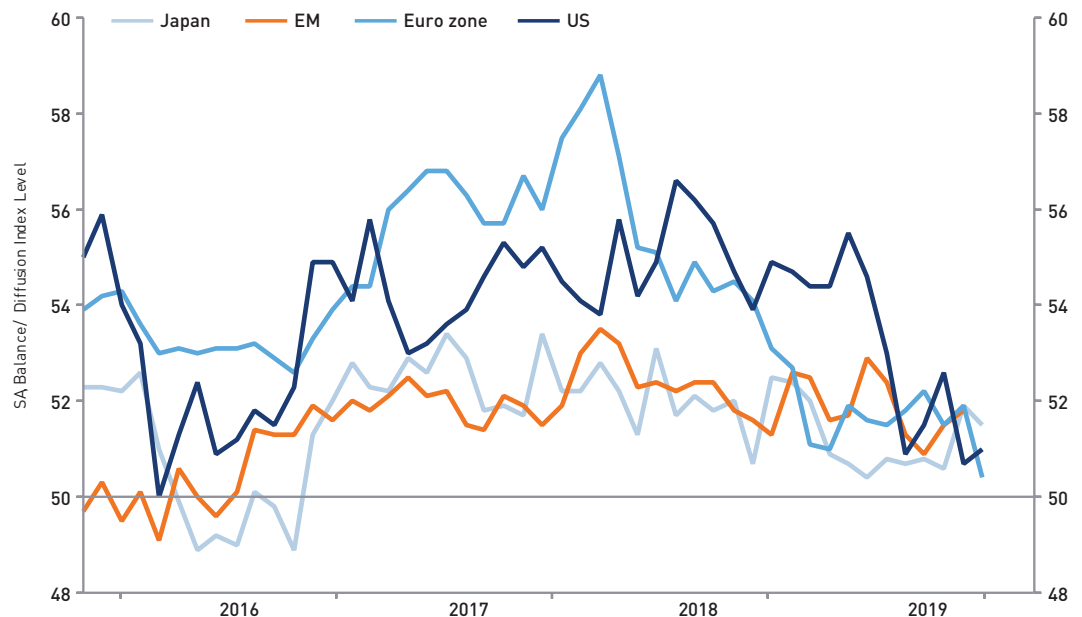
## MACRO DRIVERS

### Central banks appear willing to support the global economy, reducing one of many risks on the horizon.

- Global economic data may continue to indicate weakness near term. However, we expect the manufacturing-driven slowdown to reverse course later in the fourth quarter without a recession.
- The Federal Reserve (Fed) will likely cut its key policy rate in October and December of 2019. Elsewhere, the European Central Bank and Bank of Japan have indicated signs of continued easing until growth and inflation approach mandated targets.
- Global growth consensus forecasts have stabilized across developed and emerging market economies. Absolute levels of real GDP still look decent for this year and next.
- We still expect labor market strength and rising wages. However, these conditions may not result in substantially higher consumer price inflation as they have in past expansions.
- We fear manufacturing sector weakness could bleed through to service-oriented sectors, leading to increased job loss. For now, we see limited indications of such an outcome.

#### MARKIT COMPOSITE PMI INDICATORS

Manufacturing PMI<sup>1</sup> readings are near or below 50 in several economies, but composite PMI indicators, which include services, are still indicating expansion.



Source: Refinitiv Datastream, data as of 9/26/2019.

<sup>1</sup>The purchasing managers' index (PMI) is a measure of the prevailing direction of economic trends in manufacturing.



