

MARKET & PERFORMANCE UPDATE

3Q 2021



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THIRD QUARTER 2021 MARKET SUMMARY

Global investors were presented with a disparate performance backdrop in the third quarter of 2021, a change of pace from recent quarters' broad-based gains across most liquid asset classes and categories. The theme of outperformance in domestic-based sectors versus competing international asset categories persisted, as a strengthening U.S. dollar (USD) and a stronger economic recovery helped bolster relative performance.

The significant progress made on the inflation and employment fronts prompted the Federal Reserve's (Fed) signaling of near-term tapering of monthly asset purchases. Numerous macro headwinds continued to form, however, including volatility in China, questions related to the timing and scope of the upcoming infrastructure package, and politics around the passage of an increase to the federal statutory debt limit, among others.

Global equity performance during the quarter was mostly negative, outside of a modest positive return in domestic large cap. In fixed income, credit-sensitive assets continued to outperform rate-sensitive assets, and performance in real assets was also mixed, with positive themes generally favoring energy-related assets.

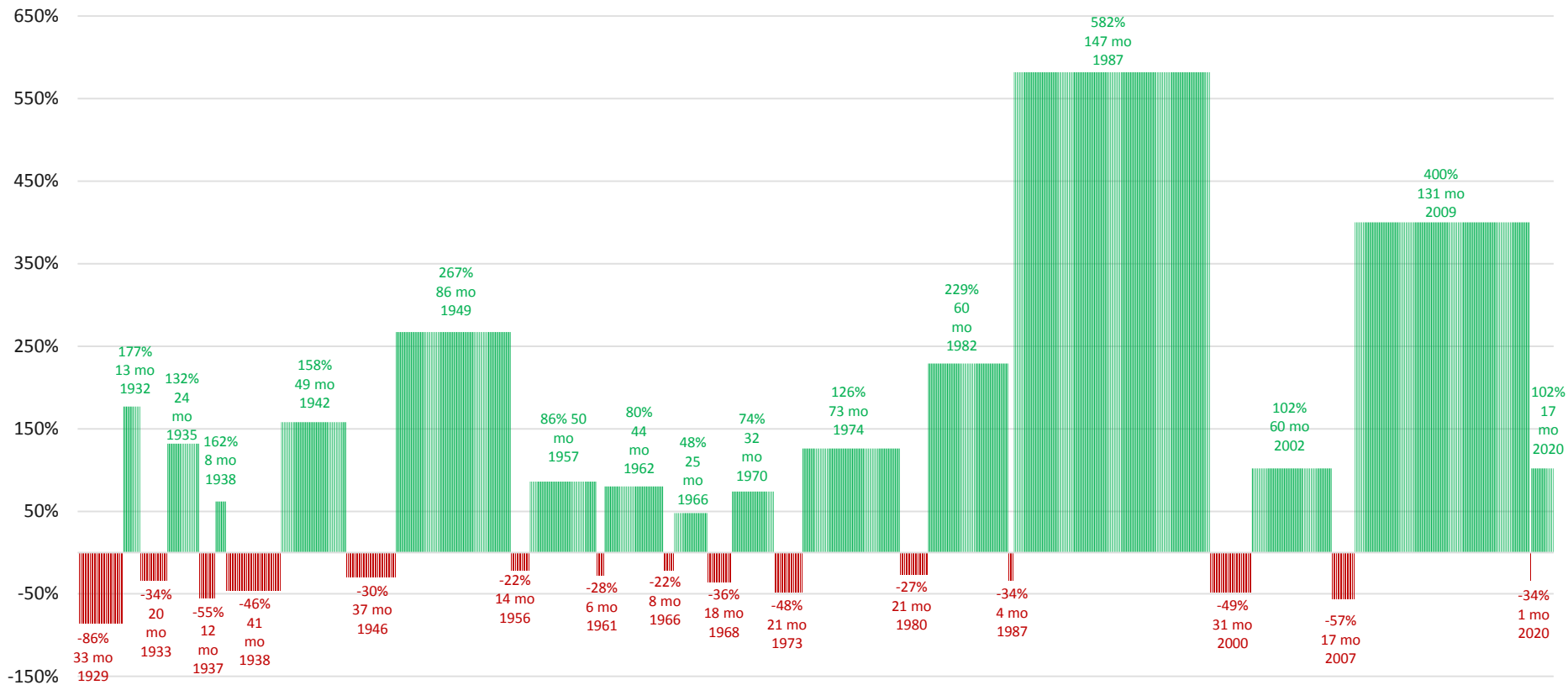
MARKET INSIGHTS

- The 34% fall that defined the bear market in 2020 was one of the shortest on record.
- This recovery has been strong and already surpassed the gain of 5 previous bull markets in only 17 months.

