

## Capital Markets Snapshot

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#### **Global Market Summary**

Global stocks, U.S. sectors and interest rates

Index	Level	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	3483	0.2%	3.6%	3.6%	7.8%
Dow Jones Industrials Average	28606	0.1%	3.0%	3.0%	0.2%
NASDAQ Composite	11671	0.8%	4.5%	4.5%	30.1%
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	1124	0.1%	3.9%	3.9%	0.8%
MSCI EAFE Index	1882	-1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	-7.6%
MSCI All Country World Index	583	-0.3%	3.2%	3.2%	3.2%
MSCI Europe Index	1623	-1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	-9.0%

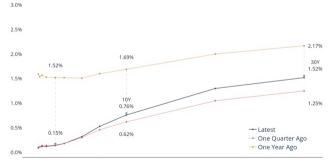
	Global Rates Summary				
	Oct 16, 2020	Sep 30, 2020	Dec 31, 2019		
3-Month Treasury Yield	0.11%	0.10%	1.55%		
2-Year Treasury Yield	0.14%	0.13%	1.58%		
10-Year Treasury Yield	0.76%	0.69%	1.92%		
30-Year Treasury Yield	1.52%	1.46%	2.39%		
30-Year Fixed Mortgage	2.81%	2.90%	3.74%		
German 10-Year Bund Yield	-0.62%	-0.52%	-0.18%		

Sector Performance				
Index	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD
Industrials	1.1%	6.0%	6.0%	0.3%
Comm.	0.9%	2.5%	2.5%	10.3%
Utilities	0.8%	7.8%	7.8%	-0.9%
Technology	0.8%	3.7%	3.7%	32.2%
Cons. Stap.	0.7%	3.3%	3.3%	5.3%
S&P 500	0.2%	3.6%	3.6%	7.8%
Cons. Disc.	-0.2%	4.1%	4.1%	27.5%
Materials	-0.4%	4.1%	4.1%	7.9%
Healthcare	-0.5%	2.2%	2.2%	5.8%
Financials	-0.9%	3.7%	3.7%	-18.8%
Energy	-2.1%	0.6%	0.6%	-49.9%
Real Estate	-2.3%	2.2%	2.2%	-6.9%

Index	Level	MTD	QTD	YTD
US Dollar Index	93.68	-0.2%	-0.2%	-2.8%
Euro	1.17	-0.1%	-0.1%	4.4%
Chinese RMB	6.70	1.7%	1.7%	3.8%
Japanese Yen	105.42	0.1%	0.1%	3.0%
British Pound	1.29	0.0%	0.0%	-2.4%
WTI OII	40.81	1.8%	1.8%	-33.2%
Brent Oil	43.26	5.5%	5.5%	-34.8%



#### U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Latest data point is Oct 16, 2020

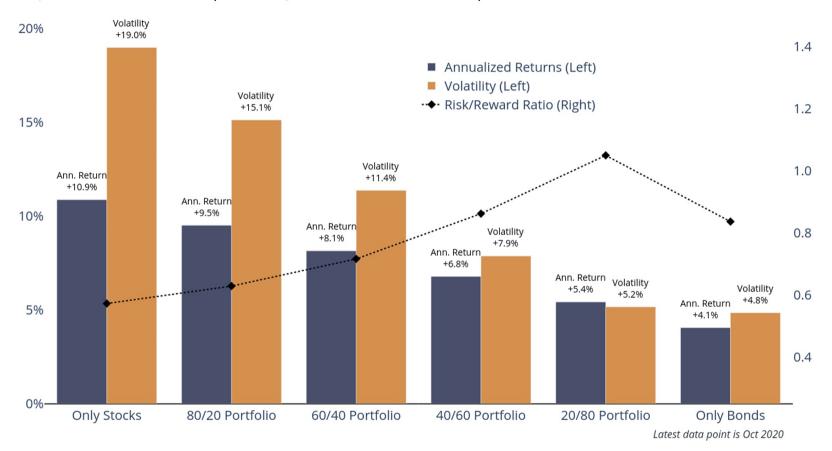


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## Portfolio Risk/Reward

Returns and standard deviations over the past 15 years across hypothetical stock/bond asset allocation portfolios, before fees and other expenses

