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## MARKETS ARE TELLING BEARS: RESISTANCE IS FUTILE

The third quarter of 2017 continued a slow grind higher for U.S. equity markets, while international markets continued to provide leadership and even better returns. Within fixed income, credit continues to outperform duration and, while interest rates dipped lower in early September, by the end of the month they had returned to the range they have seen for most of 2017. Emerging markets led the way on the quarter with a 7.6% gain, while the NASDAQ gained 5.8% and the S&P 500 4.5%. The spike downward and then the reversal in interest rates that we saw in early September could well be a shift in market leadership, as since then beneficiaries of risk-on and rising interest rates have soared. The bottom in rates coincided with three headline-making events: the final end to chances for a repeal of Obamacare, the heights of tensions with North Korea, and the renewed focus on a potential Trump tax reform plan. Of the three, we believe that the potential for tax reform had the strongest bullish effect, particularly for U.S. small caps. The winners since early September have included banks and Financials, small caps, and Energy. The S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index gained 7.2% on the quarter, as oil was particularly strong. Still, it took until early September for Energy stocks to take off and benefit from oil's rise.

The bears waiting for the downside have had the markets tell them: resistance is futile. Many investors have been anticipating and fearing a sizeable correction this year and, if you positioned yourself defensively in anticipation of a waterfall decline, you have taken on pain. The S&P 500 is up 14.2% year to date through September 30th, with the NASDAQ up 20.7%, and emerging markets up 23.5%. Despite the many headlines about potential rising interest rates, a credit bubble in China, lofty stock market valuations, and North Korean bombast, the real risk markets have presented in 2017 is the risk of not participating in the upside. Volatility and an authentic downside have been fleeting to nonexistent. The last 5% correction in the S&P 500 occurred in November 2016, and a 3% correction occurred only once in March. As always, the media monitors Federal Reserve activity closely and doubtless this has an effect on investors. In this regard, the market has been surprisingly resilient. Another interest rate hike in December is largely priced into expectations. The Fed announced in September that it will now finally begin to reduce the size of its balance sheet, though only by a small amount. Even the suggestion of a reduction has stoked fears and a "taper tantrum" in the past, but now that balance sheet reduction is a reality, there has been no adverse reaction. While it has been nearly a year since a 5% retracement and valuations indicate that a correction is overdue and possible at any time, economic indicators are absolutely solid, and international economies are now virtually all growing. We'd particularly like to note that Europe has finally joined the party. So, while we are well aware of the risk that a correction could come, we need to see much more evidence of cracks in the foundation before taking action to play defense and preserve the gains that 2016 and 2017 have provided.

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### U.S. Sector Opportunity Portfolio

| SECURITY                                | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|---|--------|--------|
| Vanguard Information Technology ETF     | VGT    | 15.00% |
| iShares Exponential Technologies ETF    | XT     | 14.00% |
| Vanguard Health Care ETF                | VHT    | 12.00% |
| iShares NASDAQ Biotechnology ETF        | IBB    | 10.00% |
| VanEck Vectors Steel ETF                | SLX    | 10.00% |
| iShares PHLX Semiconductor ETF          | SOXX   | 8.00%  |
| iShares DJ U.S. Aerospace & Defense ETF | ITA    | 7.00%  |
| iShares DJ U.S. Home Construction ETF   | ITB    | 5.00%  |
| VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF          | GDX    | 4.00%  |
| S&P Biotech SPDR                        | XBI    | 4.00%  |
| Guggenheim Solar ETF                    | TAN    | 3.00%  |
| Global X Lithium & Battery Tech ETF     | LIT    | 3.00%  |
| Cash                                    |        | 5.00%  |

The Sector Opportunity portfolio uses a relative strength methodology to rank the top performing sectors over the intermediate-term and, by owning these sectors going forward (and avoiding lower-ranked sectors), attempts to outperform the S&P 500. Market leadership and the Sector Opportunity portfolio maintain a risk-on bias, and that is best reflected by where we are *not* invested and have not been invested for much of 2017 – in the defensive-oriented Consumer Staples, Telecommunications, and Utilities sectors. Technology has been a market leader throughout 2017, and the portfolio continues to allocate a large, 37% position to the sector, nearly twice its weight in the S&P 500. As the quarter progressed, we allocated towards Health Care, particularly biotechnology, and also Materials, including lithium, steel, and solar energy. Financials, particularly insurance and broker dealers, were liquidated. Technology’s relative performance stalled in the second half of September, and while the sector still ranks high, it can be said to have stalled as of the month’s end. However, we have seen the sector rebound time and again after a rough four to six week period, so while we might be reducing the sector in the coming weeks, we will give it the benefit of the doubt in the long run. Here are some further developments in the portfolio during the quarter:

