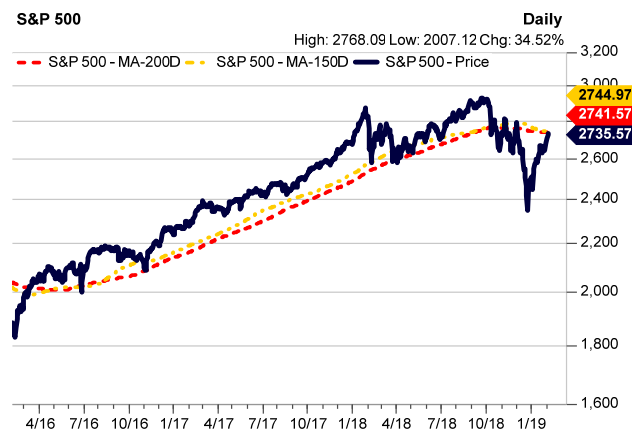


# Observation Deck

Views from the Investment Policy Committee



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019

# Purpose

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- Our commentary is not the result of any single data point or graphic, it is a reflection of the weekly conversations within the Investment Policy Committee and a set of perspectives that are derived from many observations accumulated over varying time frames
- Slides that are included in the Observation Deck are a subset of the scores of data points and graphics that the Investment Policy Committee views each week in assessing the status of the business cycle and the health of financial markets
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# Macro TIP Chart

Tactical Investment Positioning

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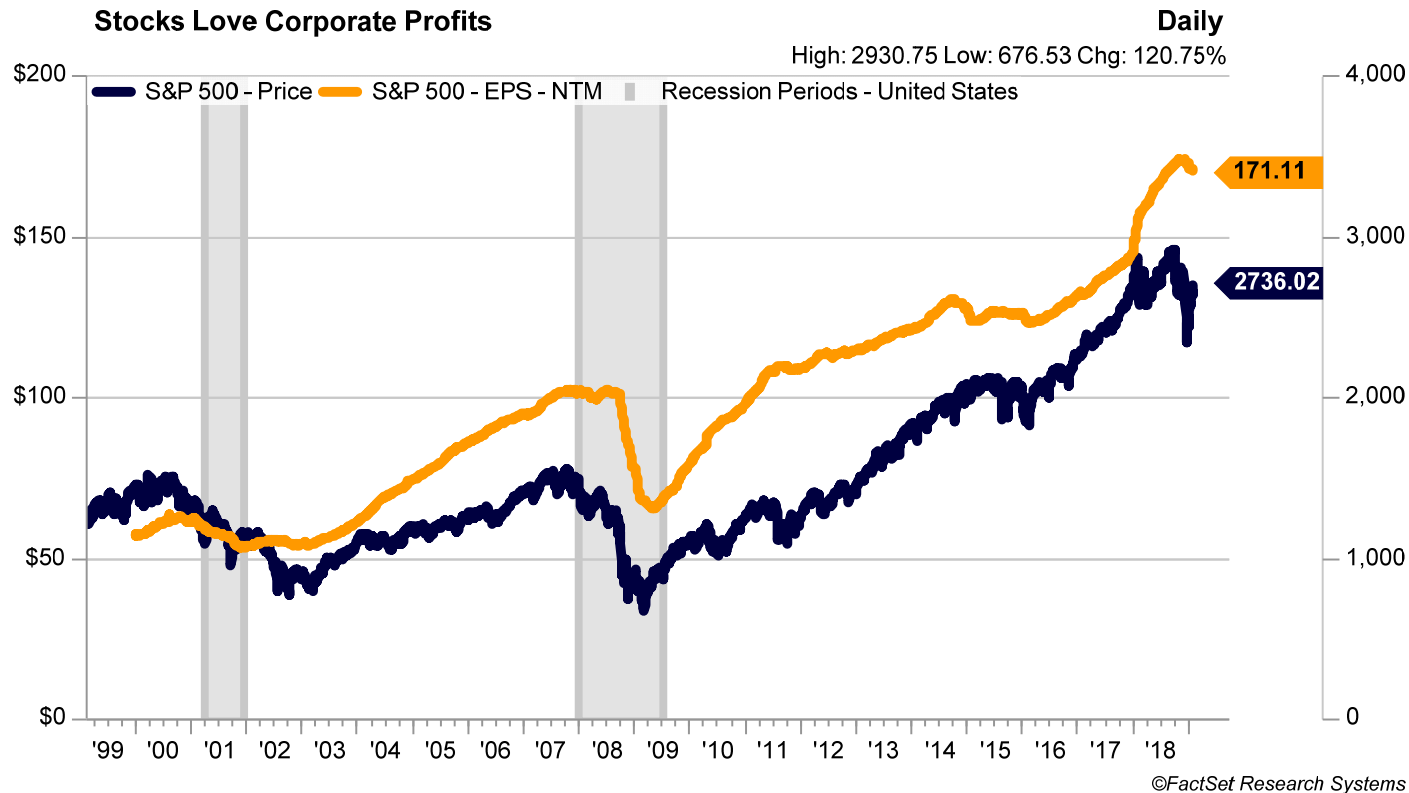
Strength of Conviction	Chg	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Rationale
Business Cycle	←				US growth rate slowing toward sustainable trend, “soft landing” scenario. Recession risk rising in International economies.
Financial Conditions	←				US rate cycle nearing its conclusion while Fed balance sheet continues to roll-off. Global policy beginning to tighten.
Relative Preference	Chg	Neutral			Rationale
Asset Class	←	Bonds	Stocks		Bond yields have climbed to attractive levels relative to inflation expectations. Profit growth decelerating, but remains positive.
Economic Sensitivity	←	Defensive	Cyclical		Profit cycle facing margin pressures from slowing growth and escalating trade tensions. Defensive sectors remain expensive.
Credit Quality		Sovereign	Credit		Credit fundamentals remain positive and valuations have become more attractive after experiencing wider spreads.
Duration Profile		Short Maturity	Long Maturity		Business cycle reaching late stage. Yield curve approaches inversion. Very little compensation for extending maturity risk.
Commodities	←	Below Weight	Above Weight		Some demand destruction associated with global slowdown.
Cash	→	Below Weight	Above Weight		Rising cash yields offer competition to financial assets for the first time in over a decade.

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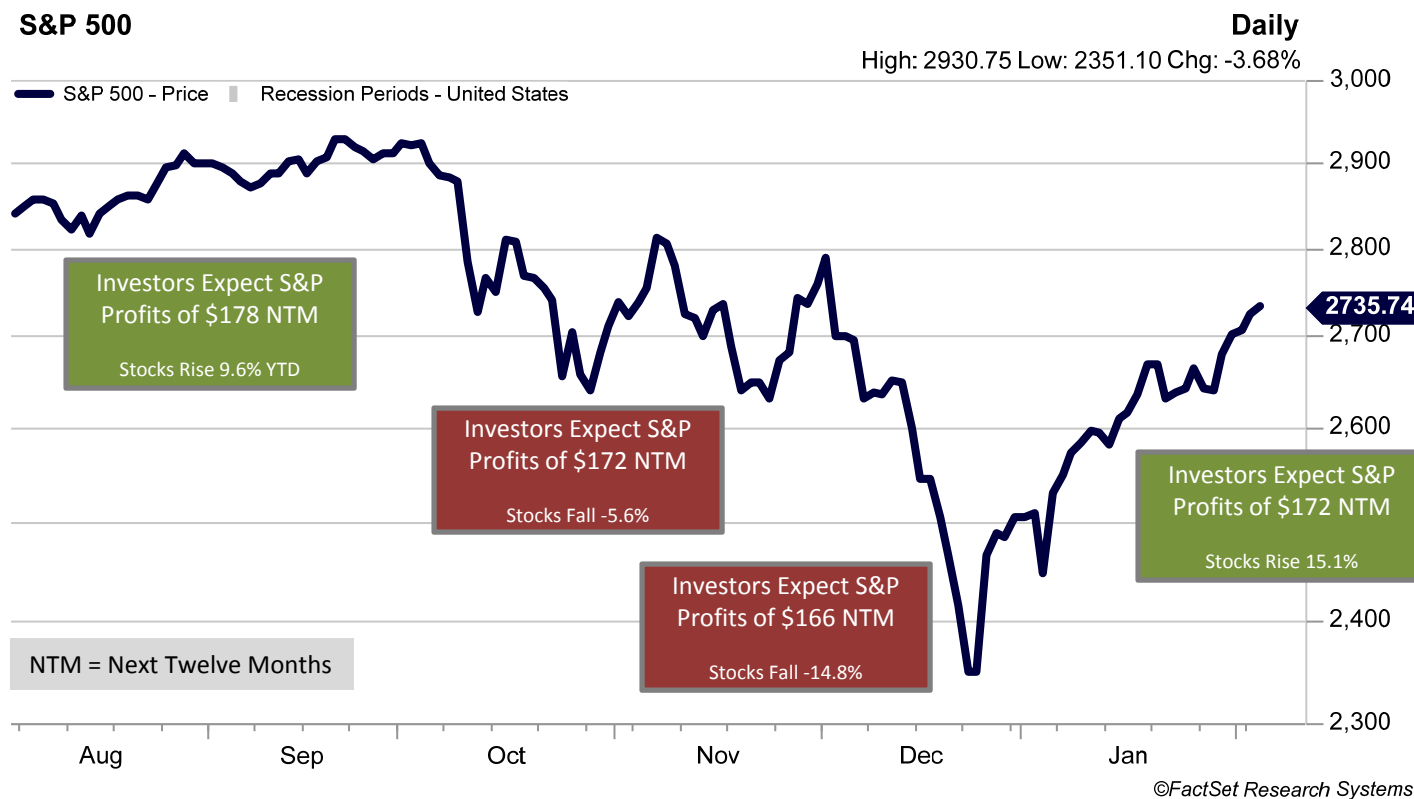
- Stock prices (blue line) usually reflect the expected path of corporate profits (gold line), investors wanting to own shares when profits are rising but quick to exit stocks when the earnings outlook begins to wane.
- As recently as September 2018, the S&P500 (blue line) hit an all-time high of 2930 on the back of lofty expectations that corporate profits could reach \$178 per share for the index over the next twelve months (NTM).
- The extraordinary decline in stock prices during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2018, including the worst December for the S&P500 since 1931, may lead an observer to conclude that profits are about to plummet.



