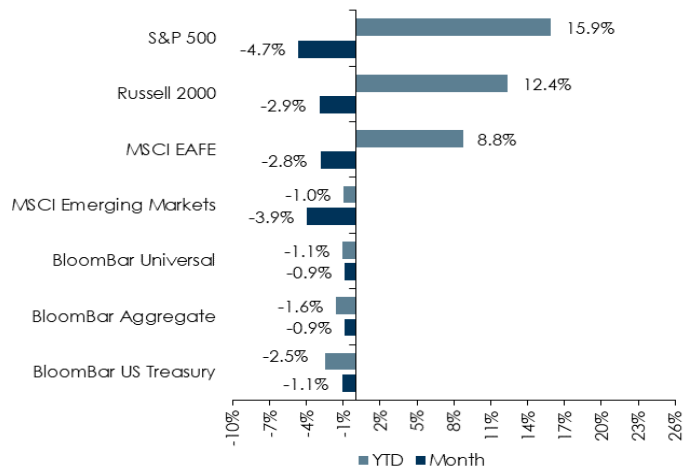


Economic Overview

- Risk assets declined in September as investors reacted to weaker economic data, the debt ceiling fight, and shifting policy support
- Fed messaging tilted more hawkish, with tapering likely later this year and increased support for a 2022 rate liftoff
- Inflation moderated but is expected to remain elevated into 2022 amid ongoing supply disruptions and labor shortages

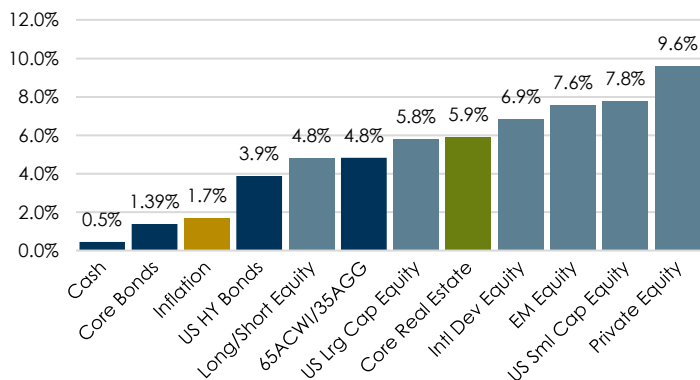
Market Returns

- Global Equities (ex. EM) still outperforming bonds year-to-date
- Fixed income returns negative as rates rise in September



Source: Bloomberg, ACG Research (as of 9/30/2021)

ACG's Capital Market Assumptions – Next 10 Years



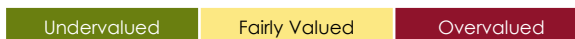
Asset Class Valuations

- Equities still favored over bonds
- 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	20.1	15.5	1.3
R2000	26.5	22.5	1.2
MSCI EAFE	15.1	13.5	1.1
MSCI EM	12.6	11.5	1.1

	Current Yield	Historical Avg Yld	Current: Avg Spread
3-month T-Bill	0.0%	4.2%	-4.1%
10-year UST	1.5%	6.1%	-4.6%
BloomBar Agg	1.6%	6.4%	-4.8%
High Yield	4.0%	9.7%	-5.6%

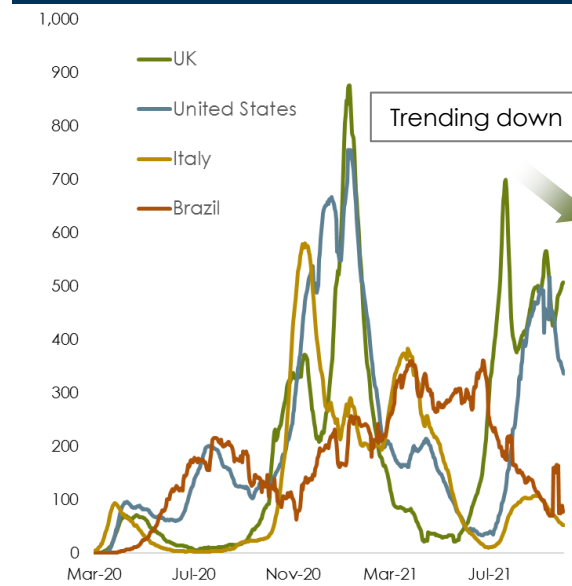
ACWI EY / Agg Spread	3.0%	1.6%	1.3%
Core Real Estate	4.2%	5.9%	-1.6%
Core Inflation	4.0%	3.6%	0.4%



Key Risk Factors We Are Watching

- Coronavirus Delta variant
- Fiscal Stimulus
- Consumer Behavior – Savings/Spending
- Financial Conditions; Fed Tapering
- Regulatory Policy Shifts (US and China in particular)

New Covid Cases Per Million (7-Day MA)



Source: ACG Research, Our World in Data (as of August 31, 2021)

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