



Monthly Investment Commentary

February 2021

Start of the Year

After a strong start to January, most equity markets gave up their gains as the month came to a close. Developed market equities ended the month down 1%, although emerging markets significantly outperformed, ending January up about 3%. Initially, the global rollout of vaccinations and the promise of further fiscal and monetary stimulus helped the market to overlook concerns about virus driven restrictions. Stimulus expectations rose after the surprise Democratic sweep in the run-off election for the two Senate seats in Georgia, which completed Biden's blue wave.

MRM NET COMPOSITE PORTFOLIO RESULTS (As of 1/31/2021)

MRM PLATFORMS VS. BENCHMARK	YTD	1-YEAR	3 Years Annualized	5 Years Annualized
Dynamic Overlay	+0.02%	+9.18%	+5.64%	+9.48%
<i>Morningstar Average Tactical Return (fixed & equities)</i>	+0.25%	+10.32%	+4.03%	+7.88%
<i>(75%) S&P/ (25%) MSCI EAFE</i>	-1.02%	+15.00%	+9.59%	+14.61%
All Equity	-0.34%	+13.80%	+10.20%	+15.00%
<i>S&P 500 Total Return</i>	-1.01%	+17.25%	+11.70%	+16.16%
Dynamic International	+2.00%	+14.25%	-1.53%	+4.19%
<i>MSCI EAFE with dividends</i>	-1.06%	+8.25%	+2.44%	+9.37%
Global Strategies	-0.33%	+18.93%	+6.06%	+9.73%
<i>(50%) S&P/ (50%) MSCI EAFE</i>	-1.04%	+12.75%	+7.40%	+12.97%
Tax-Advantaged Income*	-0.99%	+3.01%	+4.87%	NA
<i>Dow Jones US Select Dividend Total Return</i>	+0.67%	-2.22%	+2.90%	NA

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

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Vaccines

Over the month though concerns about delays to the supply of vaccines to Europe increased, raising the possibility that the “bridge over troubled waters” might have to be longer than expected. A group of relatively small and heavily shorted stocks also rallied strongly as a group of retail investors coordinated a short squeeze, forcing some hedge funds to close out their shorts while also selling some of their long positions. This technically driven sell-off helps explain the slump in equities towards the end of the month and, in our opinion, is not a reason for concern for long term investors given the likely strong rebound in growth that will accompany the rollout of vaccines.

Economics

Robust economic data and a moderate winter wave of Covid infections continued to support risky assets in north Asia. Strong returns from Greater China contributed to the outperformance of emerging market equities. Defensive assets, such as high quality bonds, were on the back foot in the first weeks of the month. But as risk assets sold off, government bonds regained some of their losses, with the ten year treasury ending January down 1%.

US

The macro data is painting a mixed picture of the US economy. January’s flash-purchasing managers’ indices (PMIs) continued to point to expanding economic activity, with the manufacturing index at 59.1 and services at 57.5. The housing market is another area of strength, with construction starts rising in December at the fastest pace since 2006 and accelerating home prices. Property values gained 9.1% from a year earlier, which was the biggest jump since the spring of 2014. On the downside, Covid is taking its toll on the labor market again. December was the first month since April that the US economy shed workers. Consumer confidence stabilized but is still significantly below pre-Covid levels.

MRM’s View

The news flow in January reminded us of two important things. First, governments and central banks are fully committed to support the economy with massive fiscal stimulus and very easy financing conditions. Second, January showed us that Covid remains a risk. New highly infectious strains and the risk that existing vaccines might be less effective against some mutations remind investors that the bridge to the post-Covid world might be longer than we all wish for, at least in some parts of the world. After a strong run in risky assets followed by the recent pause for breath, staying optimistic.

Source: JPMorgan

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 ALPHADDEX	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 <i>(When Potential Investments Look Unattractive)</i>
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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