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# Q4 2021 Quarter in Review

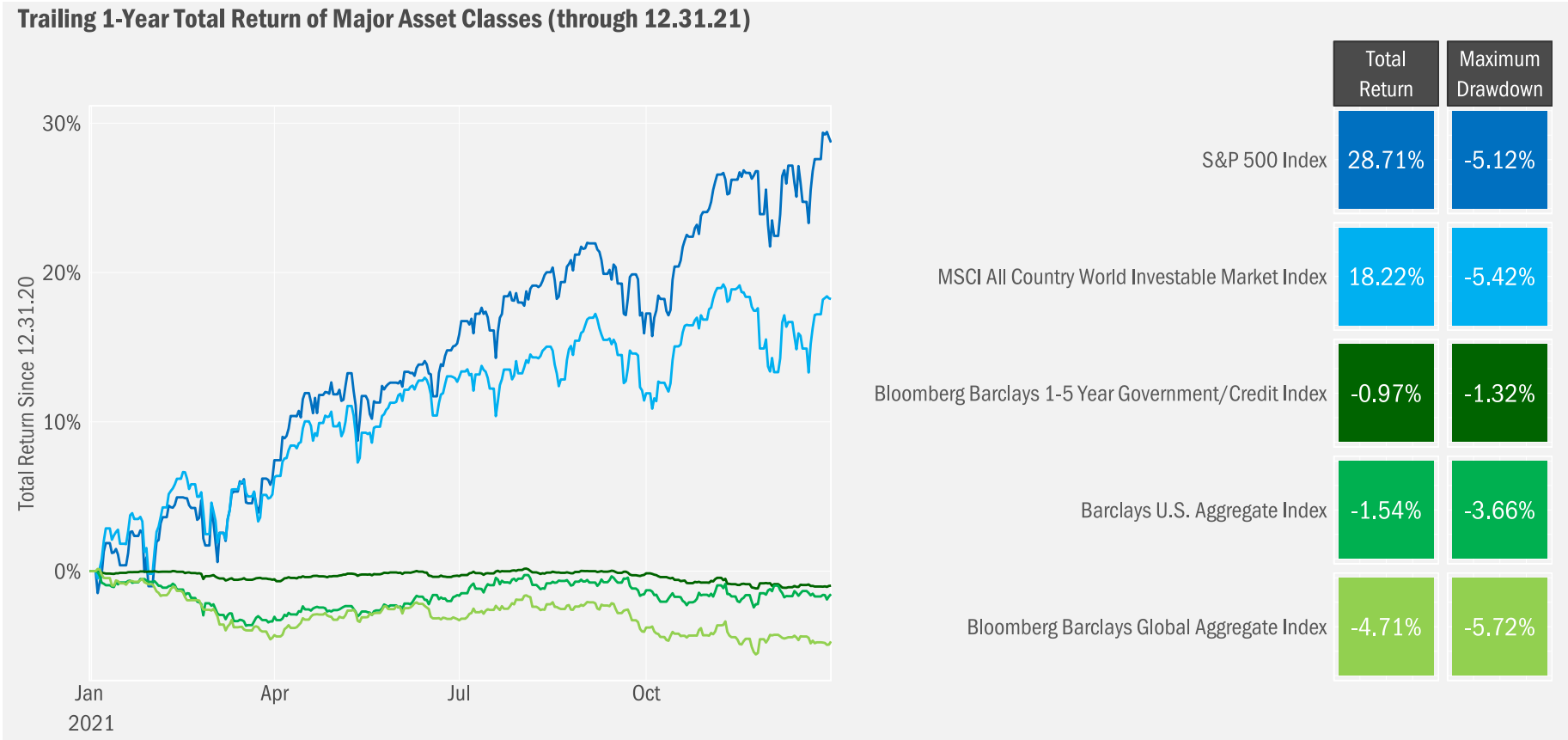
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# Global Market Overview

