

Heritage Account 2020 Q1 <u>Global Investment Guide</u>

Southeast Asia Edition







Looking back to 2019, a year filled with troubles and uncertainties resulting from the trade war between US/China and Japan/South Korea as well as Brexit, global markets have undergone much difficulties as growth in major economies including United States, Europe and China slowed down. Global economic growth fell to its lowest level since the global financial crisis. Despite these unfavorable factors, the MSCI Global Index managed a total return of slightly over 20% in 2019, well above the historical average annual return.

Not only has growth stocks and technology sector in the United States displayed strong performance by reporting gains of more than 30%, emerging markets have also performed well. Russian market recorded gains of 40% to 45% for the year in spite of sanctions imposed on its economy by the West. Greece reported similar gains as it ended its bailout years saw its undervalued market rebounded.

Going into 2020, tension from trade battle deadlocks and uncertainty of Brexit is showing signs of easing up, and market liquidity remain relatively loose. However, global investors are reminded to exercise caution in view of the upcoming US elections and prevailing protectionism.

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Market Comments for Previous Outperformers and Underperformers

Outperformers: Russia, Crude Oil, GBP

Political and economic uncertainties receded as trade tensions between the US and China eased, crude oil inventories continued its decline, and UK's Conservative Party led by Prime Minister Boris Johnson won the House of Commons election. Investors risk appetite improved, with market consensus of a rebound in business sentiment and increased energy demand.

As oil price rose, Russian stock market benefited showing a strong bullish momentum, its index reporting a gain of more than 40% in 2019, second only to the Greek stock market. Declining demand for the US dollar, and outlook of an agreeable trade agreement between the UK and the EU provided stimulation to the pound appreciation. Most experts remain optimistic about sterling performance in 2020.

Underperformers: USD, Iron Ore

The US Federal Reserve had cut interest rates three times in 2019, in July, September and October respectively. Along with optimism in the global trade situation before the end of the year, the US dollar index hit a record low of growing by only 0.6%, its lowest in the past six years and far less than the 4.4% increase in 2018.

The global iron ore market has been volatile in 2019, as supply interruption in the first half of the year resulted in a strong rise in iron ore price, but was subsequently sold off due to a rebound in production. With the continued oversupply, iron ore prices are likely to remain weak in 2020.



Quarterly Market Outlook





★ The US central bank left the federal funds rate unchanged at 1.50 to 1.75 percent on its latest meeting, which took place on 10-11 December 2019. In the near term, the Federal Reserve is not expected to take further rate action, unless a material shift in outlook triggers such a move. Given the Fed's focus on avoiding a recession, the probability of additional cuts outweighs

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hikes. US GDP is expected to slow to trend, with growth averaging 1.7 percent over the next two years. Manufacturing and business investment may continue to struggle amid trade uncertainty, but services activities and consumer spending is likely to remain healthy. We believe risk of recession is now considerably lower.

<u>US Fed Fund Rate (%)</u>



★ The macroeconomic environment, including looser monetary policy and lending conditions, supported priceearnings (P/E) expansion in 2019, but these effects are fading. The wide gap between stock market performance and corporate after-tax profits suggests the latter needs to accelerate to continue support market valuation. S&P earnings per share is expected to grow 8 percent to \$177 by year-end, but this is partly predicated on a positive outcome to the US-China trade war, which remains uncertain. Due to the impact of the tariffs and rising labor costs, profit margins may come under pressure in 2020.





Europe: Authorities are expected to continue their expansion policies to support valuation level.

★ Underlying inflationary pressures in the Eurozone remain subdued, and the European central bank is expected to continue to fall short of its 2% inflation target in 2020. One of the biggest challenges that the new ECB President Christine Lagarde will face is convincing investors that the current Eurozone's monetary policy is still an effective and credible tool in supporting growth and inflation. ECB may adopt a wait-and-see approach to analyze the full impact of its September stimulus package and will keep policy largely unchanged for the first six months of 2020.



