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# 2022 Stock Market Outlook

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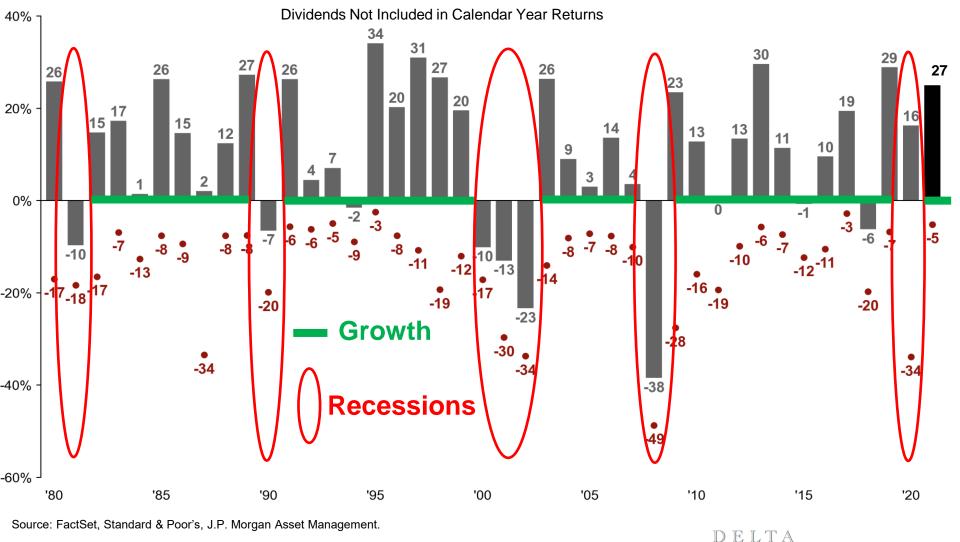
# **Delta Investment Philosophy**

- We believe there are periods in market cycles to be fully invested and there are other periods not to be fully invested
- ✤ As such, we believe it is necessary to be proactive in managing money
- As active managers, we follow market-tested, proven investment disciplines
- During bullish cycles, we seek to invest in the strongest performing assets
- During bearish cycles, we seek to preserve capital by reducing exposure to risk assets
- We believe diversification in both asset type and asset allocation methodology strengthens portfolio performance through the full investment cycle

Delta published its 2022 S&P 500 year-end forecast at 5200. At the time we published this estimate, the forecast was for a 14% gain. If we are wrong, it is most likely because we are being too conservative.

- For 2019, Delta predicted the S&P 500 to reach 3200. It closed at 3231, up 31.2%. We were too conservative.
- For 2020, Delta predicted the S&P 500 to reach 3544. It closed at 3756, up 18.2%. We were too conservative.
- For 2021, Delta predicted the S&P 500 to reach 4300. It closed at 4,766, up 26.9%. We were too conservative.

#### S&P 500: Calendar Yr. Returns and Drawdowns



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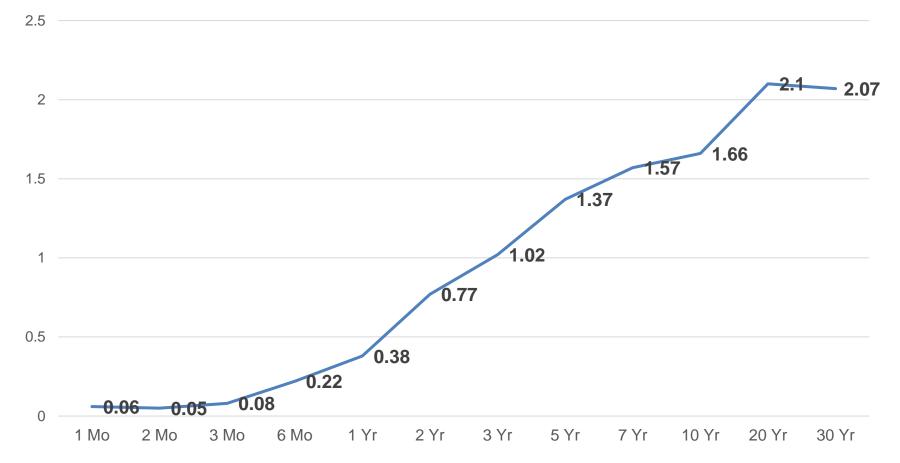
#### Recession risk in 2022 is minimal because:

- The U.S. treasury yield curve is far from inverted. Today, the 10-year treasury rate of roughly 1.7% is significantly higher than the 2-year rate of about 0.8%. For an inversion to occur, the 2-year rate would have to be higher than the 10-year.
- The sequential monthly percent change in the Leading Economic Index (LEI) has been positive for the past eight months and positive for eleven months over the past year. Until the six-month moving average of the LEI turns negative, recession is unlikely.

We know of no major economist, federal government agency including the Federal Reserve or investment bank analyst who is predicting recession in 2022.