All but ignoring the global pandemic, for the third year in a row global stocks saw a double-digit gain, once again powered by U.S. stocks. After two years of high single-digit gains, though, the domestic investment-grade bond market turned in a loss



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# Global Equity Market Overview

After a close first half, domestic equities powered away from their global peers. The gains capped a decade over which U. S. stocks have more than doubled the performance of international developed markets and have nearly tripled the gains of emerging market stocks

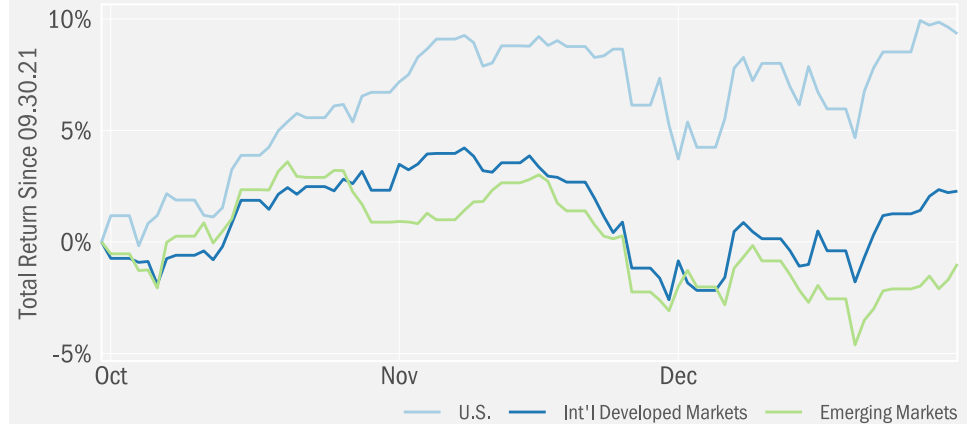
## Trailing Broad Equity-Market Performance

Percent total return, annualized for periods greater than 1 year

	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Global	6.10	18.22	20.20	14.12	11.84
World ex. U.S.	1.64	8.53	13.62	9.83	7.57
U.S.	9.33	26.13	26.01	18.10	16.41
Int'l Developed Markets	2.28	11.08	13.84	9.76	8.39
Emerging Markets	-0.98	-0.28	11.57	10.06	5.71

From 12.31.11 to 12.31.21. Total return data are annualized for periods greater than 1 year.  
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## Trailing 3-Month Total Return (through 12.31.21)

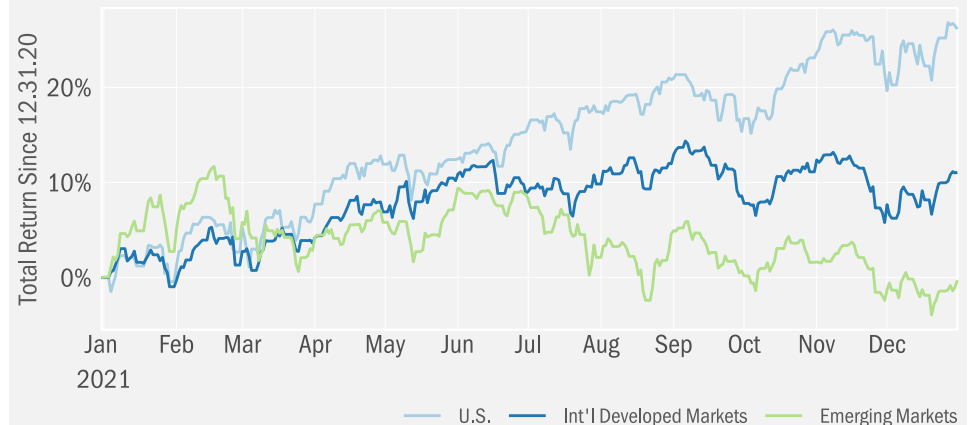


## Notable events of the prior three months include:

- 11.15: President Biden signs into law the \$1 trillion infrastructure bill
- 11.19: October year-over-year inflation comes in at 6.2%, the highest since November 1990
- 12.15: Federal Reserve highlights a potentially more aggressive shift in monetary policy
- 12.16: President Biden signs debt limit increase

