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Portfolio Strategy and Asset Allocation

TACTICAL SHIFTS

January 2020:

• We raised our allocation to EM equities to neutral, from a slight underweight position; and reduced our large underweight to International Developed equities in half, but remain slightly underweight relative to our long-term, strategic allocations.

EQUITIES

MARKET VIEWS

Equities remain more attractive relative to Fixed Income.

Continue with high quality in Fixed

Income ; short-end provides the best risk-reward profile given a

potential drift higher in yields.

Non-U.S. equity markets should exhibit improved relative

U.S. dollar slightly weakens and

growth bottoms overseas.

performance versus the U.S. as the

- We remain optimistic on U.S. large-cap equities relative to International Developed and Emerging Markets (EMs), however this month we are moving to a slightly smaller underweight allocation to International Developed equities and moving EM equities to neutral, as the outlook for corporate earnings, global trade and manufacturing has started to improve.
- We continue to favor global equities over fixed income based on favorable relative

valuations and our expectation that the business cycle regains momentum.

• We maintain our constructive view on U.S. equities on the basis of stronger real economic growth and corporate profits.

FIXED INCOME

- We are neutral duration, balancing low rates against the possibility of a lower-for-longer fed funds rate path and even lower rates if global growth weakens or rates around the world remain deeply negative.
- Slight preference for credit, emphasizing corporates particularly banks—as the relative value of credit is moderate. Short-end provides the best risk-reward profile given the flat curve.
- Some allocation to Treasurys for liquidity and relative safety is advised as a buffer to risk-off sentiment.
- Investment-grade credit spreads are near fair value, but on the tighter end with the shorter-end of the corporate curve still presenting the best riskadjusted value and an opportunity for investors who need duration.
- Within HY, some allocation to leveraged loans is advisable due to secured status and relative value in terms of spread and yield versus unsecured bonds.

- **ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS***
- We believe the environment for active management, and hence hedge funds, remains favorable given recent dynamics around correlations and volatility resulting from tension between the current macro backdrop and individual company fundamentals.
- We view private equity strategies as long-term potential portfolio return enhancers with unique access to specialized deals available to qualified investors.
- Within real estate, strong consumer confidence, a robust labor market, strong U.S. household formation, and low real interest rates should support demand in the near-term.
- We expect tangible assets over the long term to benefit portfolios through increasing portfolio diversification, helping to protect against the corrosive effects of inflation, producing growing streams of investment and cash flow.

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CIO Asset Class Strategy Views



Equities	🔴 .	Fixed Income	. 🛑	Alternative Investments*
U.S. Large Cap		U.S. Investment Grade Taxable		Hedge Funds
U.S. Mid Cap	• • 😑 • •	International	• • • • •	Private Equity
U.S. Small Cap	• • • • •			Real Assets
International Developed	••••	Global High Yield Taxable		Redi Assets
Emerging Markets		-		Cash ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS NOTE: Given the differences in liquid
		4		characteristics between AI and traditional investments, the AI portfolio positioning and CIO asset class views have been neutral rated versus our strategic allocations. These types of investments, our opinion, should not be viewed at the asset class level on a tactical basis, rather the tactical positioning should be expressed at the sub asset level. We will continue to provide strategy level guidance for qualified AI investors and believe allocations to AI can introduce differentiated returns which can complement existing traditional holdings by enhancing returns, reducing risk, and capitalizing on opportunities not available in traditional investment

CORE PORTFOLIO	
FUNDAMENTALS	Active rebalancing during periods of outsized weakness and strength
FUNDAMIENTALS	Focus on risk-adjusted returns and goal alignment

When assessing your portfolio in light of our current guidance, consider the tactical positioning around asset allocation in reference to your own individual risk tolerance, time horizon, objectives and liquidity needs. Certain investments may not be appropriate, given your specific circumstances and investment plan. Certain security types, like hedged strategies and private equity investments, are subject to eligibility and suitability criteria. Your financial advisor can help you customize your portfolio in light of your specific circumstances. *Many products that pursue Alternative Investment strategies, specifically Private Equity and Hedge Funds, are available only to pre-qualified clients. Source: GWIM Investment Strategy Committee (GWIM ISC) as of January 7, 2020. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Please refer to appendix for asset class proxies and index definitions. CIO views are subject to change.

Economic Outlook

Macro economic outlook from the Chief Investment Office.

