

# LPL Financial

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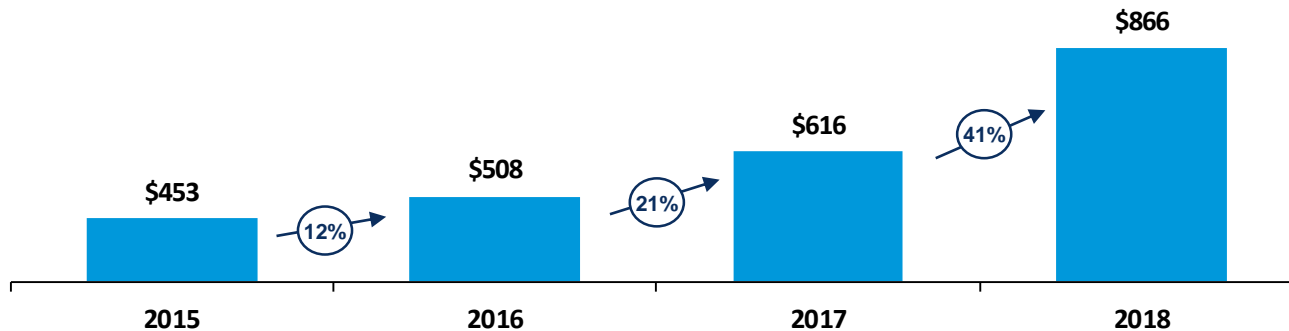
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# LPL Overview

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<p><b>Value Proposition</b></p> <p>We are a leader in the retail financial advice market and the nation's largest independent broker-dealer<sup>(1)</sup>. Our scale and self-clearing platform enable us to provide advisors with the capabilities they need, and the service they expect, at a compelling price, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open architecture offering</b> with no proprietary products</li> <li>• <b>Choice of advisory platforms</b> between corporate and hybrid, as well as <b>centrally managed solutions</b> to support portfolio allocation and trading</li> <li>• <b>ClientWorks</b> technology and <b>Virtual Services</b> that enhance service and operational efficiency</li> <li>• <b>Industry-leading advisor payout rates</b></li> <li>• <b>Growth capital</b> to expand or acquire other practices</li> </ul>																																																		
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# We remain focused on growth and execution to create long-term shareholder value

## Grow our Core Business

- + Leverage the strength of our markets and model**
  - Capitalize on secular trends
  - Expand leadership positions
- + Enhance advisor experience and capabilities**
  - Deliver best-in-class service, compliance, and technology
  - Expand advisory, custodial, research, and retail investor solutions
- + Drive organic asset and gross profit\* growth**
  - Increase advisor recruiting, productivity, and retention
  - Leverage scale to expand gross profit\*
- + Benefit from rising rates and markets**
  - Capture cash sweep upside from rising rates
  - Grow assets as market levels rise

= Asset and gross profit\* growth



## Execute with Excellence

- + Drive greater efficiency and productivity**
  - Continuously improve over time
  - Prioritize growth investment opportunities
- + Embed quality and innovation in our operations**
  - Create extraordinary service and technology outcomes
  - Ongoing improvements in our operations over time
- + Balance financial strength and flexibility**
  - Keep capital structure strong and flexible for changes to environment and strategic opportunities
  - Allocate capital to create long-term shareholder value
- + Increase investor understanding and confidence**
  - Expand and clarify key disclosures
  - Deliver strong results

= Operating leverage and capital allocation



**Create Long-Term Shareholder Value**

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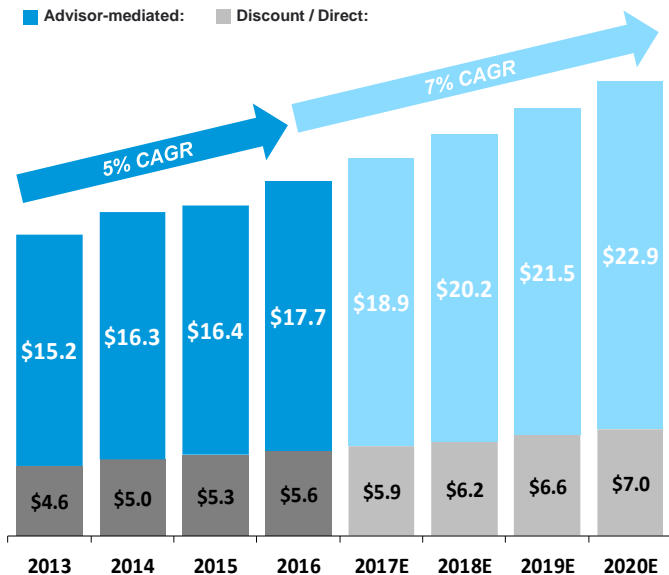
## LPL Investment Highlights: Significant opportunities to grow and create long-term shareholder value

- 1 Attractive market with secular industry tailwinds**
- 2 Established market leader with scale advantages**
- 3 Organic growth opportunities through net new assets and ROA**
- 4 Positively levered to rising interest rates and equity markets**
- 5 Disciplined expense management driving operating leverage**
- 6 Capital light business model with significant capacity to deploy**
- 7 Opportunity to consolidate fragmented core markets through M&A**

# Demand for financial advice is growing, and the independent channel is gaining share

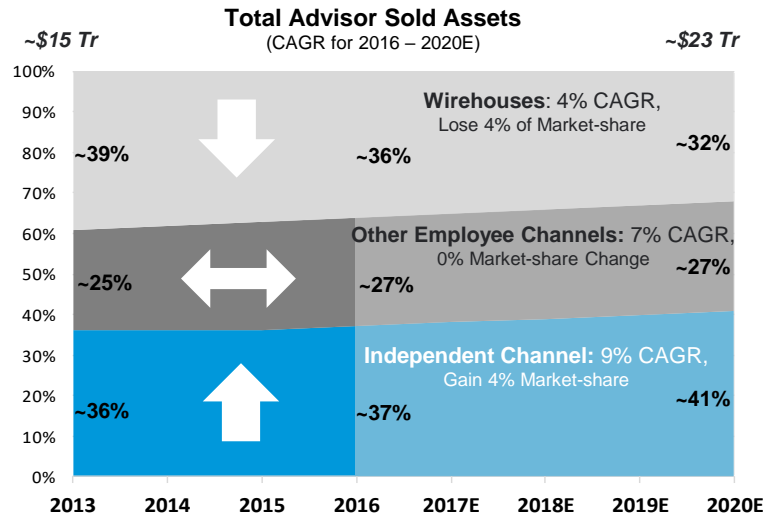
## Growing demand for advice

Projected Growth in US Retail Investment Market (\$T)



## Trend towards independence expected to continue

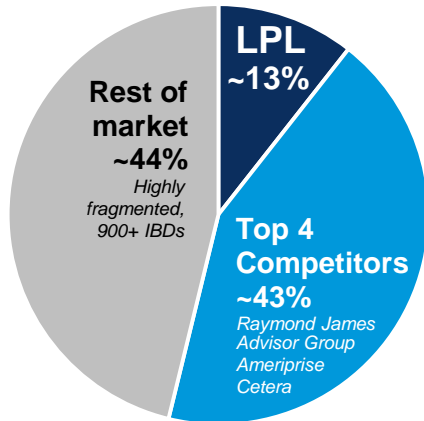
The Independent channel continues to gain share versus employee models



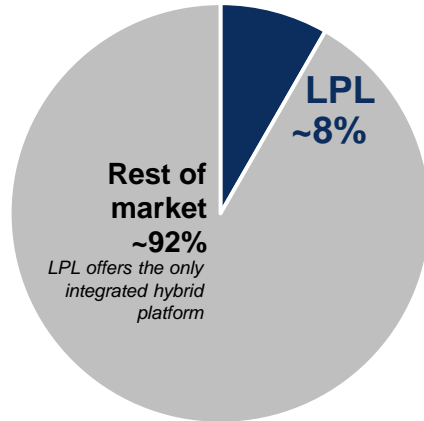
# We are a leader in our core markets and have room to grow

## Our Core Markets<sup>(4)</sup>

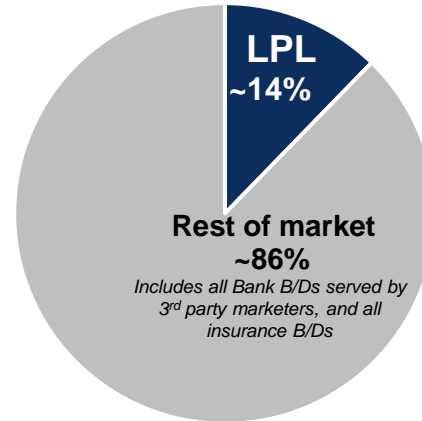
**IBD Channel**  
~\$2.3 Tr



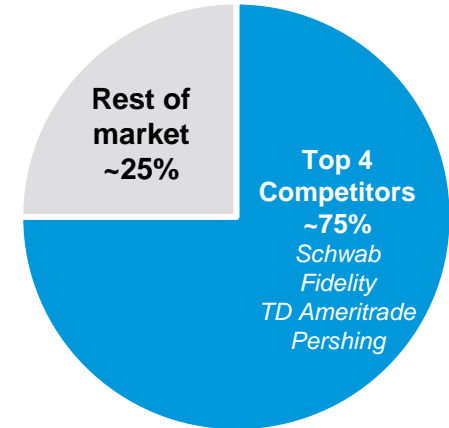
**Hybrid RIA**  
~\$1.8 Tr



**Bank / Insurance Channels**  
~\$1 Tr<sup>(5)</sup>



**Pure RIA**  
~\$2.5 Tr



5-year Historical Industry CAGR: ~8%

~12%

~7%

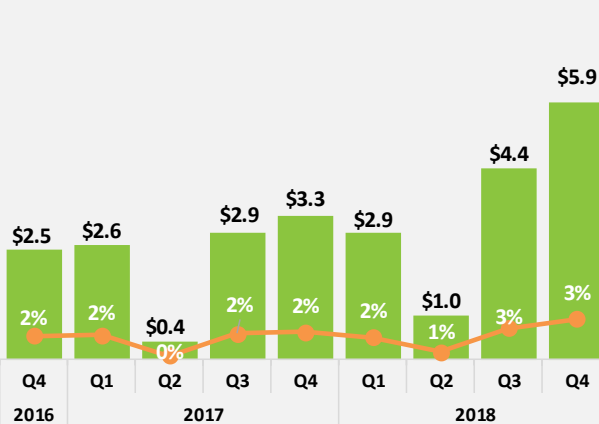
~12%



# Total Net New Assets continued to grow organically in Q4 2018

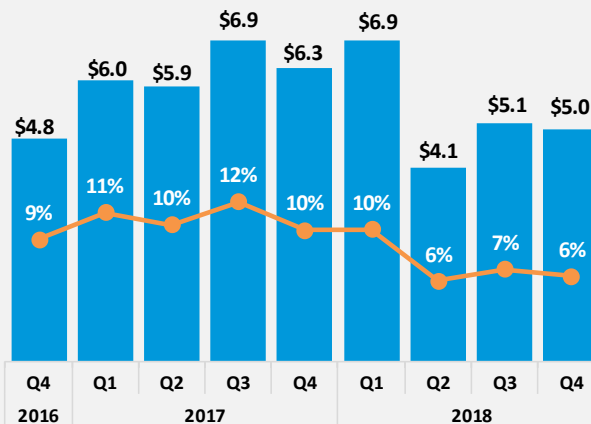
## Total Net New Assets (\$ billions)