★ As it is a challenge to use solely monetary policy to boost growth and inflation, the next question will be if fiscal authorities can provide an additional boost. We expect a moderate fiscal boost of about 0.3pp in the Eurozone, mostly due to Germany's current expansionary fiscal policy. With the Stoxx 600 Index now trading at a record high after surging 24% in 2019, it is on track to be the third-best year for European equities in two decades, after strong runs in 1999 and 2009. Overall, economic data surprises have been on the rise and entered into positive territory in December 2019, but further improvement might be needed to support pricier valuation levels.





Japan: ROE is at historical high, and the effect of structural reforms will benefit investors.

★ Although economic and financial factors have been supportive of BOJ's maintaining a stable monetary policy, potential global growth concerns and domestic risk factors may increase pressure to loosen policy in 2020. It's questionable whether further accommodative measures alone would be effective, given that inflation is still below 1%, in spite of BOJ's quantitative and qualitative easing program being in place for more than five years. There is a growing clarity that monetary policy's effectiveness is reaching its limits. Public infrastructure spending has a higher economic growth multiplier effect, but such spending is less feasible in Japan as this will increase the already high levels of government debt.



★ Japanese equities are well positioned to grow, however, due to low valuations and recent progress seen in US-China trade deal negotiations. Other growth drivers include structural improvements, such as market and governance reforms put into place by the government under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Japan's pension fund's increased domestic equity investments. With structural reforms, companies have increased share buybacks to their highest levels since 2006, greatly benefiting shareholders. Nikkei 225 Index's Return on Equity is now nearing 10%. Between 1993 and 2012, ROE averaged around 4%. This dramatic increase reflects better governance and Government Pension Investment Fund's (GPIF) expectations of better returns.







China: Valuation is becoming more attractive as major risks continue to dissipate.

★ Given that major breakthroughs in trade negotiations are unlikely to occur in a US election year, an extended truce that preserves the status quo in levies is the most likely outcome. The general consensus forecasts the lingering impact of the 2019 tariffs will lower GDP growth by 0.2 to 0.3 percentage points in 2020. On a positive note, the odds of a hard landing, or growth below 5%, is relatively low, due to expectations that policymakers will continue implementing targeted stimulus measures and global central banks to turn dovish.

SSE Composite Index Enterprise Earnings Growth Rate



Chinese companies' negative earnings revisions in the last 18 months are close to bottoming. We expect a more stable, single digit increase in year-on-year growth in 2020. Also, China appears relatively attractive compared to other EM countries. China's market P/E is relatively lower than most top-10 EM countries and is deemed attractive when taking volatility into account. Chinese yuan breached the psychologically important level of 7 to the dollar in August 2019. USD/ CNY has since been trading in a range of 7.0-7.15. A thaw in the frosty trade relations between US and China would help to put a floor on the exchange rate. And PBoC could easily reintroduce the countercyclical factor into the yuan's daily reference rate to curb depreciation expectations. The risks of runaway devaluation and resultant capital flight are much lower now than before.





Emerging Market: Fundamentals continue to favor equities, but be mindful of risks.

★ International Monetary Fund forecasts emerging markets' growth rate to accelerate in 2020 and remain more than double than developed markets'. Improving fiscal, economic and monetary policies as well as a renewed focus on structural reforms in many emerging markets have been gaining traction. Moreover, across most emerging markets, fiscal and monetary policies have turned expansionary to counter slowing consumer demand. Central banks in emerging markets generally turned more dovish in 2019. We expect this trend to continue at least in the first half of 2020, as policymakers have greater flexibility in stimulating economic activities.



★ On the other hand, US-China's relationship remains uncertain and Chinese economic growth remains soft. The confluence of slowing global growth and persistent geopolitical uncertainty creates a fragile backdrop for markets in 2020 and beyond. Although improving growth, easing policy as well as still favorable valuations and earnings expectations have led to a modest upgrade in emerging market equities for the coming year, the likelihood of a large drawdown for equities and other risky assets remains elevated. Pricey valuations in some markets, late-cycle risks, and persistent geopolitical uncertainty are likely to keep global financial market volatility elevated in the coming quarters.





Asia(ex Japan) : Low interest rates encourage investors to hunt for higher dividend yield.

★ The region's economic and financial integration with global markets has been a critical factor for its economic success. However, it can also be a source of vulnerability at the current juncture. Further tariff increases and broader protectionist threats could adversely impact the region. IMF's report finds that Asia's investment-toGDP ratio could be 1.5 to 2 percent lower in two years, if uncertainty in trade policies were to spike and remain at peak levels. Another related risk is faster-than-expected slowdown in China. A further escalation of trade tensions could weaken external demand and depress Chinese confidence and investment.

