

Weekly Update

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		<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD Returns</u>
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	-2.18%	23.91%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	-3.72%	7.41%
Emerging Markets	MSCI EM	-3.62%	-3.50%
Fixed Income	BBgBarc US Agg Bond	0.13%	-1.48%

Stocks were broadly lower last week as fears over a new covid variant hit markets. The selloff saw major global equity markets down over 2% on Friday. Not surprisingly, bonds rallied on the news with the index jumping 0.75% on Friday and ending the week slightly higher. The general belief is that Friday's move was an overreaction made worse by the Thanksgiving holiday. Although not yet closed for the day, stocks are rallying today and appear set to claw back at least some of Friday's losses. It is too early to say what impact the new variant may have on the economy and markets, but with cases already rising in parts of the world and new restrictive measures being put in place, it seems safe to assume a slight slowdown in activity in the short term. Ultimately, though, we do not expect to see a big impact, as any near-term slowdowns will just mean more activity down the road. In terms of portfolios, diversification will continue to help both between stocks and bonds and within stocks as having a mix of cyclical and longer-term growth names is likely going to remain the most prudent strategy.

*Index returns are from Morningstar and are calculated on a total return basis, with dividends reinvested.