

Weekly Update

1/3/22

		<u>Last Week</u>	<u>2021 Returns</u>
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	0.87%	28.71%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	0.89%	11.26%
Emerging Markets	MSCI EM	1.04%	-2.54%
Fixed Income	BBgBarc US Agg Bond	0.16%	-1.54%

Stock markets saw a bit of a rally into year-end, with markets generally higher during the holiday period. The strong end to 2021 helped propel US markets towards new highs, while developed international markets increased double digits. Ongoing concerns kept both emerging markets and US bonds in the red for the year. We continue to expect volatility in markets as we deal with yet another year of covid issues and the mid-term elections, which are bound to lead to some fluctuations in markets. We maintain, however, a generally positive view towards equities. The economy remains in solid shape and corporate earnings are expected to grow, both of which bode well for stocks. Even as the Fed likely begins to raise rates later this year, we see stocks moving higher overall. We hold a much more muted view towards bonds and the potential returns in fixed income as rates move higher.

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