BULL AND BEAR MARKETS SINCE 1928

Bull and Bear Markets Since 1928

S&P 500 Index Cycle Returns: 1928 through August 2021



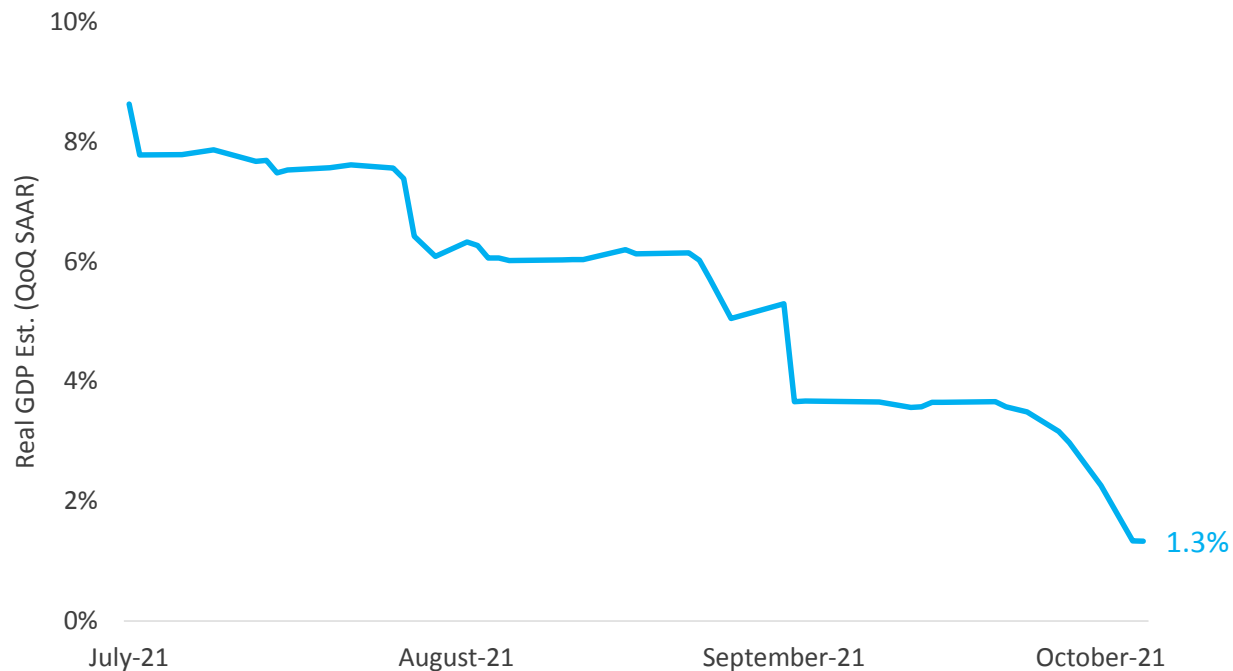
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ECONOMIC INSIGHTS

- As the Fed shifts gears to begin incrementally reducing the flow of stimulus, incoming economic data has moderated meaningfully, albeit from cyclically high levels across many economic aggregates.
- Real-time model-based gross domestic product (GDP) estimates, such as the Atlanta Fed's GDPNow™ tracker, have declined to reflect an only-slightly positive reading for the third quarter, at just a 1.3% expected growth rate based on the latest data.

