

Vice Fund Commentary
June 2021

For the month of June, the Fund was -1.07%.

Market Review

As inflation fears receded, U.S. growth stocks led equities slightly higher in June. In a change from previous months, the Russell 1000 Growth Index was +6.3% and the Russell 1000 Value Index was -1.1% during the month. Bullish economic data coupled with the ongoing vaccine rollout provided a further tailwind to equities in general.

However, uncertainty related to the Covid-19 Delta variant was a headwind. Fears around potential curbs at casino-related stocks were a drag on the portfolio for the month. Further, developed international equity stocks were down which was a further performance drag.

From a market dynamics' standpoint, equity moves were historically typical of summer trading; i.e. low volumes and lower volatility. However, one important metric we follow is the amount of "tail risk" (or crash risk) investors are factoring into options markets. In the case of June 2021, the relative level of option put pricing to option call pricing was at its highest level ever recorded. Most of this protection buying is likely attributed to hedging the rapid rally. In short, there is some fear of a large down move in market.

Looking forward, we believe the muted reaction in credit markets is a risk factor. This spring's period of reflation may have been a short outlier, but longer-term inflation may be a possibility – more than the market has factored in.

Since VICEX is a holder of mainly consumer discretionary stocks that historically have high brand loyalty, we believe the Fund has a better chance of outperformance to "Big Tech", or other rate-sensitive stocks. The price inelasticity of many Vice Fund holdings may provide a buffer relative to the stock market at large.

Sincerely yours,

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Standardized performance as of (6/30/2021) Fund Inception (02/01/2002)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
VICEX	27.04%	6.83%	9.12%	9.10%
MSCI World Index	39.87%	15.20%	10.48%	9.74%

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DEFINITIONS:

Tail Risk: A form of portfolio risk that arises when the possibility that an investment will move more than three standard deviations from the mean is greater than what is shown by a normal distribution. Tail risks include events that have a small probability of occurring, and occur at both ends of a normal distribution curve.

The Russell 1000 Index: refers to a stock market index that is used as a benchmark by investors. It is a subset of the larger Russell 3000 Index and represents the 1000 top companies by market capitalization in the United States.

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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