

# Equity markets: What to expect when you're electing

Select Dividend – March 2024

### **Philosophy**

Objectivity and breadth lead to better investment decisions. Dividend growth can be a powerful multiplier for investors.

### **Portfolio Management Team**

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<u>Annualized Performance</u> (3-years, net)

Global Select Dividend: 10.3% iShares MSCI ACWI ETF: 5.8%

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# Market volatility elevated heading into Presidential election

Since 1950, volatility heading into the Presidential election has been elevated relative to the median annual trend. However, short term volatility tends to fall in the 4th quarter and remain relatively low during the year after.

If the market behaves similarly to the long-term trend, we expect strong positive performance and lower vol after the election.



# The S&P 500 was up most election years, driven greatly by post-election rallies

Since 1929, the SPX was up 75% of presidential election years, compared to the total average of 65%. Since 1950, it was up 83% of election years, maintaining a +10% lead over the relative long-term average.

However, ~25% of the average annual election year performance occurred after the November election, aka the stub period. The SPX was slightly down to start the year, but we think there is a good case to expect positive returns in 2024.



## SPX returns amplified after the election

\*Election year performance ends at election day and 1<sup>st</sup> year new term performance begins the day after election day. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. An index is unmanaged and unavailable for direct investment. Source: Bloomberg, S&P Dow Jones Indices as of 3/21/24. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investing in securities involves risk, including the possibility of the loss of principal.

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As of 2/29/2024	Net of Fees		
	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Global Select Dividend	21.9	11.4	6.7
iShares MSCI ACWI ETF	22.3	11.8	8.1