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## **2022 Annual Outlook**

Higher Output, Earnings, Interest Rates, and  
Higher Stock Market Prices

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### Preliminary Manager Composite (Gross) vs Benchmark: December 2021

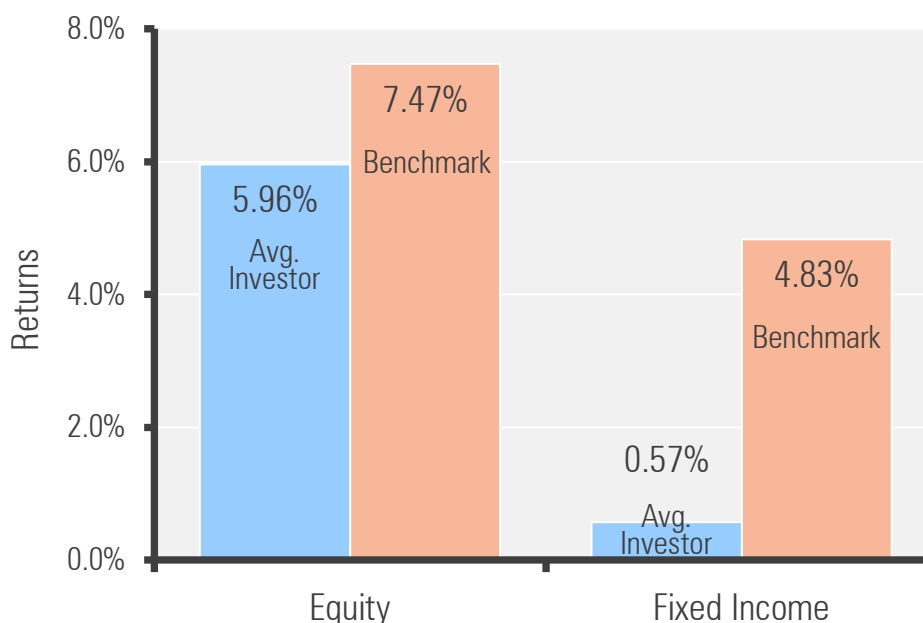
	Yield	YTD	1-YR Trailing	3-YRS Trailing	5-YRS Trailing	7-YRS Trailing	10-YRS Trailing	Since Inception (9/1/2008)			
								Trailing Return	Standard Deviation	Beta	Alpha
Stringer AM Growth - Gross	2.00%	18.99%	18.99%	17.92%	12.43%	9.69%	10.92%	8.24%	14.12%	0.83	<b>0.96%</b>
MSCI ACWI Index	1.03%	18.54%	18.54%	20.38%	14.40%	10.90%	11.85%	8.39%	16.64%	1.00	-
Stringer AM Moderate Growth – Gross	2.19%	13.36%	13.36%	13.75%	9.72%	7.56%	8.73%	7.30%	10.13%	0.90	<b>0.64%</b>
65% MSCI ACWI - 35% BC Agg Index	1.29%	11.25%	11.25%	15.32%	10.94%	8.42%	8.93%	7.29%	10.93%	1.00	-
Stringer AM Conservative Growth – Gross	2.20%	9.99%	9.99%	11.80%	8.19%	6.41%	7.30%	6.62%	7.79%	0.87	<b>0.69%</b>
50% MSCI ACWI - 50% BC Agg Index	1.40%	8.21%	8.21%	13.00%	9.34%	7.26%	7.60%	6.66%	8.58%	1.00	-
	Yield	YTD	1-YR Trailing	3-YRS Trailing	5-YRS Trailing	7-YRS Trailing	10-YRS Trailing	Since Inception (7/1/2015)			
								Trailing Return	Standard Deviation	Beta	Alpha
Stringer AM Income w/ Growth – Gross	2.27%	7.95%	7.95%	8.01%	5.43%	-	-	4.10%	5.94%	1.00	<b>-2.15%</b>
35% MSCI ACWI - 65% BC Agg Index	1.51%	5.23%	5.23%	10.61%	7.67%	-	-	6.38%	5.43%	1.00	-
	Yield	YTD	1-YR Trailing	3-YRS Trailing	5-YRS Trailing	7-YRS Trailing	10-YRS Trailing	Since Inception (11/1/2011)			
								Trailing Return	Standard Deviation	Beta	Alpha
Stringer AM Income – Gross	2.52%	5.37%	5.37%	6.51%	4.60%	3.76%	4.46%	4.54%	4.00%	0.98	<b>-0.11%</b>
20% MSCI ACWI - 80% BC Agg Index	1.62%	2.29%	2.29%	8.15%	5.95%	4.77%	4.83%	4.76%	3.56%	1.00	-

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## YOUR SUCCESS IS HOW WE MEASURE OURS

Investors tend to fall short of achieving the opportunities and returns presented by the financial markets. The impact of investment errors caused by the constant market noise, media-hype and uncertainty of real world economic and market events may not be realized for years. We have dedicated our careers to refining our investment processes to avoid those emotional pitfalls and help you realize your financial goals.

Average Investor Performance vs. Market Benchmarks | January 2001 – December 2020

