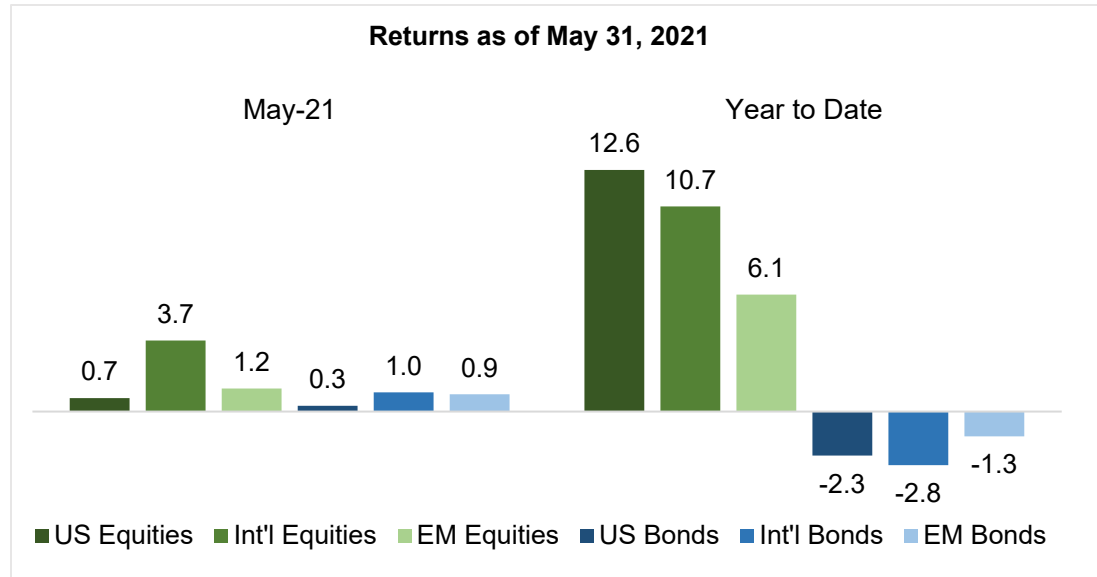


# MONTHLY Market Review



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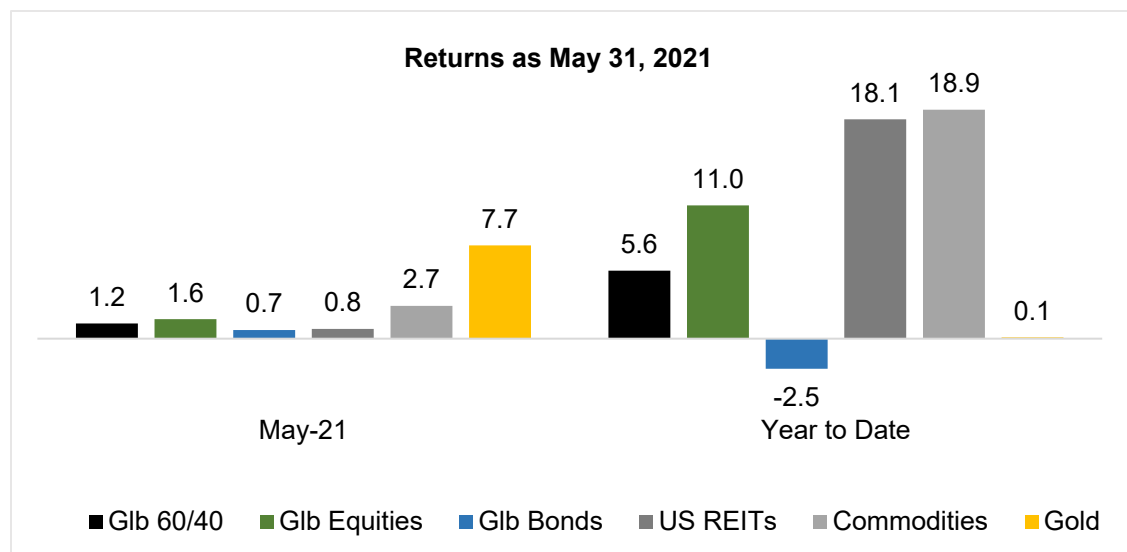
US stocks cooled off to end the month up 0.7% after climbing to new highs in early May amid fears of rising inflation, maintaining strong gains of 12.6% for the year. Developed international equities outperformed US stocks, up 3.7% for the month as vaccination rates picked up in Europe. However, international equities both in developed and emerging markets trail US stocks for the year.

