



2021 Year-End Market Review

Markets, Inflation & Investment Portfolio Management Strategies



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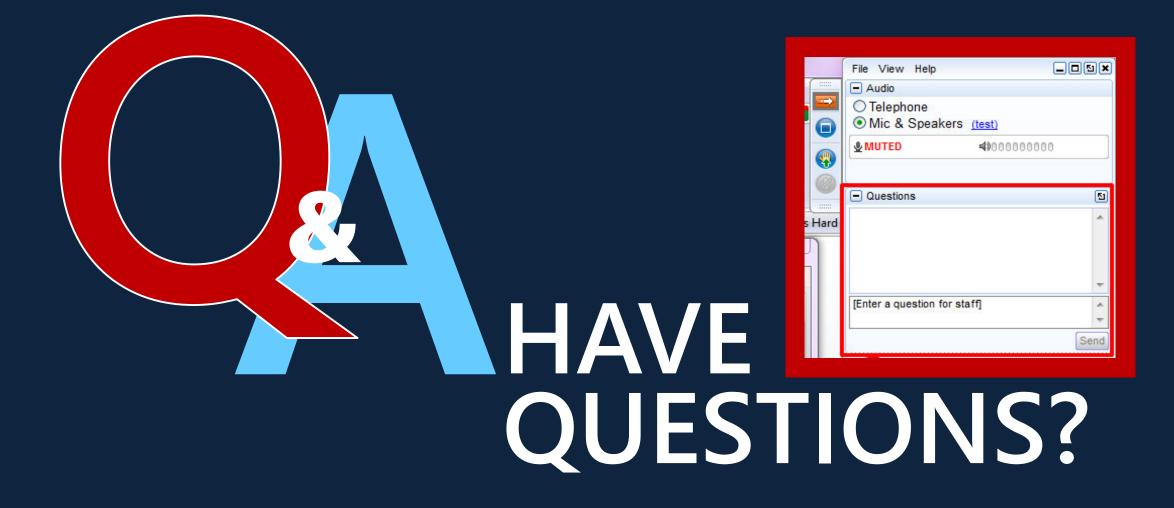
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Long-Term Market Summary

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 YEAR		STO	BONDS			
	31.88%	26.50%	18.20%	31.61%	-0.90%	-0.54%
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5 YEARS						
	16.85%	8.88%	9.23%	4.65%	2.94%	2.71%
10 YEARS	10 YEARS					
	16.60%	7.88%	6.09%	8.70%	3.01%	3.87%

Equity Market Concerns

Rising inflation expectations

Impending interest rate changes

Monetary policy and tax law changes



Rising Inflation Expectations

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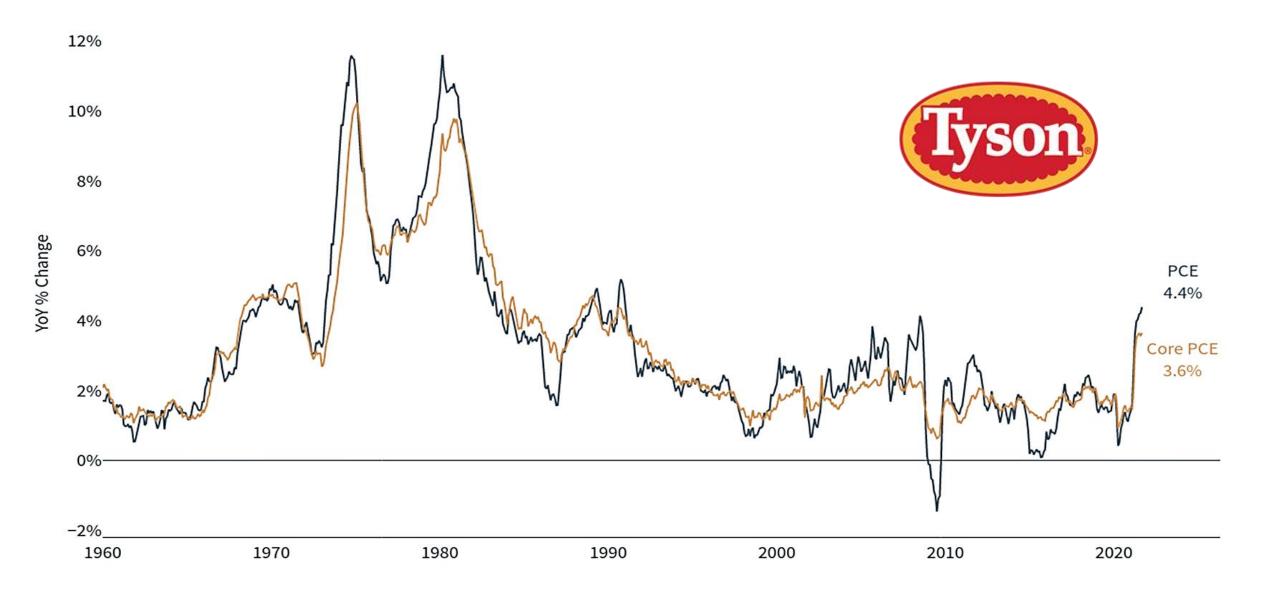
McDonald's Raises Menu Prices