UNITED STATES		EMPLOYMENT, INFLATION & INTEREST RATES			
 Economic data shows growth is stabilizing as the Federal Reserve (Fed) signals monetary policy will remain accommodative. Pro-business U.S. fiscal and regulatory policies, combined with low inflation suggest more accommodative monetary policy can fuel a positive, self-reinforcing growth dynamic, boosting profits and 		 Inflation pressures remain muted since peaking the summer of 2018. Fed interest rate hikes are unlikely in 2020, in our view. Consumer confidence is strong helping to support the U.S. economy. 			
 potentially extending the economic cycle. We believe this is a positive backdrop for equities. GLOBAL Moderating risks as central banks ease, trade tensions subside and Brexit worries recede. Policy stimulus is starting to boost leading indicator of growth. 	 WATCH LIST ✓ U.S. Inflation ✓ U.S. Election ✓ Earnings ✓ China and Trade Policies ✓ Central Bank Meetings ✓ Brexit Terms ✓ U.S. Trade Policy 		 DOLLAR & COMMODITIES Relatively easier U.S. monetary policy and strengthening growth abroad are causing the dollar to soften. With rising global growth and geopolitical tensions, we believe that oil prices will fluctuate in the high end for the \$50 to \$70 per barrel range for the foreseeable future. A softer dollar will also support oil prices at the top of the range. 		
	5	2020 offse	PROFITS expect U.S. corporate profits to grow mid- to single- digits in with revenue increases from a strong consumer base etting a slowly improving business sector. An eventual up in global growth would be an additional tailwind in 2020.		

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Economic and Market Forecasts

	Q2 2019A	Q3 2019A	Q4 2019A	2019A	Q1 2020E	2020E
Real global GDP (% y/y annualized)	-	-	-	3.1*	-	3.2
Real U.S. GDP (% q/q annualized)	2.0	2.1	2.2*	2.3*	1.0	1.7
CPI inflation (% y/y)	1.8	1.8	2.1*	1.8*	2.4	2.3
Core CPI inflation (% y/y)	2.1	2.3	2.3*	2.2*	2.4	2.4
Unemployment rate(%)	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.6
Fed funds rate, end period (%)	2.40	1.90	1.55	1.55	1.63	1.63
10-year Treasury, end period (%)	2.01	1.66	1.92	1.92	1.80	1.80
S&P 500 end period	2942	2977	3231	3231	-	3300
S&P earnings (\$/share)	41	42	41.5*	164.1*	40.5	177
Euro/U.S. dollar, end period	1.14	1.09	1.12	1.12	1.10	1.15
U.S. dollar/Japanese yen, end period	108	108	109	109	110	103
Oil (\$/barrel, avg. of period, WTI**)	60	56	57	57	52	54

The forecasts in the table above are the base line view from BofA Global Research team. The Global Wealth & Investment Management (GWIM) Investment Strategy Committee (ISC) may make adjustments to this view over the course of the year and can express upside/downside to these forecasts.

A=Actual. E/*=Estimate. ** WTI: West Texas Intermediate. S&P 500 represents a fair value estimate for 2020.

Sources: BofA Global Research; GWIM ISC as of January 13, 2020.

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APPENDIX

Glossary

3 Month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR): A 3-month average of the LIBOR, which is a variable rate based on the interest rates that the leading banks charge each other for short-term loans.

3 Month Treasury Bill (T-Bill): Treasury Bond maturing within 90 days.

Alpha: A measure of risk-adjusted performance relative to a comparative benchmark, aka residual return.

After Tax Yield Ratio: Compares the after-tax corporate bond yield to the after-tax yield from municipal bonds.

Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of the returns of the Asset to the comparative benchmark.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Level: Base Year 1982-84: 100. The CPI represents changes in prices of all good and services purchased for consumption by urban households. User fees and sales and excise taxes paid by the consumer are also included. Income taxes and investment items are not included.

CPI Core Index Level: Base year 1982-84; it excludes food and energy items from the Consumer Price Index Level.

Current Account Deficit: Occurs when a country's total import of goods, services and transfers is greater than the total export; this situation makes a country a net debtor to the rest of the world.

Developed Market: A country that is most developed in terms of its economy and capital markets. The country must be high-income, but this also includes openness to foreign ownership, ease of capital movement, and efficiency of market institutions.

Earnings Per Share (EPS) Growth: An illustration of the growth of earnings per share over time, this profitability metric is often depicted in a year-over-year fashion.

Emerging Market: A country that is progressing toward becoming advanced, as shown by some liquidity in local debt and equity markets and the existence of some form of market exchange and regulatory body.

Factor Investing: An investment strategy that tends to target specific drivers of asset class returns (such as earnings growth, for example) while also often enhancing diversification and reducing volatility.

GDP - Nominal: Gross Domestic Product (GDP) equals the total income of everyone in the economy or the total expenditure on the economy's good and services. GDP includes only the value of final goods and services. Nominal GDP measures the value of goods and services at current dollar prices.

GDP - Real: The chain-weighted GDP measure of goods and services at constant dollar prices. The base year changes continuously over time (e.g., 1995, process measures real growth from 1995 to 1996). The figures are then linked to a chain that can compare goods and services in any two years. Chain-weighted figures never let prices get too far out of date.

