Guide to the Markets®

U.S. | 4Q 2021 | As of September 30, 2021
Dividend yield is calculated as consensus estimates of dividends for the next 12 months, divided by most recent price, as provided by Compustat.

Forward price-to-earnings ratio is a bottom-up calculation based on J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates. Returns are cumulative and based on S&P 500 Index price movement only, and do not include the reinvestment of dividends. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

S&P 500 Index: Forward P/E ratio

Valuation measure | Description                     | Latest | 25-year avg.* | Std. dev. Over-/under-valued |
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P/E              | Forward P/E                     | 20.31x| 16.78x        | 1.06                        |
CAPE             | Shiller’s P/E                   | 36.96 | 27.83         | 1.44                        |
Div. Yield       | Dividend yield                  | 1.47% | 2.01%         | 1.64                        |
P/B              | Price to book                   | 4.09  | 3.07          | 1.29                        |
P/CF             | Price to cash flow              | 15.28 | 11.05         | 2.01                        |
EY Spread        | EY minus Baa yield              | 1.56% | 0.13%         | -0.72                       |

Price-to-earnings is price divided by consensus analyst estimates of earnings per share for the next 12 months as provided by IBES since September 1996. Current next 12-months consensus earnings estimates are $214. Average P/E and standard deviations are calculated using 25 years of IBES history. Shiller’s P/E uses trailing 10-years of inflation-adjusted earnings as reported by companies. Dividend yield is calculated as the next 12-months consensus dividend divided by most recent price. Price-to-book ratio is the price divided by book value per share. Price-to-cash flow is price divided by NTM cash flow. EY minus Baa yield is the forward earnings yield (consensus analyst estimates of EPS over the next 12 months divided by price) minus the Moody’s Baa seasoned corporate bond yield. Std. dev. over-/under-valued is calculated using the average and standard deviation over 25 years for each measure. *P/CF is a 20-year average due to cash flow availability.

Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor’s, Thomson Reuters, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are 12-month and 60-month annualized total returns, measured monthly, beginning 8/31/96. \( R^2 \) represents the percent of total variation in total returns that can be explained by forward price-to-earnings ratios. Price-to-earnings is price divided by consensus analyst estimates of earnings per share for the next 12 months as provided by IBES since July 1996, and J.P. Morgan Asset Management for September 30, 2021. 

Corporate profits and sources of total return

S&P 500 earnings per share
Index annual operating earnings

Percent change in S&P 500, earnings and valuations
Year-to-date, indexed to 100

Source: FactSet, Compustat, Standard & Poor’s, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Historical EPS levels are based on annual operating earnings per share. Earnings estimates are based on estimates from Standard & Poor’s and FactSet Market Aggregates. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.

Sources of earnings per share growth

S&P 500 year-over-year operating EPS growth
Annual growth broken into revenue, changes in profit margin & changes in share count

Share of EPS growth  
2021*  Avg. ’01-20

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S&P 500 profit margins
Quarterly operating earnings/sales

Labor share of income and profit margins*
Compensation and adjusted after-tax corporate profits, SAAR

Source: BEA, Compustat, FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. *Labor share of income and profit margins are shown on a 4-quarter moving average basis.

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Value vs. Growth relative valuations
Rel. fwd. P/E ratio of Value vs. Growth, z-score, Dec. 1997 - present

S&P 500 sector earnings correlation to real GDP
1Q 2009 - 2Q 2021

Growth is represented by the Russell 1000 Growth Index and Value is represented by the Russell 1000 Value Index. *Communication services correlation is since 3Q13 and based on backtested data by JPMAM.
The top 10 S&P 500 companies are based on the 10 largest index constituents at the beginning of each month. The weight of each of these companies is revised monthly. As of 9/30/21, the top 10 companies in the index were AAPL (6.1%), MSFT (5.8%), AMZN (3.9%), FB (2.2%), GOOGL (2.2%), GOOG (2.1%), TSLA (1.7%), BRK.B (1.4%), NVDA (1.4%), JPM (1.3%), and JNJ (1.2%). The remaining stocks represent the rest of the 494 companies in the S&P 500.

S&P 500 valuation dispersion

Valuation dispersion between the 20th and 80th percentile of S&P 500 stocks

Source: Compustat, FactSet, Standard & Poor’s, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

### Returns and valuations by style

#### 10-year annualized

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### Returns and valuations by sector

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The MSCI High Dividend Yield Index aims to offer a higher dividend yield than average for the parent index, using screens for dividend sustainability and persistence.

The MSCI Minimum Volatility Index optimizes the MSCI USA Index using an estimated security co-variance matrix to produce low absolute volatility for a given set of constraints.

The MSCI Defensive Sectors Index includes: Consumer Staples, Energy, Health Care and Utilities. The MSCI Cyclical Sectors Index contains: Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, Financials, Industrials, Information Technology and Materials. Securities in the MSCI Momentum Index are selected based on a 12-month and 6-month price performance. Constituents of the MSCI Sector Neutral Quality Index are selected based on stronger quality characteristics to their peers within the same GICS sector by using three main variables: high return-on-equity, low leverage and low earnings variability. Constituents of the MSCI Enhanced Value Index are based on three variables: price-to-book value, price-to-forward earnings and enterprise value-to-cash flow from operations.

The Russell 2000 is used for small cap. The MSCI USA Diversified Multiple Factor Index aims to maximize exposure to four factors – Value, Momentum, Quality and Size. Annualized volatility is calculated as the standard deviation of quarterly returns multiplied by the square root of 4.

