The Broad-Based Index Pool finished the final quarter of 2019 with a very strong return, which helped lift the Pool's performance results above 20% for the year. Investors took comfort in a reported trade truce between the U.S. and China, as well as some additional clarity on Brexit. A weaker U.S. dollar was a tailwind, especially for emerging markets, as were hopes that China's numerous stimulus measures would help global growth begin to reaccelerate.

Within traditional equity markets, all three strategies, U.S. large cap, mid/small cap and non-U.S. strategies, all contributed significantly for the quarter. Reflecting a marked improvement in risk appetite, emerging markets turned in the most impressive performance for the quarter, with all major emerging regions participating. Developed markets lagged emerging but still fared quite well for the quarter, and all regions performed well for the full year. Similar to 2018, the U.S. equities outperformed all other global equity markets in 2019. As a result of this outperformance, valuations in the U.S. have moved higher and are at fairly elevated levels when compared to other markets. Given the disparity in these relative valuations, we believe international markets have a chance of outperforming their U.S. counterparts in the year ahead.

Within traditional fixed income markets, the Treasury yield curve steepened in the recent quarter, thanks to rate cuts from the Federal Reserve and an improving outlook for U.S. and global growth. Fixed income returns were marginally positive for the quarter; however, for the year, core fixed income produced equity-like returns. Riskier areas like emerging market debt and high yield continued to do well, as receding pessimism supported further narrowing of credit spreads. Fixed income continued to be an attractive source of income, stability and diversification.
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