High Yield OAS: Option-adjusted spread (OAS) is the yield spread which has to be added to a benchmark yield curve to discount a security's payments to match its market price, using a dynamic pricing model that accounts for embedded options

HY Leverage Ratio: Net Debt divided by last 12 months earnings before interest taxes and amortization (EBITDA)

Investment Grade OAS: Option-adjusted spread (OAS) is the yield spread which has to be added to a benchmark yield curve to discount a security's payments to match its market price, using a dynamic pricing model that accounts for embedded options

Jobless Claims: Average weekly initial claims for unemployment insurance: measures the average number of new claims for unemployment compensation per week.

Price/Earnings (P/E) Ratio: Ratio of the price of a stock and the company's earnings per share, this valuation metric is often quoted on a forward twelve month or trailing twelve month basis.

Standard Deviation: Annualized Standard Deviation is a statistical measure of the degree to which an individual value in a probability distribution tends to vary from the mean of the distribution.

Spread: The difference between the bid and ask price or between the high and low price. For securities, it refers to the difference in yield on different securities.

U.S. Employees Non-Farm Private Payrolls: A statistic that represents the total number of paid U.S. workers except for farm workers, general government employees, employees of nonprofit organizations that provide assistance to individuals and private household employees. The Non-Farm Private Payroll represents about 80% of the workers who produce the U.S. Gross Domestic Product.

Asset Class Proxies

Asset Class	Index	Index Description
Inflation	IA SBBI US Inflation	The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or CPI-U, is used by IA SBBI to measure inflation, which is the rate of change of consumer goods prices. All inflation measures are constructed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Washington.
Cash	IA SBBI US 30 Day TBill TR USD & BAML U.S. Treasury Bills 3 months	For the IA SBBI U.S. Treasury Bill Index, the CRSP U.S. Government Bond File is the source from 1926 to 1976. Each month a one-bill portfolio containing the shortest-term bill having not less than one month to maturity is constructed. (The bill's original term to maturity is not relevant). The ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end rebalancing is the outstanding Treasury Bill that matures closest to, but not beyond, three months from the rebalancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date.
US Large Cap Growth	Russell 1000 Growth Total Return	Russell 1000 Growth Total Return measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
US Large Cap Value	Russell 1000 Value Total Return	Russell 1000 Value Total Return measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.
US Small Cap Growth	Russell 2000 Growth Total Return	Russell 2000 Growth Total Return measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
US Small Cap Value	Russell 2000 Value Total Return	Russell 2000 Value Total Return measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values.
International Equity	MSCI Daily TR Net World Ex USA USD	The MSCI World ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries – excluding the United States. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.
Emerging Markets	MSCI Daily TR Net EM USD	The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index captures large and mid cap representation across 23 Emerging Markets countries and targets coverage of approximately 85% of the free float adjusted market capitalization in each country.
North America	MSCI Daily TR Net North America	The MSCI North America Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US and Canada markets. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the US and Canada.
Developed Europe ex-UK	MSCI Daily TR Net Europe Ex U.K. USD	The MSCI Europe ex UK Index captures large and mid cap representation across 14 Developed Markets (DM) countries in Europe. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization across European Developed Markets excluding the UK.
ик	MSCI Daily TR Net UK USD	The MSCI United Kingdom Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the UK market. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the UK.
Japan	MSCI Daily TR Net Japan USD	The MSCI Japan Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. The index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan.
Global Corporates	ICE BofA Global Broad Market Corp (Hedged)	The ICE BofA Global Corporate Index tracks the performance of investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the major domestic and euro-bond markets. Qualifying securities must have an investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch), at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, at least one year remaining term to final maturity as of the rebalancing date and a fixed coupon schedule.
Global Mortgages	ICE BofA Global Broad Market Collateralized (Hedged)	The ICE BofA Global Collateralized Index tracks the performance of investment grade securitized and collateralized debt, including mortgage backed, asset backed, commercial mortgage backed, covered bond, and US mortgage pass-through securities publicly issued in the major domestic and euro-bond markets. Qualifying securities must have an investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch).
Global HY / EM	ICE BofA Global HY Country External Corp & Govt + ICE BofA Global High Yield (Unhedged)	(i) The ICE BofA Global High Yield Country External Corporate & Government Index tracks the performance of USD and EUR denominated emerging market debt, including sovereign, quasi-government and corporate securities. (ii) The ICE BofA Global High Yield Index tracks the performance of USD, CAD, GBP and EUR denominated below investment grade corporate debt publicly issued in the major domestic or euro-bond markets.