ECONOMIC GROWTH EXPECTATIONS ARE MODERATING CONSIDERABLY

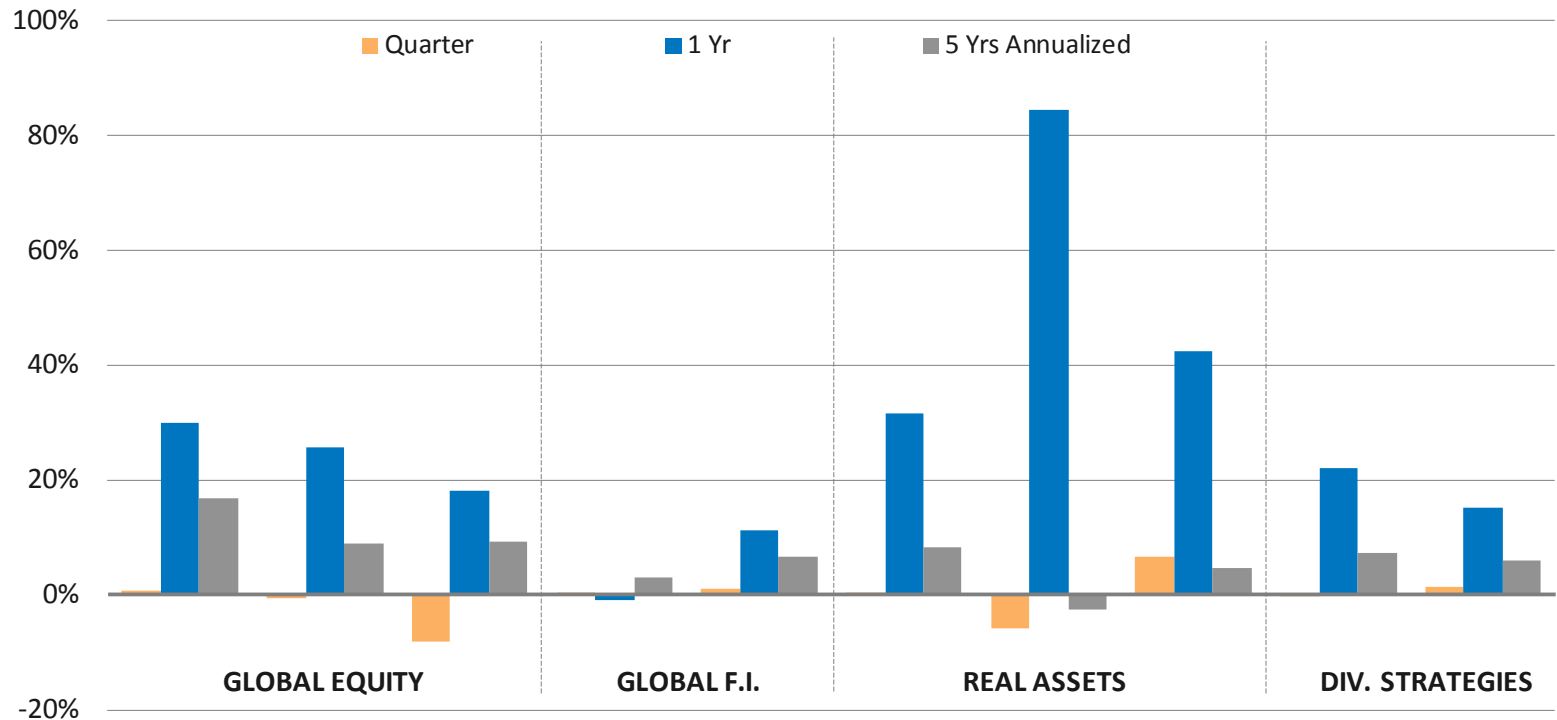
Atlanta Fed GDPNow™ Estimate for 2021-3Q



Data sources: Atlanta Fed, Bloomberg, L.P.
Data as of 10/6/2021

MARKET RETURNS

MAJOR ASSET CLASS RETURNS



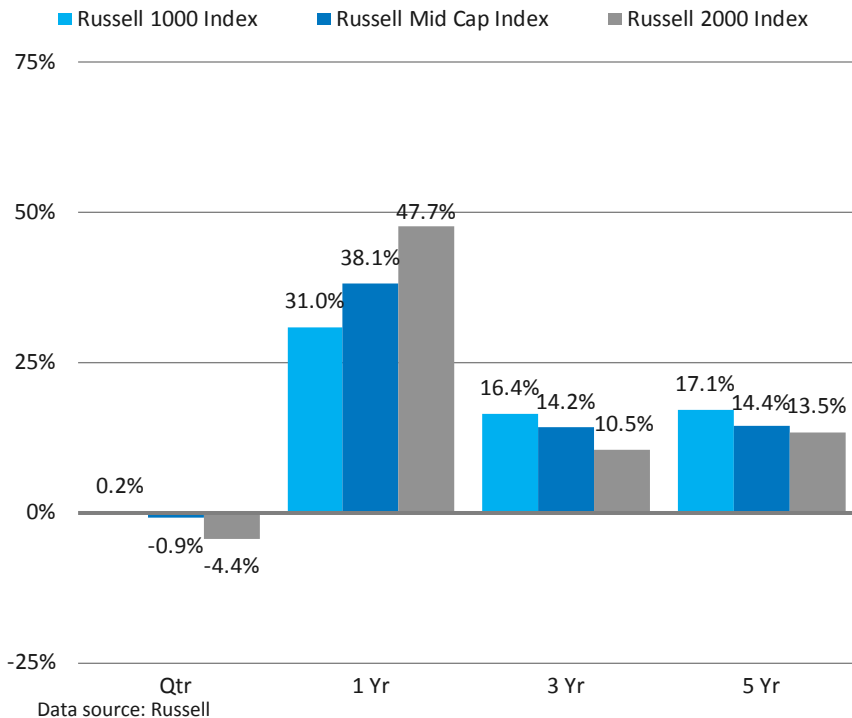
	S&P 500 Index	MSCI EAFE Index	MSCI Emerging Mkts Index	Blmbrg Barclays U.S. Agg Index	Blmbrg Barclays HY Index	FTSE NAREIT All Equity Index	Alerian MLP Index	Blmbrg Cmnty Index	HFRI Fund Wtd Comp. Index	HFRI Fund of Fund Index
Quarter	0.6%	-0.4%	-8.1%	0.1%	0.9%	0.2%	-5.7%	6.6%	0.0%	1.4%
1 Yr	30.0%	25.7%	18.2%	-0.9%	11.3%	31.5%	84.6%	42.3%	22.1%	15.0%
5 Yrs Annualized	16.9%	8.8%	9.2%	2.9%	6.5%	8.4%	-2.4%	4.5%	7.3%	5.9%