IMF Emerging & Developing Asia Investment as a % of GDP



★ Inflation is likely to remain depressed and interest rates persistently low due to subdued growth and continuous disruption. Against this backdrop, equity dividend yields offer attractive returns that are well above the risk-free rates most Asian markets currently offer. Asian markets offer good earnings growth at lower valuations relative to many developed markets as investors weigh in capital movement and how a change in market leadership will affect their portfolios in 2020. As developed markets outside the US struggle to boost growth, Asia's modest valuations put investors in a good position for reasonable returns from Asia this year.





US/EU bond market: Return expected to be more subdued but remain an important component in asset allocation.

Global fixed income markets rallied in 2019, with most central banks revising downwards their assessment of long-term neutral policy rates. As 2020 growth slows in an uncertain macroeconomic environment, central banks are expected to remain proactive. Inflation expectation is the key to higher yields on medium term notes and longterm bonds. Despite a tight labor market, rising wages and healthy consumer spending, inflation expectation remains stubbornly low. The implied inflation rate embedded in Treasury markets and surveybased measures such as the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index point to a continued low inflation environment anticipated by investors and consumers.

US A Year Ahead Expected Inflation Rate% (Median)



★ Within the US aggregate bond market, investors are still expected to be fairly compensated for assuming credit risk, with US investment-grade bonds broadly outperforming US Treasury bonds by about one percentage point on an annualized basis. More importantly, while future returns for fixed income look low, there's little reason to believe their fundamental role in a portfolio has changed, as high-quality bonds still expected to play a key role in risk reduction and stability. In 2020, we expect returns to be more subdued. From current levels, yields are likely to move modestly higher, while there isn't much room for credit spreads to fall further.

Bloomberg Barclays USD Liquid Investment Grade Bond Credit Spread (bps)





EM Debts: EM local debt is expected to benefit from potential recovery in EM currencies.

★ While global economic growth remains sluggish, overall EM growth is still about twice as high as developed markets. EM domestic debt is expected to benefit from a potential recovery in EM currencies in 2020. Recent US dollar strength, escalation in US-China trade war, as well as declining global growth and trade have been broadly negative for EM currencies. In most cases, EM currencies have weakened to their all time lows, levels seen during the balance of payments crises of 2013-15. We are now seeing tentative evidence of a cyclical upturn, together with more favourable global liquidity conditions especially given the increase in money supply in the US. This turnaround would likely create the conditions for a strong recovery in EM currencies.

EM currencies depreciation from the average price of 2013-2015 to the end of 2019



★ In China, the credit impulse has improved in recent months. While this improvement is not as convincing compared to 2009, 2012 and 2016, monetary and credit conditions in China will be less of a drag in the next few months. The worst may be over for domestic economic activity. In local currency terms, countries with higher real interest rates seem most likely to continue to outperform. Indonesia, Russia, and Mexico offer investors higher rates with a greater potential for price appreciation as other local opportunities fade.

Bloomberg Economics China Credit Impulse 12 Months Change%





Industry Trends and Outlook

Banking - Rate cut paused, benefits banking sector

★ The S&P financial index had risen more than 29% in 2019 and 9.85% in Q4 alone. The index hit a new high, 13 years later since GFC. Although the Fed has cut rates three times in 2019, a recent meeting pointed out that the US economy has maintained moderate growth and the job market remained strong. Interest rate cuts are not expected in the near term. Banking stocks' earnings growth potential is limited in a low interest rate environment, but modest economic growth and first-phase trade deal between China and the US are positives for the market. Financial stock prices still have room to run in the coming quarter, but the magnitude and volatility will be affected by changes in the political environment.



Manufacturing - Weak momentum indicator shows manufacturing is under pressure

The US-China trade war lasted for more than one year. Although its impact on capital markets has gradually faded, China, US and the global economy have been affected to a certain degree. Although US economy overall still maintained moderate growth, November US manufacturing indices underscored the sector's weakness. For example, the industrial production index saw three consecutive months of contraction, while the ISM manufacturing PMI index has fallen for four consecutive months. These indicate that the sector is still under pressure.





