

Calamos Alternatives Snapshot

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WEEKLY HEADLINES

Market Calm Belies the Churning Under the Surface

“A calm exterior and turmoil within” is how *The Wall Street Journal* today describes the market. There hasn’t been a >5% S&P 500 pullback since October, and yet [the article](#) comments on the wild swings between industries, growth and value stocks (see chart below right), and big and small companies “at a pace not seen outside of crises.”

In prior expensive markets, “bubbles usually involve lots of volatility as they inflate...because every little price drop is magnified by others fearful that the bubble is about to pop.” In 1999 the S&P dropped 5% or more at least nine times, and fell 13% from July to October.

Today, according to the article, the Fed is the more obvious threat. “If the Fed raises rates, cash and bonds suddenly look much more attractive, and the There Is No Alternative [TINA] justification for buying extraordinarily expensive stocks is undermined.”

Economic Releases vs. Consensus (week of 6/21)

Existing Home Sales (m/m): 5.8M vs. 5.72M
 New Home Sales (m/m): 0.769M vs. 0.87M
 Durable Goods Order (m/m): 2.3% vs. 2.8%
 Personal Income (m/m): -2% vs. -2.5%

Economic Releases (week of 6/28)

S&P/Case-Schiller (6/29)
 Pending Home Sales (6/30)
 Balance of Trade (7/2)
 Non-Farm Payrolls (7/2)

MORNINGSTAR WEEKLY EST. NET FLOWS (\$MIL)¹

	As of 6/23/21	Last Week	2 Wks Ago	3 Wks Ago	4 Wks Ago	Weekly Streak	YTD Flows
Real Estate	895	752	1,735	560	4		7,289
Derivative Income	314	189	241	163	55		4,551
Nontraditional Bond	266	300	346	304	23		11,360
Options Trading	230	147	45	313	34		5,488
Relative Value Arb	123	71	109	87	64		3,109
Event Driven	109	99	120	52	28		2,898
Convertibles	106	97	26	(10)	3		701
Multistrategy	91	110	114	100	10		1,692
Systematic Trend	66	46	80	46	11		244
Equity Mkt Neutral	27	20	14	1	5		349
Macro Trading	16	43	58	38	18		707
Long-Short Equity	14	13	(134)	159	2		958
Energy LPs	(30)	10	(154)	(50)	-1		(998)
Commodities Broad	(58)	319	175	1,550	-1		9,721
Infrastructure	(58)	95	134	14	-1		4,183

BROAD INDEX PERFORMANCE¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
S&P 500	2.76	1.92	8.11	14.79
Russell 3000	2.97	2.26	8.02	14.88
Russell 2000	4.33	2.95	5.33	18.71
Russell 1000	2.87	2.21	8.22	14.62
Russell Mid Cap	3.78	1.92	7.98	16.77
MSCI EM	1.42	0.47	5.40	7.87
MSCI ACWI	2.29	1.59	7.78	12.82
MSCI World	2.42	1.75	8.13	13.58
MSCI EAFE	1.51	0.46	7.04	10.89
ICE BofA Global Cv Index	1.62	1.97	3.77	5.31
ICE BofA All U.S. Cv (VXA0)	2.17	3.26	4.14	7.13
ICE BofA US HY Master II	0.40	1.07	2.48	3.40
BBGBarc US Corporate	-0.70	0.97	2.88	-1.90
BBGBarc US Govt/Credit	-0.60	0.49	1.90	-2.47
BBGBarc US Agg Bond	-0.41	0.30	1.42	-2.00

COMMODITIES²

	6.25.21	5.28.21	12.31.20	6.25.20
Gold	1783	1892	1891	1759
Oil	73.6	66.3	47.5	38.7
Gasoline	3.06	3.02	2.24	2.13

MARKET PULSE¹

MONTH-TO-DATE			As of	YEAR-TO-DATE		
VALUE	CORE	GROWTH	6/25/2021	VALUE	CORE	GROWTH
-0.72	2.21	5.24	LARGE	17.55	14.62	11.89
-0.31	1.92	6.51	MID	20.48	16.77	10.15
1.18	2.95	4.94	SMALL	28.96	18.71	9.24

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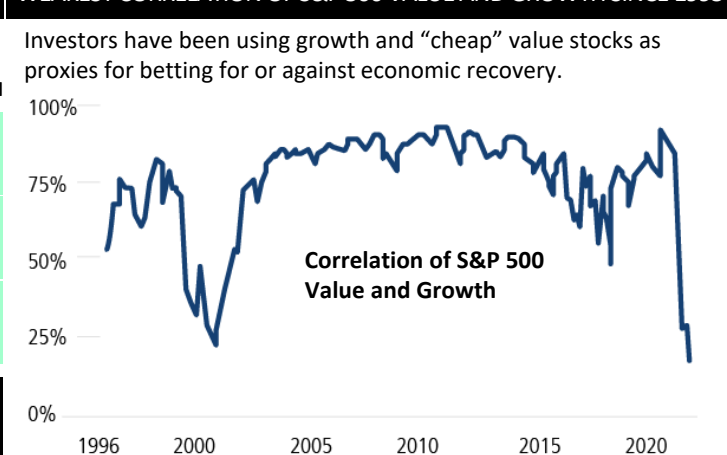
MORNINGSTAR ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES¹

	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Systematic Trend	2.05	-1.26	2.81	6.51
Convertibles	1.97	2.29	3.28	5.04
Real Estate	1.93	3.96	12.70	22.01
Derivative Income	1.91	1.07	4.79	10.48
Long-Short Equity	1.87	-0.05	4.02	9.11
Energy Limited Partnership	1.71	4.86	17.72	37.64
Commodities Broad Basket	1.64	-0.19	10.84	19.70
Macro Trading	1.26	0.28	3.02	4.67
Infrastructure	1.20	0.65	5.49	9.40
Options Trading	1.16	0.90	3.19	6.14
Multistrategy	1.00	0.18	2.68	5.53
Relative Value Arbitrage	0.39	0.62	0.79	2.18
Equity Market Neutral	0.36	-1.11	-0.07	2.79
Nontraditional Bond	0.20	0.30	1.32	1.77
Event Driven	-0.05	-0.14	1.95	4.71

BOND RATES²

	6.25.21	5.28.21	12.31.20	6.25.20
Effective Fed Funds Rate	0.10	0.06	0.09	0.09
2-Year Treasury	0.26	0.14	0.12	0.17
10-Year Treasury	1.49	1.58	0.93	0.68
ICE BofA US Corp. AAA	1.91	1.98	1.56	1.56

WEAKEST CORRELATION OF S&P 500 VALUE AND GROWTH SINCE 1995



Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, Refinitiv. Correlation of daily percentage changes over rolling 170-day periods. Data as of 6/24/21.

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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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