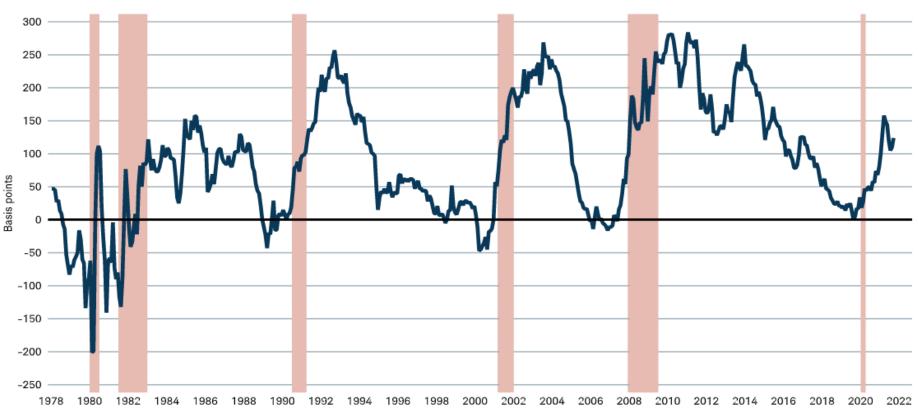
### Yield Curve – Positive Slope

As of 1/4/2021



### Yield curve slope and recessions

The yield curve has flattened. Though short-term rates remain pegged near zero by the Fed, longerterm rates have fallen amid signs of a peak in economic growth and expectations that inflation will be somewhat transitory.

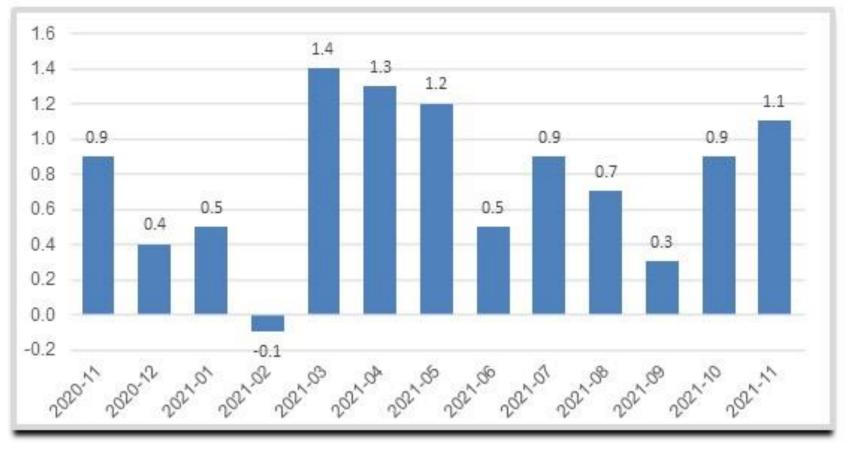


= 10-year vs. 2-year U.S. Treasury Spread 📃 U.S. Recession

Bars represent National Bureau of Economic Research defined recession periods.

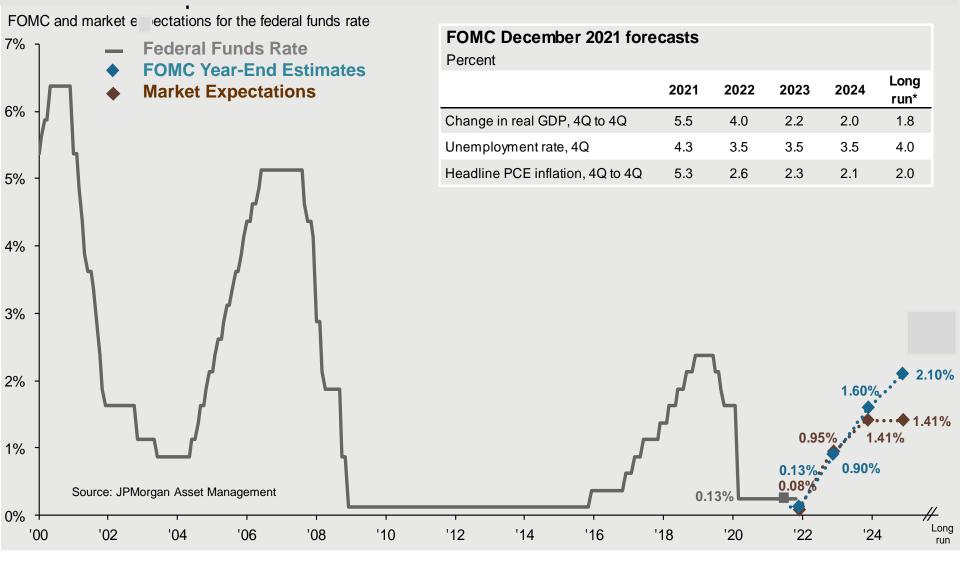
Source: Charles Schwab, MacroBond as of 9/30/2021