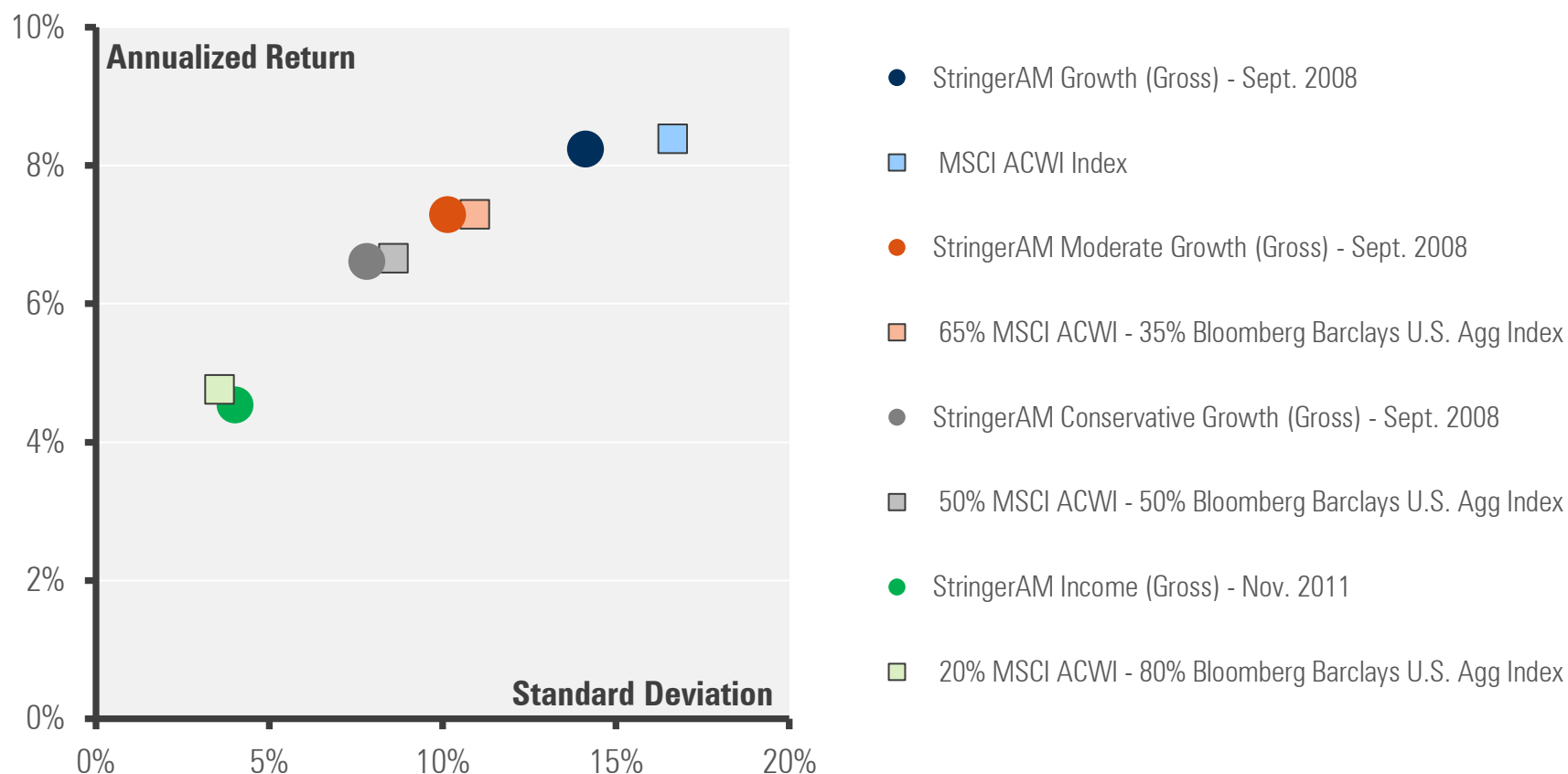


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Equities are represented by the S&P 500 Index. Fixed Income is represented by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Investor returns are calculated by DALBAR.

“Manage the risks and the returns take care of themselves.”

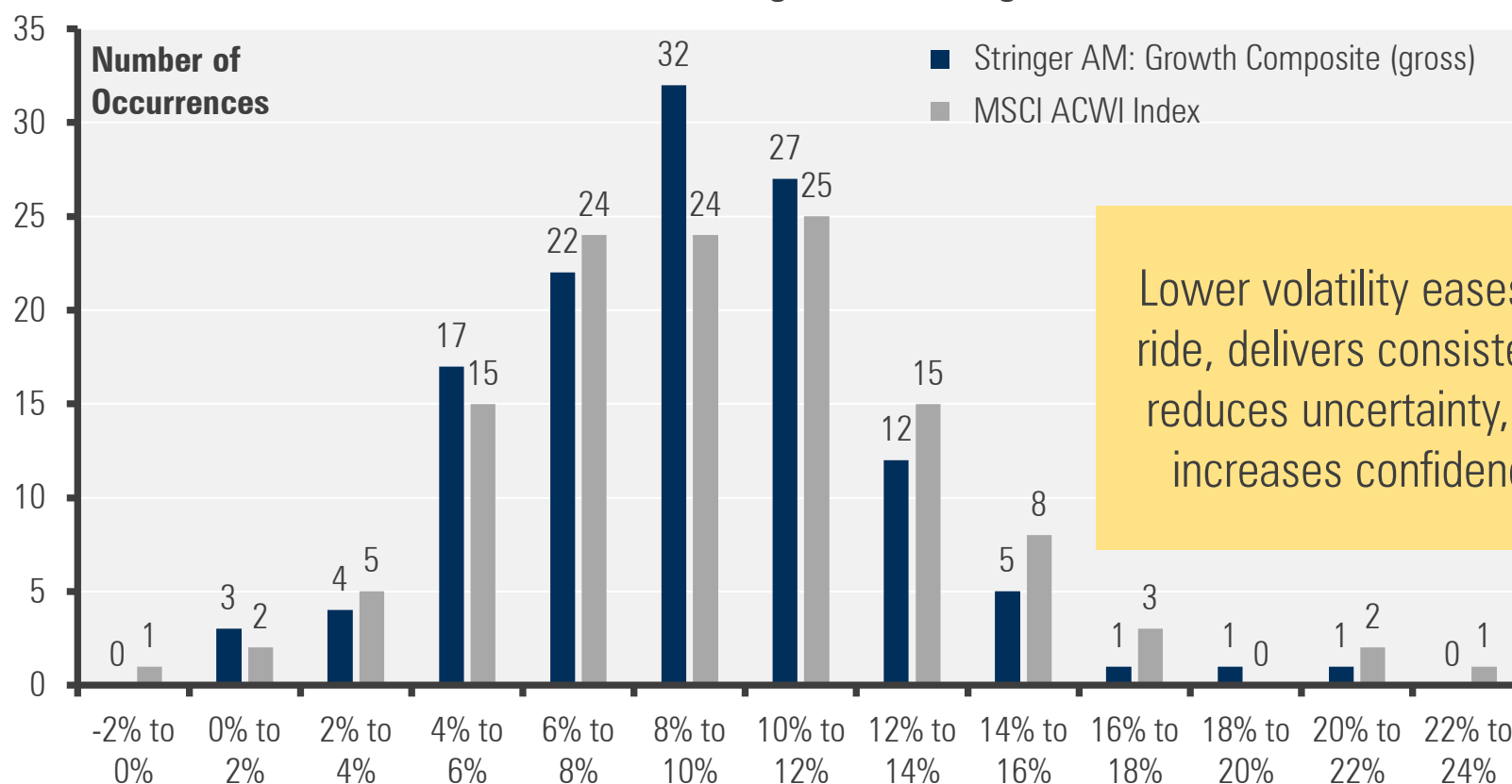
## RISK/REWARD PLOT<sup>1</sup>: SINCE INCEPTION TO DECEMBER 2021



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# Taking Investment Strategies to the Next Level With a Focus on Behavioral Finance

## 36-Month Rolling Return Histogram



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## BROAD OUTLOOK

- » Overall, we are optimistic about the U.S. economy going into 2022.
- » While we have no way of accurately forecasting the direction the pandemic will take, we have seen that the economic impact of each successive wave has been smaller than the one before.
- » Assuming that this trend continues, we largely look past COVID headlines to focus on economic fundamentals and valuations to find attractive risk-adjusted opportunities.
- » Our collection of near-term indicators suggests U.S. economic momentum will continue over the coming year.
- » Our view on foreign economies is more mixed and dependent upon the specific circumstances of each country and region.
- » We think that the Fed has fallen behind the curve and will have to raise interest rates persistently over the coming years.
- » Still, the U.S. economy has plenty of strength and momentum to be able to absorb the coming rate hikes at least for the next year or more.
- » Persistent U.S. economic growth should result in higher household income and higher corporate earnings overall.
- » Though U.S. equity and bond market valuations appear stretched in aggregate, we are finding opportunities in areas that we think can deliver in this shifting environment.