■ Organic Total NNA  
— Organic Annualized Growth Rate



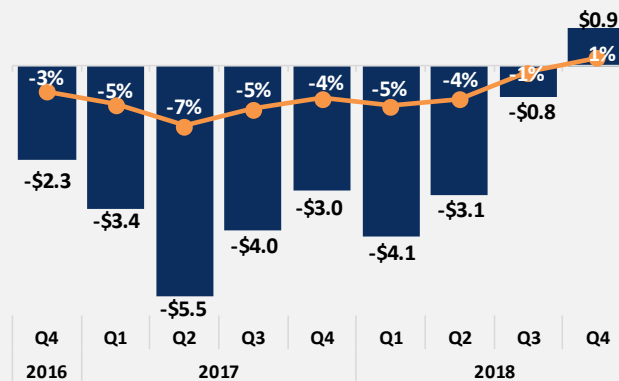
## Net New Advisory Assets<sup>(6)</sup> (\$ billions)

■ Organic Advisory NNA  
— Organic Annualized Growth Rate



## Net New Brokerage Assets<sup>(7)</sup> (\$ billions)

■ Organic Brokerage NNA  
— Organic Annualized Growth Rate



Net Brokerage to Advisory Conversions (billions)<sup>(8)</sup>: \$1.7 \$2.3 \$2.0 \$1.9 \$2.1 \$2.5 \$1.8 \$1.7 \$1.4

Note: numbers shown on this page are prior to asset flows from NPH.

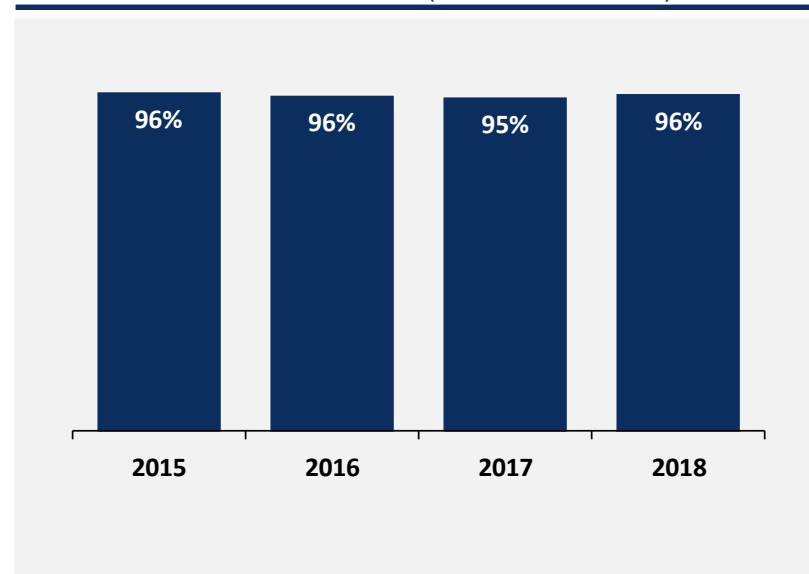
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## Increased recruiting and continued solid retention helped to drive greater organic growth

Recruited Assets<sup>(2)</sup> (\$ billions)



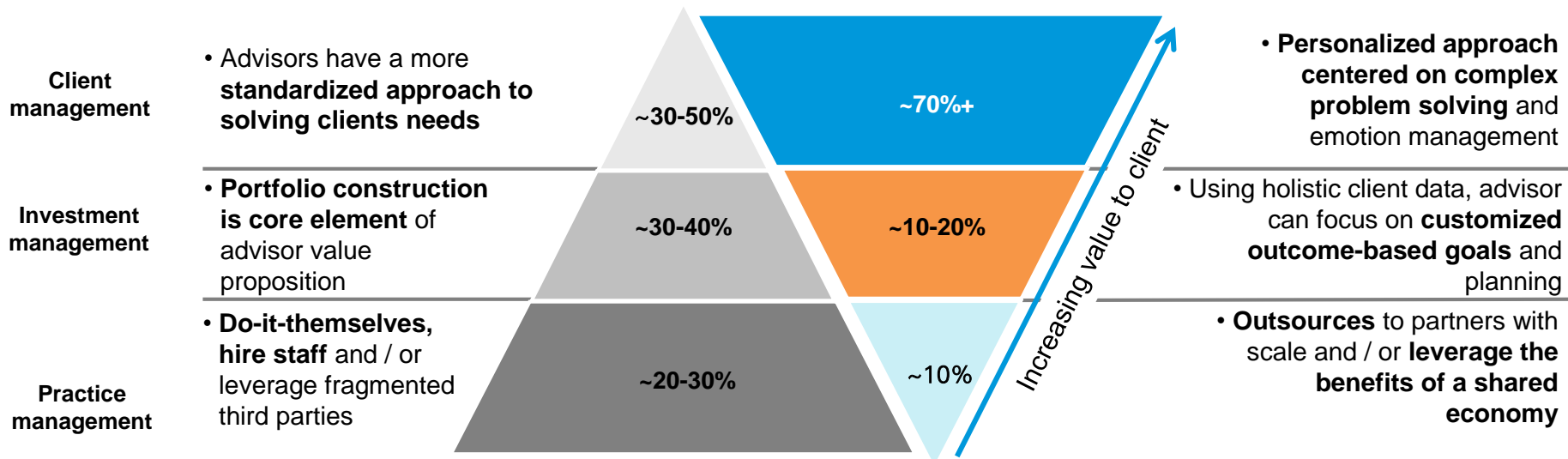
Production Retention Rate<sup>(9)</sup> (YTD Annualized)



# We expect evolution in the future profile of winning advisor practices

Today: Advisor as wealth manager

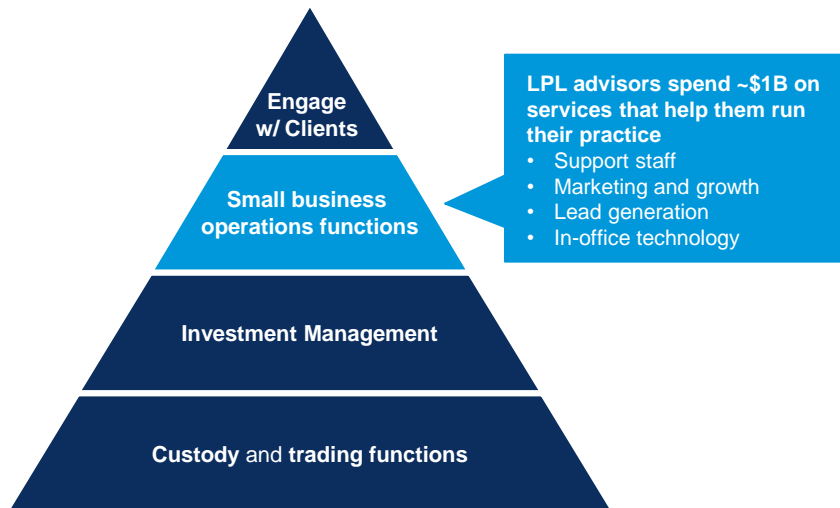
Tomorrow: Advisor as personal CFO



*Illustrative allocation of advisors' time*

# We are leveraging technology and our scale to bring innovation and enhanced performance to the front office

## Development of New LPL Front Office Services



## We are developing Virtual Services that enable efficiency and support growth

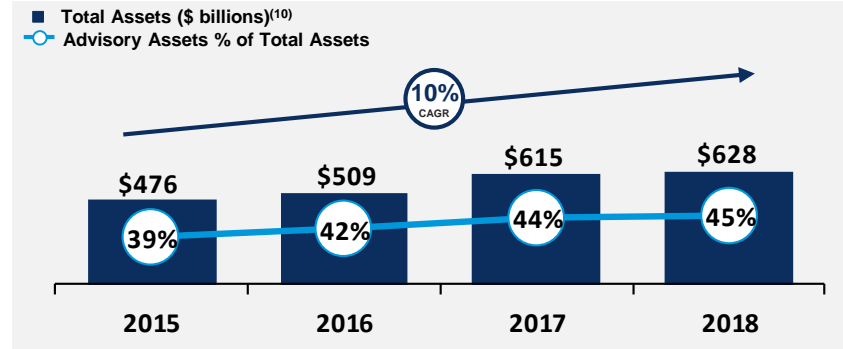


# Our business continues to shift from brokerage to advisory

## Key points

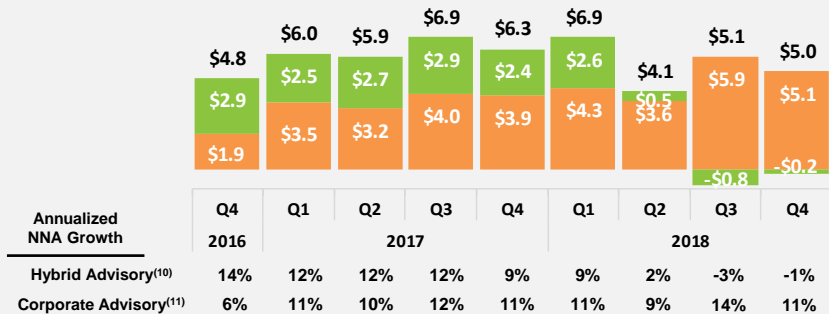
- Our business has been shifting from Brokerage to Advisory, consistent with industry trends
- While the pace of our mix shift has increased, our average is still below industry levels
- Advisory ROA is ~10 bps higher than Brokerage ROA

