

QUARTERLY MARKET REVIEW

Q4

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QUARTERLY TOPIC:

All-Time-High Anxiety

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Investors are often conflicted about record-high stock prices. They are pleased to see their existing equity holdings gain in value but apprehensive that higher prices somehow foreshadow a dramatic downturn in the future. And they may be reluctant to make new purchases since the traditional “buy low, sell high” mantra suggests committing funds to stocks at an all-time high is a surefire recipe for disappointment.

Financial journalists periodically stoke investors’ record-high anxiety by suggesting the laws of physics apply to financial markets—that what goes up must come down. “Stocks Head Back to Earth,” read a headline in the Wall Street Journal in 2012.¹ “Weird Science: Wall Street Repeals Law of Gravity,” Barron’s put it in 2017.² And a Los Angeles Times reporter had a similar take last year, noting that low interest rates have “helped stock and bond markets defy gravity.”³

Those who find such observations alarming will likely shy away from purchasing stocks at record highs. But shares are not heavy objects kept aloft through strenuous effort. They are perpetual claim tickets on companies’ earnings and dividends. Thousands of business managers go to work every day seeking projects that appear to offer profitable returns on capital while providing goods and services people desire. Although some new ideas and the firms behind them end in failure, history offers abundant evidence that investors around the world can be rewarded for the capital they provide.

1. Jonathan Cheng and Christian Berthelsen, “Stocks Head Back to Earth,” Wall Street Journal, February 11, 2012.

2. Kopin Tan, “Weird Science: Wall Street Repeals Law of Gravity,” Barron’s, August 7, 2017.

3. Russ Mitchell, “Tesla’s Insane Stock Price Makes Sense in a Market Gone Mad,” Los Angeles Times, July 22, 2020.

Whether at a new high or a new low, today’s share price reflects investors’ collective judgment of what tomorrow’s earnings and dividends are likely to be—and those of all the tomorrows to come. And every day, stocks must be priced to deliver a positive expected return for the buyer. Otherwise, no trade would take place. It’s difficult to imagine a scenario where investors freely invest in stocks with the expectation of losing money.

Investors should treat record high prices with neither excitement nor alarm, but rather indifference. If stocks have a positive expected return, reaching record highs with some frequency is exactly the outcome we would expect. Using month-end data over the 94-year period ending in 2020, the S&P 500 Index produced a new high in ending wealth in more than 30% of those monthly observations. Moreover, purchasing shares at all-time records has, on average, generated similar returns over subsequent one-, three-, and five-year periods to those of a strategy that purchases stocks following a sharp decline, as **Exhibit 1** shows.

EXHIBIT 1. ALL RISE

Average annualized returns for S&P 500 Index after market highs and declines

	1 year later	3 years later	5 years later
After new market high	13.9%	10.5%	9.9%
After 20% market decline	11.6%	9.9%	9.6%

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Humans are conditioned to think that after the rise must come the fall, tempting us to fiddle with our portfolios. But the data suggest such signals only exist in our imagination and that our efforts to improve results will just as likely penalize them.

Investors should take comfort knowing that share prices are not fighting the forces of gravity when they move higher and have confidence that record highs only tell us the system is working just as we would expect—nothing more.

