## Trump Rally (11/8/16-8/5/19) vs. Trump Tariffs (3/8/18-8/5/19)



Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## View from the Observation Deck

- 1. A common thread running through the Trump Rally and the Trump Tariffs is President Trump's policy of "America First."
- 2. While each of the equity indices featured in the chart have posted positive cumulative total returns (green bars) since Donald Trump won the presidential election on 11/8/16, the U.S. equity indices have clearly outperformed their foreign counterparts through 8/5/19.
- 3. On 3/8/18, President Trump signed a proclamation authorizing tariffs on imported steel (25%) and aluminum (10%). Since that initial proclamation, the Trump administration has authorized additional tariffs, primarily targeting China.
- 4. We believe that the implementation and escalation of tariffs by the Trump administration has negatively impacted the total returns (white bars) of each of the equity indices featured in the chart, despite the fact that two of them (NASDAQ 100 and S&P 500) are in positive territory.
- 5. The U.S. dollar, which can be a safe-haven destination for foreign investors, has strengthened since the tariffs commenced, creating some headwind for U.S. investors holding foreign stocks. From 3/8/18 through 8/5/19, the U.S. dollar rose by 8.14%, as measured by the U.S. Dollar Index (DXY), according to Bloomberg. That represents a reversal from how the U.S. dollar performed after Trump's victory in the presidential election and the start of the tariffs. From 11/8/16 through 3/8/18, the U.S. Dollar Index declined by 7.85%.

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