



The Market Place

- Global equities fell by -2.7% last week
- Risk markets rocked by the identification of a new covid-19 strain by scientists in South Africa
- Brent crude oil plunged by -7.3% to \$72.72 a barrel on global demand impact of new Covid variant
- Gold fell to -2.3% to \$1802.6 per ounce

US

US equities fell -2.2% last week, their largest drop since October 2020

10-year treasuries returned +0.4% as investors sought safe havens, yields declined

President Joe Biden said that he plans to renominate Jerome Powell as Federal Reserve chair

Weekly initial jobless claims for the week ending November 20th fell to 199k (vs. 260k expected), their lowest level since 1969

The Q3 GDP estimate in the US was revised up a tenth to show an annualised growth rate of +2.1%

Personal income and spending data came in above expectations in October, with personal income up +0.5%, and personal spending up +1.3%

Long-term inflation expectations increased slightly to 3.0%, the joint highest reading since 2013

Europe

European equities fell by -4.8% last week amidst concerns of tighter coronavirus restrictions hampering economic recovery

ECB Executive Board member Fabio Panetta says there's no need to tighten monetary policy at this time to control inflation that's being driven by temporary factors

Core eurozone bond yields ended roughly flat after the coronavirus news dragged them off the week's highs

In Germany, the centre-left SPD, the Greens and the liberal FDP agreed a full coalition deal with the SPD's Olaf Scholz to succeed Angel Merkel as the new Chancellor

German GDP growth in Q3 was revised down to show a +1.7% expansion (vs. +1.8% previous estimate)

UK

UK equities fell by -2.3% last week

Gilts increased by +0.4% in nominal terms leading yields to decline the most since March 2020

UK October PMI for composite, manufacturing, and services of 57.7, 58.2 and 58.6 came in better than forecast 54.1, 56.3 and 54.6 respectively

UK authorities have temporarily banned flights from six African countries and recent travellers will be placed into quarantine over worries about the new Omicron Covid-19 variant recently identified there. All travellers coming into (or back to) the UK will now have to self-isolate until they get a negative PCR test

Asia / ROW

The benchmark Global Emerging Markets index fell by -3.6% last week

Japanese equities fell by -2.9% last week

Chinese equities fell by -3.6% last week amid continuing tensions with the US

The Bank of Korea raised rates for a second time since August, taking the policy rate to 1.0%

Flash data showed the Japan Composite PMI rose to 52.5 in November from 50.7 in October, a 37-month high

Iran wants complete and guaranteed removal of sanctions when talks on its nuclear program resume today, according to the country's chief negotiator



Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 26 Nov 2021	Month to date	YTD 2021	12 Months
Developed Market Equities					
United States	USD	-2.2%	-0.1%	23.4%	27.9%
United Kingdom	GBP	-2.3%	-2.3%	13.7%	15.4%
Continental Europe	EUR	-4.8%	-2.1%	18.5%	20.7%
Japan	JPY	-2.9%	-0.8%	12.1%	14.0%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	-3.2%	-2.9%	-3.4%	1.0%
Australia	AUD	-1.6%	-0.2%	14.5%	13.8%
Global	USD	-2.7%	-1.3%	17.9%	22.6%
Emerging markets equities					
Emerging Europe	USD	-7.0%	-13.4%	10.7%	19.8%
Emerging Asia	USD	-3.4%	-2.4%	-5.3%	-0.6%
Emerging Latin America	USD	-2.3%	-2.9%	-13.1%	-4.9%
BRICs	USD	-3.9%	-4.4%	-9.5%	-6.7%
China	USD	-3.6%	-4.5%	-17.9%	-17.5%
MENA countries	USD	-2.6%	-1.4%	29.3%	30.5%
South Africa	USD	-8.3%	-9.5%	-5.9%	-1.2%
India	USD	-5.1%	-3.6%	20.1%	30.6%
Global emerging markets	USD	-3.6%	-3.2%	-3.5%	1.5%
Bonds					
US Treasuries	USD	0.4%	0.6%	-2.2%	-2.2%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	-0.3%	1.1%	5.8%	7.5%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	-0.1%	-0.2%	-1.2%	-0.2%
US High Yield	USD	-1.2%	-1.2%	3.1%	5.2%
UK Gilts	GBP	1.3%	2.7%	-3.0%	-1.8%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	0.2%	1.2%	-2.1%	-0.4%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	-0.3%	1.6%	-2.1%	-2.1%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	-0.6%	0.1%	-0.9%	-0.8%
Euro High Yield	EUR	-0.9%	-0.5%	2.6%	3.5%
Japanese Government	JPY	0.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%
Australian Government	AUD	0.5%	1.7%	-3.7%	-4.0%
Global Government Bonds	USD	0.2%	0.1%	-5.8%	-4.5%
Global Bonds	USD	0.0%	-0.3%	-5.1%	-3.7%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	-2.0%	-2.7%	-2.5%	2.3%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	-2.2%	-2.2%	-6.5%	-4.6%

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Property					
US Property Securities	USD	-1.6%	0.3%	31.9%	33.2%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	0.8%	5.1%	17.9%	16.6%
Asia Property Securities	USD	-1.7%	-2.5%	-0.5%	-2.4%
Global Property Securities	USD	0.5%	1.9%	20.5%	22.9%
Currencies					
Euro	USD	0.1%	-2.0%	-7.5%	-5.1%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	-0.9%	-2.5%	-2.3%	-0.1%
Japanese Yen	USD	0.8%	0.9%	-8.7%	-7.8%
Australian Dollar	USD	-1.6%	-5.1%	-7.4%	-3.2%
South African Rand	USD	-3.1%	-5.9%	-9.8%	-6.3%
Swiss Franc	USD	0.6%	-0.7%	-4.1%	-1.8%
Chinese Yuan	USD	-0.1%	0.2%	2.1%	2.8%
Commodities & Alternatives					
Commodities	USD	-3.5%	-4.7%	36.8%	43.9%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	0.0%	3.0%	33.0%	42.7%
Oil	USD	-7.8%	-13.8%	40.4%	52.1%
Gold	USD	-2.3%	1.1%	-4.8%	-0.4%
Hedge funds	USD	-0.2%	-0.2%	4.5%	6.9%



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