

The Fund Managers' Update @ Sept 30, 2021

The 2021 global forecast remained unchanged at 6% from the previous World Economic Outlook report (WEO), with revisions to emerging market and developing economies growth rates. With the global acceleration in vaccination rates, economies should slowly begin to reopen for the remainder of the year; despite new worries of the highly contagious COVID-19 delta variant. Thanks to the growing success of the biggest global vaccination campaign in history, as of October 4th, 2021, approximately 41.8% of the global population are fully vaccinated, based on Bloomberg's COVID-19 tracker..

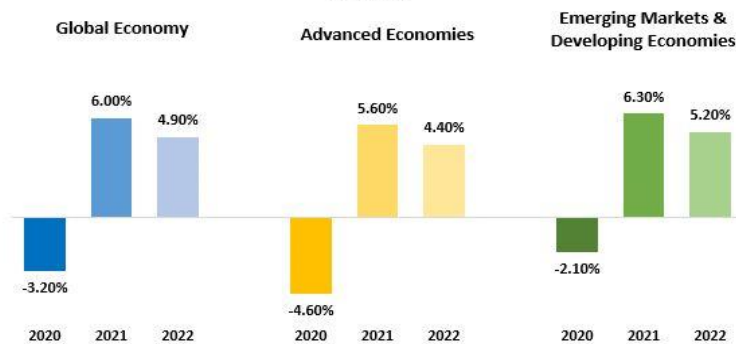
For the majority of the third quarter, the financial markets continued its rally, with some deceleration seen in the final weeks of September. Markets remained volatile, as the Federal Reserve (FED) confirmed the market expectation that it will begin to reduce Quantitative Easing before year-end. This led to a slowdown in momentum within the final weeks of September. Over the last 9 months, US large cap stocks, represented by the Nasdaq US Large Cap Index, were up 13.44% (QTD: 1.12%) and US small cap stocks, measured by Russell 2000 Index, increased over 14.02% (QTD: -4.60%). International developed equities, denoted by MSCI EAFE Index, were up 6.23% (QTD: -1.03%) while emerging markets equities under MSCI Emerging Market Index fell -2.96% over the period (QTD: -8.84%).

High inflation coupled with the FED's announcement to taper bond purchases this year, weighed on the fixed income markets at quarter end. The 10-year treasury yield stood at 1.52% at the end of September 2021. The high yield market made positive returns during a quarter, while investment grade market showed little change. Market volatility, measured by Volatility Index (VIX), picked up during the final weeks of September, closing at 23.14, on the heels of the FED tapering announcement.

World Economic Outlook Update: July 2021

Growth Projections

(% change)

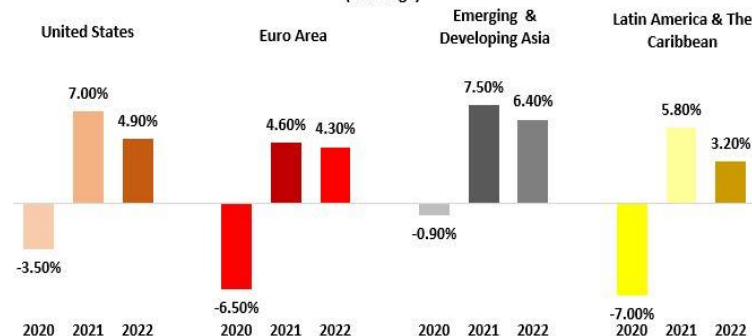


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Regional Growth Projections

(% change)



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Regionally, the 2020 growth estimate for Latin America and the Caribbean remained unchanged at -7.0%. However, the International Monetary Fund upgraded its 2021 growth forecasts for the region to 5.8% (previously 4.6%), based mostly on the better-than expected growth from Brazil and Mexico. According to the Fund, Mexico is expected to benefit from the favorable spillovers from the improved outlook for the United States, and Brazil is expected to enjoy booming terms of trade.

Domestically, the IMF anticipates an economic contraction of 7.8% for 2020 and forecasts real GDP growth of 2.1% in 2021. Net Official Reserves grew to US\$7.126 billion in August 2021, the equivalent of 8.7 months import cover, the highest since September 2020. Excess liquidity levels fell to a 15-month low of TT \$6.78 billion in August 2021. This indicates an improvement in local investor sentiment, as investors deployed cash into investments.

Concerns over the new COVID-19 delta variant, supply chain disruptions and rising inflation still loom for economies and by extension the markets. While the various risks remain, macroeconomic fundamentals have improved but the transition to a “new normal” will be not be without its challenges.