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## Trailing 1-Year Total Return (through 12.31.21)



# Core Factors: U.S. Stocks

Last year was far kinder to stocks expressing our preferred characteristics, much more so in the first half than in the second. Value generally outperformed Growth over the four quarters, with smaller Value names turning in strikingly strong gains versus their growthier peers

		Value		Growth	
<b>3-Month Period ended 12.31.21</b>	<b>All Stocks</b>	9.3%	9.4%	9.1%	
	<b>Large</b>	10.4%	9.7%	10.8%	
	<b>Mid</b>	7.1%	9.5%	4.7%	
	<b>Small</b>	3.7%	6.6%	1.0%	
<b>1-Year Period ended 12.31.21</b>	<b>All Stocks</b>	26.1%	27.2%	24.6%	
	<b>Large</b>	27.1%	25.8%	28.0%	
	<b>Mid</b>	24.0%	32.7%	14.6%	
	<b>Small</b>	21.1%	30.6%	11.5%	

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

# Core Factors: International Stocks

Though returns in the aggregate were lower than those in the States, performance among international stocks also saw the winners' column dominated by Value and small-cap names for the year. That general trend eased in the fourth quarter, however

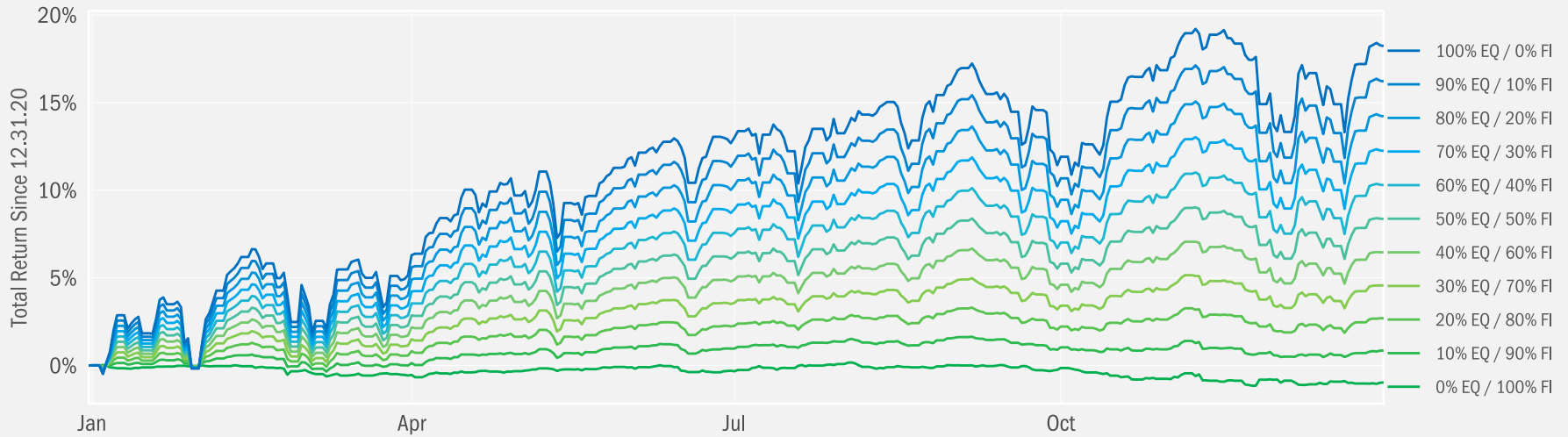
			Value	Growth			Value	Growth	
<b>3-Month Period ended 12.31.21</b>	<b>All Stocks</b>	1.6%	1.1%	2.1%	<b>1-Year Period ended 12.31.21</b>	<b>All Stocks</b>	8.5%	11.0%	6.0%
	<b>Large</b>	2.1%	1.5%	2.7%		<b>Large</b>	7.8%	10.7%	4.8%
	<b>Mid</b>	0.6%	0.2%	0.9%		<b>Mid</b>	7.9%	9.5%	6.1%
	<b>Small</b>	0.6%	0.5%	0.7%		<b>Small</b>	12.9%	14.2%	11.5%