### Leading Economic Index % Change Monthly Nov. 2020 – Nov. 2021

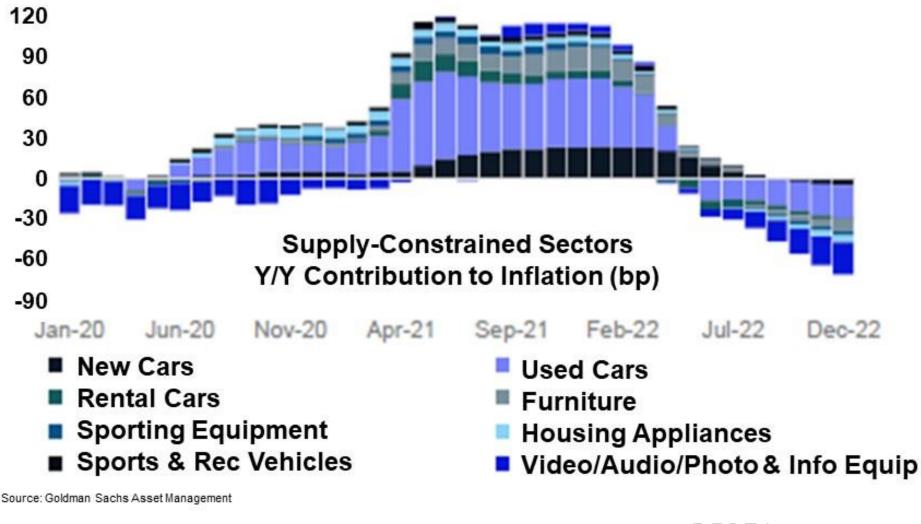


Source: The Conference Board – last update 12/20/2021

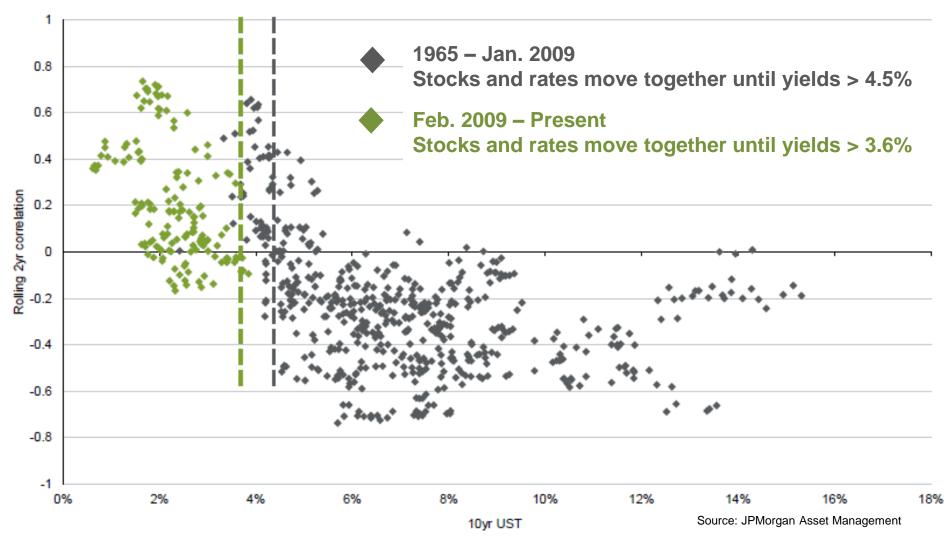
#### **Federal Funds Rate Expectations**



### **Inflation Pull Becomes Inflation Drag**



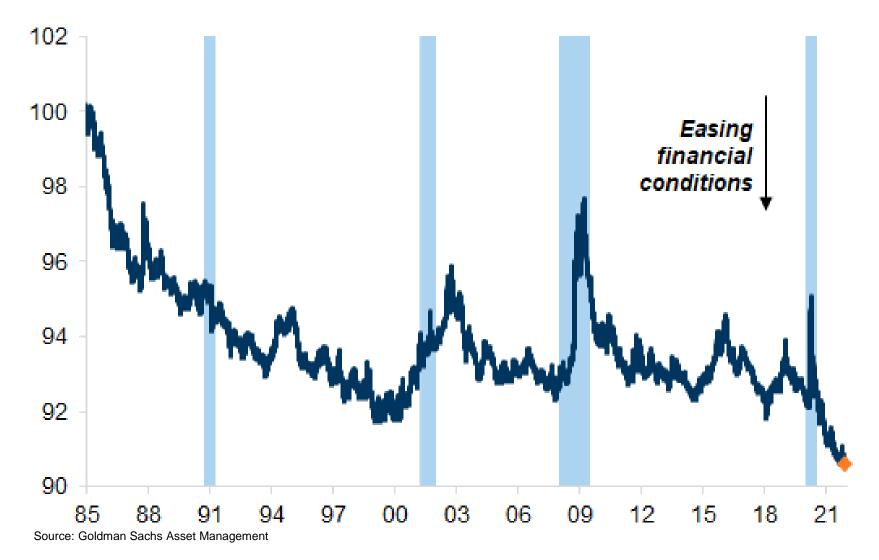
#### **Interest Rates and Equities**



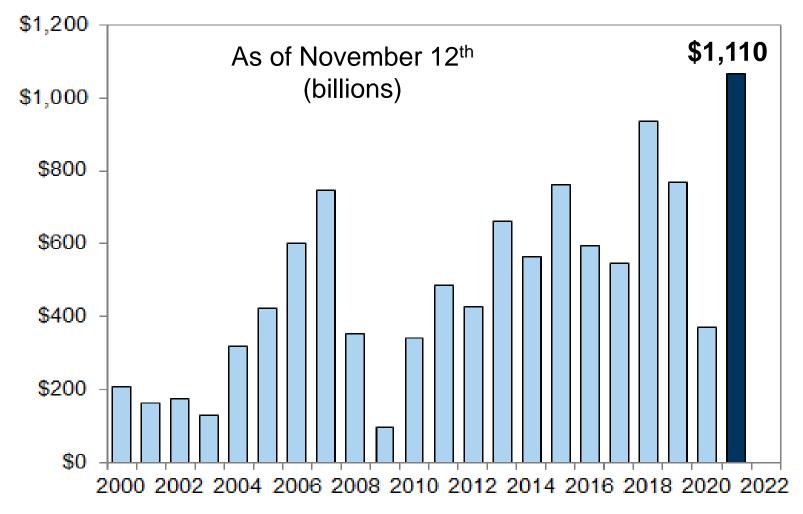
### **2022 Stock Market Drivers:**

- Capital is plentiful
- Earnings growth is strong, and
- Interest rates are low.