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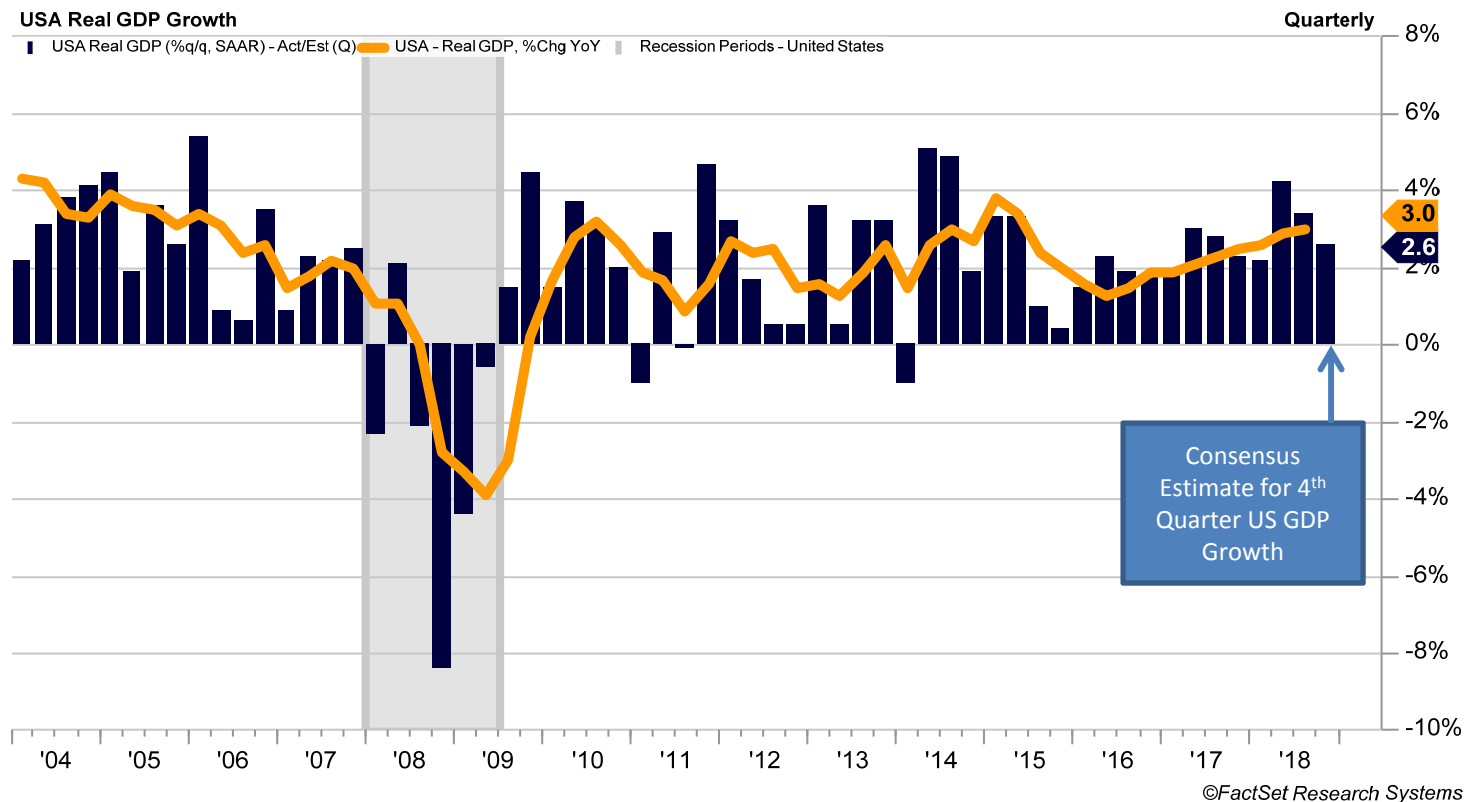
- The realization that global economic growth was slowing, caused investors to reassess the profit outlook and adjust stock prices, the S&P500 declining -5.6% from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, then falling another -14.8% from December 1<sup>st</sup> to the Christmas Eve low of 2351, completing a peak to trough decline of -19.3%.
- The 15.1% recovery thru January 31<sup>st</sup> may suggest that sentiment had become too pessimistic and that the profit outlook had become overly dire.



# Observation #2

## Economy Slowing, Not Collapsing

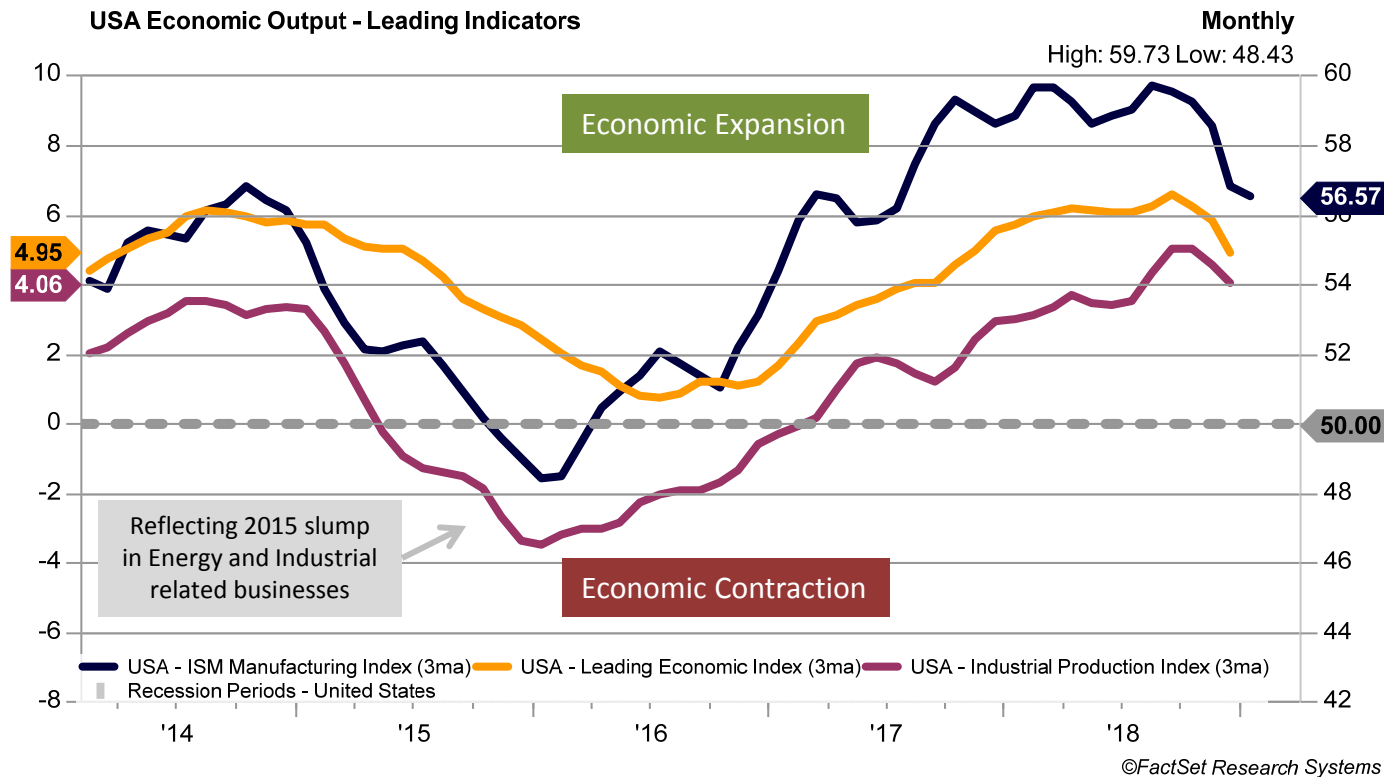
- A stock market decline of -10% (market correction) often occurs when “stock prices get ahead of themselves”, and require economic growth and profits to catch-up.
- A stock market decline of -20% (bear market) usually occurs when economic conditions are collapsing and profits are expected to follow.
- Having experienced above average growth in recent quarters, the US economy is expected to slow toward its long-term sustainable trend. Few, if any, economists are expecting the US economy to collapse.



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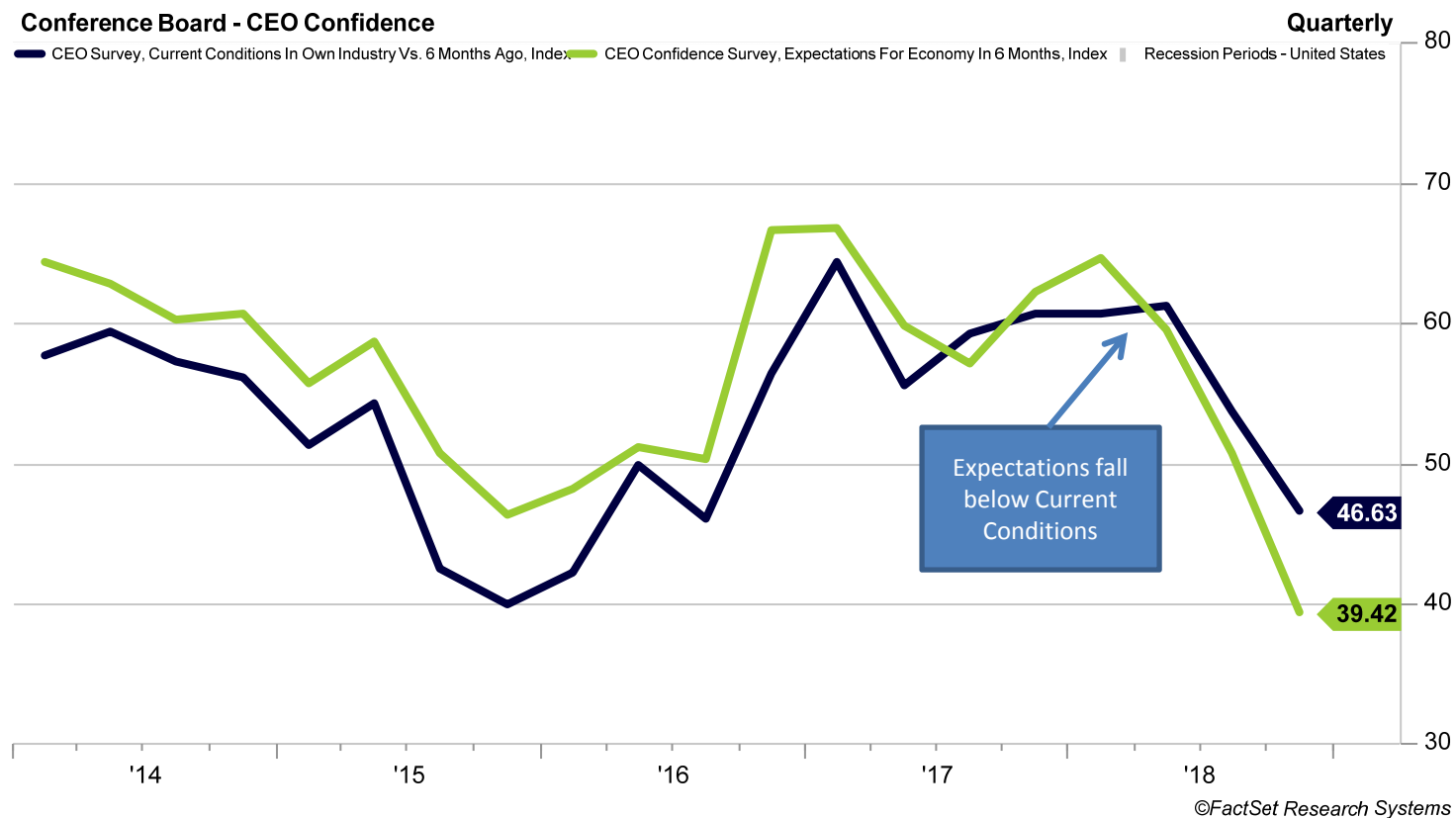
- Certain measures of economic activity have been good leading indicators for where growth may be headed.
- For example, in 2015, the ISM Manufacturing Index (blue line) and the Industrial Production Index (purple line) illuminated the economic slump associated with the rapid deterioration of energy prices.
- All three leading indicators have come off their highs in recent months, but remain well above the break-even levels that separate economic “expansion” from “contraction”. These indicators suggest that the US economy is slowing, but they do not point to an imminent collapse.



# Observation #3

## US Confidence offers Cautionary Signals

- Confidence can be a very volatile emotion, making its use as an indicator less reliable. However, the subtleties around confidence can offer important insight, in particular from those closest to business conditions.
- C-suites make important capital investment decisions, their confidence can have direct economic impact.
- It is noteworthy, in the past two quarterly surveys, that CEO confidence in the future (green line) has fallen below the confidence that they have in the present conditions (blue line), a rare occurrence.

