## Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

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### WEEKLY HEADLINES BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE1 MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES<sup>1</sup> 1 week **MTD** QTD YTD 1 week MTD **QTD** YTD How Ownership of the U.S. Stock Market Has Shifted **S&P 500** 2.30 11.44 8.48 14.52 **Energy Limited Partnership** 5.15 22.70 25.04 -22.99 A recent report from the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center describes the shifting ownership of the U.S. stock market, Russell 3000 2.66 12.79 10.36 16.33 Convertibles 2.62 10.50 10.31 30.20 including: Russell 2000 3.94 20.72 23.25 12.54 **Long-Short Equity** 1.58 6.53 5.14 2.72 The increasing dominance of foreign owners, whose share Russell 1000 2.58 12.30 9.59 16.60 Commodities Broad Basket 1.55 6.96 6.42 -7.01has increased from 4% of U.S. equity in 1986 to 11% by Russell Mid Cap 2.60 14.54 15.28 12.57 Infrastructure 1.52 11.46 10.70 0.04 1990, 25% by 2000 and now to 40% in 2019 (see graph MSCI EM 1.79 11.58 13.90 12.86 Options-based 1.11 6.14 5.04 4.65 below). U.S. ownership of foreign stock rose at a similar clip, which the report described as "just one manifestation **MSCI ACWI** 2.36 13.35 10.62 12.58 0.86 2.69 2.04 -0.63**Managed Futures** of globalization." MSCI World 2.45 13.61 10.16 12.50 **Long-Short Credit** 0.81 2.84 2.87 3.28 • The rise in retirement accounts including defined benefit 2.24 **MSCIEAFE** 16.99 12.33 4.77 Multialternative 0.63 3.71 2.94 -0.64plans (8%), defined contribution plans (8%), Individual ICE BofA Global Cv Index 2.51 11.00 11.88 27.84 Real Estate 0.49 11.79 8.81 -6.98Retirement Accounts (12%) and life insurance separate ICE BofA All U.S. Cv (VXA0) 3.61 13.33 12.41 37.34 Nontraditional Bond 0.33 1.99 2.15 1.68 accounts (3%). ICE BofA US HY Master II 0.66 3.91 4.39 4.08 Market Neutral 0.15 0.26 -0.20-2.69The decline in taxable accounts from 80% in 1965 to 25% in **BBgBarc US Agg Bond** -0.030.91 0.46 7.28 Multicurrency 0.13 1.16 0.86 0.13 2019. BBgBarc US Govt/Credit -0.03 1.23 0.62 8.72 **Bear Market** -4.60 -19.97 -20.25 -35.70 Stock held, directly and indirectly, now tilts overwhelmingly to the richest Americans. The top 10% of COMMODITIES<sup>2</sup> BOND RATES<sup>2</sup> households, on average, own \$1.7 million of stock while 10.31.20 12.31.19 11.27.19 11.27.20 10.31.20 12.31.19 11.27.19 11.27.20 the bottom 50% own about \$11,000. 1808 1876 1523 1460 **Effective Fed Funds Rate** 0.08 0.09 1.55 1.55 Gold Economic Releases vs. Consensus (week of 11/23) Durable Goods (Oct): 1.3% vs. 0.9% Oil 42.9 38.4 61.7 58.1 0.17 0.16 1.58 1.63 2-Year Treasury Initial Jobless Claims: 778K vs. 730K Gasoline 2.10 2.14 2.57 2.58 10-Year Treasury 0.88 0.85 1.92 1.77 Personal Income: -0.7% vs. 0.0% ICE BofAML US Corp. AAA 1.59 2.55 2.48 1.69 Economic Releases (week of 11/30) MARKET PULSE<sup>1</sup> Ownership of U.S. Corporate Stock, 1965-2019 Pending Home Sales (12/1) Balance of Trade (12/4) Direct and indirect holdings, percent of U.S. corporate equity YEAR-TO-DATE MONTH-TO-DATE As of Non-farm Payrolls (12/4) 100% CORE GROWTH 11/27/2020 VALUE CORE GROWTH VALUE

### MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS (\$MIL)<sup>1</sup> (as of 11/20/20) 2 Wks 3 Wks 4 Wks Weekly Last Streak Week Ago Ago Ago 3 Nontraditional Bond 432 137 23 (38)Options-based 87 11 393 140 26 Market Neutral 72 109 69 113 17 (94)(47)1 Real Estate 65 (41)Convertibles 52 84 (13)41 2 2 Infrastructure 39 136 (18)(87)Multialternative (44) (88)12 (54)1 Multicurrency 2 1 (2) (1) 2

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Long-Short Equity

Managed Futures

15.69 14.54 12.51 MID 1.77 12.57 22.81 20.72 18.78 -0.19 12.54 24.33 **SMALL** Past performance is not indicative of future results. This material is provided for internal and educational purposes only and should not be construed as investment advice or an offer or solicitation to buy or sell securities. Source: 1Morningstar (Net Flows as of previous Wed.), 2St.

Louis Federal Reserve (FRED Database). FOR INVESTMENT

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Life insurance 90% separate accounts\* 80% Foreigners 70% 60% 50% 40% efined contribution plans 30%

Nonprofits<sup>†</sup> 28.33 Retirement accounts Defined benefit plans 20% Taxable 10% accounts 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, "Financial Accounts of the United States." Tax Policy Center Calculations. Dashed lines indicate †TPC estimates Federal, state and local government holdings, including equity in 529 college savings plans.



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