#### **U.S. Financial Conditions Index**



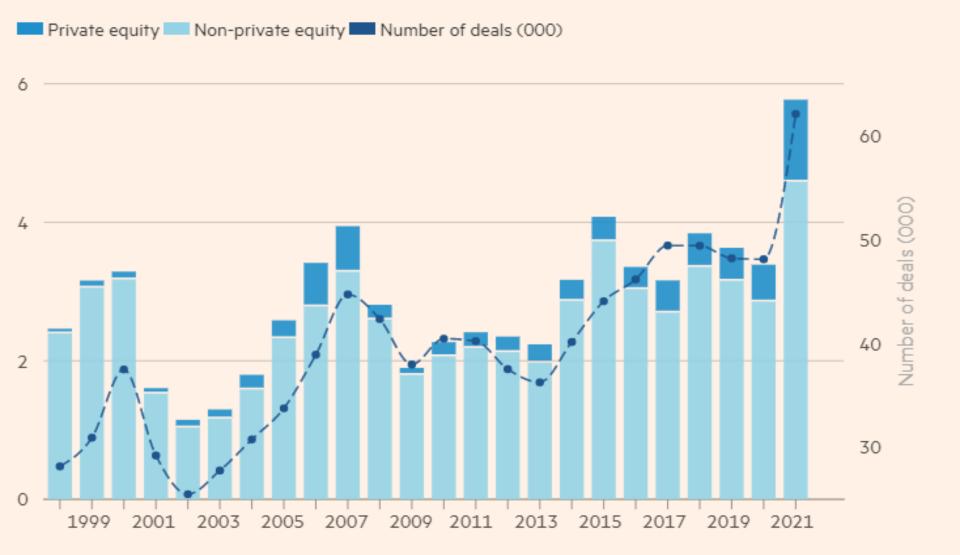
#### **U.S. Share Buyback Authorizations**



Source: Goldman Sachs Asset Management

#### Global M&A soars past \$5.8tn

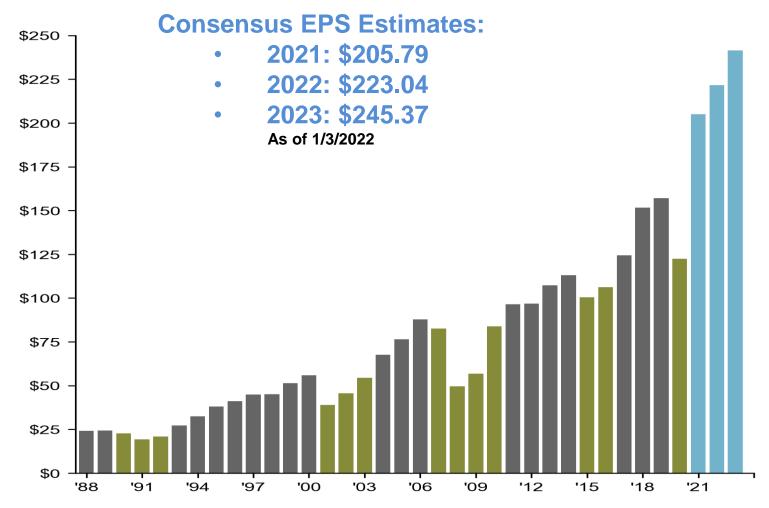
Deal value (\$tn)



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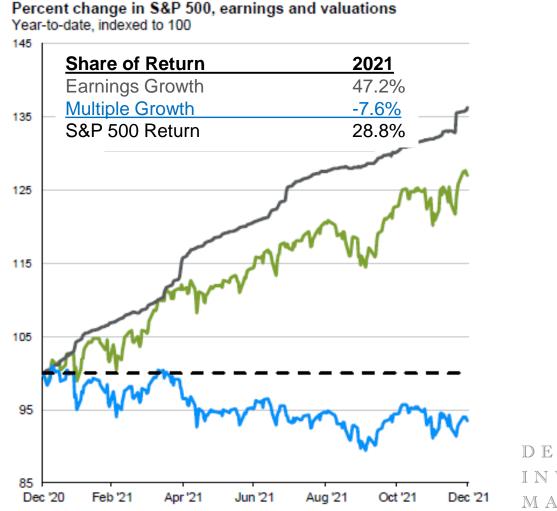
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#### S&P 500 Earnings Per Share

