# Quarterly Market Review



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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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# **Quarterly Market Summary**

Index Returns



	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
4Q 2019		STO	BONDS			
	9.10%	7.86%	11.84%	0.80%	0.18%	-1.11%

Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.1%	1.5%	2.9%	2.6%	1.2%	1.1%
Best Quarter	16.8%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst	-22.8%	-21.1%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-3.0%	-2.7%
Quarter	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2016 Q4	2015 Q2

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Market segment (index representation) as follows: US Stock Market (Russell 3000 Index), International Developed Stocks (MSCI World ex USA Index [net div.]), Emerging Markets (MSCI Emerging Markets Index [net div.]), Global Real Estate (S&P Global REIT Index [net div.]), US Bond Market (Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index), and Global Bond Market ex US (Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD Bond Index [hedged to 2020 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved. Frank Russell Company is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks, and copyrights related to the Russell MSCI 2020, all rights reserved. Bloomberg Barclays data provided by Bloomberg.

# **Long-Term Market Summary**

**Index Returns** 

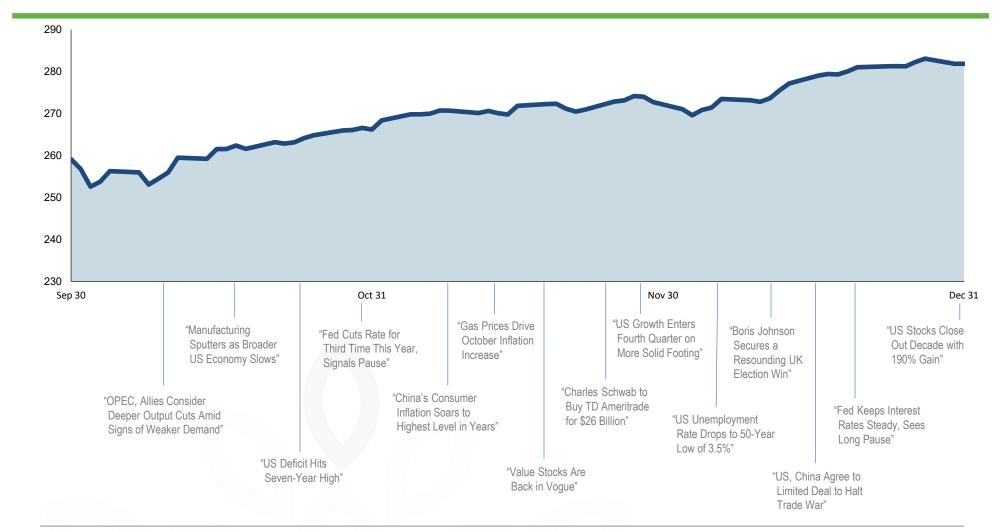




# World Stock Market Performance





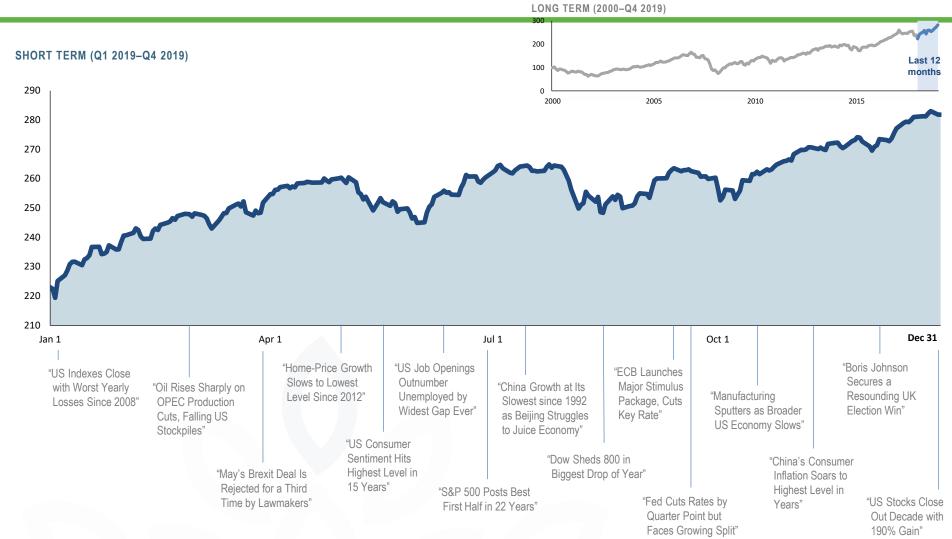


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# World Stock Market Performance



MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from past 12 months



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# **World Asset Classes**

Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns (%)



Equity markets around the globe posted positive returns in the fourth quarter. Looking at broad market indices, US equities outperformed non-US developed markets but underperformed emerging markets.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks in all regions. Small caps outperformed large caps in the US and non-US developed markets but underperformed in emerging markets.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices in both the US and non-US developed markets.



