



# Zurich AM head: markets will worsen by the end of the year

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Despite a renewed rally in global equities, Clarus Capital's head of asset management Roger Ganz is maintaining a defensive approach.

Ganz told *Citywire Switzerland* that he began underweighting equities a few months ago, and is keen to stay the course.

'We see much more downside risk than upside risk,' said Ganz, pointing to the trade war as a key issue threatening markets.

'For the time being, the consequences [of the trade war] are not that severe, but it's not only a trade war. It's also about who's the future leader of the world, because China is catching up,' he said.

Ganz explained that he expects markets to take a turn for the worse over the course of 2019.

'We think there has already been enough performance in the beginning of the year, which exceeded expectations. It seems for the time being the glass is half full, but we expect it to change to half empty by the end of the year,' he said.

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However, he believes a recession still remains fairly far off.

'I'm not too bearish. I don't see the recession that bond markets are predicting. It might go down 10%, but not a huge correction. Interest rates are still too cheap.'