BROAD OUTLOOK				
	U.S.	Europe	Japan	Emerging Markets
Monetary Conditions	Expansionary	Expansionary	Expansionary	Mixed
Fiscal Conditions	Expansionary	Improving	Expansionary	Mixed
Leading Economic Indicators	Strong	Flattening	Falling	Soft
Equity Valuations	Stretched	Fairly Valued	Fairly Valued	Fairly Valued
<b>Overall</b>	<b>Cautiously Optimistic</b>	<b>Cautiously Optimistic</b>	<b>Cautiously Optimistic</b>	<b>Cautious</b>

## **SAMPLE OF RECENT ADDITIONS**

Our recent changes have been focused on our tactical allocations. Specifically, we have been adding to the information technology and financial services sectors within our equity positioning. Additionally, we tactically increased our exposure to an intermediate duration, actively managed investment that emphasizes asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities as well as corporate bonds.

Recent economic slowdown is more evidence that we have moved into the second phase of the business cycle where the economy continues to advance, but at a moderating pace. As U.S. economic growth settles in at a pace closer to its long-term trend growth rate while inflation persists, we think these equity holdings will deliver consistent earnings.

The fixed income changes should position our allocations to perform relatively well in a rising interest rate environment. We expect the 10-year Treasury yield rise to more than 2% and short-term bond yields to move up at a faster pace and by a greater magnitude with interest rate hikes. This environment should favor high quality corporate bonds, mortgage-backed, and asset-backed securities.

## INVESTMENT OUTLOOK SUMMARY | FAVORED CHOICES

<b>EQUITY</b>	<i>U.S.</i> » financials, health care, technology <i>Global</i> » quality
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>	short and intermediate-duration asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities
<b>ALTERNATIVES</b>	multi-sector income, preferreds, put option overlay strategies, senior loans

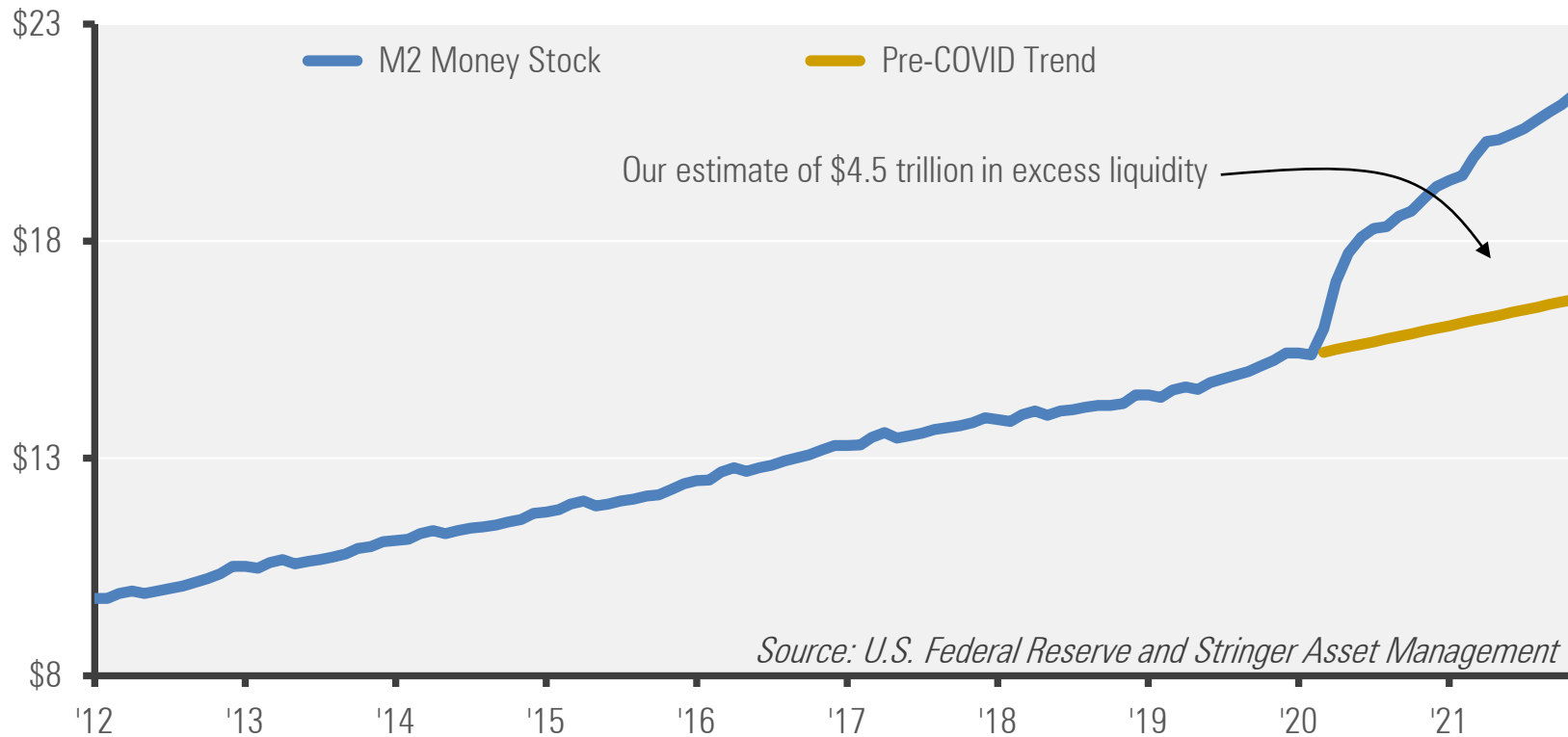
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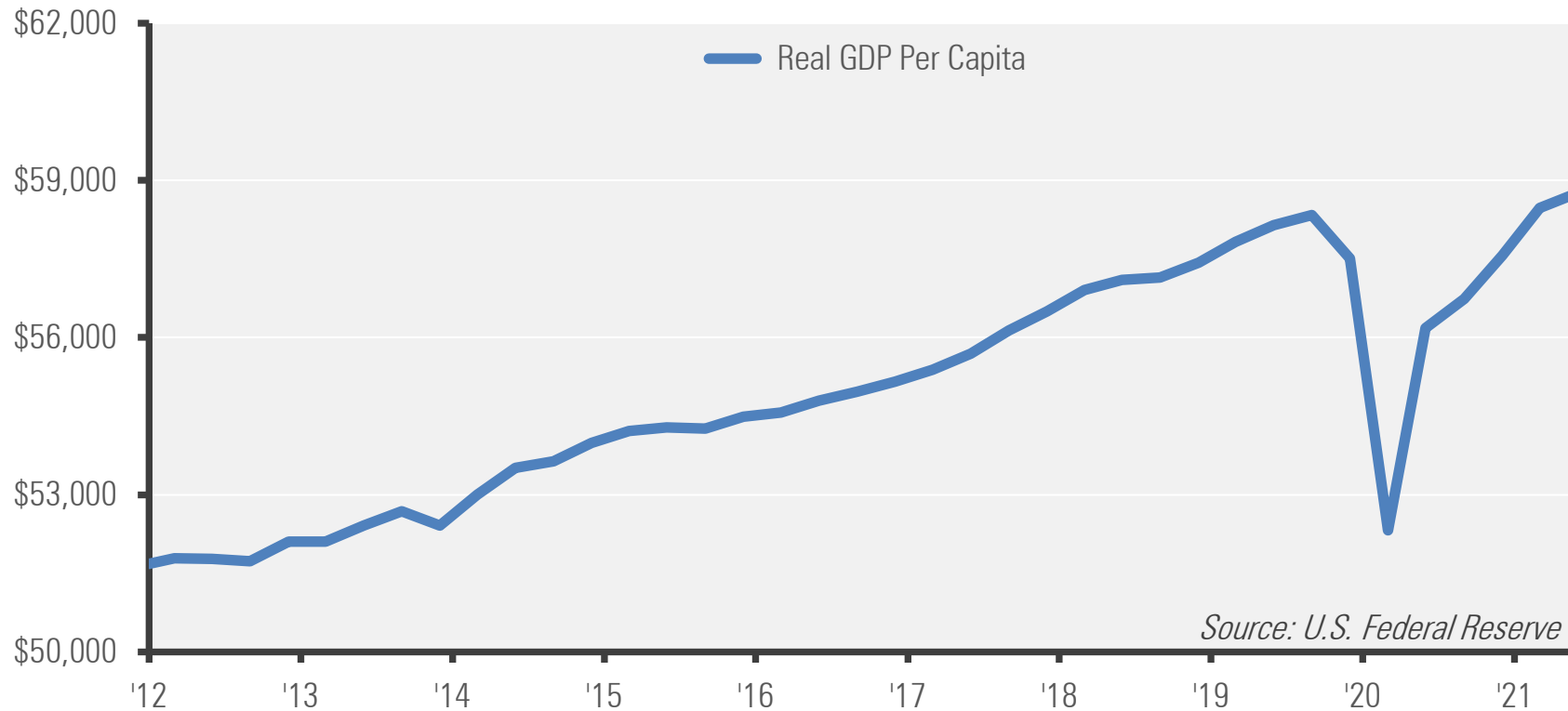
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# M2 Money Stock & Trend