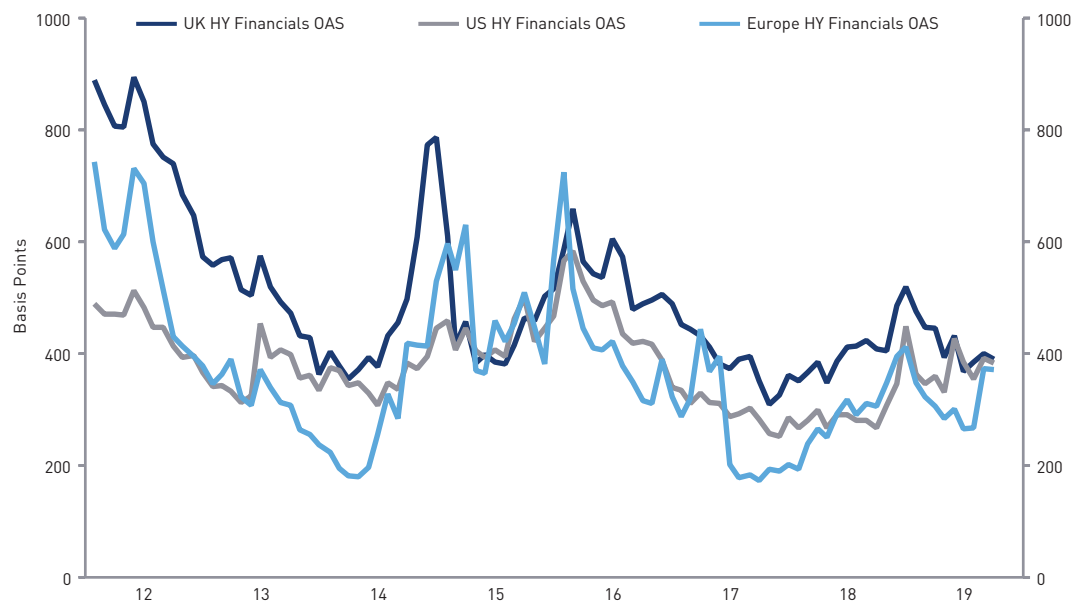
## CREDIT

### Strong demand for credit should help credit spreads remain stable.

- Global growth remains moderate and 2019 corporate earnings are still likely to rise in the low-single-digit range.
- Changes in the economic outlook will likely determine the trading range for credit spreads. Deterioration could push spreads wider, while improvement could move spreads tighter. The global thirst for yield is supporting a strong bid for credit, which should keep spreads relatively stable.
- We believe consensus estimates for 2020 corporate earnings may be too high, especially if the manufacturing recovery develops slower than we anticipate, or does not materialize at all.
- The credit sector's yield and excess return potential hinge on corporate profit and global economic growth. As long as these metrics continue to expand, credit investors should be able to harvest some yield and modest excess returns.
- US high-grade corporate credit quality continues to trend positive across most industries. We think downgrade concerns about BBB-rated credits in the next economic downturn are valid, but perhaps a bit overblown.

#### GLOBAL HIGH YIELD FINANCIAL SECTOR SPREADS

A healthy financial sector supports the economy through the lending channel, allowing corporates and individuals to borrow and spend. Spreads have been contained and financial sector fundamentals still look decent.



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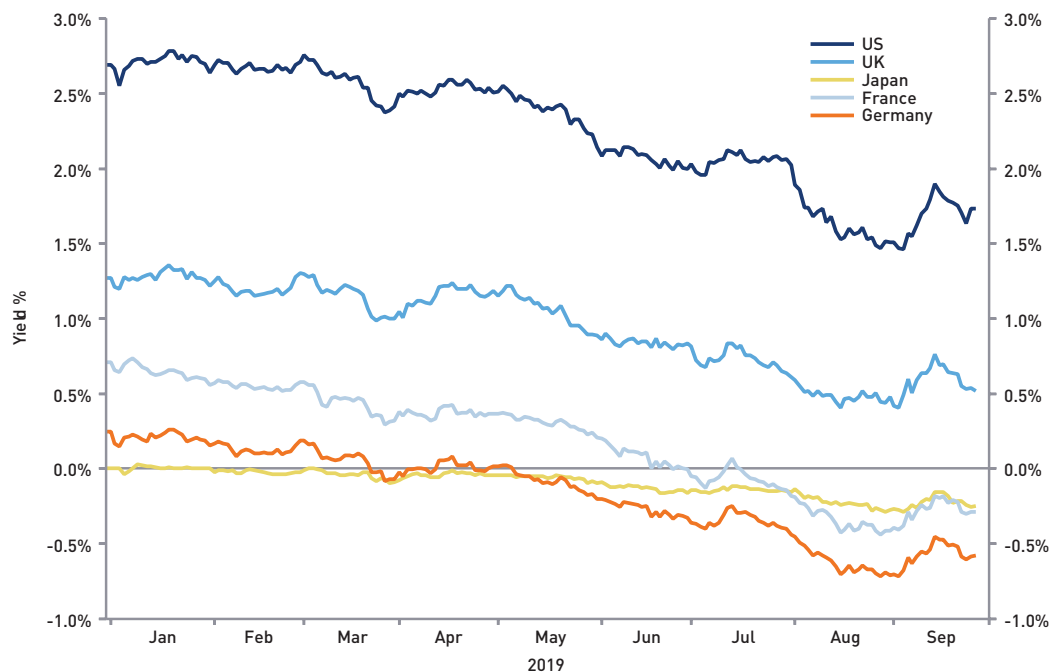
## GOVERNMENTS & CURRENCIES

