

Market Overview

The U.S. market moved strongly higher during the fourth quarter of 2019. Volatility generally decreased throughout the quarter as investors weighed some progress in the trade war with China (a "phase one" agreement in principal) against the formal impeachment of U.S. President Donald Trump.

During the quarter, growth outperformed value in all three market-cap spaces (large, mid and small). In general, the market rotated away from lower-volatility stocks and into more cyclical stocks. During the quarter, the best performing sectors were technology, health care and financials. Real estate and utilities and energy were among the weakest sectors on a relative basis.

Among non-traditional investments the strongest performers were convertibles, commodities, and precious metals.

Fund Overview

The 1290 Multi-Alternative Strategies Fund pursues its investment objective of seeking long-term growth of capital by investing in exchange-traded funds comprising various non-traditional or alternative asset categories and strategies. In the fourth quarter of 2019 the Fund outperformed its benchmark, the ICE BofAML 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index.

Fund Highlights*

What helped performance during the quarter?

- Convertible securities were the top contributor to performance as the asset class continue to benefit from the long-term equity bull market.
- Commodities added to performance as this sector benefited from strong performance in energy and gains in precious metals, especially in the month of December.
- Merger arbitrage holdings also contributed positively to performance.

What hurt performance during the quarter?

- Multi-strategy holdings were the top detractor to performance mainly due to the macro/managed-futures factors.
- Managed futures detracted from performance, mainly driven by underperformance within currencies and soybeans.
- The long/short equity strategy was down slightly in the fourth quarter, as its value tilt continues to be a drag on performance.

Source: FMG, LLC

* The Fund does not hold a position in any single security directly but has exposure through ETFs.

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