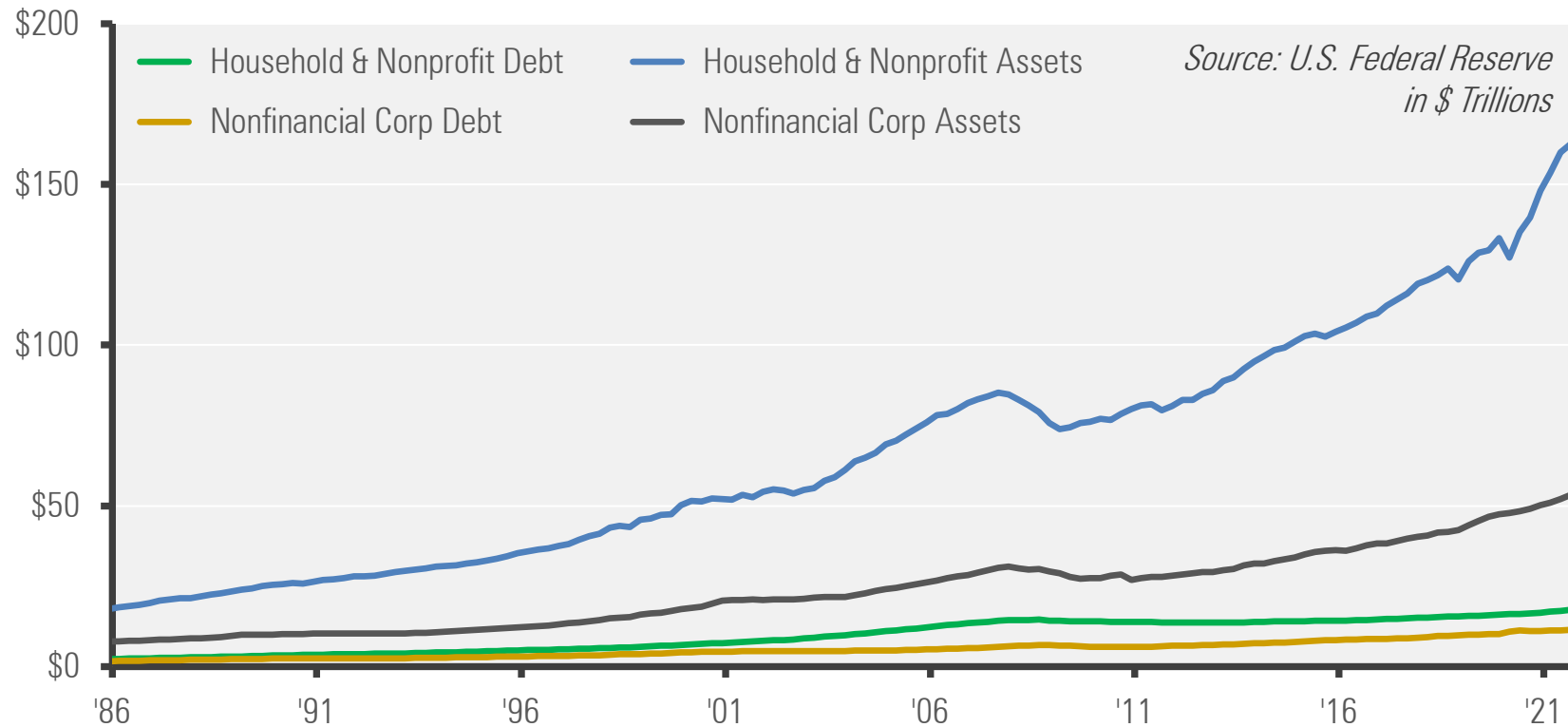
- » We think that the Fed has fallen behind the curve and will have to raise interest rates persistently over the coming years.
- » While the Fed continues to purchase Treasury bonds and agency mortgage-backed securities as the last remnants of its Quantitative Easing policy to stimulate economic growth and help with the COVID pandemic recovery, the U.S. financial system already has an excess of \$4.5 trillion in liquidity.
- » This is equal to nearly 20% of the size of the entire U.S. economy.

