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# Letter from the Chief Investment Officer

#### Dear fellow investor,

First, let me say all of us here at Brinker Capital Investments send our best wishes to you, your families, and friends in this uncertain environment, and we hope you are navigating this difficult period as well as possible. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those impacted by COVID-19.

We hope you find our comments and charts on the markets, economy, and portfolio positioning of value. We welcome your feedback and thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in Brinker Capital Investments.

#### A look back

- Markets extended the huge gains from the second quarter with a very strong third quarter. The US continued to outperform international markets, with the S&P 500 Index (S&P 500) gaining 8.9% compared to a 4.9% gain for international developed markets. Emerging markets led all geographies with a return of 9.7%. Fixed income was relatively flat, with the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate returning 0.6%.
- The third quarter saw nascent signs of an economic recovery. High-frequency data became a necessity to gauge how quickly the economy was reopening (or not), as changes in economic activity happened so quickly monthly data was stale by the time it was reported. Data such as Apple Mobility Trends and OpenTable.com Bookings became realtime ways to gauge how the economy was reopening and how consumers were acting. We found that after making significant gains in May and June, activity slowed, remaining below pre-pandemic levels.
- Accommodative fiscal and monetary policy continued to be supportive of the economy. The Federal Reserve signaled monetary policy would remain accommodative for an extended period. The CARES Act was instrumental in essentially providing a bridge loan to those consumers and businesses impacted by the shutdown. As we move into the fourth quarter, Congress is discussing the nature of an additional stimulus package. The size, scope, and timing of this will be important to watch in the coming weeks and months.

#### Something to think about

Policy, not politics: Election day is right around the corner, and politics will likely
dominate headlines up to and through November. Investors must take care not to allow
the emotions of politics to drive their investment decisions. Markets care about policy, not
the political back-and-forth occurring daily. While we expect markets to be volatile during
election season, we'll be more focused on where we think policy will potentially change,
particularly regarding taxes and fiscal policy.

- Pent up demand: Since 1985, the US Personal Saving Rate has ranged between roughly 3% and 10%. Pandemic related lockdowns and uncertain economic prospects caused that to skyrocket, peaking at over 33% in April. While the number has come down substantially with the gradual reopening, August's reading was still over 14%. As a result, Consumer Net Worth has already recovered to its pre-pandemic trend level. When the US consumer feels comfortable from a health perspective, we should see a powerful increase in demand (Source: St. Louis Fed).
- Saving the best for last: The fourth quarter has historically been the best quarter from a market perspective, producing a positive return nearly 80% of the time since 1950, compared to a little over 60% positive for each of the other three quarters. Presidential election years follow that pattern, with a positive return just over 80% of the time (Source: Strategas).

#### **Present positioning**

- We expect continued volatility in the near term as the election and pandemic continues to dominate headlines. Looking through the volatility, we expect markets' direction to be upward as the economy continues to reopen.
- We are slightly overweight risk assets; within equities, we are overweight the US and biased toward growth stocks.
- We continue to emphasize active management and focus on areas like fixed income credit that continue to be undervalued.

Best regards,

Jeff Raupp, CFA

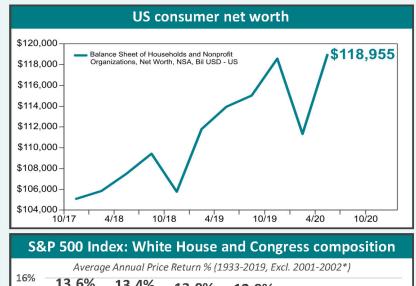
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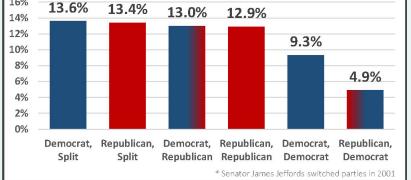
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## Growth: Domestic equity outlook

Recovering American economy underpins positive outlook for US stocks

- The US consumer has been resilient despite many headwinds in 2020. An increase in home prices and saving rates have buoyed consumer balance sheets.
- Fiscal policy is now in focus as we approach the election on 11/3. History confirms the market can perform well under both parties.
- The market has rallied nearly 52% since its low on March 23.



