

Voya Target Solution Trust Series

These portfolios are only offered as an investment option within variable products and retirement programs.

Market Review and Economic Outlook

U.S. equities led the way for the third quarter of 2018. The strength of the U.S. economy created a flourishing backdrop for corporate earnings, which posted another quarter of 25% growth. The major market indexes such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average, S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite all posted high, single-digit returns. Large cap stocks outperformed mid caps, which surpassed small caps; growth stocks outperformed value. Non-U.S. developed markets, as measured by the MSCI EAFE index, posted lesser gains than the United States. Emerging markets, burdened by global trade tensions, sustained losses.

The healthcare sector dominated, followed by industrials and information technology. By contrast, the materials, energy and real estate sectors detracted value. Both gold and oil prices decreased over the quarter.

Business confidence remained high and the unemployment rate fell to its lowest level since 1969. The Federal Reserve raised interest rates by another 0.25% in September and appears on track to hike one more time this year in December. The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate index sustained a loss for the quarter, whereas the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond index was roughly flat.

Political drama, trade worries and Fed rate hikes caused episodic market setbacks but did not derail the positive investor outlook driven by solid fundamentals and soaring consumer and business confidence. Trade tensions have yet to make a meaningful dent in GDP or earnings, and interest rates appear to be rising for the right reason — stronger economic growth.

Asset Allocation

The Trusts started the quarter with overweight positions in domestic large cap equities and short duration fixed income, funded by underweights to emerging market equities, real estate and core U.S. fixed income.

In July, the Trusts exited from high yield, reallocating the assets to core U.S. fixed income and short duration bonds. This is a tactical view that represents de-risking fixed income positions, as we believe we are in the late stages of the credit and business cycles.

In September, the Trusts further reduced their exposures to emerging market (EM) equities in favor of domestic, large-cap equities. At the time of the trade, EM equities were entrenched in a bear market, having experienced a -20% correction from their most recent peak. At these levels, we believe valuations are still in line with their five-year averages and capable of another leg lower before valuations become attractive. On the fundamental side, data from China continued to show weakness through the summer and copper prices and global ISM continued to slip.

Overall, tactical asset allocation effects were positive for the quarter.

Performance Review

Underlying manager performance detracted from overall performance for the quarter.

Bottom performers in the quarter relative to their respective benchmarks included Voya Small Cap Core, Wellington International Opportunities and MFS Growth Equity. Top performers in the quarter relative to their respective benchmarks included MFS International Growth, Brandywine Global Investment Grade and AQR Emerging Market Equities.

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