# Real GDP Per Capita



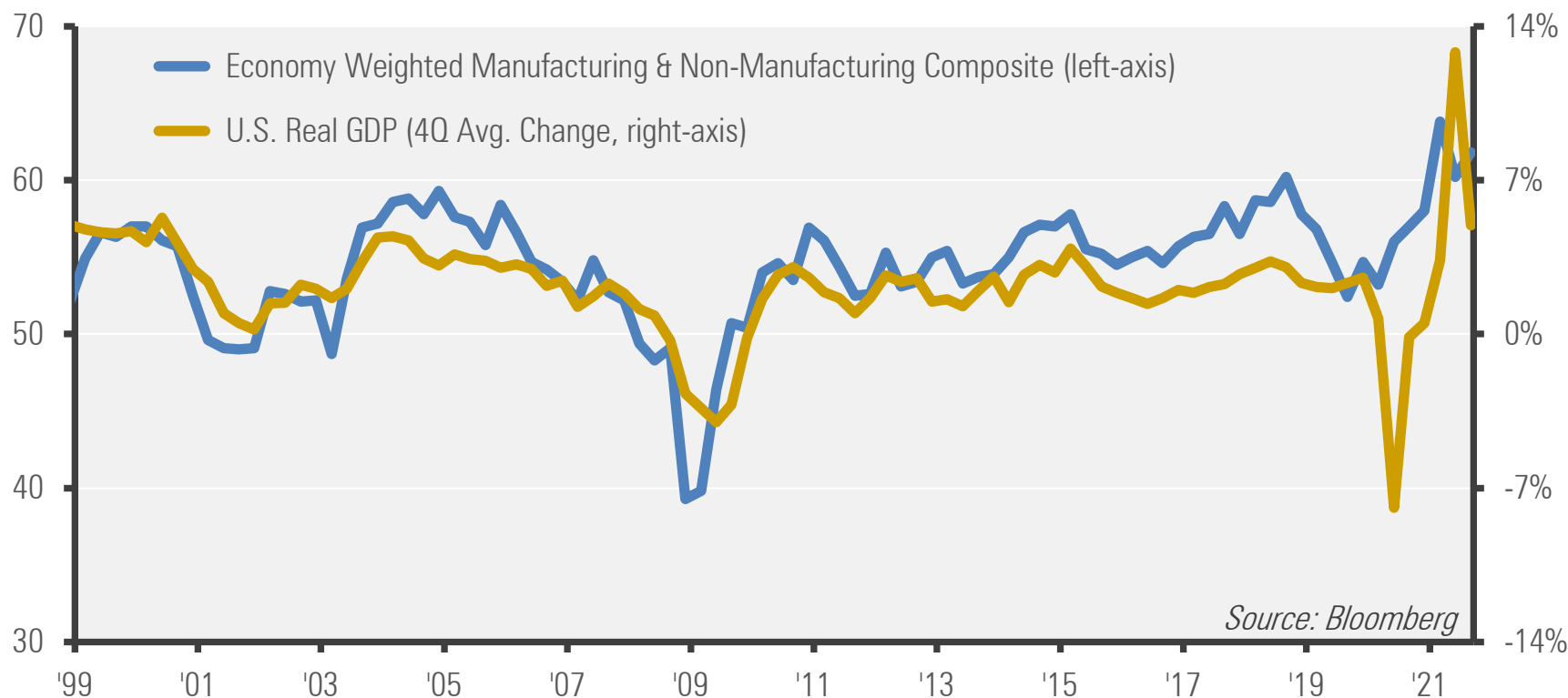
- » We think that economic growth is strong enough to continue fueling these positive trends.
- » For example, economically speaking, the standard of living is driven by per capita real, inflation-adjusted, economic growth.
- » Essentially, it's the growth in national income per person, adjusted for inflation.
- » Per capita real GDP has fully recovered from the COVID pandemic induced recession and is now the highest it has ever been in U.S. history.

# Household and Corporate Balance Sheets



- » Much discussion has been made of the amount of debt in the U.S. financial system, but assets have grown even faster.
- » Net worth, which is assets minus liabilities, for households and nonfinancial corporations are at all-time highs.
- » Our nation has never been wealthier than it is today.
- » In short, both the corporate and household sectors are in great shape to propel economic growth forward and ride out any storms that may come along the way.

# PMIs & Real GDP



- » Leading economic indicators that we track, such as Purchasing Manager Indices (PMIs), continue to look strong with service sector PMI readings just off its all-time high.
- » In addition, prices of industrial metals continue an uptrend, which would not likely be the case if the global economy was on the verge of a downturn as a drop in demand would push these prices down not up.
- » These indicators suggest that U.S. economic growth will continue.



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## INVESTMENT IMPLICATIONS

- » Overall, we think that U.S. equity prices appear stretched by almost any measure.
- » The lack of significant volatility in the equity markets may be an additional cause for concern. However, given the fundamental strength in the economy, we think that these factors reduce return expectations for the year ahead rather than forecasting an outright decline.
- » We would use pockets of volatility as an opportunity to add to equity positions.
- » Our work suggests that we are in the middle part of the current economic business cycle where we want to emphasize the information technology, financials, and health care sectors.
- » We think that each of these sectors has quality earnings potential and the latter two are especially attractive based on current valuations.
- » On the fixed income side, we expect the 10-year Treasury yield to rise above 2% as economic growth and inflation persist in the years to come.
- » Though U.S. equity market and bond valuations appear stretched in aggregate, we are finding opportunities in areas that we think can deliver in this shifting environment.
- » These include equity sectors with quality earnings as well as floating rate short-term and intermediate duration high quality fixed income.

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## NET TRADE SUMMARY: OCTOBER 1, 2021 TO JANUARY 15, 2022

	Growth		ModGrowth		ConGrowth		IncGrowth		Income	
	Weight	Action	Weight	Action	Weight	Action	Weight	Action	Weight	Action
JPMorgan US Momentum (JMOM)	4.00%	BUY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPDR S&P 500 Growth (SPYG)	-	-	-	-	3.00%	BUY	-	-	-	-
SPDR Short-Term Corp Bond (SPSB)	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.00%	BUY	8.00%	BUY
Technology SPDR (XLK)	6.00%	BUY	4.00%	BUY	-	-	-	-	-	-
WisdomTree Intl Quality Div. (IQDG)	-	-	3.50%	BUY	3.00%	BUY	-	-	-	-
Financial SPDR (XLF)	2.00%	ADD	1.00%	ADD	3.00%	BUY	-	-	-	-
iShares USA Momentum (MTUM)	4.00%	ADD	3.00%	ADD	3.00%	ADD	-	-	-	-
Overlay Shares Large Cap (OVL)	-	-	2.00%	ADD	2.00%	ADD	-	-	-	-
PIMCO Active Bond (BOND)	-	-	3.00%	ADD	6.00%	ADD	5.00%	ADD	6.50%	ADD

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FirstTrust Preferred (FPE)	-4.00%	TRIM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Healthcare SPDR (XLV)	-	-	-1.00%	TRIM	-	-	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI Min Vol USA (USMV)	-	-	-	-	-3.00%	TRIM	-	-	-	-
Simplify US Equity Plus (SPD)	-	-	-1.50%	TRIM	-3.00%	TRIM	-	-	-	-
Consumer Staples SPDR (XLP)	-4.00%	SELL	-3.00%	SELL	-3.00%	SELL	-	-	-	-
Invesco S&P 500 Energy (RYE)	-4.00%	SELL	-3.00%	SELL	-	-	-	-	-	-
Invesco S&P 500 Technology (RYT)	-4.00%	SELL	-3.00%	SELL	1.00%	ADD	-	-	-	-
iShares MSCI EM xChina (EMXC)	-	-	-	-	-3.00%	SELL	-	-	-	-
SPDR Bloomberg 1-10y TIPS (TIPX)	-	-	-5.00%	SELL	-9.00%	SELL	-5.00%	SELL	-6.50%	SELL
Vanguard Short-Term Corp (VCSH)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-9.00%	SELL	-8.00%	SELL