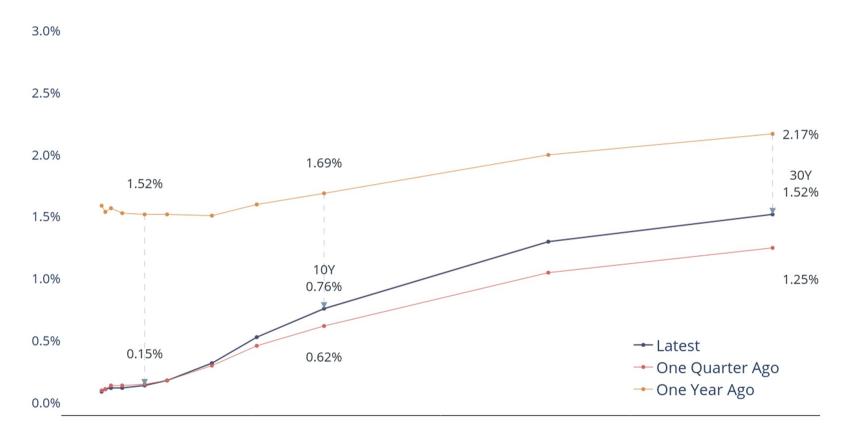


- This chart shows the historical risk and return profiles of various stock/bond portfolios.
- For instance, while an all-stock portfolio has the highest return, it also has the highest volatility.
- Selecting the best stock/bond allocation depends on personal characteristics and financial goals.



## **Treasury Yield Curve**

The shape of the U.S. Treasury curve last year versus today



Latest data point is Oct 16, 2020

- The yield curve is still flat due to falling long-term interest rates.
- However, the yield curve is no longer inverted since the Fed cut rates to zero.
- Economic uncertainty due to COVID-19 will likely keep interest rates across the yield curve low for some time.

Source: Federal Reserve



### **Interest Rates**

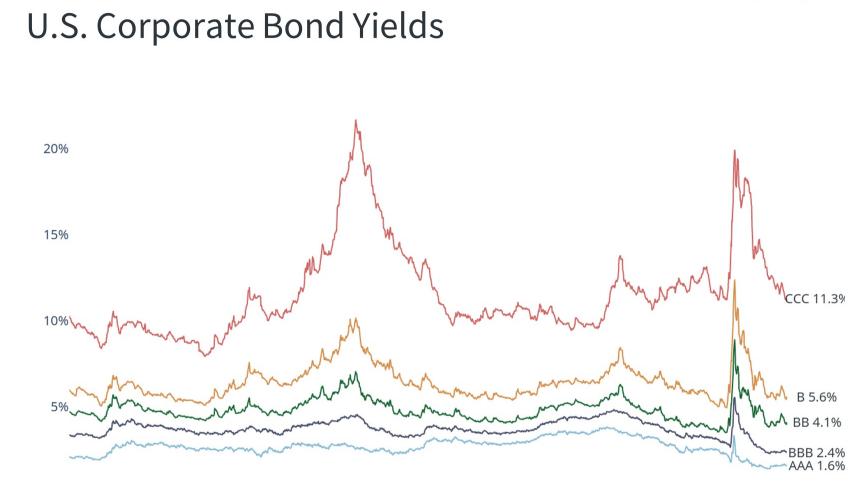
10-year and 2-year yields since 2012



- Long-term interest rates have plummeted in 2020 due to the pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- The 10-year Treasury yield continues to hover at historically low levels due partly to Fed rate cuts.
- Interest rates could remain low as uncertainty over economic growth hangs over financial markets.

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<sup>2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021</sup> Latest data point is Oct 15, 2020

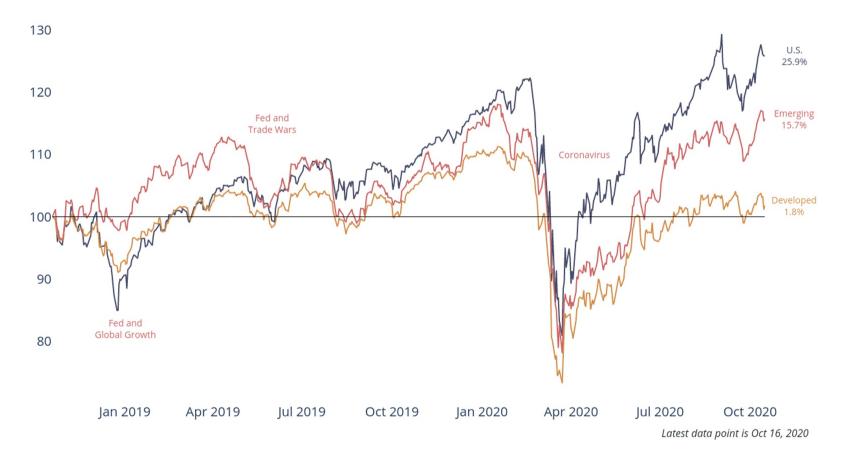
- Corporate bond spreads have widened recently due to global market volatility.
- Over the past decades, corporate bonds especially high yield was an attractive way to generate income.
- Corporate bonds are an important portfolio diversifier to stock market and government bond holdings.