S&P 500 intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.3%, annual returns were positive in 31 of 41 years.

Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor’s, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refers to the largest market drops from a peak to a trough during the year. For illustrative purposes only. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2020, over which time period the average annual return was 9.0%.

Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. X-intercept for each data set is calculated using a quadratic regression where interest rates are the independent variable and the rolling 2-year correlation of stock returns and interest rate movements is the dependent variable.

Real GDP
Billions of chained (2012) dollars, seasonally adjusted at annual rates

Trend growth: 2.0%

Components of GDP
2Q21 nominal GDP, USD trillions

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COVID-19: Cases, fatalities and immunity

Change in confirmed cases and fatalities in the U.S.
7-day moving average

Progress toward immunity
Percentage of population, end of month

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Johns Hopkins CSSE, Our World in Data, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

*Share of the total population that has received at least one vaccine dose. **Est. Infected represents the number of people who may have been infected by COVID-19 by using the CDC’s estimate that 1 in 4.2 COVID-19 infections were reported. ***Est. Infected & vaccinated assumes those infected equally likely to be vaccinated as those not infected.

High-frequency data

Year-over-year % change; Year-over-2 year after 3/15/21*

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Source: App Annie, Chase, Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), OpenTable, STR, Transportation Security Administration (TSA), J.P. Morgan Asset Management. *Beginning 3/15/2021, all indicators compare 2021 to 2019. Prior to 3/15/2021, figures are year-over-year. Consumer debit/credit transactions, U.S. seated diners and TSA traveler traffic are 7-day moving averages. App Annie data is compared to 2019 average and includes over 600 travel and navigation apps globally, including Google Maps, Uber, Airbnb and Booking.com. Consumer spending: This report uses rigorous security protocols for selected data sourced from Chase credit and debit card transactions to ensure all information is kept confidential and secure. All selected data is highly aggregated and all unique identifiable information—including names, account numbers, addresses, dates of birth and Social Security Numbers—is removed from the data before the report’s author receives it.

Growth in working-age population

Percent increase in civilian non-institutional population ages 16-64

- Immigrant
- Native born

Drivers of GDP growth

Average year-over-year % change

Growth in workers

+ Growth in real output per worker

Growth in real GDP

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top left) Census Bureau, DOD, DOJ; (Top left and right) BLS; (Right and bottom left) BEA.

GDP drivers are calculated as the average annualized growth in the 10 years ending in 4Q20. Future working-age population is calculated as the total estimated number of Americans from the Census Bureau, per the February 2020 report, controlled for military enrollment, growth in institutionalized population and demographic trends. Growth in working-age population does not include illegal immigration; DOD Troop Readiness reports used to estimate percent of population enlisted. Numbers may not sum due to rounding. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

Federal finances

The 2022 federal budget
CBO Baseline forecast, USD trillions

- **Medicare & Medicaid:** $1,457bn (28%)
- **Defense:** $749bn (14%)
- **Social Security:** $1,199bn (22%)
- **Non-defense disc.:** $866bn (16%)
- **Net int.:** $306bn (6%)
- **Other:** $967bn (17%)
- **Corporate:** $317bn (6%)
- **Borrowing:** $1,153bn (21%)
- **Income:** $2,328bn (42%)

Total spending: $5.5tn

Federal budget surpluses/deficits

- **2021:** -12.3%
- **2022:** -4.7%
- **2023:** -5.5%

Federal net debt (accumulated deficits)

- **2021:** 99.7%
- **2022:** 106.4%

CBO’s Baseline economic assumptions

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<tr>
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<th>'23-'24</th>
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<td>Real GDP growth</td>
<td>6.1%</td>
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<td>10-year Treasury</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
<td>2.1%</td>
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<td>Headline inflation (CPI)</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
<td>2.4%</td>
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<td>Unemployment</td>
<td>4.1%</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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Source: CBO, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom right) BEA, Treasury Department.

Estimates are based on the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) July 2021 Update to the Budget and Economic Outlook, except for 2021 estimates of the federal deficit and net debt levels. These estimates and the details on the breakdown of spending, excluding net interest, are J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates. Other spending includes, but is not limited to, health insurance subsidies, income security and federal civilian and military retirement. Note: Years shown are fiscal years. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

Consumer balance sheet
2Q21, trillions of dollars outstanding, not seasonally adjusted

- Total assets: $159.3tn
- Homes: 24%
- Other tangible: 5%
- Deposits: 9%
- Pension funds: 19%
- Other financial assets: 43%
- Total liabilities: $17.7tn
- Mortgages: 65%
- Other non-revolving: 2%
  - Revolving*: 5%
  - Auto loans: 7%
  - Other liabilities: 11%
  - Student debt: 10%

Source: FactSet, FRB, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom right) BEA.
Data include households and nonprofit organizations. SA – seasonally adjusted. *Revolving includes credit cards. Values may not sum to 100% due to rounding. **3Q21 figures for debt service ratio and household net worth are J.P. Morgan Asset Management estimates.