### A global economic slowdown and accommodative central bank action supported a global bond rally.

- After facing pressure all year, global interest rates spiked in September as global PMI data stabilized. We see a pickup in economic activity in the months ahead, but not quite yet. When it does materialize, more positive economic data should help the global economy out of this soft patch of growth. That said, we do not anticipate a boom or inflationary impulse.
- Inflation pressure in the US remains nonthreatening and the global growth outlook still appears soft, supporting our view that the Fed will cut interest rates twice more by year-end.
- Market-based expectations for the federal funds rate suggest only one more twenty-five basis-point cut in 2019 and two additional cuts in 2020. If economic data picks up like we expect, the economy might not need that much support from the Fed in 2020.
- Emerging market debt may prove to be an attractive opportunity for investors looking for higher yield potential. However, the US dollar is likely to stay strong.

#### 10-YEAR DEVELOPED MARKET GOVERNMENT YIELDS

We believe global rates need a material improvement in the economic outlook to avoid revisiting the lows of early September.



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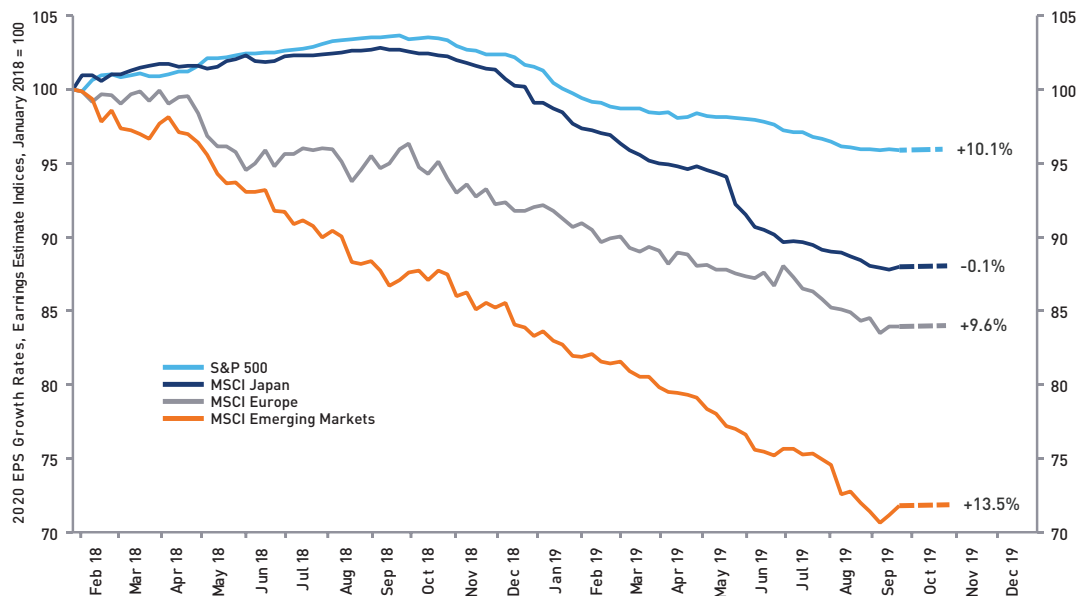
## EQUITIES

### Earnings may have to do the heavy lifting.

- Price-to-earnings multiples expanded from very low levels this year. We see little opportunity for further expansion, even with a more accommodating Fed and long-term yields near multi-year lows across the globe.
- The outlook for corporate earnings and global growth remain critical factors helping to drive equity market performance. Downside risks include uncontrolled trade escalation between the US and China and a slower-than-anticipated uptick in economic activity. Both could impact earnings and equity markets negatively.
- US trade policy remains a source of uncertainty for corporate decision-makers and investors. Clarity on trade negotiations with China and some sort of deal, even if small, would introduce potential upside risk to global equity markets.
- We have seen a weak trend in 2020 earnings estimates all year. The US has held up relatively better than global peers, which is one reason we prefer US equities over global equities.
- We expect 2020 earnings growth in the mid-single-digit range worldwide, based on our fairly sanguine economic outlook. Japan and emerging Asia may continue to show relative weakness.

#### GLOBAL 2020 EARNINGS PER SHARE ESTIMATE TRENDS

Earnings per share estimates for the US, Europe and emerging markets may be too high, despite negative revisions year to date.