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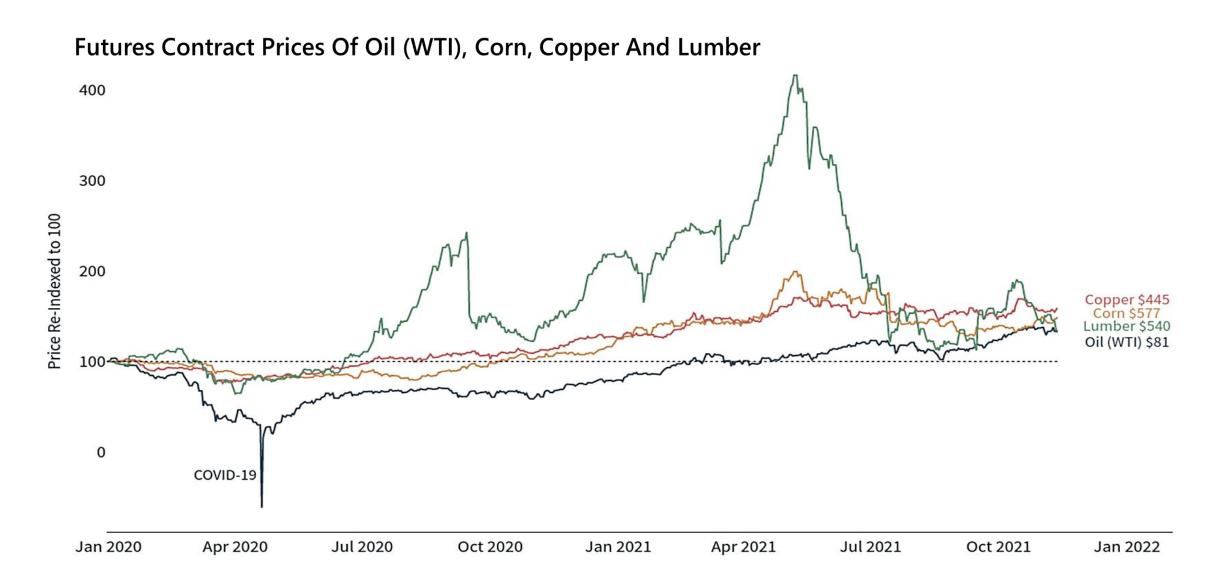
"Those higher costs are making their way to consumers, as McDonald's executives said <u>they expect U.S.</u> <u>prices to be up about 6% this year</u> <u>compared with last year</u>."

