

# Q3 2021 Quarter in Review

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#### **Global Market Overview**



Equity returns over the past year still pretty stellar, even without the initial rebound from the bottom of the COVID-19 crisis last March. Bonds have had a more sorrowful time of it, though, as the confidence that drove the rebound in stocks also provided a boost to interest rates

Trailing 1-Year Total Return of Major Asset Classes (through 09.30.21)



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## **Global Equity Market Overview**



Developed-market stocks—both domestic and abroad—traded in similar fashion to end flat over the quarter, with September demonstrating its historically crueler side. Emerging market-stocks sank over the past three months, heavily weighted by troubles within Chinese equities

#### **Trailing Broad Equity-Market Performance**

Percent total return, annualized for periods greater than 1 year

	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Global	-1.11	28.92	12.38	13.06	11.96
World ex. U.S.	-2.56	25.16	8.34	9.13	7.74
U.S.	0.03	32.39	16.17	16.95	16.70
Int'l Developed Markets	-0.24	26.23	7.83	9.04	8.45
Emerging Markets	-7.39	20.80	9.10	9.28	6.21

From 09.30.11 to 09.30.21. Total return data are annualized for periods greater than 1 year. SOURCE: SRCM using data from Bloomberg

#### Notable events of the prior three months include:

- 07-08: China takes a series of market-disrupting actions to promote "common prosperity"
- 08.18: Federal Reserve meeting minutes suggest tapering of asset purchases may begin later this year
- Sep: U.S. debt-ceiling brinksmanship starts once again to rattle investor nerves

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Though our favored factors generally have fared very well since the COVID bottom, relative performance over the past three months has not been as positive. Smaller-capitalization stocks in general saw strong declines, while returns for less-expensive stocks were mixed as mid- and small-cap stocks outperformed their peers

			Value	Growth						Value	Growth
	All Stocks	0.0%	-0.7%	0.7%			All Stocks	32.4%		34.8%	30.1%
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3-Month Period ended 09.30.21	Large	0.5%	-0.6%	1.6%		1-Year Period ended 09.30.21	Large	29.4%		29.8%	29.2%
	Mid	-0.9%	-0.4%	-1.3%			Mid	39.0%		47.3%	29.9%
	Small	-2.6%	-1.8%	-3.3%			Small	52.2%		62.2%	42.2%

The table displays the relative performance of different indexes representing U.S. stocks. Broad market performance is shown in the upper left of each group (3-month and 1-year periods). The remainder of the table displays the performance of various indexes, including large-, mid- and small-cap stocks, Value and Growth stocks, and combinations of each. Indexes that outperformed (underperformed) the broader market are shaded in blue (grey) in depth according to their respective relative performance. Past performance is not indicative of future results. One cannot invest directly in an index. Index performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Please see additional important information regarding indexes at the end of this report. SOURCE: SRCM using data from Bloomberg



The Value and Size factors performed much better abroad over the past quarter, adding to the positive relative performance seen over the past year. Small-cap stocks fared particularly well, with the less-expensive cohort among them gapping well ahead of their peers and of large-growth names

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	All Stocks	-2.6%	-2.0%	-3.1%			All Stocks	25.2%	32.3%	18.5%
09.30.21	Large	-3.3%	-2.6%	-4.0%		1-Year Period ended 09.30.21	Large	23.5%	31.5%	16.1%
3-Month Period ended 09.30.21	Mid	-1.7%	-1.1%	-2.3%			Mid	25.6%	31.0%	20.3%
3-Month P	Small	0.0%	-0.4%	0.4%			Small	33.1%	37.6%	28.6%

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Outside of the downturn experienced last October, stocks drifted mostly upward over the past year. Until mid-September, that is, when investors began to worry over a mix of macroeconomic and policy concerns. Generally negative returns across fixed income restrained some of that gain as the yield curve steepened over the past year