Source: Refinitiv Datastream, IBES consensus estimate data, data as of 9/20/2019.



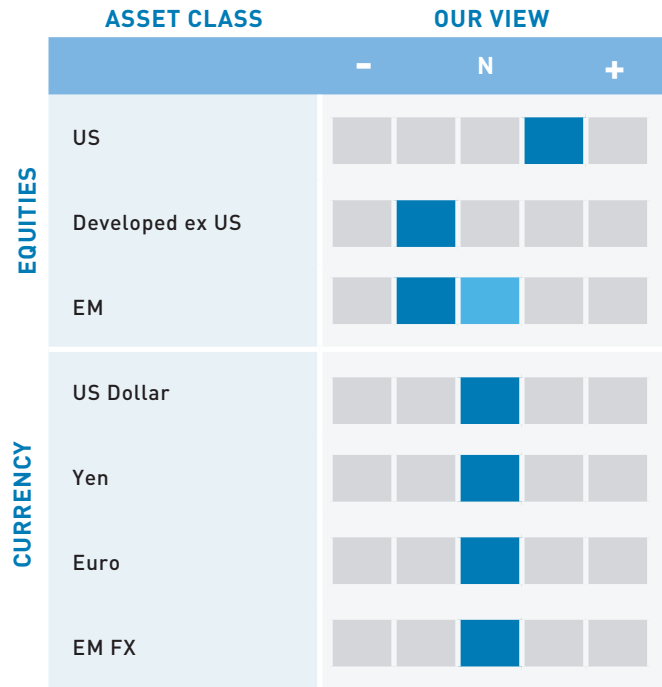
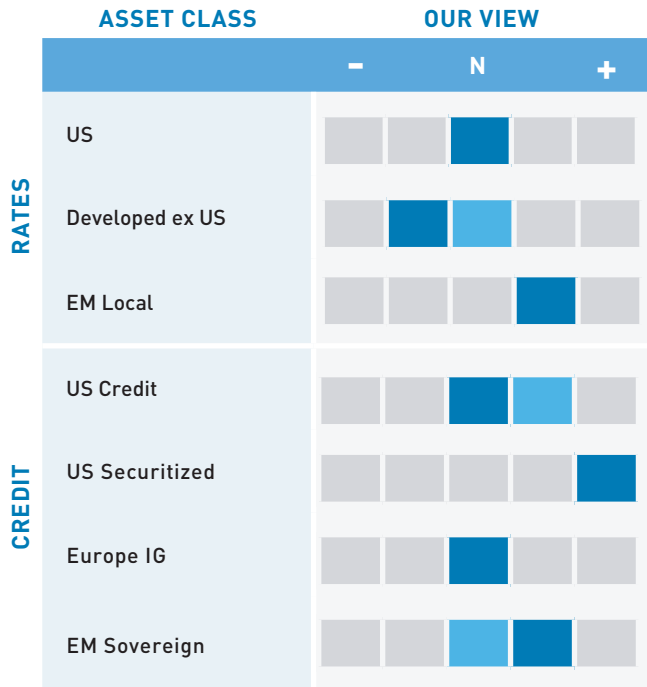
## POTENTIAL RISKS

### Skating on thinner ice as the global economy slows.

- Consensus estimates for domestic growth could still head lower, but we believe the probability of a US recession is low. We expect US and global economic data to begin improving.
- US-China trade negotiations remain a major downside risk to our growth outlook. Trade talks are scheduled for early October. Despite economic weakness in both the US and China, neither side appears ready to give in.
- We are watching geopolitical conflicts with Iran and other nations. If geopolitical developments worsen, investors may demand compensation for the added risk, driving risk premiums higher. Credit spreads and equity markets would likely stumble.
- Consensus earnings growth estimates for 2019 have been revised down into the low-single-digit range for the US, Europe and emerging markets. Japan could see outright declines in corporate profitability this year. We believe earnings growth needs to improve to support equity performance through 2020.
- An uptick in high-frequency economic indicators could go a long way to support investor sentiment and risk assets. For now, investor sentiment still reflects end-of-cycle fears, which may be overstated. We believe the expansion should continue through 2020.