Technology - Remain cautiously optimistic

★ Technology sector is one of the key booster for US stock performance. The Technology index gained 48% in 2019 and 13.99% in Q4 alone. A persistent low interest rate and high liquidity environment is conducive to capital expenditure. Also, the advancement of 5G technology is expected to bring large-scale equipment

replacement and increase demand for data usage, benefitting technology stocks. Market is likely to continue favor Technology stocks and prices still have some upside in the upcoming quarter. Valuations and political environment changes will have impact on the medium and long-term outlook.



Energy - Cheap valuation, with considerable upside

★ The S&P Energy Index rose 4.42% in 4Q2019 and 7.6% for the whole year, underperforming other sub-indices. Overall, energy sector valuation is cheap, with both P/E ratio and P/B ratio significantly lower than its five-year average. More importantly, the market expects energy sector's earnings growth to reach to 23% in 2020, higher than other sectors. News reports claim that well-known investors such as Warren Buffett started investing in US energy industry in 2019. The energy sector may be a major investment theme in the coming year.





Commodity Trends and Outlook

<u>Crude Oil - Little impact from OPEC reduced production, crude oil expected to</u> range trade

★ OPEC+ reached consensus to deepen production cuts this year, the main driver of crude oil prices' upward trend. Oil prices rose more than 8.58% in 4Q2019. However, US data shows the active drilling numbers are higher than expected. 2020 crude oil production is expected to rise further to 13.18 mb/d. In summary, the actual decline in oil supply is limited, offsetting the effect of production cuts. As there are no foreseeable strong factors, crude prices will remain range bound around USD60/bbl.



Natural Gas - Colder weather, higher LGN price

★ Due to US experiencing a warmer winter in 2019, coupled with higher production and swelling stockpiles, LNG prices fell more than 6% in the fourth quarter. According to EIA, the natural gas market is still in oversupply, putting pressure on spot prices. However, given positive factors driving demand for US natural gas: US is expecting a cold front; the recent strong US natural gas export data; the conclusion of US-China "Phase One" trade deals: we believe demand for natural gas may see a rebound in first quarter of 2020, leading to a bottoming out of natural gas prices.





Iron Ore - Supply recovery may suppress price in the Q1

★ Due to the rebound in iron ore supply and slowing demand, iron ore prices fell by almost 7.5% in 4Q2019. Recently, Vale, a major iron ore supplier, lowered its iron ore supply in the first quarter this year, resulting in a slight uptick in iron ore prices. However, due to overall increase in iron ore supply coupled with weak demand, the Australian Western Pacific Bank expects average iron ore price in 2020 to be USD65/MT, a near 30% downside from current level of USD85/MT.



Agriculture – Trade deal encourages soybean price

★ After US and China reached an agreement on "Phase One", soybean prices rose slightly by 4% in 4Q 2019. US soybean exports to China have fallen by more than half compared to 2018, due to US-China trade tensions, putting pressure on soybean prices. The US-China "Phase One" trade deal includes more than USD40 billion in agricultural products, purchased annually from the United States. A consulting firm estimates that this will include approximately USD18.7 billion or 45 million tons of soybeans, more than the estimated 3,300 tons of US soybean exports in 2017. China is expected to gradually start purchasing soybeans from the US, which will likely result a steady rise in soybean prices.





Currency Trends and Outlook

EUR/USD : Resistance : 1.14 / Support : 1.05

★ Although the Euro has not performed well in 2019, it has been relatively strong since November. The recent weaker US dollar and expectations of an orderly Brexit has pushed the Euro up. The higher-thanexpected Eurozone consumer confidence in November and improving US-China trade situation has also helped the Eurozone economy to recover. The leader of the German Democratic Party indicated the possibility to implement moderate fiscal policies, which will also help the uptrend of the Euro. As the Eurozone economy gradually recovers and the uncertainty over Brexit diminishes, the EUR/USD is expected to challenge the 1.14 mark in this quarter.