- During the quarter, we purchased Lithium & Battery Technology (LIT), which experienced strong gains in early September after China revealed intentions to move towards selling only electric cars within a few decades. We reduced but did not sell all of our position after the rally. Insurance (KIE) was caught on the wrong side of the news, as our position in the sector was harmed by the recent hurricanes. We eventually liquidated the position.
- Lithium (LIT), Biotechnology (IBB and XBI), and Semiconduc-

tors (SOXX) top our relative strength rankings as of the end of the quarter. Exponential Technologies (XT), which includes “industries of the future” such as 3D printing, bioinformatics, nanotechnology, environmental systems, and five other fields, has been persistently strong, and we like its diversified and unique portfolio exposures.

- Regional Banks (KRE), Oil & Gas Equipment (IEZ), and Small Cap Energy (PSCE) are the fastest rising ETFs within our ranks. Consumer Staples (XLP), Telecommunications (VOX), and Energy MLPs (AMJ) currently rank near the bottom.
- Lithium & Battery Technology (LIT), Information Technology (VGT), and Aerospace & Defense (ITA) were the portfolio’s top contributors. Insurance (KIE), Broker Dealers (IAI), and Gold Miners (GDX) were the top detractors.

The portfolio’s current sector weightings are as follows: Technology 37.0%, Health Care 26.0%, Materials 20.0%, Industrials 7.0%, Consumer Discretionary 5.0%, and Cash 5.0%. The portfolio is not allocated towards the Financials, Consumer Staples, Telecommunications, Utilities or Energy sectors.

### International Opportunity Portfolio

| SECURITY                                      | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|---|--------|--------|
| S&P China SPDR                                | GXC    | 25.00% |
| iShares Italy ETF                             | EWI    | 10.00% |
| iShares Brazil ETF                            | EWZ    | 10.00% |
| iShares Poland ETF                            | EPOL   | 10.00% |
| VanEck Vectors Russia ETF                     | RSX    | 6.00%  |
| iShares Austria ETF                           | EWO    | 5.00%  |
| iShares Chile Capped ETF                      | ECH    | 5.00%  |
| Deutsche X-Trackers CSI300 China A-Shares ETF | ASHR   | 5.00%  |
| Global X MSCI Norway ETF                      | NORW   | 5.00%  |
| iShares Netherlands ETF                       | EWN    | 5.00%  |
| iShares France ETF                            | EWQ    | 5.00%  |
| VanEck Vectors Brazil Small Cap ETF           | BRF    | 4.00%  |
| Cash  |        | 5.00%  |

The International Opportunity portfolio’s stated mission is to allocate tactically between international country and region ETFs that are displaying significant relative strength (and avoiding those that do not) and, in doing so, to attempt to outperform the MSCI All Country World ex USA Index. International markets continued to lead global markets higher, and the participation has been broad and wide. Developed markets, as represented by the MSCI EAFE, gained 5.4%. Eu-

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rope on its own, however, gained 7.9%, and emerging markets gained 8.1%. One factor driving the international markets has been the dollar. It is down 9.1% on the year, even after rallying nicely in September. The euro along with currencies of emerging markets countries such as Brazil, Poland, and even Russia, have been ascendant. Conventional wisdom regarding U.S. markets is that we are in the very late innings of an economic expansion. However, the European and emerging market economies are at a much earlier stage in the cycle. We believe that the potential for future gains is higher among international equities compared to U.S. issues. That assertion is backed up by the fact that our International Opportunity portfolio, despite being in higher risk markets such as Brazil, China, Poland, and Russia, has a forward P/E of 13.6, which is below the World ex USA Index at 14.3 and considerably below the S&P 500 at 17.8. Here are some other developments during the quarter:

- In contrast to our U.S. equity portfolio, the International Opportunity portfolio is in aggregate overweight the Energy sector, and it also overweights Utilities and Financials, all sectors that we do not favor in the U.S.
- Despite a steady flow of reports raising concerns about a credit bubble in China, Chinese market performance has been stellar, and we allocate 30% of the portfolio to China currently. Given the size of China's economy — the second largest in the world — we think such a large position is appropriate.
- Among the country ETFs in our international equity matrix, part of our universe of portfolio candidates, China (GXC — up 14.8%), Poland (EPOL — up 9.2%), and Italy (EWI — up 8.4%) were the top performers on the quarter. European Financials (EUFN — down 1.02%), Taiwan (EWT — down 0.75%), and Sweden (EWD — down 0.26%) were the worst performers. Although we owned EUFN and EWI for a time, they were not the top detractors in the portfolio. From these numbers, you can see that there was not much downside to be had with the universe.
- During the quarter, major purchases included Brazil (EWZ), Brazil Small Cap (BRF), and Norway (RSX); both countries are energy producing nations. India (EPI) and Taiwan (EWT) were our largest positions sold. It is not surprising that Indian markets have begun to struggle, because India is one of the world's largest energy importers, and its performance is often comparably worse when oil is on the rise.
- China (GXC, Poland (EPOL), and Italy (EWI) were top contributors within the portfolio, while India (EPI), Chile (ECH), and European financials (EUFN) were the top detractors.

The portfolio's regional allocations are as follows: 30.0% to Europe,

30.0% to emerging Asia, 19% to Latin America, 16.0% to emerging Europe, and 5.0% to cash.

U.S. Style Opportunity Portfolio

| SECURITY                                  | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|---|--------|--------|
| iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF                | IVW    | 30.00% |
| iShares Edge MSCI USA Momentum Factor ETF | MTUM   | 30.00% |
| SPDR S&P 500 ETF                          | SPY    | 20.00% |
| iShares MSCI USA Quality Factor ETF       | QUAL   | 15.00% |
| Cash                                      |        | 5.00%  |

The Style Opportunity portfolio ranks a number of U.S. equity styles and factors using Clark Capital's relative strength-based ranking methodology, and then purchases those ETFs with higher rankings (and avoids those with lower rankings), assembling them into a broad-based portfolio that attempts to outperform the S&P 500. The portfolio maintained its stance towards the longer-term trend favoring growth throughout the third quarter. Large cap growth and momentum dominate the portfolio's holdings, and there is no doubt that the solid performance among Technology stocks (up 8.3% — the best performing sector in the S&P 500) is the primary driver of this allocation, along with a lesser contribution from Health Care, where biotechnology stocks in particular led markets. Technology's outperformance over a one- and three-year period has been quite dramatic, and we are watching to see if this trend is poised to reverse. Within our style and factor rankings, we are seeing some slippage among large cap growth stocks, whose relative strength, while not weakening, has flattened. Rising in the ranks are higher volatility stocks, including small cap and high beta. They are potential future additions if current trends hold. The following were further developments in the portfolio during the quarter:

- The portfolio added the iShares MSCI USA Quality Factor ETF (QUAL) during the quarter, and exited positions in Mid Cap Growth (IWP), and Minimum Volatility (USMV). The changes and portfolio turnover were relatively modest.
- Of the candidates for the portfolio in our universe, momentum (MTUM) gained 7.9% and the S&P 500 Growth (IVW) gained 5.2%; both were leading performers in our style box and factor matrix during the quarter. Mid Cap Value (IVOV) and Minimum Volatility (USMV) were up 2.8% and 3.3% respectively and were the weakest ETFs in our matrix.
- In aggregate, the Style Opportunity portfolio is overweight Technology and Consumer Discretionary, traditional growth sectors, and underweight Energy and Consumer Staples. The portfolio

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has lagged a bit since Energy and Financials, the dominant value-oriented sectors, took off in early September. A major plus has been that Momentum Factor ETF (MTUM) has maintained its sound performance despite the dramatic sector rotation.

- The top contributors to the portfolio during the quarter were the iShares Edge MSCI USA Momentum Factor ETF (MTUM) and the iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF (IVW). The top detractors were the iShares Edge MSCI USA Minimum Volatility (USMV) and the iShares Russell MidCap Growth ETF (IWP).