## Total assets have grown and shifted to advisory

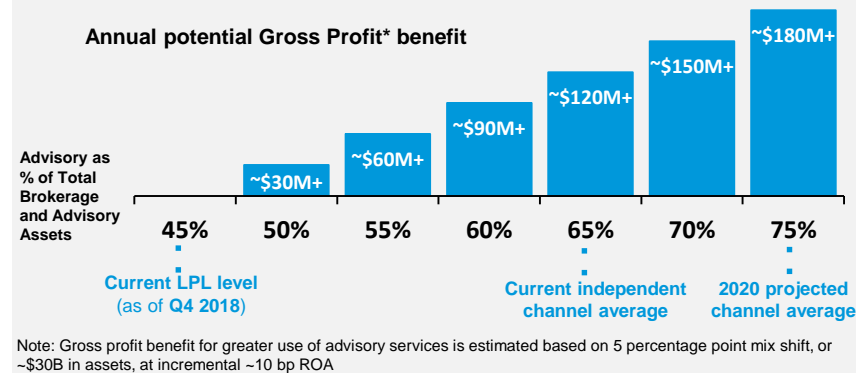


## Corporate platform has now been driving most advisory growth

- Organic Hybrid Advisory NNA <sup>(11)</sup>
- Organic Corporate Advisory NNA <sup>(12)</sup>



## Greater use of advisory services could drive value



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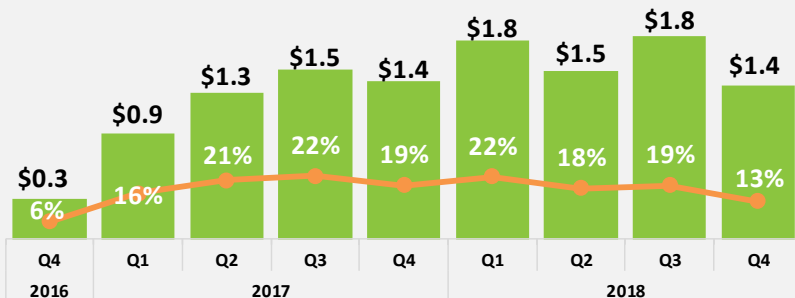
# Centrally managed services have grown organically following pricing and capability enhancements

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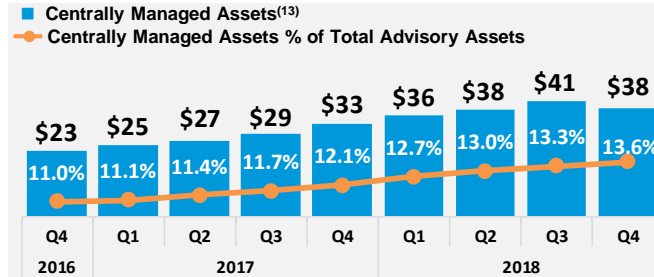
- Centrally managed platforms enable our advisors to outsource portfolio construction and trading to us, which can free up time to serve clients and grow their practices
- Inflows have increased to a ~2% annual increase as a percentage of total advisory assets
- Centrally managed ROA is ~10 bps higher than Advisory overall

## Organic growth has picked up

- Organic Centrally Managed NNA<sup>(14)</sup>
- Organic Annualized Growth Rate<sup>(14)</sup>



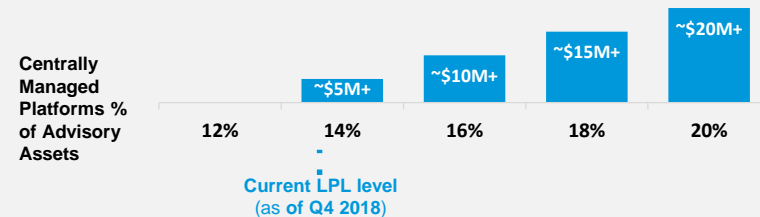
## Centrally managed assets have grown



~\$15B growth in centrally managed assets over the past 2 years at ~10 bps has generated ~\$15M upside in annual gross profit\*

## Greater use of centrally managed services can create value

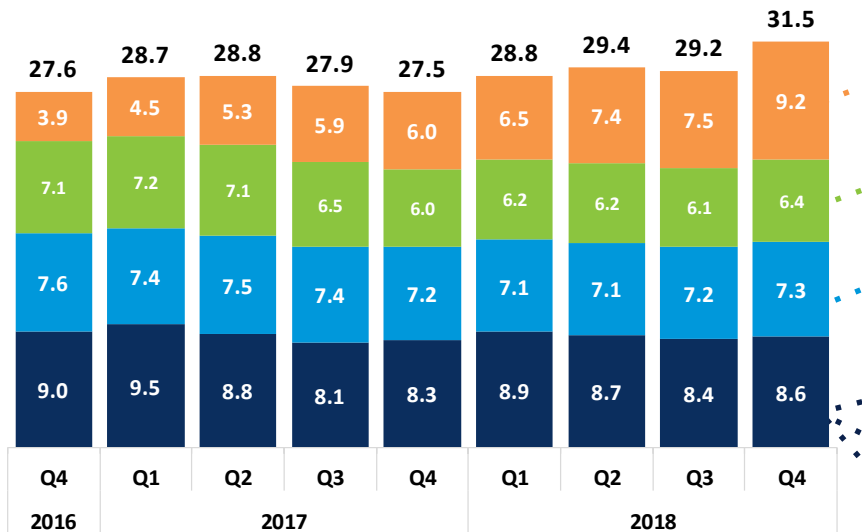
### Annual potential Gross Profit\* benefit



Note: Gross Profit\* benefit for greater use of centrally managed platforms has been estimated based on 2 percentage point mix shift, or ~\$5B in assets, at an incremental ~10 bps ROA

# We are focused on driving growth in organic gross profit ROA

While cash sweep has been the primary driver of our Gross Profit\* ROA <sup>(15)</sup> ...



■ Net Commission & Advisory Fees and Interest Income and Other ■ Other Asset-Based<sup>(16)</sup> ■ Transaction & Fee, Net of BC&E ■ Cash Sweep

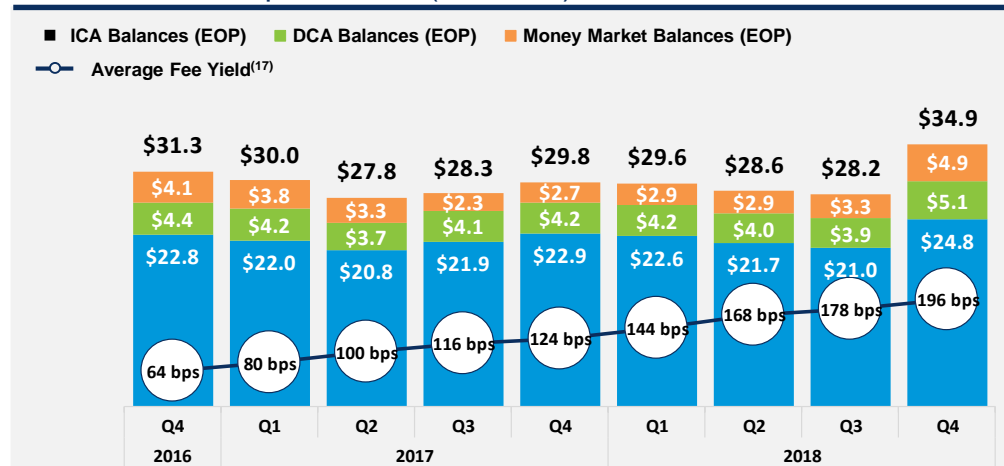
Note: updated bars combine Net Commission & Advisory Fees and Interest Income and Other

...We have opportunities to continue driving organic growth going forward

- Cash Sweep Offerings**  
(e.g. deposit betas in the 25-50% range, extending ICA duration)
- Modernize Practice Management**  
(e.g. virtual services)
- Asset Custody**  
(e.g. sponsor programs, centrally managed platforms)
- Advisory Services**  
(e.g. secular brokerage to advisory trend, streamlined conversion process)
- Portfolio Construction**  
(e.g. centrally managed, separately managed, Guided Wealth Portfolios)
- Risk Management**  
(e.g. aligning corporate and hybrid platforms with the marketplace)

# Cash sweep balances grew 24% in Q4, and we increased fixed rate balances to ~35% of the ICA portfolio

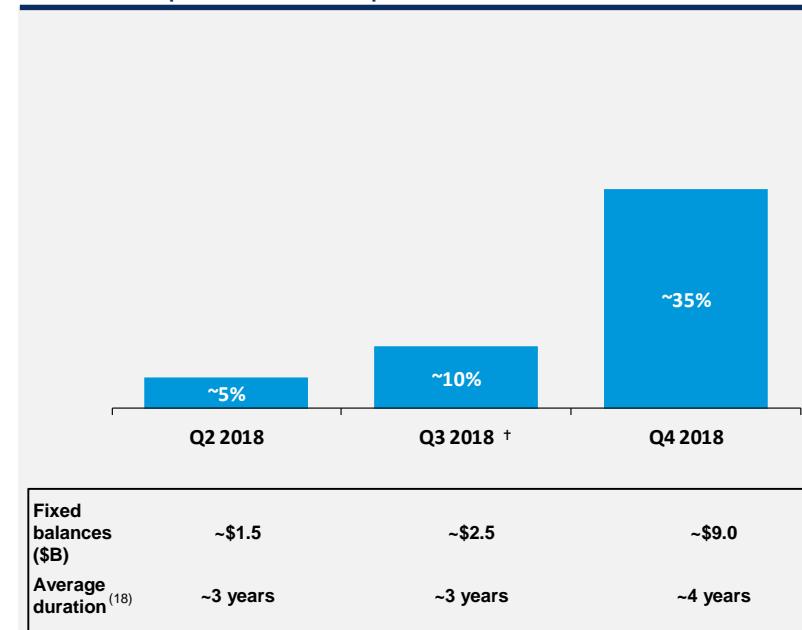
## Client Cash Sweep balances (\$ billions)