Data sources: Lipper and Hedge Fund Research, data as of 5th business day following quarter-end

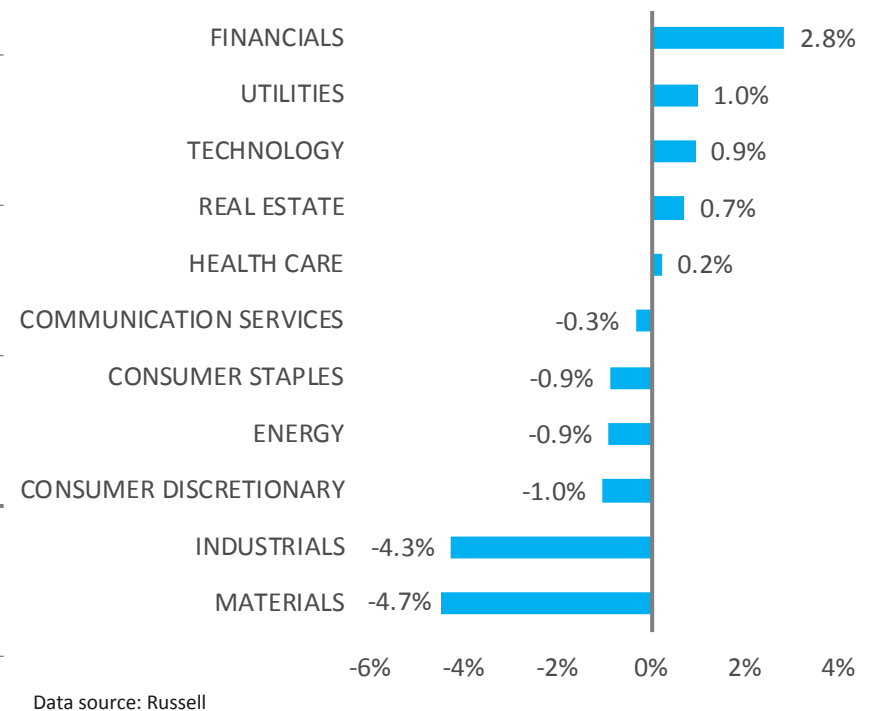
GLOBAL EQUITY, U.S.

- Historically, September ranks as the worst-performing month for equity markets. September 2021 was no exception, as it was the S&P 500 Index's worst-performing month since the height of the pandemic in March 2020. Equity returns over the quarter were mixed, with September erasing much of the quarter's prior gains. Volatility was fueled by choppy incoming economic data and reduced economic growth projections with continued elevated inflation, signaling stagflation risk.
- Value equities outperformed growth equities amid September's weakness. Nearly all the outperformance occurred in September's final week of trading—following the Federal Open Market Committee's meeting on September 22—which coincided with a spike in the 10-year interest rate. However, value's last-minute strength was not enough to overcome underperformance for the quarter.

LARGE CAP, MID CAP, AND SMALL CAP



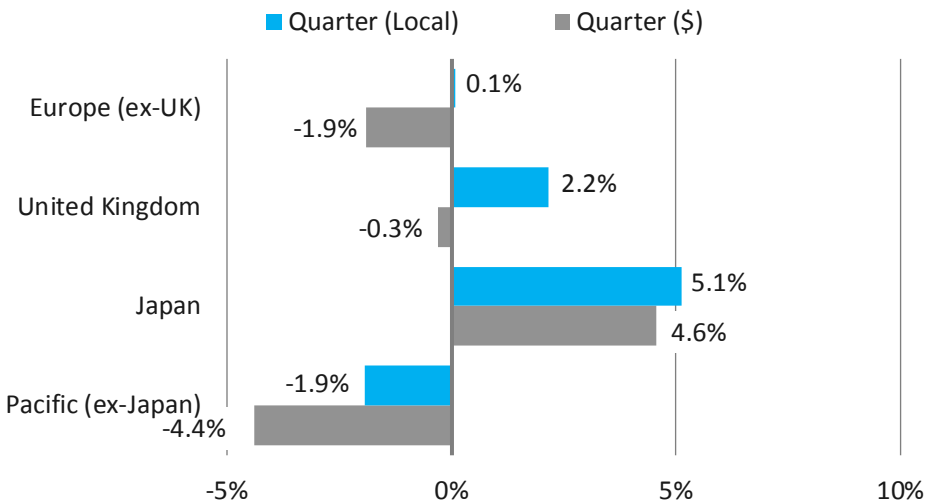
RUSSELL 3000 SECTOR PERFORMANCE



GLOBAL EQUITY, NON-U.S.