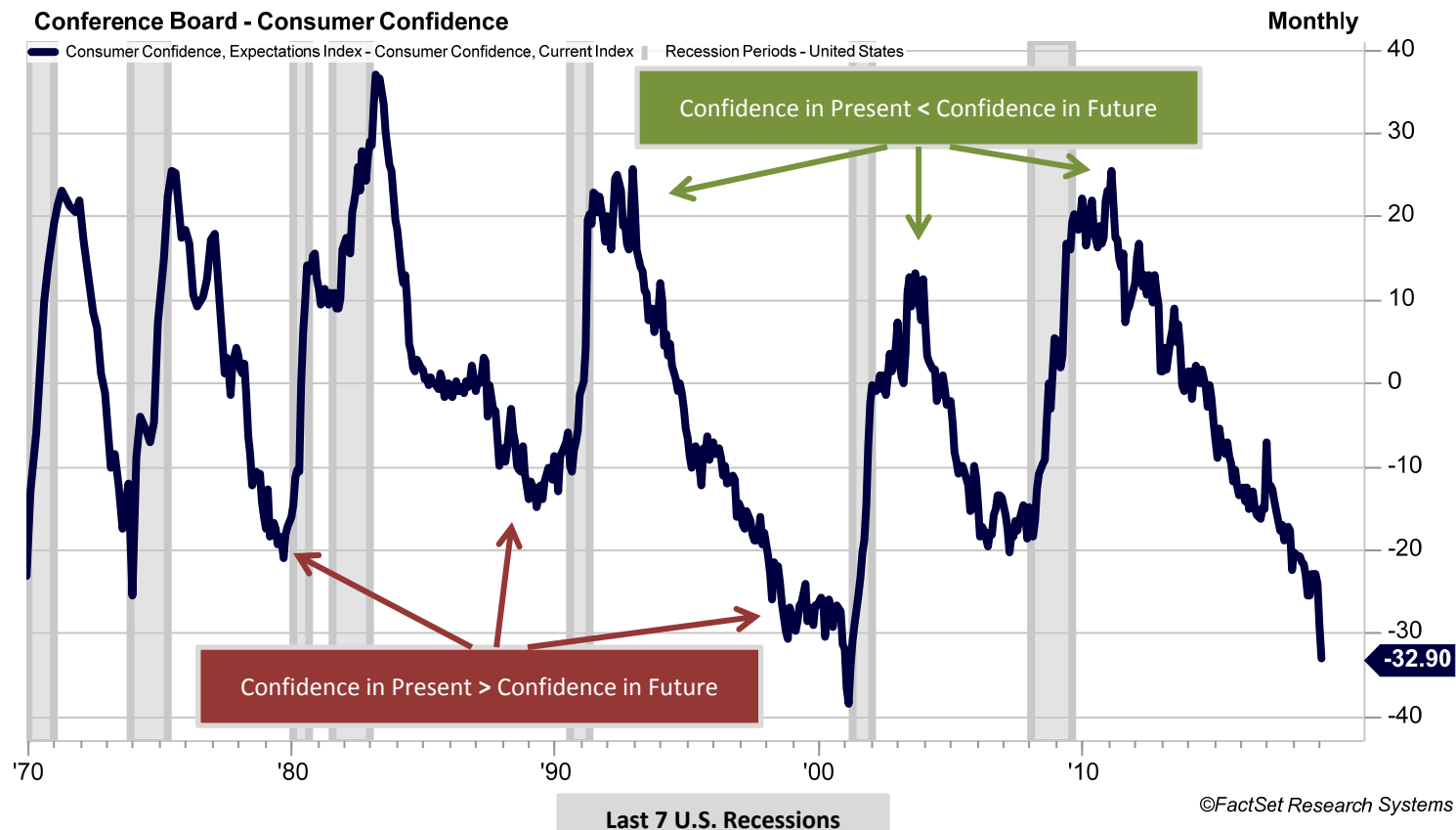




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- Consumer confidence is often considered a lagging indicator, in part because jobs are usually cut and paychecks lost as a result of a downturn having already occurred.
- However, viewing confidence in relative terms may be more insightful for the observer. The spread between how a consumer feels about the future versus the present tends to be greatest at the beginning of the business cycle, and lowest near its conclusion.



# Observation #4

## International Slowdown is More Pronounced

- The strength of manufacturing activity can be a very valuable leading indicator of economic direction, and the data suggests that the synchronized global growth story that peaked (yellow boxes) in early 2018 has faded.
- Europe (\*) has experienced the sharpest reversal, from record levels of activity to the precipice of contraction. It highlights the Continents heavy reliance on export trade. Italy has officially entered a Recession.

GLOBAL PURCHASING MANAGERS INDEX (PMI) FOR MANUFACTURING

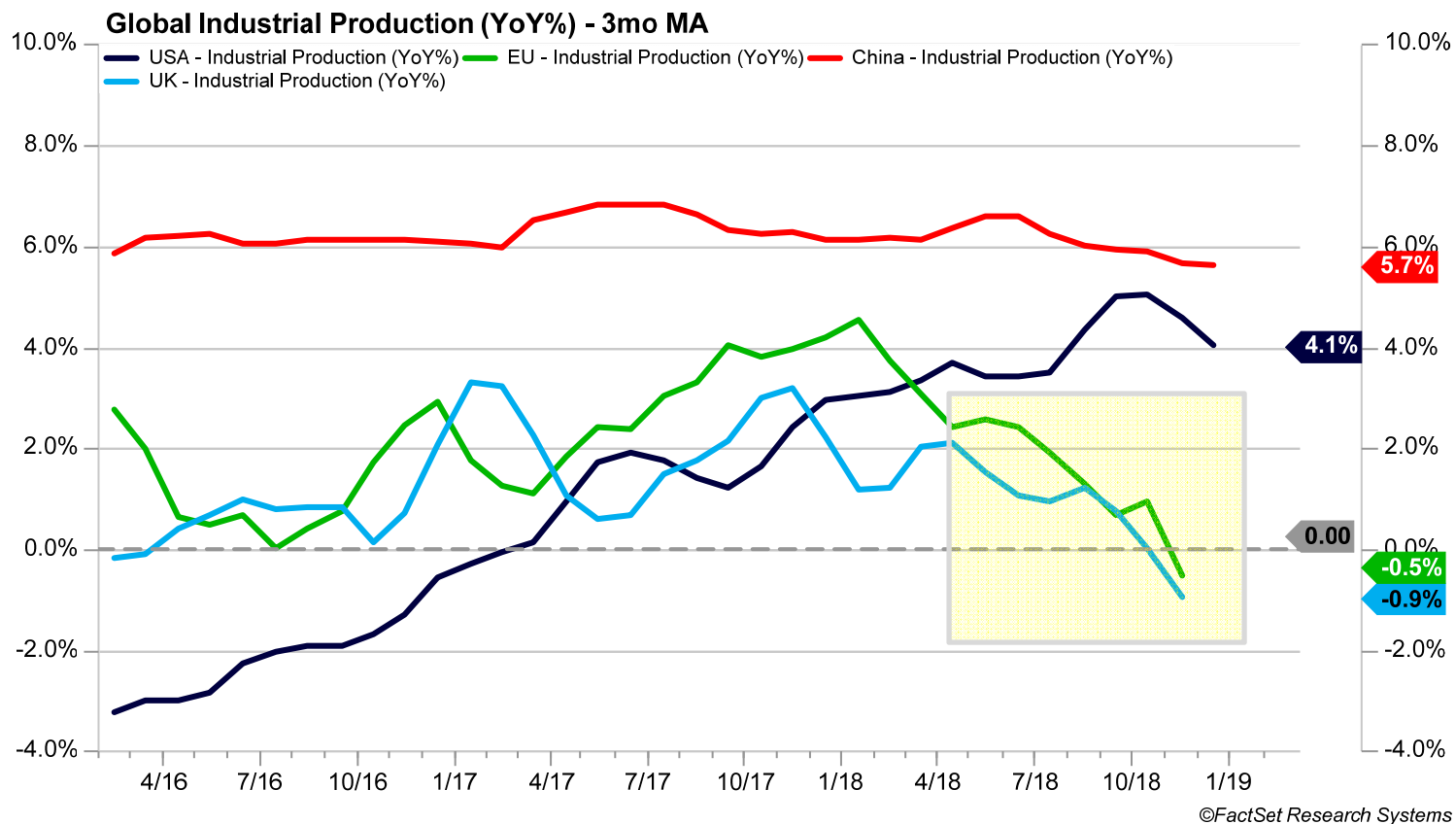
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World	52.9	52.8	52.6	52.5	52.5	52.6	53.1	53.2	53.4	53.9	54.4	54.3	54.1	53.2	53.4	53.0	52.9	52.7	52.5	52.1	52.0	51.9	51.4	50.7
Developed	54.1	53.9	54.1	54.1	53.8	53.9	54.2	54.6	55.2	55.8	56.2	56.3	55.7	54.8	55.1	54.7	54.4	54.0	53.8	53.6	53.2	52.8	52.3	51.8
Emerging	51.3	51.5	50.9	50.5	50.8	50.9	51.7	51.3	51.2	51.6	52.1	51.9	51.9	51.3	51.3	51.1	51.2	51.0	50.8	50.3	50.5	50.7	50.3	49.5
USA	54.2	53.3	52.8	52.7	52.0	53.3	52.8	53.1	54.6	53.9	55.1	55.5	55.3	55.6	56.5	56.4	55.4	55.3	54.7	55.6	55.7	55.3	53.8	54.9
UK	54.6	54.1	57.8	56.5	54.3	55.5	57.0	55.5	56.6	58.2	55.6	55.2	54.9	54.9	53.9	54.3	54.2	53.9	53.0	53.7	51.1	53.4	54.2	52.8
Canada	54.7	55.5	55.9	55.1	54.7	55.5	54.6	55.0	54.3	54.4	54.7	55.9	55.6	55.7	55.5	56.2	57.1	56.9	56.8	54.8	53.9	54.9	53.6	53.0
Australia	59.3	57.5	59.2	54.8	55.0	56.0	59.8	54.2	51.1	57.3	56.2	58.7	57.5	63.1	58.3	57.5	57.4	52.0	56.7	59.0	58.3	51.3	49.5	52.5
* Euro Zone	55.4	56.2	56.7	57.0	57.4	56.6	57.4	58.1	58.5	60.1	60.6	59.6	58.6	56.6	56.2	55.5	54.9	55.1	54.6	53.2	52.0	51.8	51.4	50.5
Germany	56.8	58.3	58.2	59.5	59.6	58.1	59.3	60.6	60.6	62.5	63.3	61.1	60.6	58.2	58.1	56.9	55.9	56.9	53.7	52.2	52.2	51.8	51.5	49.7
Italy	55.0	55.7	56.2	55.1	55.2	55.1	56.3	56.3	57.8	58.3	57.4	59.0	56.8	55.1	53.5	52.7	53.3	51.5	50.1	50.0	49.2	48.6	49.2	47.8
France	52.2	53.3	55.1	53.8	54.8	54.9	55.8	56.1	56.1	57.7	58.8	58.4	55.9	53.7	53.8	54.4	52.5	53.3	53.5	52.5	51.2	50.8	49.7	51.2
Ireland	53.8	53.6	55.0	55.9	56.0	54.6	56.1	55.4	54.4	58.1	59.1	57.6	56.2	54.1	55.3	55.4	56.6	56.3	57.5	56.3	54.9	55.4	54.5	52.6
Greece	47.7	46.7	48.2	49.6	50.5	50.5	52.2	52.8	52.1	52.2	53.1	55.2	56.1	55.0	52.9	54.2	53.5	53.5	53.9	53.6	53.1	54.0	53.8	53.7
Spain	54.8	53.9	54.5	55.4	54.7	54.0	52.4	54.3	55.8	56.1	55.8	55.2	56.0	54.8	54.4	53.4	53.4	52.9	53.0	51.4	51.8	52.6	51.1	52.4
China	51.7	51.2	50.3	49.6	50.4	51.1	51.6	51.0	51.0	50.8	51.5	51.5	51.6	51.0	51.1	51.1	51.0	50.8	50.6	50.0	50.1	50.2	49.7	48.3
India	50.7	52.5	52.5	51.6	50.9	47.9	51.2	51.2	50.3	52.6	54.7	52.4	52.1	51.0	51.6	51.2	53.1	52.3	51.7	52.2	53.1	54.0	53.2	53.9
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South Korea	49.2	48.4	49.4	49.2	50.1	49.1	49.9	50.6	50.2	51.2	49.9	50.7	50.3	49.1	48.4	48.9	49.8	48.3	49.9	51.3	51.0	48.6	49.8	48.3
Taiwan	54.5	56.2	54.4	53.1	53.3	53.6	54.3	54.2	53.6	56.3	56.6	56.9	56.0	55.3	54.8	53.4	54.5	53.1	53.0	50.8	48.7	48.4	47.7	47.5
Indonesia	49.3	50.5	51.2	50.5	49.5	48.6	50.7	50.4	50.1	50.4	49.3	49.9	51.4	50.7	51.6	51.7	50.3	50.5	51.9	50.7	50.5	50.4	51.2	49.9
Russia	52.5	52.4	50.8	52.4	50.3	52.7	51.6	51.9	51.1	51.5	52.0	52.1	50.2	50.6	51.3	49.8	49.5	48.1	48.9	50.0	51.3	52.6	51.7	50.9
Brazil	46.9	49.6	50.1	52.0	50.5	50.0	50.9	50.9	51.2	53.5	52.4	51.2	53.2	53.4	52.3	50.7	49.8	50.5	51.1	50.9	51.1	52.7	52.6	52.7
Mexico	50.6	51.5	50.7	51.2	52.3	51.2	52.2	52.8	49.2	52.4	51.7	52.6	51.6	52.4	51.6	51.0	52.1	52.1	50.7	51.7	50.7	49.7	49.7	50.9