Source: Merrill Lynch Bond Indices



## **Global Stock Market Performance**

S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and MSCI EME. Prior 2 years

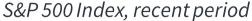


- The pandemic has resulted in significant uncertainty for the stock market in 2020.
- While volatility has spiked and economic growth may slow, long-term investors should maintain perspective.
- There are still significant long-term benefits from staying diversified across global markets.

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# Stock Market Performance





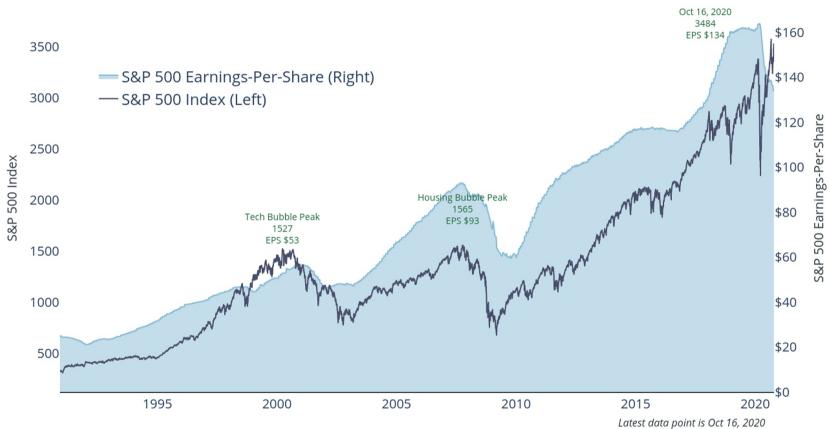
- The stock market rebounded quickly from the pandemic-induced bear market.
- However, uncertainty remains high due to the uneven economic recovery and sectors like tech.
- For long-term investors, it is important to maintain the proper perspective and look past short-term volatility.

Source: Standard & Poor's



# The Stock Market and Earnings

*S&P 500 Index price and trailing earnings-per-share since 1990* 



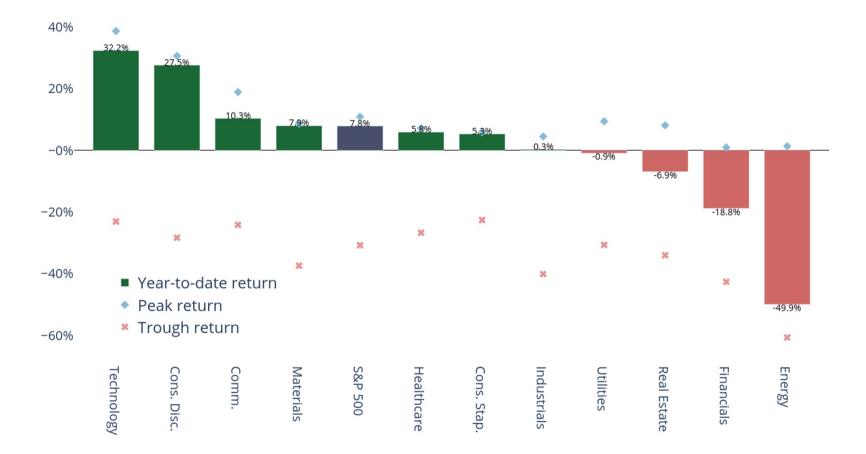
- This chart shows the S&P 500 index alongside its trailing 12 months earnings-per-share.
- Over the long run, the stock market tends to follow earnings. If earnings are rising, investors are willing to pay more per share.
- Earnings, in turn, tend to track economic growth. Thus, a healthy economy tends to result in a rising stock market.

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## Sector Returns – Year-to-Date

S&P 500 sector year-to-date, peak and trough returns



• Stock market sectors have performed differently from one another during the pandemic.

• Technology-driven sectors have led the pack while energy and financials have trailed.

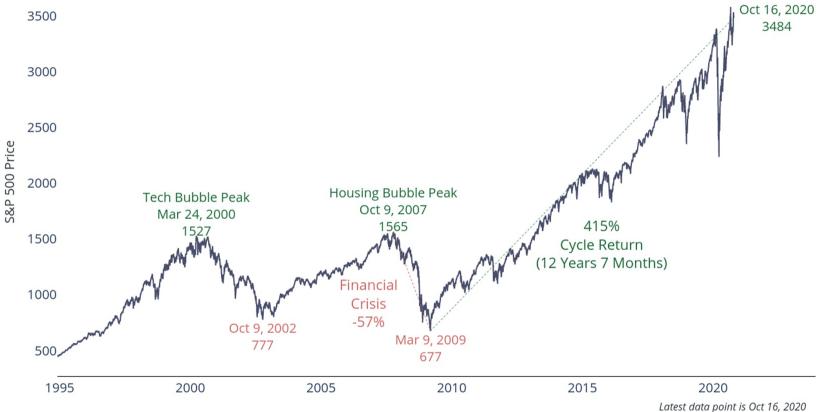
• Most investors should continue to benefit from broad diversification across sectors and industries.