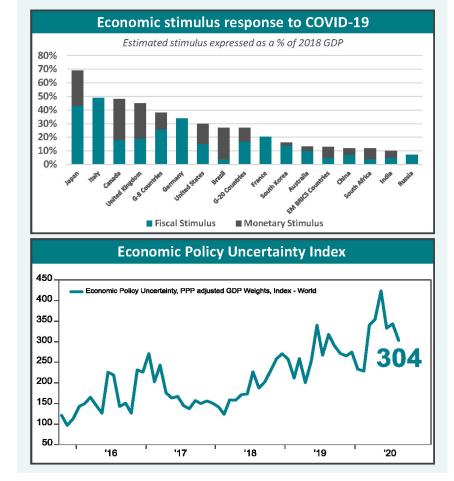


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# Growth: International equity outlook

Strong headwinds and tailwinds create a mixed outlook for international stocks

- Global stimulus efforts have been unprecedented, especially in developed markets.
- COVID-19 has caused an increase in macroeconomic uncertainty.
- Headwinds for the US dollar, such as the expansion of federal debt, could create a tailwind for international equities.

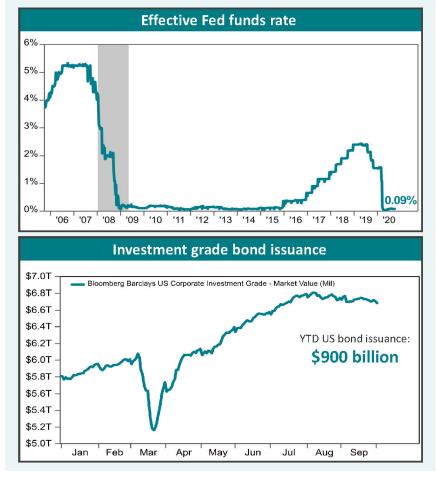


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# Stable: Fixed income outlook

Stable assets offer lower volatility and provide a natural hedge to equity exposure

- The Federal Reserve remains committed in support of the economic recovery.
- Bond markets are functioning; liquidity has improved, and trades are clearing.
- Bond purchases by the Federal Reserve, and low interest rates, have created a surge in investment-grade issuance.



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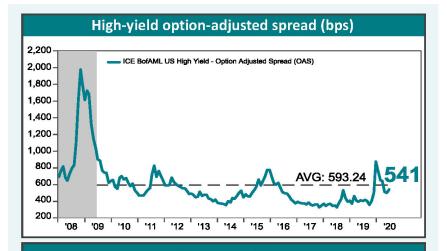
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# Diversifying: Global credit outlook

Global credit offers higher yields and the potential to mitigate interest rate risk

- High-yield bond spreads widened steeply in March but have since contracted following the market's rally and support from the Federal Reserve.
- A large number of businesses have closed, which weighed on yields and defaults in the first half of the year. However, in the third quarter, the pace of small business closures began to decelerate as the economy pivoted toward a recovery.
- Credit quality remains at risk, as ratings agencies grapple with a spike in new bond issuance and business closures.

Option-adjusted spread (OAS) is the yield spread which has to be added to a benchmark yield curve to discount a security's payments to match its market price, using a dynamic pricing model that accounts for embedded options. Index definition: ICE BofA US High Yield tracks the performance of US dollar denominated below investment grade rated corporate debt publicly issued in the US domestic market. One cannot invest directly in an index.





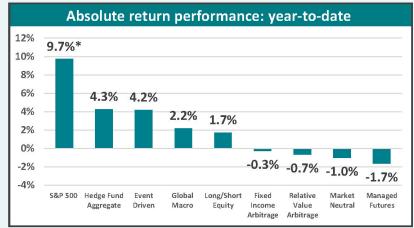
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## Diversifying: Absolute return outlook

Absolute return strategies may enhance return/risk profiles

- Alternative strategies have historically provided lower correlation and beta compared to traditional equity.
- A low-yield environment and increased volatility support the idea of a diversifying allocation to absolute return.
- Absolute return has provided relative stability through a turbulent market in 2020.

