

# Mid-Year 2018 By K. Sean Clark, CFA®

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# 2018 Outlook – Executive Summary

- 2018 S&P 500 target of 2900. International to outperform U.S. again.
- Mid-term Election years tend to be volatile, with a steep correction into the middle of the year.
- Expect to see volatility return, return of normal corrections
- Risks to the outlook Valuations, earnings growth, path of monetary policy, new Fed Chairman, length of bull market, geopolitical risks
- Long-term Secular bull market intact, attractive relative valuations for stocks.
- Economy 9 years into economic expansion. Leading indicators, health of labor market, yield curve suggest continued economic growth. For U.S. economy, we expect 3.0% growth. Inflationary pressures / wage costs rising. Global economy to grow 3.5%.
- Federal Reserve Expect three additional rate hikes. Market should challenge new Fed Chair Powell.
- Fixed Income 2.75% target for 10-year yields with curve flattening. Modest increase in yields. Favor credit over duration risk on strength of economy. Expect to see a risk off trade emerge prior to mid-term election.

Domestic Equity		YTD - May 2018	2017
	S&P 500	2.02%	21.83%
	Russell 1000	2.19%	21.69%
	Russell 2000	6.91%	14.65%
	Russell 3000	2.55%	21.13%
	Russell 3000 Value	-1.43%	13.19%
	Russell 3000 Growth	6.43%	29.59%
International Equity			
	MSCI Emerging Market	-3.26%	34.35%
	MSCI All Country World (ex US)	-1.92%	27.19%
Fixed Income			
	BBgBarc U.S. Aggregate Bond	-1.50%	3.54%
	BBgBarc U.S. Treasury	-1.10%	2.31%
	BBgBarc U.S. Corporate	-2.70%	6.42%
	BBgBarc U.S. Corporate High Yield	-0.24%	7.50%
	BBgBarc Municipal	-0.33%	5.45%

### **United States GDP Growth Rate**

Percent Change in Gross Domestic Product



### Performance of Real GDP vs. Average of Last Six Expansions





#### "Future Expectations" minus "Present Situation"

InvesTech Research



## **LEI Recession Lead Times**

LEI Peak	Recession Start	Months from Peak to Start
12/31/1959	4/30/1960	4
4/30/1969	12/31/1969	8
2/28/1973	11/30/1973	9
10/31/1978	1/31/1980	15
10/31/1980	7/31/1981	9
1/31/1989	7/31/1990	18
4/30/2000	3/31/2001	11
3/31/2006	12/31/2007	21





Yield Curve - 10-Year Minus Three-Month Treasury Yield

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# Yield Curve Leading Up to Recessions

Yield Curve (bps)

Start of Recession	At Start of Recession	52-Week Low
12/31/1969	-13	-45
11/30/1973	-61	-187
01/31/1980	-87	-208
07/31/1981	-20	-373
07/31/1990	61	-16
04/02/2001	72	-99
12/31/2007	79	-60
Current	94	89



#### -51.4% to Undervalued (-1SD) = S&P 500 Level of 1314.76

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#### S&P 500 Consensus Operating EPS Estimates (Year/Year % Change)