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Quarterly Market Review

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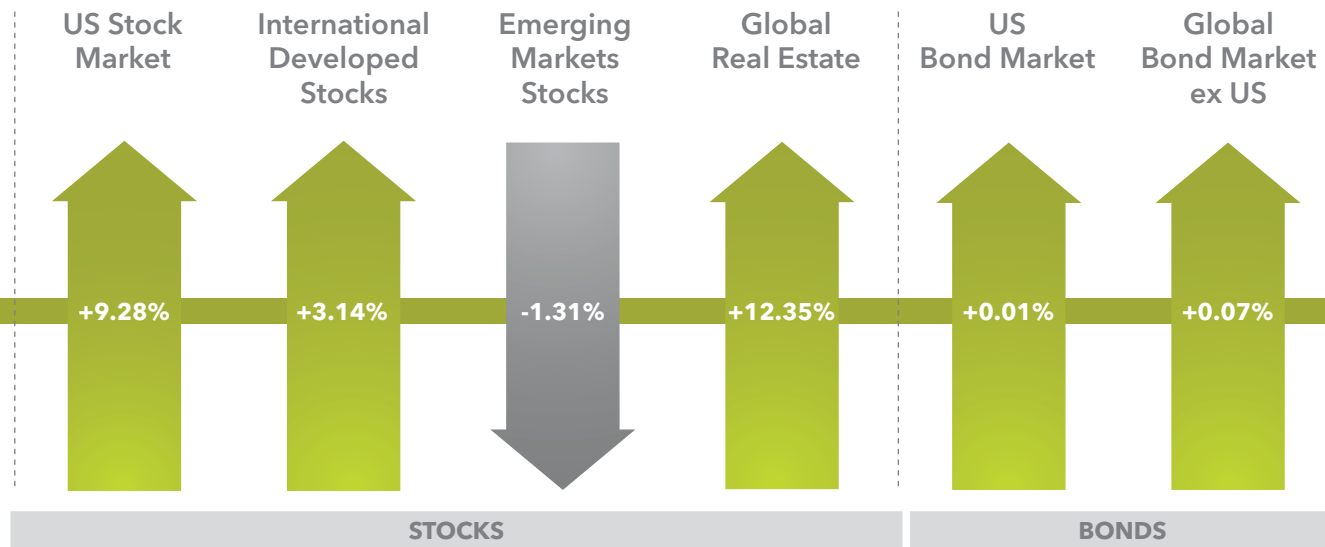
Global Fixed Income

This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

Quarterly Market Summary: Index Returns

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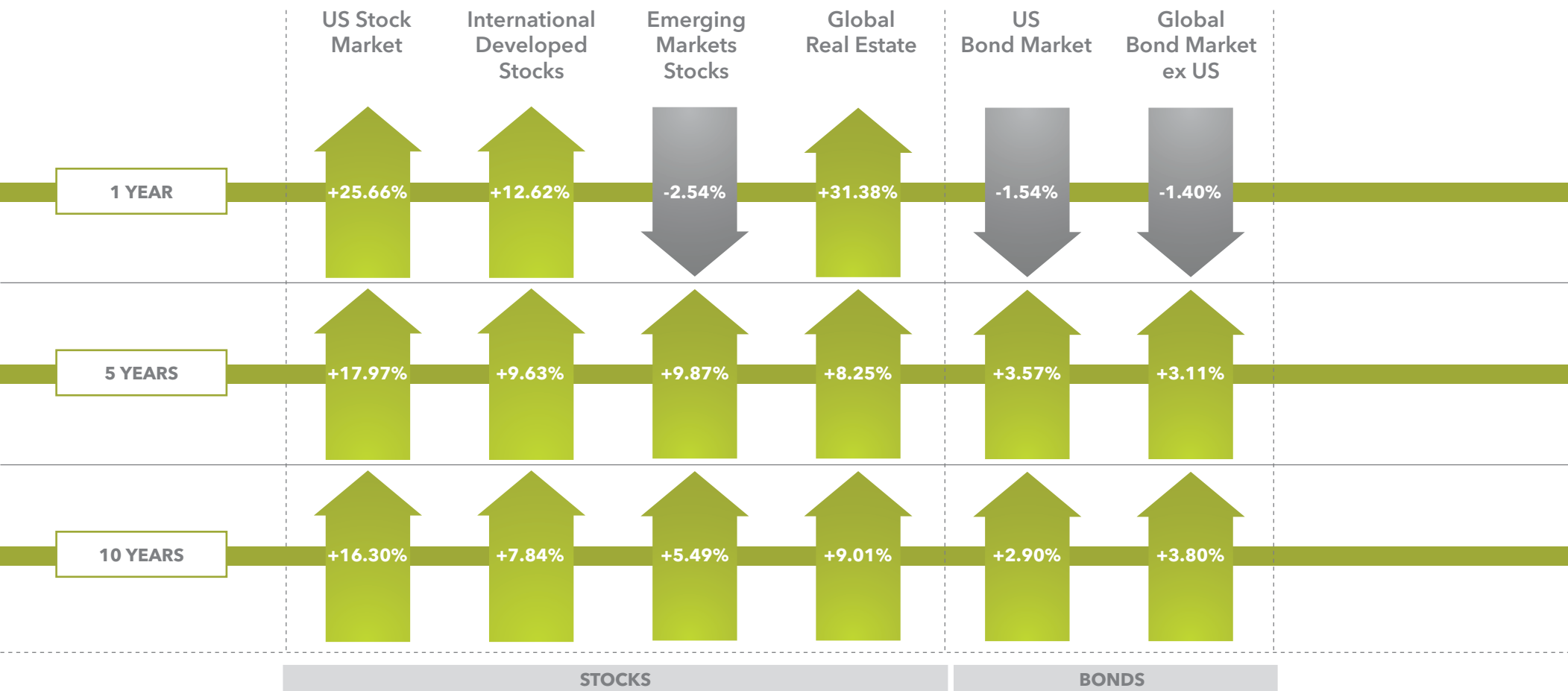
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.5%	1.7%	2.9%	2.7%	1.1%	1.1%
Best Quarter	22.0% Q2 2020	25.9% Q2 2009	34.7% Q2 2009	32.3% Q3 2009	4.6% Q3 2001	4.6% Q4 2008
Worst Quarter	-22.8% Q4 2008	-23.3% Q1 2020	-27.6% Q4 2008	-36.1% Q4 2008	-3.4% Q1 2021	-2.7% Q2 2015