Heat Map = Monthly manufacturing PMI activity indices (Markit Economics)  
 Green = readings above 50 are indicative of manufacturing activity expanding  
 Red = readings below 50 are indicative of manufacturing activity contracting  
 Yellow = highest reading for that country during the 2 year time period

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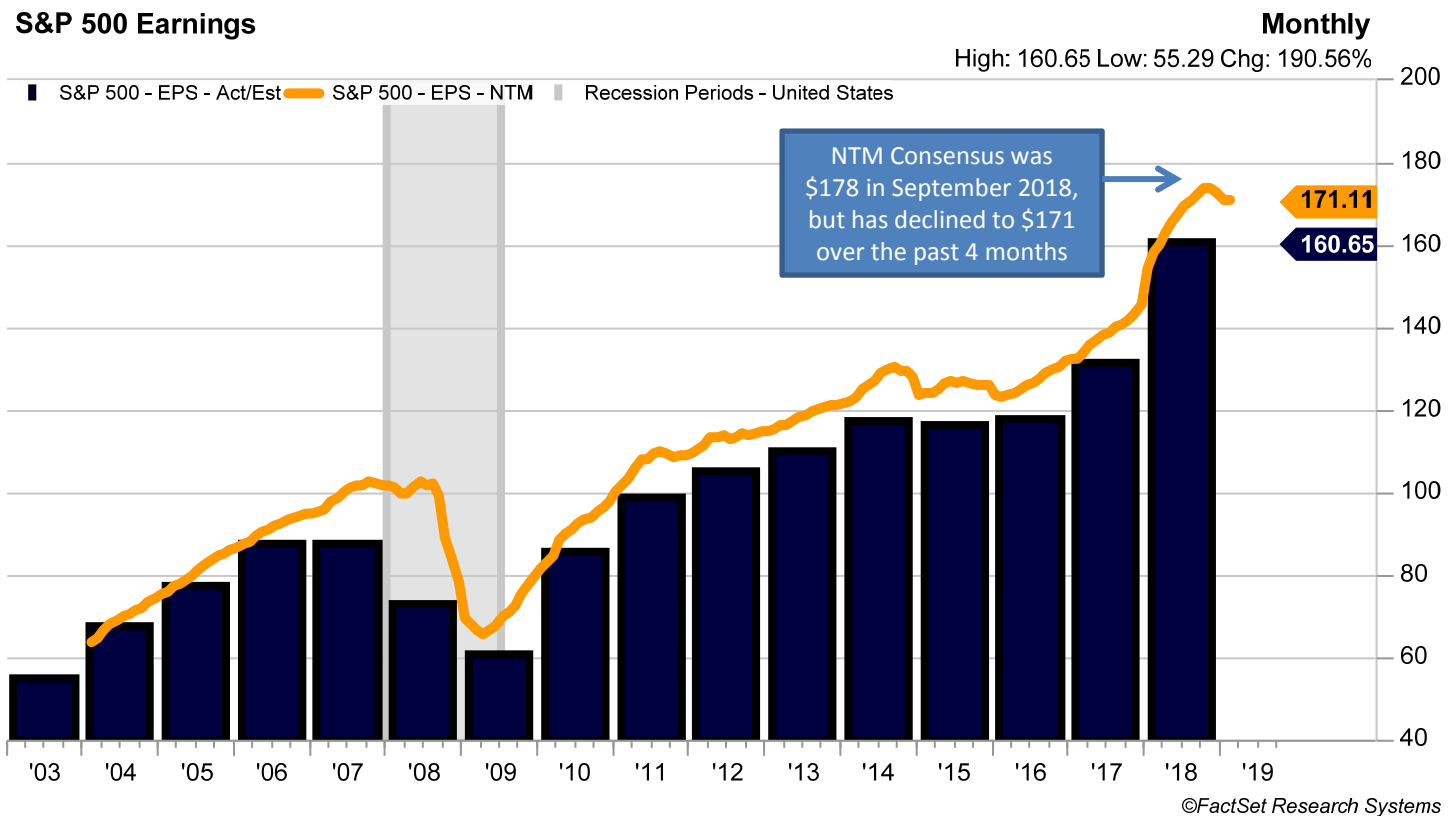
- The persistent slowdown in Europe, from early 2018, can be observed within the Industrial Production measures of the Eurozone (light green) and the United Kingdom (light blue) that have now turned negative.
- The monetary and fiscal policy tools that Europe may have traditionally used to stimulate activity, are either extremely depleted (ECB negative interest rate policy) or very fragile (rising populism & Brexit), making Europe's path to a renewed economic growth trajectory particularly compromised.



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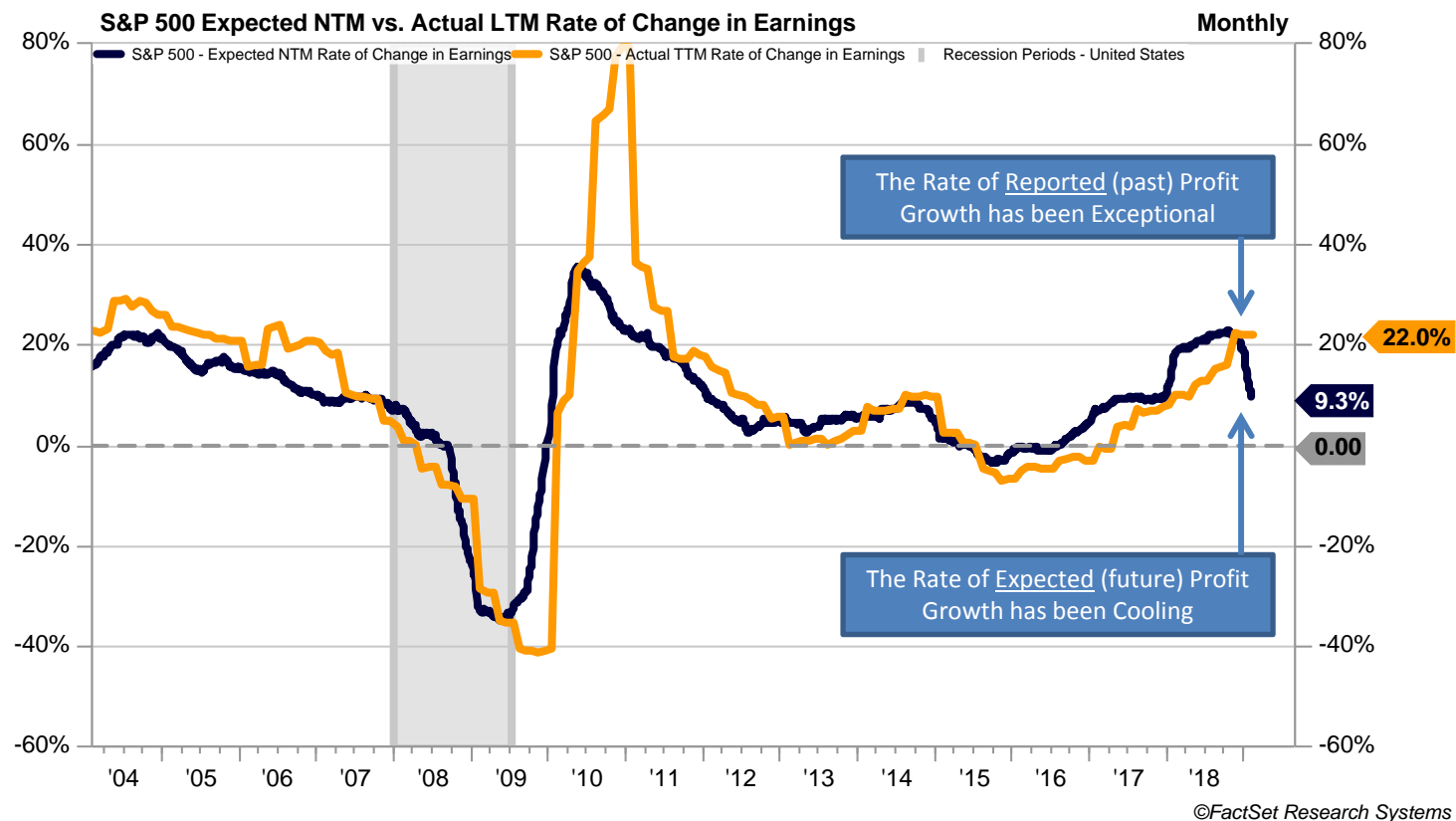
- Fractures within the synchronized global growth story and a recognition that the U.S. growth trajectory is cooling, have combined to erode the confidence in profit expectations (gold line) from \$178 to a current \$171.
- It should not be surprising that the rate of earnings growth experienced in 2018 will not be matched in 2019. **It is the uncertainty around profit growth that causes the anxiety that sweeps across markets.** Once expectations are recalibrated to a more reasonable path for profits, stocks are able to regain their footing.