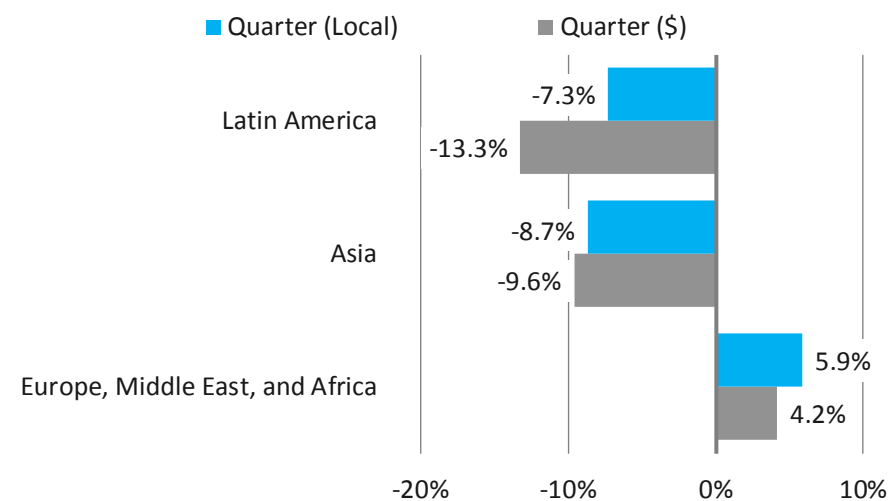
- European equities' performance was flat during the quarter. Returns were positive in the beginning of the period due in part to earnings growth and economic recovery, with vaccination rates in the euro zone exceeding 75%. However, as global markets retracted and inflation expectations surprised to the upside, equity returns declined.
- Japanese equities benefitted from strong earnings reports as companies have seen improved global demand as well as a rotation back towards more defensive and less expensive areas of the market. In the beginning of September, Japanese Prime Minister Suga announced his intention to resign. He was succeeded by Fumio Kishida of the Liberal Democratic Party, calming investor worries about significant changes in the political landscape of the country.
- Emerging market equity returns were impacted significantly by Chinese regulatory announcements and credit concerns in Chinese real estate. Brazil's market was also weak, as above-target inflation continued to rise, and the central bank responded with further interest rate hikes. Conversely, India continued to outperform relative to other emerging markets. India's strong equity performance during the second half of the year can be attributed to business resiliency following a second wave of COVID-19. Additionally, India has been the primary beneficiary of the rotation of capital away from China due to recent regulations and credit concerns in China's markets.

MSCI EAFE REGIONAL QUARTERLY RETURNS



Data source: MSCI Barra

MSCI EM REGIONAL QUARTERLY RETURNS



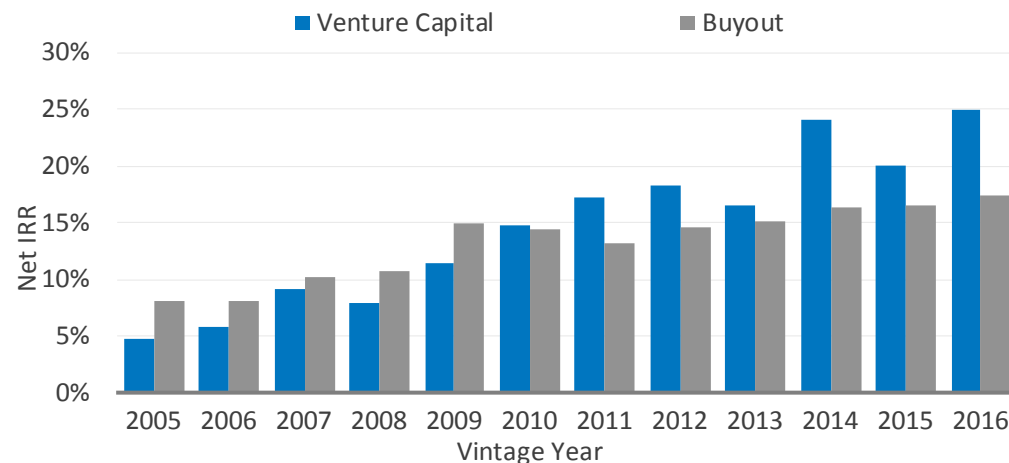
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GLOBAL EQUITY, PRIVATE