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Long-Term Market Summary: Index Returns

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021



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Impact of Diversification: Index Returns

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

These indices illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)

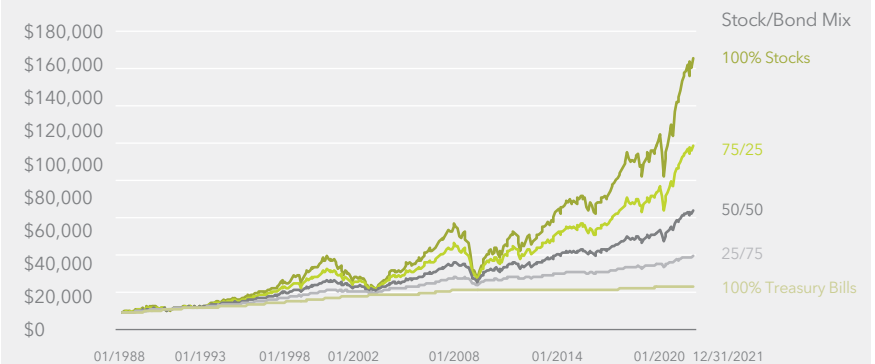
100% Stocks	6.77
75/25	5.08
50/50	3.40
25/75	1.71
100% Treasury Bills	0.02

Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	10-Year STDEV ¹
100% Stocks	19.04%	20.97%	14.97%	12.44%	13.18%
75/25	14.09%	15.94%	11.57%	9.53%	9.88%
50/50	9.27%	10.90%	8.10%	6.57%	6.58%
25/75	4.59%	5.87%	4.59%	3.58%	3.28%
100% Treasury Bills	0.04%	0.87%	1.04%	0.55%	0.23%