McDonald's

Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Inflation

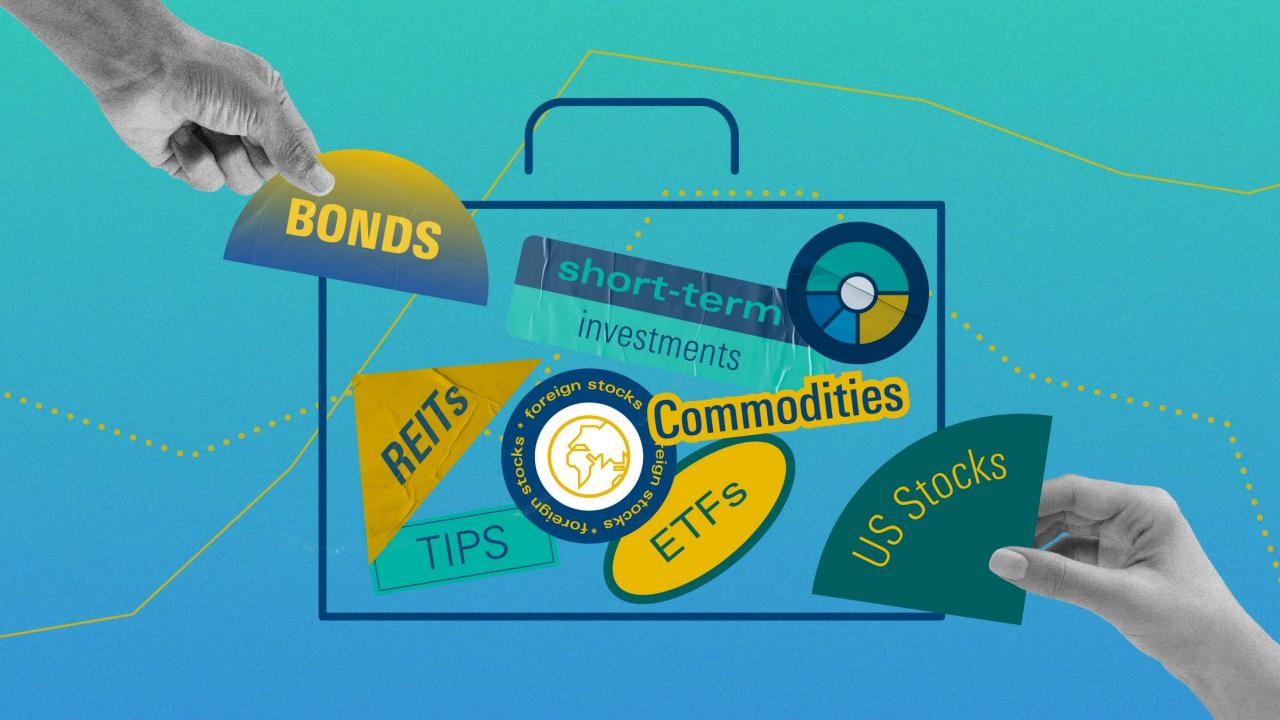


Economically Important Commodities



"We are also raising our inflation forecast. We expect the headline PCED to increase 4.5% this year and 3.5% next yearThen it should moderate to 3.0% - 4.0% during the second half of next year."