Methodology

CIO Balanced Return	Strategic Asset Allocation	The model performance represented within this presentation reflects investment returns which incorporate CIO tactical asset allocation and investment manager changes made overtime (known here as "The Reference Model"). Inception of the Reference Model is April 1, 2008. Changes to The Reference Model's composition of investments (both asset class weightings and specific investment strategies) are tracked continuously utilizing FactSet® to calculate monthly performance and to effectuate any necessary changes. Modifications to The Reference Model's asset class weights or investment strategies typically occur at the month-end closest to that of the announced change. ISC GWIM ISC makes all tactical asset allocation decisions and CIO Portfolio Management team makes all fund selection decisions. Policy Benchmark refers to the CIO Balanced Return Low Tax Policy Benchmark. The policy benchmark for a Balanced Return investment objective (as of 02/28/2019) consisted of ICE BofA U.S. Treasury Bill (3 M) (USD Unhedged) Index 2%, Russell Top 200 Index 18%, Russell Mid Cap Index 13%, Russell 2000 Index 8%, MSCI Daily TR Net World Ex USA USD 12%, MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) 6%, Bloomberg Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index 16%, Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index 0%, ICE BofA Global Broad Market x U.S. Dollar (USD Hedged) Index 6%, Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Index 2%, Bloomberg Barclays Muni High Yield Index 0%, HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index 13%, Bloomberg Commodity Index TR 4%.

Index Definitions

AAII Investor Sentiment: The sentiment survey measures the percentage of individual investors who are bullish, bearish, and neutral on the stock market short term; individuals are polled from the AAII Web site on a weekly basis.

Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy master limited partnerships and is calculated by Standard & Poor's using a float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted methodology. The total return index is calculated on an end-of-day basis and is disseminated daily through its ticker symbol, AMZX, on the New York Stock Exchange.

BAML Financial Stress Index: See BofA Global Research Global Financial Stress Index definition

Bloomberg Agriculture Subindex: The index is composed of futres contracts on coffee, corn, cotton, soybeans, soybean oil, soybean meal, sugar, and wheat. It reflects the return of underlying commodity futures price movements only and is quoted in USD.

Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index is a market capitalization-weighted index, meaning the securities in the index are weighted according to the market size of each bond type. Most U.S. traded investment grade bonds are represented.

Bloomberg Commodity Index is made up of 22 exchange-traded futures on physical commodities, which are weighted to account for economic significance and market liquidity.

Bloomberg Copper Subindex TR: Bloomberg Copper Subindex Total Return Index

Bloomberg Energy Subindex TR: The index is composed of futures contracts on crude oil, heating oil, unleaded gasoline, and natural gas. It reflects the return on fully collateralized futures positions and is quoted in USD.

Bloomberg Industrial Metals Index: The index is composed of longer-dated futures contracts on aluminum, copper, nickel, and zinc. It reflects the return on fully collateralized positions and is quoted in USD.

Bloomberg Livestock Subindex: The index is composed of futures contracts on live cattle and lean hogs. It reflects the return of underlying commodity futures price movements only. It is quoted in USD.

Bloomberg Euro Index: Measures the value of the Euro against the U.S. Dollar Bloomberg Real Index: Measures the value of the Brazilian Real against the U.S. Dollar Bloomberg Yuan Index: Measures the value of the Chinese Yuan against the U.S. Dollar

ICE BofA 5-7 Year US Corporate Index is a subset of The BofA US Corporate Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity greater than or equal to 5 years and less than 7 years.

ICE BofA 5-7 Year US Municipal Securities Index is a subset of The BofA US Municipal Securities Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity between 5-7 years

ICE BofA 5-7 Year US Treasury Index is a subset of The BofA US Treasury Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity greater than or equal to 5 years and less than 7 years.

ICE BofA All Maturity All Euro Government Index: The BofA All Maturity All Euro Government Index tracks the performance of EUR denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by Euro member countries in either the eurobond market or the issuer's own domestic market.

ICE BofA Global Broad Market Index: The BofA Global Broad Market Index tracks the performance of investment grade debt publicly issued in the major domestic and eurobond markets, including sovereign, quasi-government, corporate, securitized and collateralized securities.

ICE BofA Global Emerging Markets Sovereign Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated debt of sovereign issuers domiciled in countries with a BB or lower foreign currency long-term sovereign debt rating

ICE BofA Global Financial Stress Index is a Bank of America calculated, cross market measure of risk, hedging demand and investor flows in the global financial system. Levels greater/less than 0 indicate more/less financial market stress than normal. Apart from the headline GFSI, there are three sub-indices, RISK, FLOW and SKEW.

ICE BofA Global Sovereign Broad Market Index tracks the performance of local currency-denominated debt of Investment Grade-rated sovereign issuers.

ICE BofA High Yield Master Index tracks the performance of below Investment Grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market. "Yankee" bonds (debt of foreign issuers issued in the U.S. domestic market) are included in the index provided the issuer is domiciled in a country having an Investment Grade foreign currency long-term debt rating (based on a composite of Moody's and S&P).