* Annualized

Growth of Wealth: The Relationship Between Risk and Return



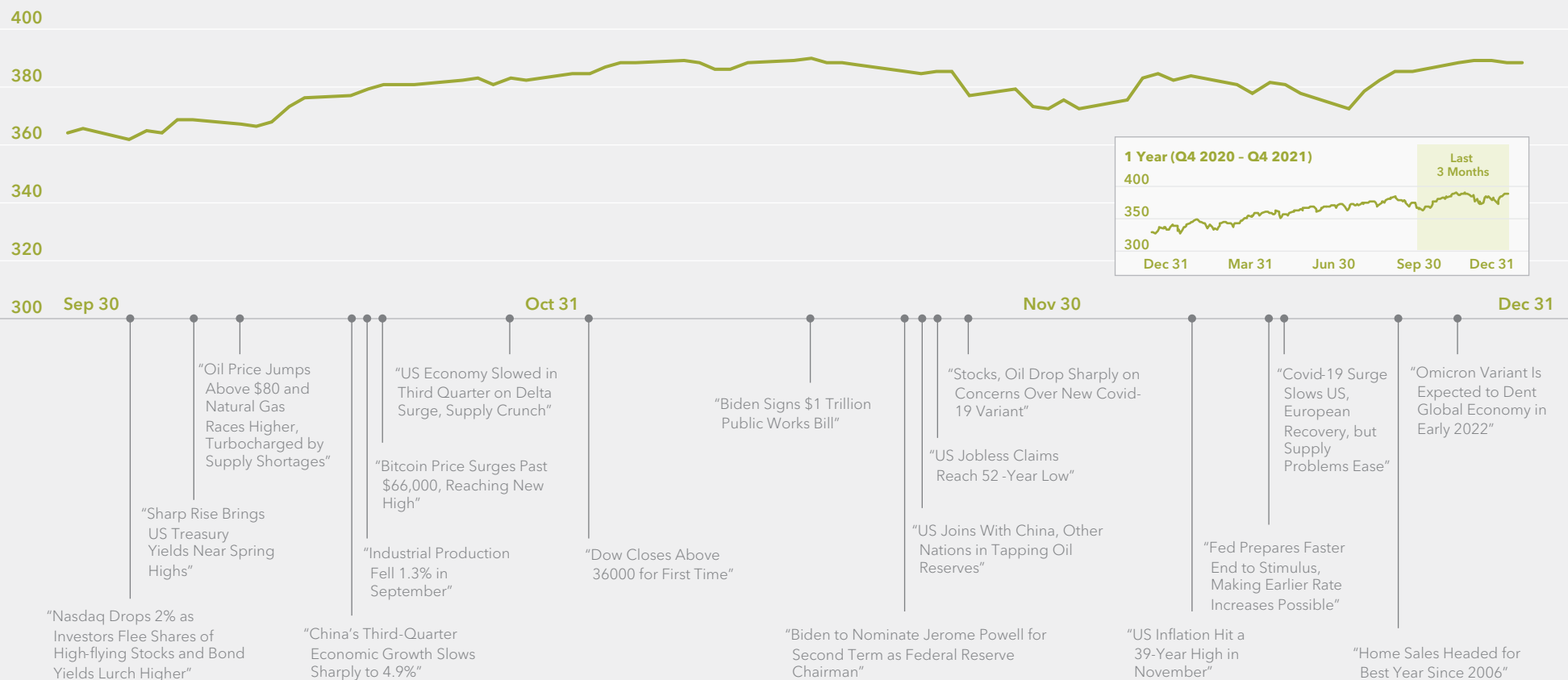
1. STDEV (standard deviation) is a measure of the variation or dispersion of a set of data points. Standard deviations are often used to quantify the historical return volatility of a security or portfolio.

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World Stock Market Performance: Selected Headlines

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MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q4 2021



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World Stock Market Performance: Selected Headlines

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Short Term (Q4 2020-Q4 2021)

MSCI All Country World Index with Selected Headlines From Past 12 months

400

380

360

340

320

300 Dec 31

Mar 31

Jun 30

Sep 30

Dec 31

"Biden Takes Office as 46th President"

"Bitcoin Trades Above \$50,000 for First Time"

"Yield on 30-year Treasury Hits 2% for First Time Since Pandemic"

"Small Stocks Widen Their Lead; Russell 2000 Up 15% This Year"

"US Added 916,000 Jobs in March as Hiring Accelerated"

"CDC: Fully Vaccinated People Can Stop Wearing Face Masks, End Physical Distancing in Most Settings"

"US Inflation Is Highest in 13 Years as Prices Surge 5%"

"US Existing-Home Prices Hit Record High in May"

"Stock Markets Cruise to Records in First Half"

"US Oil Tops \$75 for First Time Since 2018"

"CDC Urges Vaccinated People to Resume Wearing Masks Indoors in Some Areas"

"Eurozone Inflation Hits Decade High as Bottlenecks Bite"

"US Orders for Durable Goods Hit A Record"

"Nasdaq Drops 2% as Investors Flee Shares of High-flying Stocks and Bond Yields Lurch Higher"

"Biden to Nominate Jerome Powell for Second Term as Fed Chairman"

"US Inflation Hit a 39-Year High in November"

"In a Wild Year for Markets, Stocks Pull Off Big Gains"



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US Stocks: Index Returns

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The US equity market posted positive returns for the year and outperformed non-US developed and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth in large cap stocks but outperformed growth in small cap stocks.