Household debt service ratio
Debt payments as % of disposable personal income, SA

- 3Q07 Peak: 85.1tn
- 1Q09 Low: 73.9tn

Household net worth
Not seasonally adjusted, USD billions

- Total liabilities: $17.7tn
- Total assets: $159.3tn
- 3Q21**: $144,564
- 3Q07: $70,730

Income inequality and financial asset appreciation

**Top 10% share of pre-tax national income**

Income share: 50.5%

**Spending as a share of income after tax**

Consumer expenditure survey, 2020

61% for Top 10% and 90% for Bottom 90%

**Ratio of U.S. financial assets to GDP**

3Q21: 5.6x*

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Piketty, Saez, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; *3Q21 estimates are from J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top Left) "Income Inequality in the United States, 1913-1998" by Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez, updated to 2018. Income is defined as market income and excludes government transfers but includes capital gains. In 2018, top decile includes all families with annual income above $135,000; (Bottom Left) Consumer Expenditure Survey 2019; (Right) Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

Source: Conference Board, National Federation of Independent Business, U.S. Department of Labor, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The diffusion index is calculated as the percentage of consumers reporting jobs plentiful minus those reporting jobs hard to get plus 50.

Civilian unemployment rate and annualized y/2y wage growth for private production and non-supervisory workers
Seasonally adjusted, percent

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>May 1975</td>
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<td>Nov. 1982</td>
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<td>Jun. 1992</td>
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<td>Jun. 2003</td>
<td>6.3%</td>
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<td>Oct. 2009</td>
<td>10.0%</td>
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<td>Apr. 2020</td>
<td>14.8%</td>
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<td>Aug. 2021</td>
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<td>Aug. 2021</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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Source: BLS, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
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CPI and core CPI are % change vs. one year ago. Core CPI is defined as CPI excluding food and energy prices. The Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) deflator employs an evolving chain-weighted basket of consumer expenditures instead of the fixed-weight basket used in CPI calculations.

Currencies in the DXY Index are: British pound, Canadian dollar, euro, Japanese yen, Swedish krona and Swiss franc. Interest rate differential is the difference between the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield and a basket of the 10-year yields of each major trading partner (Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland and UK). Weights on the basket are calculated using the 10-year average of total government bonds outstanding in each region. Europe is defined as the 19 countries in the euro area.

Oil markets

Change in production and consumption of liquid fuels
Production, consumption and inventories, millions of barrels per day

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<th>Production</th>
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<td>11.4</td>
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<td>Global</td>
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<td>94.2</td>
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Consumption

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<td>China</td>
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Inventory Change

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<td>U.S.</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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U.S. crude oil inventories and rig count**
Million barrels, number of active rigs

Price of oil
WTI crude, nominal prices, USD/barrel

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Top and bottom left) EIA; (Right) FactSet; (Bottom left) Baker Hughes.

*Forecasts are from the September 2021 EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook and start in 2021. **U.S. crude oil inventories include the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). Active rig count includes both natural gas and oil rigs. WTI crude prices are continuous contract NYM prices in USD. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
Global investment in energy transition
Billions USD, nominal

- Storage, electrification, carbon capture, other
- Renewable energy

Cost of wind, solar, natural gas, nuclear and coal
Mean LCOE*, 2020, dollar per megawatt hour

- Wind
- Solar
- Natural gas
- Coal
- Nuclear

Global solar and wind power capacity additions

Source: Bloomberg NEF, BP Statistical, Eurostat, Lazard, METI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Storage, electrification, other includes hydrogen, carbon capture and storage, energy storage, electrified transport and electrified heat; (Top right) *LCOE is levelized cost of energy, the net present value of the unit-cost of electricity over the lifetime of a generating asset. It is often taken as a proxy for the average price that the generating asset must receive in a market to break even over its lifetime; (Top right) IEA, Global solar PV (photovoltaic) and wind power capacity additions, 2010-2020e, IEA, Paris https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/global-solar-pv-and-wind-power-capacity-additions-2010-2020e. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

Federal funds rate expectations
FOMC and market expectations for the federal funds rate

FOMC September 2021 forecasts
Percent

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<tr>
<td>Change in real GDP, 4Q to 4Q</td>
<td>5.9</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>2.5</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate, 4Q</td>
<td>4.8</td>
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<td>3.5</td>
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<td>Headline PCE inflation, 4Q to 4Q</td>
<td>4.2</td>
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<td>2.1</td>
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Long run* projections are the rates of growth, unemployment and inflation to which a policymaker expects the economy to converge over the next five to six years in absence of further shocks and under appropriate monetary policy. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.


Currently, the balance sheet contains $5.4tn in Treasuries and $2.5tn in MBS. The end balance sheet forecast assumes the Federal Reserve maintains its current pace of purchases of Treasuries and MBS through at least November 2021 as suggested in the September 2021 FOMC meeting. Loans include liquidity and credit extended through corporate credit facilities established in March 2020. Other includes primary, secondary and seasonal loans, repurchase agreements, foreign currency reserves and maiden lane securities. QE4 is ongoing and the expansion figures are as of the most recent Wednesday close as reported by the Federal Reserve. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.


Real 10-year Treasury yields are calculated as the daily Treasury yield less year-over-year core CPI inflation for that month except for September and August 2021 where real yields are calculated by subtracting out September 2021 year-over-year core inflation.