## ASSET CLASS OUTLOOK

■ Current View    
 ■ Previous View





## Third Quarter Review

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### INDEX RETURNS BY SECTOR

as of September 30, 2019

| INDEX                         |                 |         |         |         |        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
|                               | US BROAD MARKET | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
| BBG BARC US AGGREGATE BOND    |                 | -0.53   | 2.27    | 5.42    | 10.30  |
| BBG BARC US GOVERNMENT/CREDIT |                 | -0.76   | 2.64    | 6.26    | 11.32  |

The US aggregate and US government/credit indices finished the quarter with strong total returns. The indices provided just a few basis points of excess return over like-duration US Treasuries. The operating environment for companies remained decent, but corporate profit growth was under pressure. US trade negotiations with China appear to have kept investors from becoming exuberant.

|                       | US GOVERNMENTS | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| BBG BARC US TREASURYS |                | -0.85   | 2.40    | 5.48    | 10.48  |
| 3-MONTH T-BILLS       |                | 0.19    | 0.57    | 1.21    | 2.41   |
| 2-YEAR TREASURY       |                | -0.15   | 0.52    | 1.90    | 4.21   |
| 5-YEAR TREASURY       |                | -0.62   | 1.33    | 4.17    | 9.09   |
| 10-YEAR TREASURY      |                | -1.40   | 3.19    | 7.55    | 15.15  |
| 30-YEAR TREASURY      |                | -3.00   | 9.21    | 16.59   | 27.43  |
| BBG BARC US TIPS      |                | -1.36   | 1.35    | 4.25    | 7.13   |
| BBG BARC US AGENCY    |                | -0.46   | 1.74    | 4.10    | 7.99   |

US Treasuries were well supported by the combination of slowing economic growth, low inflation worldwide, and the accommodative policies of the Fed and other major central banks. Longer-duration Treasuries provided the highest total returns as interest rates came down. The global duration grab supported Treasuries, but the trend reversed course in the final weeks of the quarter. The 10-year/2-year yield spread continued to flatten over the quarter, which led to increasing concerns about a downturn in the US economy.

|                        | US MUNICIPALS | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| BBG BARC US MUNICIPALS |               | -0.80   | 1.58    | 3.74    | 8.55   |

Municipal bonds rode along with the US Treasury rally and produced a moderate total return for the quarter. While each credit quality segment of the index is similar in duration, the lowest-rated BBB segment has the longest duration and provided the highest total return.

|               | US SECURITIZED | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|---------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| BBG BARC MBS  |                | 0.07    | 1.37    | 3.36    | 7.80   |
| BBG BARC ABS  |                | -0.15   | 0.92    | 2.61    | 5.42   |
| BBG BARC CMBS |                | -0.68   | 1.89    | 5.23    | 10.51  |

US securitized indices delivered solid total returns in the quarter, assisted by a strong rally across the US Treasury curve. The CMBS index led total returns, helped by the index's relatively longer-duration profile. During the quarter, the US MBS index printed a modest positive excess return over like-duration US Treasuries. The ABS and CMBS indices delivered positive excess returns close to twenty basis points each.

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## INDEX RETURNS BY SECTOR

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| INDEX   |     | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|---|-----|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| CORPORATES  |     |         |         |         |        |
| BBG BARC US INVESTMENT GRADE                                  |     | -0.65   | 3.05    | 7.66    | 13.00  |
|   | AAA | -1.37   | 4.21    | 9.47    | 16.60  |
|   | AA  | -0.64   | 2.85    | 6.38    | 11.50  |
|   | A   | -0.82   | 2.93    | 7.23    | 12.58  |
|   | BBB | -0.49   | 3.13    | 8.14    | 13.40  |
| BBG BARC EUROPEAN INVESTMENT GRADE<br>-LOCAL CURRENCY RETURNS |     | -0.76   | 1.29    | 3.48    | 6.13   |
|   | AAA | -1.39   | 1.58    | 3.81    | 7.81   |
|   | AA  | -0.83   | 0.67    | 1.83    | 4.30   |
|   | A   | -0.87   | 1.14    | 3.04    | 5.58   |
|   | BBB | -0.67   | 1.52    | 4.12    | 6.85   |
| BBG BARC STERLING INVESTMENT GRADE<br>-LOCAL CURRENCY RETURNS |     | 0.11    | 3.98    | 6.36    | 11.15  |
|   | AAA | 0.70    | 9.95    | 13.05   | 21.76  |
|   | AA  | 0.03    | 3.74    | 5.29    | 9.89   |
|   | A   | 0.13    | 4.46    | 6.75    | 11.58  |
|   | BBB | 0.08    | 3.51    | 6.06    | 10.73  |