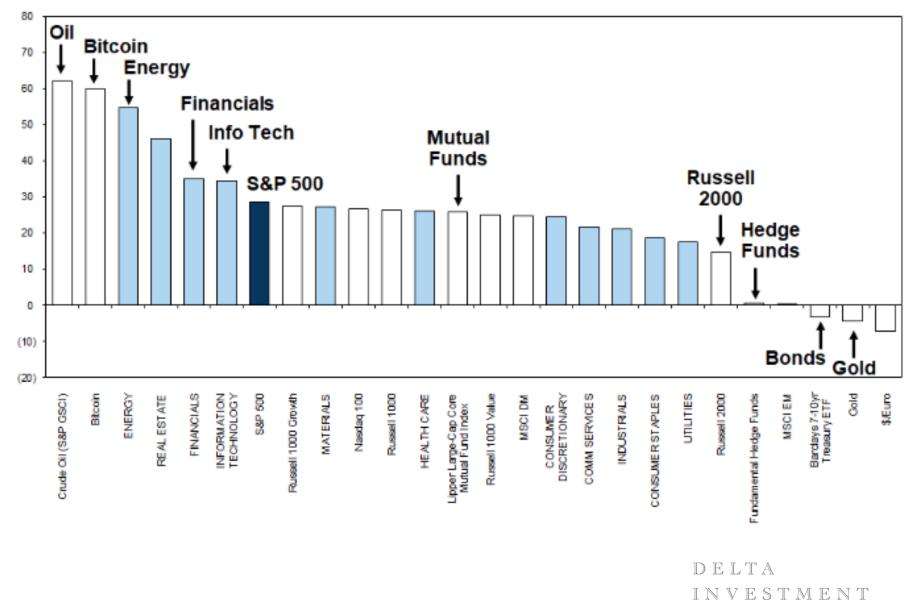


Source: JPMorgan Asset Management

47% S&P 500 earnings growth in 2021 drove a 29% total return in the index with a 7% contraction in the P/E multiple. The stock market became less expensive in 2021.

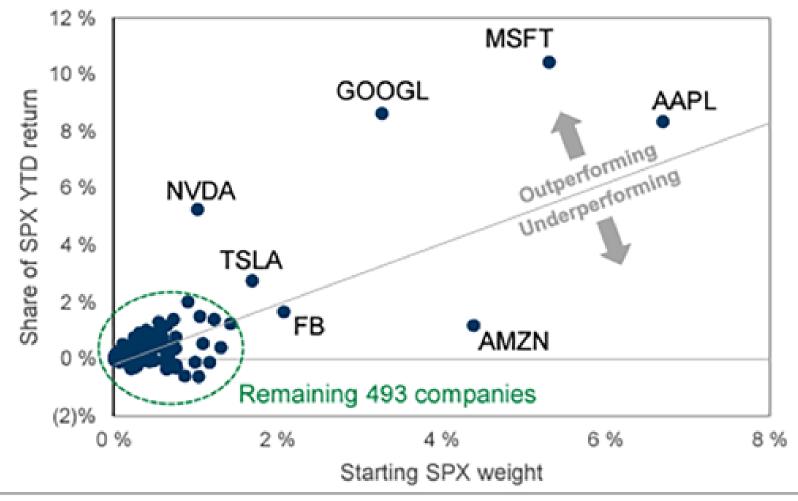


**2021 Performance By Sector** 



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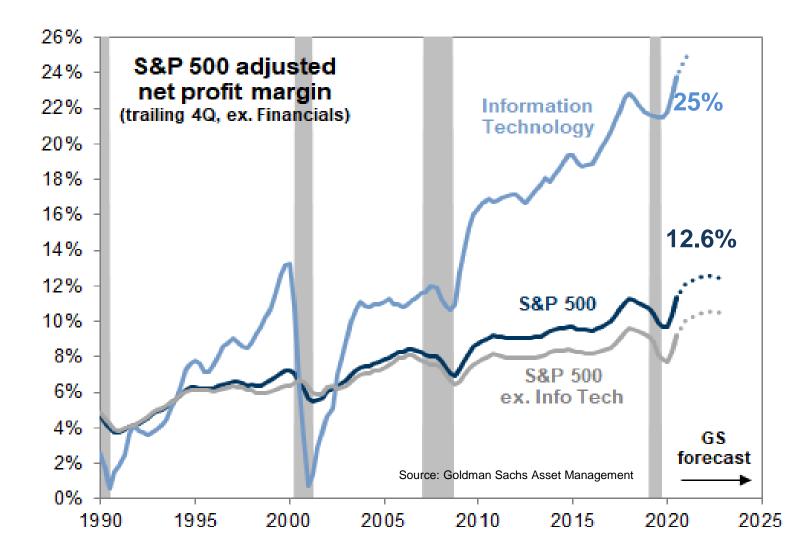
Exhibit 2: 35% of the S&P 500's YTD return has come from five stocks as of December 9, 2021



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

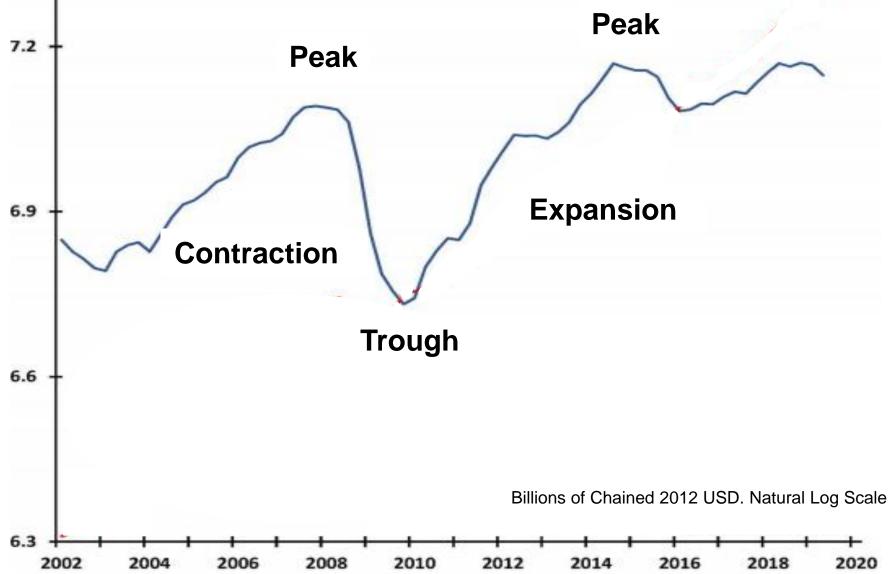
The "FAAMG" companies (FB, AAPL, AMZN, MSFT, GOOGL) account for 23% of S&P 500 market cap and 17% of earnings. In aggregate, FAAMG stocks have compounded their sales at a CAGR of 19% since 2010, 14 percent faster than the rest of the S&P 500. The group has also consistently outperformed fundamental expectations, typically reporting annual sales 6% greater than analyst consensus expectations at the start of the previous year. In 2022, these stocks are forecast to grow revenues by 17% versus S&P 500 sales growth of 7%. In 2023, the sales forecast growth numbers are 15% and 5%, respectively.

