

## **Equity Performance**

The equity markets started the year positive in January, building on the upward advance that began after the U.S. election in November. The Materials, Consumer Discretionary and Technology sectors led the market in January, while the Energy and Financial sectors lagged.

The NovaPoint Dividend Growth Equity Strategy was +0.8% in January versus the S&P 500 Total Return Index at +1.9% and the Russell 1000 Total Return Index at +2.0%.

				Since
		Quarter to		Inception
Period ending January 31, 2017	Month	Date	Year to Date	(annualized)
NovaPoint Dividend Growth	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	10.1%
S&P 500 Total Return	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	7.8%
Russell 1000 Total Return	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	7.4%
Returns are shown net of expenses and maximum Inception date is August 1, 2015. Return since inc			within the composite.	
Please see disclaimer for information about performation	mance calculations.			
NovaPoint Capital has prepared and presented th	is report in complian	ce with the Global Ir	vestment Performanc	e Standards (GIPS).

The top performing stocks in the Strategy in January were S&P Global (+11.8%), W.W. Grainger (+8.7%) and Abbott Labs (+8.7%).

The lagging stocks in the Strategy for the month were Qualcomm (-18.1%), T. Rowe Price (-10.4%) and Exxon Mobil (-7.1%).

There were no additions or deletions to the Strategy in January.

### **Dividend Increases**

Two companies owned in the Strategy announced dividend increases in January. The average length of consecutive dividend increases for companies in the Strategy is 31 years and the average growth rate of dividends over the past year has been 8.0%.

	New Quarter	New Quarterly		Consecutive	
	Dividend	Percentage	Years	Current	
Company	per Share	Increased	Increased	Yield	
Praxair	\$0.79	+4.7%	24	2.7%	
S&P Global	\$0.41	+13.9%	43	1.4%	

## Sector Exposure



# Fixed Income

Consistent with commentary from the Federal Reserve, we anticipate up to three increases in the fed funds target rate in 2017. For individual client accounts with bond holdings, we remain in the 4 to 6-year duration range to balance between current yield and price stability in a rising rate environment.

## **Options**

Some portfolios include an option over-write strategy. Four option positions expired worthless in January generating profit from the captured option premium. Three option positions were rolled forward.

## **Outlook**

We believe the turn in the profit cycle is positive for equities. The potential for pro-business initiatives in the U.S. such as easing government regulation, lower corporate tax rates and foreign cash repatriation has also fueled the rally since the U.S. election in November.

The eventual timing of when these initiatives can be achieved as well as their impact on corporate earnings could cause some volatility over the medium term.



Our focus remains on owning quality stocks with compelling capital appreciation and dividend growth potential. Our objective is to deliver investment returns above the market with lower volatility.

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