GBP/USD : Resistance : 1.34 / Support : 1.20

★ Brexit is still far from being a done deal and should continue to play a key role in influencing the sterling's movement over the coming quarters. Apart from Brexit uncertainty, investors will also take a closer look at UK economic fundamentals. Recent economic indicators have suggested that the UK economy is slowing down. Thus, the fundamental drivers for the pound remains negative, heavily impacting the GBP/ USD outlook. UK/EU trade talks will only start after the UK officially leaves the EU on January 31. The negotiations' pace and tone will set the direction for the Pound in the first quarter.





USD/JPY : Resistance : 112 / Support : 105

★ USD/JPY's trading band in 2019 is the narrowest since the 1980s and we expect this trend to continue in 2020. First, a narrowing US-Japan inflation differential suggests a fundamentally tighter path for USD/JPY. Second, the Yen is used less frequently as a short-term funding currency, implying lower potential for either sharp JPY weakness, or rapid JPY appreciation going forward. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe introduced a fiscal stimulus package to boost the economy. Although unemployment remains low, global headwinds may weigh on the world's third-largest economy. The move may ease the pressure from the Bank of Japan to add more stimulus, to encourage JPY appreciation within a tight range.



XAU/USD : Resistance : 1600 / Support : 1450

★ Gold ended 2019 with double-digit gains and is likely to maintain its upward trajectory in 2020. The Fed reduced borrowing costs by 25 basis points in last July – the first rate cut since 2008 – and announced quarter-point reductions in September and October. Throughout the year, trade-related headlines kept whipsawing between trade-friendly concessions and trade-negative rhetoric. This resulted in greater uncertainty and market volatility, which boded well for gold. We believe in the longer-term, ample central bank liquidity will continue to drive gold prices higher. However, gold is no longer cheap at current price levels. We prefer investors to buy on dips.





Currency Trends and Outlook

AUD/USD : Resistance : 0.72 / Support : 0.65

★ The US-China trade war took its toll on the Australian economy, hence the AUD/USD fell to a decade low of 0.6670 in October 2019. Although concerns over US-China trade war faded and a lower likelihood of a disorderly Brexit improved marketwide risk appetite, AUD/USD still traded in a choppy trading range after finding support at decade lows. However, concerns over the Australia's less-than-ideal employment situation became the main reason for the RBA to cut rates to a record low of 0.75%. More rate cuts are likely to happen in 2020, implying AUD/USD has yet to hit bottom.



NZD/USD : Resistance : 0.70 / Support : 0.60

★ New Zealand's third quarter 2019 GDP increased by 0.7% quarter-on-quarter and 2.3% year-on-year, beating expectations. This good set of economic data has driven NZD/USD appreciation. In addition, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ) turned hawkish and suspended rate cuts in November 2019, which may lend support NZD/USD in the short term. However, the market believes that RBNZ will sooner or later cut interest rate to 0.75%. The trade war will not be resolved before the US election in 2020, which will further weigh on the economy. RBNZ is expected to take action on a surging NZD.





USD/CNY : Resistance : 7.20 / Support : 6.70

★ The signing of the US-China "Phase One" deal may be carried out at the ministerial level, but President Trump unexpectedly said that the first phase of the US-China agreement will be signed with Chinese President Xi Jinping. This highlights how important both parties view this trade negotiation. Also, this helps to lay the groundwork for a positive start to a

second round of talks. This led Renminbi's appreciation. RMB is expected to trend upwards, albeit in a more volatile manner. If tensions between China and US continue to ease, international funds will continue to flow into China. Thus, China's capital account is expected to continue to maintain a surplus, which will support the RMB exchange rate.



USD/SGD : Resistance : 1.40 / Support : 1.35

★ The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in its semi-annual Macroeconomic Review stated that the central bank expects the Singapore's economic activity to remain tepid in the next 18 months, due to factors such as poor global economic growth and uncertainty stemming from US-China trade dispute. Still, broader economy has not seen a spillover effect from the weak electronics sector. Nonetheless, MAS remains conservative on the somber nearterm outlook for the electronics sector. The central bank forecasts 2020 GDP growth to be in the range of 0% to 1%. SGD will likely significantly fluctuate between 1.35-1.40.







