NCCMT Government & Term Overview
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Global Macroeconomic Update
Global Expansion Persists; Policy Outcomes Key

Note: The diagram above is a hypothetical illustration of the business cycle. There is not always a chronological, linear progression among the phases of the business cycle, and there have been cycles when the economy has skipped a phase or retraced an earlier one. *A growth recession is a significant decline in activity relative to a country’s long-term economic potential. We have adopted the “growth cycle” definition for most developing economies, such as China, because they tend to exhibit strong trend performance driven by rapid factor accumulation and increases in productivity, and the deviation from the trend tends to matter the most for asset returns. We use the classic definition of recession, involving an outright contraction in economic activity, for developed economies. Source: Fidelity Investments (AART), as of 12/31/16.

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Cumulative Mutual Fund and ETF Flows Since October 2007

Bonds have outpaced equities

Note: Equities include US equity and international equity. Bonds include taxable and municipal bond.
Source: Morningstar Direct as of 12/31/2016.

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Easy Monetary Policies Act as Anchor on Global Rates

Sovereign Bond Yields and Policy Rates

Yield

10-Year Yield  Policy Rate

Yield

U.S.  Italy  Canada  U.K.  France  Germany  Japan  Switzerland

Sources: Bloomberg Finance LP, Fidelity Investments, as of 12/31/2016.

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Many Reasons Yields So Low, Some May Not Last Forever

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Source: Fidelity Investments (AART).

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Perspectives on the U.S. Elections

**Fiscal Policy**
- Tax Reform
- Lower corporate tax rates
- Infrastructure and Defense spending
- Repatriation

**Monetary Policy**
- Rate hike in December 2016
- Board appointments (2 vacant)
- Review/audit the Fed
- Janet Yellen—2018 reappointment
- Independence

**Regulatory Policy**
- Repeal of Obamacare
- Restricted Immigration
- Potential to appoint 2–3 Supreme Court judges
- Pharmaceutical and energy company relief
- Dodd-Frank focus

**Trade Policy**
- China currency manipulator
- NAFTA / TPP reversal
- Tariffs

**Geopolitical**
- Russia—U.S. engagement
- Significant moves against ISIS
- NATO country defense spending increases
- Militarization in Japan (South east Asia)
- Iran nuclear deal withdrawal
- European elections
- China devaluation

**Potential Market Impacts**
- Stronger USD / curve steepening
- Higher inflation
- MBS weakness
- Muni bonds weakness (if lower individual taxes passed)
- EMFX weakness
- Equity market volatility
- Gold higher
- Corporate Sectors
  - Banks/Insurance: Less aggressive regulatory scrutiny could be positive, though less favorable for bondholders.
  - Pharmaceuticals: Positive as drug pricing reform seems to be a lower priority.
  - Energy: More open to domestic drilling activity
  - Technology: Tax “holiday” on overseas profits which could reduce the amount of issuance and much of the repatriated cash will likely be paid out to shareholders

Source: Fidelity Investments as of 12/31/2016
The Impact of Potential Public Policies in 2017
Various policies are likely to have different implications for U.S. growth and inflation

Fiscal Spending Protectionism
- growth
+ inflation

Deregulation
Tax Reform/Tax Cuts
Stricter Migration

- growth
+ inflation

Fiscal Austerity
Free Trade

+ growth
+ corporate profits

Source: Fidelity Investments as of 12/12/2016

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GDP and 10-Year U.S. Treasury

Highly correlated

Source: Bloomberg as of 12/31/2016. GDP as of 09/30/2016.
GDP data represents annualized 20-quarter percent change.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.
Outlook: Market Assessment

Asset Allocation Considerations

- Less reliable relative asset performance patterns generally merit smaller cyclical tilts
- Since the U.S. election, inflation and growth have begun to be priced into the markets, but uncertainty may incite volatility in the near-term

Potential Risks

- Political environment has created a wider distribution of potential economic outcomes
- China’s economy continues to face large cyclical headwinds and is one of the largest risks to the global environment

U.S. economy is between mid- and late cycle, and recession risks remain low

Political uncertainty in the global environment may incite volatility

Pace of Fed tightening will likely be gradual

Federal Reserve Interest Rate Policy
Gradual Conventional Tightening After Years of Unconventional Tightening

Source: Federal Reserve, Bloomberg as of 12/31/2016
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Federal Reserve’s Economic Projections

Source: Bloomberg and Federal Reserve

Actual Inflation as of 11/30/2016, Actual Unemployment Rate as of 12/31/2016, and Actual GDP as of 9/30/2016

FOMC Forecast based on the central tendency (excludes the three highest and three lowest projections for each variable in each year) as of 12/14/2016

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Fed Rate Hike Probabilities

Source: Bloomberg as of 12/31/2016

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Markets are Expecting a Faster Pace of Fed Hikes Post-Election

Regulatory Reform Recap for Money Market Funds
Regulations and Fed Impact Liquidity Management (MMF)

Rule 2a-7 Modifications

FOMC Hikes Rates

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BASEL III Flows
Institutional Prime & Government Money Market Yield Spreads

Source: iMoneyNet as of 12/31/2016
December 2016 AUM data is preliminary and may be subject to change
Notes: MMF yields shown are average month end net 7-day annualized yields reported by iMoneyNet for institutional prime and institutional government money market funds. In the chart, spread refers to the difference between prime and government money market yields. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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LIBOR Impacted by Regulatory Reform

Source: Bloomberg as of 12/30/2016

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Government Portfolio & Term Portfolio Overview
Portfolio diversification is presented to illustrate examples of the securities that each fund has bought and may not be representative of a fund’s current or future investments. Each fund’s investments may change at any time. Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

*Net Other Assets may include cash and receivables and payables related to open security or capital stock trades.

Source: Fidelity Investments as of 12/31/2016

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Source: Fidelity Investments; Sector Composition and Fund Characteristics as of 12/31/2016

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First Quarter Investment Strategy and Outlook

Investment Strategy
• Seeking to preserve principal, maintain liquidity and achieve superior risk-adjusted performance
  – Emphasize fundamental and macro research in formulating portfolio structures
  – Manage weighted average maturities (WAM) and weighted average life (WAL) constraints to enhance NAV stability, liquidity and performance
  – Position portfolios based on our assessment of relative value across the money market yield curve within the context of our approved credits

Outlook
• Less regulation, lower taxes, and more assertive foreign policy are policy shifts that boost growth
  – With potential exceptions, Trump policies should be supportive of business profits and growth
  – Strengthening economic activity may be associated with higher rates of inflation
  – Fiscal stimulus may be limited and unfold over years
  – A truly populist agenda may reduce trade and growth
  – A higher degree of uncertainty around policy has increased the variability of potential outcomes

• The Fed is still on a path of gradual tightening, given their optimistic outlook
  – FOMC is more hawkish than expected given the modified forward guidance
  – Despite the hawkish signals, the market is pricing in two hikes in 2017 starting as early as June
  – Yellen sounds cautious on fiscal policy awaiting further details before the Fed adjust their plans materially
  – Higher US growth and inflation may provide the BOE, ECB and BOJ an opportunity to discontinue monetary accommodation

Source  Fidelity Investments as of 12/31/2016

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