## **Todd's Chart of Interest**

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## **Tipping Point to the Next 10 Years?**

## Relative Equity Market Performance US vs. International



Source: Bloomberg, MSCI, S&P and Todd Asset Management as of 11/30/2019. Series is indexed to 1 on 12/31/1971. The S&P 500 Index is used to represent US equities. In order to show a longer period of time the MSCI ACWI ex-US index was blended with the MSCI EAFE to represent International equities. The ACWI ex-US inception is 12/31/2987, so prior to this point the EAFE was used. Since the MSCI ACWI ex-US contains both Developed and Emerging Market countries, we chose to use this index once data became available.

- If reversion to the mean is the strongest force in the universe, relative performance between US and International stocks indicate that a tipping point could be near.
- International markets are more cyclically oriented and would be larger beneficiaries of reaccelerating global growth, whereas US markets have been driven by larger Technology exposure (FAANG) over the past 10 years.
- Potential catalysts for a reversal would include: reaccelerating global growth, valuation dispersion and a weaker US dollar.

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