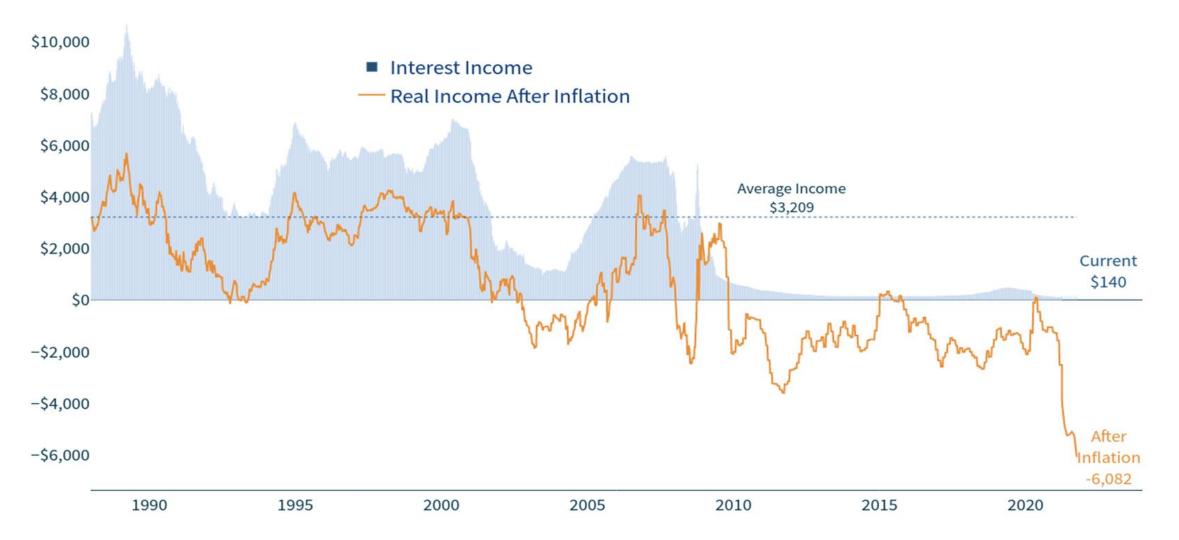
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MONEY RATES							
(as posted in Barron's 10/4/2021)							
	LATEST WEEK	YR AGO					
Fed Funds Rate (Avg. weekly auction) ^c	0.08%	0.09%					
Bank Money Market ^z	0.07%	0.10%					
12-month CD ^z	0.15%	0.27%					
c- Annualized yields, adjusted for constant maturity, reported by the Fed Reserve on a weekly average basis. z – Bankrate.com (Source: Barron's; bankrate.com)							

Interest Income on Cash

\$100k Invested in 6-Month CDs Against Inflation





Stocks and Inflation

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An Investor's Guide to Deflating Inflation Fears

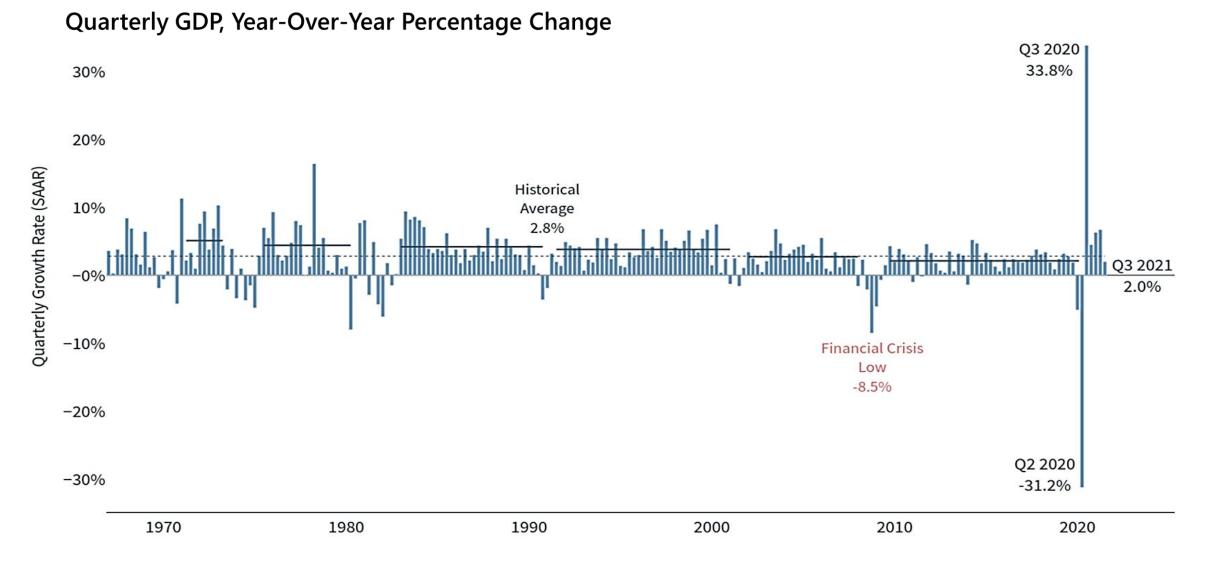
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"Fortunately, the stock market overall has outpaced moderate rises in the cost of living. From 1927 through 2020, according to Dimensional, <u>U.S. stocks, as a whole, outperformed inflation by an average of 4.9 percentage points annually in years when rises in the cost of living were above the median.</u> If your stock portfolio is already well diversified, it should be able to keep pace with modestly rising prices."

