

## **Selected Market Indexes 2020**

## **Equities**

- An astounding year. Covid shut down the world and markets collapsed; central banks dropped rates; equity markets looked beyond to the expected recovery and perhaps more.
- Equities are now at very high valuations justified mostly by extremely low interest rates.
- Large Cap and technology led the way. Mid and Small Cap were slower to recover but were catching up late in the year.
- Longer term Large Cap returns are much higher than long term average, helped by rebound from 2008-9 early in those periods.
- REITs have lagged due the unknown, but significant, impact of Covid on hotels, offices and retail.
- Foreign Developed and Emerging Markets have also rebounded but results were si

## **Fixed Income**

- Federal Reserve reduced short term rates to 0% in March. Fed is expected to hold until 2023.
- Extensive Fed purchases of bonds have also kept longer term rates low. There is a limit to how long and how much it can do.
- Fixed income total returns benefited from the decline in rates but current yields are at historic lows. There is little upside from rate changes going forward.
- High Yield yield spread is higher than the longer term average but is not enough for the default rate forecast by Moody's

					Periods Ending December 31, 2020				
Asset Class Indexes - Total Return							Annualized		
	Q4	December	November	October	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
S&P 500 Large Cap	12.15	3.84	10.95	-2.66	18.40	18.40	14.18	15.22	13.88
S&P 400 Mid Cap	24.37	6.52	14.28	2.17	13.66	13.66	8.45	12.35	11.51
S&P 600 Small Cap	31.31	8.32	18.17	2.58	11.29	11.29	7.74	12.37	11.92
S&P US REIT	11.51	3.66	10.72	-2.57	-7.52	-7.52	3.45	4.62	8.17
MSCI EAFE (Foreign Developed)	16.05	1.65	15.50	-3.99	7.82	7.82	4.28	7.45	5.51
MSCI Emerging Markets	19.70	7.35	9.25	2.06	18.31	18.31	6.17	12.81	3.63
Bloomberg Barclay's US Aggregate Bond	0.67	0.14	0.98	-0.45	7.51	7.51	5.34	4.44	3.84
Bloomberg Barclay's US High Yield	6.45	1.88	3.96	0.51	7.11	7.11	6.24	8.59	6.80
		On 20	20 Month	End		On December 31			
Fixed Income Rates	Q4	December	November	October	Jan 1	2020	2017	2015	2010
Fed Funds Target	025	025	025	025	1.50-1.75	1.75-2.00	1.00-1.25	0.25-0.5	0-0.25
10 Year Treasury	0.66	0.69	0.72	0.55	0.69	0.93	2.33	2.06	2.53
30 Year Treasury	1.41	1.46	1.49	1.20	1.46	1.46	2.86	2.87	3.69

Data Sources: FactSet Research Sytems via AJO Partners; Federal Reserve; U.S. Treasury

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