Global government bond yields rallied lower throughout the period, and investment grade corporate bond markets were a primary beneficiary. Credit market performance was solid for much of the quarter, benefiting from the relatively longer-duration profile of investment grade corporate bond indices. UK corporate indices, which have the longest duration, outpaced global peers on a total-return basis despite escalating Brexit risk. The US and Europe corporate indices also delivered solid quarterly total returns. Excess returns for the period were very modest in the US and UK. However, the European corporate index delivered a strong excess return of 50 basis points.

| CORPORATES  |     | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|---|-----|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| BBG BARC US HIGH YIELD                                  |     | 0.36    | 1.33    | 3.87    | 6.36   |
|   | BB  | 0.30    | 2.03    | 5.17    | 9.48   |
|   | B   | 0.59    | 1.65    | 4.35    | 7.01   |
|   | CCC | -0.15   | -1.76   | -1.47   | -4.22  |
| BBG BARC PAN-EURO HIGH YIELD<br>-LOCAL CURRENCY RETURNS |     | 0.24    | 1.67    | 3.67    | 5.54   |
|   | BB  | 0.11    | 1.87    | 4.32    | 6.93   |
|   | B   | 0.20    | 0.85    | 1.97    | 2.78   |
|   | CCC | 2.35    | 4.53    | 5.86    | 4.21   |

High yield indices have a lower-duration profile than their investment grade peers, which kept high yield performance in check during the quarter. Broad risk appetite was decent for most of the period and corporate profits showed modest growth, buoying total returns. US high yield corporates delivered positive excess returns, except for the relatively lower-credit-quality CCC segment. In aggregate, the US high yield index has been delivering strong returns over the past 12 months despite the drag from CCCs. Performance in Europe was also positive. The European Central Bank initiated quantitative easing, supporting overall financial conditions in the region.

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|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| BANK LOANS              | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
| S&P/LSTA LEVERAGED LOAN | 0.47    | 0.99    | 2.69    | 3.10   |
| BB                      | 0.62    | 1.50    | 3.35    | 4.05   |
| B                       | 0.55    | 0.98    | 2.71    | 3.22   |
| CCC                     | -1.36   | -2.63   | -1.54   | -3.64  |

The performance of the high yield bank loan market is often highly correlated with that of the US high yield bond market. That dynamic was apparent during the quarter as high yield bank loan returns were broadly positive. Investors showed some concern about the amount of highly levered bank loans that have been issued, but the calendar of maturities still looks nonthreatening over the near term.

| DEVELOPED COUNTRIES                       | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|---|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| CITIGROUP WGBI<br>-LOCAL CURRENCY RETURNS | -0.73   | 2.70    | 5.44    | 9.99   |
| CITIGROUP NON-USD WGBI                    | -0.65   | 2.88    | 5.41    | 9.72   |
| UNITED STATES                             | -0.85   | 2.39    | 5.45    | 10.40  |
| CANADA                                    | -1.04   | 0.93    | 2.55    | 8.08   |
| JAPAN                                     | -1.46   | 0.51    | 1.70    | 5.15   |
| AUSTRALIA                                 | -0.71   | 2.36    | 6.04    | 13.51  |
| UNITED KINGDOM                            | 0.53    | 7.00    | 8.73    | 15.11  |
| EUROPEAN GBI                              | -0.39   | 3.84    | 7.32    | 11.64  |
| FRANCE                                    | -1.10   | 2.54    | 5.55    | 9.43   |
| GERMANY                                   | -1.10   | 2.11    | 4.18    | 8.05   |
| IRELAND                                   | -0.40   | 2.12    | 5.35    | 9.14   |
| ITALY                                     | 1.34    | 8.38    | 12.54   | 18.19  |
| SPAIN                                     | -0.44   | 2.14    | 7.76    | 11.57  |

Global government bond markets delivered positive returns in the quarter, building on their gains from the first half of the year. Bonds were well supported by the combination of slowing global growth, low inflation worldwide, and the accommodative policies of several central banks. Yields began to spike higher in September as signs of a cyclical uptick emerged; however, the rise in yields began to slow and even reverse course as investors became aware that an upturn, while probable, is likely further out on the horizon.

| EMERGING MARKET BONDS   | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
|---|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| JP MORGAN EMBIG<br>-SOVEREIGN/QUASI-SOVEREIGN, USD                  | -0.36   | 1.34    | 5.15    | 10.74  |
| JP MORGAN CEMBI BROAD DIVERSIFIED<br>-CORPORATES, USD               | 0.63    | 1.66    | 5.22    | 10.59  |
| JP MORGAN GBI-EM GLOBAL DIVERSIFIED<br>-GOVERNMENTS, LOCAL CURRENCY | 0.86    | 3.49    | 7.75    | 13.86  |

Emerging market US-dollar-pay bonds finished in positive territory, but trailed domestic investment grade credit. The asset class continued to benefit from investor demand for yield, but concerns about slowing global growth and the ongoing trade dispute between the US and China limited return. Local-currency emerging market government bonds rallied and delivered a strong total return despite weakness across most emerging market currencies.

