Texas Tech University System Intermediate Term Investment Fund (ITIF)

2nd Quarter—February 29, 2020

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February marked a particularly volatile month for capital markets with fears intensifying over the new coronavirus (COVID-19) turning into a pandemic as the number of new cases appearing outside of China outpaced those within China. In response, the CBOE Volatility Index shot up to 40.11, a new high since 2015.

Global equities were the hardest hit amid a wave of risk aversion, reflecting heightened uncertainty around future earnings and the growth outlook for multinational corporations; the S&P 500 declined 8.2% last month but



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