

# City of Valdez

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## **Mellon Overview**

A global multi-specialist investment manager with a full spectrum of research-driven solutions



Data as of June 30, 2019, updated July 23, 2019. <sup>1</sup>Where applicable, assets include discretionary and non-discretionary assets, the notional value of overlay strategies, and assets managed by investment personnel acting in their capacity as officers of affiliated entities. <sup>2</sup>Employee total includes employees of affiliated entities acting as dual officers and/or associated persons of Mellon. <sup>3</sup>Location of affiliated entities providing services. No investment strategy or risk management technique can guarantee returns or eliminate risk in any market environment. [24547]





#### Historical Hedged Country Returns

As of December 31, 2018



**PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS.** Source: Bloomberg Barclays. Best and worst performing bond markets in U.S. dollars, based on largest 20 countries in the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index. This example is for illustrative purposes only. It is intended to illustrate the changing country leadership in terms of bond market performance over time, the divergence in performance from year to year, and the potential benefits of a diversified investment approach. It is not intended to promote investment in any single country or market. Returns from emerging market countries have been historically more volatile than those of the U.S. and other developed countries. Investors cannot invest directly in any index. Actual results will vary.



#### Active Approach to Global Fixed Income Investing

As of June 30, 2019 | Representative Global Core Plus Fixed Income Portfolio



Source: Mellon. Data presented from a representative portfolio. The representative portfolio chosen is the portfolio managed the longest in the composite and was not chosen to show performance. Representative account data is to be considered supplemental information to the attached GIPS compliant composite presentation found in the appendix. The firm claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS<sup>®</sup>).



#### **Investment Process Overview**

The Investment Team assesses relative value, makes sector allocation decisions and selects among "**best ideas**," all while adjusting for **risk budget** and **client preferences**.

#### **Key Inputs:**



Value | Cyclical / Fundamental Factors | Market Sentiment

<sup>1</sup>CRD= Charles River Development.



#### The Investment Map: June 2019

#### **Economic Landscape Fixed Income Valuation Investment Themes** Keep duration short to neutral in core The scale and scope of President Trump's Sovereign developed market yields are expensive. developed market sovereign securities. disputes on trade pose a significant headwind to global economic growth. Breakevens offer value and provide inexpensive protection to upside surprises to inflation. Maintain short US dollar exposure, where appropriate through option strategies given The US dollar appears expensive against other increased probability of tail risks. developed and emerging market currencies. While this creates a distinct negative risk to the economic outlook, our operating assumption is that political necessity will lead to compromise. Maintain modest exposure to breakevens. Investment grade corporates are mostly fairly valued, but fundamentals are likely to soften. High yield spreads are currently somewhat Retain a slight overweight in emerging If so, the lessening of trade tensions supports expensive and should similarly face a deterioration markets, both hard and local currency. aggregate demand, adding to pressure on in fundamentals as earnings growth slows. resources and corporate margins and producing a modest pickup in inflation. There is value in emerging markets local currency Maintain current credit exposure and look for and US dollar-denominated debt. opportunities to emphasize quality and shorten duration. While municipal securities have become rich, institutional investors are likely to find barbell We expect the Federal Reserve (Fed) to ease Multisector portfolios should be underweight strategies attractive. policy less than the prevailing sentiment as municipal securities in light of valuations. long as politics does not derail economic expansion. Interest rate volatility is off its low and will likely Be overweight securitized products, with an rise further. emphasis on ABS and CMBS. Other developed market central banks will Securitized products are attractive for their highremain dovish. quality carry. Use option strategies with minimal cost to keep portfolios sufficiently convex.

Maintain a modest risk budget.

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## Performance

Gross of Fees | As of June 30, 2019



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