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| INDEX                               |         |         |         |        |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| CURRENCY MARKETS                    | 1 MONTH | 3 MONTH | 6 MONTH | 1 YEAR |
| <b>DOLLAR BLOC</b>                  |         |         |         |        |
| CANADIAN DOLLAR                     | 0.53    | -1.10   | 0.82    | -2.51  |
| AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR                   | 0.25    | -3.85   | -4.88   | -6.56  |
| NEW ZEALAND DOLLAR                  | -1.03   | -6.77   | -7.95   | -5.38  |
| <b>WESTERN EUROPE</b>               |         |         |         |        |
| EURO                                | -0.76   | -4.17   | -2.84   | -6.08  |
| NORWEGIAN KRONE                     | 0.31    | -6.20   | -5.17   | -10.36 |
| SWEDISH KRONA                       | 0.00    | -5.65   | -5.58   | -9.66  |
| SWISS FRANC                         | -0.73   | -2.14   | -0.25   | -1.60  |
| BRITISH POUND                       | 1.09    | -3.21   | -5.72   | -5.69  |
| <b>EMERGING EUROPE &amp; AFRICA</b> |         |         |         |        |
| CZECH KORUNA                        | -0.18   | -5.54   | -2.76   | -6.19  |
| HUNGARIAN FORINT                    | -1.88   | -7.54   | -6.83   | -9.26  |
| POLISH ZLOTY                        | -0.62   | -6.93   | -4.31   | -8.02  |
| RUSSIAN RUBLE                       | 2.95    | -2.54   | 1.19    | 1.07   |
| SOUTH AFRICAN RAND                  | 0.39    | -6.93   | -4.20   | -6.57  |
| TURKISH NEW LIRA                    | 3.22    | 2.54    | -1.41   | 7.18   |
| <b>ASIA</b>                         |         |         |         |        |
| JAPANESE YEN                        | -1.67   | -0.21   | 2.57    | 5.20   |
| CHINESE RENMINBI                    | 0.11    | -3.94   | -6.10   | -3.91  |
| INDONESIAN RUPIAH                   | -0.03   | -0.47   | 0.32    | 4.99   |
| MALAYSIAN RINGGIT                   | 0.43    | -1.33   | -2.52   | -1.18  |
| PHILIPPINE PESO                     | 0.42    | -1.15   | 1.31    | 4.23   |
| SINGAPORE DOLLAR                    | 0.38    | -2.09   | -1.90   | -1.08  |
| SOUTH KOREAN WON                    | 1.26    | -3.47   | -5.10   | -7.27  |
| <b>LATIN AMERICA</b>                |         |         |         |        |
| ARGENTINE PESO                      | 3.31    | -26.24  | -24.78  | -28.28 |
| BRAZILIAN REAL                      | -0.26   | -7.37   | -5.67   | -2.57  |
| CHILEAN PESO                        | -0.92   | -6.82   | -6.69   | -9.82  |
| COLOMBIAN PESO                      | -1.00   | -7.63   | -8.37   | -14.52 |
| MEXICAN PESO                        | 1.67    | -2.59   | -1.55   | -5.15  |
| PERUVIAN NEW SOL                    | 0.95    | -2.24   | -1.51   | -1.94  |

A strong US dollar prevailed for the majority of the quarter as US economic growth prospects continued to look brighter than the rest of the world. We expect the Fed to continue cutting rates, but easier monetary policy from other global central banks may negate some of the impact of a more accommodative Fed. The dollar has been steadily trending upward for the past year, and it looks likely to continue unless global growth inflects higher while the US lags.