(In bps)

ICA Fee Yield	73	88	108	124	132	152	179	189	215
DCA Fee Yield	39	62	85	100	113	150	175	198	207
MM Fee Yield	43	53	69	67	69	71	72	75	75
Average Fee Yield (17)	64	80	100	116	124	144	168	178	196
Cash Sweep % of Total Assets	6.1%	5.7%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%	4.6%	4.3%	4.1%	5.6%

## Fixed rate portion of ICA portfolio

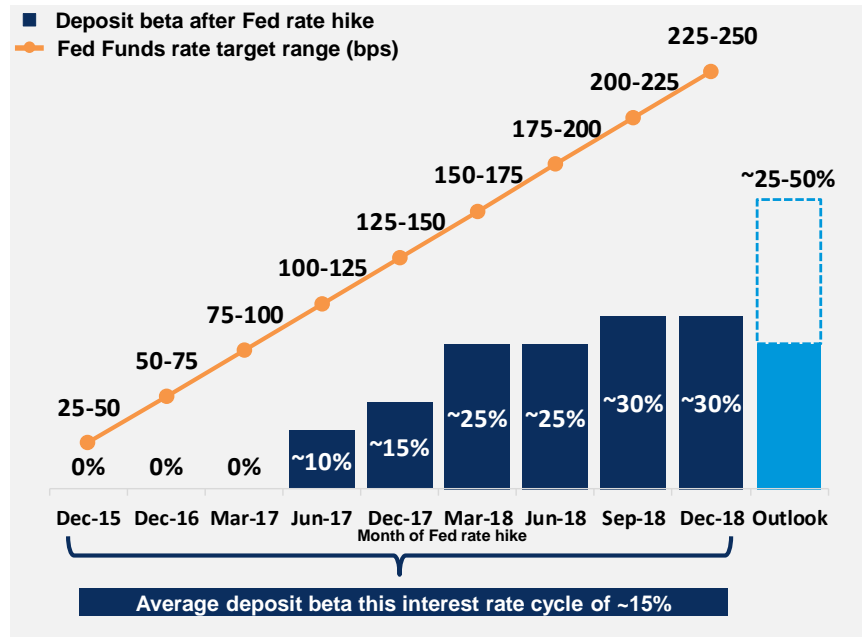


† Reflects fixed rate ICA contracts executed in Q3 2018, and the balances moved in early Q4 2018.

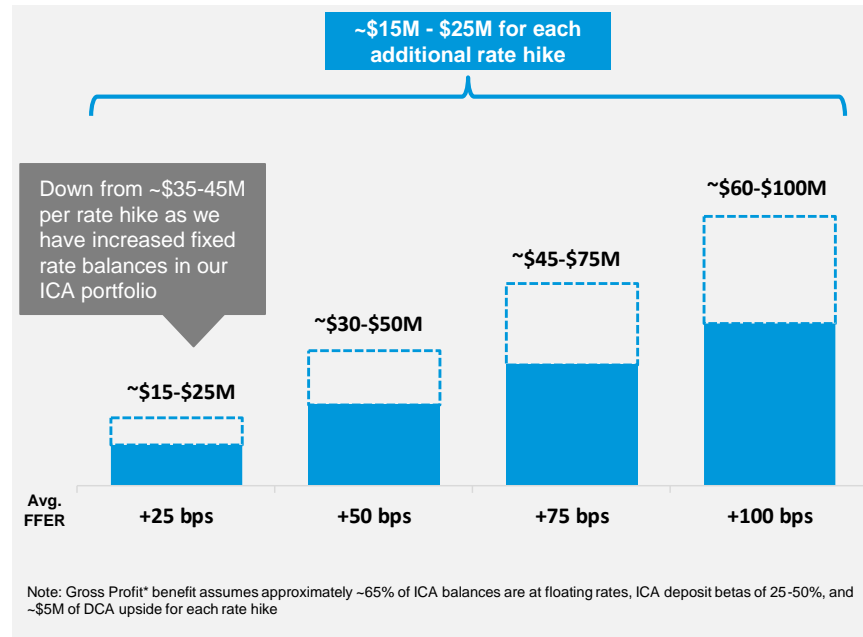


# We benefit from rising interest rates

Our ICA deposit betas have been low through this rate cycle



Our outlook translates to potential annual Gross Profit\* benefit on floating rate ICA balances from future rate hikes

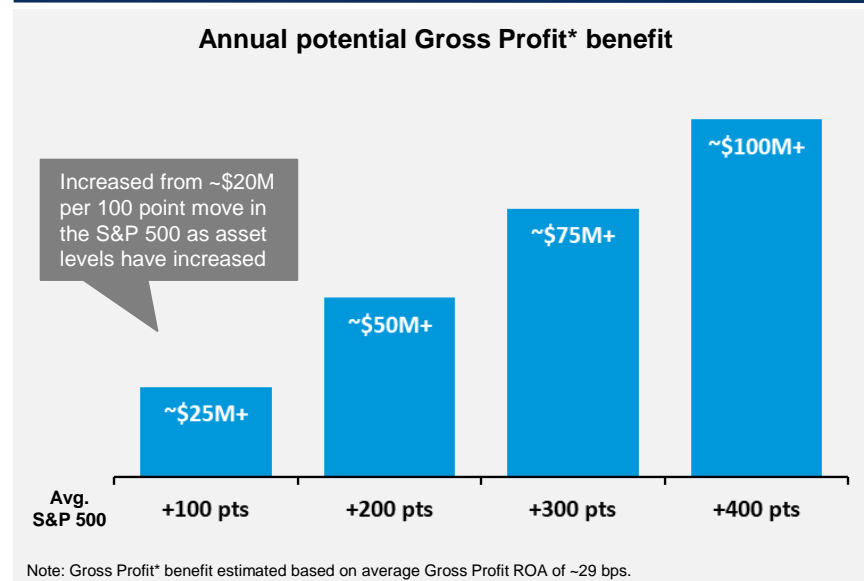


## We also benefit from rising market levels

### Key points

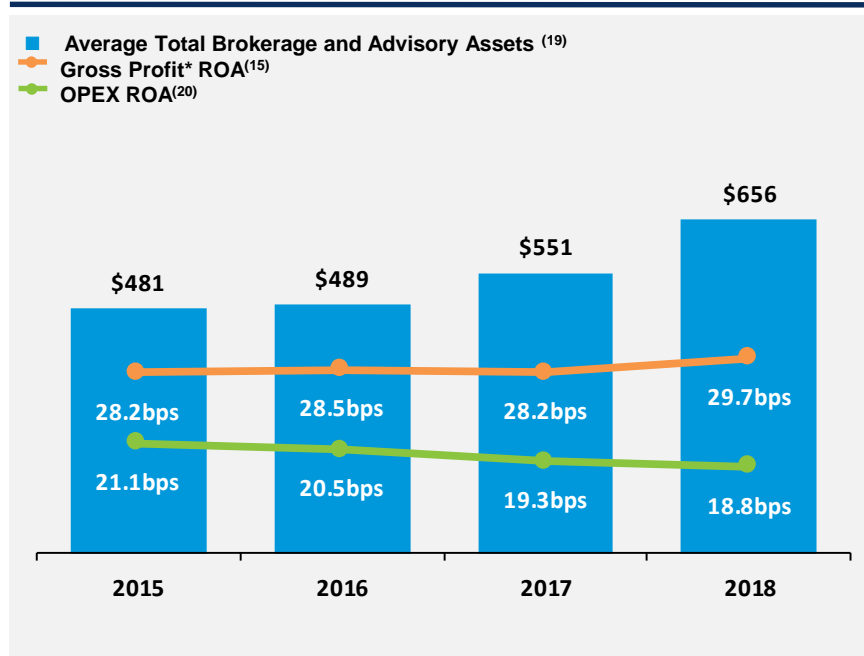
- In 2018, we averaged ~\$650B of total brokerage and advisory assets, up ~\$100B from the prior year
- Our product mix leads to assets with ~60% correlation to movements in the equity market levels
- Additionally, our Gross Profit\* is ~50% equity market-sensitive, with the rest driven by interest rates, trading, and other capabilities

### S&P growth benefits our Gross Profit\*

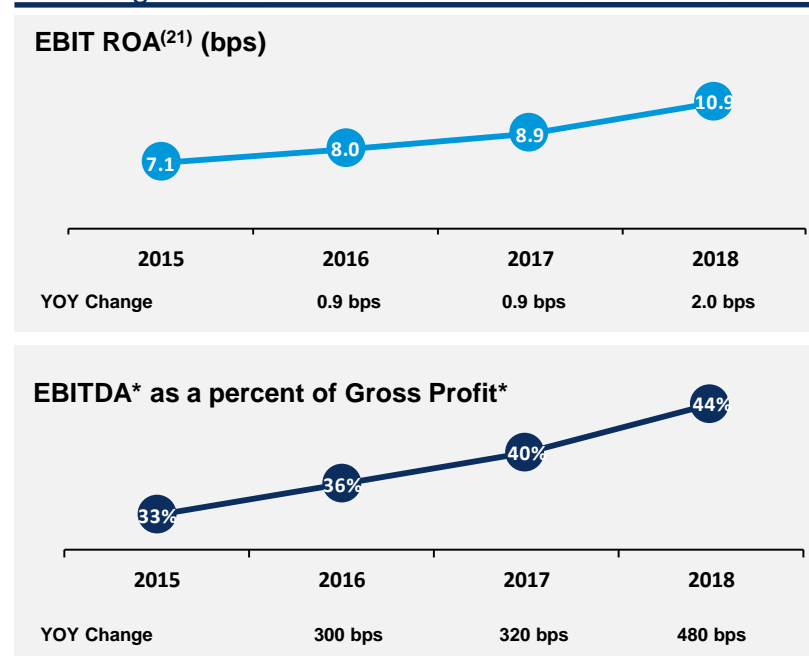


## We are focused on generating operating leverage

In 2018, Gross Profit ROA increased, and OPEX ROA continued to decline



This operating leverage has driven improved returns and margins



# We plan to continue investing for growth in 2019

## Long-term cost strategy

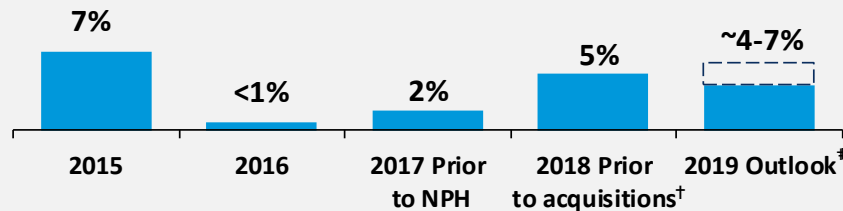
- Focus on delivering operating leverage
- Prioritize investments that drive organic growth
- Drive productivity and efficiency
- Adapt cost trajectory as environment evolves