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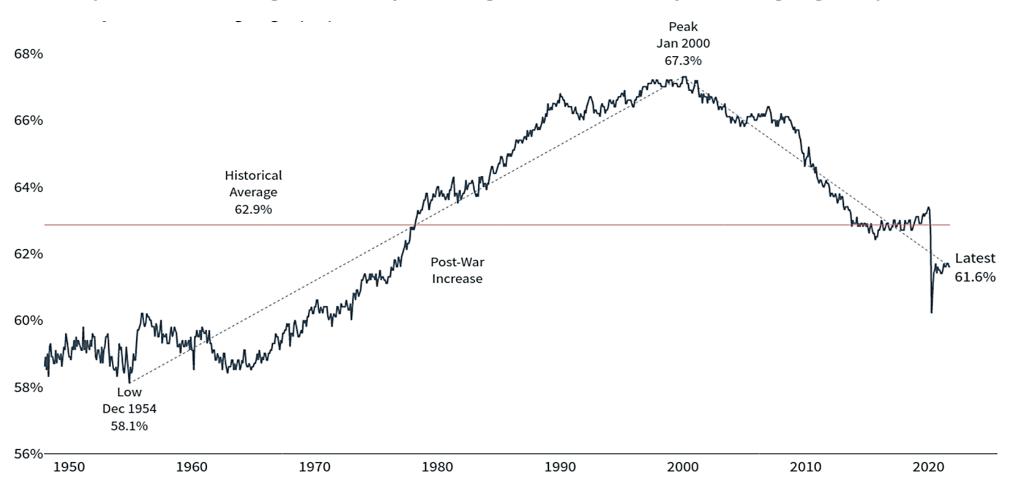
Economic Environment

U.S. Economic Growth





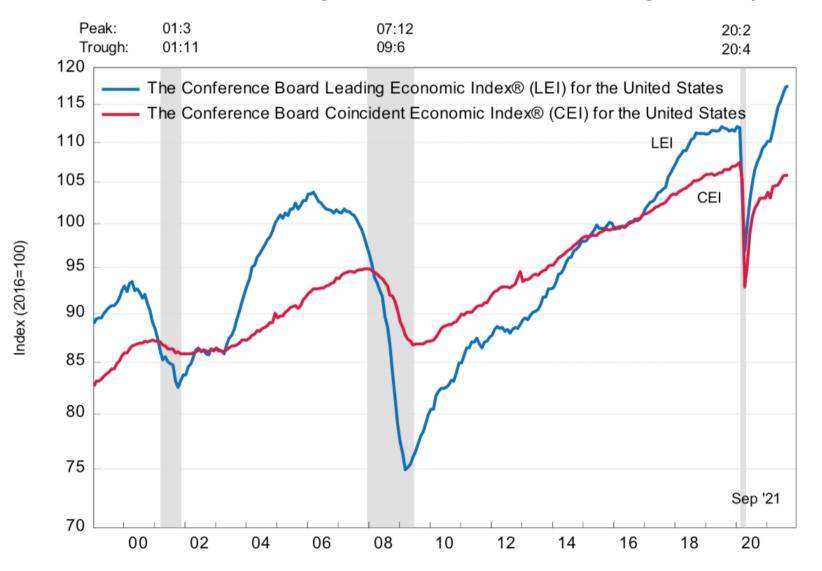
Labor Force Participation



% of Population Working or Actively Seeking Work Divided By Working-Age Population

Economic Data

U.S. Index of Leading Economic Indicators – Strong Recovery



Source: The Conference Board / Data through September 2021 / Shaded bands represent recession

Stock Market Earnings

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Strong Earnings Power S&P to Record

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"Forecast-beating results have helped ease investors' worries that supply-chain difficulties would dent profits ...

With nearly half of S&P 500 companies having posted results this reporting season, about 82% of those have beat analysts' expectations for earnings ...'