# **US Stocks**

### Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns



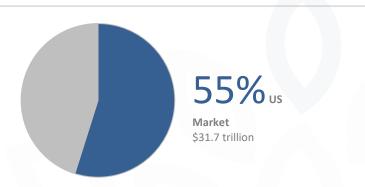
US equities outperformed non-US developed equities but underperformed emerging markets stocks in the fourth quarter.

Value underperformed growth in the US across large and small cap stocks.

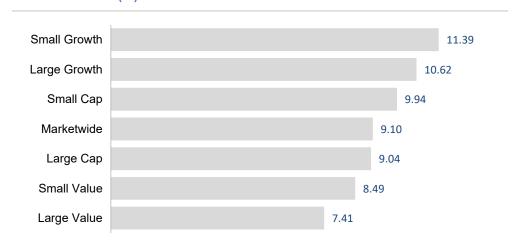
Small caps outperformed large caps in the US.

REIT indices underperformed equity market indices.

### World Market Capitalization—US



### Ranked Returns (%)



### **Period Returns (%)**

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Growth	11.39	28.48	12.49	9.34	13.01
Large Growth	10.62	36.39	20.49	14.63	15.22
Small Cap	9.94	25.52	8.59	8.23	11.83
Marketwide	9.10	31.02	14.57	11.24	13.42
Large Cap	9.04	31.43	15.05	11.48	13.54
Small Value	8.49	22.39	4.77	6.99	10.56
Large Value	7.41	26.54	9.68	8.29	11.80

# **International Developed Stocks**

Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns



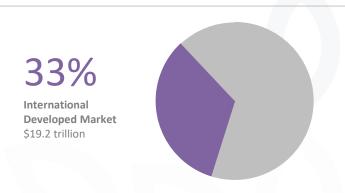
In US dollar terms, developed markets outside the US underperformed both the US equity market and emerging markets equities during the quarter.

Small caps outperformed large caps in non-US developed markets.

Value underperformed growth across large and small cap stocks.



### World Market Capitalization—International Developed



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	11.40	25.41	10.42	8.17	8.04
Growth	8.09	27.92	12.34	7.18	6.51
Large Cap	7.86	22.49	9.34	5.42	5.32
Value	7.56	17.02	6.36	3.59	4.05

# **Emerging Markets Stocks**

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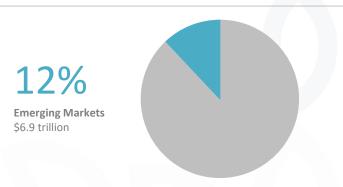


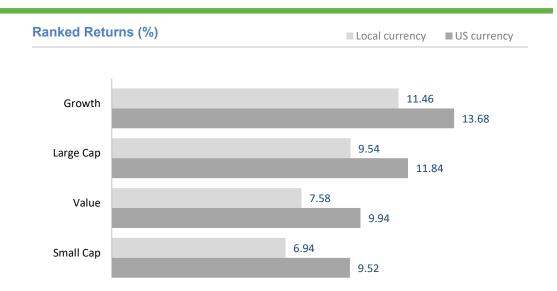
In US dollar terms, emerging markets outperformed developed markets, including the US, in the fourth quarter.

Value stocks underperformed growth stocks.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

## World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets





### **Period Returns (%)**

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	13.68	25.10	14.50	7.45	5.20
Large Cap	11.84	18.42	11.57	5.61	3.68
Value	9.94	11.94	8.57	3.67	2.08
Small Cap	9.52	11.50	6.70	2.97	2.95

# Select Market Performance

Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns



In US dollar terms, Ireland and Sweden recorded the highest country performance in developed markets in the fourth quarter, while Australia and Belgium posted the lowest returns. In emerging markets, Pakistan and Hungary were the top performers, while Chile and Thailand posted the lowest performance.