## Core G&A\* context

- 2018 Core G&A was \$819M, including \$2M related to AdvisoryWorld
- Our original 2019 Core G&A\* outlook range was \$845 to \$870M, or ~3.5 to 6.5% year-over-year growth
- Following our acquisition of AdvisoryWorld, we anticipate ~\$5M of related Core G&A\* expense in 2019
- As a result, we updated our 2019 Core G&A\* outlook range to \$850 to \$875M, or ~4 to 7% year-over-year growth

## Lower recent expense trajectory, prior to acquisitions

Annual Core G&A\* Growth



## Core G&A\* outlook

**Original 2019 Outlook:** \$845 to \$870 million

**AdvisoryWorld** + \$5 million

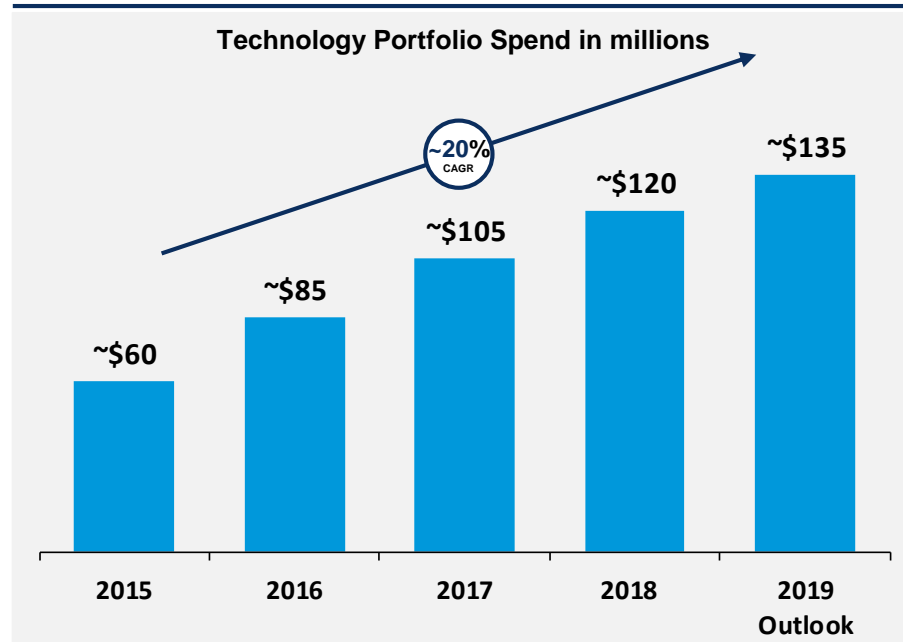
**Updated 2019 Outlook:** \$850 to \$875 million

† Based on the Company's 2018 Core G&A\* prior to NPH and AdvisoryWorld related expenses compared to the Company's 2017 Core G&A prior to NPH-related expenses.

‡ Based on the Company's total 2018 Core G&A

## We have increased investments in technology to drive growth

### Technology investment has been growing ~20% per year



### Strategic Context

- Our technology investments help deliver new capabilities to help advisors grow their businesses as well as enhancements to ClientWorks, our core operating platform
- We believe investments to drive organic growth are one of the best uses of our capital, and technology investment is a key part of our efforts

# We acquired AdvisoryWorld to accelerate the delivery of digital capabilities to help advisors grow and increase efficiency

## AdvisoryWorld is a leading provider of digital tools for advisors

- **Provides scalable workflows** that help advisors be more effective and efficient in acquiring new clients and managing existing relationships, including:
  - **Proposal Generation**
  - **Investment Analytics**
  - **Portfolio Modeling**
- **Serves more than 30,000 U.S. financial advisors and institutions**

## Acquisition strategic benefits

- **Drives organic growth** by helping advisors win new clients and manage existing clients
- **Supports delivery of end-to-end technology solution** by adding best-in-class proposal generation capabilities
- **Accelerates technology delivery** vs. developing internally

## AdvisoryWorld serves a broad cross-section of the advice market

### Customers & Integration Partners

Key  
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New ways.  
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## Financial considerations

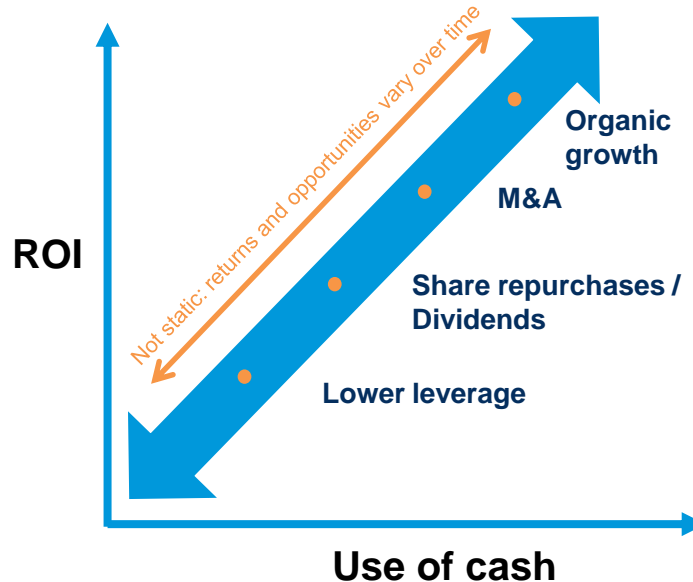
- **Transaction signed and closed on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**
- **Purchase price of \$28 million** as a single payment, funded with cash available for corporate use

# Our capital management strategy is focused on driving growth and maximizing shareholder value

## Our capital management principles

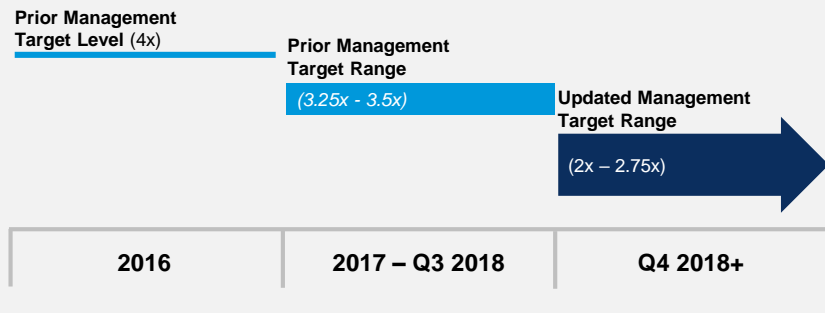
- **Disciplined capital management to drive long-term shareholder value**
- **Maintain a strong and flexible balance sheet**
  - Management target net leverage ratio range of 2x to 2.75x
  - Debt structure was refinanced to be more flexible and support growth
- **Prioritize investments that drive organic growth**
  - Recruiting to drive net new assets
  - Capability investments to add net new assets and drive ROA
- **Position ourselves to take advantage of M&A**
  - Potential to consolidate fragmented core market
  - Stay prepared for attractive opportunities
- **Return excess capital to shareholders**
  - Share repurchases
  - Dividends

## Dynamic capital allocation across options

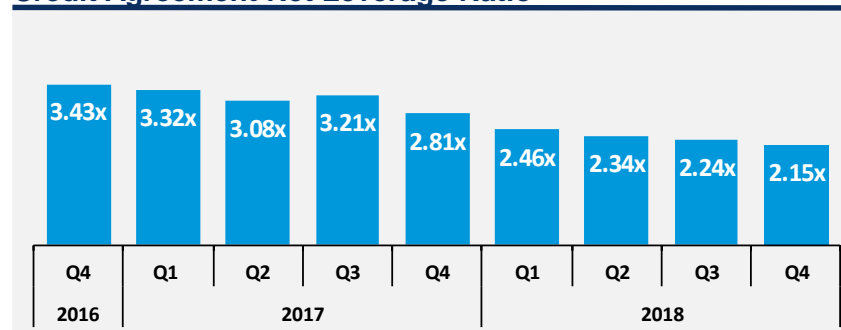


# Our balance sheet strength is a key driver of our organic growth

## Management Target Credit Agreement Net Leverage Ratio<sup>†</sup>



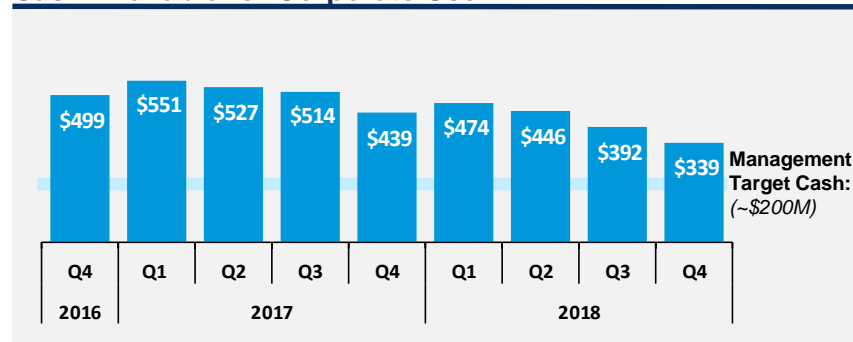
## Credit Agreement Net Leverage Ratio



## Management Target Range Context

- As we move deeper into the interest rate cycle, we are positioning our balance sheet to absorb a market downturn and still have the capacity to invest for growth
- As our leverage ratio was ~2.2x as of September 30, 2018, we lowered our target range to 2x to 2.75x in Q4 2018
- We are willing to operate temporarily above this range if attractive M&A opportunities arise