### Fixed income market dynamics

#### Impact of a 1% rise in interest rates

Assumes a parallel shift in the yield curve

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<td>U.S. Aggregate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Convertibles</td>
<td>-1.6%</td>
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<td>-4.1%</td>
<td>-5.2%</td>
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<td>U.S. HY</td>
<td>-2.8%</td>
<td>-4.6%</td>
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<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>Municipals</td>
<td>-5.2%</td>
<td>-4.6%</td>
<td>-2.3%</td>
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<td>MBS</td>
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<td>-2.3%</td>
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<td>ABS</td>
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<td>Floating rate</td>
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**Source:** Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, SIFMA, Standard & Poor’s, U.S. Treasury, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Sectors shown above are provided by Bloomberg unless otherwise noted and are represented by – U.S. Aggregate; MBS: U.S. Aggregate Securitized - MBS; ABS: J.P. Morgan ABS Index; Corporates: U.S. Corporates; Municipals: Muni Bond; High Yield: Corporate High Yield; TIPS: Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS); U.S. Floating rate index; Convertibles: U.S. Convertibles Composite. Convertibles yield is as of September 2021 due to data availability. Yield and return information based on bellwethers for Treasury securities. Sector yields reflect yield-to-worst. Convertibles yield is based on U.S. portion of Bloomberg Barclays Global Convertibles. Correlations are based on 15-years of monthly returns for all sectors. Issuance is based on monthly data provided by SIFMA. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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**Guide to the Markets – U.S.** Data are as of September 30, 2021.
Source: FactSet, Federal Reserve, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. 12/31/2013 is the date the yield curve reached one of its steepest levels in reaction to the Fed announcing it would begin paring down its bond-buying program. 08/04/2020 is the date of a record low on the 10-year, driven by safe haven demand and pessimism around the U.S. pandemic recovery.

Default rates are defined as the par value percentage of the total market trading at or below 50% of par value and include any Chapter 11 filing, prepackaged filing or missed interest payments. The default rate is an LTM figure (last 12 months) and tracks the % of defaults over the period. Recovery rates are based on the price of the defaulted bonds or loans 30 days post the default date. Default and recovery rates are as of September 2021 due to data availability. Spread-to-worst indicated are the difference between the yield-to-worst of a bond and yield-to-worst of a U.S. Treasury security with a similar duration. High yield is represented by the J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index.


Fixed income valuations

Spread-to-worst across fixed income sectors
Basis points, past 15 years

Source: Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Credit Research, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Indices used are Barclays except for emerging market debt and leveraged loans: EMD ($): J.P. Morgan EMIGLOBAL Diversified Index; EMD (LCL): J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index; EM Corp.: J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified; Leveraged loans: JPM Leveraged Loan Index. Spread-to-worst indicated is the difference between the yield-to-worst of a bond and yield-to-worst of a U.S. Treasury security with a similar duration. All sectors shown are spread-to-worst except for Treasuries and Municipals, which are based on yield-to-worst, and Leveraged loans, which are based on spread to 3Y takeout. EM (LCL) spread-to-worst is calculated using the index yield less the YTM on the 5-year U.S. Treasury bellwether index.

Government, household and non-financial corporate debt refers to gross debt. General government debt is comprised of core debt instruments that include currency and deposits, loans and debt securities. All debt values are shown at market value. *Baa debt outstanding and duration of investment grade is based on the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Investment Grade Corporate Credit Index. Baa debt is the lowest credit rating issued by Moody’s for investment-grade debt.

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Bank of England (BoE), Bank of Japan (BoJ), European Central Bank (ECB), FactSet, Federal Reserve System (Fed), J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research; (Right) Bloomberg. *Bond purchase forecast assumes $38bn GBP in net purchases from BoE through Dec. 2022; BoJ QE of $10trn JPY ann. for 2021; $830bn EUR in net purchases from the ECB through Dec. 2022; and the Fed to purchase $660bn of Treasuries and agency MBS through Dec. 2022. **Central banks include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, euro area, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, S. Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, UK and the U.S. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecast, projections or other forward statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
## Global fixed income

### Yield and 2021 Return

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<th>Yield (9/30/2021)</th>
<th>Yield (12/31/2020)</th>
<th>2021 Return Local</th>
<th>2021 Return USD</th>
<th>Duration</th>
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<td>U.S.</td>
<td>1.56%</td>
<td>1.12%</td>
<td>-1.55%</td>
<td>-1.55%</td>
<td>6.7 years</td>
<td>0.89</td>
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<td>Gbl. ex-U.S.</td>
<td>0.95%</td>
<td>0.68%</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-5.42%</td>
<td>8.0</td>
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<td>Japan</td>
<td>0.15%</td>
<td>0.11%</td>
<td>0.14%</td>
<td>-7.33%</td>
<td>9.6</td>
<td>0.53</td>
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<td>Spain</td>
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<td>0.00%</td>
<td>-1.83%</td>
<td>-7.02%</td>
<td>7.6</td>
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### Sector

- **Euro Corp.**: 0.35% 0.24% -0.31% -5.57% 5.3 years 0.14
- **Euro HY**: 3.16% 3.40% 4.21% -1.29% 4.0 -0.23
- **EMD($)**: 5.11% 4.91% - -1.36% 7.7 -0.08
- **EMD(LCL)**: 5.30% 5.22% -2.07% -6.38% 5.2 -0.03
- **EM Corp.**: 3.80% 4.51% - -1.53% 6.0 -0.13

### Global bond market

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<th>3/31/2021</th>
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Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet; (Right) BIS. Fixed income sectors shown above are provided by Bloomberg and are represented by the global aggregate for each country except where noted. EMD sectors are represented by the J.P. Morgan EMBIG Diversified Index (USD), the J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified Index (LCL) and the J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index (Corp). European Corporates are represented by the Bloomberg Barclays Euro Aggregate Corporate Index and the Bloomberg Barclays Pan-European High Yield Index. Sector yields reflect yield-to-worst. Correlations are based on 10-years of monthly returns for all sectors. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Global bond market regional breakdown may not sum to 100% due to rounding. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
Emerging market debt

**EMD yield and weight in Barclays Global Agg. Index**

- Weighted yield-to-worst

- **EMD index yield contribution**
- **EMD index weight**

**Average credit rating of EM debt universe**

- **EMBIG index**
  - **BBB+**
  - **BBB-**
  - **BB+**
  - **BB-**
  - **B+**
  - **B**
  - **B-**

- **Investment-grade rating**
- **High yield rating**

**Emerging and developed markets duration**

- **Current modified duration**

**Source:** Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Emerging market debt yield and weight contributions in the Barclays Global Aggregate Index include frontier markets.

**Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.**
## Fixed income sector returns

### Source:

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Weights in MSCI All Country World Index

% global market capitalization, float adjusted

Representation of cyclical and technology sectors

% of index market capitalization
Global GDP growth is based on GDP at market exchange rates as weights. U.S. dollar is the J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research real broad effective exchange rate (CPI), calculated as year-end moves versus the prior year-end. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

Cycles of U.S. equity outperformance

MSCI EAFE and MSCI USA relative performance
U.S. dollar, total return, cumulative outperformance*

Regime change determined when there is sustained outperformance of one region over the other for a cumulative 12 months.

Source: FactSet, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
*Cycles of outperformance include a qualitative component to determine turning points in leadership.

International: Price-to-earnings discount vs. U.S.
MSCI AC World ex-U.S. vs. S&P 500 Indices, next 12 months

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Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor’s, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Global earnings growth

Calendar year consensus estimates

- U.S.: 46% (2020), 4% (2021), -13%
- China: 16% (2020), -2% (2021)
- EM: 55% (2020), 54% (2021), 55%
- Europe: 55%
- Japan: 21%

% cyclical sectors*

Current and 25-year next 12 months price-to-earnings ratio

- U.S.: 20.2x (current), 12x (25-year range), 15.4x (25-year average)
- Japan: 20.4x (current), 12.9x (25-year range), 15x (25-year average)
- Europe: 15.0x (current), 14.7x (25-year range), 11.8x (25-year average)
- China: 15.0x (current), 12x (25-year range), 11.8x (25-year average)
- EM: 21x (current), 12.5x (25-year range), 11.8x (25-year average)

Source: FactSet, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, Thomson Reuters, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

*Cyclical sectors include consumer discretionary, financials, industrials, energy and materials. The Internet and direct marketing subsector has been removed from the cyclical sectors calculation. In our judgement, companies in this space do not yet fit into the cyclical category, as they are still in a transitional growth phase and are not being directly impacted by the business cycle. Valuation and earnings charts use MSCI indices for all regions/countries, except for the U.S., which is the S&P 500. All indices use IBES aggregate earnings estimates, which may differ from earnings estimates used elsewhere in the book. MSCI Europe includes the eurozone as well as countries not in the currency bloc, such as Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK (which collectively make up 44% of the overall index). Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
Returns of thematic indices
Total return, U.S. dollar, Dec. 31, 2014 = 100

Revenue exposure vs. country of listing
% of total revenue from home countries

Change in international sector weightings
% point change from Dec. 31, 2005


Global COVID-19 vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccine rollout
Total vaccine doses administered per hundred people

Source: Our World in Data, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.
Total vaccine doses administered per hundred people. Includes both first and second doses in the case of a two-dose vaccine regimen.

*Participants in IHS Markit’s PMI business surveys, conducted in 44 countries, are asked: “Are your suppliers’ delivery times slower, faster or unchanged on average than one month ago?” Index includes the manufacturing and construction sectors. A reading of 50 = no change, >50 = faster delivery time, <50 = slower delivery time.

**Participants are asked: “Are input/output prices the same, higher or lower?”. Values shown reflect the composite index which includes both manufacturing and services. A reading of 50 = no change, >50 = price increase, <50 = price decrease.

The Composite PMI includes both manufacturing and services sub-indices. Heatmap colors are based on PMI relative to the 50 level, which indicates acceleration or deceleration of the sector, for the time period shown. Heatmap is based on quarterly averages, with the exception of the two most recent figures, which are single month readings. Data for the U.S. are back-tested and filled in from December 2007 to September 2009 due to lack of existing PMI figures. DM and EM represent developed markets and emerging markets, respectively. *September Global, Manufacturing, and Services PMIs are based on estimates from J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

**Year-over-year headline inflation by country and region, quarterly**

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Emissions targets and global energy mix

**Greenhouse gas emissions targets**

Billions of tons per year, CO₂ equivalent

- **China**
- **U.S.**
- **EU**

Path to net zero

Current policy forecast

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) ClimateActionTracker, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Right) BP Energy Outlook 2020. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of current and future results. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

The emergence of the EM middle class

Growth of the middle class

Percent of total population

1995  2020F  2030F

India: 21%  30%  79%
Indonesia: 4%  41%  72%
China: 0%  41%  61%
Brazil: 30%  55%  73%
Mexico: 40%  30%  79%

Regional contribution to middle class growth: 2020 to 2030

Millions of people

Rest of Asia, 133
China, 453
India, 883

Source: Brookings Institution, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Estimates for regional contribution are from Kharas, Homi. The Unprecedented Expansion of the Global Middle Class, An Update, Brookings Institution, 2017. Middle class is defined as households with per capita incomes between $11 and $110 per person per day in 2011 PPP terms. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward-looking statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated. This slide comes from our Guide to China. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
China real GDP contribution