### Global Tactical Portfolio

| SECURITY                               | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|--|--------|--------|
| iShares All Country Asia ex Japan ETF  | AAXJ   | 12.00% |
| iShares MSCI Eurozone ETF              | EZU    | 12.00% |
| iShares S&P 500 Growth ETF             | IVW    | 12.00% |
| PowerShares QQQ                        | QQQ    | 12.00% |
| Vanguard Information Technology ETF    | VGT    | 12.00% |
| Vanguard Health Care ETF               | VHT    | 12.00% |
| Vanguard FTSE Emerging Markets ETF     | VWO    | 12.00% |
| Vanguard Total International Stock ETF | VXUS   | 12.00% |
| Cash                                   |        | 4.00%  |

The methodology of the Global Tactical portfolio is to select ETFs that are part of a narrowed-down universe of 32 U.S. equity styles, sectors, country/regions, and commodities. The portfolio uses the Navigator Fixed Income Total Return (FITR) credit-market model as an overlay to manage risk. When the credit-market model is positive towards high yield bonds (and thus on credit risk and market risk in general), the portfolio will select from its 32 ETF universe made up primarily of equities. However, when the Fixed Income Total Return model indicates caution, the portfolio will add U.S. Treasuries or cash in line with the model's indications. With the FITR model making new highs constantly throughout the quarter, we maintained a strong position in equities in accordance with our relative strength rankings. We have not seen any weakness in credit markets so far in 2017, so we would expect to favor equities for the foreseeable future. Technology, large cap growth, Asian equities, and emerging markets were the portfolio's primary area of focus during the quarter.

- Technology (VGT) has been a core holding in the portfolio for a number of quarters, and it receives a double weight of sorts via the NASDAQ 100 ETF (QQQ). We continue to favor these ETFs, but they are slowly slipping in our rankings as their out-performance slows.

- The U.S. dollar weakness that we have seen in 2017 has been a major factor in our large allocations to international equity. However, the dollar rallied in September, and some of the edge that international stocks had has been taken away.
- Under the portfolio's methodology, normally you will see the portfolio allocate to the top eight ranked ETFs in our universe of 32 available ETFs, weighting each position equally at 12%. Half positions of 6% will be seen when our rankings and trends are less clear.
- Europe (EZU) and Asia ex Japan (AAXJ) were the portfolio's top contributors, while Australia (EWA) and Latin America (ILF) were the top detractors.

### Alternative

| SECURITY   | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|--|--------|--------|
| BlackRock Event Driven Equity                                | BILPX  | 10.0%  |
| Gold Shares SPDR   | GLD    | 8.0%   |
| LoCorr Long/Short Commodities Strategy                       | LCSIX  | 7.0%   |
| Altegris Futures Evolution Strategy I                        | EVOIX  | 6.0%   |
| BlackRock Global Long/ShortCredit Instl                      | BGCIX  | 6.0%   |
| Neuberger Berman Long Short Instl                            | NLSIX  | 6.0%   |
| Nuveen High Yield Muni Inst'l                                | NHMRX  | 6.0%   |
| Legg Mason BW Alternative Credit I                           | LMANX  | 6.0%   |
| FlexShares Morningstar Global Upstream Natural Resources ETF | GUNR   | 5.0%   |
| Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond SPDR                      | JNK    | 4.0%   |
| iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate ETF                    | HYG    | 4.0%   |
| ProShares UltraShort 20+ Year Treasury                       | TBT    | 3.0%   |
| VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF                               | GDX    | 3.0%   |
| IndexIQ Merger Arbitrage ETF                                 | MNA    | 3.0%   |
| First Trust North American Energy Infrastructure Fund        | EMLP   | 3.0%   |
| iShares Frontier 100 ETF                                     | FM     | 3.0%   |
| iShares All Country Asia ex Japan ETF                        | AAXJ   | 3.0%   |
| VelocityShares Inverse VIX Short-Term                        | XIV    | 2.0%   |
| Nuveen Muni High Income Opportunity                          | NMZ    | 2.0%   |
| PowerShares CEF Income Composite ETF                         | PCEF   | 1.0%   |
| Cash   |        | 9.0%   |

