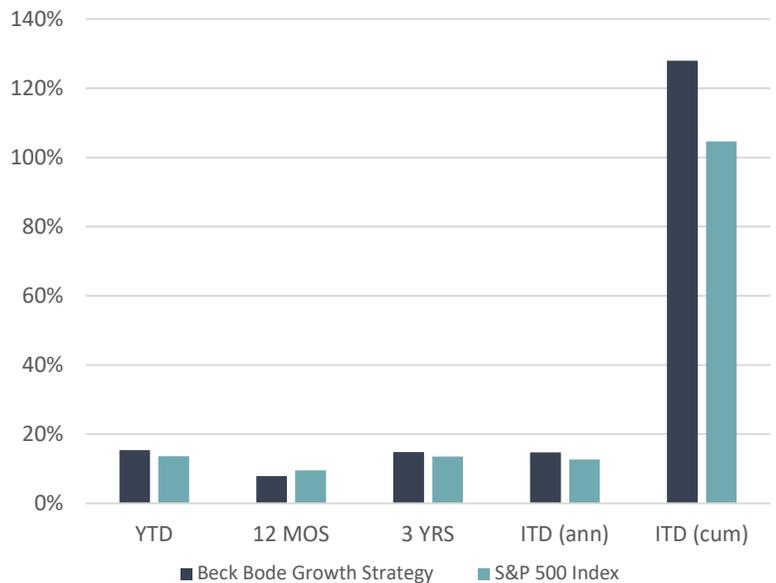


Q1 2019 COMMENTARY
2019 MARKET RECAP

The markets offered a wild ride in 2018, and created some incredible opportunities for Beck Bode. In Q4, we noted that the team saw many earnings estimates rise, often indicating a quicker recovery, which is consistent with what we are seeing at present. While Q4 may have been characterized by a combination of global market disruption and political instability, we believe that we are now seeing a bit of a settling of this dynamic and a subsequent positive impact on earnings estimates through Q1 2019. Interest rates are still low; mortgage rates have fallen, and broad economic numbers have been decent as was seen in numerous cases throughout the year. The China/US trade conversation has quieted a bit, perhaps providing some more ballast to the markets. While there is always something that can cause a short term market correction, we believe that the economy is in a good position with interest rates, inflation, and unemployment remaining low, to provide support for a solid 2019.

BECK BODE GROWTH STRATEGY*


In terms of activity within various segments of the market, there was significant divergence between asset class and cap weight performance for the year. At Beck Bode, an example of the impact of the consistent rate environment we are in (vs one with wild and unexpected swings), can be seen in our INCOME GROWTH portfolio, which is invested in utility stocks paying a relatively average dividend, but one expected to increase significantly. The portfolio is performing above average largely due to the developing fundamentals of the companies, which in turn have (and will continue to) drive superior dividend growth over the next 12 months, eventually resulting in a higher market price for the company overall.

Q1 2019 BECK BODE GROWTH PORTFOLIO RECAP

In Q1, we saw continued leadership from our holdings in Edwards Life Sciences and Lululemon, among others. While the large majority of the portfolio demonstrated great strength in the first quarter, Boeing was a holding that proved to be more challenging. We did elect to exit the position, despite the lack of a negative earnings estimate revision (at the time), which is the primary "SELL" criteria for our model. Opportunity cost is an immense factor in our decision-making. And considering the fact we have roughly 175 other companies in our coverage universe that were currently meeting our "BUY" criteria, ones who were not facing (as was Boeing) any obvious and substantial "headwinds" that would significantly limit near-term upside, we made the decision to move on.

LOOKING AHEAD

As the market continues to grapple with issues like free trade, Brexit, and other challenges of global import, we anticipate continued volatility yet remain confident in the markets and the opportunity set before us. We are still in an environment where interest rates are historically low. While the political climate has created a lot of noise, the larger drivers have not changed. For example, the US and China are interdependent; this is unlikely to change. Generally, we find analysts to be relatively reactionary when it comes to price movement. In contrast, we do not make any investment decisions based on market price. This has benefited our strategy significantly over the long-term. As we move forward, we anticipate seeing earnings estimates both raised and lowered. While we can't predict what the markets will bring next, what we can guarantee is that the world will be different tomorrow than it is today. Where there is change, there is opportunity. We continue to be focused on companies that are positioned to be stronger tomorrow, and ready to face whatever the market brings.

**The above chart indicates performance net of management fees and other charges based on all accounts held by Beck Bode as of 3.31.2019. Please see full disclosures on the following page.*

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