## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ISSUE -

In this issue, we look ahead and opine on the 2020 investment outlook.

- Policymakers have every reason to protect the record-long economic expansion.
   Therefore, the global economy is expected to benefit from the simultaneous easing of monetary policy and US-China trade truce.
- However, the uncertainty band is wider than in the past. As such, the recovery will lack strength and does have the potential to disappoint.
- With respect to markets, their surprising strength in 2019 implies that the bar for
  positive surprises is higher, complicating the asset allocation strategy.
- Under such an environment, it is prudent to manage expectations for more moderate returns, seek balanced risk strategies, and be prepared for exploiting tradable drawdowns.

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