

2019: YEAR IN REVIEW

### What Helped Performance?

<u>Corporate Credit:</u> The number one contributor, regardless of strategy, was the allocation to corporate credit. Sub-sector performance was led by a significant overweight to financials. Within that allocation, banks, finance companies, insurance, and REIT's were the largest contributors. Specific industry segments within Industrials were the second largest area of alpha generation with top contributors being energy and technology issuers. Given the systematic move across all corporate credit spreads, issuer selection played a significant role in each strategy's outperformance.

<u>Duration Management:</u> In 2019, we witnessed a significant move lower in Treasury yields which was a large component of both absolute and relative returns. Duration management throughout the year was a positive contributor to relative outperformance. During the first three quarters, each strategy maintained a duration that was neutral to slightly long relative to the benchmarks. This was beneficial as yields fell through the first 10 months of the year. During the fourth quarter, in an effort to de-risk portfolios into year-end, overall durations were reduced across each strategy. Generally, this move was beneficial in December as Treasury yields 3-years and longer moved higher.

# What Hurt Performance?

Securitized Allocation: The largest relative detractor throughout the majority of the year came from our allocation to securitized assets in the sectors of: ABS, CMBS and RMBS. On a relative basis, these allocations were drags on relative results for all of Sage's core strategies, except for Cash Management and Short-Term. Of the three broad securitized sectors, our allocation to residential mortgages proved to be the most challenging. With rates falling in dramatic fashion early in the year, prepayment speeds increased which generally shortened durations and put significant pressure on the mortgage sector as a whole.

# 2019 Performance

	2019 Returns
Cash Management (Gross)	3.18%
Cash Management (Net)	2.98%
Barclays Capital 1-3 Month U.S. T-Bill Index	2.21%
Short Term (Gross)	4.64%
Short Term (Net)	4.28%
Barclays 1-3 Yr. TSY Index	3.59%
Intermediate Term (Gross)	7.45%
Intermediate Term (Net)	7.07%
Barclays Intermediate Gov't./Credit Index	6.80%
Intermediate Corporate (Gross)	10.47%
Intermediate Corporate (Net)	10.09%
Barclays Intermediate Gov't./Credit Index	9.52%
Core Gov't./Credit (Gross)	10.83%
Core Gov't./Credit (Net)	10.39%
Barclays Gov't./Credit Index	9.71%
Core Aggregate (Gross)	0 54%
Core Aggregate (Net)	9.10%
Barclays Aggregate Index	8.72%

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