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Equity Performance

The equity markets rallied following the U.S. Presidential election. The Financial, Industrial and Energy sectors led the market, while the Utility, Consumer Staples and Technology sectors lagged.

The NovaPoint Dividend Growth Equity Strategy was +3.31% in November and has returned +15.01% year-to-date versus the S&P 500 Total Return Index at +3.70% in November and +9.79% YTD and the Russell 1000 Total Return Index at +3.94% in November and +9.99% YTD.

Period ending November 30, 2016	1-month	3-months	6-months	1-Year	2016 YTD			
Dividend Growth Strategy	3.31%	-0.08%	4.85%	12.45%	15.01%			
S&P 500 Total Return	3.70%	1.83%	6.01%	8.06%	9.79%			
Russell 1000 Total Return	3.94%	2.00%	6.26%	8.01%	9.99%			
Returns are shown net of expenses and management fees.								
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The top performing stocks in the Strategy in November were T.Rowe Price (+15.7%), EOG Resources (+13.4%) and Emerson Electric (+11.4%). All three stocks participated in the rally in their respective sectors.

The lagging stocks in the Strategy for the month were PepsiCo (-6.6%), Proctor & Gamble (-5.0%) and McCormick (-4.9%). All three companies lagged with the Consumer Staples sector.

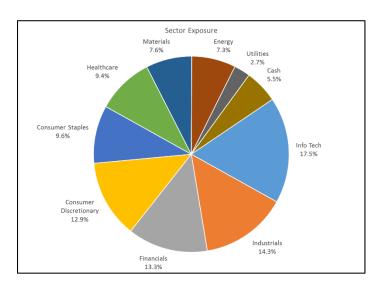
Dividend Increases

Five companies owned in the Strategy announced dividend increases in November. The average length of consecutive dividend increases for companies in the Strategy is 31 years and the average growth rate of dividend increases has been 8.0%.

	New Quarterl	у	Consecutive		
	Dividend	Percentage	Years	Current	
<u>Company</u>	per Share	Increased	Increased	<u>Yield</u>	
Emerson Electric	\$0.48	+1.1%	59	3.4%	
Auto Data Processing	\$0.57	+7.5%	42	2.4%	
Nike	\$0.18	+12.5%	15	1.4%	
Becton Dickinson	\$0.73	+10.6%	45	1.7%	
McCormick	\$0.47	+9.3%	31	2.1%	

Sector Exposure

The Strategy is constructed bottom-up with a goal of being represented across all economic sectors.



Fixed Income

Interest rates have started to move higher. During the month of November, 10-year Treasury bond yields increased from 1.83% to 2.42%. 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. Three option positions expired worthless in November generating profit from the captured option premium. We covered two in-the-money positions in November.

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Outlook

The final major economic event we see between now and year-end is the December FOMC meeting. We likely see an increase in the Fed Funds target rate at that time.

With an upward bias to interest rates over the coming year, the growth of dividends in the portfolio should provide an inflationary hedge to the income stream. Additionally, by owning growing rather than stagnant dividend payers, we can avoid the potential negative impact of owning "bond proxies" which could see negative price pressure in a rising rate environment. As mentioned, the average growth rate of the dividends in the Strategy is 8.0%.

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

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