

# Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

October 25, 2021 (data as of October 22, 2021 unless indicated)

## WEEKLY HEADLINES

### The Market That Continues to Surprise

The market continues to defy investor expectations. A few highlights:

- The S&P 500 set a new high last Thursday. After hitting its earlier high in early September, it had pulled back 5%, with 21 trading days between peak and trough. Then it needed just 13 days to set its 331<sup>st</sup> all-time high since the start of 2013—now four more than “the epic run from 1989-2000,” reported [Compound Capital Advisors](#).
- Meanwhile, volatility has cratered. After averaging 19.71 this year, the VIX fell to 15.01 Thursday—a pre-pandemic low.
- The ratio of the VIX and the MOVE Index, which tracks implied volatility in Treasury options, surged last week to the highest level since February 2020 [per Bloomberg](#).
- Coming up: This Thursday marks one of the most reliably best times for the S&P 500, according to [LPL](#). On the nine days from Oct. 28 through Nov. 5., the S&P has risen 2.4% on average, based on data back to 1950.

### Economic Releases vs. Consensus (week of 10/18)

Building Permits (Sep): 1.589M vs. 1.68M

Housing Starts (Sep): 1.555M vs. 1.62M

Initial Jobless Claims: 290K vs. 300K

### Economic Releases this Week

New Home Sales (10/26)

Durable Goods Orders (10/27)

GDP Growth (10/28)

### MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS (\$MIL)<sup>1</sup>

As of 10/13/21	Last Week	2 Wks Ago	3 Wks Ago	4 Wks Ago	Weekly Streak	YTD Flows
Commodities Broad	599	156	(38)	34	2	10,882
Nontraditional Bond	285	424	155	360	42	17,442
Derivative Income	196	324	291	560	70	9,873
Systematic Trend	183	28	(99)	35	37	756
Options Trading	166	421	667	355	53	10,873
Convertibles	116	(140)	330	50	1	1,394
Macro Trading	80	(8)	(15)	(7)	1	964
Relative Value Arb	70	168	147	133	83	5,008
Long-Short Equity	46	54	44	73	18	1,762
Energy LPs	45	58	(46)	(96)	2	(1,556)
Multistrategy	33	75	311	349	29	3,903
Event Driven	18	63	40	85	8	3,724
Infrastructure	15	(11)	(11)	(709)	1	4,161
Equity Mkt Neutral	(5)	24	0	39	-1	680
Real Estate	(174)	(274)	19	594	-2	10,354

## BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	1.66	5.58	5.58	22.39
Russell 3000	1.66	5.62	5.62	21.45
Russell 2000	1.14	3.97	3.97	16.88
Russell 1000	1.69	5.73	5.73	21.79
Russell Mid Cap	2.02	6.38	6.38	22.52
MSCI EM	0.75	3.25	3.25	2.22
MSCI ACWI	1.28	4.68	4.68	16.71
MSCI World	1.35	4.88	4.88	18.97
MSCI EAFE	0.63	2.59	2.59	11.60
ICE BofA Global Cv Index	0.30	1.89	1.89	5.45
ICE BofA All U.S. Cv (VXA0)	0.44	2.66	2.66	9.20
ICE BofA US HY Master II	-0.10	-0.27	-0.27	4.40
Bloomberg US Corporate	-0.48	-0.54	-0.54	-1.81
Bloomberg US Govt/Credit	-0.41	-0.57	-0.57	-2.48
Bloomberg US Agg Bond	-0.37	-0.54	-0.54	-2.09

## MARKET PULSE<sup>1</sup>

MONTH-TO-DATE			As of	YEAR-TO-DATE		
VALUE	CORE	GROWTH	10/22/2021	VALUE	CORE	GROWTH
5.54	5.73	5.91	LARGE	22.57	21.79	21.05
6.30	6.38	6.50	MID	25.69	22.52	16.73
4.46	3.97	3.51	SMALL	28.40	16.88	6.43

