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FIS Group Q3 2016 Outlook: The Revenge of the Precariat over Davos Man

Post-Brexit, U.S. equities and emerging markets win, U.K. small caps and Euro equities lose

PHILADELPHIA, PA, July 20, 2016 – FIS Group, a manager of U.S. and global developed, emerging and frontier markets equity portfolio strategies, today issued its Q3 2016 Market Outlook. The outlook looks at the risks the vote poses to political stability in Europe, the surging yen in Japan, fading fears of an imminent U.S. recession, and the results of a modest safe haven rise in the U.S. dollar for emerging markets.

The FIS Group Q3 2016 Market Outlook, titled "The Revenge of the Precariat over Davos Man," likens the Brexit campaign to one primarily led by "a global 'precarious class' of people who are out of work, continually searching for work, [and] underemployed." The outlook reasons that the 'Precariats' were thus motivated to vote in favor of leaving the E.U. because of their "resentment of the elite 'Davos' politicians; rage at decades of social alienation, and a determination to reverse the tide of mass migration."

"[The] Brexit related political and economic fallout may not be over," says Tina Byles Williams, CEO and CIO of FIS Group. "Brexit did cause the British pound to plunge and credit conditions have deteriorated, mainly through European banks; but we have not seen the kind of acute strains that followed the collapse of Lehman Brothers."

The outlook highlights a post-Brexit environment, including:

• The broader picture of political stability in Europe and whether Italy will decide to abandon the common currency



- Improving U.S. data, such as payrolls bouncing back, positive business surveys, a strong dollar, and recovery in oil prices, all potentially warranting additional Fed tightening in 2016
- The surge in the Japanese yen as bad news for Japanese exporters and the corporate sector
- Fiscal and monetary easing in China that may lead to the credit bubble continuing to inflate at a dangerous pace

The Q3 Market Outlook also includes an analysis of the FIS Group Global Equity Risk Indicator, which entered risk on in late December and has remained there. The FIS Group tactical models forecasted low/moderate conviction and outperformance in Eurozone equities and suggest some opportunities in the materials, industrials, consumer staples, and healthcare sectors.

In addition to its quarterly Market Outlooks, which are based on research that examines market conditions, Ms. Byles Williams contributes to FIS Group's Market Insights Alerts, which examine global economic themes and are published throughout the year. The <u>last Market Insights</u> <u>Alert</u> was published in June 2016.

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