## Cash Available for Corporate Use

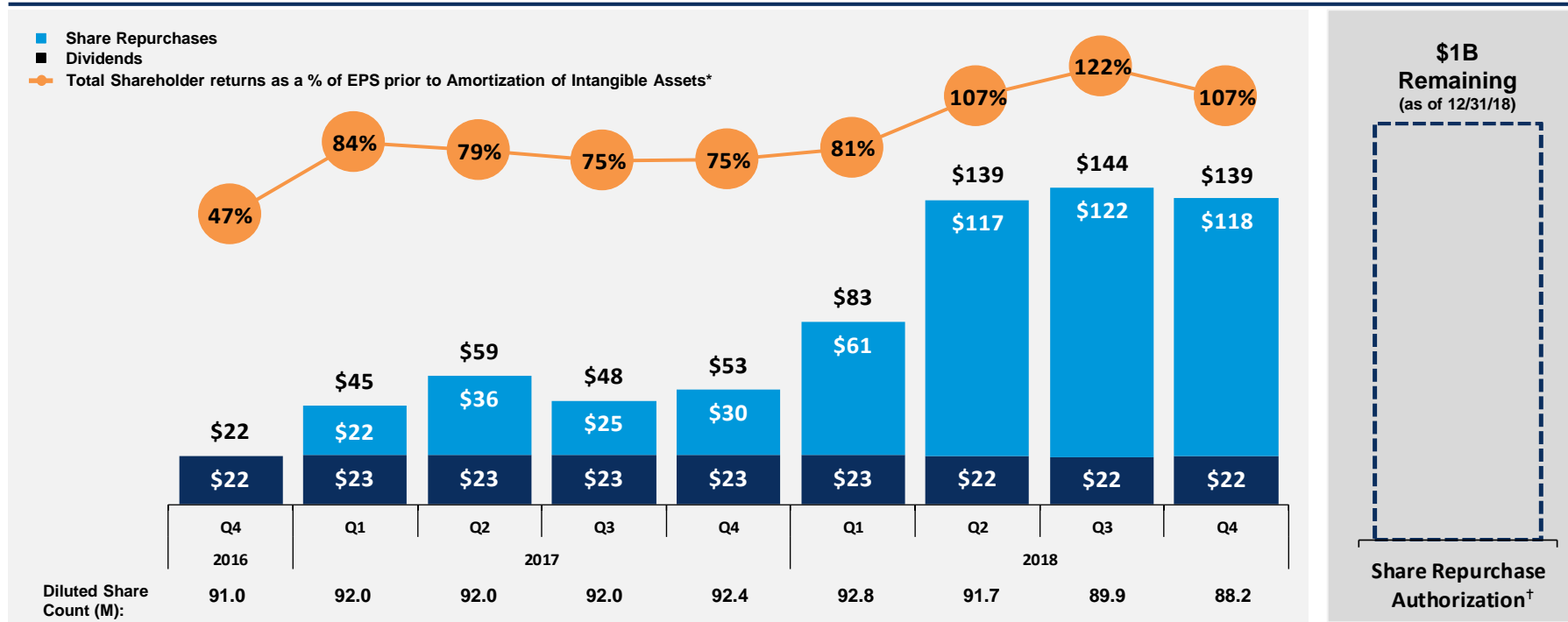


<sup>†</sup> Note that the Credit Agreement Net Leverage Ratio only applies to the Company's revolving credit facility, which was undrawn as of December 31, 2018



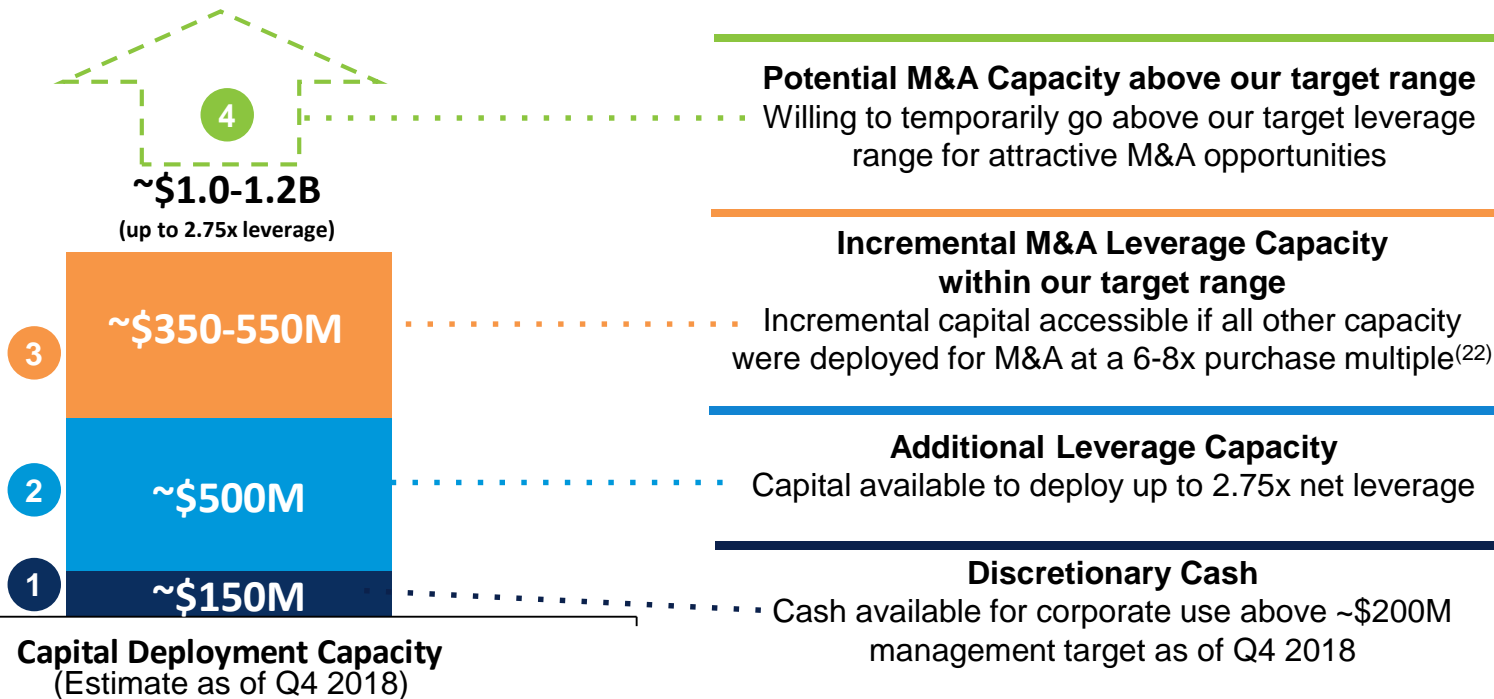
# We have increased capital returns over time and recently increased our share repurchase authorization to \$1 billion

## Shareholder Capital Returns (\$ millions)



† Increased share repurchase authorization to \$1B as of December 31, 2018

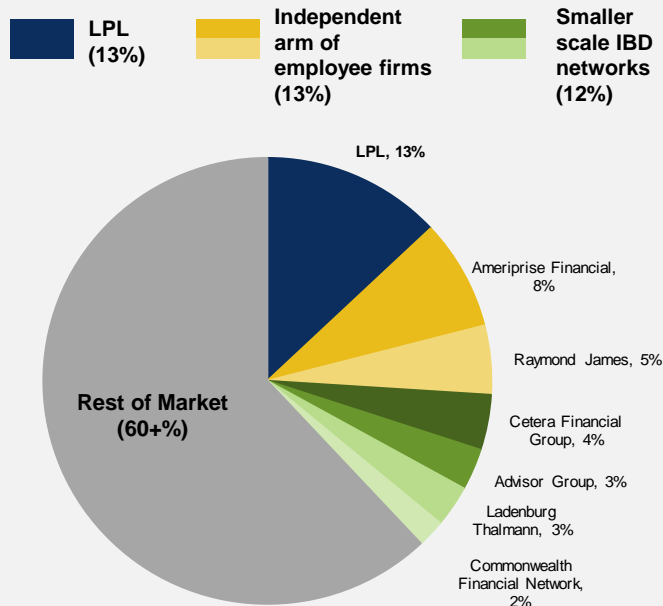
## We have a significant amount of capital deployment capacity



# Our core markets are fragmented, with potential for consolidation

## Fragmented core markets

### Share of Core Markets

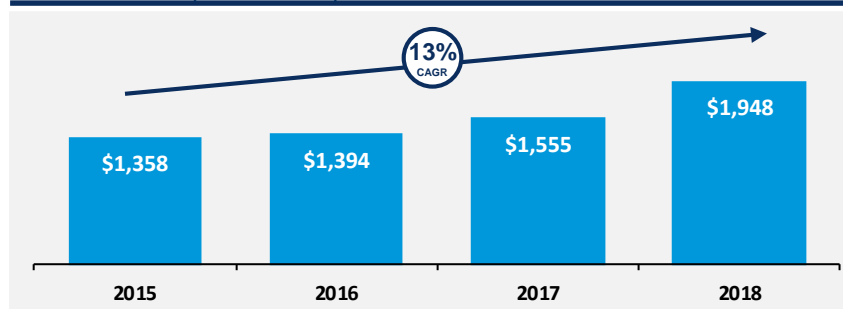


## Growth potential from consolidation

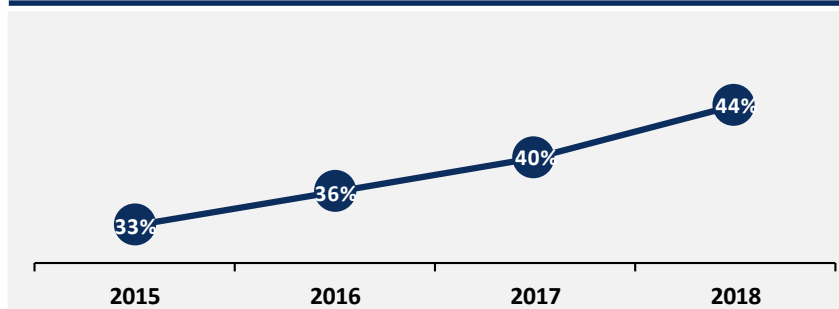
- Our scale, capabilities, and economics give us **competitive advantages in M&A**
- Our **core markets are fragmented**, with the top ~7 players comprising ~40% of the market
- **Rising cost and complexity** is making it **harder for smaller players** to compete
- Therefore, **we believe consolidation can drive value** by adding scale, increasing our capacity to invest in capabilities, and creating shareholder value
- NPH is a good example of the **potential for future accretive M&A**, so we plan to remain positioned for opportunities that may arise