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Strategy	Correlation
Managed futures	0.12
Market neutral	0.38
Fixed income arbitrage	0.42
Global macro	0.57
Relative value arbitrage	0.75
Event driven	0.73
Global hedge fund aggregate	0.86
Long/Short equity	0.88
S&P 500	1.00

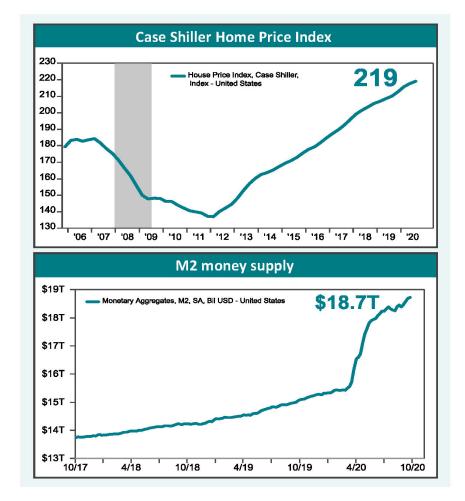
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# Diversifying: Real assets outlook

Real assets offer diversification and protection from inflation

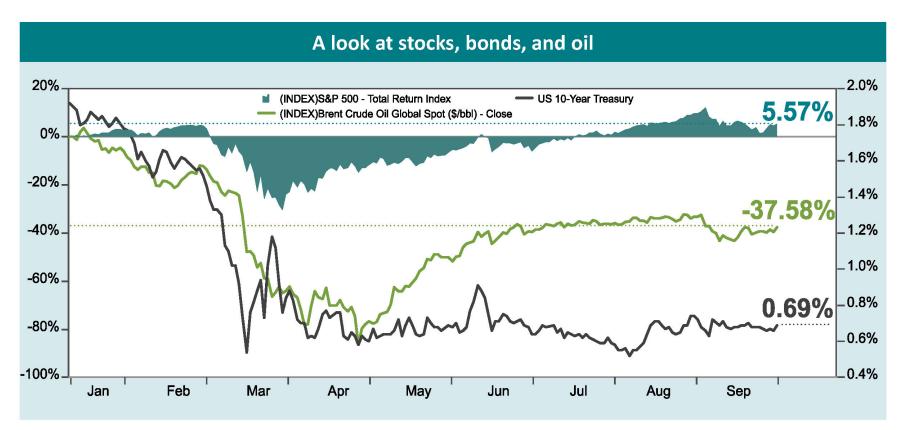
- Home prices have continued to rise against the backdrop of economic uncertainty. Safety assets such as gold have also performed well.
- The infusion of capital created by the Federal Reserve and Federal Government could accelerate inflation in the future.
- Commodity returns have been mixed as energy prices have been volatile, and global economic growth begins to recover from COVID-19 impacts.

Index definition: FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate Index - Represents general trends in eligible real estate equities worldwide. One cannot invest directly in an index.



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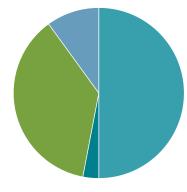
# **Market update**



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## Account Summary

### **Asset Allocation**



Asset Class	Portfolio %	<b>Market Value</b>
Domestic Equity	50%	\$882,451
International Equit	y 3%	\$52,279
Fixed Income	37%	\$651,532
Global Credit	10%	\$175,485

### Account Activity Summary

	Quarter to Date	Year to Date	Since Inception
Beginning Market Value with Accruals	\$1,644,021	\$1,798,889	\$704,000
Net Contributions <sup>1</sup>	27,706	(37,205)	(955,518)
Change in Market Value	90,019	62	2,013,264
Ending Market Value with Accruals	\$1,761,746	\$1,761,746	\$1,761,746