Mutual Fund				
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN
Fidelity China Focus Fund	USD	Invests mainly in China listed companies	China	LU0173614495
JPMorgan Funds - Brazil Equity	SGD	Invests mainly in companies that headquarter or operate in Brazil	Brazil	LU0532187761
JPMorgan Funds - Japan Equity	SGD	Invests mainly in Japan listed companies	Japan	LU0235639324
Fidelity United Kingdom Fund	GBP	Invests mainly in UK listed companies	UK	LU0048621717
JPMorgan Funds - US Small Cap Growth	USD	Invests mainly in US small cap companies	US	LU0053671581
Franklin Technology Fund	USD	Participates in high growth areas like e-commerce and artificial intelligence	Global	LU0109392836

Exchange Trade Fund					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF	USD	Invests in companies engaged in exploring for, mining and processing of gold and precious metals	Global	GDX	
SPDR S&P EM SmallCap ETF	USD	Small cap companies in emerging markets	EM	EWX	
iShares MSCI India ETF	USD	Invests in component companies of the MSCI India Investable Market Index	India	INDY	

Corporate Stock					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
VISA	USD	The world's biggest card issuers	NYSE	US92826C8394	
MengNiu	HKD	The first Groupon dairy products in China	HKSE	KYG210961051	
Sembcorp Industries Limited	SGD	A leading energy, marine and urban development group	SEX	SCIL	





Corporate Bond					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Coupon	ISIN	
ROYAL BK SCOTLND GRP PLC	USD	YTM:8.544% / Maturity Date: Perpetual	8.625%	US780097BB64	
MWD MTN Ltd	HKD	YTM:3.51% / Maturity Date : 2029.03.27	4.00%	AM 9400988	
<note> The YTM shown here is for reference only, the actual rate is based on the quoted price at the point of transaction</note>					

Exchange Traded Fund					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
SPDR Barclays Capital High Yield Bnd ETF	USD	Tracks the Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Very Liquid Index	US	JNK	
Invesco Senior Loan ETF	USD	Interest income and spreads from leveraged loans	Global	BKLN	
SPDR S&P Global Dividend ETF	USD	Track S&P Global Dividend Aristocrats Index	US	WDIV	
Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF	HKD	Tracks the Hang Seng High Dividend NTR Index	Hong Kong	3110.HK	

Mutual Fund					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
AB FCP I - Global High Yield Portfolio	USD	Invests in major currency denominated high yield debt securities worldwide	Global	LU0102830865	
Fidelity Global Dividend Fund A	USD	Invest globally in high yielding listed securities	Global	LU0731783048	
JPM Global Income Fund	EUR	Invest globally in portfolio of income generating securities	Global	LU0726765562	
Manulife Preferred Securities Income Fund	USD	Invests in USD denominated preferred equity and debt	US	LU1813986715	
Templeton Global Bond Fund A	USD	Invests in Government and related entities bond	Global	LU0252652382	
Fidelity Greater China Multi Asset Growth & Income Fund	USD	Invests in Greater China equity and fixed income	China	LU 1366333505	
Neuberger Berman Emerging Market Debt Hard Currency	USD	Invests in Emerging Markets hard currency government debt	EM	IE00B986J944	

Aggressive Portfolio



Dual Currency Deposit					
Base Currency	Counter Currency	Investment Type	Annualised Yield	Code	
USD	XAU	Tenor: 2Week / Strike Price: 1500.00 /Offer Price :1545.00	5.00%	USD-XAU	
AUD	USD	Tenor: 2Week / Strike Price: 0.6750 /Offer Price :0.6955	5.00%	AUD-USD	





Mutual Fund					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
Franklin Gold and Precious Metals	USD	Invests in companies engaged in exploring for, mining and processing of gold and precious metals	Global	LU0496367417	
Aberdeen Standard Pacific Equity	USD	Invests in the Asia Pacific region for capital growth	Asiapac	SG9999001903	
Legg Mason ClearBridge - US Large Cap Growth Fund	USD	Invests mainly in US listed companies	US	IEO0B19Z9505	
First State Global Infrastructure Fund	USD	Invests in infracstructure company, including telecommunication, transportation	Global	SG9999005300	
JPMorgan Japan Equities Fund	SGD	Invests in Japanese companies	Japan	LU1042832177	
BlackRock World Technology Fund	USD	Invests in technology stocks	Global	LU0056508442	