# We are focused on executing our strategy and delivering results

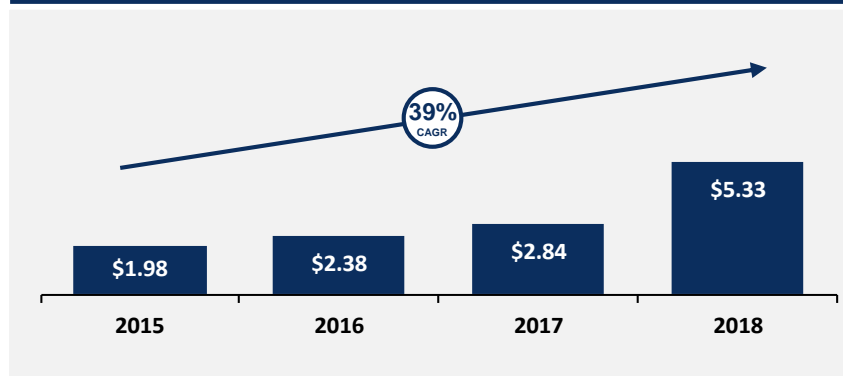
## Gross Profit (\$ millions)



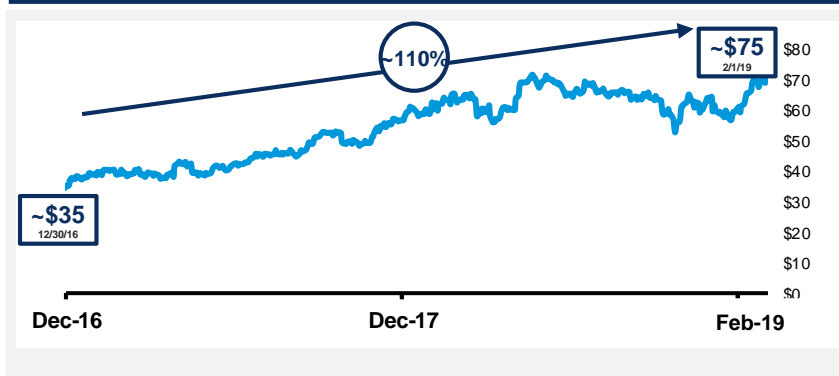
## EBITDA\* as a percent of Gross Profit\*



## EPS Prior to Amortization of Intangible Assets\* (\$)



## LPLA Stock Price



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## LPL Investment Highlights: Significant opportunities to grow and create long-term shareholder value

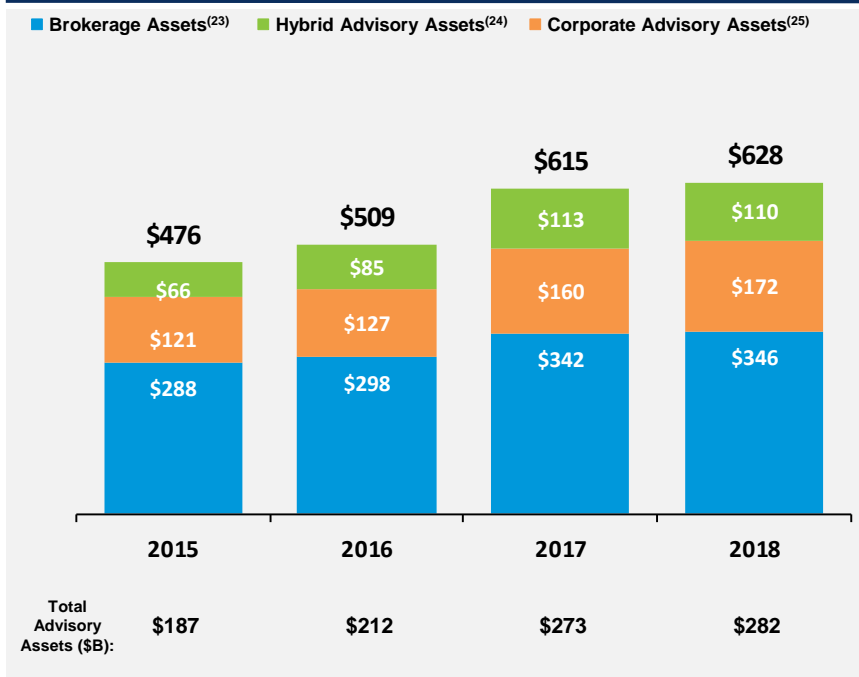
- 1 Attractive market with secular industry tailwinds**
- 2 Established market leader with scale advantages**
- 3 Organic growth opportunities through net new assets and ROA**
- 4 Positively levered to rising interest rates and equity markets**
- 5 Disciplined expense management driving operating leverage**
- 6 Capital light business model with significant capacity to deploy**
- 7 Opportunity to consolidate fragmented core markets through M&A**

# APPENDIX

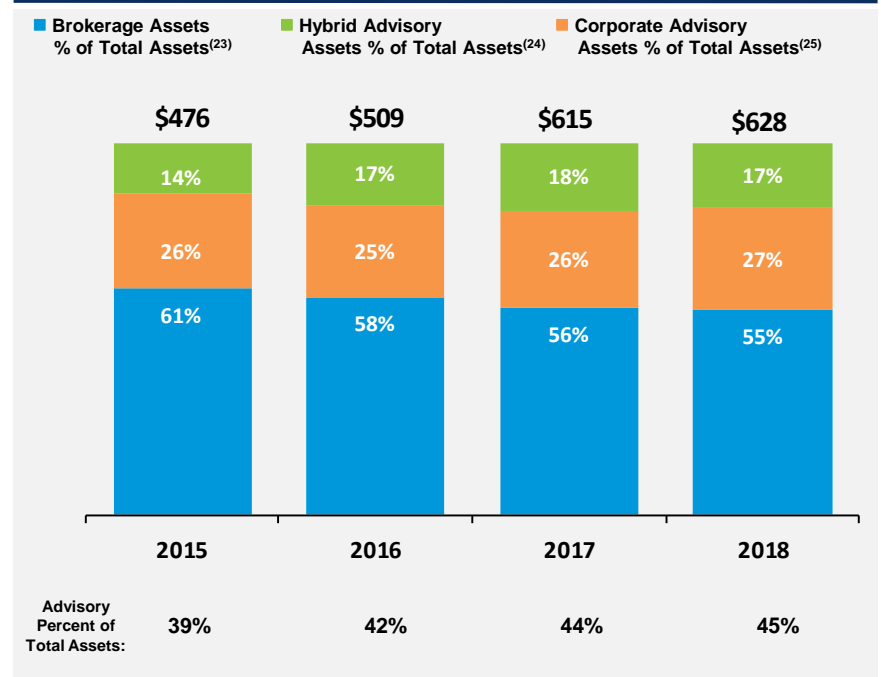
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# Total assets continue to increase driven by advisory growth

Both brokerage and advisory assets have grown over time

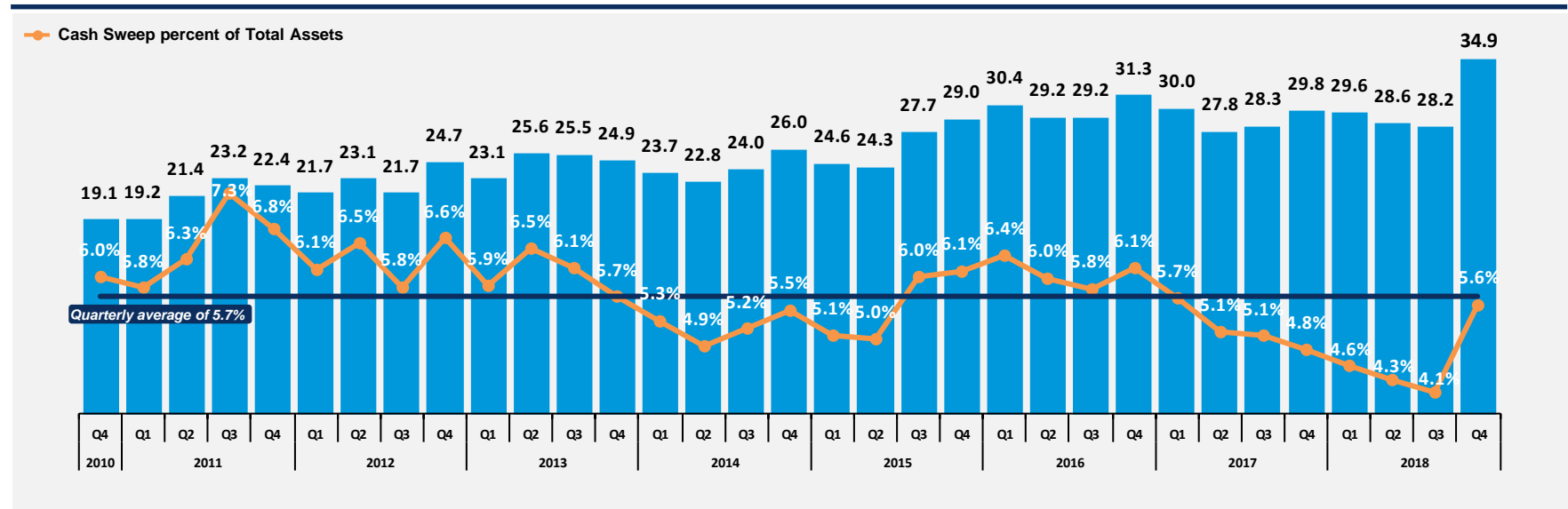


The mix of assets continues to shift towards advisory



# In Q4, client cash balance levels moved back in line with our long-term average

Cash Sweep balances (\$ billions)



Over the past decade, cash sweep as a percent of total assets has averaged ~6%, with a high of 9.6% (Q4 2008) and a low of 4.1% (Q3 2018)



## Calculation of Gross Profit

Gross profit is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please see a description of gross profit under “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” on page 3 of this presentation for additional information.