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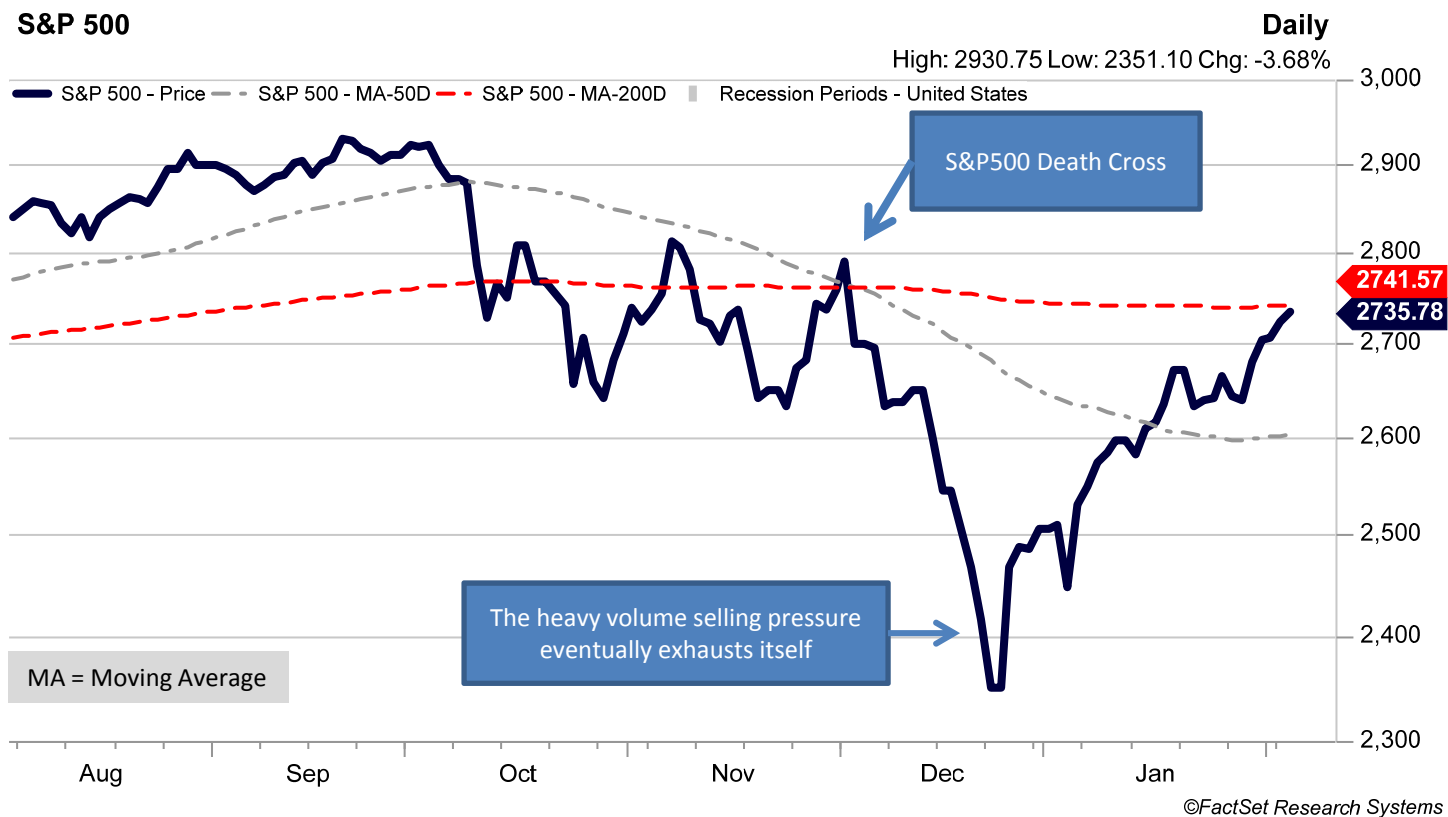
- Markets are constantly measuring the actual rate of profit growth (gold line) against previous expectations and establishing an updated view of the future.
- As investors observe decelerating economic conditions, the expected rate of profit growth (blue line) rightly declines. If profits grow at the currently expected rate of 9% in 2019, stocks are likely to do just fine. If, on the other hand, economic pressures build further and lead to profit erosion, stocks are more likely to struggle.



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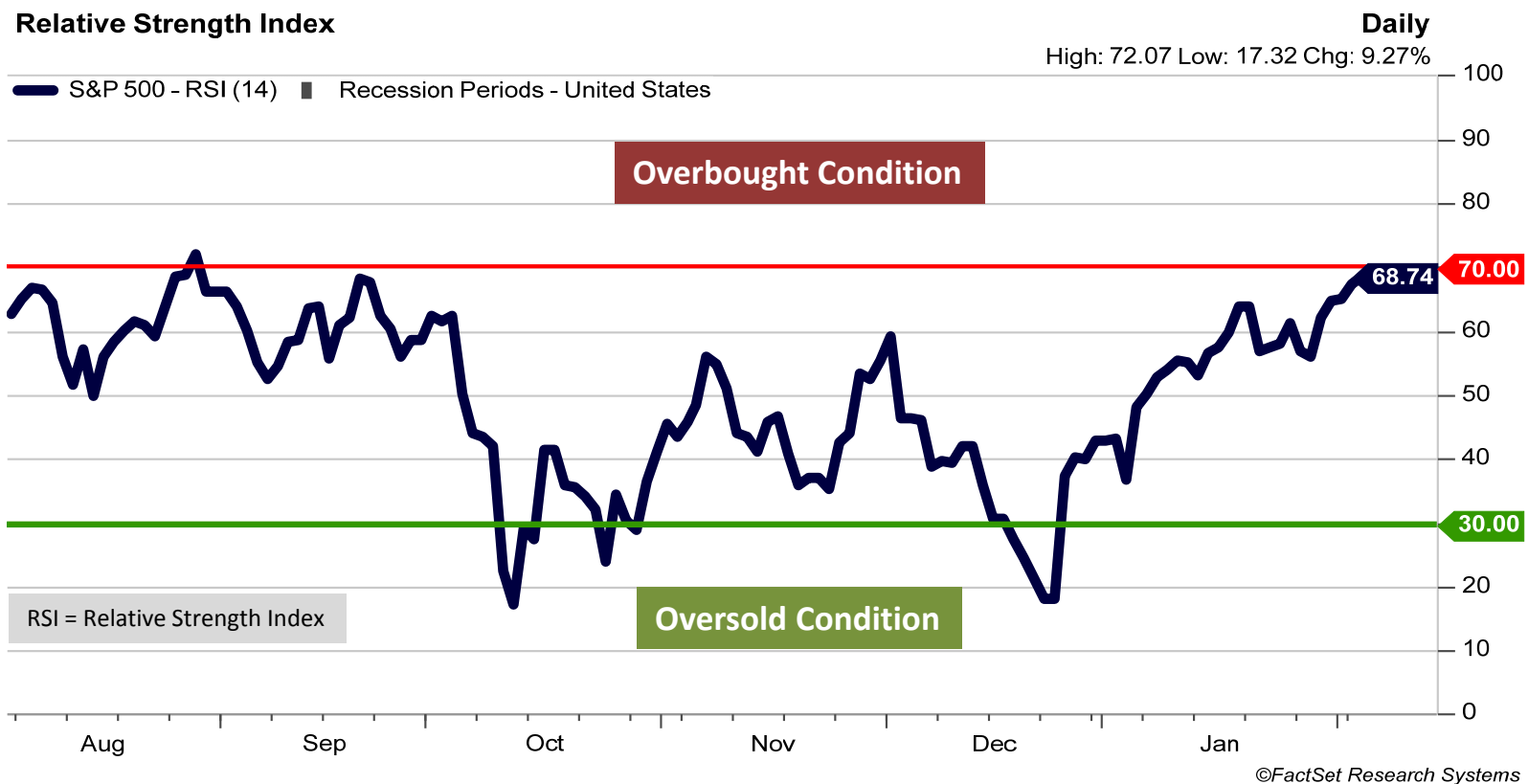
- There are periods of time when near term sentiment and technical factors exacerbate market moves, both above and below fundamentally based valuations.
- The -14.8% decline of the S&P500 from December 1<sup>st</sup> thru Christmas Eve, was preceded by the “Death Cross”, a technical indicator that occurs when the 50 day MA (gray line) crosses below the 200 day MA (red line).



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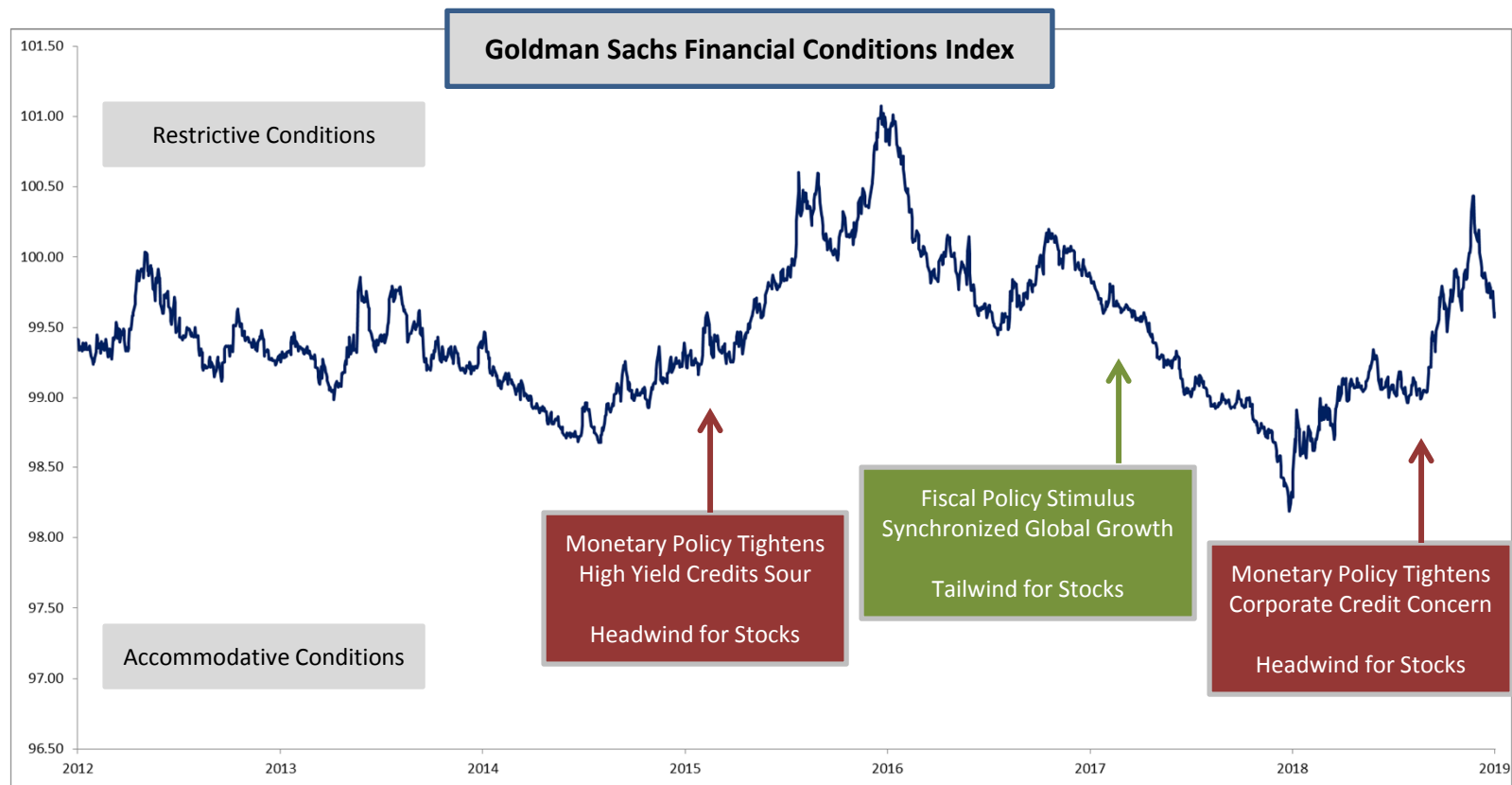
- We prefer to rely on fundamental analysis and valuation metrics for assessing a long-term investment opportunity, but observing various technical indicators may provide valuable near-term entry and exit signals.
- Unfortunately, the average investor gets caught in the Emotional Pendulum, swinging between moments of optimism and greed across to pessimism and fear. The power of emotion often results in the average investor buying high (red line) and selling low (green line).



# Observation #7

## Financial Conditions Support A Cautious Tone

- Economies depend on the flow of capital to support economic activity. When it is cheap and available, capital can stimulate growth, but when it is expensive and restricted the lack of capital flow can result in stagnation.
- The ease by which capital is flowing through an economy is captured by a variety of Financial Conditions measurements which can serve to highlight the headwinds and tailwinds that are prevailing.



