

# PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

## Global Value

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### Market Environment

- Political tension around the globe clearly is making a more pronounced impact on the global economy, and we believe risks are elevated and skewed to the downside.
- U.S.-China trade tensions and Brexit are two primary causes of a slowdown in economic activity as corporates around the world face elevated uncertainty in making investment decisions.
- Central banks already have begun cutting interest rates and have increased quantitative easing in order to provide stimulus, but with rates at such historically low levels, it remains highly uncertain what degree of impact this monetary stimulus will have.

### Performance Summary

The portfolio lagged both its primary benchmark, the MSCI World Index<sup>SM</sup>, and its secondary benchmark, the MSCI All Country World Index<sup>SM</sup>, in the period ending September 30, 2019, as the market eked out modest gains but experienced increased volatility. Stock selection in health care, technology and consumer discretionary detracted from relative results. Holdings in Japan and the United States also lagged. Stock selection in financials, communication services and industrials contributed to performance. From a geographic perspective, stock selection in the UK and France aided performance.



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### Portfolio Discussion

In our view, our portfolio remains defensively positioned, with meaningful overweights in traditionally less economically sensitive industry groups such as food, beverage and tobacco, pharmaceuticals and telecommunications. We also have a meaningful overweight to cash. We generally are underweight more economically sensitive sectors such as technology, consumer discretionary, energy, materials and industrials. During the period, this resulted in mixed performance. Communication services was among our top sectors, and the top contributor for the period was Alphabet, the search and advertising giant and parent company of Google. Google delivered accelerating growth in its most recent results and announced a \$25 billion share repurchase.

We also experienced positive contribution from more economically sensitive sectors such as financials and industrials. Wells Fargo, one of the world's largest financial institutions, outperformed as investors reacted favorably to the hiring of a new CEO from outside the company to help navigate Wells Fargo out of the regulatory and political scrutiny it has faced in recent years. BAE Systems, the UK's largest defense contractor, gained as the company executed well on programs in the U.S. and UK and saw waning investor concern over its exposure to Saudi Arabia.

While we were attracted to what we believed to be the resilience and reward-to-risk ratio in the health care sector, this area delivered two of our largest detractors during

the period. The largest was global pharmaceuticals giant Pfizer, which traded down on weaker guidance and the announcement it would combine its aging drug portfolio with Mylan Pharmaceuticals and spin off to shareholders. We continue to believe, however, that the reward-to-risk relationship remains compelling. Similarly, diversified health care firm Johnson & Johnson lagged as investors contemplated potential exposure from talc and opioid litigation. Based on what we believe are reasonable liability estimates, Johnson & Johnson has more

than adequate resources to address these challenges, and we have continued to hold our position.

We added one new position in the period, a U.S. regional bank, and we exited our position in the eye-care company Alcon, which was spun out of Novartis. We continue to look for securities with better reward-to-risk ratios, which we generally are finding in more economically sensitive areas, and to review those securities with compressed reward-to-risk in less economically sensitive areas like consumer staples.

Top Contributors	Representative Account	
	Ending Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Alphabet Inc	3.74	0.44
Wells Fargo & Co	4.11	0.31
BAE Systems PLC	2.10	0.22
Vodafone Group PLC	1.23	0.22
Chubb Ltd	1.84	0.18

Top Detractors	Representative Account	
	Ending Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Pfizer Inc	3.36	-0.69
Bank of Ireland Group PLC	1.00	-0.33
Johnson & Johnson	3.91	-0.28
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	1.80	-0.22
Amcor PLC	0.79	-0.14

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## Manager Outlook

We have observed two distinct dynamics in financial markets that are somewhat difficult to reconcile. On the one hand, macroeconomic indicators are clearly decelerating if not outright contracting. For example, the ISM Manufacturing Index, which is an indicator of recent U.S. economic activity, continued declining and fell below 50 in August/September, implying a contraction of activity. The collective impact of trade tension, Brexit and geopolitics is increasingly being felt, especially in Europe and China, but even in the U.S., as well. These increasingly gloomy indicators heighten our concerns about a looming recession and especially its impact on more economically sensitive areas of the stock market.

And yet, amid this elevated investor fear, we simultaneously observe the valuation spread between “defensives” and “cyclicals” widening to abnormally high levels. This suggests that investors are willing to pay increasingly high multiples for the perception of earnings stability, which we would point out in high-flying sectors such as technology, might be more illusory in the face of a real economic downturn. Specifically, September saw several days of violent reversals in which significant flows of capital left more “momentum” stocks in favor of down-and-out “value” stocks.

Hence, beaten-up economically sensitive stocks are increasingly populating our research agendas. We *gradually* have been increasing our exposure here as reward-to-risk ratios strike us as more compelling in areas such as financials and consumer discretionary. However, we remain firmly rooted in our Perkins process with a disciplined focus on downside mitigation.

Thank you for your co-investment and continued confidence in Perkins Investment Management.

## Portfolio Management



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As of 9/30/19 the top ten portfolio holdings of the Representative Account are: Wells Fargo & Co (4.12%), Johnson & Johnson (3.92%), Oracle Corp (3.77%), Alphabet Inc (3.74%), Pfizer Inc (3.36%), Sanofi (2.42%), Public Storage (2.23%), BAE Systems PLC (2.09%), Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp (2.07%) and PepsiCo Inc (2.06%). There are no assurances that any portfolio currently holds these securities or other securities mentioned.

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