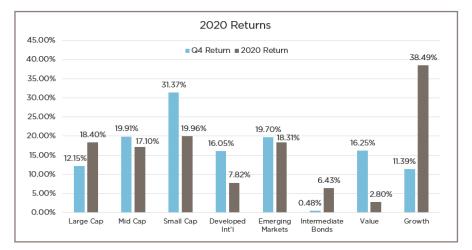
Fund Advisor Quarterly Update | Q4 2020

2020 was a remarkable and unprecedented year to say the least. After making an all-time high on February 19, S&P 500° stocks collapsed 35% in just over a month, making it the quickest and sharpest bear market in modern history. Fortunately, the "whatever it takes" policy response from the U.S. Government gave hope and confidence to investors and S&P 500 stocks climbed nearly 70% from there. Despite the dire circumstances we faced in March, the S&P 500 Index posted another double-digit annual percentage gain driven by huge gains for beneficiaries of our new stay-at-home lifestyles. Many of those fall in the technology sector and represent a big part of the Nasdaq 100, which gained 49% in 2020. The COVID scare tended to benefit U.S., Large Cap, and Growth Stocks in the first three quarters of the year. But, hopes for a vaccine and anticipation of the reopening of the economy have benefitted Small Cap, International, and (more cyclical) Value Stocks since the beginning of the fourth quarter. The 2020 results were an 18.40% return for the S&P 500 and a 19.96% gain for the Small Cap Russell 2000® Index. International Markets also managed a strong recovery with a 7.82% return in Developed Markets and an 18.31% return for Emerging Markets. The chart below, shows, however, that the year-to-date returns for many asset categories turned positive during the incredibly strong fourth quarter.

Asset Category	Q4 Return	2020
U.S. Large Cap Stocks	12.15%	18.40%
U.S. Mid Cap Stocks	19.91%	17.10%
U.S. Small Cap Stocks	31.37%	19.96%
Developed International Stock	16.05%	7.82%
Emerging International Stock	19.70%	18.31%
Intermediate Term Bonds	0.48%	6.43%
U.S Value Stocks	16.25%	2.80%
U.S Growth Stocks	11.39%	38.49%





So, what lessons can we all take away from such a crazy year?

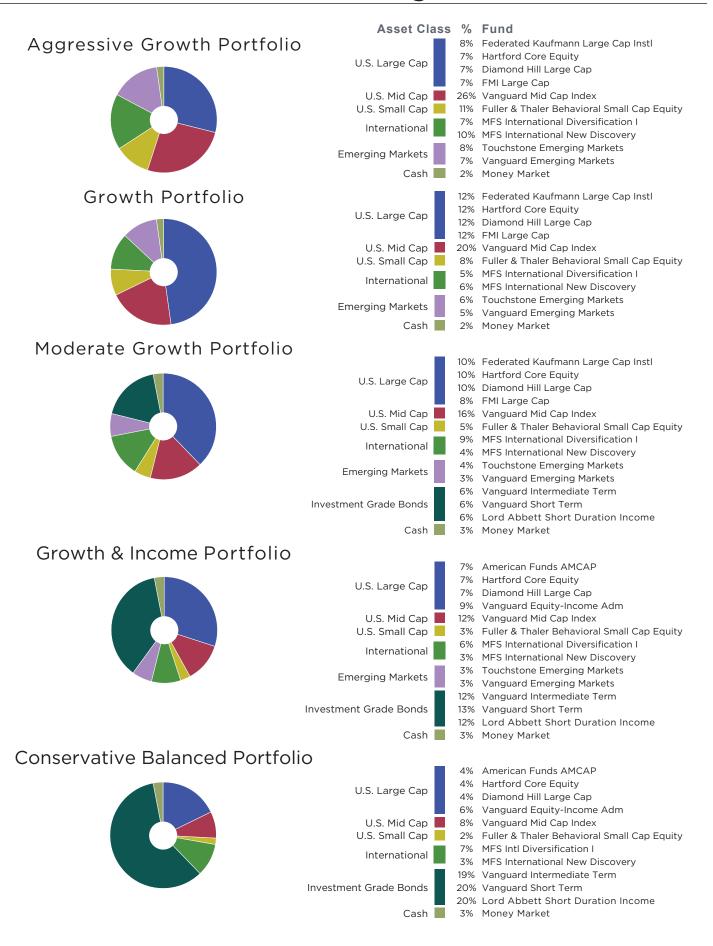
- Large market declines are typically caused by some unpredictable exogenous factor that few are talking about - the last three were a global pandemic (2020), a meltdown of our banking system (2008), and a terrorist attack (2001)
- Market recoveries typically start when things seem most dire and move really fast - in the month after the last three major market declines (mentioned above), the S&P 500 gained 22%, 26%, and 14%, respectively
- Market-timing in your investment account is virtually impossible - emotions make us want to sell when things are at their worst and buy once the recovery has already happened
- It is difficult to do, but when the stock market reaches bear market territory, you should consider buying more stocks, not selling

- The Federal Reserve and other central banks have learned to act more quickly and are a more powerful force than ever before.
- Momentum investing can go on for a long time, but there is eventually a mean reversion - energy and financial stocks have lagged behind technology stocks for a long time but there was finally a strong shift toward those stocks in the fourth quarter.
- Typically the stock market is really good at looking past the current economic problems to greener pastures ahead -in 2020, the market climbed through the peak of the economic shutdown, looked past the rhetoric surrounding the election, and virtually ignored the widespread political unrest and rioting that has occurred.