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# Range of Returns for Different Asset Allocations

Volatility was light through the year in global equities. With the maximum drawdown not exceeding 5.5%, investors generally benefitted from increased equity exposure. Though bonds offered downside protection, total returns suffered upward pressures on interest rates

**Trailing 1-Year Total Return of a Range of Asset Allocations (through 12.31.21)**

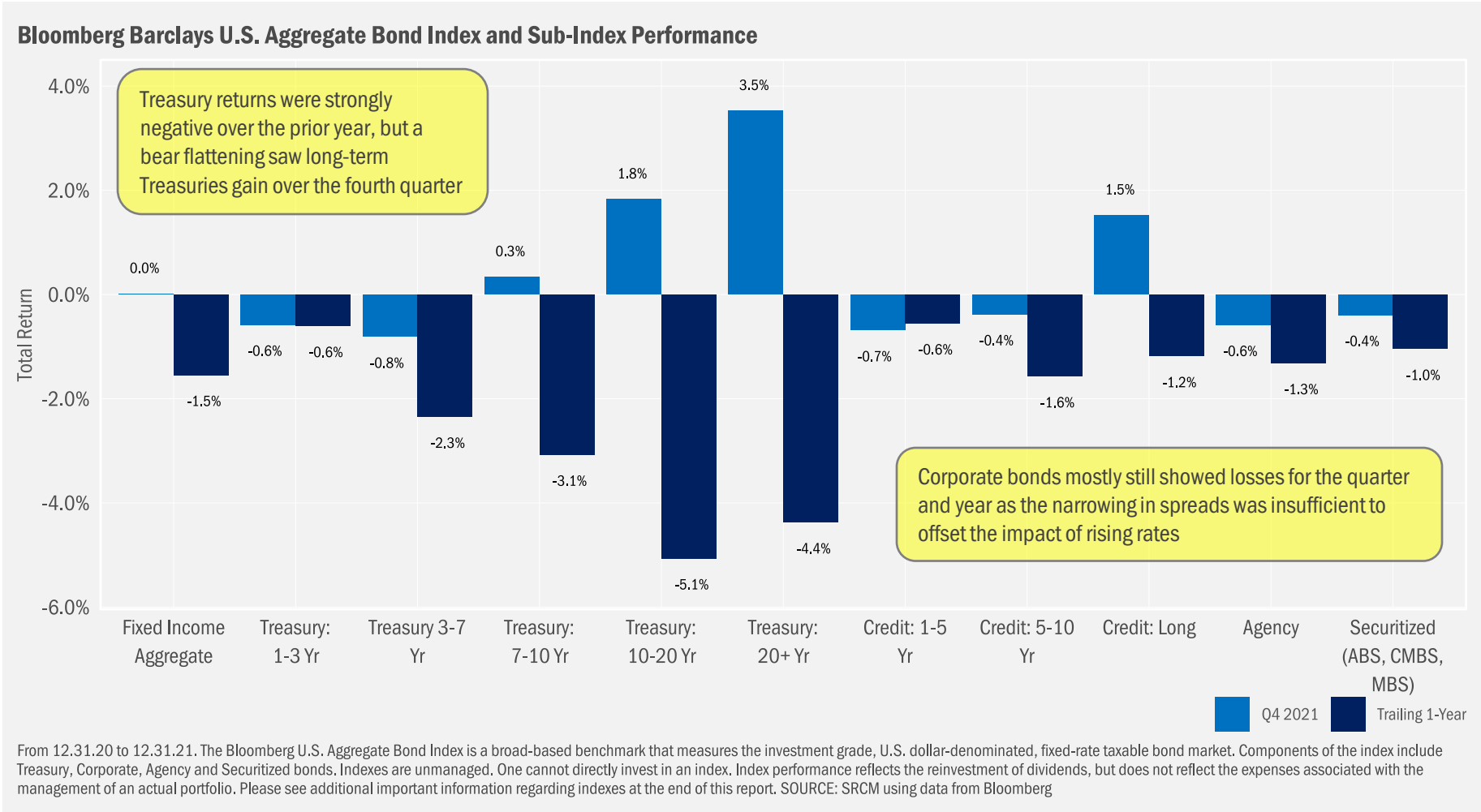


	0% EQ / 100% FI	10% EQ / 90% FI	20% EQ / 80% FI	30% EQ / 70% FI	40% EQ / 60% FI	50% EQ / 50% FI	60% EQ / 40% FI	70% EQ / 30% FI	80% EQ / 20% FI	90% EQ / 10% FI	100% EQ / 0% FI