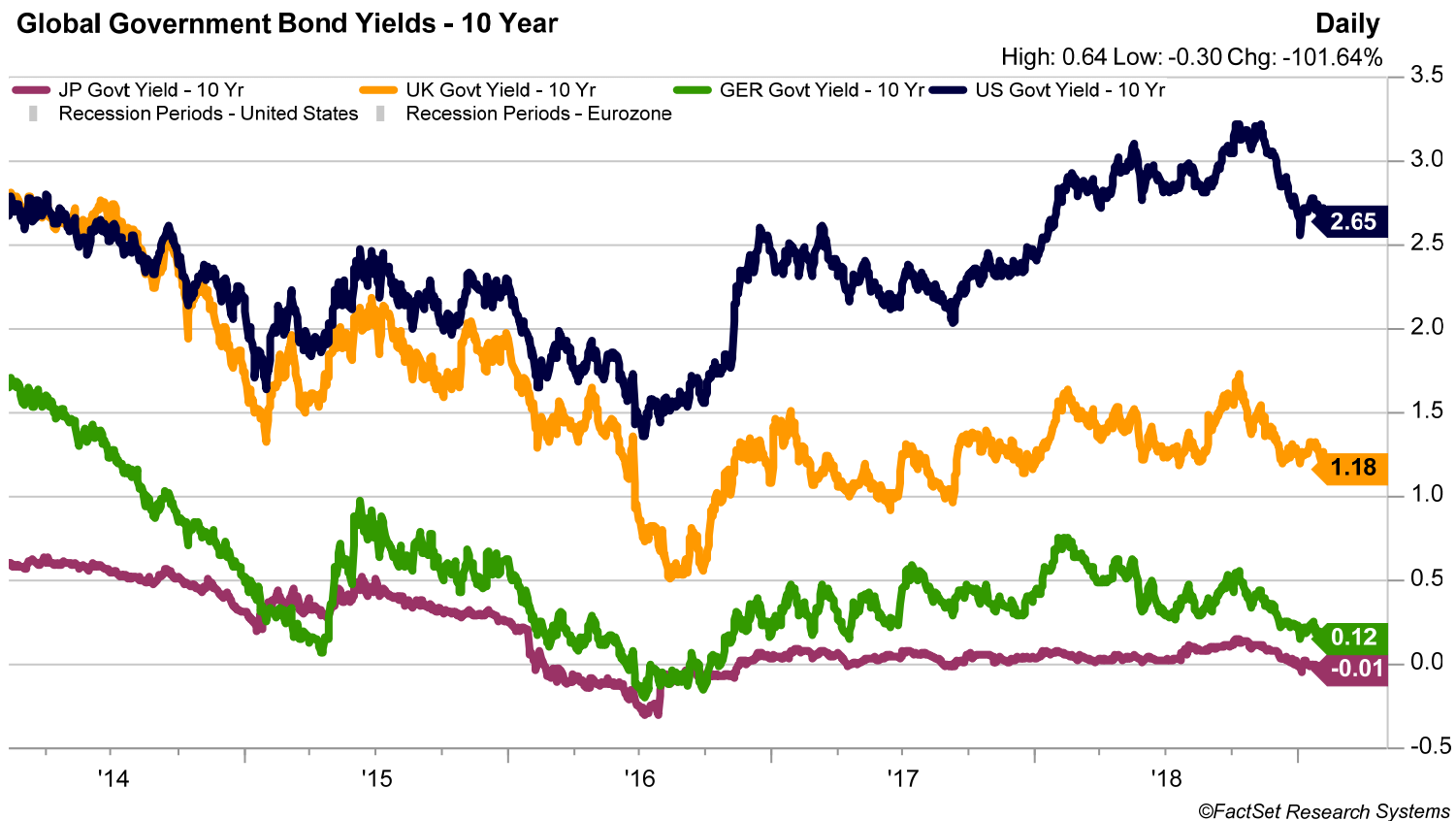
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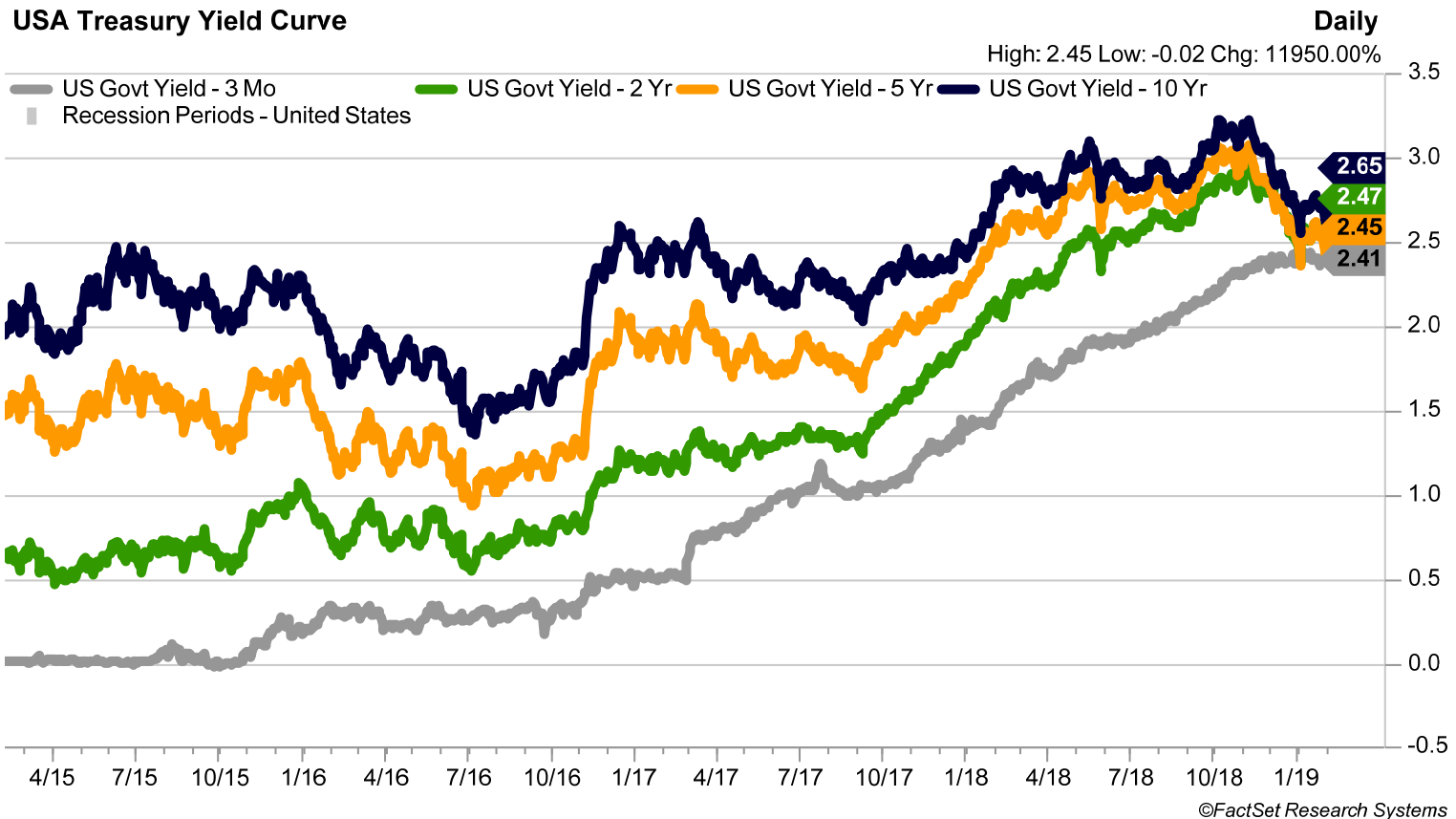
- While stock markets have rallied from their December low's, yields across key global government bond issues have failed to reverse their declines, a sign that bond investors may be cautious on growth.
- One only needs to observe the paltry 0.12% yield on 10 Year German Bunds to recognize the economic growth challenge that faces many on the European Continent.



# Observation #8

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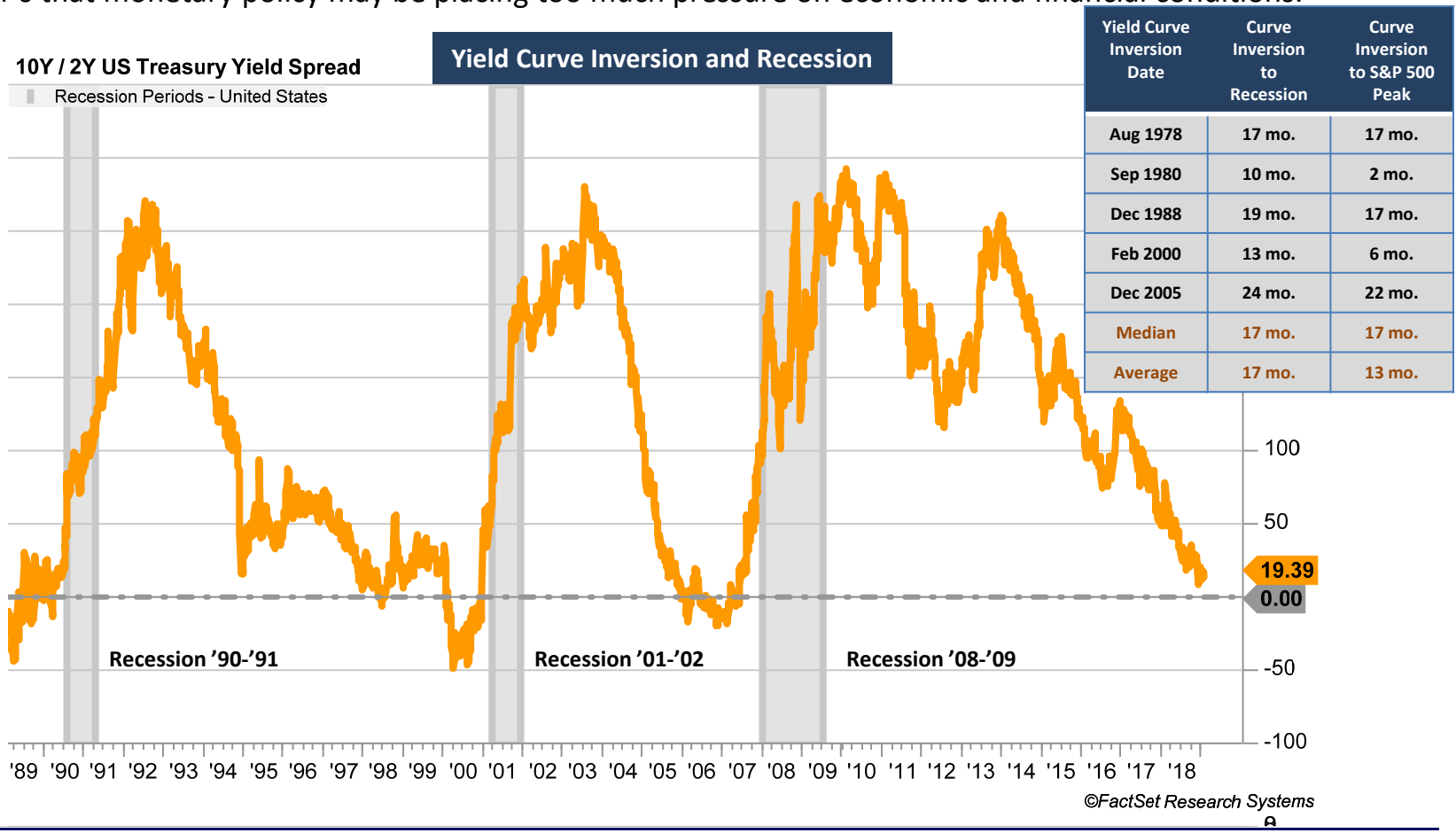
- Despite the desire of Central Bankers to “normalize” interest rates, the bond market is the ultimate authority on the structure of rates, establishing yields along the curve that reflect the outlook for growth and inflation.
- While the Federal Reserve has increased interest rates on the very shortest maturing instruments, the bond market has moved yields on longer maturing US Treasury Notes only marginally higher, a signal that investors may be wary of economic growth and have very little concern about inflation.