### Rate of Return (Gross) vs. Industry Benchmarks

	Quarter to Date	Year to Date	Ten Year²	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>
Your Portfolio	5.40%	-0.21%	6.75%	5.58%
S&P 500 Total Return	8.93%	5.57%	13.74%	9.97%
Russell 3000	9.21%	5.41%	13.48%	10.16%
MSCI AC Wld ex US	6.36%	-5.08%	4.48%	7.77%
Barclays Agg. US	0.62%	6.79%	3.63%	4.32%
HFRX Global Hedge Fund	2.74%	1.59%	1.08%	1.46%

<sup>1</sup> Net Contributions include deposits, withdrawals, investment advisory fees, corporate re-orgs and foreign tax withholding.

<sup>2</sup> Annualized for accounts open greater than one year.

	Market Value	Inception Date	Quarter to Date	Year to Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception	% Total Assets
Total Portfolio									
Sample Client	\$1,761,746	05/02/03	5.40%	-0.21%	5.16%	7.11%	7.79%	5.58%	100%

Investment Manager/ Account Number	Benchmark	Market Value	Inception Date	Quarter to Date	Year to Date	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception	% Total Assets
Sample Client										
Sample Manager 1		152,524.48	07/29/09	1.79%	-13.20%	-4.45%	3.46%	9.00%	10.04%	9%
XXXXX1234	Russell 1000 Value			5.59%	-11.58%	-5.03%	2.63%	7.66%	10.67%	
Sample Manager 2		135,755.58	05/02/03	14.23%	25.10%	37.32%	21.93%	19.51%	11.47%	8%
XXXXX5678	Russell 1000 Growth			13.22%	24.33%	37.53%	21.68%	20.10%	12.02%	
Sample Manager 3		261,336.51	10/03/13	11.58%	5.14%	13.62%	13.18%	12.50%	12.51%	15%
XXXXX1234	Russell 1000 Growth			13.22%	24.33%	37.53%	21.68%	20.10%	17.27%	
Sample Manager 4		76,267.87	06/12/18	5.48%	-8.46%	-1.27%	-	-	5.19%	4%
XXXXX5678	Russell 1000 Value			5.59%	-11.58%	-5.03%	-	-	0.89%	
Sample Manager 5		256,566.65	11/17/15	8.11%	1.81%	11.21%	11.59%	-	10.70%	15%
XXXXX1234	Russell Midcap Growth			9.37%	13.92%	23.23%	16.23%	-	15.03%	
Sample Manager 6		52,278.58	06/11/18	15.49%	23.61%	33.40%	-	-	13.63%	3%
XXXXX5678	MSCI AC World ex USA Small Cap			10.61%	-3.34%	7.36%	-	-	-1.55%	
Sample Manager 7		651,531.54	01/03/17	1.93%	6.33%	6.38%	7.08%	-	6.63%	37%
XXXXX1234	Barclays US Intermediate			0.61%	5.92%	6.32%	4.43%	-	4.18%	
Sample Manager 8		175,484.81	07/17/20	-	-	-	-	-	-0.20%	10%
XXXXX5678	Barclays Agg. US			-	-	-	-	-	-0.20%	
Sample Client		\$1,761,746								100%

