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## **Fund***Advisor* Quarterly Update | Q1 2019

It has been an amazing 6 months for the stock market, marked by double-digit declines in the fourth quarter and double digit gains in the first quarter that have gotten us back near the peak. The first quarter of this year was the best quarter for the S&P 500 Index since the market recovery began in 2009, yet it came on the heels of the worst fourth quarter since 2008. Periods like this remind us of the virtual impossibility of trying to time the market and reiterates the importance of having a sound asset allocation strategy. In the first quarter, several mounting fears have abated, including: 1) the Federal Reserve has backed off

its interest rate increases, easing the fear that they would drive the economy into a recession 2) progress in talks with China over trade have eased the concern over a full-blown trade war 3) Brexit inches toward a resolution. Due to the strength of the first quarter of the year, we expect much more muted returns going forward, however, a more clearly defined trade resolution with China could be a driving force to stabilize slowing global economic growth and could be the driver of another leg higher for the market.

#### First Quarter 2019 Market Highlights

- Complete reversal in investor sentiment moving from fearful to nearly exuberant
- S&P 500 gained 13.7%, recovering from a 13.5% decline in the fourth quarter and has gained over 21% since the low point on December 26
- Diversification is working better Small and mid-cap stocks beat the S&P 500 by the widest margin since 2016
- Growth stocks roared ahead after struggling a bit in the fourth quarter
- International stocks gained almost 10% despite ongoing concerns over Brexit and trade negotiations with China
- Interest rates declined, contrary to what most were expecting only a few months ago, as fears of slowing global growth have brought recession fears into the fray
- We made fund changes and asset allocations (outlined below) during our annual rebalancing which took place in February

#### **Recent Changes**

Rebalancing is an important component to good long-term account maintenance that results in the selling of funds and asset classes that performed well and grown above their targeted allocation. The proceeds are reinvested in out of favor areas where compelling valuations often lead to outperformance. In conjunction with rebalancing, we made several asset allocation and fund changes in an effort to identify the most attractive areas of the market and improve our expected returns going forward. The changes are outlined below:

- Reduced developed international exposure in all models these markets have underperformed the U.S. and look attractive based on valuations but are facing headwinds that we feel could limit future growth, making for better opportunities in other asset categories
- Increased small-cap U.S. stocks in more aggressive models small caps have historically carried higher valuations than their large-cap counterparts; after several years of strong returns for large caps, that is not the case today; when this has happened in the past small caps have often outperformed over the next several years
- Increased emerging markets in more aggressive models valuations appear attractive, economies are growing faster than developed world, and trade resolution could drive relative outperformance
- Increased U.S. large-cap value in most models "value" stocks have trailed "growth" stocks for several years and typically perform better in times of market stress due to their higher dividend income and generally lower valuations
- Increased cash in more conservative models more modest expectations for stock returns and a higher yield on cash makes cash a viable asset class again
- Improved the risk profile of bond allocations we sold floating rate bank loans which are below investment grade and increased exposure to Treasury bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, and mortgages in an effort to increase the overall credit quality

#### **Final thoughts**

Amid the recent volatility and subsequent recovery, we encourage you to revisit your risk tolerances and asset allocation with your Investment Executive. Our Fund*Advisor* program offers 5 portfolios with varying risk and return profiles to suit the needs of a variety of different investors. Our portfolios are designed to provide global equity and bond exposure and will include a combination of large, mid and small cap U.S. stocks, large cap and small international stocks (including emerging markets), and a diversified bond portfolio that can include both investment grade and higher-yielding below investment-grade bonds. Within these categories, we invest in both actively and passively managed mutual funds. You can find the allocations and funds used in each model on pages 2 and 3. We value our relationship with you and always encourage you to contact your Investment Executive with any questions you have.

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Important Disclosures on page 4 for index definition						
Asset Category	Q4'18	Q1'19				
Intermediate Bonds	1.65	2.32				
High Yield Bonds	-4.53	7.26				
Emerging Market Stocks	-7.46	9.91				
Value Stocks	-11.72	11.93				
Developed International Stocks	-12.54	9.98				
U.S. Large Cap Stocks	-13.52	13.65				
U.S. Mid Caps Stocks	-15.37	16.54				
Growth Stocks	-15.89	16.10				
U.S. Small Cap Stocks	-20.20	14.58				

# FundAdvisor Portfolio Holdings as of March 31, 2019

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# Returns Net of Fees as of March 31, 2019

Fund / Index Name	Fund / Index Performance at Net Asset Value**				Up	Down	Expense Ratio		
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Capture	Capture	Gross	Net <sup>3</sup>
Large Cap						•			
American Funds AMCAP F3	12.75	7.34	13.81	10.19	16.08	100.27	99.34	0.37	0.37
Diamond Hill Large Cap I	13.16	6.29	11.71	8.77	14.80	96.80	101.51	0.67	0.67
FMI Large Cap Institutional	10.70	7.79	11.85	9.12	14.31	89.54	88.65	0.66	0.66
Benchmark: S&P 500 Index	13.65	9.50	13.51	10.91	15.92	100.00	100.00	-	-
Mid Cap and Small Cap									
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	16.77	5.98	11.59	8.85	16.67	91.39	80.87	0.05	0.05
JHancock Small Cap Value I	10.74	1.20	5.90	5.06	14.40	94.58	99.89	1.23	1.22
Benchmark: Russell 2500 Index	15.82	4.48	12.56	7.79	16.23	100.00	100.00	-	-
International									
FMI International Institutional	8.41	1.63	7.14	5.81	-	-	-	0.76	0.76
Dodge & Cox International Stock	9.78	-8.00	7.87	0.85	10.25	109.98	107.62	0.63	0.63
MFS International New Discovery I	10.40	-2.98	9.27	5.43	13.42	92.58	65.19	1.05	1.05
Benchmark: MSCI EAFE Index	9.98	-3.71	7.27	2.33	8.96	100.00	100.00	-	-
Emerging Markets									
Touchstone Sands Cptl Emerg Mkts Gr Y1	16.25	-3.02	11.87	-	-	-	-	1.35	1.35
Vanguard Emerging Mkts Stock Idx Adm	11.33	-6.82	9.84	3.59	8.62	101.18	103.08	0.14	0.14
Benchmark: MSCI EM Index	9.91	-7.41	10.68	3.68	8.94	100.00	100.00	-	-
Intermediate Gov't/Credit									
Eaton Vance Glbl Macr Absolute Return I <sup>2</sup>	2.01	-1.76	2.21	2.48	3.01	51.30	-24.73	0.78	0.78
Vanguard Interm-Term Investment-Grade Adm	3.95	5.38	2.68	3.34	6.23	172.93	133.90	0.10	0.10
Benchmark: BBgBarc US Govt/Credit Index	2.32	4.24	1.66	2.12	3.14	100.00	100.00	-	-
Short-Term Bond									
Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Adm	2.18	3.70	2.11	2.05	3.56	206.36	132.49	0.10	0.10
Benchmark: FTSE USBIG Govt/Corp 1-3 Yr	1.22	3.00	1.30	1.19	1.55	100.00	100.00	-	-

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#### <sup>3</sup>Investors pay the net expense ratio of the fund.

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