Monetary stimulus: Reserve requirement ratio

Fiscal stimulus: Fiscal deficit*

Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) CEIC; (Top right) People’s Bank of China; (Bottom right) China Agriculture Development Bank, China Development Bank, Ministry of Finance, People’s Bank of China, Wind. *The fiscal deficit is a J.P. Morgan Global Economic Research estimate of the augmented fiscal deficit. It measures the aggregate resources controlled by the government and used to support economic growth. It consists of the official budgetary deficit of the central and local governments, and additional funding raised and spent by local governments through Local Government Financing Vehicles and various government-guided funds, whose activities are considered quasi-fiscal. Large banks are six major banks in China, including Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Agricultural Bank of China, Bank of China, China Construction Bank, Bank of Communications, Postal Savings Bank of China. The other banks are categorized as small and medium-sized banks. PBoC sets favorable required reserve ratio (RRR) for banks that have met specific criteria, such as loans to small and medium-sized enterprises and agricultural sectors. These measures have significantly brought down the actual RRR for banks. Forecasts are not a reliable indicator of future performance. Forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations. They are for illustrative purposes only and serve as an indication of what may occur. Given the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with forecasts, projections or other forward statements, actual events, results or performance may differ materially from those reflected or contemplated.

Chinese equity and fixed income markets

MSCI Emerging Markets Index: Inclusion of China A-shares

- May 2019
  - China: 32%
- November 2019
  - China: 34%
- September 2021
  - China: 38%

Weight of China in bond universe and bond indices

Source: Bloomberg/Barclays, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Economic Research, MSCI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. (Top) Foreign listed includes American Depositary Receipts (ADRs); (Bottom) Based on J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Index (USD EMD corporates), J.P. Morgan EMBIG Broad Diversified Index (USD EMD sovereigns), J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (Local EMD sovereigns), Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate (Global Aggregate). This slide comes from our Guide to China. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
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Source: Barclays Inc., Bloomberg, Cambridge Associates, Credit Suisse/Tremont, FactSet, Federal Reserve, MSCI, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Indices used – Large Cap: S&P 500 Index; Currencies: Federal Reserve Trade-Weighted Dollar; EAFE: MSCI EAFE; EME: MSCI Emerging Markets; Bonds: Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate; Corp HY: Bloomberg Barclays Corporate High Yield; EMD: Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Market; Cmdty.: Bloomberg Commodity Index; REITs: NAREIT All Equity Index; Hedge funds: CS/Tremont Hedge Fund Index; Private equity: Cambridge Associates Global Buyout & Growth Index; Gold: Gold continuous contract ($/oz). Private equity data are reported on a one- to two-quarter lag. All correlation coefficients and annualized volatility are calculated based on quarterly total return data for period from 9/30/2011 to 9/30/2021, except for Private equity, which is based on the period from 6/30/2011 to 6/30/2021. This chart is for illustrative purposes only.

Source: Barclays, BEA, Bloomberg, Clarkson, Cliffwater, Drewry Maritime Consultants, FactSet, HFRI, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Global Transport and Direct Lending yields are as of 6/30/2021. Global Infrastructure and U.S. Europe and APAC Real Estate yields are as of 3/31/2021. Global Transport: Levered yields for transport assets calculated as the difference between charter rates (rental income), operating expenses, debt amortization and interest expenses, as a percentage of equity value. Yields for each of the sub-vessel types are calculated and respective weightings are applied to arrive at the current levered yields for Global Transportation; Direct Lending: Cliffwater Direct Lending Index; Global Infrastructure: MSCI Global Infrastructure Asset Index – Low Risk; U.S. Real Estate: NCREIF-ODCE Index; Europe core real estate: IPD Global Property Fund Index – Continental Europe. Asia Pacific (APAC) core real estate: IPD Global Property Fund Index – Asia-Pacific. Positive yield does not imply positive return. 

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**Private equity**

**Private vs. public equity sector weights**

- **Tech**: 13.6% (34.9%)
- **Health Care**: 20.7%
- **Industrials**: 15.3%
- **Cons. Disc.**: 12.9%
- **Financials**: 11.2%
- **Comm. Services**: 8.2%
- **Other**: 9.9%

**Number of U.S. listed companies***

- Aug. 2021: 5,881

**Average size and median age at IPO**

- **Average IPO size (LHS, $mm)**
- **Median age (RHS, years)**

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**Source**: Cambridge Associates, Jay Ritter, Russell, University of Florida, World Federation of Exchanges, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. The sample is IPOs with an offer price of at least $5.00, excluding ADRs, unit offers, closed-end funds, REITs, natural resource limited partnerships, small best efforts offers, banks and S&Ls, and stocks not listed on CRSP (CRSP includes Amex, NYSE and NASDAQ stocks). Average IPO size is defined as the aggregate IPO proceeds during the period shown, divided by the number of IPOs. **Number of listed U.S. companies is represented by the sum of number of companies listed on the NYSE and the NASDAQ. **Other includes real estate, utilities and energy. Percentages may not sum due to rounding. Sector weights are as of 12/30/2020. This slide comes from our [Guide to Alternatives](#).

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### Commodity prices

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**Example**

- **Low level**: A value below the current level, indicating a decrease or downturn in the commodity price.
- **High level**: A value above the current level, indicating an increase or upturn in the commodity price.
- **Current**: The most recent or current price of the commodity.

**Commodity prices z-scores**

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**Gold prices**

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**Source:** FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) Bloomberg, CME; (Top right) BLS, CME; (Bottom right) Bloomberg, BLS.