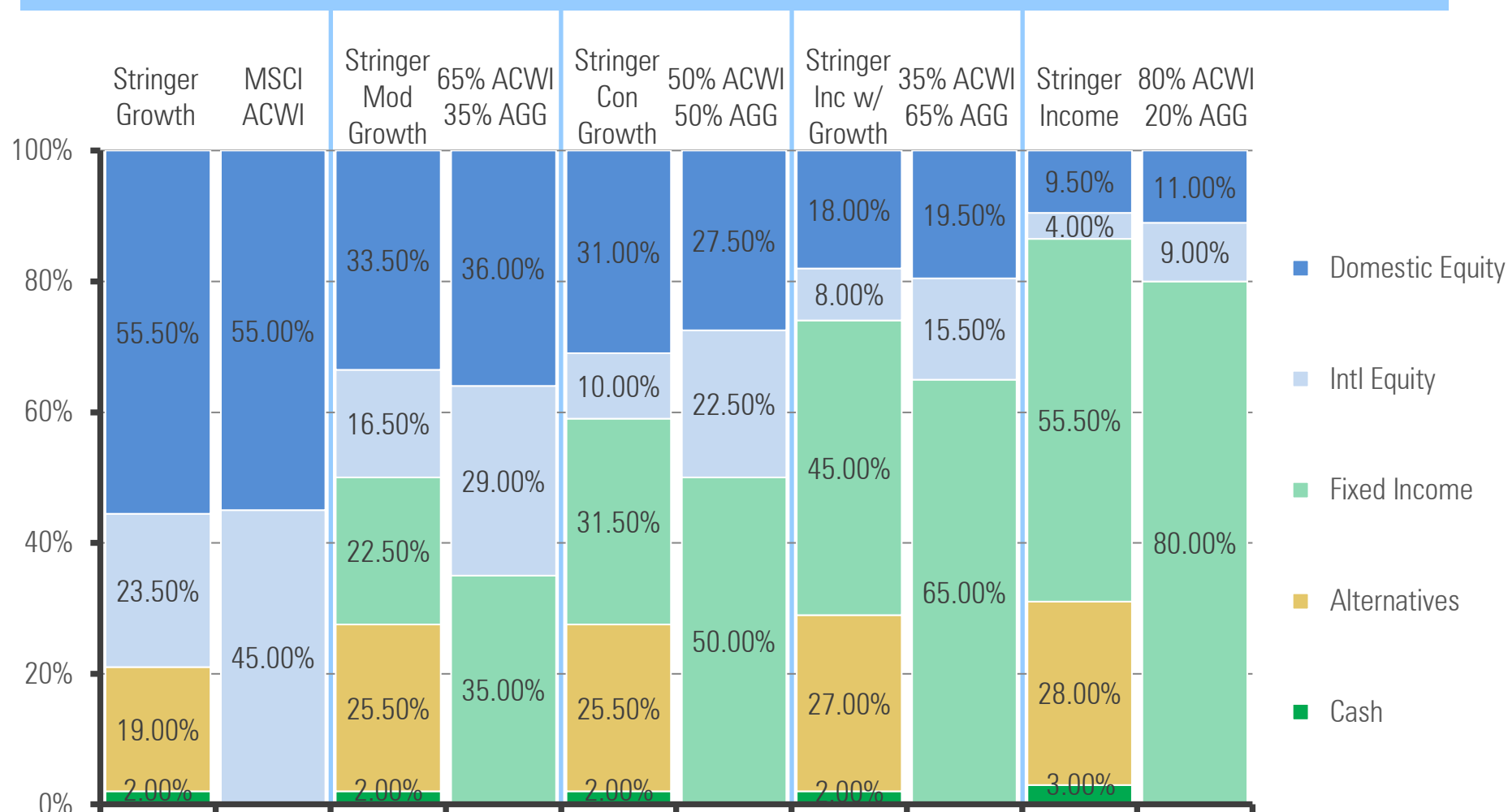
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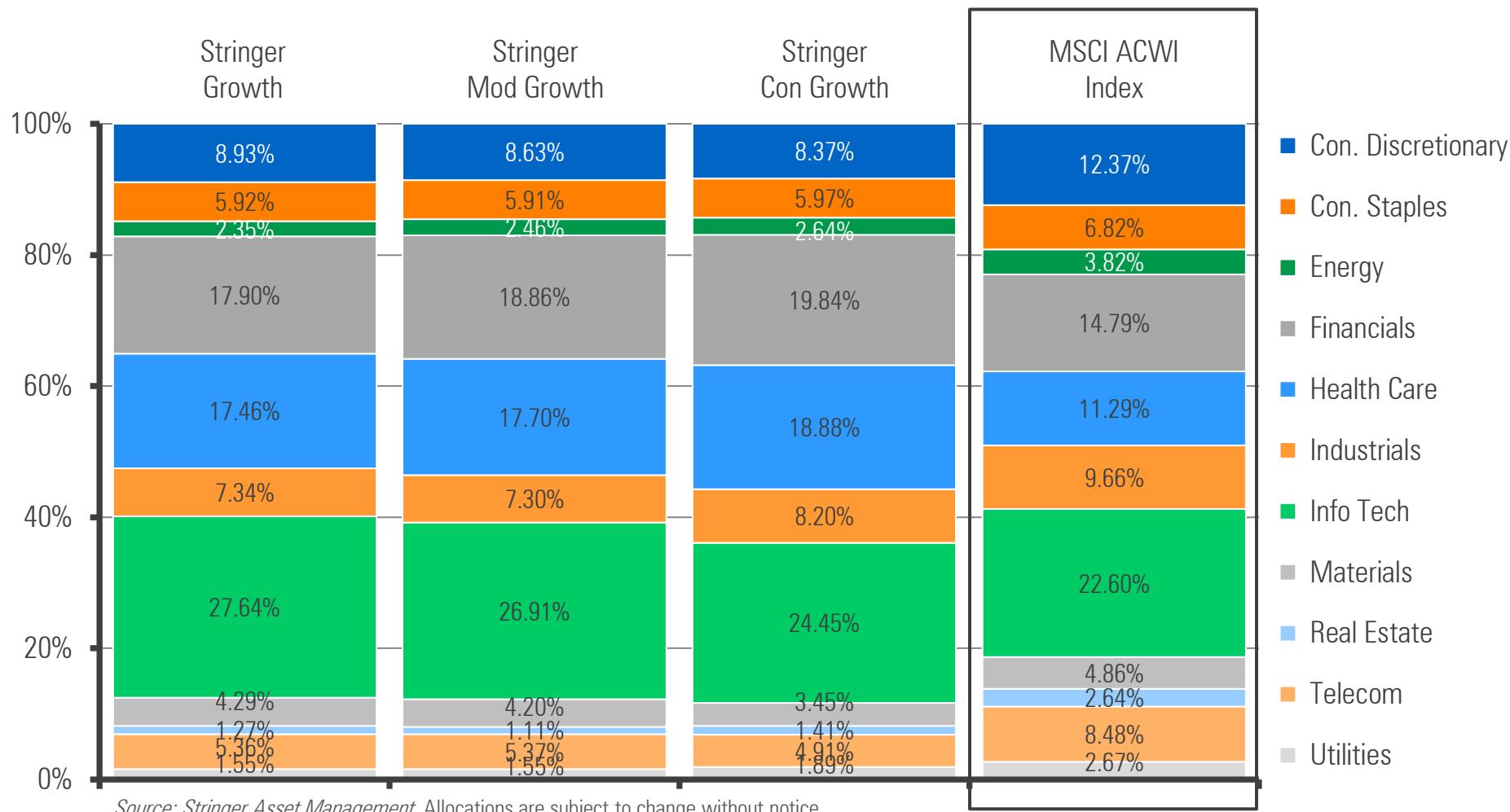
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## BROAD ASSET ALLOCATION AS OF JANUARY 2022



