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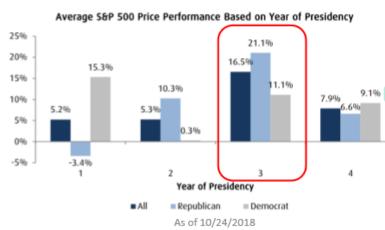
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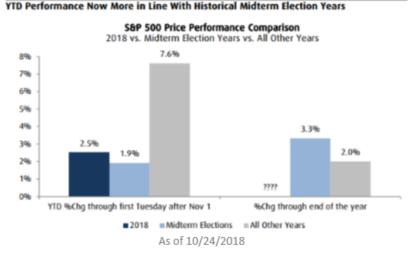


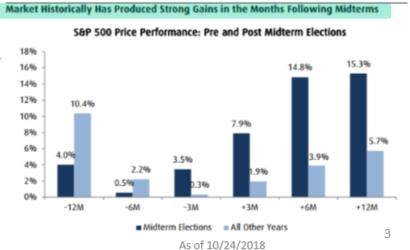
### Markets Post-Midterm Elections: Returns

- Strong stock market has been typical post-midterms
- A president's 3<sup>rd</sup> year has been best for market performance



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## Markets Post-Midterm Elections: Gridlock = Good?

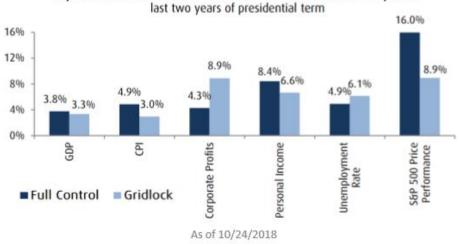
#### For Years 3 and 4 of Presidency since 1935

Composition of Government	# of Years	Average Annual S&P 500 Price Performance
Republican Control	2	17.7%
Democratic Control	6	17.2%
Gridlock	15	12.7%
Gridlock With Republican President	9	13.8%
Gridlock With Democrat President	6	11.2%
All Years 3 and 4 of Presidency	23	14.3%

- Gridlock not always good for markets
- Particularly true during 2<sup>nd</sup> half of President's term

As of 10/24/2018

#### Key Macroeconomic Indicators and S&P 500 Performance Comparison

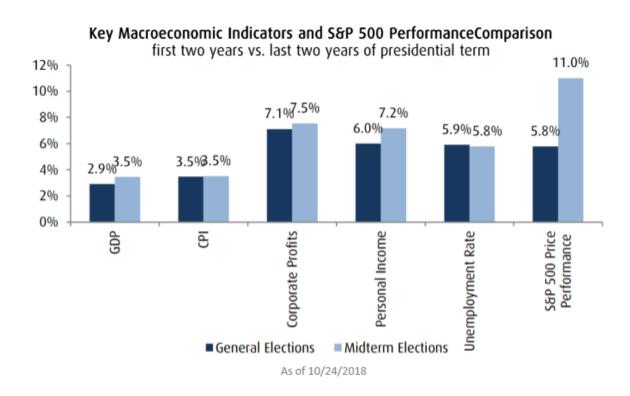


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## Markets Post-Midterm Elections: Macro Matters

- Macro economic factors drive markets
- On average, key factors have improved 12 months after midterms





## **Investment Strategy:** Policy Catalysts



## Invest in companies impacted by government Policy Catalysts

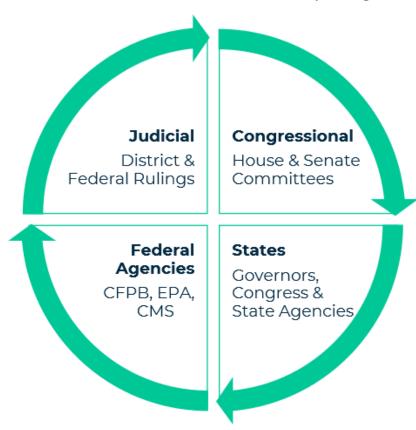
Investment Philosophy

- Washington creates alpha opportunities
- Policy ≠ Politics
- Policy is a leading indicator
- Well-telegraphed, long-term, low correlation



## Policy Investing: Uncorrelated Alpha Sources

**Policy Disruption:** When a business model changes due to government action. Four sources of policy disruption:





## **Investment Case:** Policy Catalysts

Policy making tends to occur independent of economic cycles.

