

**Outlook/Review**

The first quarter was a strong one for equities in the US, with major indices rebounding and recouping much of the declines suffered in December. We do not believe that the severity of the declines in December were driven by fundamentals, but rather by technical factors, including quantitative trading and also tax loss selling by investors. The economy in the US remains fundamentally healthy, with low unemployment and generally robust levels of GDP growth and business activity<sup>i</sup>. There are areas of concern that have arisen, however, and we will be watching them for cues to increase our level of caution<sup>ii</sup>. These factors include a partially inverted yield curve in the US (often an early harbinger of recession), and sharp slowdowns in the economies of China and Germany<sup>iii</sup>. While the US economy remains relatively strong in our opinion, the Fed has taken note of slowing in other economies and has paused rate hikes for the time being. We believe that this policy is supportive of equities for the near future.

**Managed Accounts Model Performance<sup>iv</sup>**

*Past performance is not indicative of future results. Inherent in any investment is the possibility of loss.*

Strategy Performance	1Q19	YTD	10 Year Annualized
Anchor Balanced (Pure Gross)	7.33	7.33	8.99
Anchor Balanced (Net)	6.53	6.53	5.77
60/30/10 (R1000V/BCIGC/CG90TBIII)	7.87	7.87	9.78
Russell 1000 Value	11.93	11.93	14.52

**Top/Bottom Equity Portfolio Contributors<sup>vi</sup>**

Security Contribution	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return
<i>5 Highest</i>			
Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	1.67	23.35	0.36
Analog Devices, Inc.	1.64	23.27	0.34
BWX Technologies, Inc.	1.13	30.14	0.30
Mondelez International, Inc. Class A	1.14	25.36	0.26
BP p.l.c. Sponsored ADR	1.54	16.99	0.25
<i>5 Lowest</i>			
Biogen Inc.	0.93	-21.45	-0.17
Amdocs Limited	0.71	-9.27	-0.09
Pfizer Inc.	1.77	-1.88	-0.04
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B	1.62	-1.61	-0.03
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	0.74	-2.48	-0.02

Sector Contribution	Average Weight	Total Return	Contribution to Return
<i>3 Highest</i>			
Financial Services	15.76	10.53	1.68
Health Care	12.84	8.11	1.03
Producer Durables	5.24	19.32	0.94
<i>3 Lowest</i>			
Materials & Processing	0.81	0.37	0.01
Utilities	3.79	10.46	0.39
Consumer Discretionary	4.15	12.60	0.51

**Strategy Review & Positioning**

Anchor's Balanced strategy slightly underperformed the 60/30/10 (R1000V/BCIGC/CG90TBIII) Blended Benchmark in the first quarter. The top three factors that contributed to performance were security selection in Consumer Staples, sector overweighting in Producer Durables and security selection in Financial Services. The largest detractors from performance included security selection in Energy, security selection in Technology, and security selection in Materials & Processing.

Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc. (ZBH) was the largest contributor to performance in the first quarter, followed by Analog Devices, Inc. (ADI), BWX Technologies, Inc. (BWXT) Mondelez International, Inc. Class A (MDLZ), and BP p.l.c. Sponsored ADR (BP). The largest detractors included Biogen Inc. (BIIB), Amdocs Limited (DOX), Pfizer Inc. (PFE), Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Class B (BRK.B) and SunTrust Banks, Inc. (STI).

Five names were added to the portfolio during the first quarter TE Connectivity Ltd (TEL), Amdocs (DOX), SunTrust Banks Inc. (STI), CDK Global (CDK) and A.O. Smith Corporation (AOS). We exited three names during the quarter, Welltower Inc. (WELL), Wells Fargo & Co. (WFC) and Sabra Health Care (SBRA).

We brought down our equity allocation slightly in the quarter. We used strength to sell names where we thought their ability to raise dividends was impaired and reinvested the proceeds into better valuations and outlooks. Our pool of investable name continues to grow. Notable purchases in the quarter include TE Connectivity (TEL), a global leader in connectivity and sensor solutions for the transportation, industrial and communication sectors. In our opinion, TE Connectivity continues to outpace the broader market as connector and sensor content per vehicle or device increases. We believe that Amdocs (DOX) has a niche in providing software and service solutions to the communications and media markets. In our estimation, the company has no debt, generates good amounts of cash, and is dedicated to growing the dividend. From our read, we were able to buy the stock at the cheapest valuation it has traded at in five years. Our timing in purchasing SunTrust (STI) was fortuitous, as the company received a takeover bid from BB&T Bank soon after our purchase. We own BB&T, and we believe the two banks together makes for a more solid investment. CDK Global is the market leader in providing integrated information technology to the automotive retail industry<sup>vii</sup>. We believe the technology edge that CDK provides is a competitive advantage to its customer base, and the opportunity for CDK to add new products and take market share is only increasing. A.O. Smith is a global manufacturer of residential and commercial water heating equipment and purification products<sup>viii</sup>. We believe that the market is not assigning a fair value to the business considering the company's dominant share in water heaters, growth trends in China and India, water and air purification opportunity, and the management's disciplined capital allocation.

The yield curve inverted from 1 year out to 7 years in March<sup>ix</sup>. Most importantly, in our opinion, the Fed has finally issued guidance that the rate hiking cycle is over, at least for 2019. From our read, the forward curves are pricing in a rate cut by the end of 2019 or early 2020. We do not think the Fed will cut rates this year, but it looks like the Fed is ready to react to any weakness in the U.S. economy. As the old investing mantra goes, "don't fight the Fed".

Inflation readings continue to weaken, from our read, and the Fed is not hitting its stated goal of 2% inflation<sup>x</sup>. This adds to our view that rates will stay lower for longer.

Including our cash position, the duration of the total bond portfolio is about 2 years.

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<sup>i</sup> U.S. Department of Commerce; <https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/u-s-department-of-commerce>

<sup>ii</sup> FactSet financial data and analytics; Business Description

<sup>iii</sup> U.S. Federal Reserve; <https://www.federalreserve.gov/>

<sup>iv</sup> StyleAdvisor. Gross of fee returns are presented Pure Gross and are calculated before management fees, custodial fees and transaction costs.

<sup>v</sup> The information herein is reflective of the equity portion of the Balanced Model Portfolio

<sup>vi</sup> Factset financial data and analytics; Attribution reporting

<sup>vii</sup> <https://www.cdkglobal.com/us>

<sup>viii</sup> <https://www.aosmith.com/>

<sup>ix</sup> Factset financial data and analytics; Tullett Prebon

<sup>x</sup> [www.stlouisfed.org/open-vault/2019/january/fed-inflation-target-2-percentile](http://www.stlouisfed.org/open-vault/2019/january/fed-inflation-target-2-percentile)

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