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## TRADITIONAL EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION AS OF JANUARY 2022



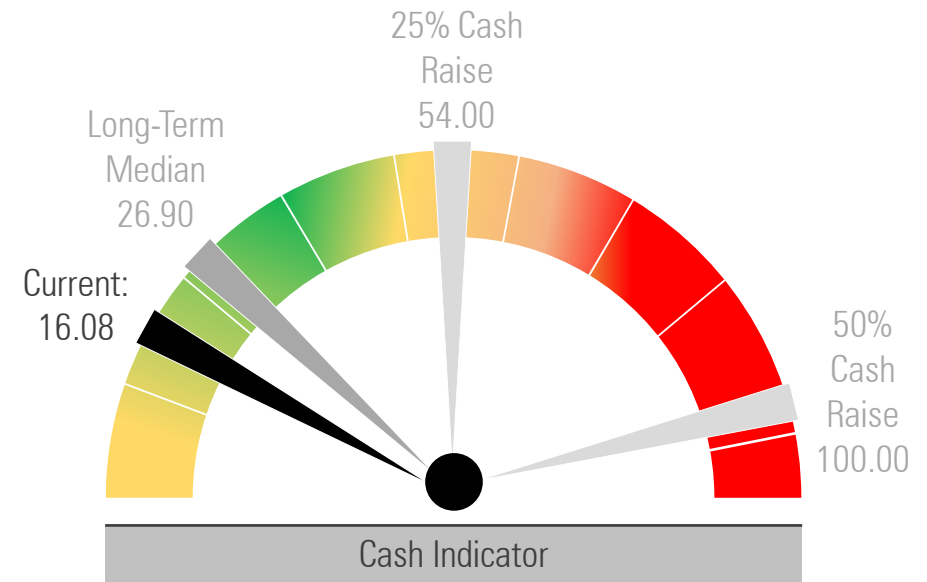
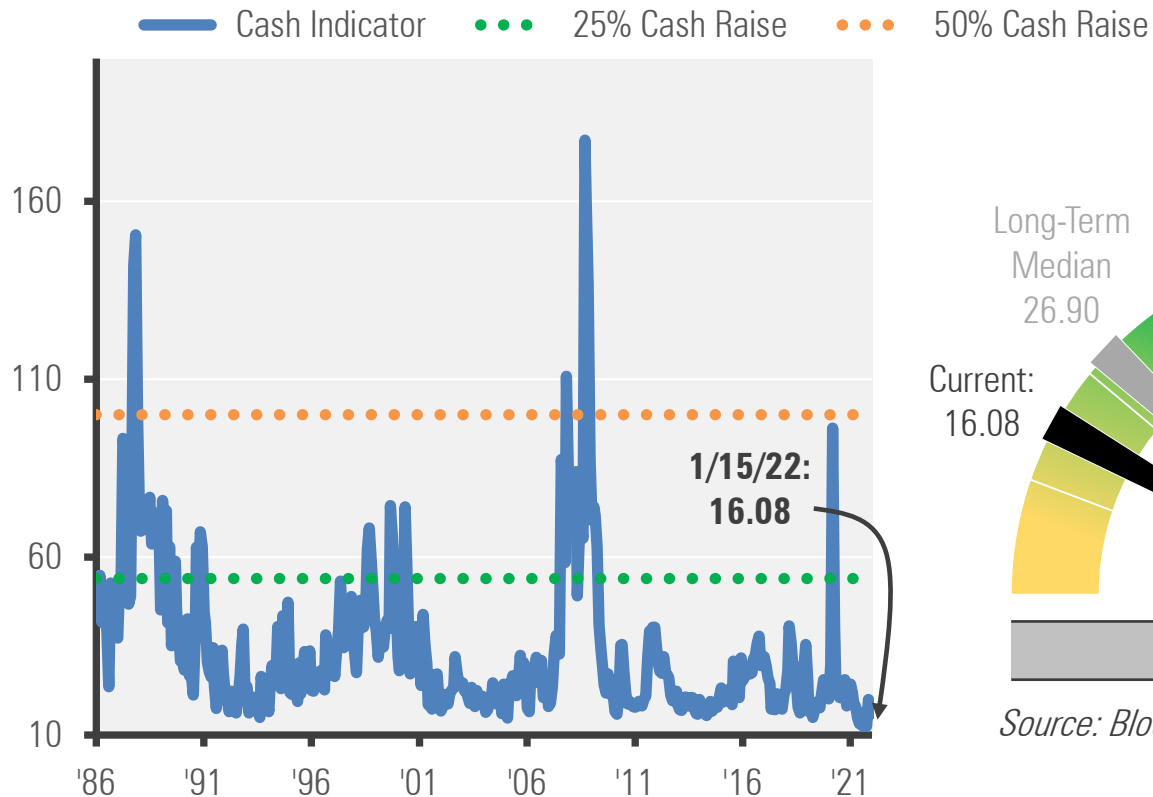