### Ranked Developed Markets Returns (%) Ireland 16.48 Sweden 14.19 Denmark 13.21 New Zealand 12.99 UK 11.38 Germany 10.38 Austria 9.11 US 8.92 Portugal 8.87 France 8.55 Italy 8.45 8.21 Norway Switzerland 7.97 Netherlands 7.85 Japan 7.73 Singapore 7.56 Israel 7.28 Hong Kong 7.26 Spain 6.48 Canada 5.59 Finland 4.66 Australia 4.26 Belgium 2.96

### Ranked Emerging Markets Returns (%) **Pakistan** 27.36 Hungary 21.01 Argentina 20.75 Taiwan 16.69 Russia 16.57 Brazil 15.56 China 14.42 Colombia 14.01 South Africa 13.91 Korea 13.16 Greece **11.68** Czech Republic 8.74 Mexico 6.67 Peru 6.03 Indonesia 5.60 Poland 5.31 India 5.27 Malaysia 3.37 Saudi Arabia 3.13 **Philippines** 2.52 Egypt 1.92 Qatar 1.66 Turkey 1.41 UAE -1.11 Thailand -1.25 Chile -10.07

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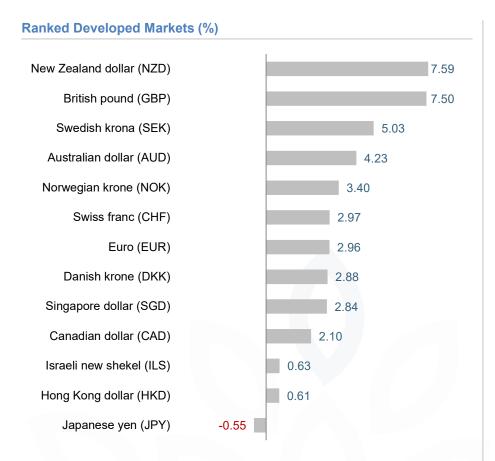
based on respective indices in the MSCI World ex US IMI Index (for developed markets), MSCI USA IMI Index (for US), and MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index. All returns in USD and net of withholding MSCI 2020, all rights reserved. UAE and Qatar have been reclassified as emerging markets by MSCI, effective May 2014. Saudi Arabia and Argentina have been reclassified as emerging

# Select Currency Performance vs. US Dollar

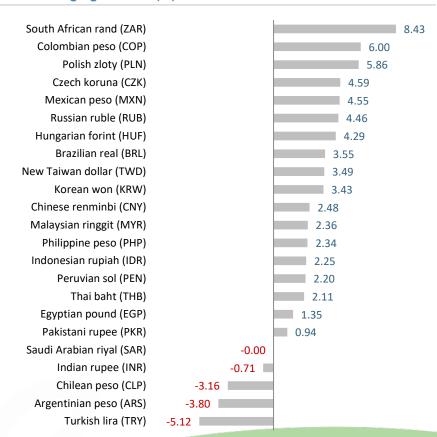
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In developed and emerging markets, most currencies appreciated vs. the US dollar. The few exceptions included the Japanese yen and the Turkish lira.



# Ranked Emerging Markets (%)



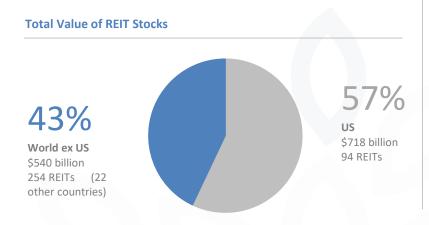
# Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns



US real estate investment trusts (REITs) underperformed non-US REITs in US dollar terms during the fourth quarter.





### **Period Returns (%)**

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Global ex US REITS	4.44	23.59	9.79	5.65	7.74
US REITS	-1.23	23.10	6.95	6.40	11.57

# **Commodities**

### Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns



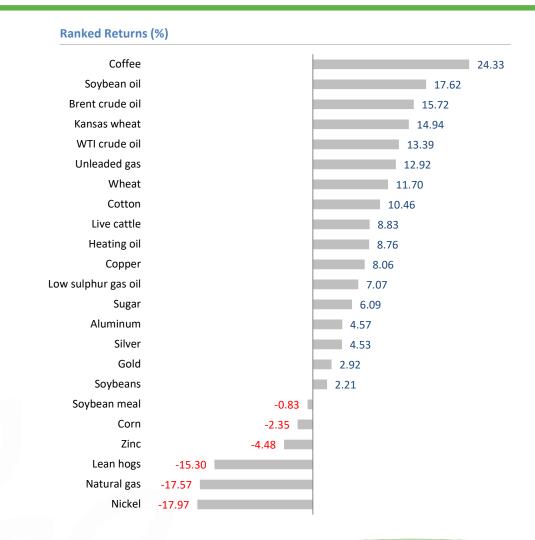
The Bloomberg Commodity Index Total Return increased 4.42% in the fourth quarter.

