

Weekly Update

1/31/22

		<u>Last Week</u>	<u>YTD Returns</u>
Domestic Equities	S&P 500	0.79%	-6.93%
International Developed	MSCI EAFE	-3.61%	-5.73%
Emerging Markets	MSCI EM	-4.26%	-3.28%
Fixed Income	BBgBarc US Agg Bond	-0.36%	-2.13%

A positive S&P 500 return provided a glimmer of hope for investors last week. Although international equity markets were down for the week, they have performed slightly better than the S&P 500 year-to-date. Bond markets continue to perform as expected, as investors price in a series of rate hikes from the Fed. With domestic equity markets generally 10-20% off their highs the hope is that this correction is coming to an end and last week's market action is a signal for markets to rally from here. Q4 GDP came in at a strong 6.9% and overall growth in 2021 was 5.5%, the highest level since 1984. Strong GDP growth should alleviate some of the inflation worries, though just like inflation, we expect to see the figures trend lower over the course of the year. Underlying economic fundamentals remain strong and as we head into the heart of earnings season, we will be looking for company data to affirm that view.

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