#### Info Tech Margins 2x Broader S&P 500

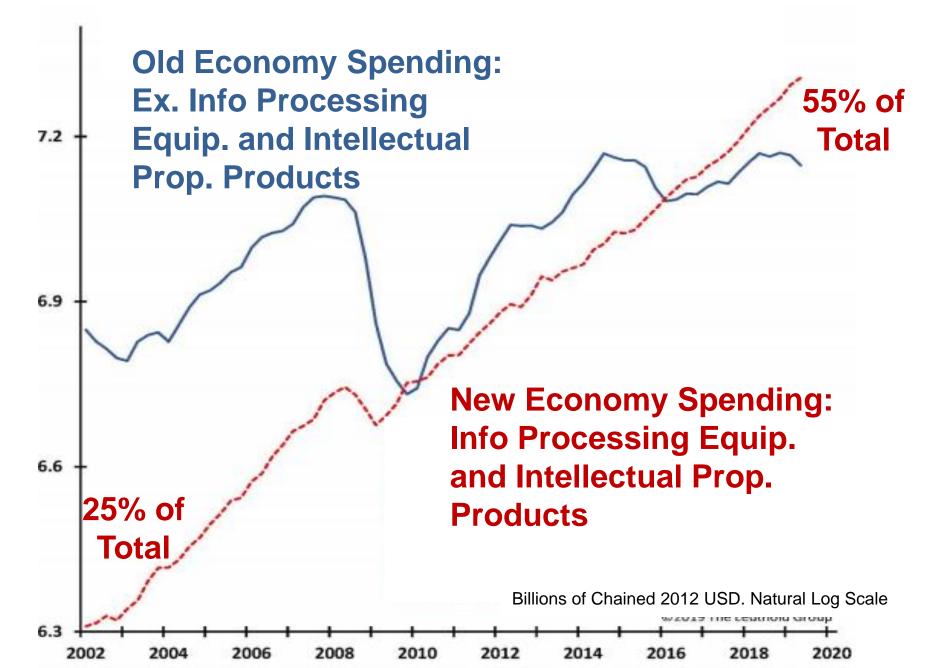


### **U.S. Real Nonresidential Investment Spending**

Ex. Info Processing Equip. and Intellectual Prop. Products

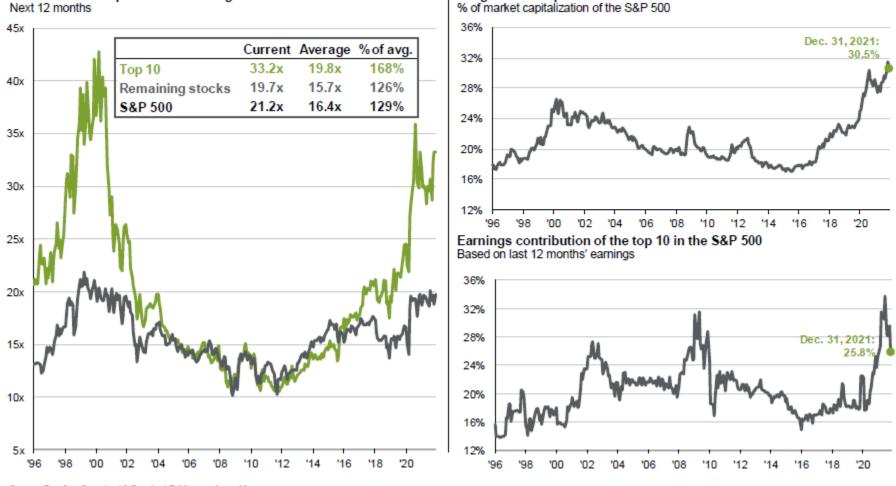


### **U.S. Real Nonresidential Investment Spending**



### The Market's Primary Strength is also a Potential **Source of Significant Weakness**

Weight of the top 10 stocks in the S&P 500



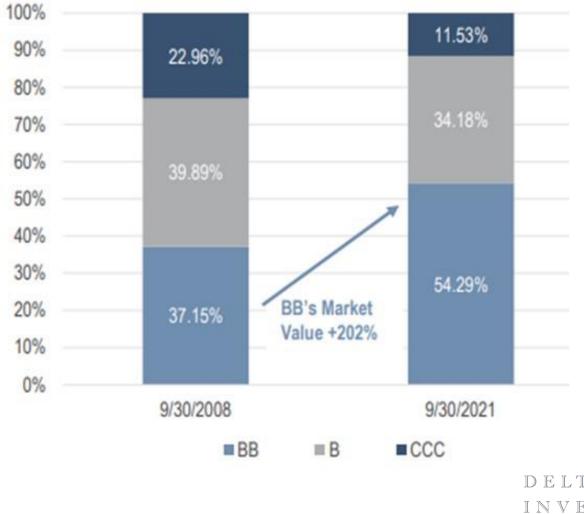
P/E ratio of the top 10 and remaining stocks in the S&P 500 Next 12 months

#### **High Yield Spreads and Stock Market Cycles**

 <sup>25</sup> Notes: Green and Red numbers show S&P 500 Total Return by calendar year from 1994 through 2021 YTD. Loss in 2018
<sub>20</sub> occurred in fourth quarter. Intra-year loss in 2020 during Covid was -34%. Calendar year gain in 2020 was 18.4%.