S&P 500 Earnings Per Share

Trailing 12-Month Earnings Per Share 200 Latest \$197.41 180 160 S&P 500 Earnings-per-share 140 Oil and USD **Inflection Point** 120 Oct 2007 100 \$93.31 Cycle **EPS** Growth Cycle 80 232% EPS Growth 101% 60 Oct 2009 \$59.52 40 2005 2010 2015 2020

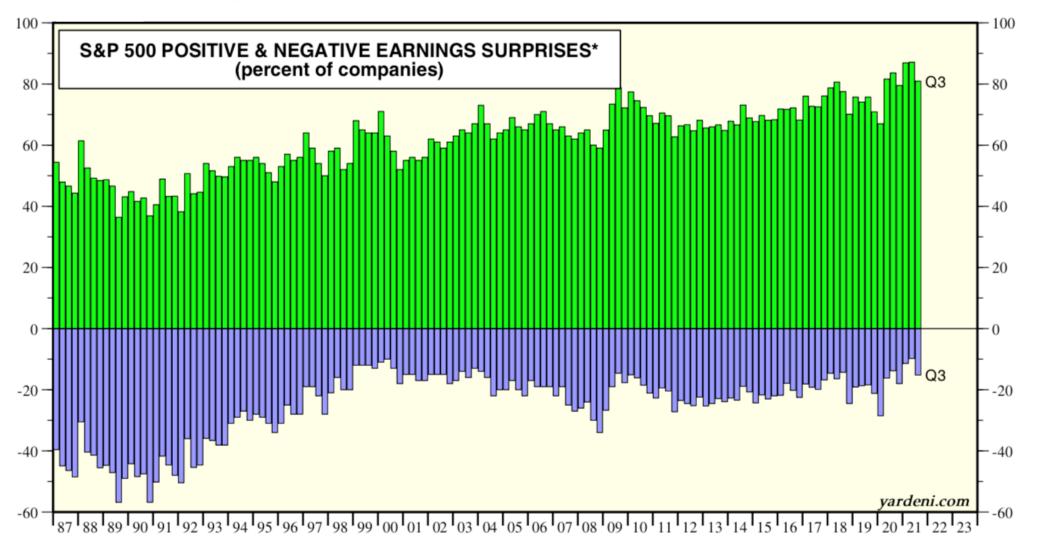
The Stock Market and Earnings

S&P 500 Index Price and Trailing Earnings-Per-Share Since 1990



Stock Market Arithmetic

S&P 500 Earnings Surprises

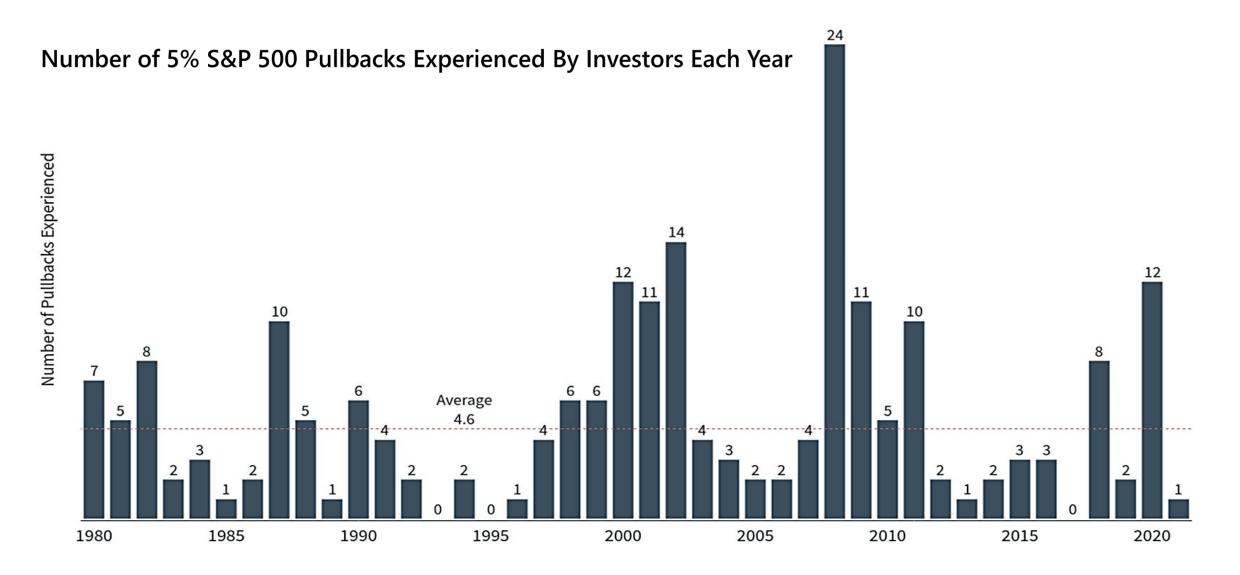


Source: Refinitiv, Yardeni Research Inc.



"Our targets for the S&P 500 by the end of 2021, 2022 and 2023 are 4800, 5200 and 5500 (respectively) ... so the 'meltup' should continue to be led by earnings."

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Source: Clearanomics, Standard & Poor's / Latest data point is Nov 12, 2021

Key Takeaways

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Investor caution