ICE BofA Municipal Masters Index tracks the performance of the Investment Grade U.S. tax-exempt bond market.

ICE BofA U.S. Broad Market Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated Investment Grade government and corporate public debt issued in the U.S. domestic bond market, including collateralized products such as mortgage pass-through and asset-backed securities.

ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Master Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated Investment Grade corporate public debt issued in the U.S. domestic bond market. Qualifying bonds must have at least one year remaining term to maturity, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$150 million. Bonds must be rated Investment Grade based on a composite of Moody's and S&P.

ICE BofA US Agency Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated U.S. agency senior debt issued in the U.S. domestic market. Qualifying securities must have an investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch).

ICE BofA US Inflation-Linked Treasury Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated inflationlinked sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government in its domestic market.

ICE BofA US Treasury Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by the U.S. government in its domestic market. ICE BofA CCC & Lower US High Yield Index: tracking the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade rated corporate debt publically issued in the US domestic market. This subset includes all securities with a given investment grade rating CCC or below.

ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Master Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated Investment Grade corporate public debt issued in the U.S. domestic bond market. Qualifying bonds must have at least one year remaining term to maturity, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$150 million. Bonds must be rated Investment Grade based on a composite of Moody's and S&P.

Brent Crude Oil is a classification of sweet light crude oil and is a major benchmark price for oil purchases worldwide.

Citigroup Economic Surprise Index: The Citi Economic Surprise Indices measure data surprises relative to market expectations. A positive reading means that data releases have been stronger than expected and a negative reading means that data releases have been worse than expected.

Cleveland Fed Financial Stress Index: The CFSI is designed to track distress in the U.S. financial system on a continuous basis.

Conference Board U.S. Leading Credit Index: This index is consisted of six financial indicators: 2-years Swap Spread (real time), LIBOR 3 month less 3 month Treasury-Bill yield spread (real time), Debit balances at margin account at broker dealer (monthly), AAII Investors Sentiment Bullish (%) less Bearish (%) (weekly), Senior Loan Officers C&I loan survey – Bank tightening Credit to Large and Medium Firms (quarterly), and Security Repurchases (quarterly) from the Total Finance-Liabilities section of Federal Reserve's flow of fund report.

DJ Credit Suisse AllHedge Equity Market Neutral Index measures the aggregate performance of equity market neutral funds. Equity market neutral funds typically take both long and short positions in stocks while seeking to reduce exposure to the systemic risk of the market (i.e., a beta of zero is desired).

DJ Credit Suisse AllHedge Fixed Income Arbitrage Index measures the aggregate performance of fixed income arbitrage funds. Fixed income arbitrage funds typically attempt to generate profits by exploiting inefficiencies and price anomalies between related fixed income securities. Fixed income arbitrage funds seek to limit volatility by hedging out exposure to the market and interest rate risk.

DJ Credit Suisse AllHedge Global Macro Index measures the aggregate performance of global macro funds. Global macro funds typically focus on identifying extreme price valuations and leverage is often applied on the anticipated price movements in equity, currency, interest rate and commodity markets

DJ Credit Suisse AllHedge Index is an asset-weighted hedge fund index derived from the market leading Dow Jones Credit Suisse Hedge Fund Index. The Dow Jones Credit Suisse AllHedge Index provides a rules-based measure of an investable portfolio. Index performance data is published monthly and constituents are rebalanced semi-annually according to the sector weights of the Dow Jones Credit Suisse Hedge Fund Index.

DJ Credit Suisse AllHedge Long Short Equity Index measures the aggregate performance of long/short equity funds. Long/short equity funds typically invest in both long and short sides of equity markets, generally focusing on diversifying or hedging across particular sectors, regions or market capitalizations

DJ Credit Suisse AllHedge Managed Futures Index measures the aggregate performance of managed futures funds. Managed futures funds (often referred to as CTAs or Commodity Trading Advisors) typically focus on investing in listed bond, equity, commodity futures and currency markets globally.

DXY Index indicates the general international value of the U.S. dollar. The Index does this by averaging the exchange rates between the dollar and major world currencies. FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITS: tracks the performance of all Equity REITs not designated as Timber REITs or Infrastructure REITs.

FTSE NAREIT U.S. Real Estate Index is a performance index based on publicly traded real estate investment trusts (REITs) that span commercial real estate space across the U.S. economy. The index series provides investors with exposure to all investment and property sectors. A REIT is a company that owns and, in most cases, operates income-producing real estate such as apartments, shopping centers, offices, hotels and warehouses. Some REITs also engage in financing real estate. To qualify as a REIT, a company must distribute at least 90% of its taxable income to its shareholders annually. A company that qualifies as a REIT is permitted to deduct dividends paid to its shareholders from its corporate taxable income. As a result, most REITs remit at least 100% of their taxable income to their shareholders and therefore owe no corporate tax.