<b>Total Return</b>	-0.97%	0.85%	2.70%	4.56%	6.45%	8.36%	10.29%	12.24%	14.21%	16.21%	18.22%
<b>Maximum Drawdown</b>	-1.32%	-1.15%	-1.39%	-1.8%	-2.32%	-2.85%	-3.37%	-3.89%	-4.4%	-4.91%	-5.42%

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# Fixed Income: Broad-Market Returns

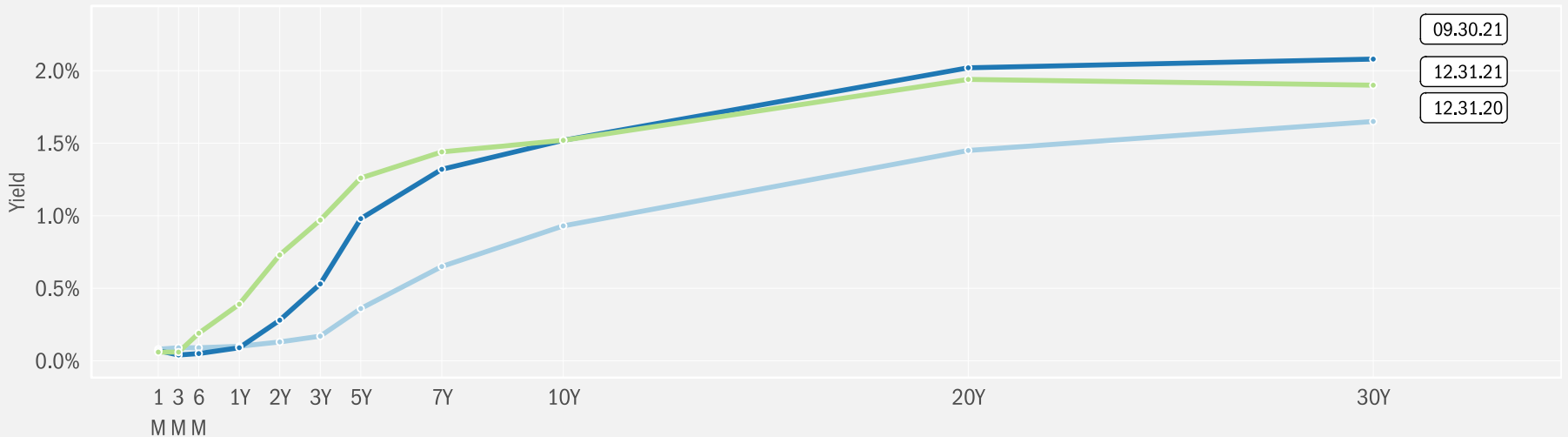
Historically low yields across the bond spectrum generally failed to overcome the broader rise in rates we saw in 2021. Though credit spreads also remained historically low, the extra income did offer a salve from the losses otherwise seen among Treasuries of similar duration



