Market Snapshot November 30, 2021

# **Economic Overview**

- Equity markets faltered in November after news of a new Covid-19 variant triggered a flight to safety
- The Federal Reserve announced its plan to taper asset purchases and later hinted at an accelerated timeline in response to inflation
- Consumer spending rose, unemployment declined to 4.6%, and jobless claims fell to their lowest level since 1969 as economic data trended positive

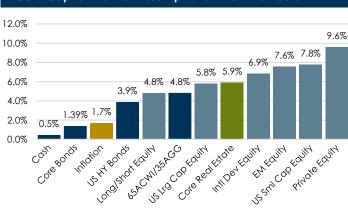
#### **Market Returns**

- Global equities (ex. EM) still outperforming bonds year-to-date
  Equities still favored over bonds
- Fixed income (ex. HY) rises as rates fall on Covid fears



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 11/30/2021)

## ACG's Capital Market Assumptions – Next 10 Years



#### **Asset Class Valuations**

- Non-US equities favored over US equities
- Equities, H.Y. bonds, R.E. provide an inflation hedge

	Current Fwd P/E	Historical Avg P/E	Current: Avg Ratio
S&P 500	20.7	15.6	1.3
R2000	24.3	22.7	1.1
MSCI EAFE	14.4	13.5	1.1
MSCI EM	12.3	11.5	1.1

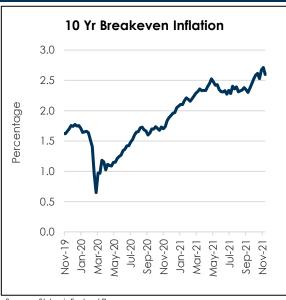
	Yield	Avg Yld	Avg Spread
3-month T-Bill	0.1%	4.2%	-4.1%
10-year UST	1.4%	6.1%	-4.6%
BloomBar Agg	1.7%	6.3%	-4.6%
High Yield	4.8%	9.7%	-4.9%
ACWI EY / Agg Spread	3.2%	1.7%	1.5%
Core Real Estate	4.2%	5.9%	-1.7%
Core Inflation	4.6%	3.8%	0.8%

Fairly Valued Overvalued

## Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Coronavirus Omicron Variant
- Inflation
- Consumer Behavior Savings/Spending
- Financial Conditions; Fed Tapering
- Regulatory Policy Shifts (US and China in particular)

#### Inflation Expectations Leveling Off



Source: St. Louis Federal Reserve

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