Coffee and soybean oil were the top performers, gaining 24.33% and 17.62%, respectively.

Nickel and natural gas were the worst performers, declining by 17.97% and 17.57%, respectively.

### **Period Returns (%)**

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Commodities	4 42	7 69	-0.94	-3 92	-4 73





### Fourth Quarter 2019 Index Returns

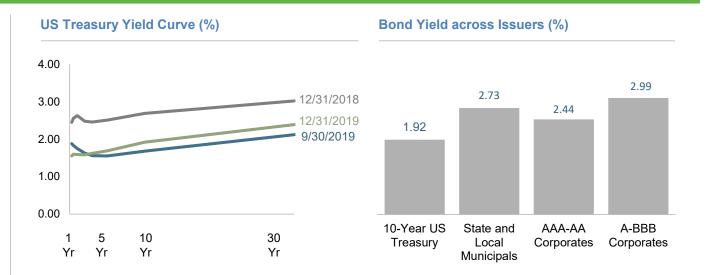


Interest rate changes were mixed in the US Treasury market during the fourth quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note increased 14 basis points (bps), ending at 1.69%. The yield on the 10-year note rose 24 bps to 1.92%. The 30-year Treasury bond yield increased 27 bps to 2.39%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-month Treasury bill yield decreased to 1.48%, while the yield on the 1-year bill dipped 16 bps to 1.59%. The 2-year note yield finished at 1.58% after a decrease of 5 bps.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds gained 0.95%. Intermediate corporate bonds had a total return of 1.10%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was 0.84%, while intermediate-term munis returned 0.93%. General obligation bonds outperformed revenue bonds.

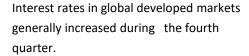


### Period Returns (%) \*Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	2.61	14.32	6.37	6.13	7.57
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	1.01	2.43	2.40	0.74	0.19
Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index	0.79	8.43	3.32	2.62	3.36
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	0.74	7.54	4.72	3.53	4.34
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.59	2.93	1.78	1.25	0.83
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.46	2.28	1.67	1.07	0.58
Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	0.18	8.72	4.03	3.05	3.75
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.18	3.86	2.37	1.92	1.85
Bloomberg Barclays US Government Bond Index Long	-4.06	14.75	6.95	4.16	6.97

# Global Fixed Income

### Fourth Quarter 2019 Yield Curves

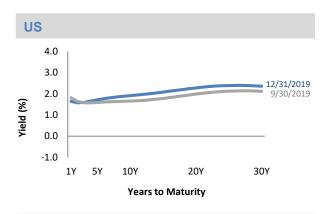


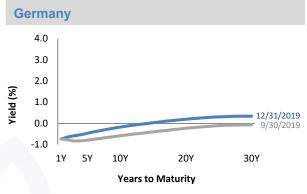
Longer-term bonds generally underperformed shorter-term bonds in the global developed markets.

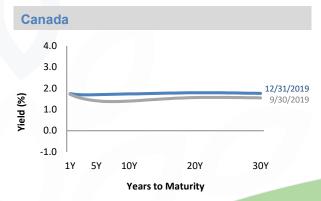
Short- and intermediate-term nominal rates are negative in Japan and Germany.

### Changes in Yields (bps) since 9/30/2019

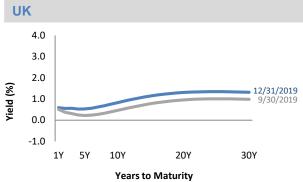
	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	-17.2	12.7	25.4	29.3	24.1
UK	8.2	30.6	36.8	34.9	33.1
Germany	-1.4	32.2	40.9	42.7	40.3
Japan	16.9	23.8	19.6	7.0	3.9
Canada	3.0	29.0	33.7	22.7	21.0
Australia	13.7	27.4	36.2	36.7	35.3