# S&P 500 Performance Since 1934

					Pre		% Gain
Prior 12-				% Loss to	Election		from
Month	S&P	Mid-Term	S&P	Mid-Term	Year High	S&P	Mid-Term
High	500	Low Date	500	Low	Date	500	Low
2/6/1934	11.82	7/26/1934	8.36	-29.27%	11/19/1935	13.46	61.00%
3/10/1937	18.67	3/31/1938	8.5	-54.47%	1/4/1939	13.23	55.65%
7/28/1941	10.47	4/28/1942	7.47	-28.65%	7/14/1943	12.64	69.21%
5/29/1946	19.25	10/9/1946	14.12	-26.65%	2/8/1947	16.20	14.73%
1/11/1950	17.09	1/14/1950	16.65	-2.57%	10/15/1951	23.85	43.24%
2/3/1953	26.54	1/11/1954	24.8	-6.56%	11/14/1955	46.41	87.14%
7/15/1957	49.13	1/2/1958	40.33	-17.91%	8/3/1959	60.71	50.53%
12/12/1961	72.64	6/26/1962	52.32	-27.97%	12/31/1963	75.02	43.39%
2/9/1966	94.06	10/7/1966	73.2	-22.18%	9/25/1967	97.59	33.32%
5/14/1969	106.16	5/26/1970	69.29	-34.73%	4/28/1971	104.77	51.21%
10/12/1973	111.44	10/3/1974	62.28	-44.11%	7/15/1975	95.61	53.52%
12/31/1976	107.46	3/6/1978	86.9	-19.13%	10/5/1979	111.27	28.04%
8/11/1981	133.85	8/12/1982	102.42	-23.48%	10/10/1983	172.65	68.57%
1/7/1986	213.80	1/22/1986	203.49	-4.82%	8/25/1987	336.77	65.50%
7/16/1990	368.95	10/11/1990	295.46	-19.92%	12/31/1991	417.09	41.17%
2/2/1994	482.00	4/4/1994	438.92	-8.94%	12/13/1995	621.69	41.64%
12/5/1997	983.79	1/9/1998	927.69	-5.70%	12/31/1999	1469.25	58.38%
1/4/2002	1172.51	10/9/2002	776.76	-33.75%	12/31/2003	1111.92	43.15%
5/5/2006	1325.76	6/13/2006	1223.69	-7.70%	10/9/2007	1565.15	27.90%
4/23/2010	1217.28	7/2/2010	1022.58	-15.99%	4/29/2011	1363.61	33.35%
9/19/2014	2010.40	10/15/2014	1862.49	-7.36%	5/21/2015	2130.82	14.41%
Mean				-21.04%			46.91%
Median				-21.05%			46.96%

### **Dow Industrials Four-Year Presidential Cycle**



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#### Source: Ned Davis Research



#### **10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Note Yields (Since 2007)**

Daily Data 2007-07-02 to 2018-06-07



#### Source: Ned Davis Research

Daily 5/01/2008 - 6/08/2018 (Log Scale)



#### **Dollar-Adjusted Commodity Indexes II (Majors)**

# S&P 500 Median Forward P/Es of High Dividend Growers minus High Dividend Yielders

Weekly Data 1983-08-19 to 2018-06-01



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#### **Relative Correlation with 10-Year Treasury Note Yield**

Weekly data calculated from 2013-01-04 to 2018-05-25

#### High Yield Corporate Spreads (Relative to 10-Year Treasurys)

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— Barclays High Yield Corporate Bond Yield\* (2018-05-31 = 6.42%)





#### NDR Credit Conditions Index and Its Components

Monthly Data 1990-08-31 to 2018-05-31

### Trade Balance and Its Components (12-Month Totals)

Monthly 1/31/1993 - 4/30/2018







### **10-Year Stock and Bond Performance Difference**



#### Source: Merrill Lynch Research



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#### Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance as a % of the Labor Force



#### Source: Ned Davis Research

### Percent of S&P 500 Stocks with Dividend Yields > 10-Year Treasury Yield



#### Weekly Data 2000-11-03 to 2018-06-01

#### **High Yield Corporate OAS vs VIX**









#### S&P Industrial Average vs. S&P Industrial Average Profit Margin



Calculation is median 12-month percent change in rolling one-year forecasted EPS. Rolling one-year forecasted EPS is a time-weighted average of current fiscal year's earnings estimates and following fiscal year's earnings estimates. Forecasted EPS based on median estimates from Thomson I/B/E/S.

S&P 500 Index Pe	formance	
Full History: 1984-12-3	1 to 2018-	05-31
1.5 million 1.5 million	% Gain/	% of
Expected EPS Growth is	Annum	Time
Above 14.2	-3.09	13.96
3.4 — 14.2	10.16	73.07
Below 3.4	13.95	12.96
Buy/Hold = 8.58% Gain/Ann	um	

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### **10-Year Constant Maturity Treasury Note Yields**

### Anatomy of Post War Economic Expansions 3/31/1947 to 3/31/2018

Start	End	%Gain*	%Gain/Annum	Days
10/31/49	7/31/53	28.6	6.9	1369
5/31/54	8/31/57	13.6	4	1188
4/30/58	4/30/60	11.5	5.6	731
2/28/61	12/31/69	52	4.8	3228
11/30/70	11/30/73	16	5.1	1096
3/31/75	1/31/80	23.3	4.4	1767
7/31/80	7/31/81	4.4	4.4	365
11/30/82	7/31/90	38.4	4.3	2800
3/31/91	3/31/01	42.6	3.6	3653
11/30/01	12/31/07	18	2.8	2222
6/30/09	3/31/18	21.1	2.2	3196
Mean		24.5	4.4	1965
Median		21.1	4.4	1767

\*Growth of Real GDP