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As for 2019, the equity markets have been off to a great start. Market indices have rebounded significantly since the Christmas Eve lows and continue to approach all-time highs. At current levels, we do not feel that overall market valuations are inflated; however, they do better reflect the status of the current economy. Most economic indicators fluctuate from month to month, but the overall trend continues to support a stable economy. GDP estimates for Q1 stand at 2%, and the overall employment numbers should continue to support the overall economy. As an example, new claims for unemployment insurance recently fell to 202,000, the lowest reading since 1969. In addition to the economic numbers, full-on policy support from the Federal Reserve and current administration should continue to support the economy and equity markets.

At QAM, we recognize that the rate of growth in the U.S. economy has slowed. While we don't anticipate a booming economy like the mid-1980s or late 1990s, we do not feel we are close to a recession either. There are still plenty of investment opportunities in the market trading at attractive valuations.

Sincerely,

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