- Private equity reports performance on a lag and the latest data available are through March 31, 2021. Performance for both venture capital and buyout funds remained strong through 2020 despite COVID-19's impact on the global economy.
- Median private equity returns for both venture capital and buyout funds have generally been in the mid- to upper-teens since the 2010 vintage year with venture returns in recent years in excess of 20%.
- Median buyout fund performance was stronger than the median venture capital fund from the mid-2000s through 2009 vintage years. In the subsequent decade's vintage years, this dynamic reversed, with venture generally performing better than buyout. Recent vintages for venture capital funds benefited from a robust initial public offering (IPO) market and continued interest from investors.
- After a tepid 2020, fundraising activity for venture capital and buyout funds rebounded in 2021. Fundraising can be volatile quarter-over-quarter. If this fundraising pace continues, commitments to both venture capital and buyout funds are expected to be near recent highs.

MEDIAN VENTURE CAPITAL AND BUYOUT VINTAGE YEAR IRR

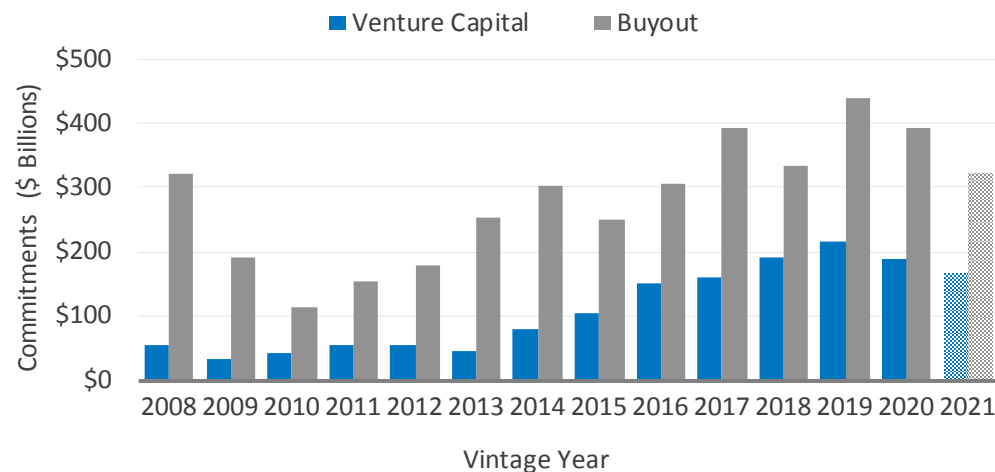
As of March 31, 2021



Data source: Thomson One; The most recent private equity return information available is through March 31, 2021