Exchange Traded Fund						
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN		
VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF	USD	Invests in companies engaged in exploring for, mining and processing of gold and precious metals	Global	GDX		
Invesco QQQ Trust	USD	Tracking US Technology Stocks	US	QQQ		
iShares MSCI China ETF	USD	Invests in med-large stock in China	China	MCHI		

Equity Linked Note					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Annualised Yield	Code	
Geely	HKD	Tenor: 1Month / Srtick Price: 95% /Offer Price : 98.61%	16.60%	175 HK	
Boeing Co	USD	Tenor: 1Month / Srtick Price: 95% /Offer Price : 98.14%	21.32%	BA UN	

<Note> The offer price, strike price and annualized rates of return shown here are indicative only, actual quotes will be provided at the point of transaction

Corportate Stock						
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Exchange	Code		
Microsoft	USD	One of the Largest Software company in the world	NASDAQ	MSFT		
China Mobile	HKD	One of China's three major telecom operators		941.HK		
Dairy Farm International Holdings Ltd	SGD	A major pan-Asian retailer involved in the processing and wholesaling of food and personal hygiene products	SEX	DAIR		





Corporate Bond					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Coupon	ISIN	
Societe Generale	USD	YTM: 7.545 % / Maturity: Perpetual	7.375%	USF43628C734	
DIAMOND 1 FUN/DIAMOND 2	USD	YTM: 5.864% / Maturity: 2036.07.15	8.100%	USU2526DAE95	
HKCGAS Finance Ltd	HKD	YTM: 3.17 % / Maturity: 2039.09.23	4.720%	EH9725296	
<note> The YTM shown here is for reference only the actual rate is based on the quoted price at the point of transaction</note>					

Exchange Trade Fund						
Investment Asset CUR		Investment Type	Market	Code		
Franklin LibertyQ Global Dividend	USD	Tracking high dividend stocks globally	Global	FLQD		
SPDR Barclays Capital High Yield Bnd ETF	USD	Tracks the Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Very Liquid Index	US	JNK		
Mirae Asset Horizons Hang Seng High Dividend Yield ETF	HKD	Tracking Hang Seng High Dividend Yield Index	нк	3110.HK		
/anguard Dividend Appreciation USD Tracking NASDAQ US Dividend Achievers Select Index		Tracking NASDAQ US Dividend Achievers Select Index	US	VIG		

Mutual Fund					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
Allianz Income & Growth Fund	USD	Invests in US & Canadian equity and Corporate debt	North America	LU0689472784	
PIMCO GIS Global High Yield Fund	USD	Invests in high yield fixed income securities denominated in major currencies	Global	IE00B193ML14	
AB FCP I - Global High Yield Portfolio	USD	Invests in major currency denominated high yield debt securities worldwide	Global	LU0102830865	
Eastspring Asian Local Bond Fund	SGD	Invests in Asia ex Japan Bonds	Asia	LU0588547272	
Fidelity Global Dividend Fund A	USD	Invest globally in high yielding listed securities	Global	LU0731783048	

Balanced Portfolio



Dual Currency Deposit						
Base Currency	Counter Currency	Investment Type	Annualised Yield	Code		
USD	JPY	Tenor: 2Week / Strike Price: 109.05 / Offer Price : 108.00	5.00%	USD-JPY		
GBP	USD Tenor: 2Week / Strike Price: 1.3350 / Offer Price : 1.3100 5.00% SGD-USD					
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Corporate Bond					
Investment Asset CUR Investment Type C		Coupon	ISIN		
STANDARD CHARTERED PLC	USD	YTM:3.007% / Maturity: 2022.01.05	5.700%	XS0736418962	
CLOVERIE PLC ZURICH	USD	YTM:5.784% / Maturity: 2046.06.24	5.625%	XS1385999492	
IFC Development Corp TRS	HKD	YTM:2.41% / Maturity: 2020.03.26	3.40%	EK1243899	
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Exchange Trade Fund						
Investment Asset	CUR	JR Investment Type M		Code		
iShares 3-7 Treasury Bond ETF	USD	Tracks an index of US Treasury bonds with maturity between 3-7 years	US	IEI		
iShares TIPS bonds ETF	USD	Tracks Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Treasury Inflation Protected Notes Index	US	TIP		
VelocityShares ST LIBOR ETN	USD	Tracks Janus Velocity Short LIBOR Index	Global	DLBR		