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# The Cash Indicator



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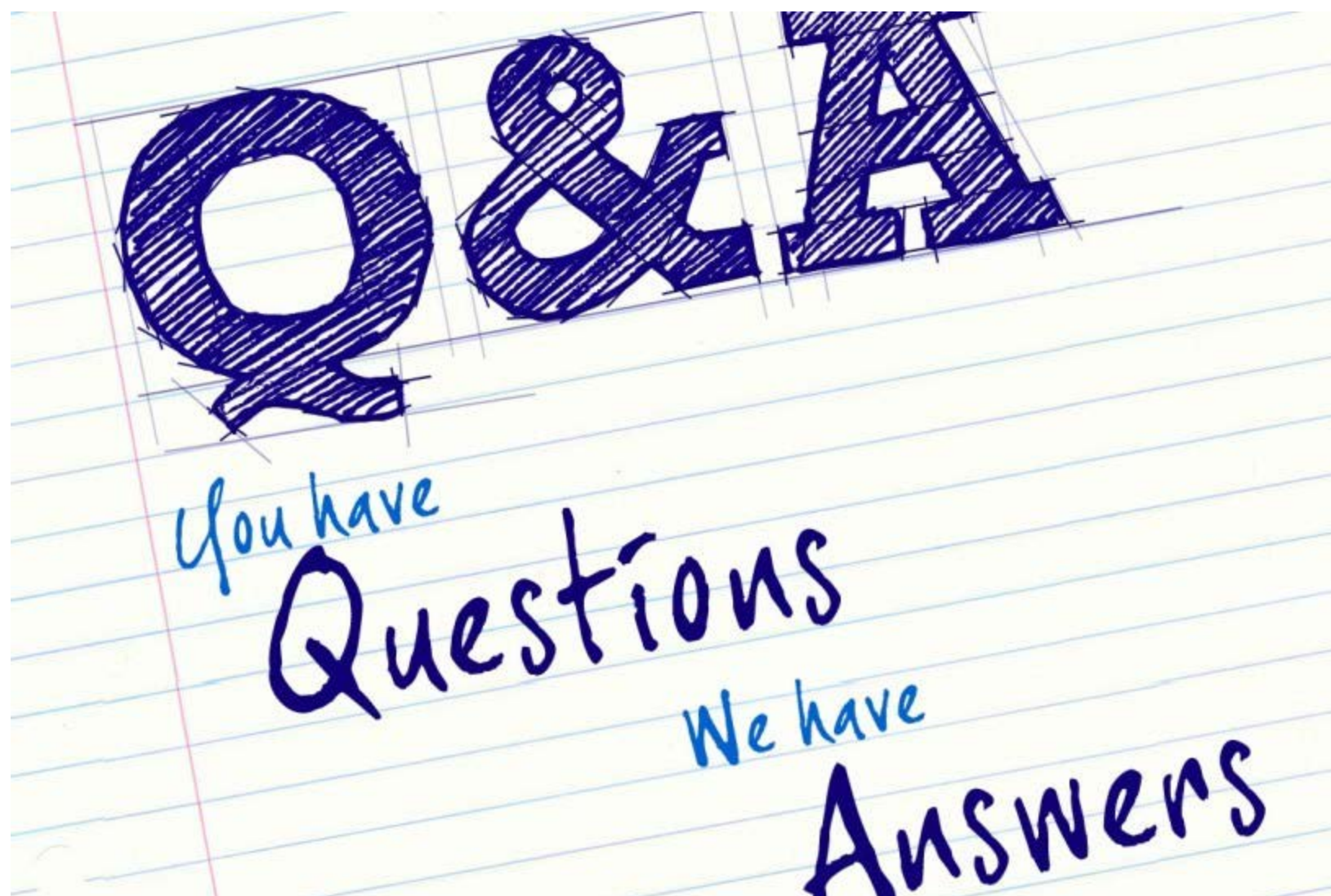
- » Recent volatility has shifted the Cash Indicator (CI) around the low end of its normal range, which suggests some complacency in markets.
- » Complacency tends to lead to increased volatility.
- » Overall, we remain fully invested and we are seeing tactical opportunities to both manage risk and take advantage of potential for gains.

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## Performance:

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The Income Composite includes all portfolios that invest their assets in equity, fixed income and alternative exchange-traded funds selected from the global investment opportunity set. The Income Composite has risk characteristics lower than that of the broad equity market and include but are not limited to equity risk, international investing risk and credit risk. The total returns presented are gross and net of fees. Advisory fees and any other expenses incurred in the management of the account will reduce actual returns. The benchmark is a blend of 20% MSCI ACWI Index and 80% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rebalanced quarterly as of January 1, 2016. The benchmark is market-cap weighted and is composed of several country-specific indices. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark; however, there have not been material differences to date. Prior to January 1, 2016, the benchmark was a blend of 20% MSCI World Index and 80% Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rebalanced quarterly. The benchmark was retroactively changed to more closely follow our investment strategy. The index represented does not bear transaction costs or management fees, and cannot be actually bought or sold. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. For index definitions, see the Index Definitions section at the end of this document. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Material use of leverage, derivatives and short positions are not used in this composite.

The Tactical Composite includes all portfolios that mainly invest in equity and alternative ETFs selected from the global investment opportunity set. The Tactical Composite has risk characteristics similar to that of the broad equity market and include but are not limited to equity risk, international investing risk and capitalization risk. The total returns presented are gross and net of fees. Advisory fees and any other expenses incurred in the management of the account will reduce actual returns. The benchmark is the MSCI ACWI Index rebalanced quarterly. The benchmark is market-cap weighted and is composed of several country-specific indices. Sources of foreign exchange rates may be different between the composite and the benchmark; however, there have not been material differences to date. The index represented does not bear transaction costs or management fees, and cannot be actually bought or sold. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. For index definitions, see the Index Definitions section at the end of this document. The U.S. Dollar is the currency used to express performance. Material use of leverage, derivatives and short positions are not used in this composite.



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## Index Definitions:

***Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index*** – This Index provides a measure of the U.S. investment grade bond market, which includes investment grade U.S. Government bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, mortgage pass-through securities and asset-backed securities that are publicly offered for sale in the United States. The securities in the Index must have at least 1 year remaining to maturity. In addition, the securities must be denominated in US dollars and must be fixed rate, nonconvertible and taxable.

***MSCI ACWI (Net) Index*** – This Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI Index consists of 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indexes. Net total return includes the reinvestment of dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

***S&P 500 Index*** – This Index is a capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks. The Index is designed to measure performance of a broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

***S&P 500 Equal Weight Index*** – This Index is an equal-weight version of the widely used S&P 500 Index. The index includes the same constituents as the capitalization weighted S&P 500 Index, but each company in the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index is allocated a fixed weight of roughly 0.2% of the Index total at each quarterly rebalance.

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## Statistical Definitions:

**Standard Deviation** – A statistical measure of volatility, standard deviation is often used as an indicator of the ‘risk’ associated with a return series. Standard deviation of return measures the average deviations of a return series from its mean. A large standard deviation implies that there have been large swings in the return series of the manager.

**Alpha** – Alpha is a measure of risk (beta)-adjusted return. Alpha measures the difference between a portfolio’s actual returns and what it might be expected to deliver based on its level of risk. In an ideal sense, higher risk should equate to higher return. A positive alpha means the fund has beaten expectations. A negative alpha means that the fund has failed to match performance given its level of risk. If two managers have the same return, but one has a lower beta, that manager would have a higher alpha.

**Beta** – This represents the systematic risk of a portfolio and measures its sensitivity to a benchmark. A portfolio with a beta of one is considered to be as risky as the benchmark and would therefore provide expected returns equal to those of the market benchmark during both up and down periods. A portfolio with a beta of two would move approximately twice as much as the benchmark.

**Yield** – Portfolio and blended benchmark yield is calculated using a harmonic weighted average of the net dividends per share during the past 12 months for each holding as of the date identified at their respective target weighting.

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**General Risk of Loss:** All investments in securities include a risk of loss of principal (invested amount) and any profits that have not been realized (i.e., the securities were not sold to “lock in” the profit). Stock markets and bond markets fluctuate substantially over time, and markets have experienced increased volatility in recent years. As recent global and domestic economic events have indicated, performance of any investment is not guaranteed. As a result, there is a risk of loss of the assets we manage. Stringer Asset Management cannot guarantee any level of performance or that account assets will not be lost. Stringer Asset Management does not represent, warrant, or imply that the services or methods of analysis used can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from major losses due to market corrections or crashes. No guarantees are offered that clients’ goals or objectives will be achieved. Furthermore, no promises or assumptions can be made that the advisory services offered by Stringer Asset Management will provide a better return than other investment strategies. Varied fluctuations in the price of investments are a normal characteristic of securities markets due to a variety of influences. Stringer Asset Management’s managed account programs should be considered a long-term investment; as long-term performance and performance consistency are among our key objectives.

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