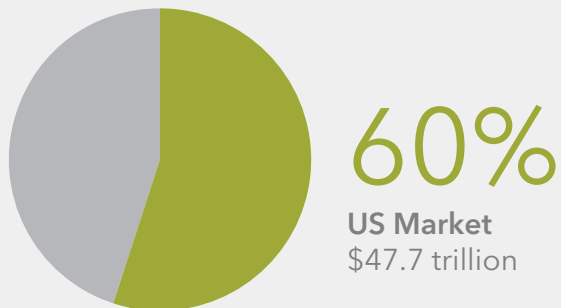
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)

Large Growth	11.64
Large Cap	9.78
Marketwide	9.28
Large Value	7.77
Small Value	4.36
Small Cap	2.14
Small Growth	0.01

World Market Capitalization–US



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Large Growth	11.64	27.60	34.08	25.32	19.79
Large Cap	9.78	26.45	26.21	18.43	16.54
Marketwide	9.28	25.66	25.79	17.97	16.30
Large Value	7.77	25.16	17.64	11.16	12.97
Small Value	4.36	28.27	17.99	9.07	12.03
Small Cap	2.14	14.82	20.02	12.02	13.23
Small Growth	0.01	2.83	21.17	14.53	14.14

* Annualized

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International Developed Stocks: Index Returns

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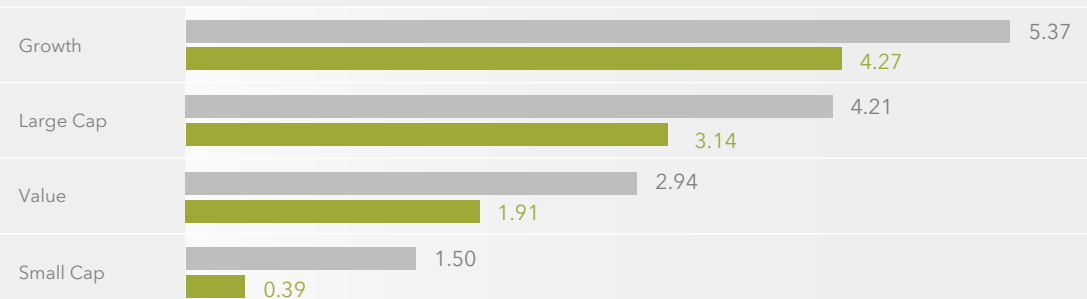
Developed markets outside the US posted positive returns for the year, underperforming US equities but outperforming emerging markets equities.

Value outperformed growth.

Small caps underperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)

■ US Currency ■ Local Currency



World Market Capitalization–International Developed

29%

International
Developed
Market
\$22.8 trillion



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Growth	4.27	11.57	19.11	13.37	9.66
Large Cap	3.14	12.62	14.07	9.63	7.84
Value	1.91	13.26	8.66	5.69	5.83
Small Cap	0.39	11.14	16.27	11.03	9.99

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Emerging Markets Stocks: Index Returns

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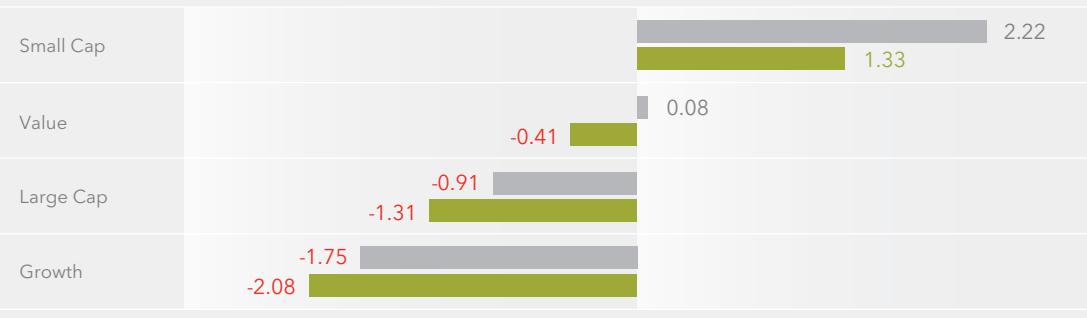
Emerging markets fell 2.5% for the year, underperforming both US and non-US developed equity markets.

Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)

■ US Currency ■ Local Currency



World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets

11%

Emerging
Markets
\$9.0 trillion



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	1.33	18.75	16.46	11.47	7.42
Value	-0.41	4.00	7.08	7.02	3.31
Large Cap	-1.31	-2.54	10.94	9.87	5.49
Growth	-2.08	-8.41	14.60	12.55	7.52

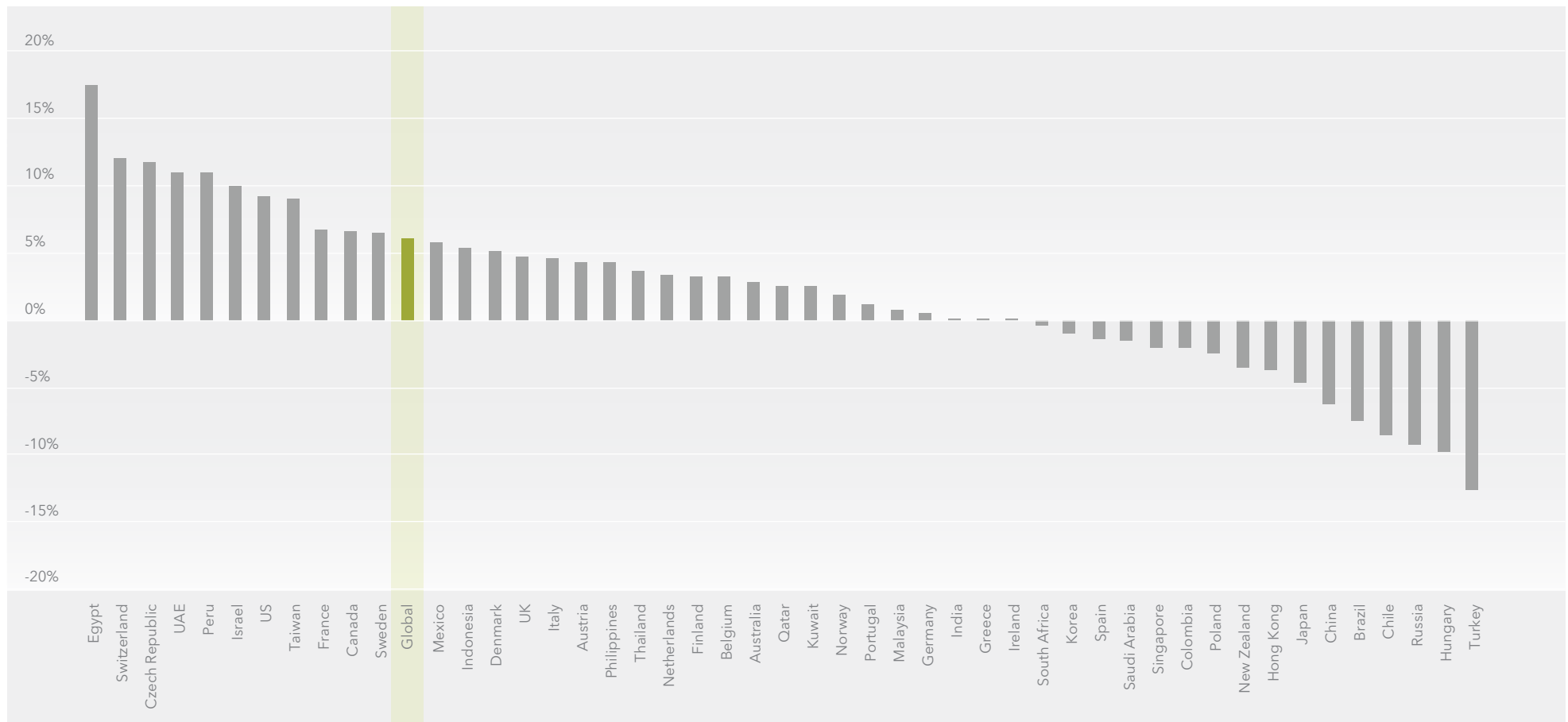
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Country Returns: Index Returns

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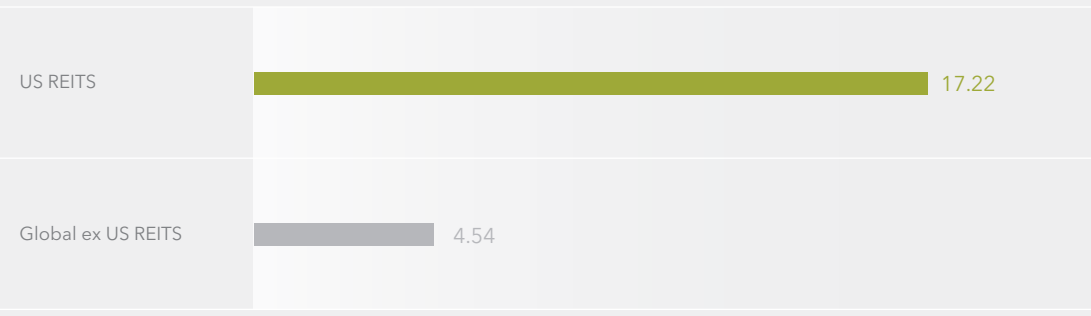
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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs): Index Returns