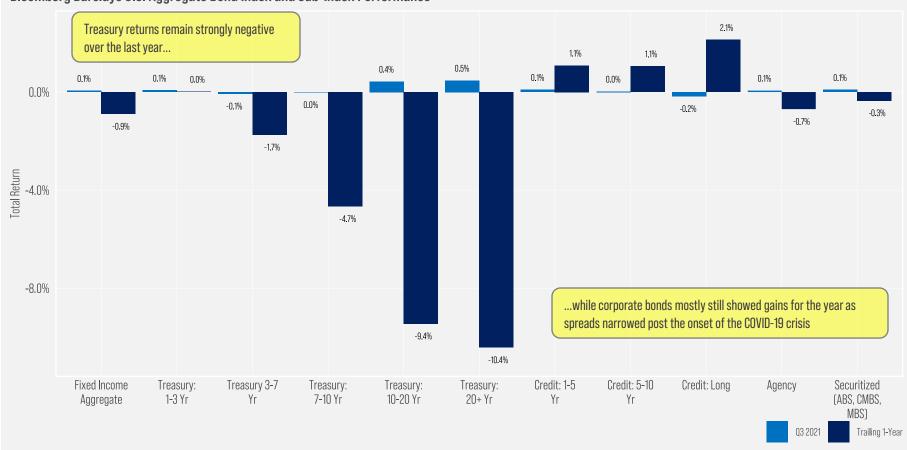


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## **Fixed Income: Broad-Market Returns**



Rates were on the rise again in September, though they remained near to levels see at the end of Q2. The negative returns over the prior year express the general lifting of rates across the longer-end of the yield curve. Corporate bonds outperformed on account of narrowing spreads as the economy reopened



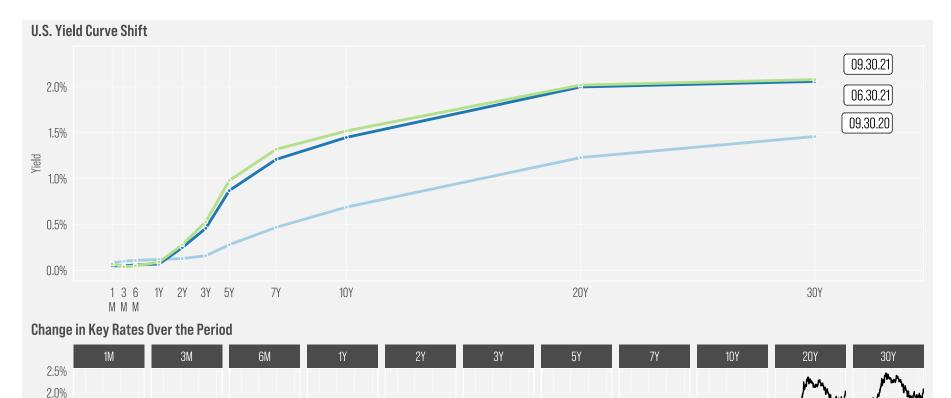
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index and Sub-Index Performance

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## **Interest Rates: U.S. Treasury Rates**

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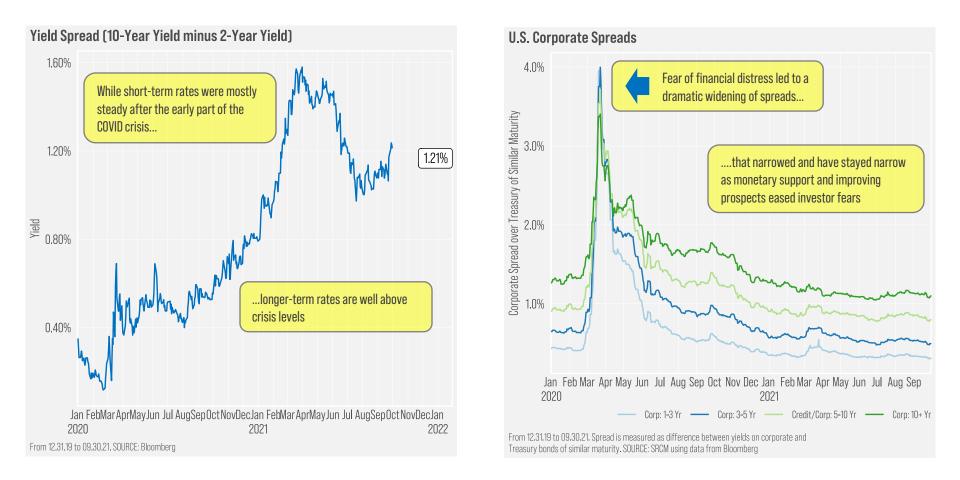
Though rates were about where they were at the end of the second quarter, they remain well above year-ago levels. Rates actually sank over the second quarter, but drifted higher earlier in Q3 before surging ahead in September as investors foresee a gradually less accommodative stance emerging from the Federal Reserve



