

Vice Fund Commentary January 2022

For the month of January, the Fund was -1.31%.

# Market Review

Global stocks fell in January. We believe investors are rotating into more defensive positions with the potential for rate hikes and escalating tensions in eastern Europe.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said, "Reducing our balance sheet will occur after the process of raising interest rates has begun." We believe all indications point to several rate hikes in 2022. Moreover, Q4 GDP growth and the consumer price index came in higher than expected.

Energy stocks continued to move higher while consumer discretionary and real estate were among the weakest sectors in a month when most equity markets declined. Tech stocks also lagged as we believe inflation concerns mitigated any investor hope for the upcoming earnings season.

Defense and Macau gaming stocks outperformed the broader equity indices. We believe Defense holdings benefited with speculation that European countries may reassess the risk of an aggressive Russia. In Macau, Chinese regulators have not made any further bold moves that might burden casino operators.

Sincerely yours,

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## Standardized performance as of (12/31/2021) Fund Inception (02/01/2002)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
VICEX	-1.30%	4.09%	8.27%	8.24%
MSCI World Index	19.04%	14.97%	12.44%	9.80%

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#### **DEFINITIONS:**

The MSCI All Country World Index Total Return ("MSCI ACWI TR") captures large and mid-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

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