Commodity prices are represented by the appropriate Bloomberg Commodity sub-index. Crude oil shown is WTI. Other commodity prices are represented by futures contracts. Z-scores are calculated using daily prices over the past 10 years.

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### Asset class returns

**Source:** Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor’s, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.


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Flow by firm as % of total U.S. equity market volume

Investment flows by age
Indexed to February 18, 2020, 7-day moving average

Investment flows by income*
Indexed to February 18, 2020, 7-day moving average

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) J.P. Morgan Index Research, based on company filings and SEC 606 disclosures; (Right) J.P. Morgan Asset Management Data Science, based on internal Chase data. *Net income calculated using bank account net inflows.

Returns shown are based on calendar year returns from 1950 to 2020. Stocks represent the S&P 500 Shiller Composite and Bonds represent Strategas/Ibbotson for periods from 1950 to 2010 and Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate thereafter. Growth of $100,000 is based on annual average total returns from 1950 to 2020.

Portfolio returns: Equities vs. equity and fixed income blend

20-year annualized returns by asset class (2001 – 2020)

Source: Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, Standard & Poor’s, J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Bottom) Dalbar Inc, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell.
Indices used are as follows: REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index, Small Cap: Russell 2000, EM Equity: MSCI EM, DM Equity: MSCI EAFE, Commodity: Bloomberg Commodity Index, High Yield: Bloomberg Barclays Global HY Index, Bonds: Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index, Homes: median sale price of existing single-family homes, Cash: Bloomberg Barclays 1-3m Treasury, Inflation: CPI 60/40; A balanced portfolio with 60% invested in S&P 500 Index and 40% invested in high-quality U.S. fixed income, represented by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index. The portfolio is rebalanced annually. Average asset allocation investor return is based on an analysis by Dalbar Inc., which utilizes the net of aggregate mutual fund sales, redemptions and exchanges each month as a measure of investor behavior.

*Savings account is based on the national average annual percentage rate (APR) on money market accounts from Bankrate.com from 2010 onward. Prior to 2010, money market yield is based on taxable money market funds return data from the Federal Reserve. Annual income is for illustrative purposes and is calculated based on the average money market yield during each year and $100,000 invested. Current inflation is based on August 2021 Core CPI, education inflation and medical care inflation. Current savings account is based on the September 2021 national average annual percentage rate (APR) on money market accounts. Past performance is not indicative of comparable future results. Guide to the Markets – U.S. Data are as of September 30, 2021.
Equity market correlations and yields
Hedge adjusted yield, last 12 months, 10-year correlations, quarterly

Source: Barclays, Bloomberg, FactSet, ICE, MSCI, NCREIF, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Fixed income shown above are represented by Bloomberg indices except for EMD and ABS – U.S. Aggregate; MBS; U.S. Aggregate Securitized - MBS; U.S. corps; U.S. Corporates; Munis; Muni Bond 10-year; U.S. HY: Corporate High Yield; TIPS; Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS); Floating Rate; U.S. Floating Rate; Convertibles; U.S. Convertibles Composite; ABS: J.P. Morgan ABS Index; EMD ($) J.P. Morgan EMBIG Diversified Index; EMD (LCL): J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified Index; EM Corp: J.P. Morgan CEMBI Broad Diversified Index; Euro Corp.: Euro Aggregate Corporate Index; Euro HY: Pan-European High Yield Index; U.S. Real Estate: NCREIF Property Index – CDCE; Europe Real Estate: Market weighted-avg. of MSCI Global Property Fund Indices – U.K. & Cont. Europe; APAC Real Estate: MSCI Global Property Index - Asia-Pacific; Global infra.: MSCI Global Quarterly Infrastructure Asset Index (equal weighted blend; U.S. Direct Lending: Cliffwater Direct Lending Index; Convertibles yield is based on the U.S. portion of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Convertibles. Country yields are represented by the global aggregate for each country. Yield and return information based on bellwethers for Treasury securities. Correlations are based on quarterly return over the past 10 years through 9/30/2021, except Infra, and U.S., Europe and APAC Real Estate, which are through 3/31/2021. International fixed income sector correlations are in hedged U.S. dollar returns except EMD local index. Yields for all indices are hedged using three-month LIBOR rates between the U.S. and international LIBOR and are a 12-month average. Alts yields are through 3/31/2020 except Direct Lending, which is through 6/30/2021. U.S. Real Estate yield is calculated using the MSCI Global Property Fund Index – North America.


**Institutional investor behavior**

**Asset allocation: Corporate DB plans vs. endowments**

- **Equities**:
  - Endowments: 35.2%
  - Corporate DB plans: 32.1%
- **Fixed Income**:
  - Endowments: 9.0%
  - Corporate DB plans: 49.9%
- **Hedge Funds**:
  - Endowments: 18.0%
  - Corporate DB plans: 3.8%
- **Private Equity**:
  - Endowments: 12.3%
  - Corporate DB plans: 4.3%
- **Real Estate**:
  - Endowments: 5.4%
  - Corporate DB plans: 3.7%
- **Other Alternatives**:
  - Endowments: 15.7%
  - Corporate DB plans: 3.3%
- **Cash**:
  - Endowments: 4.4%
  - Corporate DB plans: 2.9%

**Corporate pension liabilities and 10-year UST yield**

- Liabilities ($tn)
- 10yr UST (inv.)
- **State & local governments**
- **S&P 500 companies**

**Pension return assumptions**

- **S&P 500 companies**
- **State & local governments**

Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management; (Left) NACUBO (National Association of College and University Business Officers), Towers Watson; (Top right) Milliman Pension Funding Index; (Bottom right) Census for Governments, Compustat, FactSet, S&P 500 corporate 10-Ks. Endowment asset allocation is as of 2019. Corporate DB plan asset allocation as of 2018. Endowments represents dollar-weighted average data of 749 colleges and universities. Corporate DB plans represents aggregate asset allocation of Fortune 1000 pension plans. Pension return assumptions based on all available and reported data from S&P 500 Index companies and are as of 12/31/2019. State and local pension return assumptions are weighted by plan size. Pension assets, liabilities and funded status based on Milliman 100 companies reporting pension data as of 8/31/2021. All information is shown for illustrative purposes only.