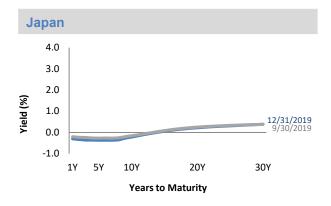


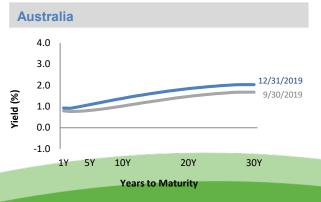












# Impact of Diversification

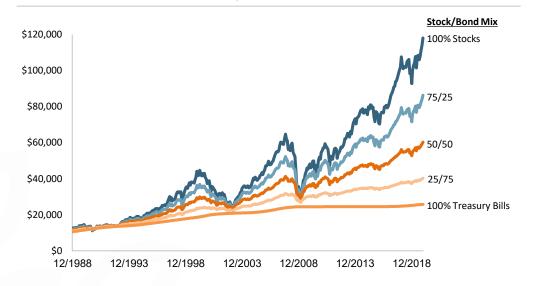
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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

# Ranked Returns (%) 100% Stocks 75/25 50/50 25/75 100% Treasury Bills 0.41

### **Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return**



### Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV <sup>1</sup>
100% Stocks	9.07	27.30	13.05	9.00	9.37	13.18
75/25	6.86	20.69	10.21	7.08	7.27	9.89
50/50	4.68	14.29	7.35	5.10	5.09	6.59
25/75	2.53	8.11	4.47	3.07	2.83	3.30
100% Treasury Bills	0.41	2.14	1.58	0.99	0.52	0.22

# Tuning Out the Noise

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When faced with short-term noise, it is easy to lose sight of the potential long-term benefits of staying invested.

For investors, it can be easy to feel overwhelmed by the relentless stream of news about markets. Being bombarded with data and headlines presented as impactful to your financial well-being can evoke strong emotional responses from even the most experienced investors. Headlines from the "lost decade" can help illustrate several periods that may have led market participants to question their approach.

### May 1999:

Dow Jones Industrial Average Closes Above 11,000 for the First Time

### March 2000:

Nasdag Stock Exchange Index Reaches an All-Time High of 5,048

### April 2000:

In Less Than a Month, Nearly a Trillion Dollars of Stock Value Evaporates

### October 2002:

Nasdaq Hits a Bear-Market Low of 1,114

### September 2005:

Home Prices Post Record Gains

### September 2008:

Lehman Files for Bankruptcy, Merrill Is Sold

While these events are now a decade or more behind us, they can still serve as an important reminder for investors today. For many, feelings of elation or despair can accompany headlines like these. We should remember that markets can be volatile and recognize that, in the moment, doing nothing may feel paralyzing. Throughout these ups and downs, however, if one had hypothetically invested \$10,000 in US stocks in May 1999 and stayed invested, that investment would be worth approximately \$28,000 today.<sup>2</sup>

When faced with short-term noise, it is easy to lose sight of the potential long-term benefits of staying invested. While no one has a crystal ball, adopting a long-term perspective can help change how investors view market volatility and help them look beyond the headlines.

### The Value of a Trusted Advisor

Part of being able to avoid giving in to emotion during periods of uncertainty is having an appropriate asset allocation that is aligned with an investor's willingness and ability to bear risk. It also helps to remember that if returns were guaranteed, you would not expect to earn a premium. Creating a portfolio investors are comfortable with, understanding that uncertainty is a part of investing, and sticking to a plan may ultimately lead to a better investment experience.

# Tuning Out the Noise

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However, as with many aspects of life, we can all benefit from a bit of help in reaching our goals. The best athletes in the world work closely with a coach to increase their odds of winning, and many successful professionals rely on the assistance of a mentor or career coach to help them manage the obstacles that arise during a career. Why? They understand that the wisdom of an experienced professional, combined with the discipline to forge ahead during challenging times, can keep them on the right track. The right financial advisor can play this vital role for an investor. A financial advisor can provide the expertise, perspective, and encouragement to keep you focused on your destination and in your seat when it matters most.

A recent survey conducted by Dimensional Fund Advisors (see **Exhibit 1**) found that, along with progress towards their goals, investors place a high value on the sense of security they receive from their relationship with a financial advisor.

Having a strong relationship with an advisor can help you be better prepared to live your life through the ups and downs of the market. That's the value of discipline, perspective, and calm. That's the difference the right financial advisor makes.

**EXHIBIT 1** 

# How Do You Primarily Measure the Value Received from Your Advisor?

Top Four Responses



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