### **High-Yield Credit Quality Improvement**

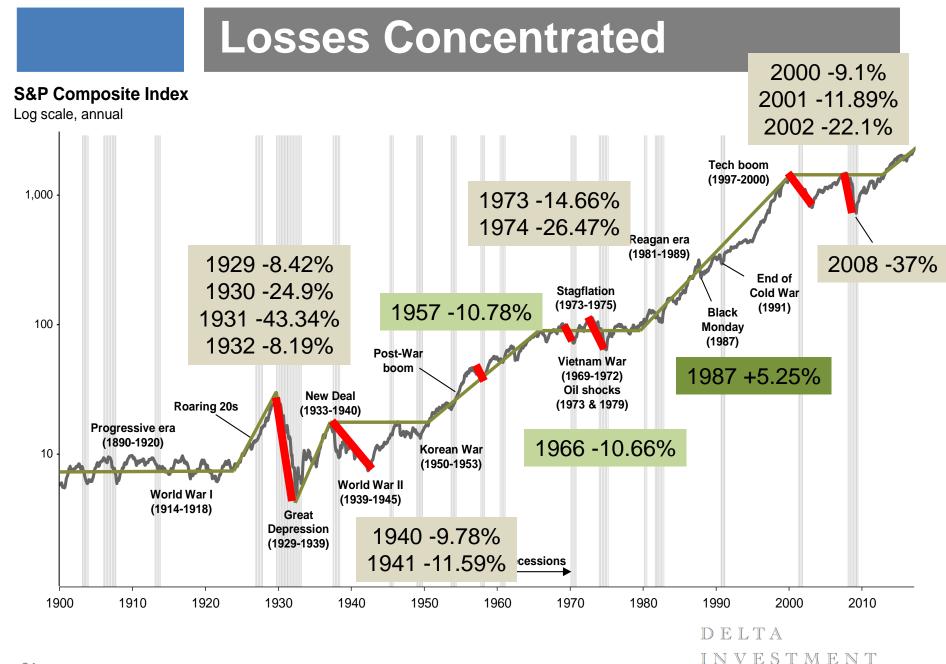


#### **Bull/Bear Super Cycles** S&P 500 Index, Log Scale 10,000 **Bull Market Period** 2014 2000 **Bear Market Period** 1,000 1968 1980 100 1950 1929 10 1928 2000 2021 1950 DELTA VES MENT $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{N}$ T MANAGEMENT

#### **Bull/Bear Super Cycles**

- Bull Cycle: 1950 1968: S&P 500 average annual return 14.7%
- Bear Cycle: 1969 1979: S&P 500 average annual return 4.8%
- Bull Cycle: 1980 1999: S&P 500 average annual return 17.4%
- Bear Cycle: 2000 2013: S&P 500 average annual return 2.2%
- Bull Cycle: 2014 Nov, 2021: S&P 500 average annual return 14.9%

|      | \$                                     | S&P 50 | 0: Nu | mber  | of All- | -Time | Highs | (1929 | - 202 | 1)    |   |
|------|--|--------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
|      | Note: Closing Prices, as of 12/31/2021 |        |       |       |         |       |       |       |       |       |   |
|      | Year                                   | #ATH   | Year  | # ATH | Year    | # ATH | Year  | # ATH | Year  | # ATI | Н |
|      | 1929                                   | 45     | 1948  | 0     | 1967    | 14    | 1986  | 31    | 2005  | 0     |   |
| BEAR | 1930                                   | 0      | 1949  | 0     | 1968    | 34    | 1987  | 47    | 2006  | 0     |   |
|      | 1931                                   | 0      | 1950  | 0     | 1969    | 0     | 1988  | 0     | 2007  | 9     |   |
|      | 1932                                   | 0      | 1951  | 0     | 1970    | 0     | 1989  | 13    | 2008  | 0     |   |
|      | 1933                                   | 0      | 1952  | 0     | 1971    | 0     | 1990  | 6     | 2009  | 0     |   |
|      | 1934                                   | 0      | 1953  | 0     | 1972    | 32    | 1991  | 22    | 2010  | 0     |   |
| BULL | 1935                                   | 0      | 1954  | 27    | 1973    | 3     | 1992  | 18    | 2011  | 0     |   |
|      | 1936                                   | 0      | 1955  | 49    | 1974    | 0     | 1993  | 16    | 2012  | 0     |   |
|      | 1937                                   | 0      | 1956  | 14    | 1975    | 0     | 1994  | 5     | 2013  | 45    |   |
|      | 1938                                   | 0      | 1957  | 0     | 1976    | 0     | 1995  | 77    | 2014  | 53    |   |
|      | 1939                                   | 0      | 1958  | 24    | 1977    | 0     | 1996  | 39    | 2015  | 10    |   |
|      | 1940                                   | 0      | 1959  | 27    | 1978    | 0     | 1997  | 45    | 2016  | 18    |   |
|      | 1941                                   | 0      | 1960  | 0     | 1979    | 0     | 1998  | 47    | 2017  | 62    |   |
|      | 1942                                   | 0      | 1961  | 53    | 1980    | 24    | 1999  | 35    | 2018  | 19    |   |
|      | 1943                                   | 0      | 1962  | 0     | 1981    | 0     | 2000  | 4     | 2019  | 36    |   |
|      | 1944                                   | 0      | 1963  | 12    | 1982    | 2     | 2001  | 0     | 2020  | 33    |   |
|      | 1945                                   | 0      | 1964  | 65    | 1983    | 30    | 2002  | 0     | 2021  | 70    |   |
|      | 1946                                   | 0      | 1965  | 37    | 1984    | 0     | 2003  | 0     | -     |       |   |
|      | 1947                                   | 0      | 1966  | 9     | 1985    | 43    | 2004  | 0     |       |       |   |