FTSE®EPRA®/NAREIT® Global Index is a free float, market capitalization-weighted real estate index designed to represent publicly traded equity REITs and listed property companies globally.

Global Economic Policy Uncertainty Index: This concept tracks the general state of the economy as it relates to businesses. It can include broad economy-wide conditions or specific economic conditions of a particular industry. The GEPU Index is a GDP-weighted average of national EPU indices for 18 countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Russia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Each national EPU index reflects the relative frequency of own-country newspaper articles that contain a trio of terms pertaining to the economy (E), policy (P) and uncertainty (U). In other words, each monthly national EPU index value is proportional to the share of own-country newspaper articles that discuss economic policy uncertainty in that month. For a detailed discussion of how we construct the country-level EPU indices, see Measuring Economic Policy Uncertainty.

Gold reflects the gold spot price and is quoted in U.S. dollars per Troy Ounce.

HFRI Equity Hedge (Total) Index: Investment Managers who maintain positions both long and short in primarily equity and equity derivative securities. A wide variety of investment processes can be employed to arrive at an investment decision, including both quantitative and fundamental techniques; strategies can be broadly diversified or narrowly focused on specific sectors and can range broadly in terms of levels of net exposure, leverage employed, holding period, concentrations of market capitalizations and valuation ranges of typical portfolios. EH managers would typically maintain at least 50% exposure to, and may in some cases be entirely invested in, equities, both long and short.

HFRI Event Driven Index - Investment Managers who maintain positions in companies currently or prospectively involved in corporate transactions of a wide variety including but not limited to mergers, restructurings, financial distress, tender offers, shareholder buybacks, debt exchanges, security issuance or other capital structure adjustments. Security types can range from most senior in the capital structure to most junior or subordinated, and frequently involve additional derivative securities. Event Driven exposure includes a combination of sensitivities to equity markets, credit markets and idiosyncratic, company specific developments. Investment theses are typically predicated on fundamental characteristics (as opposed to quantitative), with the realization of the thesis predicated on a specific development exogenous to the existing capital structure.

HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index - A global, equal-weighted index of over 2,000 single-manager funds that report to HFR Database. Constituent funds report monthly net of all fees performance in U.S. Dollar and have a minimum of \$50 Million under management or a twelve month track record of active performance. The HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index does not include Funds of Hedge Funds. HFRI Macro: Systematic Diversified Index - Systematic: Diversified strategies have investment processes typically as function of mathematical, algorithmic and technical models, with little or no influence of individuals over the portfolio positioning. Strategies which employ an investment process designed to identify opportunities in markets exhibiting trending or momentum characteristics across individual instruments or asset classes. Strategies typically employ quantitative process which focus on statistically robust or technical patterns in the return series of the asset, and typically focus on highly liquid instruments and maintain shorter holding periods than either discretionary or mean reverting strategies typically would expect to have no greater than 35% of portfolio in either dedicated currency or commodity exposures over a given market cycle.

HFRI Relative Value Index - Investment Managers who maintain positions in which the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a valuation discrepancy in the relationship between multiple securities. Managers employ a variety of fundamental and quantitative techniques to establish investment theses, and security types range broadly across equity, fixed income, derivative or other security types. Fixed income strategies are typically quantitatively driven to measure the existing relationship between instruments and, in some cases, identify attractive positions in which the risk adjusted spread between these instruments represents an attractive opportunity for the investment manager. RV position may be involved in corporate transactions also, but as opposed to ED exposures, the investment thesis is predicated on realization of a pricing discrepancy between related securities, as opposed to the outcome of the corporate transaction. The constituent funds of the HFRI Relative Value (Total) Index - Asset Weighted are weighted according to the AUM reported by each fund for prior month.

HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index: The HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies; including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage.

HFRX Equity Hedge (Total) Index: Equity Hedge: Investment Managers who maintain positions both long and short in primarily equity and equity derivative securities. A wide variety of investment processes can be employed to arrive at an investment decision, including both quantitative and fundamental techniques; strategies can be broadly diversified or narrowly focused on specific sectors and can range broadly in terms of levels of net exposure, leverage employed, holding period, concentrations of market capitalizations and valuation ranges of typical portfolios. EH managers would typically maintain at least 50% exposure to, and may in some cases be entirely invested in, equities, both long and short.

Institute for Supply Management Purchasing Managers Index: a broad index of manufacturing activity in the United States measuring new orders, production, employment, supplier deliveries and prices. J.P. Morgan Global Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index: The Global Report on Manufacturing is compiled by IHS Markit based on the results of surveys covering over 12,000 purchasing executives in over 40 countries. Together these countries account for an estimated 95% of global manufacturing output.

LPX 50 TR USD Index: The LPX50 is a global index that consists of the 50 largest liquid LPE companies covered by LPX Group.