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## GLOBAL EQUITY MARKETS

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| INDEX TOTAL RETURNS (%) |                        |         |        |        |        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
|                         | INDEX                  | 3 MONTH | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR | 5 YEAR |
|                         | S&P 500®               | 1.70    | 4.25   | 13.39  | 10.84  |
|                         | MSCI ALL COUNTRY WORLD | 0.10    | 1.95   | 10.30  | 7.23   |
|                         | MSCI EUROPE            | -1.75   | -0.09  | 7.23   | 3.00   |
|                         | MSCI JAPAN             | 3.29    | -4.32  | 6.59   | 5.97   |
|                         | MSCI EMERGING MARKETS  | -4.11   | -1.63  | 6.37   | 2.71   |

Solid year-to-date returns mask the fact that global equity markets have not performed very well over the past 12 months. Corporate profit growth has been mediocre at best and the macroeconomic environment has been clouded by US-China trade war concerns and a global growth slowdown. Valuations have become somewhat rich over the past year, which has limited gains. Longer-term performance, based on three- and five-year annualized returns, still looks strong across the board, but future gains likely depend on the resumption of corporate profit growth rather than price-to-earnings multiple expansion.

## US EQUITY MARKETS

as of September 30, 2019

| INDEX TOTAL RETURNS (%) |                 |         |        |        |        |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
|                         | INDEX           | 3 MONTH | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR | 5 YEAR |
|                         | RUSSELL 1000®   | 1.42    | 3.87   | 13.19  | 10.62  |
|                         | GROWTH          | 1.49    | 3.71   | 16.89  | 13.39  |
|                         | VALUE           | 1.36    | 4.00   | 9.43   | 7.79   |
|                         | RUSSELL MIDCAP® | 0.48    | 3.19   | 10.69  | 9.10   |
|                         | GROWTH          | -0.67   | 5.20   | 14.50  | 11.12  |
|                         | VALUE           | 1.22    | 1.60   | 7.82   | 7.55   |
|                         | RUSSELL 2000®   | -2.40   | -8.89  | 8.23   | 8.19   |
|                         | GROWTH          | -4.17   | -9.63  | 9.79   | 9.08   |
|                         | VALUE           | -0.57   | -8.24  | 6.54   | 7.17   |

At the large-cap level, the performance gap between growth and value has been marginal over the past year, with value outperforming just slightly. The outperformance of growth over the longer term remains striking. Performance trends weaken as we move down in market capitalization, with mid caps underperforming large caps, and small caps underperforming mid caps across the periods shown. Growth has outperformed value over the past three- and five-year periods for both mid and small caps, although that dynamic has been challenged more recently.

*Data Source: FactSet. All returns quoted in US dollars. Performance for one and multi-year periods is annualized. Sorted by index quarterly returns. Due to rounding, sector totals may not equal 100%. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*



**S&P 500 SECTORS**  
as of September 30, 2019

| SECTOR PERFORMANCE ATTRIBUTION (%) |       |         |        |        |        |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                    | INDEX | 3 MONTH | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR | 5 YEAR |
| UTILITIES                          |       | 9.33    | 27.10  | 13.59  | 12.89  |
| REAL ESTATE                        |       | 7.71    | 24.74  | 10.36  | 5.81   |
| CONSUMER STAPLES                   |       | 6.11    | 16.85  | 7.89   | 9.26   |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY             |       | 3.36    | 8.62   | 22.66  | 18.27  |
| COMMUNICATION SERVICES             |       | 2.22    | 5.84   | 2.45   | 4.41   |
| FINANCIALS                         |       | 2.01    | 3.92   | 15.46  | 10.54  |
| INDUSTRIALS                        |       | 0.99    | 1.45   | 11.30  | 9.71   |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY             |       | 0.51    | 2.36   | 15.89  | 13.94  |
| MATERIALS                          |       | -0.12   | 2.61   | 8.96   | 4.90   |
| HEALTHCARE                         |       | -2.25   | -3.55  | 9.65   | 8.97   |
| ENERGY                             |       | -6.30   | -19.22 | -2.66  | -5.06  |

Defensive sectors like utilities, real estate and consumer staples trounced the S&P 500 Index over the past 12 months. Information technology and communication services also outperformed the broad market, albeit much less so. Dispersion among leading and lagging sectors has been very wide over the past 12 months and also in the third quarter. Healthcare has been struggling as perceived political risk has continued to rise with the approaching US presidential election. The energy sector has been a habitual underperformer in both absolute and relative terms. Prospects for the sector look dim, due largely to a well-balanced crude oil market and the increasing prominence of ESG investing.

*Data Source: FactSet. All returns quoted in US dollars. Performance for one and multi-year periods is annualized. Sorted by index quarterly returns. Due to rounding, sector totals may not equal 100%. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*



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