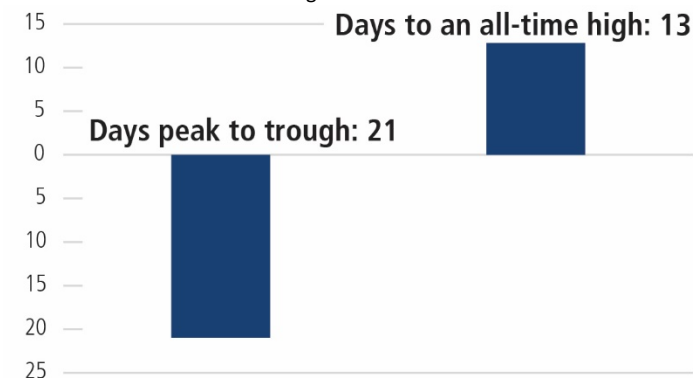
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## MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES<sup>1</sup>

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Real Estate	2.03	6.72	6.72	29.49
Infrastructure	1.65	5.03	5.03	12.67
Derivative Income	0.88	3.63	3.63	14.40
Long-Short Equity	0.78	2.70	2.70	10.40
Options Trading	0.62	2.47	2.47	9.10
Convertibles	0.46	2.62	2.62	6.47
Equity Market Neutral	0.27	0.54	0.54	3.38
Multistrategy	0.26	1.25	1.25	6.51
Event Driven	0.17	0.50	0.50	4.38
Relative Value Arbitrage	0.09	0.55	0.55	3.13
Macro Trading	-0.05	1.59	1.59	5.10
Nontraditional Bond	-0.10	0.00	0.00	1.72
Energy Limited Partnership	-0.17	9.06	9.06	46.20
Systematic Trend	-0.25	2.28	2.28	8.07
Commodities Broad Basket	-0.90	4.03	4.03	32.72

## THIS TIME, THE MARKET TOOK THE STAIRS DOWN AND THE ESCALATOR UP

Number of trading days between the September 5% pullback and October 21 new all-time high



Source: Bespoke Investment Group

## Definitions and Disclosures

The **Nontraditional Bond** category contains funds that pursue strategies divergent in one or more ways from conventional practice in the broader bond-fund universe. **Multistrategy** portfolios offer investors exposure to two or more alternative investment strategies, as defined by Morningstar's alternative category classifications, through either a single-manager or multi-manager approach. **Macro Trading** strategies, using either systematic or discretionary methods, look for investment opportunities by studying such factors as the global economy, government policies, interest rates, inflation, and market trends. **Systematic Trend** funds primarily trade liquid global futures, options, swaps, and foreign exchange contracts, both listed and over-the-counter. **Commodities Broad-basket portfolios** can invest in a diversified basket of commodity goods including but not limited to grains, minerals, metals, livestock, cotton, oils, sugar, coffee, and cocoa. **Commodities Precious Metals** can invest in precious metals such as gold, silver, platinum, and palladium. **Energy Limited Partnership** strategies invest a significant amount of their portfolio in energy master limited partnerships, also known as MLPs. **Relative Value Arbitrage** strategies seek out pricing discrepancies between pairs or combinations of securities regardless of asset class. **Equity Market Neutral** strategies attempt to profit from long and short stock selection decisions while minimizing systematic risk created by exposure to factors such as overall equity market beta, sectors, market-cap ranges, investment styles, or countries. **Event-driven** strategies attempt to profit when security prices change in response to certain corporate actions, such as bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, emergence from bankruptcy, shifts in corporate strategy, and other atypical events. **Real Estate** portfolios invest primarily in real estate investment trusts of various types. REITs are companies that develop and manage real estate properties. **Convertible-bond portfolios** are designed to offer some of the capital-appreciation potential of stock portfolios while also supplying some of the safety and yield of bond portfolios. **Options trading** strategies use a variety of options trades, including put writing, options spreads, options-based hedged equity, and collar strategies, among others. **Derivative Income** strategies primarily use an options overlay to generate income while maintaining significant exposure to equity market risk. **Long-Short Equity** funds hold sizeable stakes in both long and short positions in equities, exchange traded funds, and related derivatives. **Infrastructure equity funds** invest more than 60% of their assets in stocks of companies engaged in infrastructure activities. Industries considered to be part of the infrastructure sector include: oil & gas midstream; waste management; airports; integrated shipping; railroads; shipping & ports; trucking; engineering & construction; infrastructure operations; and the utilities sector.

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