#### **Interest Rates: Spreads**



Spreads reflect the primary risks we experience in owning bonds: interest rate risk and credit risk. As short-term rates remained relatively stable in Q3, longer-term rates rose, adding to the premium for taking on interest rate risk, but pressuring already-owned bonds in the meantime. Credit spreads remained narrow as economic prospects are still positive



#### **Macroeconomic Trends**



Unemployment surged during the pandemic, with service industries particularly hard hit. Jobs figures quickly rebounded, but remain stressed

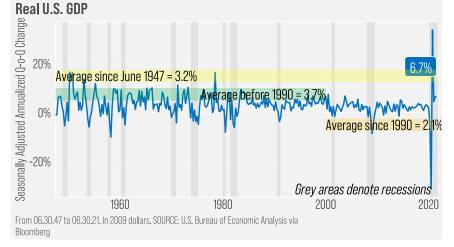


Recent declines in the relative value of the U.S. dollar have bolstered returns from international equity exposures (though Q3 saw a bit of a reversal of that trend) U.S. Dollar Index



an average of the exchange rates between the USD and major world currencies. SOURCE: Bloomberg

GDP growth sank at a rate never-before experienced and rebounded with similar ferocity. Going-forward rates of growth remain top-of-mind for policy makers and investors, alike



One can connect the inflation surge to the global stall at the beginning of the pandemic. Eyes remain watchful for pressures that might remain after short-term effects subside





From UL31.50 to US.31.21. Year-over-year change in the seasonally adjusted U.S. Personal Consumption Expenditure Core Price Index. SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis via Bloomberg

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Domestic (U.S.) fixed income (Fixed Income Aggregate): The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. Components of the index include Treasury, Corporate, Agency and Securitized bonds. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. 1-5 Year Government/Credit Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that includes investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities with maturities between 1 and 5 years.

Global equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large-, mid- and small-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries. The index is comprehensive, covering approximately 99% of the global equity investment opportunity set. May be referred to as "global", "global equity" and/or "global stocks". "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

International equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI ex USA Investable Market Index (IMI) captures large-, mid- and small-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets countries (excluding the United States) and 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the global equity opportunity set outside the U.S. May be referred to as "World ex. U.S.", "international equity", "international stocks" and/or "All Stocks" in a section specifically describing only international stocks. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

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International mid-cap equity (stocks): The MSCI ACWI ex USA Mid Cap Index captures mid-cap representation across 22 of 23 Developed Markets (excluding the United States) and 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 15% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as international mid-cap stocks, "World ex. U.S. Mid-Cap", and/or "Mid" in a section specifically describing only international stocks. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

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Developed markets equity (stocks): The MSCI EAFE Investable Market Index (IMI), is an equity index which captures large-, mid- and small-cap representation across Developed Markets countries around the world, excluding the United States and Canada. The index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as "Developed Markets". "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

Emerging markets (EM) equity (stocks): The MSCI Emerging Markets Investable Market (IMI) Index captures large, mid and small cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets countries. The index covers approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. May be referred to as "Emerging Markets". "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below.

Domestic (U.S.) equity: The MSCI U.S. Investable Market 2500 Index is designed to measure the performance of the large-, mid- and small-cap segment of the U.S. equity market. The index represents approximately 99% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the U.S. equity market. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below. May be referred to as "All Stocks" in a section specifically describing only U.S. stocks.

Domestic (U.S.) large-cap equity: The MSCI U.S. Large Cap 300 Index is designed to measure the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity market. The index represents approximately 71% of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in the U.S. equity market. "Value" and "Growth" versions of this index are constructed as described in the "MSCI Value and Growth Indexes" note below. May be referred to as "Large" in a section specifically describing only U.S. stocks.

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