



# Monthly Investment Commentary

December 2020

## ECONOMIC UPDATE

- A very challenging year ends with positive developments on the Covid-19 vaccine front, but the recent surge in cases has triggered fresh restrictions in parts of the U.S.
- Markets have been well-behaved in the wake of the November 3 election, and the Treasury curve flattened from pre-election levels once a “blue wave” appeared a lesser probability
- The November 5 FOMC minutes included discussion of enhanced guidance for any changes to future asset purchases

### MRM NET COMPOSITE PORTFOLIO RESULTS (As of 11/30/2020)

MRM PLATFORMS VS. BENCHMARK	YTD	1-YEAR	3 Years Annualized	5 Years Annualized
<b>Dynamic Overlay</b>	<b>+4.23%</b>	<b>+6.80%</b>	<b>+6.84%</b>	<b>+6.49%</b>
<i>Morningstar Average Tactical Return (fixed &amp; equities)</i>	+5.83%	+7.95%	+4.30%	+6.23%
<i>(75%) S&amp;P/ (25%) MSCI EAFE</i>	+11.38%	+14.80%	+10.97%	+12.34%
<b>All Equity</b>	<b>+11.71%</b>	<b>+14.61%</b>	<b>+14.03%</b>	<b>+12.69%</b>
<i>S&amp;P 500 Total Return</i>	+14.02%	+17.46%	+13.17%	+13.99%
<b>Dynamic International</b>	<b>+1.95%</b>	<b>+6.67%</b>	<b>-1.14%</b>	<b>+1.27%</b>
<i>MSCI EAFE with dividends</i>	+3.45%	+6.83%	+3.77%	+6.70%
<b>Global Strategies</b>	<b>+13.84%</b>	<b>+16.81%</b>	<b>+8.59%</b>	<b>+7.52%</b>
<i>(50%) S&amp;P/ (50%) MSCI EAFE</i>	+8.74%	+12.15%	+8.67%	+10.59%
<b>Tax-Advantaged Income*</b>	<b>-0.89%</b>	<b>+2.62%</b>	<b>+4.73%</b>	<b>NA</b>
<i>Dow Jones US Select Dividend Total Return</i>	-7.85%	-5.24%	+2.46%	NA

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



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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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