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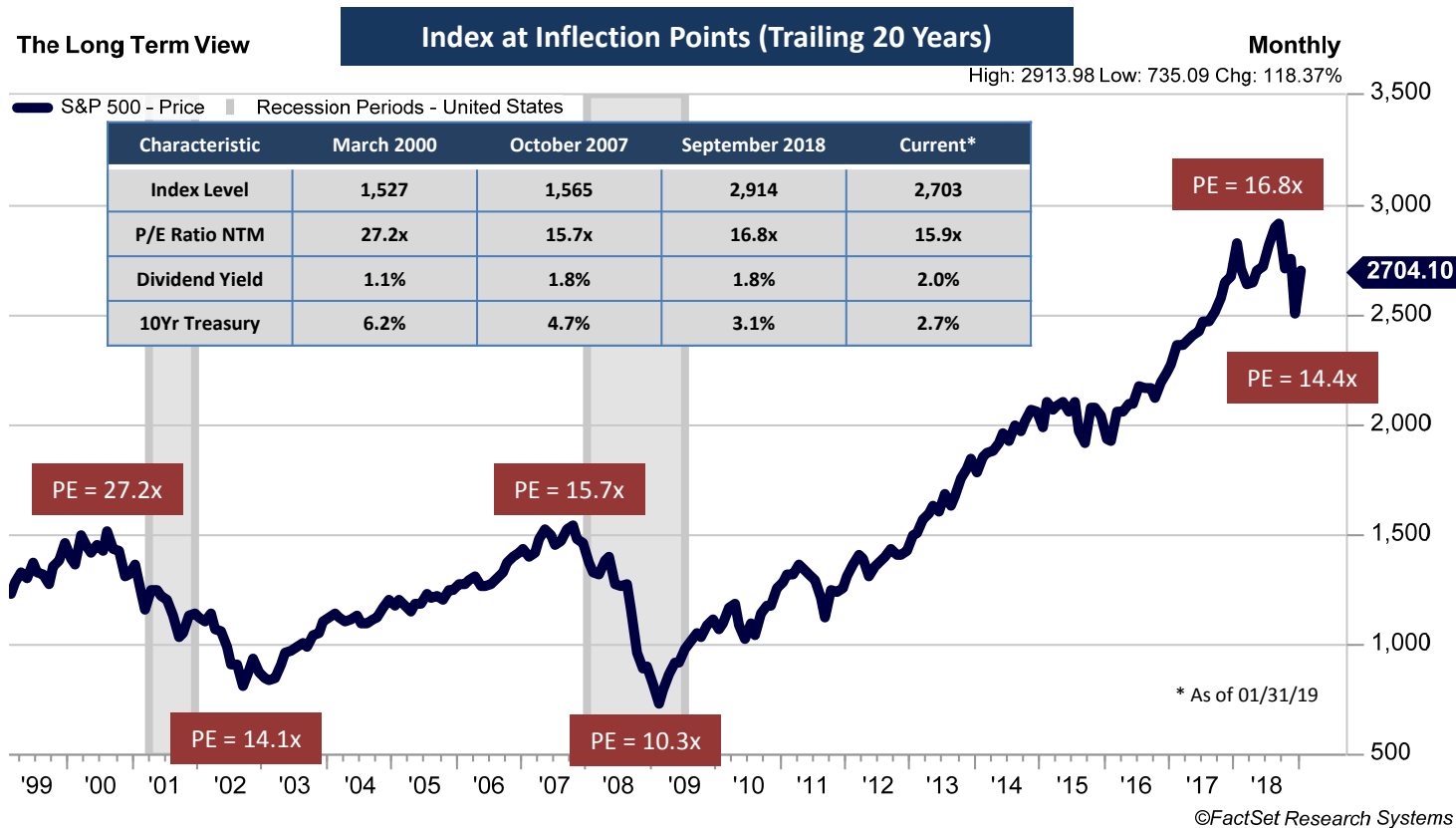
- Whenever Central Banks are raising short term interest rates, investors must evaluate the impact that higher rates may have on future economic growth, price stability and the path for corporate profits.
- Yield curve flattening is typical within a maturing business cycle, and is a warning from investors to Central Banker's that monetary policy may be placing too much pressure on economic and financial conditions.



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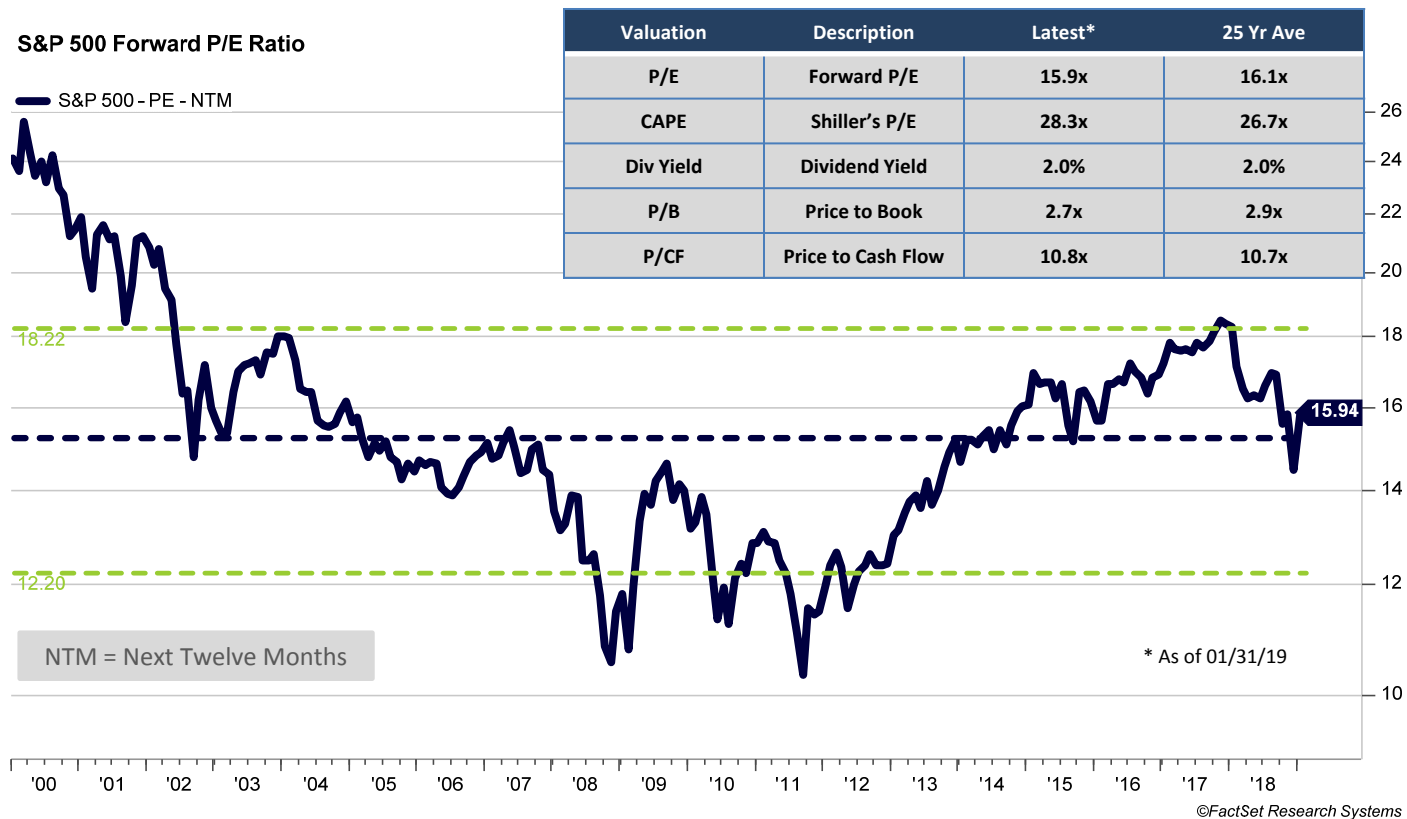
- The S&P500 (blue line) has experienced a tremendous bull market since achieving its cycle low on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Despite recent volatility, the cumulative return of the index remains near 300%.
- Some observers may postulate that price appreciation of that magnitude is indicative of an expensive market. But price alone tells us very little about the value of stocks. Investors must consider the level of profits, dividends and interest rates, among other factors that help to illuminate a markets valuation.



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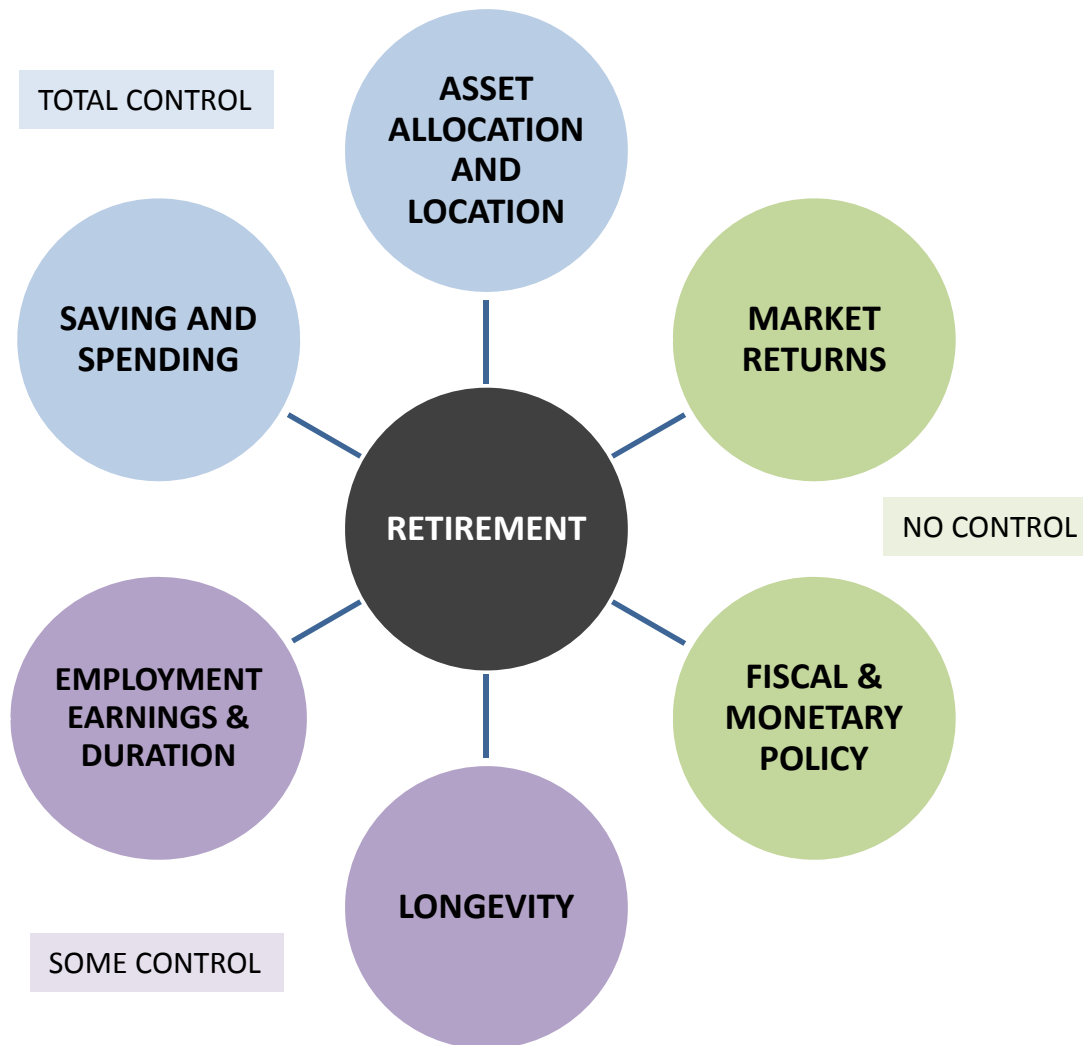
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- Stock prices almost always follow the general direction of corporate profit expectations – lower when profits are expected to decline, higher when profits are expected to expand.
- Whether stocks are expensive or not, requires an opinion regarding the consensus expectation of future profits. If we believe that the current S&P500 estimate for \$171 NTM earnings is fair, then by historical standards buying stocks for the long-term at current prices appears reasonable....not cheap, but not overly expensive either.