Across market style in the US, the more well-established stocks within the value segment outperformed the fast-growing stocks within the technology sector by over 3.7% in May and over 12% for the year. This “flight to quality” away from growth-oriented stocks can be attributed to stronger expectations for economic growth coupled with inflation uncertainty. Within US sectors, traditional value sectors like energy, materials, and financials were the strongest performers, widening the gap over growth-oriented technology stocks for the year.

US Bonds rose 0.3% for the month, a steady climb that began in April 2021 as rates fell but still remains down -2.3% for the year. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note ended the month at 1.58%, continuing the downward trend from 1.63% at the start of the month (and 1.74% March close). Within bonds, Treasury inflation protected securities (TIPS) gained 1.2% and was one of the top performers for the month.

Gold continued its rally and rose 7.7%. Commodities rose 2.7%, and the US dollar fell -1.5%. This rise in gold, commodities, and weakening of the US dollar can be attributed to expectations of rising inflation from investors. US REITs once again posted modest gains, up 0.8% for May 2021 and 18.1% YTD, as the re-opening trade continues to play out. Finally,

relative to a globally balanced (60/40) equity/bond index, allocations to gold, commodities, and global equities helped while US REITs and global bonds hurt for the month.



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## DEFINITIONS

Asset Class	Index	Definition
US Equity	S&P 500	measures the performance of 500 leading companies in the U.S. Constituents generally have a market-cap above \$5 billion and represent approximately 80% of the investable market.
Global Equity	MSCI ACWI	measures large- and mid-cap equity performance of developed and emerging markets. Represents approximately 85% of the global equity investment universe.
International Developed Equity	MSCI EAFE	measures the equity performance of countries considered to represent developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.
Emerging Markets (EM) Equity	MSCI Emerging Markets	measures the equity market performance of countries considered to represent emerging markets.
Style – Large Cap Value	Russell 1000 Value	measures the performance of large-cap growth US equities, which are companies in the Russell 1000 Index with lower price-to-value ratios and lower forecasted growth values.
Style – Large Cap Growth	Russell 1000 Growth	measures the performance of large-cap growth US equities, which are companies in the Russell 1000 Index with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values.
US Equity	Nasdaq 100	measures companies across major industry groups including computer hardware and software, telecommunications, retail/wholesale trade and biotechnology.
Sector - Financials	S&P 500 Sector Financials	measures the performance of companies in an array of diversified financial service firms, insurance, banks, capital markets, consumer finance and thrift companies.
Sector - Technology	S&P 500 Sector Technology	measures the performance of companies involved in technology hardware, storage and peripherals, software, communications equipment, semiconductors and semiconductor equipment, internet software and services, IT services, electronic equipment, instruments and components.
Sector- Materials	S&P 500 Sector Materials	measures the performance of companies involved in industries such as: chemicals, construction materials, containers and packaging, metals and mining, and paper and forest products.

Sector--Energy	S&P 500 Sector Energy	measures the performance of companies involved in the development and production of crude oil, natural gas and provide drilling and other energy-related services.
Global Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate	measures the performance of global, investment-grade debt from 24 local currency markets. This benchmark includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers.
US Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate	measures the performance of USD-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. The index includes Treasury bonds, Government-related Corporate, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS sectors.
US High Yield Corporate Credit	Bloomberg Barclays Corporate High Yield	measures the performance of USD-denominated, non-investment-grade, fixed-rate taxable corporate bonds. "High-yield" securities have the middle rating from Moody's, Fitch or S&P of Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. Index excludes emerging market debt.
US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities	Bloomberg Barclays US TIPS	measures the performance of inflation-protected securities issued by the US Treasury.
Emerging Markets Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Emerging Markets USD Aggregate	measures the performance of hard-currency emerging markets debt including fixed and floating-rate USD-denominated debt issued from sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate emerging markets debt.
International Fixed Income	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex-USD	measures the performance of investment-grade debt from 24 local currency markets. This multi-currency index includes treasury, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-rate bonds from both developed and emerging markets issuers. It excludes bonds issued in USD.
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity	measures the performance of a broadly diversified exposure to physical commodities via futures contracts.
Gold	Bloomberg Sub Gold	measures the performance of futures contract on Gold and is quoted in USD.
US REIT	FTSE NAREIT All Equity REITs	measures the performance of a comprehensive family of REIT indexes that spans the commercial real estate space across the US economy. The index series provides investors with exposure to all investment and property sectors.

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