Policy catalysts are an **underappreciated leading indicator** in our view.





Ticker: AVAV
Positive Catalyst

Benefits from increased defense technology spending in our view.



Ticker: **TDOC Positive Catalyst** 

Benefits from CMS proposals to change telehealth reimbursement levels, which expands the total telehealth market in our view.



Ticker: FCFS

**Positive Catalyst** 

Benefits from ongoing CFPB deregulation push in our view. In addition, the Company's loans are not subject to the CFPB small dollar loan rule.



## **Investment Case:** Policy Catalysts

Government policy can also have **negative implications**.





Ticker: SPWR

Negative Catalyst

In Feb. 2018, Section 201 solar panel tariffs cut off key supply source from China and increased solar panel prices, which may lead to decrease sales.



Ticker: HASI
Negative Catalyst

U.S. Tax Reform passage in Dec. 2017 changed how tax credits offset income, which reduced the value of renewable energy tax credits sold by the company.



Ticker: CAH
Negative Catalyst

The potential for opioid crisis lawsuits and liability has weighed on the stock in our view.



## **2019 Policy Investing Outlook:** Big Picture Policies

#### **Big Tech Regulation**

- ▶ Congress may be focused on Big Tech (AMZN, GOOGL, FB, TWTR) and Data (AXCM, CLGX)
- ▶ Republicans accuse them of censorship, while Democrats are concerned about user privacy
- ▶ Regardless of midterm outcomes, big tech will continue to be a policy target in our view

#### **ACA Insurer Profitability**

- Insurance companies finally have enough data to price policies correctly in our view
- ▶ Political likelihood of repealing the ACA is low, with Medicaid expansion being the next growth opportunity in our view
  - Insurers (MOH, WCG, HUM, CNC) & Health Tech (TDOC, EVH, MDRX, OMCL, VCRA)

#### **Trucking & Logistics Tightness**

- Hours of service rules + tight labor market = decreased trucking capacity leading to higher freight rates in our view
  - Intermodal (NSC, JBHT) & 3<sup>rd</sup> party logistics (LSTR, HUBG, XPO, SAIA)



## 2019 Policy Investing Outlook: Gov't Agency Catalysts

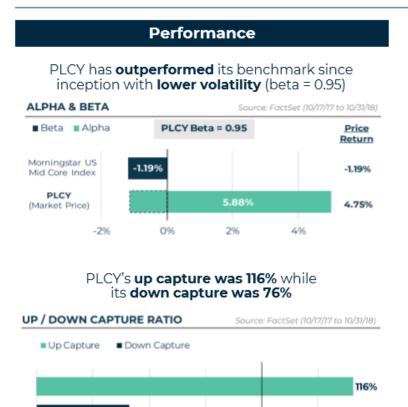
- Congress has had mixed success in passing legislation since the 2016 election, while the Trump administration has expanded presidential and government agency power.
- ▶ In our view, the White House and government agencies will continue to play a significant role in driving policy – regardless of the midterm outcome.
- Non-congressional policies we are monitoring:
  - Deregulation of banks via Fed & OCC
  - FDA drug compounding guidelines
  - Dept. of Ed. gainful employment rule
  - CMS telehealth reimbursement rates
  - SEC oversight of stock exchange data feeds

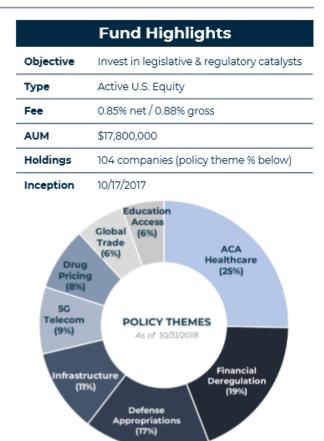


How will the 116th
Congress interact with
the White House and
government agencies?