Merrill Lynch Option Volatility Estimate (MOVE) Index: This is a yield curve weighted index of the normalized implied volatility on 1-month Treasury options.

MSCI ACWI ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries (excluding the US) and 23 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 1,854 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global equity opportunity set outside the US.

MSCI ACWI Index captures large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 23 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 2,484 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the global investable equity opportunity set.

MSCI Austria Net Total Return USD Index: The MSCI Austria Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Austrian market. With 5 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Austria.

MSCI Brazil Net Total Return USD Index: The MSCI Brazil Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Brazilian market. With 57 constituents, the index covers about 85% of the Brazilian equity universe.

MSCI China Index: The MSCI China Index captures large and mid cap representation across China H shares, B shares, Red chips, P chips and foreign listings (e.g. ADRs). With 150 constituents, the index covers about 85% of this China equity universe.

MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia, and Far East) Index comprises 21 MSCI country indices, representing the Developed Markets outside of North America.

MSCI Emerging Asia Net Total Return USD Index: The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Asia Index captures large and mid cap representation across 9 Emerging Markets countries*. With 567 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

MSCI Emerging Latin America Net Total Return USD Index: The MSCI EM Latin America Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets in Latin America.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid cap representation across 23 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. With 832 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free floatadjusted market capitalization in each country. EM countries include: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Qatar, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey and United Arab Emirates.

MSCI Europe non-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index designed to measure Developed Market equity performance in Europe. As of July 2009, the index consisted of 15 Developed Market country indexes: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland.

MSCI Japan Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Japanese market. With 319 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Japan.

MSCI Brazil Index: measures the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Brazilian market.

MSCI Hong Kong Index: measures the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Hong Kong market.

MSCI India Index: measures the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Indian market.

MSCI Pacific ex Japan Index captures large and mid cap representation across 4 of 5 Developed Markets (DM) countries in the Pacific region (excluding Japan). With 150 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

MSCI Portugal Net Total Return USD Index: The MSCI Portugal Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the Portuguese market. With 3 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in Portugal.

MSCI USA Defensive Sectors Index is based on MSCI USA Index, its parent index and captures large and mid-cap segments of the US market. The index is designed to reflect the performance of the opportunity set of global defensive companies across various GICS[®] sectors. All constituent securities from Consumer Staples, Energy, Healthcare, Telecommunication Services and Utilities are included in the Index.

MSCI USA Defensive Sectors Index is based on MSCI USA Index, its parent index and captures large and mid-cap segments of the US market. The index is designed to reflect the performance of the opportunity set of global defensive companies across various GICS[®] sectors. All constituent securities from Consumer Staples, Energy, Healthcare, Telecommunication Services and Utilities are included in the Index.

MSCI USA Index is designed to measure the performance of the large and mid cap segments of the US market. With 630 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the U.S.

MSCI USA Momentum Index is based on MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which captures large and mid cap stocks of the US market. It is designed to reflect the performance of an equity momentum strategy by emphasizing stocks with high price momentum, while maintaining reasonably high trading liquidity, investment capacity and moderate index turnover.

MSCI USA Quality Index is based on the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which includes large and mid cap stocks in the US equity market. The index aims to capture the performance of quality growth stocks by identifying stocks with high quality scores based on three main fundamental variables: high return on equity, stable year-over-year earnings growth and low financial leverage.

MSCI USA Size Index: Based on MSCI USA Index, its parent index, which captures large and mid cap stocks of the US market. It aims to reflect the performance of a low size strategy with relatively high investment capacity.

MSCI World ex USA Index captures large and mid cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries -- excluding the United States. With 1,022 constituents, the index covers approximately 85% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country.

MSCI World Value Index captures large and mid cap securities exhibiting overall value style characteristics across 23 Developed Markets (DM) countries. The value investment style characteristics for index construction are defined using three variables: book value to price, 12-month forward earnings to price and dividend yield.

NASDAQ Composite Index: A broad-based capitalization-weighted index of stocks in all three NASDAQ tiers: Global Select, Global Market and Capital Market. The index was developed with a base level of 100 as of February 5, 1971.

National Financial Conditions Index (NFCI) provides a comprehensive weekly update on U.S. financial conditions in money markets, debt and equity markets and the traditional and "shadow" banking systems. Positive values of the NFCI indicate financial conditions that are tighter than on average, while negative values indicate financial conditions that are looser than on average. NCREIF Farmland: The NCREIF Farmland Index is a quarterly time series composite return measure of investment performance of a large pool of individual farmland properties acquired in the private market for investment purposes only.

NCREIF Property Index: The objective of the NPI is to provide a historical measurement of property-level returns to increase the understanding of, and lend credibility to, real estate as an institutional investment asset class.