Mutual Fund					
Investment Asset	CUR	Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
Allianz Income & Growth Fund	USD	Invests in US & Canadian equity and Corporate debt	North America	LU0689472784	
BlackRock Asia Tiger Bond Fund	USD	Invests in Asian region government and corporate bonds	Asia	LU0764618053	
Allianz Oriental Income	USD	Invests in Asia Pacific equities and bond markets	AsiaPac	LU0348783233	
Templeton Global Bond Fund	USD	Investments in government or related institution bonds worldwide	Global	LU0252652382	





Mutual Fund					
Investment Asset CUR		Investment Type	Market	ISIN	
Fullerton SGD Cash Fund SGD		The fund invests in short term liquid assets denominated in SGD	SG	SG9999005961	
BNP Paribas USD Money Market Class USD		Invests in USD deposits or money market instruments with < 1 year maturity	Global	LU0012186622	





Quarterly Discussion Theme – Alternative Investment

Introduction to alternative investments

★ Alternative investments have become more mainstream and popular in recent years, but most investors still carry some misunderstandings about alternative assets. In short, alternative asset investment is defined as investment products other than stocks, bonds, and futures. The scope of alternative investment is very broad, including private equity, real estate, private credit and international factoring. Precious wines and artworks may also be considered as alternative investment options.

★ Low correlation to traditional investment assets and macro environment is one of the key characteristics of alternative investments. In cases of significant market fluctuations, there is less impact on the value of alternative investments than traditional instruments. Investors can typically reduce portfolio risks, enhance portfolio returns or even create regular income stream by adding alternative investments in to their portfolios.

★ As investment choices of alternative assets increase, so is the size of capital raised. JPMorgan report shows that alternative investment fund raising some major alternative investment assets rose rapidly from approximately US\$409 billion in 2011 to US\$1,056 billion in 2018, with CGAR around 14.5%. The main reason for the growing popularity of alternative investments can be attributed to the fact that alternative assets can effectively enhance portfolio returns and reduce portfolio risks.



Source : Preqin, HFRI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Fundraising categories are provided by Preqin, and represent their estimate of annual capital raised in closed-end funds. Data may not sum to total due to råounding.

Source : JPMorgan, Guide to Alternatives





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- ★ Alternative asset investment as "return enhancer"
- ★ JPMorgan report shows returns from some major alternative investment assets outperformed that of traditional assets like equities and fixed income. G5 shows annualized return of direct lending reaching 10.2%, which is much higher than the 6.4% return on US high-yield bonds and the 2.4% return on global equity that most investors are familiar with.



★ Alternative asset investment as "risk diversifier"

Public and private market correlations

★ JPMorgan report also shows some major alternative assets having very low correlations to traditional assets like equities and bonds, some of the alternative asset even shows a negative correlations to traditional assets. G6 shows correlation coefficients between US Real Estate to stock and bond assets are 0.1 and -0.1, respectively, i.e. almost no correlation between the returns on US real estate assets and the stock market or bond market.



Sourc : JPMorgan, Guide to Alternatives

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- ★ Over the past year, the performance of traditional investment portfolios was largely affected by the fluctuating market sentiment, this rapidly changing market condition has caused investor dilemma choosing between Risk On and Risk Off.
- ★ Since the global financial crisis in 2008, major central banks have implemented negative / low interest rate policies to stimulate the economy. Traditional bond yields continued its downtrend, with negative interest rate bond assets piled up to as much as \$17 trillion. This low bond yield environment has made it difficult for investors seeking stable returns and diversification.
- ★ In addition, macroeconomic factors such as the US-China trade war and concerns of slowing global economic growth have continued to cause market fluctuations, US stocks also faces high valuations and low growth after a 10-year bull run. Recent statistics have found that many large European family offices and asset management companies are gradually increasing the asset allocation to alternative assets to 20%-25%. This is, more than 10% higher than the average allocation over the past few years.
- ★ In the era of global uncertainties and low interest rate returns, alternative assets prove itself a useful tool to improve the overall portfolio returns while lowering risks at the same time.





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