VENTURE CAPITAL AND BUYOUT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

As of September 30, 2021

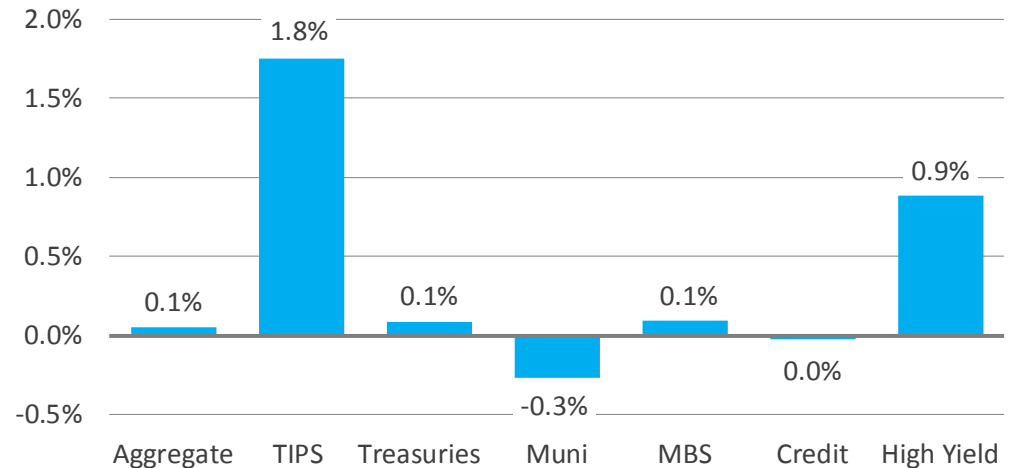


Data source: Pitchbook

GLOBAL FIXED INCOME

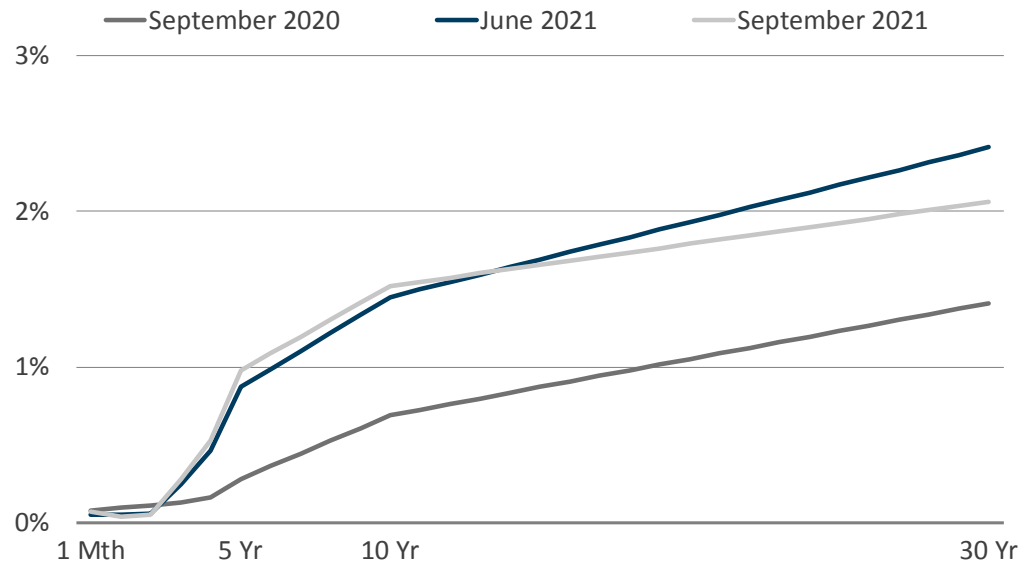
- The third quarter was characterized by interest rate volatility as opposed to directional movement.
- The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield started the quarter at 1.45% before falling 24 basis points during July as the market digested softer economic data and weakened growth expectations.
- Subsequent movements in August and September saw yields rise to 1.52% at the end of the quarter on accelerating inflation fears and further guidance from the Fed on the timeline of tapering. The result was relatively flat quarterly performance for core bonds.
- The Fed signaled that while its inflation target had been satisfied, there remained room for improvement in the labor market. The Fed's September meeting was more hawkish than anticipated, with the statement that tapering may "soon be warranted." Furthermore, Chair Powell signaled that tapering could begin as soon as November and conclude in mid-2022, while reiterating that tapering and hiking rates are independent of one another.

BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS U.S. FIXED INCOME INDEX RETURNS