NCREIF Timberland: The NCREIF Timberland Index is a quarterly time series composite return measure of investment performance of a large pool of individual timber properties acquired in the private market for investment purposes only.

NCREIF U.S. Real Estate: The NCREIF US Real Estate Index is a quarterly time series composite return measure of investment performance of a large pool of US Real Estate properties.

NFIB U.S. Small-Business Optimism Index is compiled from a survey that is conducted each month by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) of its members. The index is a composite of 10 seasonally adjusted components based on the following questions: plans to increase employment, plans to make capital outlays, plans to increase inventories, expect economy to improve, expect real sales higher, current inventory, current job openings, expected credit conditions, now a good time to expand, and earnings trend.

Nikkei-225 Stock Average is a price-weighted average of 225 top-rated Japanese companies listed in the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Philadelphia Federal Index: A regional federal-reserve-bank index measuring changes in business growth. The index is constructed from a survey of participants who voluntarily answer questions regarding the direction of change in their overall business activities. The survey is a measure of regional manufacturing growth. When the index is above 0 it indicates factory-sector growth, and when below 0 indicates contraction.

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

Russell 3000 Growth Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000 Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

Russell 3000 Index is composed of 3000 large U.S. companies, as determined by market capitalization.

Russell 3000 Value Index measures the performance of those Russell 3000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

S&P 400 Mid Cap Index is representative of 400 stocks in the mid-range sector of the domestic stock market, representing all major industries.

S&P 500 Buyback Index measures the performance of the top 100 stocks with the highest buyback ratio (cash paid for common shares buyback in the last four calendar quarters divided by the total market capitalization of common shares) in the S&P 500.

S&P 500 Cyclicals ex-financials is designed to reflect the performance of the opportunity set of U.S. cyclical companies across various GICS[®] sectors. All constituent securities from Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Information Technology and Materials are included in the index.

S&P 500 Defensives is designed to reflect the performance of the opportunity set of U.S. cyclical companies across various GICS® sectors. All constituent securities from Consumer Staples, Energy, Healthcare, Telecommunication Services and Utilities are included in the index.

S&P 500 Dividend Aristocrats index is designed to measure the performance of S&P 500 index constituents that have followed a policy of consistently increasing dividends every year for at least 25 consecutive years.

S&P 500 Financials Index comprises of those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® financials sector.

S&P 500 Energy Index comprises of those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® energy sector.

S&P 500 Materials Index comprises of those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® materials sector.

S&P 500 Consumer Discretionary Index comprises of those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® consumer discretionary sector.

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S&P 500 Real Estate Index comprises of those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® real estate sector.

S&P 500 Health Care Index comprises of those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® health care sector.

S&P 500 High Dividend Index serves as a benchmark for income seeking equity investors. The index is designed to measure the performance of 80 high yield companies within the S&P 500 and is equally weighted to best represent the performance of this group, regardless of constituent size.

S&P 500 Index, widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the index focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market. **S&P Preferred Stock Index**: tracks the performance of S&P 500 preferred equity shares.

S&P 500 Information Technology Index comprises those companies included in the S&P 500 that are classified as members of the GICS® information technology sector.

S&P 500 Low Volatility Index measures performance of the 100 least volatile stocks in the S&P 500. The index benchmarks low volatility or low variance strategies for the U.S. stock market. Constituents are weighted relative to the inverse of their corresponding volatility, with the least volatile stocks receiving the highest weights.

S&P 500 Total Return Index. Calculated intraday by S&P based on the price changes and reinvested dividends of the S&P 500 Index with a starting date of Jan 4, 1988.

Ten-Year Treasury relates the yield on a security to its time to maturity and is based on the closing market bid yields on actively traded Treasury securities in the over-the-counter market.

Tokyo Stock Exchange Tokyo Price Index (TOPIX) is a capitalization-weighted index of all companies listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange. The index is supplemented by the subindices of the 33 industry sectors.

TOPIX-Banks Index is a capitalization-weighted index of all the banks listed on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange and is one of the 33 industry sectors of the TOPIX Index (TPX).

U.S. 5yr Forward Breakeven: Yields are yield to maturity and pre-tax. The rates are comprised of Generic United States Breakeven forward rates: nominal forward 5 years minus US inflation-linked bonds forward 5 years.

University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index: Surveys of Consumers collects data on consumer attitudes and expectations summarized in the Consumer Sentiment, in order to determine the changes in consumers' willingness to buy and to predict their subsequent discretionary expenditures.

US Trade Weighted Real Broad Dollar: An effective exchange rate (also known as a trade-weighted exchange rate) is a weighted average of the individual exchange rates of a particular country with its main trading partners.

VIX Index: The Chicago Board Options Exchange Standard and Poor's Volatility Index, reflects a market estimate of future volatility, based on the weighted average of the implied volatilities for a wide range of strikes

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