Key	Jun-2021	Sep-2021	Variance
Crude Oil - Brent	US \$75.13	US \$78.52	↑ 4.5%
Crude Oil - WTI	US \$73.47	US \$75.03	↑ 2.1%
Natural Gas – Henry Hub	US \$3.650	US \$5.867	↑ 60.7%
CBTT 365-day Rate	0.52%	0.50%	↓ -0.02%
US Federal Reserve Bank	0.0% - 0.25%	0.0% - 0.25%	→ 0%
TT Headline Inflation (Jul 2021)	1.10%	2.20%	↑ 1.1%
YOY US Inflation (Aug 2021)	5.00%	5.30%	↑ 6.0%
BSE Index	598.74	597.79	↓ -0.4%
TTCOMP Index	1,378.27	1,430.69	↑ 2.0%
JSE Index	422,098.60	414,890.00	↓ -2.51%
S&P 500 Index	4,204.11	4,307.54	↑ 0.23%
Dow Jones Index	34,529.45	33,843.92	↓ -1.91%
MSCI All Country World Index	711.45	709.51	↓ -1.45%

Data as of Sept 30, 2021: Data has been sourced from Bloomberg: BSE Index represents Barbados Stock Exchange Index price return, TTCOMP Index represents Trinidad and Tobago composite Index price return, JSE Index represents Jamaica Stock Exchange Index price return, S&P 500 Index represents S&P 500 price return, Dow Jones Index represents Dow Jones Industrial Index price return, MSCI All Country World Index represents MSCI All Country World Index price return

Asset Description - TT Fixed Income Fund

Portfolio Name	Profile & Objectives
TT Fixed Income (TTD)	<p>This is a fixed income Portfolio invested mainly in corporate and sovereign debt securities and is suitable for investors who would have a conservative investment style and low risk tolerance.</p> <p>These investors would have a short-term horizon with limited liquidity needs in the first year.</p> <p>This fund invests mainly in GORTT securities and corporates with average portfolio maturity ranging 4 to 10 years.</p>

Inception Date	2008
Asset Class/ NAV Type	Fixed Income/ Fixed
Benchmark	1-year GORTT Bond yield plus 50bps (Current Equivalent 1.00%)
Fund Strategy	GORTT Securities and Corporates
Geographical Focus	Caribbean
Number of Holdings	9
Distribution Yield	2.50%
Net Asset Value - TT\$M	31.06

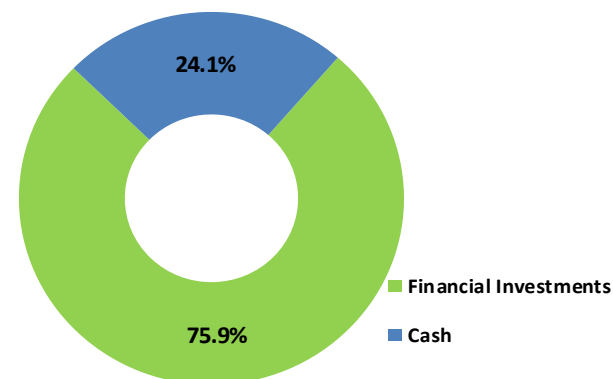
TTFIF Top Three Asset Holdings

GORTT & GORTT Agencies	73.8%
Cash	24.1%
Massy Holdings Limited	1.8%

Fixed Income Securities Breakdown

Direct Government	53.3%
Government Agency	44.3%
Corporate	2.3%
Total	100%

Asset Allocation



Asset Description - US Global Balanced Fund

Portfolio Name	Profile & Objectives
US Global Balanced (USD)	<p>This is a balanced asset Portfolio invested mainly in global and regional corporate and sovereign debt securities as well as global equities and is suitable for investors who would have a moderate investment style.</p> <p>These investors would have a medium to long term horizon with limited liquidity needs in the first year.</p>

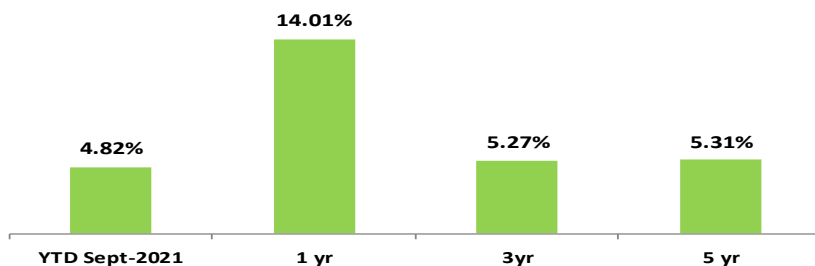
Inception Date	2008
Asset Class / NAV Type	Blended / Floating
Benchmark	50% S&P 500 Index/ 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index = 5.31%
Fund Strategy	Sovereign & Corporate Bonds, Global ETFs
Geographical Focus	Global
Number of Securities	11
Net Asset Value - US\$M	1.44

USGBF Top Five Asset Holdings	
ISHARES CORE MSCI EAFE ETF	21.4%
ISHARES RUSSELL 1000 VALUE ETF	17.3%
CASH	17.2%
VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET	15.4%
ISHARES RUSSELL 1000 GRW ETF	11.1%
% of Net Asset Value	82.35%

Sector Breakdown

Value ETFs	26.8%
Developed Markets excluding US & Canada ETFs	25.8%
Fixed Income ETFs	20.7%
Growth ETFs	15.5%
Emerging Markets ETFs	11.2%
Total	100%

Annualized Fund Returns



Asset Allocation