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|      | Stock Price | <b>Earnings</b> | Risk Free Rat | <u>Risk Premium</u> | <b>Denominator</b> |
|------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2021 | 4,700.00    | 206.00          | 0.02%         | 4.4%                | 4.4%               |
| 2020 | 3,756.07    | 139.76          | 0.09%         | 3.6%                | 3.7%               |
| 2019 | 3,220.00    | 162.06          | 1.58%         | 3.5%                | 5.0%               |
| 2018 | 2,767.00    | 162.65          | 1.30%         | 4.6%                | 5.9%               |
| 2017 | 2,673.61    | 131.45          | 0.54%         | 4.4%                | 4.9%               |
| 2016 | 2,238.43    | 118.24          | 0.24%         | 5.0%                | 5.3%               |
| 2015 | 2,043.94    | 106.32          | 0.12%         | 5.1%                | 5.2%               |
| 2014 | 2,058.90    | 113.01          | 0.09%         | 5.4%                | 5.5%               |
| 2013 | 1,848.36    | 107.30          | 0.16%         | 5.6%                | 5.8%               |
| 2012 | 1,426.19    | 96.82           | 0.07%         | 6.7%                | 6.8%               |
| 2011 | 1,257.60    | 96.44           | 0.18%         | 7.5%                | 7.7%               |
| 2010 | 1,257.64    | 83.77           | 0.12%         | 6.5%                | 6.7%               |
| 2009 | 1,115.10    | 56.86           | 0.16%         | 4.9%                | 5.1%               |
| 2008 | 903.25      | 49.51           | 4.24%         | 1.2%                | 5.5%               |
| 2007 | 1,468.36    | 82.54           | 5.24%         | 0.4%                | 5.6%               |
| 2006 | 1,418.30    | 87.72           | 4.16%         | 2.0%                | 6.2%               |
| 2005 | 1,248.29    | 76.45           | 2.16%         | 4.0%                | 6.1%               |
| 2004 | 1,211.92    | 67.68           | 0.98%         | 4.6%                | 5.6%               |
| 2003 | 1,111.91    | 54.69           | 1.24%         | 3.7%                | 4.9%               |
| 2002 | 879.82      | 46.04           | 1.82%         | 3.4%                | 5.2%               |
| 2001 | 1,148.09    | 38.85           | 6.40%         | -3.0%               | 3.4%               |
| 2000 | 1,320.28    | 56.13           | 5.30%         | -1.0%               | 4.3%               |

The bad news is when the S&P 500 gains >25% in a year, it has never gained more the following year.

The good news?

That next year can still be pretty darn good. Higher 85% of the time and up a solid 11% on average. In other words, a "big year" alone isn't reason to expect trouble.

### Greater Than 25% Years Are A Good Sign For The Next Year

#### S&P 500 Index Returns After Big Yearly Returns

|  |        | S&P 500 Return   |
|--|--------|------------------|
| Year                                   | Return | Next Year Return |
| 1954                                   | 45.0%  | 26.4%            |
| 1955                                   | 26.4%  | 2.6%             |
| 1958                                   | 38.1%  | 8.5%             |
| 1975                                   | 31.5%  | 19.1%            |
| 1980                                   | 25.8%  | -9.7%            |
| 1985                                   | 26.3%  | 14.6%            |
| 1989                                   | 27.3%  | -6.6%            |
| 1991                                   | 26.3%  | 4.5%             |
| 1995                                   | 34.1%  | 20.3%            |
| 1997                                   | 31.0%  | 26.7%            |
| 1998                                   | 26.7%  | 19.5%            |
| 2003                                   | 26.4%  | 9.0%             |
| 2013                                   | 29.6%  | 11.4%            |
| 2019                                   | 28.9%  | 16.3%            |
| 2021                                   | 26.9%  | ?                |
| Average                                | 11.6%  |                  |
| Median                                 | 13.0%  |                  |
| % Positive                             | 85.7%  |                  |
|  |        |                  |
| Average Year (1950 - 2020              | 9.2%   |                  |
| Median                                 | 11.8%  |                  |
| % Positive                             | 71.8%  |                  |
| Source: LPL Research, FactSet 01/01/22 |        |                  |

All indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested into directly. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The modern design of the S&P 500 stock index was first launched in 1957. Performance back to 1950 incorporates the performance of predecessor index, the S&P 90.

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