



Market Update – November 2021

After most indices posted highs during the month, the end of the month saw the return of some risk-off attitudes with volatility rising in both yields and equities where the VIX saw the largest monthly spike since February 2020. Investors grappled with increasing covid cases, the new omicron variant, and economic data surprises leading to a decline in most developed market equities on the month. The confirmation of Jerome Powell as Fed Chair was offset with more hawkish undertones as the fed retired “transitory” from its comments on inflation at the end of the month leading markets to once again price in potentially quicker taper and rate rises. The US CPI data came in at its highest in thirty years for the year in October at 6.2% while jobs data and retail sales also proved resilient.