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All indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

**Equities:**
The Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip U.S. stocks. The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI EAFE Index (Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada. The MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance in the global emerging markets. The MSCI Europe Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe. The MSCI Pacific Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region. The Russell 1000 Index® measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000. The Russell 1000 Growth Index® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000 Value Index® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000 Index® measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index. The Russell 2000 Growth Index® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000 Value Index® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 3000 Index® measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization. The Russell Midcap Index® measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index. The Russell Midcap Growth Index® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index. The Russell Midcap Value Index® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index. The S&P 500 Index is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. The index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. The S&P 500 Index focuses on the large-cap segment of the market; however, since it includes a significant portion of the total value of the market, it also represents the market.

**Fixed income:**
The Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index includes all publicly issued zero-coupon US Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have $250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and non convertible. The Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Index is a multi-currency flagship measure of the global high yield debt market. The index represents the union of the US High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indices. The high yield and emerging markets sub-components are mutually exclusive. Until January 1, 2011, the index also included CMBS high yield securities. The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Index consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to 30 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market. The Bloomberg Barclays US Dollar Floating Rate Note (FRN) Index provides a measure of the U.S. dollar denominated floating rate note market. The Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate Investment Grade Index is an unmanaged index consisting of publicly issued US Corporate and specified foreign debentures and secured notes that are rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB+/BBB+) by at least two ratings agencies, have at least one year to final maturity and have at least $250 million par amount outstanding. To qualify, bonds must be SEC-registered. The Bloomberg Barclays US High Yield Index covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt. Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody’s, S&P, and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EMG countries are included. The Bloomberg Barclays US Mortgage Backed Securities Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment grade fixed-rate mortgage backed pass-through securities of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC. The Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS Index consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury. The J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Global Index (EMBI) includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities. The J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market. The J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index Broad Diversified (CEMBI Broad Diversified) is an expansion of the J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI). The CEMBI is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of U.S. dollar denominated emerging market corporate bonds. The J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (EMBI Global Diversified) tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds. The index limits the exposure of some of the larger countries. The J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments, whose debt is accessible by most of the international investor base. The U.S. Treasury Index is a component of the U.S. Government index.
Other asset classes:
The Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for the asset class.
The Bloomberg Commodity Index and related sub-indices are composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represents twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc.
The Cambridge Associates U.S. Global Buyout and Growth Index® is based on data compiled from 1,768 global (U.S. & ex – U.S.) buyout and growth equity funds, including fully liquidated partnerships, formed between 1986 and 2013.
The CS/Tremont Hedge Fund Index is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The Index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.
The HFRI Monthly Indices (HFRI) are equally weighted performance indexes, utilized by numerous hedge fund managers as a benchmark for their own hedge funds. The HFRI are broken down into 4 main strategies, each with multiple sub strategies. All single-manager HFRI Index constituents are included in the HFRI Fund Weighted Composite, which accounts for over 2200 funds listed on the internal HFRI Database.
The NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.
The NFI-ODCE, short for NCREIF Fund Index - Open End Diversified Core Equity, is an index of investment returns reporting on both a historical and current basis the results of 33 open end commingled funds pursuing a core investment strategy, some of which have performance histories dating back to the 1970s. The NFI-ODCE Index is capitalization-weighted and is reported gross of fees. Measurement is time-weighted.
Definitions:
Investing in alternative assets involves higher risks than traditional investments and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. Alternative investments involve greater risks than traditional investments and should not be made as a sole investment program. They are not tax efficient and an investor should consult with his/her tax advisor prior to investing. Alternative investments have higher fees than traditional investments and they may also be highly leveraged and engage in speculative investment techniques, which can magnify the potential for investment loss or gain. The value of the investment may fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested.
Bonds are subject to interest rate risks. Bond prices generally fall when interest rates rise. Investments in commodities may have higher volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss.
Derivatives may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic or market conditions than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. The use of derivatives may not be successful, resulting in investment losses, and the cost of such strategies may reduce investment returns.
Distressed Restructuring Strategies employ an investment process focused on corporate fixed income instruments, primarily on corporate credit instruments of companies trading at significant discounts to their value at issuance or obliged (par value) at maturity as a result of either formal bankruptcy proceeding or financial market perception of near term proceedings.
Investments in emerging markets can be more volatile. The normal risks of investing in foreign countries are heightened when investing in emerging markets. In addition, the small size of securities markets and the low trading volume may lead to a lack of liquidity, which leads to increased volatility. Also, emerging markets may not provide adequate legal protection for private or foreign investment or private property.
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Equity market neutral strategies employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. Equity Market Neutral Strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.
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Mid-capitalization investing typically carries more risk than investing in well-established “blue-chip” companies. Historically, mid-cap companies’ stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.
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