The Alternative Opportunity portfolio is a well diversified mix of themes which currently breaks down as follows: alternative-oriented mutual funds and ETFs 50.0%, tactical global equity 19.0%, fixed in-



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come 14.0%, commodities 8.0%, and cash 9.0%. The following are some important events that occurred in the portfolio during the quarter:

- The portfolio made a number of changes to its core mutual fund positions, adding Legg Mason BW Alternative Credit (LMANX) and Altegris Futures Evolution Strategy (EVOIX), and selling out of AQR Managed Futures (AQMIX). The Legg Mason fund is a concentrated go-anywhere credit fund, with a substantial allocation to international fixed income, where we see more potential opportunity. The Altegris fund gives us access to two and not just one managed futures managers, and the cash used for collateral is actively managed by DoubleLine. We also added to BlackRock Event Driven Equity (BILPX), increasing our total allocation to merger arbitrage to 13%.
- The portfolio added tactical equity plays in the Inverse VIX (XIV) and MLP (EMLP) areas during the quarter, along with going short the long-term Treasury (TBT) and adding a closed-end fixed income ETF (PCEF).
- Global Natural Resources (GUNR) and Frontier Markets (FM) continue to be tactical equity positions. We have found that equity exposure rather than owning the commodities themselves can be an effective way to profit from a commodity bull market, due to commodities' excessive holding costs; thus we view the Natural Resources position as more of a core investment. Frontier Markets was added due to the strong trend in international markets, along with the ETF's low beta and lower correlation to broad equities.
- The top contributors to return for the quarter were VelocityShares Inverse VIX ETN (XIV), LoCorr Commodity Long/Short (LCSIX), and Natural Resources (GUNR). The top detractors were Oil Equipment (OIH) and Managed Futures (EVOIX and AQMIX).
- The primary purpose of the core liquid alternative portion of the portfolio is to provide non-correlated alternative exposure. It includes seven mutual funds (and one ETF) in the long/short credit, alternative credit, long/short equity, long/short commodity, managed futures, high yield muni bond, and merger arbitrage areas.

### Fixed Income Total Return

| SECURITY                                       | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|--|--------|--------|
| iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF | HYG    | 24.00% |
| Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Bond SPDR        | JNK    | 19.00% |

| SECURITY   | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|--|--------|--------|
| BlackRock High Yield Bond                          | BRHYX  | 12.00% |
| JPMorgan High Yield Select                         | OHYFX  | 10.50% |
| PIMCO High Yield Bond Inst'l                       | PHIYX  | 8.00%  |
| Lord Abbett High Yield                             | LAHYX  | 6.50%  |
| AB High Income                                     | AGDYX  | 5.50%  |
| Bloomberg Barclays Short-Term High Yield Bond SPDR | SJNK   | 5.00%  |
| Neuberger Berman High Income Inst'l                | NHILX  | 2.50%  |
| MainStay High Yield Corporate Bond I               | MHYIX  | 2.50%  |
| PIMCO High Yield Spectrum Inst'l                   | PHSIX  | 2.50%  |
| Cash   |        | 2.00%  |

The Fixed Income Total Return (FITR) portfolio has owned high yield bonds since the end of February, 2016, a period of over 18 months. It has been a great run for the asset class, as the Bloomberg Barclays High Yield Corporate Index is up 26.7% between February 29th, 2016, and September 30th, 2017. High yield outperformed again in the third quarter, gaining 1.98%, while the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index gained 0.85% and the Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Index gained 0.38%. Corporate earnings and balance sheets remain in good shape, as all high yield sectors produced gains. The market's attention remained on the Fed, and for much of the quarter interest rates declined, particularly in early September, when the 10-year Treasury yield fell to 2.06% amid the North Korea showdown. However, that proved to be an intermediate-term bottom for Treasury yields, and rates rose sharply during the rest of September, ending the quarter at 2.33%, in the middle of their range for much of the year. The market's estimate of the probability of a December rate hike has now increased to 70%. Nevertheless, the Fed's statements have made abundantly clear that they will be very gradual in their tightening. Within the high yield space, spreads as indicated by the Bloomberg Barclays Corporate High Yield OAS (Option-Adjusted Spread) made new lows of 3.47% at the end of September, indicating strong confidence in the broad economy and corporate stability. Here are some additional developments during the quarter:

- Within the high yield bond universe there has been a substantial decline in issuance. In April 2015, the BofA Merrill Lynch High Yield Index contained 2326 issues, but as of September 30th it only contained 1873 issues, a 19.5% decline. The falling supply has been a bullish factor for high yield, as the huge group of investors hungry for yield are pursuing a smaller and smaller pool of issues.
- While high yield bond issuance has declined over the past few years, that does not mean that overall corporate leverage has not increased. Instead, the lending has been in the leveraged loan

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area, where 2017 has seen the highest leveraged loan issuance since 2011. In addition, many providers of leveraged loans (often large private equity firms) have been willing to provide covenant-lite or even covenant-free loans (thus the borrower can become even more leveraged without the lender's permission). We view these developments as just another reminder of the importance of managing the risk of this asset class. When the next major earnings or economic downturn does come our way, the high yield and leveraged loan spaces will see substantial losses as they have in the past, and we will rely on our model to guide us regarding the bigger economically-based trends.

- The popularity of leveraged loans is easy to understand. Borrowers pay 0.75% to 1.00% less in interest compared to a high yield bond issuance. Now with covenants becoming much lighter or non-existent (and thus less constraining for the borrower), leveraged loans have become a prime vehicle for financing. From our perspective on behalf of clients, these leveraged loans do not have great appeal as an investment. We receive a yield that is 15 to 20% lower. In addition, these loans are very, very illiquid. In a potential crisis, they are much harder to unload in larger amounts at a reasonable price.
- As of September 30th, the resulting duration of the FITR portfolio is 4.03. Average maturity is 7.95 years, and average credit quality is B+.
- On the quarter, the portfolio's top performing holdings were Lord Abbett High Yield (LAHYX), BlackRock High Yield (BRHYX), and JPMorgan High Yield (OHYFX). The portfolio's worst performers were Neuberger Berman High Income (NHILX), Mainstay High Yield Corporate (MHYIX), and the Barclays Short-Term High Yield SPDR (SJNK).

Sentry Managed Volatility Portfolio

| SECURITY                                 | TICKER | WEIGHT |
|--|--------|--------|
| Navigator Sentry Managed Volatility Fund | NVXIX  | 95.00% |
| Cash                                     |        | 5.00%  |

Hedging one's equity exposure during a strong market for equities — or even just a flat market for equities — is an exercise in patience and understanding the proper role of a hedge in a broader portfolio. Our assessment of the markets was bullish for the first half of 2017, and we expected modestly more volatility in the second half of 2018. So far, markets have held firm and even made new highs. During such bullish market environments, the Navigator Sentry Managed Volatility fund is a net loser in client portfolios, fulfilling its role of reducing volatility and waiting for its day when protection will shine.

We expected that while the first half of 2017 would produce solid gains, the second half should produce more volatility and perhaps losses for stock markets. None of the volatility has materialized. The VIX Volatility Index continues to make new lows, indicating fear and optimism are near record levels. For the Sentry fund and the hedging portion of our portfolios, this has meant zero to few opportunities to sell volatility upon market corrections. There have been no 5% corrections this year, and even a 3% correction has been rare. As a result, we continue to roll our protections as we see an opportunity, and wait for a better opportunity to be more active. The first half of 2018 could present more volatility, if history is a guide. However, the global economy appears to be firing on all cylinders, with Europe now fully participating. The global economy may be finally moving upward, and it is doing so very slowly, and thus a sustained, even multi-year period of growth is possible. While we expect more volatility to come in 2018, until we see a more concerning economic backdrop our stance will remain bullish, and we will not increase the magnitude of the hedge. We continue to maintain our equity hedge at all times.

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The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High-Yield Index covers the U.S. dollar-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high-yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below.

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index: The index is unmanaged and measures the performance of the investment grade, U.S. dollar denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market, including Treasuries and government-related and corporate securities that have a remaining maturity of at least one year.

The S&P 500 measures the performance of the 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing 75% of U.S. equities.

Russell 2000 Index measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index representing approximately 8% of total market capitalization of the Russell 3000.

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