Interest rates may increase Inflation continues to be a concern Revisit cash reservoir policy Prepare for market volatility

Portfolio Rebalancing

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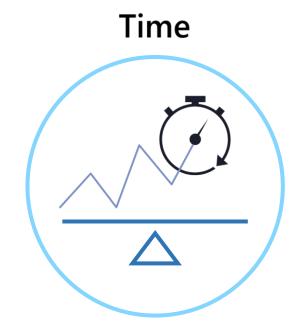
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FUNDS

Buying or selling investments to maintain a targeted mix

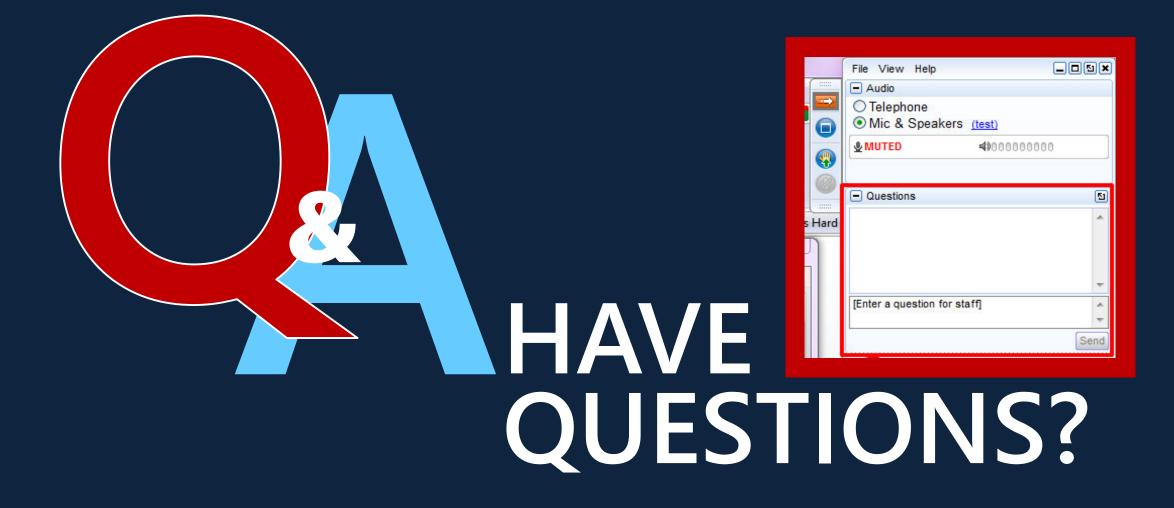


Opportunistically when markets rise and fall



Annually towards end of year

Tax Loss Harvesting



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SOURCES: Dimensional Funds; Wall Street Journal; US Bureau of Economic Research; Clearanomics; Bloomberg; Ed Yardeni; Barron's; bankrate.com; FDIC; US BEA; NBER; Bureau of Labor Statistics; The Conference Board; Refinitiv; Standard & Poor's; Yardeni Research Inc.; APFA

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