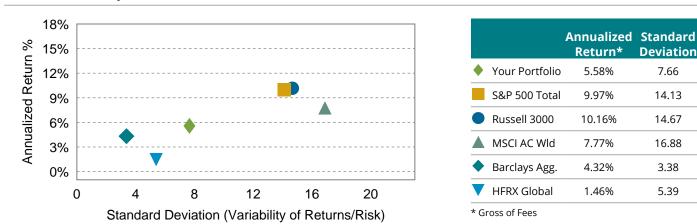
## Performance Summary by Strategy

Performance Period 05/02/2003 to 09/30/2020

All Returns are Gross of Fees

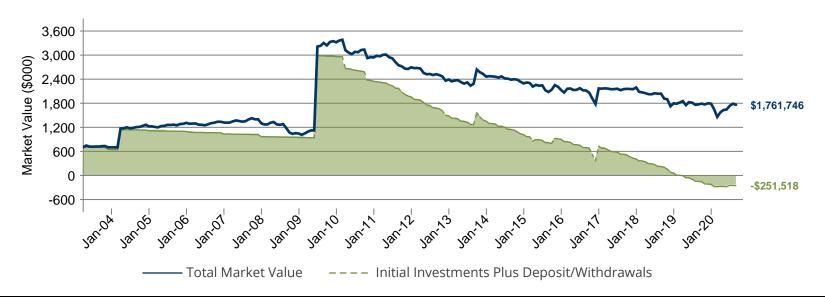
Investment Manager / Account Number	Beginning Market Value 07/01/2020	Contributions	Withdrawals	Income/Capital Appreciation	Ending Market Value 09/30/2020
Domestic Equity					
Sample Manager 1	\$151,799	\$0	\$1,988	\$2,714	\$152,524
XXXXX1234					
Sample Manager 2	\$235,084	\$0	\$899	\$27,152	\$261,337
XXXXX5678					
Sample Manager 3	\$119,468	\$0	\$657	\$16,944	\$135,756
XXXXX1234				·	·
Sample Manager 4	\$73,033	\$37	\$778	\$3,976	\$76,268
XXXXX5678				-	
Sample Manager 5	\$238,243	\$0	\$941	\$19,265	\$256,567
XXXX1234				-	-
International Equity					
Sample Manager 6	\$45,380	\$0	\$118	\$7,016	\$52,279
XXXX5678					
Fixed Income					
Sample Manager 7	\$644,538	\$165	\$5,550	\$12,379	\$651,532
XXXX1234					
Global Credit					
Sample Manager 8	-	\$175,840	\$0	(\$355)	\$175,485
XXXX5678					

## **Portfolio Analytics**



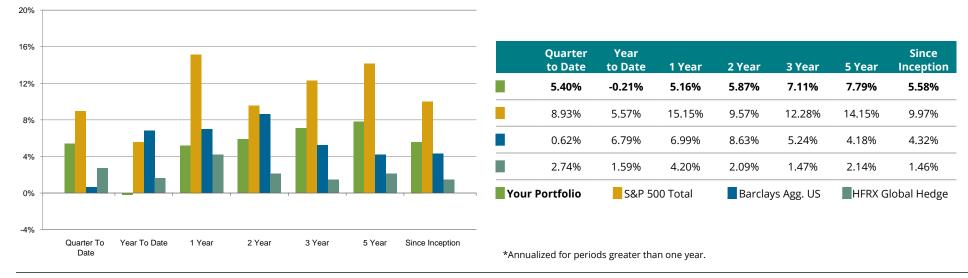
Risk/Return Analysis (Period: 05/02/2003 to 09/30/2020)

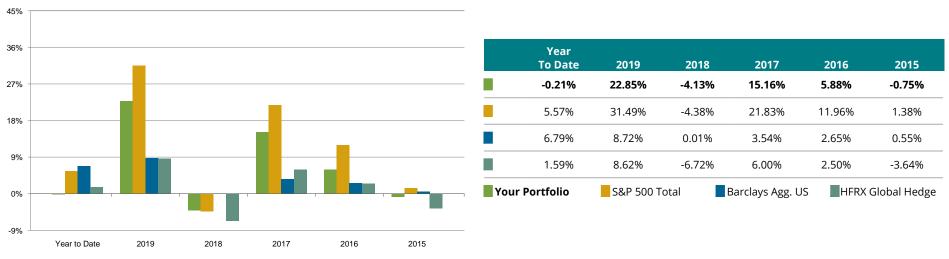
#### **Investment Earnings and Cash Flows**



## Portfolio Performance

### Portfolio Performance\* (Trailing-Gross)





### Portfolio Performance (Calendar Year-Gross)

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