## PLCY Overview: A Year of Alpha





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### PLCY Portfolio: Current Allocation

#### ACA Healthcare - Health Tech, ACA Insurers, Outpatient

 Risk of ACA repeal low, Insurers now have enough data to price policies accurately in our view

#### Financial Deregulation - Lenders, Regional Banks

Federal Reserve & OCC proposed tailoring capital ratio rules;
 Multi year CFPB-led deregulation

#### Defense Appropriations - Primes & Suppliers, Aircraft Parts

Increased defense budget boosts revenue for the defense sector in our view

#### Infrastructure - Engineering & Materials

 Rising government spending increases the probability of a bipartisan infrastructure deal in our view

#### **Drug Pricing -** Drug Manufacturers

 Significant power & funding allows pharma lobby to combat drug pricing reforms in our view

#### 5G Telecom - Network Providers, Hardware, Cell Towers

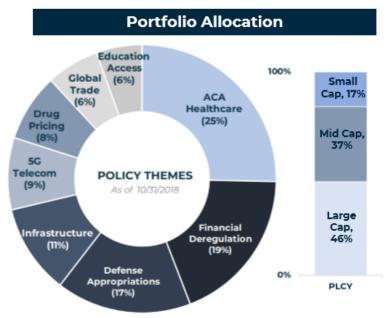
 FCC pushes telecom infrastructure reforms as China and the US race to build 5G networks

#### Global Trade - Trucking, Logistics & Supply Chain Mgmt.

 Trucking hours-of-service regulation effectively removes capacity from the trucking industry in our view

#### Education Access - Education Finance, For-Profit Schools

 Deregulatory push by Dept. of Ed. decreases risk overhang in our view





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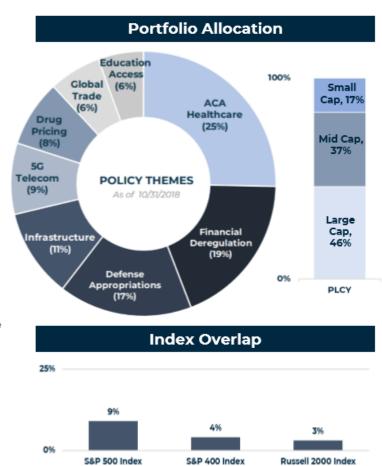
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Beta	Measures the volatility of the Fund price relative to the volatility in the market index. Defined as the percent change in the price of the Fund given a 1% change in the market index. A beta below one suggests that the fund was less volatile than the market benchmark. Beta is calculated using FactSet's Portfolio Analytics Tool.
Alpha	Alpha is a measure of the excess (active) return of an investment relative to the return of a benchmark index. An alpha of 1% means the fund's return was 1% better than the market.
Morningstar US Mid Core Index (Benchmark)	The Morningstar Mid Core Index measures the performance of mid-cap stocks where neither growth nor value characteristics predominate. Based on 10 years of data (as of 10/24/2018), Morningstar found the following correlations to similar mid cap indices: S&P 400 Index (98%), MSCI US Mid Cap 450 (99%) and the Russell Mid Cap (99%). Correlation is a statistic explaining how related two indices are.
S&P 400 Index	The S&P MidCap 400 Index, more commonly known as the S&P 400, is a stock market index from S&P Dow Jones Indices. The index serves as a barometer for the U.S. mid-cap equities sector and is the most widely followed mid-cap index in existence.
MSCI US Mid Cap 450	The MSCI US Mid Cap 450 Index is comprised of the next largest 450 companies in terms of market capitalization of the US equity market.
Russell Mid Cap	The Russell Midcap Index is a market capitalization weighted index comprised of 800 publicly traded U.S. companies with market caps of between \$2 and \$10 billion.
S&P 500 Index	An American stock market index based on the market capitalizations of 500 large companies having common stock listed on the NYSE or NASDAQ.
Russell 2000 Index	The Russell 2000 index is an index measuring the performance of approximately 2,000 small-cap companies.

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#### **SEC Standardized Data**

Quarter End (As of 9/30/2018)	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	Since Inception
PLCY at Market Price	-0.73	8.06	7.81	15.25
PLCY at NAV	-0.95	7.47	7.83	15.10
Morningstar US Mid Core Index	-1.28	3.24	2.10	7.00

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