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MARKET COMMENTARY

The MSCI World Index returned 0.0% in the third quarter of 2021. The index reached an all-time high in early September before retreating to close out the quarter. Economic developments over the quarter were mixed. Real GDP grew an impressive +6.7% in the US and +2.2% in Europe in most recent quarter (seasonally adjusted quarter-over-quarter). The positive momentum in labor markets slowed, however, as many businesses are contending with serious labor shortages. This fuels already-tight supply conditions and increases inflationary pressures. Supply/demand imbalances have also started to emerge in the energy sector, leading to price increases. Inflation persisted above 5% in the US and above 3% in Europe (year-over-year), the highest levels in well over a decade. Developed market central banks have generally continued with expansionary fiscal and monetary policies, though hawkish comments are appearing with increased frequency. Through July and August, all MSCI World sectors had positive returns except energy, which was down more than 7%. This reversed in September. All MSCI World sectors declined during September except energy, which was up more than 9% as crude prices rose. For the entire quarter, energy was one of four sectors with a positive return, though it was modest rise (+1.6%). Financials was the best performing sector in the quarter, as both insurers and banks outperformed. Materials and industrials performed worst, as transportation/logistics and manufacturing business were disproportionately hurt by labor and supply shortages. Overall, corporate earnings continue to be strong as nearly 80% of MSCI World companies surpassed consensus earnings expectations in the quarter.

Global growth outperformed global value modestly. The MSCI World Growth Index returned +0.8% while the MSCI World Value Index declined -0.8%. In the recent past, COVID-19 developments appear to have dictated which investing style outperformed—positive developments have favored value, negative developments growth. The performance difference between value and growth largely moved in tandem with COVID's progression during the quarter. We continue to focus on fundamentals and valuation because that is what drives stock prices in the long run; however, we believe the demise of the pandemic through improved inoculation, herd immunity, or both, could provide a welcomed catalyst for a prolonged global value rally.

Dating back to 1926, the average value rally has lasted just shy of three years with an average outperformance of 55 percentage points, cumulatively[1]. Some of the more powerful and long-lasting value rallies have persisted for 7 to 10 years, with value outperforming growth by well over 100 percentage points. The common trait among these most formidable value-led markets is that each came on the heels of a prolonged period of growth outperformance, and each began with wide valuation spreads. There are notable similarities between today's environment and the early stages of previous strong value rallies. Because the portfolio trades at a valuation discount to the MSCI World, we believe a value-led market would be highly conducive to our investment approach, even relative to the global value benchmark. We continue to focus on companies that trade at significant discounts to intrinsic value, but also possess quality businesses, strong balance sheets, and good corporate governance.

ATTRIBUTION – 3Q21

The Hotchkis & Wiley Global Value portfolio (gross and net of management fees) underperformed the MSCI World Index in the third quarter of 2021 modestly—it outperformed the MSCI World Value Index. Relative to the broad benchmark, stock selection in consumer discretionary, communication services, and energy detracted from performance. The overweight position in industrials and underweight position in healthcare also hurt. The overweight position and positive stock selection in financials were the largest positive contributors. Stock selection in industrials also helped. The largest detractors to relative performance in the quarter were Royal Mail, Heineken, Magna International, Discovery, and General Motors; the largest positive contributors were AIG, Tokio Marine, Babcock International, F5 Networks, and Oracle.

LARGEST NEW PURCHASES – 3Q21

None

[1] Statistics in this paragraph reference data from the Kenneth French Dartmouth data library

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