Set forth below is a calculation of Gross Profit for the periods presented on page 4 and 28:

\$ in millions	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Total Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,188</b>	<b>\$4,281</b>	<b>\$4,049</b>	<b>\$4,275</b>
Commission & Advisory Expense	3,178	2,670	2,601	2,865
Brokerage, Clearing and Exchange	63	57	55	53
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$1,948</b>	<b>\$1,555</b>	<b>\$1,394</b>	<b>\$1,358</b>

# Reconciliation of Core G&A to Total Operating Expense

Core G&A is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please see a description of Core G&A under “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” on page 3 of this presentation for additional information.

Below are reconciliations of Core G&A to the Company’s total operating expenses for the periods presented on page 20, and of Core G&A, prior to the impact of the acquisitions of NPH and AdvisoryWorld, against the Company’s total operating expense for the same periods:

\$ in millions	2018	2017	2016	2015
Core G&A	\$819	\$727	\$700	\$695
Regulatory charges	32	21	17	34
Promotional	209	172	149	139
Employee share-based compensation	23	19	20	23
Other historical adjustments	-	-	-	13
<b>Total G&amp;A</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>938</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>904</b>
Commissions and advisory	3,178	2,670	2,601	2,865
Depreciation & amortization	88	84	76	73
Amortization of intangible assets	60	38	38	38
Brokerage, clearing and exchange	63	57	55	53
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>\$4,471</b>	<b>\$3,787</b>	<b>\$3,655</b>	<b>\$3,933</b>

\$ in millions	2018	2017
Core G&A	\$819	\$727
NPH related Core G&A	65	15
AdvisoryWorld related Core G&A	2	0
<b>Total Core G&amp;A prior to NPH and AdvisoryWorld</b>	<b>\$752</b>	<b>\$712</b>

## Reconciliation of Net Income to EBITDA

EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please see a description of EBITDA under “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” on page 3 of this presentation for additional information.

Below are reconciliations of the Company’s net income to EBITDA for the periods presented on page 4:

\$ in millions	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$439</b>	<b>\$239</b>	<b>\$192</b>	<b>\$169</b>
Non-operating interest expense	125	107	96	59
Provision for Income Taxes	153	126	106	114
Depreciation and amortization	88	84	76	73
Amortization of intangible assets	60	38	38	38
Loss on Extinguishment of debt	-	22	-	-
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$866</b>	<b>\$616</b>	<b>\$508</b>	<b>\$453</b>

# Reconciliation of Net Income to Credit Agreement EBITDA

Credit Agreement EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please see a description of Credit Agreement EBITDA under “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” on page 3 of this presentation for additional information.

Set forth below is a reconciliation from the Company’s net income to Credit Agreement EBITDA for the trailing twelve months ended December 31, 2018:

\$ in millions	Q4 '18 LTM
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$439</b>
Non-operating interest expense	125
Provision for Income Taxes	153
Depreciation and amortization	88
Amortization of intangible assets	60
Loss on Extinguishment of debt	-
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$866</b>
<b>Credit Agreement Adjustments</b>	
Employee share-based compensation expense	23
Advisor share-based compensation expense	6
NPH run-rate EBITDA accretion(1)	92
Realized NPH EBITDA Offset(2)	(76)
NPH onboarding costs	42
Other(3)	16
<b>Credit Agreement EBITDA TTM(4)</b>	<b>\$969</b>

Credit Agreement Adjustments include:

- (1) Estimated potential future cost savings, operating expense reductions or other synergies included in Credit Agreement EBITDA in accordance with the Credit Agreement relating to the acquisition of NPH. Such amounts do not represent actual performance and there can be no assurance that any such cost savings, operating expense reductions or other synergies will be realized.
- (2) Represents portion of Credit Agreement EBITDA that management estimates to be attributable to the NPH Acquisition, which is added back to offset NPH run-rate EBITDA accretion, in accordance with the Credit Agreement.
- (3) Items that are adjustable in accordance with the Credit Agreement to calculate Credit Agreement EBITDA, including employee severance costs, employee signing costs, employee retention or completion bonuses, and other non-recurring costs.
- (4) Under the Credit Agreement, management calculates Credit Agreement EBITDA for a four-quarter period at the end of each fiscal quarter, and in so doing may make further adjustments to prior quarters.

# Reconciliation of EPS Prior to Amortization of Intangible Assets to GAAP EPS

EPS Prior to Amortization of Intangible Assets is a non-GAAP financial measure. Please see a description of EPS Prior to Amortization of Intangible Assets under “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” on page 3 of this presentation for additional information.

Below are the following reconciliations of EPS Prior to Amortization of Intangibles to GAAP EPS for the periods presented on pages 4 and 28 of this presentation.

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>GAAP EPS</b>	<b>\$4.85</b>	<b>\$2.59</b>	<b>\$2.13</b>	<b>\$1.74</b>
Amortization of Intangible Assets (\$ millions)	60	38	38	38
Tax Expense (\$ millions)	(17)	(15)	(15)	(15)
Amortization of Intangible Assets Net of Tax (\$ millions)	43	23	23	23
Diluted Share Count (millions)	88	92	90	97
EPS Impact	0.48	0.25	0.26	0.24
<b>EPS Prior to Amortization of Intangible Assets</b>	<b>\$5.33</b>	<b>\$2.84</b>	<b>\$2.38</b>	<b>\$1.98</b>

# Endnotes

- (1) Based on total revenues, Financial Planning magazine June 1996-2018.
- (2) Represents the estimated total brokerage and advisory assets expected to transition to the Company's broker-dealer subsidiary, LPL Financial LLC ("LPL Financial"), associated with advisors who transferred their licenses to LPL Financial during the period. The estimate is based on prior business reported by the advisors, which has not been independently and fully verified by LPL Financial. The actual transition of assets to LPL Financial generally occurs over several quarters including the initial quarter of the transition, and the actual amount transitioned may vary from the estimate.
- (3) The Company calculates its Net Leverage Ratio in accordance with the terms of its credit agreement.
- (4) The Company's market share was calculated excluding the estimated ~\$135B of retirement plan assets that LPL Financial advisors advise.
- (5) ~\$1 Tr does not include \$1 Tr of assets custodied with proprietary bank B/Ds (e.g. Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, etc.)
- (6) Consists of total client deposits into advisory accounts less total client withdrawals from advisory accounts. The Company considers conversions to and from advisory accounts as deposits and withdrawals respectively. Annualized growth is calculated as the current period Net New Advisory Assets divided by preceding period total Advisory Assets, multiplied by four.
- (7) Consists of total client deposits into brokerage accounts less total client withdrawals from brokerage accounts. The Company considers conversions to and from brokerage accounts as deposits and withdrawals respectively. Annualized growth is calculated as the current period Net New Brokerage Assets divided by preceding period total Brokerage Assets, multiplied by four.
- (8) Consists of existing custodied assets that converted from brokerage to advisory, less existing custodied assets that converted from advisory to brokerage. This included \$0.2 billion of assets from NPH in Q4 2017, and \$0.3 billion of assets from NPH in each Q1 and Q2 2018.
- (9) Reflects retention of commission and advisory revenues, calculated by deducting the prior year production of the annualized year-to-date attrition rate, over the prior year total production
- (10) Consists of total brokerage and advisory assets under custody at LPL Financial.
- (11) Consists of total client deposits into advisory accounts on LPL Financial's independent advisory platform less total client withdrawals from advisory accounts on its independent advisory platform. Annualized growth is calculated as the current period Net New Hybrid Advisory Assets divided by the preceding period total Hybrid Advisory Assets, multiplied by four.
- (12) Consists of total client deposits into advisory accounts on LPL Financial's corporate advisory platform less total client withdrawals from advisory accounts on its corporate advisory platform. Annualized growth is calculated as the current period Net New Corporate Advisory Assets divided by the preceding period total Corporate Advisory Assets, multiplied by four.
- (13) Represents those Advisory Assets in LPL Financial's Model Wealth Portfolios, Optimum Market Portfolios, Personal Wealth Portfolios, and Guided Wealth Portfolios platforms.
- (14) Consists of total client deposits into Centrally Managed Assets (see FN13) accounts less total client withdrawals from Centrally Managed Assets accounts. Annualized growth is calculated as the current period Net New Centrally Managed Assets divided by the preceding period total Centrally Managed Assets, multiplied by four.
- (15) Represents annualized Gross Profit\* for the period, divided by average month-end Total Brokerage and Advisory Assets for the period.
- (16) Consists of revenues from the Company's sponsorship programs with financial product manufacturers and omnibus processing and networking services, but does not include fees from cash sweep programs. Other asset-based revenues are a component of asset-based revenues and are derived from the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.
- (17) Calculated by dividing cash sweep revenue for the period by the average client cash sweep balance during the period.
- (18) Average duration is calculated as the weighted average life of the fixed rate contracts.
- (19) Represents the average month-end Total Brokerage and Advisory Assets for the period.
- (20) Represents annualized operating expenses for the period, excluding production-related expense (OPEX), divided by average month-end Total Brokerage and Advisory Assets for the period. Production-related expense includes commissions and advisory expense and brokerage, clearing and exchange expense. For purposes of this metric, operating expenses includes Core G&A\*, Regulatory, Promotional, Employee Share Based Compensation, Depreciation & Amortization, and Amortization of Intangible Assets.
- (21) Calculated as Gross Profit ROA less OPEX ROA.
- (22) Additional leverage capacity is assumed to be generated by acquired EBITDA from an M&A opportunity at a 6-8x purchase multiple for which capital was deployed up to 2.75x net leverage.
- (23) Consists of brokerage assets serviced by advisors licensed with the LPL Financial.
- (24) Consists of total assets on LPL Financial's independent advisory platform serviced by investment advisor representatives of separate investment advisor firms ("Hybrid RIAs"), rather than of LPL Financial.
- (25) Consists of total assets on LPL Financial's corporate advisory platform serviced by investment advisor representatives of LPL Financial.