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# Stock Market Cycles





- This bull market that began in 2009 lasted 11 years until the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The bull market was driven by slow and steady economic growth, rising corporate earnings, and low interest rates.
- While uncertainty has increased, overcoming emotions and staying invested is one of the most important principles of investing.

Stock Market

U.S.

Source: Standard & Poor's



# Global Stock Market Cycles

S&P 500, MSCI EAFE, and MSCI EME. Prior 2 cycles, since 2003



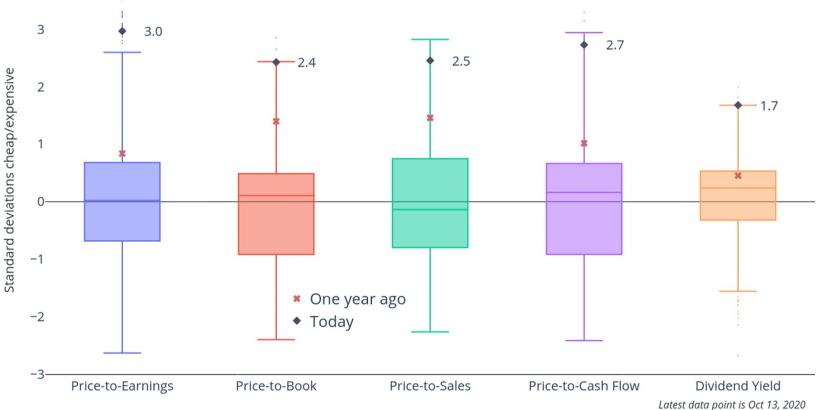
- Global markets have performed well over the past two market cycles, despite recent volatility.
- However, it is clear that each market behaves in unique ways. EM is clearly the most volatile of the three regions.
- Investors who stay disciplined have historically been rewarded over the long run.

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## **Stock Market Valuations**

S&P 500 Index valuations today, one year ago, and ranges since 2003



- U.S. stock valuations have become expensive as earnings estimates have fallen due to COVID-19 ٠
- Valuations are now at their most expensive level in years. Earnings may not recover until the end of 2021. ٠
- Investors should remain properly diversified both in the U.S. and abroad. ٠

U.S. Stock Market

Source: Refinitiv



#### Definitions and Methodology

The **S&P 500** is a market capitalization-weighted index of large cap U.S. stocks. U.S. **mid cap** and **small cap** are the S&P 400 and S&P 600, respectively. **Value** and **growth** are the corresponding Standard and Poor's value and growth indices.

**MSCIEME** is an index of emerging market stocks. **MSCIEAFE** is an index of developed market stocks. **MSCIACWI** is an index of global stocks.

The **forward P/E** is a ratio of the current market price of an index divided by an estimate of earnings over the next twelve months. The **Shiller P/E** is based on Robert Shiller's cyclically adjusted price-to-earnings ratio.

The **AAII Investor Sentiment** index is based on a weekly survey conducted by AAII.

Unless stated otherwise, **earnings** and **valuations** data are from Refinitiv indices.

The **LEI**, or Leading Economic Index, is produced monthly by the Conference Board.

**Consumer sentiment** indices are based on surveys conducted by the University of Michigan Surveys of Consumers.

Asset Class Performance and Asset Classes Relative to U.S.

**Stocks charts**: The EM, EAFE, Small Cap, Fixed Income and Commodities are these indices, respectively: MSCI EM, MSCI EAFE, Russell 2000, iShares Core U.S. Bond Aggregate, Bloomberg Commodity Index.

The Balanced Portfolio is a hypothetical 60/40 portfolio consisting of 40% U.S. Large Cap, 5% Small Cap, 10% International Developed Equities, 5% Emerging Market Equities, 35% U.S. Bonds, and 5% Commodities.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** is a broadly diversified basket of physical commodities futures contracts.

The **DXY** is a U.S. dollar index based on a basket of currencies, including the Euro, Yen, Pound, Canadian Dollar, Swedish Krona and Swiss Franc.

**Portfolio Risk/Reward and Portfolio Drift Since 2009** charts: stocks and bonds are the S&P 500 and iShares Core U.S. Bond Aggregate, respectively. Each portfolio represents a hypothetical stock/bond asset allocation.

The **MSCI Factor** indices are created and maintained by MSCI to capture factor returns. They cover various factors including Quality, Size, Momentum, Volatility, Value and Yield. The Multi-Factor index tracks the performance of Value, Momentum, Quality and Size.

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