# Interest Rates: U.S. Treasury Rates

Interest rates generally were higher on the year, though they remain well below historical levels. Macroeconomic growth stayed robust while inflation remained elevated through year end, and short-term rates surged as investors lifted expectations for less-accommodative Federal Reserve policies

## U.S. Yield Curve Shift



## Change in Key Rates Over the Period

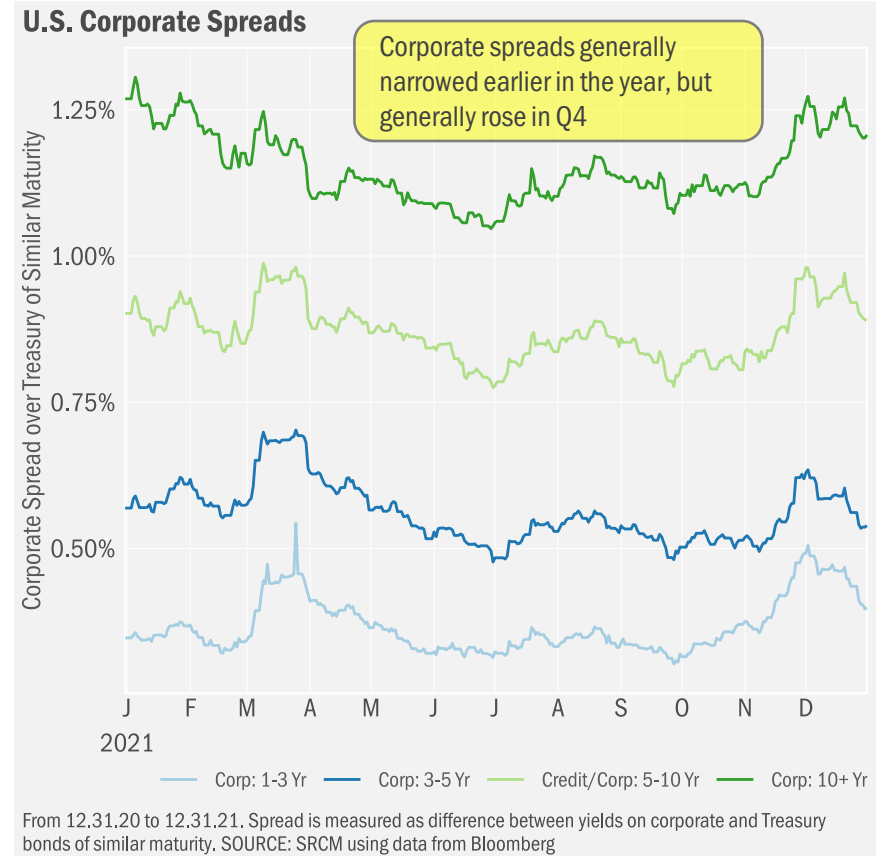
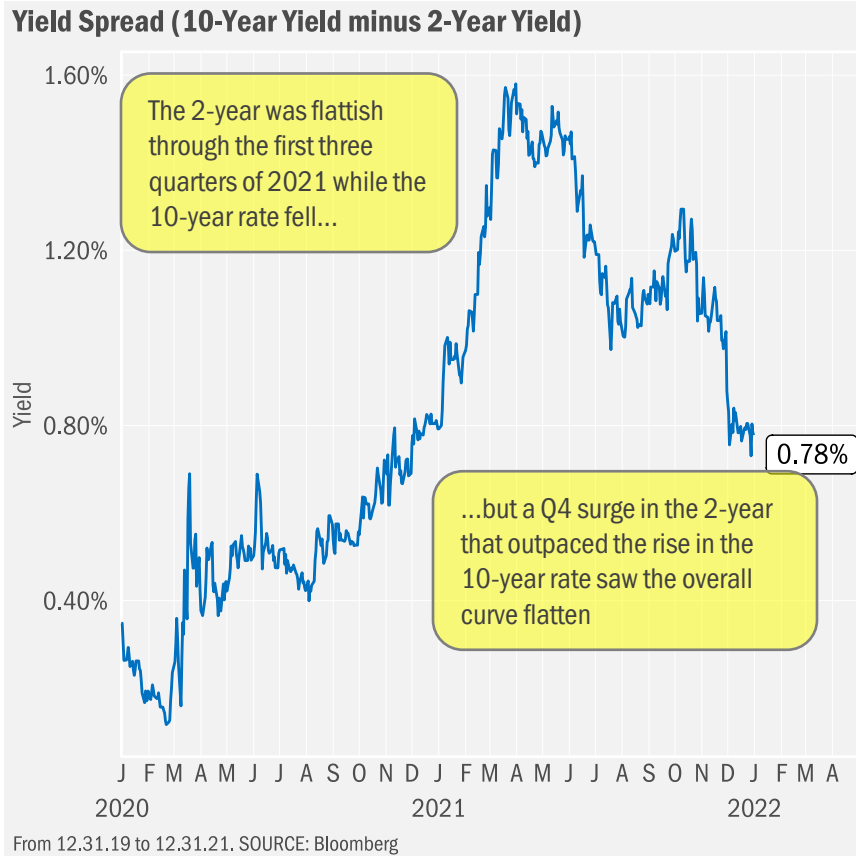


