



Monthly Investment Commentary

January 2021

PAST YEAR

When the 2020 year began, no one foresaw the unprecedented events that would shape a year like no other. The pandemic changed our lives, jobs, economy and portfolios in ways never imagined. Despite the turmoil, society quickly adapted to the new landscape by changing our social behaviors and embracing new technologies. While small businesses took the brunt of the disruptions, many large corporations weathered the pandemic quite well and even prospered in these difficult times.

MRM NET COMPOSITE PORTFOLIO RESULTS (As of 12/31/2020)

MRM PLATFORMS VS. BENCHMARK	YTD	1-YEAR	3 Years Annualized	5 Years Annualized
Dynamic Overlay	+8.42%	+8.42%	+7.81%	+7.92%
<i>Morningstar Average Tactical Return (fixed & equities)</i>	+10.01%	+10.01%	+5.21%	+7.23%
<i>(75%) S&P/ (25%) MSCI EAFE</i>	+15.87%	+15.87%	+11.85%	+13.12%
All Equity	+13.76%	+13.76%	+14.30%	+13.87%
<i>S&P 500 Total Return</i>	+18.40%	+18.40%	+14.18%	+15.22%
Dynamic International	+7.88%	+7.88%	-0.18%	+2.64%
<i>MSCI EAFE with dividends</i>	+8.28%	+8.28%	+4.79%	+7.97%
Global Strategies	+17.23%	+17.23%	+9.24%	+8.69%
<i>(50%) S&P/ (50%) MSCI EAFE</i>	+13.34%	+13.34%	+9.41%	+10.86%
Tax-Advantaged Income*	+1.43%	+1.43%	+5.64%	NA
<i>Dow Jones US Select Dividend Total Return</i>	-4.56%	-4.56%	+3.39%	NA

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** Tax-Advantaged Income composite started 06/01/2017.*

Where are We?

The recent spike in virus cases has caused a second round of shutdowns in many states and this is beginning to be reflected in some of the economic numbers. Weekly initial jobless claims are on the rise once again as a second round of layoffs are resurfacing. Retail sales had the largest decline in seven months as the consumer is treading lightly and saving like never before. The long awaited second fiscal stimulus should help ease some pain. Inflation is non-existent at the moment, but the weight of mammoth deficits and excess liquidity provided by the U.S. Federal Reserve will someday lead to higher inflation. The housing market had a tremendous fourth quarter helping the economy recover.

Looking to the Future

The stock markets looked right through the concerns of the day and rallied hard on the hopes of a successful vaccine rollout. A contentious election and concerns of more shutdowns were overshadowed by the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines being approved by the FDA. The forward-looking stock market used the fourth quarter to price in future good news. All the major indices posted large gains this quarter. The Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed the 30,000 level for the first time and returned 10.7% in quarter four.

MRM's View

Providing an outlook for 2021, after a year like 2020, may be a futile exercise, but let's try to put the past and the future into context with some thoughts on portfolio strategy, the economy and the markets:

- Diversifying the portfolio is crucial for long-term investment success
- Stay nimble and opportunistic, but don't become an all-in or all-out market extremist
- Align risk tolerance and investment objectives with portfolio allocations especially given the recent strong market performance
- Distribution of vaccines are paving a way back to economic normalcy
- Pent up consumer demand could ignite growth in 2021
- Values in stock market are not cheap at current levels
- Stocks are trading at 21.8 times 2021 estimated earnings, well above the 5-year average of 17.5 times
- Stocks are likely to grind higher, but don't expect a repeat of the second half of 2020
- Low interest rates will help to support stock prices and the already high valuations
- Federal Reserve will keep their dovish monetary policies in place well beyond 2021

Source: Gradient

MRM model holdings as of December 31, 2020

MRM Global Strategies

APPLE INC COM	5.00%
CUMMINS INC COM	5.00%
CARVANA CO CL A	5.00%
ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MARKETS	5.00%
ISHARES MSCI NEW ZEALAND INVEST	10.00%
ISHARES MSCI TAIWAN INDEX FUND	9.00%
FACEBOOK INC CL A	5.00%
ALPHABET INC CAP STK CL C	6.00%
MORGAN STANLEY NEW	5.00%
MICROSOFT CORP	4.00%
METTLER TOLEDO INTERNATIONAL	5.00%
NIKE INC CL B	5.00%
NVIDIA CORP	5.00%
QUALCOMM INC	5.00%
SHOPIFY INC CL A	5.00%
SMARTSHEET INC COM CL A	5.00%
SPDR S&P 500 TRUST	5.00%
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC CL B	5.00%
FDIC CASH NOT COVERED BY SIPC	1.00%

MRM Dynamic Overlay – ETFs

ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MARKETS	8.00%
FIRST TRUST TECHNOLOGY ALPHADEX	5.00%
ISHARES NASDAQ BIOTECHNOLOGY	5.00%
ISHARES RUSSELL 2000 INDEX FUND	5.00%
ISHARES RUSSELL 3000 INDEX FUND	3.00%
ISHARES S&P 100 INDEX FUND	10.00%
POWERSHARES QQQ TRUST, SERIES 1	10.00%
SPDR S&P 500 TRUST	20.00%
SPDR S&P 500 GROWTH ETF	5.00%
VANGUARD GROWTH INDEX FUND	19.00%
FINANCIAL SELECT SECTOR SPDR FUND	4.00%
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY SELECT	5.00%
FDIC CASH NOT COVERED BY SIPC	1.00%

MRM Dynamic International

ISHARES MSCI EMERGING MARKETS	25.00%
ISHARES MSCI NEW ZEALAND	19.00%
ISHARES MSCI NETHERLANDS	25.00%
ISHARES MSCI TAIWAN INDEX FUND	25.00%
SPDR S&P 500 TRUST	5.00%
FDIC CASH NOT COVERED BY SIPC	1.00%

MRM All Domestic Equity

APPLE INC COM	5.00%
AMAZON COM INC	5.00%
CHEWY INC CL A	5.00%
CUMMINS INC COM	5.00%
CARVANA CO CL A	5.00%
FACEBOOK INC CL A	5.00%
ALPHABET INC CAP STK CL C	6.00%
MORGAN STANLEY NEW	5.00%
MICROSOFT CORP	5.00%
METTLER TOLEDO INTERNATIONAL	5.00%
NETFLIX COM INC	5.00%
NIKE INC CL B	5.00%
NVIDIA CORP	5.00%
QUALCOMM INC	5.00%
RINGCENTRAL INC CL A	5.00%
SEA LTD ADR	3.00%
SHOPIFY INC CL A	5.00%
SMARTSHEET INC COM CL A	5.00%
SNOWFLAKE INC CL A	5.00%
UNITED PARCEL SERVICE INC CL B	5.00%
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STRATEGY	BENCHMARK	VEHICLES	CASH HOLDINGS (When Potential Investments Look Unattractive)
Dynamic Overlay	Morningstar Tactical Allocation (75%) S&P500 / (25%) MSCI EAFE	Domestic Securities	Up to 70%
All Domestic Equity	S&P 500 Total Return	Domestic Securities/ADR's	Up to 60%
Dynamic International	MSCI EAFE Gross	Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF's)/Other Securities	Up to 25%
Global Strategies	50% S&P 500 Total Return/ 50% MSCI EAFE Gross	Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF's)/Other Securities	Up to 50%
Tax-Advantaged Income	Dow Jones US Select Dividend Index	Domestic Securities	Up to 4%

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