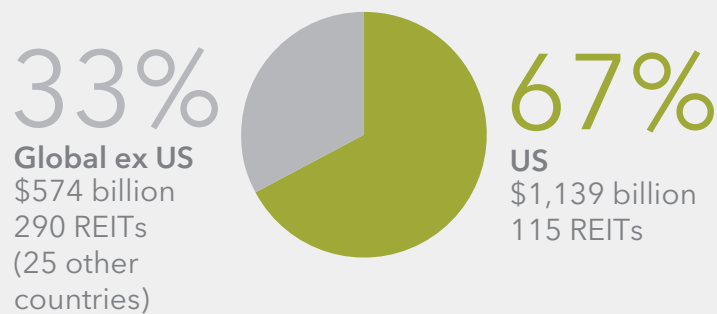
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US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the year.

Ranked Returns for the Quarter (%)



Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
US REITS	17.22	45.91	16.84	9.65	10.70
Global ex US REITS	4.54	12.70	7.79	6.04	7.17

* Annualized

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Number of REIT stocks and total value based on the two indices. All index returns are net of withholding tax on dividends. Total value of REIT stocks represented by Dow Jones US Select REIT Index and the S&P Global ex US REIT Index. Dow Jones US Select REIT Index used as proxy for the US market, and S&P Global ex US REIT Index used as proxy for the World ex US market. Dow Jones and S&P data © 2022 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.

Fixed Income: Index Returns

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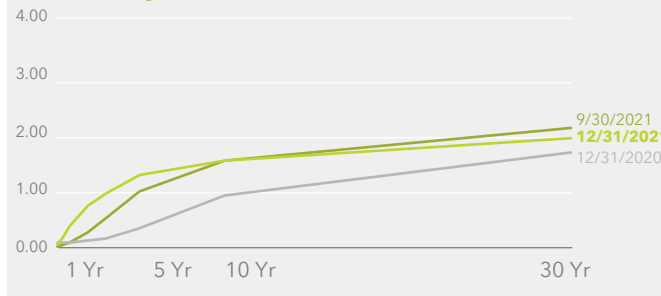
Interest rate movements in the US Treasury fixed income market were mixed during the fourth quarter. The yield on the 5-year US Treasury note increased 28 basis points (bps) to 1.26%. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury note remained unchanged at 1.52%. The 30-year US Treasury bond yield decreased 18 bps to 1.90%.

On the short end of the yield curve, the 1-month US Treasury bill yield decreased 1 basis point, ending at 0.06%, while the 1-year US Treasury bill yield increased 30 bps to 0.39%. The 2-year US Treasury note yield increased 45 bps to 0.73%.

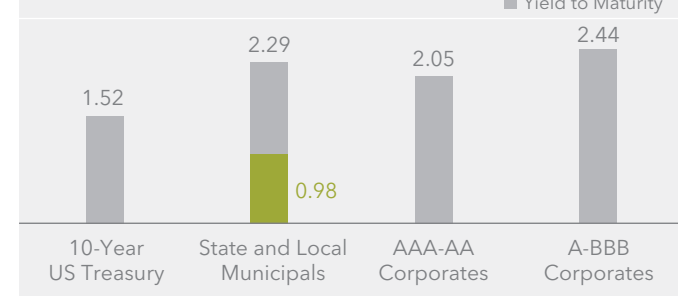
In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds lost 0.68%. Intermediate-term corporate bonds declined 0.56%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was -0.05%, while intermediate-term municipal bonds gained 0.27%. Revenue bonds performed in line with general obligation bonds.