Data source: Barclays

U.S. TREASURY YIELD CURVE

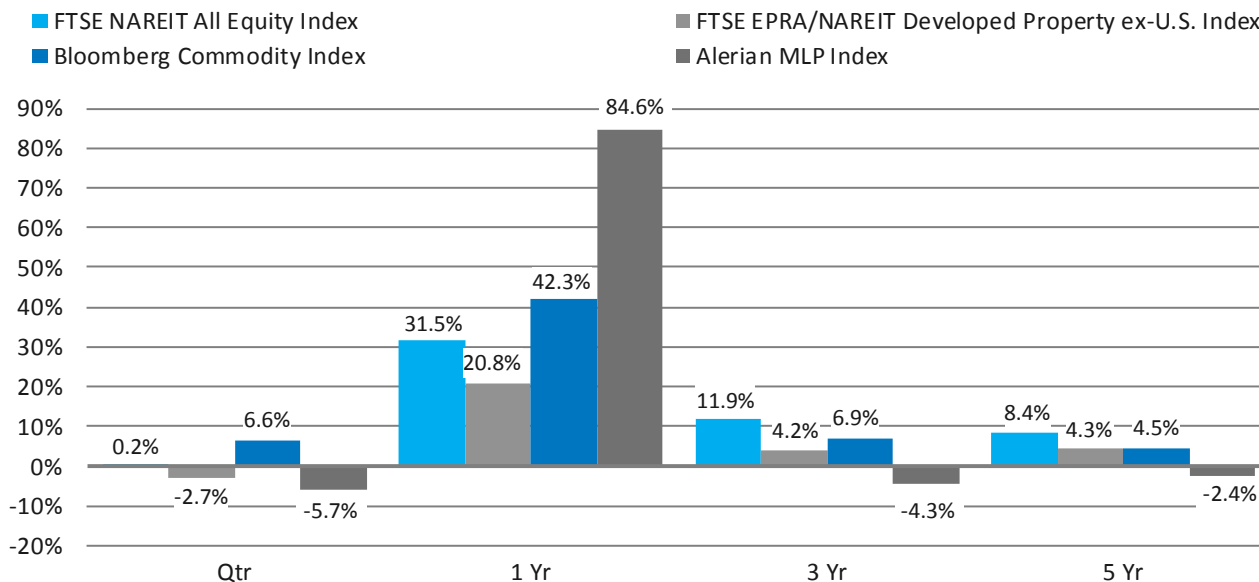


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REAL ASSETS

- After strong performance in the first half of the year, U.S. REIT returns were relatively flat during the third quarter. REIT property types that benefited from the reopening trade earlier in the year underperformed in the third quarter, with health care, lodging, and office properties all posting declines. In part, this was due to states and cities implementing restrictions to help curb the spread of the COVID-19 Delta variant. Notably, apartments, manufactured homes, and industrial properties all outperformed, as demand for housing pushed rents higher and investor appetite for industrial real estate remained strong.
- Oil prices rose 2.1%, closing at \$74.35/barrel. Year-to-date, oil prices are up nearly 55% from \$48.50/barrel at the end of 2020. Oil demand continues to recover following the gradual reopening of the global economy, and OPEC now projects oil demand in 2022 will average 100.8 million barrels per day, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
- Commodity prices, as measured by the Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM), ended the quarter with the strongest gains across the broad real asset categories, with performance driven primarily by robust returns across energy commodities and metals.

PUBLIC REAL ASSETS – REAL ESTATE, COMMODITIES, AND MLPs

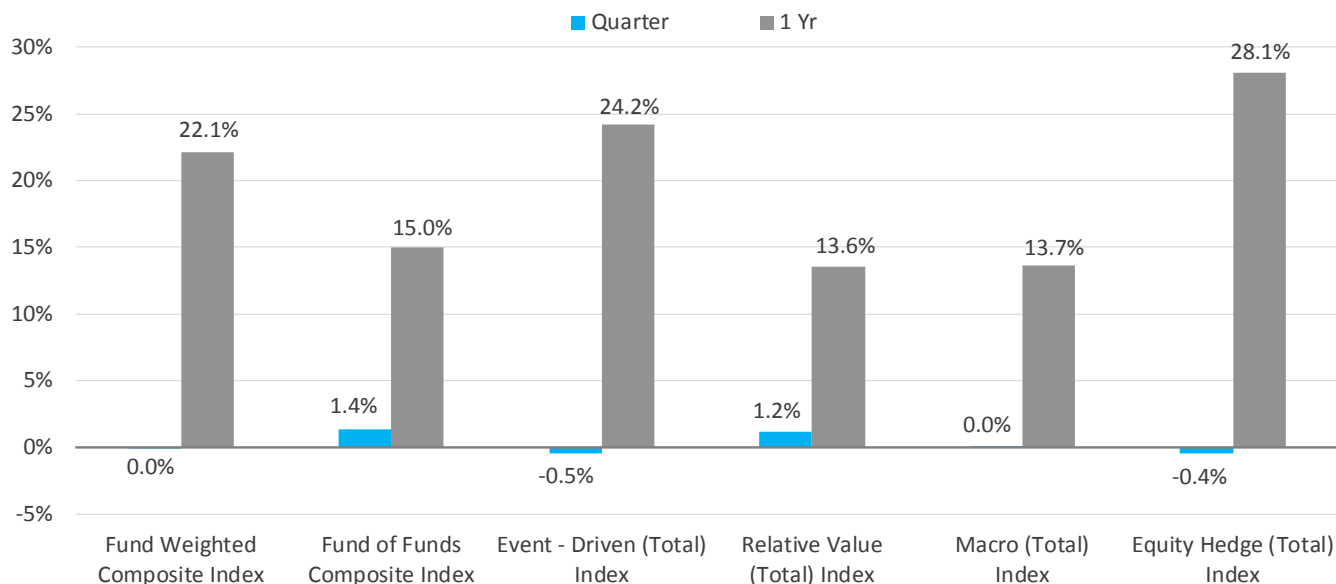


Data sources: NAREIT, Bloomberg, L.P., and Alerian

DIVERSIFYING STRATEGIES, HEDGE FUNDS

- Hedge funds protected capital well during the third quarter as traditional asset classes struggled in the face of heightened volatility. While the universe of hedge fund strategies was broadly flat for the quarter, diversified investors were rewarded in the form of positive performance across relative value and commodity strategies, as investor fears surrounding inflation, supply chain woes, and government debt ceiling debates drove volatility.
- Fixed income-based relative value strategies led performance during the quarter, as interest rates spiked on concerns surrounding inflation, the debt ceiling, and Fed tapering.
- Fund of funds also posted strong performance, as funds with broadly diversified portfolios benefitted from dislocations across asset classes and geographies.
- Event-driven and equity hedge managers struggled with performance. Hawkish messaging from the Fed served as a headwind to equity-oriented strategies.

HFRI INDICES PERFORMANCE RETURNS IN U.S. DOLLARS



Data source: HFRI

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All data as of September 30, 2021 unless otherwise specified.

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