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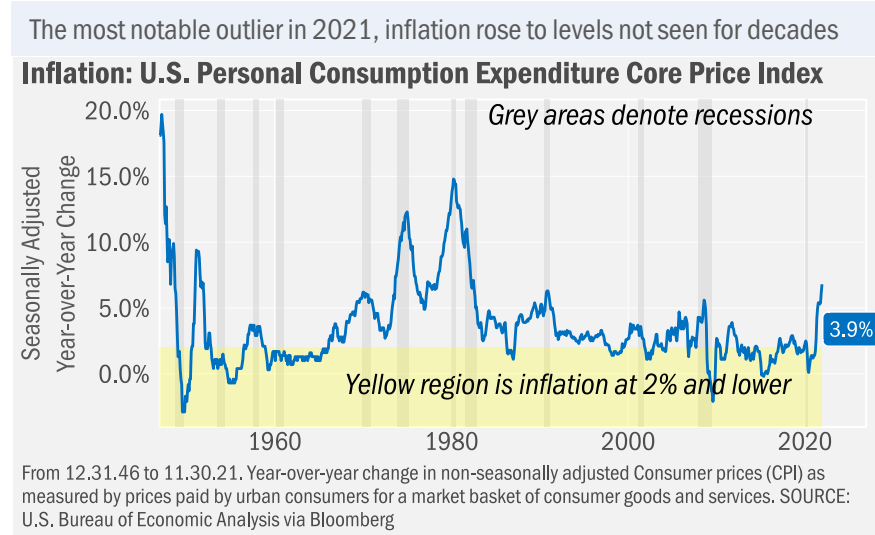
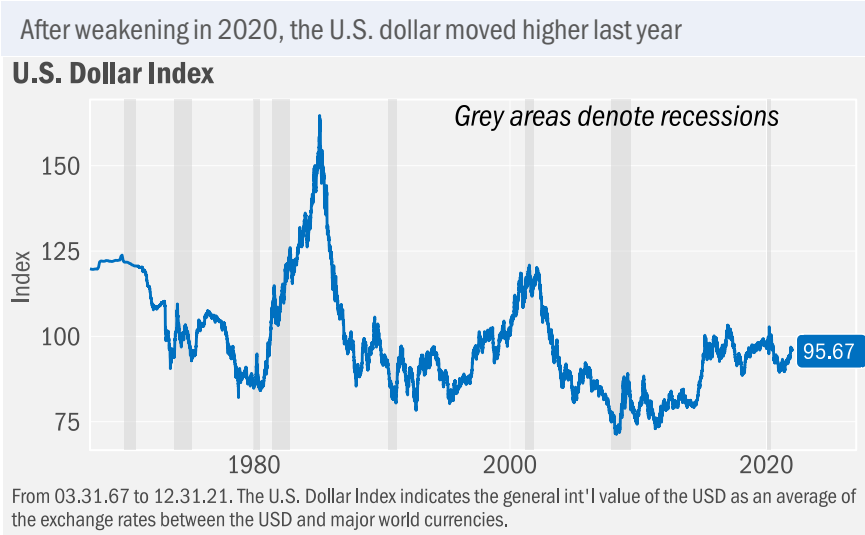
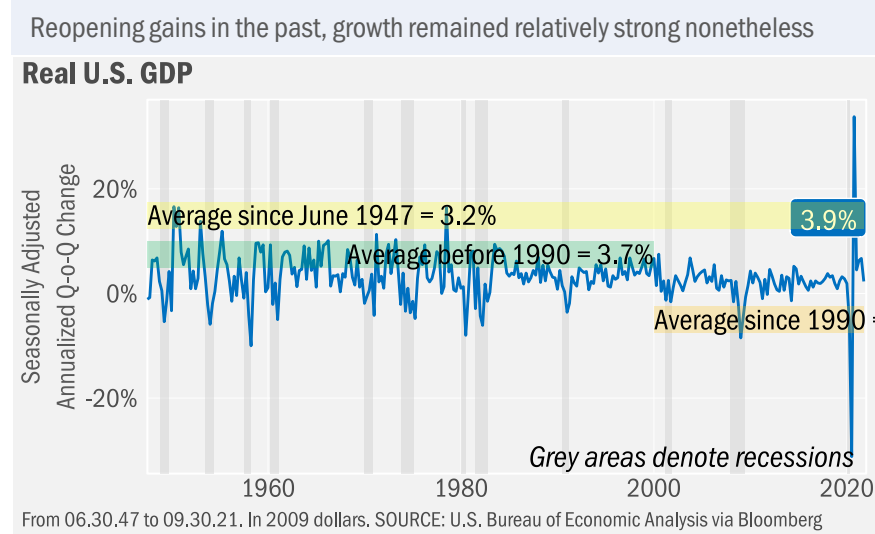
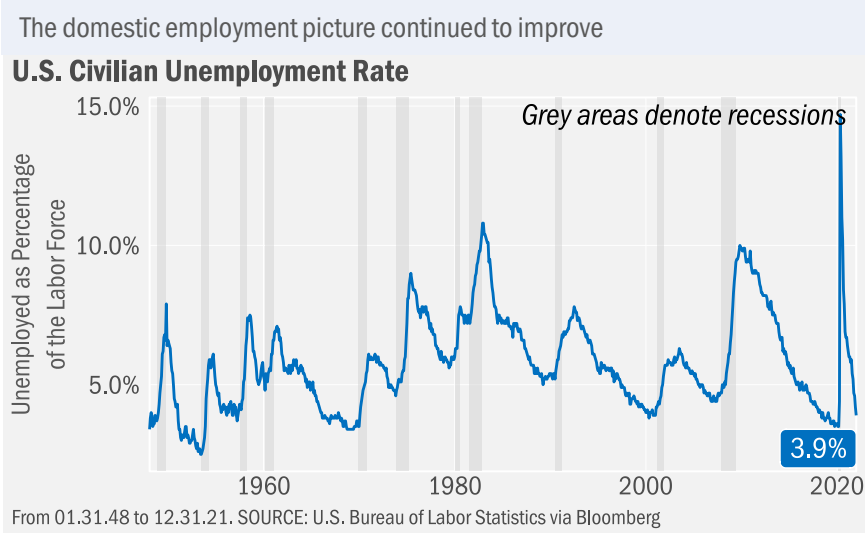


# Interest Rates: Spreads

While credit spreads could be qualified as “stable” in 2021, at least compared to the volatility experienced in 2020, term spreads surged and ebbed during the year as investors balanced expectations for ongoing pandemic ills, monetary policy responses to inflation and longer-term macroeconomic growth



# Macroeconomic Trends



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