

# **December 2021 Monthly Summary**

As we approach year end, we would like to wish you and your family good health during this holiday season. 2021 has been a challenging year, and 2022 looks much more promising. We are grateful that medical treatments have been made available to all Canadians and hope that those less fortunate will have access in the immediate future. We wish you health and prosperity in 2022.

In this newsletter we focus on year end planning and tax strategies to reduce your taxes. Also, we provide a brief summary of the markets during November 2021.

# Tax Savings Strategies for Year End

The article, <u>2021 Year-End Tax Planning Tips</u>, highlights important tax-saving strategies that can be implemented before year end. It also discusses some of the measures implemented in recognition of the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, that are specific to the 2021 tax year.

## Time for Tax Loss Selling

The summary, <u>Tax-Loss Selling – Summarizing the Rules and Opportunities in Equities, Preferred</u> <u>Shares and ETFs</u>, prepared by the BMO Nesbitt Burns Portfolio Advisory Team and BMO Private Wealth Investment Management Research Team provides an overview of tax-loss selling, and specific opportunities for generating a capital losses in 2021.

## Market Summary for November 2021

# S&P 500 Finishes Lower in November Following Selloff Late in the Month

US stocks were on track to log another solid gain in November until COVID-19 concerns flared back up with the emergence of the Omicron variant, sending the S&P 500 down 0.8% for the month. The heightened possibility of a faster taper timeline and Fed acknowledgement that the risk of persistently higher inflation has increased also contributed to the end-of-month price weakness.





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The recovery in US stocks since the COVID-19 low on March 23, 2020 has experienced ebbs and flows with multiple rotations occurring along the way among value/growth, cyclicals/defensives, and reopening/stay-at-home, developments we expect to continue in the coming months. Incessant fears and correction worries related to inflation, supply chain constraints, rising yields, legislative uncertainty, and peak growth, to name a few, have also been prevalent among investors during the recovery, and are things we also expect to persist.

## Late Selloff Pushes TSX into the Red for November

While the October rebound extended well into November, re-emerging COVID-19 concerns pushed the TSX into the red for November, with the index declining 1.8% on a price return basis. Energy took the brunt of the hit, with the sector declining 5.7% in November, halting the strong rebound seen year-to-date.2

### Last Week's Volatility

This <u>report</u>, prepared by the BMO Nesbitt Burns Portfolio Advisory Team provides perspective on last week's volatility and why a longer term outlook is always useful.<sub>3</sub>

As always, if you have any questions regarding this summary or your investment portfolio, please call us.

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