



Market Update – June 2021

Technology posted the best performance in June while Value stocks gave back some of their previous months' gains as concerns grew around the spread of the delta variant and its potential impact on economic growth. The latest macro data has raised fears that growth may have already reached its peak and is now starting to slow. Hawkish comments by the Fed on the timing of rate hikes helped to move the short-end of the curve higher, but the US 10Yr Treasury fell to 1.47% by month-end and has continued to trend down in the last few days, now sitting at more than 40 basis points below the peak it reached at the end of March. The first half of 2021 has been benign for investors in equities and commodities, if not so much for holders of bonds. But the outlook for the second half of the year is clouded in uncertainty.