A higher starting point likely means lower expected returns

After back-to-back double digit calendar year returns, stocks appear to be expensive and are hitting all-time highs. However, with a backdrop of low interest rates, a rolling economic recovery as vaccinations become more wide spread, and potentially more government stimulus under the Biden administration, the stock rally could continue. That's not to say that periodic bouts of volatility won't creep up, but large market declines typically require an exogenous shock (like a global pandemic) that is virtually impossible to predict. High prices are rarely the reason for a drawn out stock market correction, but we have started to witness signs of speculative excess in some corners. Nosebleed valuations for certain high growth "story" stocks, a record amount of initial public offerings (IPOs), a meteoric rise in the price of bitcoin over six months, the abundance of blank check companies known as special purpose acquisition corporations (SPACs), record levels of margin debt, and retail trading activity suggest a touch of investor euphoria. Given this backdrop and an elevated starting point, we do expect more modest returns across many asset classes over a longer-term time horizon. However, we believe that a well-diversified portfolio of different asset classes is the best way to approach this type of environment and will likely provide the smoothest ride as we go forward.





Returns Net of Fees as of December 31, 2020

Fund / Index Name	Fund / Index Performance at Net Asset Value**					Up	Down	Expense Ratio	
	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*	Capture	Capture	Gross	Net⁴
Large Cap									
American Funds AMCAP F3	21.80	21.80	14.94	15.17	13.79	98.99	94.85	0.34	0.34
Diamond Hill Large Cap I	8.97	8.97	9.18	12.41	12.02	97.56	101.74	0.67	0.67
Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap ¹	28.55	28.55	21.14	18.11	15.79	-	-	0.93	0.84
FMI Large Cap Institutional	10.42	10.42	9.59	12.30	11.53	88.86	86.72	0.67	0.67
Hartford Core Equity Y ²	18.42	18.42	15.98	15.04	14.95	99.20	94.40	0.49	0.46
Vanguard Equity-Income Adm	3.13	3.13	6.85	10.66	11.80	88.07	89.47	0.18	0.18
Benchmark 1: S&P 500 TR USD	18.40	18.40	14.18	15.22	13.88	100.00	100.00	-	-
Mid Cap and Small Cap									
Fuller & Thaler Behavioral Sm-Cp Eq Inst ³	10.38	10.38	7.07	13.33	-	-	-	0.82	0.82
Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admiral	18.24	18.24	12.04	13.28	12.40	90.65	86.14	0.05	0.05
Benchmark 1: Russell 2500 TR USD	19.99	19.99	11.33	13.64	11.97	100.00	100.00	-	-
International									
Dodge & Cox International Stock	2.10	2.10	0.93	6.65	4.63	111.65	111.83	0.63	0.63
MFS Intl Diversification I ⁴	15.24	15.24	8.91	11.51	7.66	96.10	84.52	0.87	0.85
MFS International New Discovery I	9.96	9.96	6.56	9.94	8.04	95.62	80.75	1.04	1.04
Benchmark 1: MSCI EAFE NR USD	7.82	7.82	4.28	7.45	5.51	100.00	100.00	-	-
Emerging Markets									
Touchstone Sands Cptl Emerg Mkts Gr Y ⁵	52.30	52.30	18.90	18.79	-	-	-	1.32	1.32
Vanguard Emerging Mkts Stock Idx Adm	15.24	15.24	5.80	11.70	3.12	99.73	101.08	0.14	0.14
Benchmark 1: MSCI EM NR USD	18.31	18.31	6.17	12.81	3.63	100.00	100.00	-	-
Intermediate Gov't/Credit									
Vanguard Interm-Term Bond Index Adm	9.79	9.79	6.49	5.22	4.80	159.56	198.12	0.07	0.07
Benchmark 1: BBgBarc US Govt/Credit Index	6.43	6.43	4.67	3.64	3.11	100.00	100.00	-	-
Short-Term Bond									
Lord Abbett Short Duration Income	3.05	3.05	3.29	3.27	3.03	149.73	53.30	0.50	0.50
Vanguard Short-Term Investment-Grade Adm	5.25	5.25	4.00	3.38	2.76	141.63	159.74	0.10	0.10
Benchmark 1: BBgBarc US Govt/Credit 1-3 Yr	3.33	3.33	2.98	2.21	1.60	100.00	100.00	-	-

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