# Observation #10

## The Most Important Decision - Asset Allocation



### A SOUND RETIREMENT PLAN

Investors can choose to evaluate many factors as they prepare their portfolios for retirement, but most are out of their control. Investors are best served when they focus on the factors that offer total control.

JP Morgan Asset Management "Guide to Retirement"

# The Strategic Risk Profile Quilt

Annual Returns for Key Indices Ranked in Order of Performance (1999-2018)

1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	20Y CAGR
MSCI EM	Bloomberg Commodity	HFRX Hedge Fund	Bloomberg Commodity	MSCI EM	MSCI EM	MSCI EM	MSCI EM	MSCI EM	Barclays U.S. Agg	MSCI EM	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. Municipal	MSCI EM	Russell 2000	S&P 500	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Russell 2000	MSCI EM	Barclays U.S. Municipal	MSCI EM
67.1%	24.2%	8.7%	23.9%	55.8%	26.0%	34.3%	32.5%	39.7%	5.2%	78.9%	26.8%	10.7%	18.6%	38.8%	13.7%	3.3%	21.3%	37.8%	1.3%	8.8%
MSCI EAFE	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Agg	Barclays U.S. Agg	Russell 2000	MSCI EAFE	Bloomberg Commodity	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EAFE	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Barclays U.S. High Yield	MSCI EM	Barclays U.S. Agg	MSCI EAFE	S&P 500	Barclays U.S. Municipal	S&P 500	Barclays U.S. High Yield	MSCI EAFE	Barclays U.S. Agg	Russell 2000
27.8%	14.3%	8.4%	10.3%	47.3%	20.8%	17.5%	27.0%	11.7%	-2.5%	58.2%	19.2%	7.8%	18.0%	32.4%	9.1%	1.4%	17.1%	25.7%	0.0%	7.4%
HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Barclays U.S. High Yield	Barclays U.S. Municipal	MSCI EAFE	Russell 2000	MSCI EAFE	Russell 2000	Bloomberg Commodity	RP4	MSCI EAFE	Bloomberg Commodity	Barclays U.S. High Yield	Russell 2000	MSCI EAFE	Barclays U.S. Agg	Barclays U.S. Agg	S&P 500	S&P 500	Barclays U.S. High Yield	Barclays U.S. High Yield
26.7%	11.7%	5.3%	9.6%	39.3%	18.3%	14.1%	18.3%	11.1%	-21.2%	32.6%	16.7%	5.0%	16.4%	23.4%	6.0%	0.5%	12.0%	21.8%	-2.1%	6.6%
Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. Agg	Barclays U.S. Municipal	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. High Yield	Barclays U.S. High Yield	RP3	S&P 500	RP3	HFRX Hedge Fund	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. High Yield	S&P 500	S&P 500	RP3	Russell 2000	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM	RP3	S&P 500	S&P 500
21.3%	11.6%	5.1%	4.7%	29.0%	11.1%	7.9%	15.8%	9.9%	-23.3%	27.1%	15.1%	2.1%	16.0%	13.9%	4.9%	-0.3%	11.8%	16.3%	-4.4%	5.6%
S&P 500	RP4	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. High Yield	S&P 500	RP3	RP4	RP3	RP4	Barclays U.S. High Yield	S&P 500	S&P 500	RP4	Barclays U.S. High Yield	RP4	RP3	RP4	Bloomberg Commodity	Russell 2000	RP4	RP3
21.0%	-0.2%	2.5%	-1.4%	28.7%	11.0%	6.6%	15.0%	9.2%	-26.2%	26.4%	15.1%	-1.2%	15.8%	10.1%	4.8%	-0.6%	11.4%	14.6%	-4.6%	5.0%
RP3	Russell 2000	MSCI EM	RP4	RP3	S&P 500	S&P 500	RP4	Barclays U.S. Agg	RP3	RP3	RP3	RP3	RP3	Barclays U.S. High Yield	RP4	RP3	RP3	RP4	RP3	RP4
18.8%	-3.1%	-2.4%	-4.2%	22.9%	10.9%	4.9%	12.4%	7.0%	-28.0%	24.3%	11.1%	-3.1%	11.8%	7.4%	4.7%	-1.0%	6.1%	12.9%	-6.1%	4.8%
Bloomberg Commodity	RP3	RP4	MSCI EM	Bloomberg Commodity	RP4	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. High Yield	S&P 500	Russell 2000	RP4	RP4	Russell 2000	RP4	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. High Yield	HFRX Hedge Fund	RP4	Barclays U.S. High Yield	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Municipal
18.6%	-3.9%	-2.7%	-5.9%	22.7%	9.1%	4.5%	11.8%	5.6%	-33.8%	19.6%	9.9%	-4.2%	9.8%	6.7%	2.5%	-3.6%	5.2%	7.5%	-6.7%	4.6%
RP4	Barclays U.S. High Yield	RP3	RP3	RP4	Bloomberg Commodity	Barclays U.S. Municipal	HFRX Hedge Fund	HFRX Hedge Fund	Bloomberg Commodity	Bloomberg Commodity	MSCI EAFE	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Barclays U.S. Agg	HFRX Hedge Fund	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. Agg	HFRX Hedge Fund	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. Agg
14.7%	-5.9%	-6.3%	-8.4%	18.1%	7.6%	3.5%	9.3%	4.2%	-36.6%	18.7%	8.3%	-8.9%	6.8%	-2.0%	-0.6%	-4.4%	2.6%	6.0%	-11.0%	4.5%
Barclays U.S. High Yield	S&P 500	S&P 500	MSCI EAFE	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Barclays U.S. High Yield	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Barclays U.S. Municipal	S&P 500	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Agg	MSCI EAFE	Barclays U.S. Agg	MSCI EM	MSCI EM	Barclays U.S. High Yield	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Bloomberg Commodity	MSCI EAFE
2.4%	-9.1%	-11.9%	-15.6%	13.4%	4.5%	2.7%	4.8%	3.4%	-37.0%	13.4%	6.5%	-11.7%	4.2%	-2.3%	-2.0%	-4.5%	2.5%	5.4%	-13.0%	4.1%
Barclays U.S. Agg	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EAFE	Russell 2000	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Barclays U.S. Agg	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Agg	Barclays U.S. High Yield	MSCI EAFE	Barclays U.S. Municipal	HFRX Hedge Fund	Bloomberg Commodity	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Municipal	MSCI EAFE	MSCI EM	MSCI EAFE	Barclays U.S. Agg	MSCI EAFE	HFRX Hedge Fund
-0.8%	-13.8%	-21.0%	-20.5%	5.3%	4.3%	2.7%	4.3%	1.9%	-43.0%	12.9%	5.2%	-13.4%	3.5%	-2.6%	-4.3%	-14.6%	1.6%	3.5%	-13.3%	3.5%
Barclays U.S. Municipal	MSCI EM	Bloomberg Commodity	S&P 500	Barclays U.S. Agg	HFRX Hedge Fund	Barclays U.S. Agg	Bloomberg Commodity	Russell 2000	MSCI EM	Barclays U.S. Agg	Barclays U.S. Municipal	MSCI EM	Bloomberg Commodity	Bloomberg Commodity	Bloomberg Commodity	Bloomberg Commodity	Barclays U.S. Municipal	Bloomberg Commodity	MSCI EM	Bloomberg Commodity
-2.1%	-30.7%	-22.3%	-22.1%	4.1%	2.7%	2.4%	-2.7%	-1.6%	-53.2%	5.9%	2.4%	-18.2%	-1.1%	-9.6%	-17.0%	-24.7%	0.2%	0.7%	-14.5%	-0.1%
STOCKS	BONDS	BONDS	BONDS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	BONDS	STOCKS	STOCKS	BONDS	STOCKS	STOCKS	STOCKS	BONDS	STOCKS	STOCKS	BONDS	STOCKS

Source: Bloomberg LP. All data represents total return for the stated period. RP Groups are rebalanced monthly. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Data are as of 12/31/18.

# The Strategic Risk Profile Quilt

(1999-2018)

The Periodic Table of Investment Returns highlights the benefits inherent to diversifying investment portfolios among different asset classes and geographical regions. The rankings are highly variable from year to year and clearly depict the unpredictability of returns. This table displays annual returns for 9 different indices over the last 20 years. Each year, the indices are ranked according to their annual performance, with the best performing index at the top. Vigilant Capital Management utilizes the indices below as proxies for each asset class and to evaluate investment performance. Brief descriptions of each index can be found below. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Asset Class	Index - Description
Equity	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> – measures the performance of large-cap US stocks. The S&P 500 is a market-value-weighted index of 500 stocks that are traded on the NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.
	<b>Russell 2000</b> – measures the performance of small-cap US stocks. The Russell 2000 is a market-value-weighted index of the 2,000 smallest stocks in the broad-market Russell 3000 Index. These securities are traded on the NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.
	<b>MSCI EAFE</b> – is a Morgan Stanley Capital International Index that is designed to measure the performance of the developed stock markets of Europe, Australasia, and the Far East.
	<b>MSCI Emerging Markets</b> - is a Morgan Stanley Capital International Index that is designed to measure the performance of equity markets in 21 emerging countries around the world.
Fixed Income	<b>Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond</b> – U.S. index that measures the performance of the U.S. aggregate bond markets that include sovereign, government agency, asset-backed and corporate securities with maturities of at least one year.
	<b>Barclays US High Yield Bond</b> – measures the market of USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P 500 is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below, excluding EM debut
	<b>Barclays U.S. Municipal Bond</b> – (formerly the Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index) includes approximate 1,100 US municipal bonds; 60% of which are revenue bonds and 40% of which are state government obligations
Alternatives	<b>Bloomberg Commodity Total Return</b> – (formerly the Dow Jones – UBS Commodity Index) is comprised of 22 exchange-traded futures on physical commodities. The index represents 20 commodities, which are weighted to account for economic significance and market liquidity. In addition, this index includes returns on cash collateral invested in 13 week (3 Month) U.S. Treasury Bills.
	<b>HRFX Global Hedge Fund Index</b> – is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies. The index uses quantitative techniques and analysis to ensure the Index is a pure representation of its corresponding investment focus.
Risk Profiles	<b>RP3</b> – is an asset allocation model comprised of 60% MSCI ACWI equity index, 30% Barclays US Aggregate bond index, 5% HRFX Global Hedge Fund Index, 5% HRFX Equity Hedge Index. The RP3 model is rebalanced monthly
	<b>RP4</b> – is an asset allocation model comprised of 45% MSCI ACWI equity index, 40% Barclays US Aggregate bond index, 5% HRFX Global Hedge Fund Index, 5% HRFX Equity Hedge Index, 5% US Treasury 1-3 Yr maturity. The RP4 model is rebalanced monthly



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