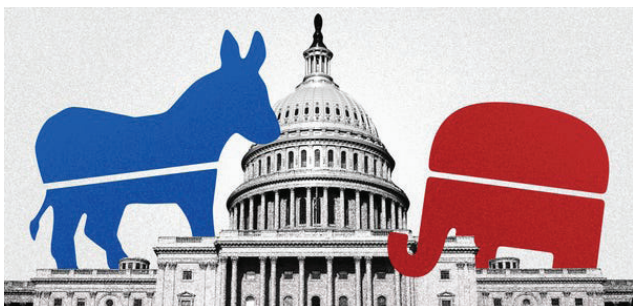


The (presumed) policy implications of 11/3/2020



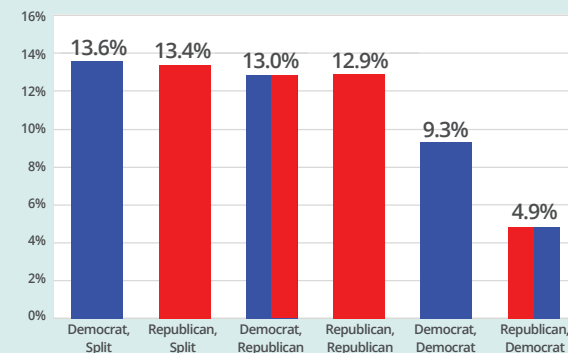
While we won't know for sure which party will control the US Senate through 2022 until Georgia decides both of its US Senate elections via a January 5, 2021 runoff, we are comfortable assuming the United States will face a divided government the next two years, with a Democrat in the White House, a Democrat-led House of Representatives and a Republican-led Senate. With that assumption, we can consider the policy implications of the 2020 election:

- While the White House can favor or frustrate specific industries from a regulatory perspective, big policy changes require holding both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, and neither party will, resulting in gridlock. We see positives and negatives for the market in a divided Washington, D.C.

- Taxes are unlikely to rise (a positive), but another large COVID-19 economic rescue package is less certain (a negative).
- Assuming incremental, but not excessive, fiscal support for the economy, we expect the economic recovery will continue, but won't accelerate; bond yields and inflation expectations will remain low; P/E ratios will remain high; the US dollar will be biased lower; equities will be biased higher, and growth stocks will outperform value stocks.
- A Biden Presidency likely means a more predictable geopolitical dynamic, particularly on trade, and that, along with a weaker dollar, could favor ex-US markets, particularly emerging markets.

Finally, US equities have done best under a political construct with a Democrat in the White House and a divided Congress, delivering an average annual return of 13.6% going back to the early 1930s. If the past is prologue, the next few years could be very good years for the market.

S&P 500 Index: White House and Congress composition
 Average Annual Price Return % (1933 - 2019, Excl. '01 - '02)



Stocks, bonds, and commodities (11/6/2020)

Security name	Last	QTD chg	YTD chg	12mo chg
S&P 500	3509.44	4.35%	8.63%	13.75%
MSCI AC World ex USA	294.24	5.16%	-2.46%	0.55%
MSCI EAFE	1924.19	3.71%	-5.54%	-2.90%
MSCI EM	1176.36	8.72%	5.54%	9.57%
Bloomberg Barclays US Agg	109.82	-0.24%	3.98%	4.39%
Crude Oil WTI	37.49	-6.79%	-38.60%	-34.40%
Natural Gas	3.04	20.10%	-38.65%	9.49%

Treasury rates (11/6/2020)

	Price	Yield
2Y	99.30 / 0.00	0.149
3Y	99.24 / 0.00	0.200
5Y	99.14 / 0.00	0.361
7Y	99.11 / 0.00	0.592
10Y	98.06 / 0.00	0.816
30Y	94.25 / 0.00	1.594

Weekly reports

This week
• NFIB Small Business Index
• Initial Claims
Last week
• ISM Manufacturing 59.3
• Unemployment Rate / Oct. 6.9%

Brinker Capital Market Barometer

NOVEMBER 2020

Despite uncertainty surrounding the outcome at the top of the ticket, the election results will likely leave us with a divided government, which we view as a positive outcome for markets. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic's impact on economic growth will continue to be a factor in the near term. The Federal Reserve remains extremely supportive from a monetary policy perspective, and we expect additional fiscal support from Washington, D.C. in the coming months. Overall, the barometer tilts positive, in-line with our modest overweight to risk across portfolios.

SHORT-TERM FACTORS (< 6 months)					
	CHANGE	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	POSITIVE	
Momentum				●	Market momentum remains solid
Trend				●	Market trends positive; US markets above 50-day and 200-day moving averages
Investor sentiment			●		Sentiment surveys show optimism but equity outflows continue
Seasonality	→ →			●	Seasonality stronger in months following a Presidential Election
INTERMEDIATE-TERM FACTORS (6-36 months)					
	CHANGE	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	POSITIVE	
Fiscal policy				●	Expect additional fiscal policy support in the coming months
Monetary policy				●	Fed all in to support markets and economy; Global central banks also supportive
Inflation				●	Global inflation low; Fed committed to more flexibility with inflation target
Interest rate environment				●	Treasury yields remain at low levels but stable; yield curve positively sloped
Macroeconomic			●		Macroeconomic data has improved, but recovery will likely be uneven
Business sentiment	→		●		Both CEO confidence and small business confidence surveys have improved
Consumer sentiment		●			Continues to improve, but remains below pre-pandemic levels
Corporate earnings	→		●		Significant improvement in earnings growth in 2Q and 3Q; y/y growth still negative
Credit environment				●	Credit environment is stable and Fed remains supportive
LONG-TERM FACTORS (36+ months)					
	CHANGE	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL	POSITIVE	
Valuation		●			Equity valuations above long-term averages but not a near-term driver
Business cycle			●		US exited recession that began in February; recovery uneven in short term
Demographics			●		Mixed - US and emerging markets positive but developed international negative

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