US Treasury Yield Curve (%)



Bond Yields Across Different Issuers (%)



Period Returns (%)

Asset Class	QTR	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg US Government Bond Index Long	3.05	-4.57	8.78	6.53	4.53
Bloomberg US TIPS Index	2.36	5.96	8.44	5.34	3.09
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	0.72	1.52	4.73	4.17	3.72
Bloomberg US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	0.71	5.28	8.83	6.30	6.83
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	0.01	-1.54	4.79	3.57	2.90
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.01	0.05	0.99	1.14	0.63
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	-0.18	-0.07	1.55	1.42	0.86
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	-0.52	-0.80	2.07	1.89	1.66
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-1.41	-4.43	1.38	1.79	-0.33

* Annualized

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Government bond yield movements in the global developed markets were mixed for the quarter. Interest rates in many global developed markets increased along the shorter end but decreased along the longer end of their respective curves.

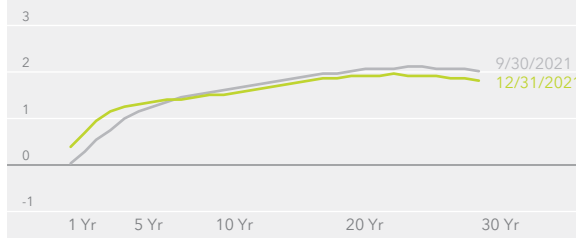
Term premiums were mixed in developed markets. Long-term bonds were generally the best performers, and intermediate-term bonds were generally the worst performers.

Short- and intermediate-term nominal interest rates were negative in Japan and Germany.

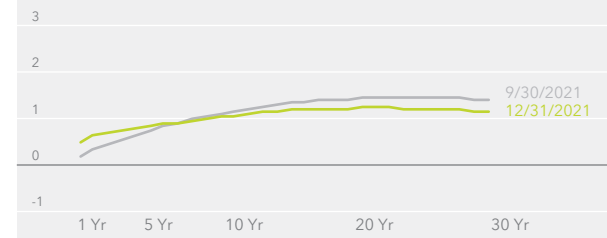
Changes in Yields (bps) since 9/30/2021

	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	33.3	26.5	-6.0	-10.8	-20.8
UK	28.9	13.3	-5.1	-19.2	-26.4
Germany	2.2	7.3	0.8	-12.1	-12.0
Japan	2.1	0.1	1.2	3.3	1.8
Canada	39.3	14.0	-7.4	-23.6	-32.0
Australia	28.3	53.6	20.6	5.7	1.0

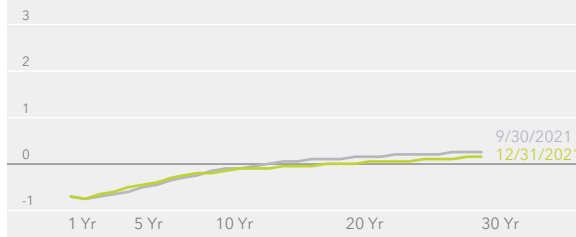
US (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



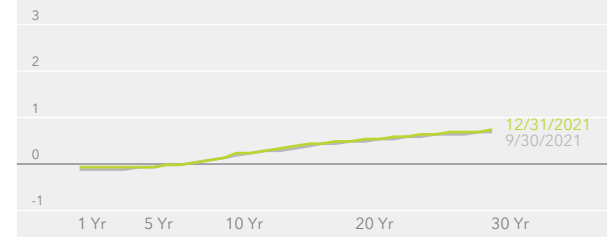
UK (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



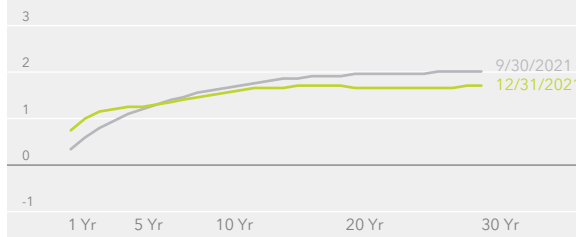
Germany (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



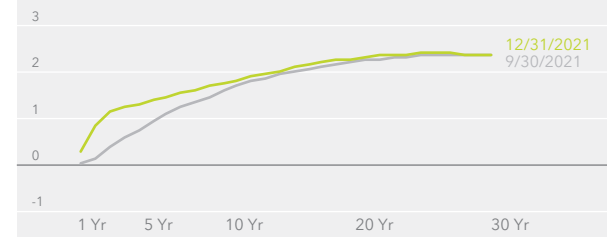
Japan (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



Canada (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



Australia (Yield % vs Years to Maturity)



One basis point (bps) equals 0.01%. Source: ICE BofA government yield. ICE BofA index data © 2022 ICE Data Indices, LLC.

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