

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Equity markets faltered in November after news of higher than anticipated inflation (6.2% YoY) and a new Covid-19 variant (Omicron). This led to increased market volatility and a flattening of the yield curve. As a result, U.S. Treasuries had one of their best months of 2021. After a dramatic run, commodity prices have retreated. The price of oil dropped with news of Omicron and the U.S. tapping into their strategic oil reserves.
- Congress passed the Infrastructure and Jobs Act earlier this month and The House passed the \$2 trillion social spending and climate bill where it will move on to the Senate. Jerome Powell has been nominated for a second term as Fed Chair and he announced that tapering might have to speed up as soon as mid-December.
- The FDA cleared Moderna and Pfizer Covid-19 boosters for all adults and the CDC has recommended adults to get it as soon as possible due to the potential spread of the Omicron variant. Jobless claims hit a 52-year low in November, coming in at under 200,000. Household spending increased as consumers have yet to be deterred by higher prices. However, while spending is up, Consumer Sentiment has been edging lower all year.

INDEX PERFORMANCE (as of 11/30/2021)

Equity	November	Year-to-Date	One-Year
U.S. Large Cap	-0.7%	23.2%	27.9%
U.S. Small Cap	-4.2%	12.3%	22.0%
Developed Non-U.S.	-4.6%	6.3%	11.3%
Emerging Market	-4.1%	-4.1%	3.0%
Real Assets			
Real Estate	-2.1%	15.8%	19.6%
Commodities	-7.3%	22.8%	28.9%
Natural Resource Equities	-4.5%	34.6%	40.1%
Fixed Income			
Core Plus			
U.S. High Yield Debt	-1.0%	3.3%	5.3%
Emerging Market Debt	-2.7%	-10.1%	-7.0%
Core Bonds			
U.S. Aggregate Bonds	0.3%	-1.3%	-1.2%
U.S. Treasuries	0.8%	-1.8%	-2.0%
U.S. Municipal Bonds	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%
Month-End Values/Yield	Current	Prior Month	One-Year Ago
CBOE Volatility Index	27.2	16.3	20.6
10-Year Treasury Yield	1.4%	1.6%	0.8%

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