



Vice Fund Commentary  
October 2021

For the month of October, the Fund gained 2.32%.

### Market Review

The global equities downturn in September reversed sharply in October. Corporate earnings season was strong with more than 80% of companies beating analyst consensus estimates. Companies did, however, cite supply chain disruptions as a stumbling block in the previous quarter. But in general, the equity markets shrugged off hot inflation readings and fears.

In the U.S., The Federal Open Market Committee indicated bond market tapering. We think this was likely priced into equities prior to the announcement as equities rallied. Further, the European Central Bank continued its messaging that today's inflation readings are transitory. However, any further asset purchases after the Pandemic Emergency Purchase Program would be decided in December.

Despite the dovish sentiment among central banks, bond yields rose, and the yield curve flattened. We believe risks remain. Many economists believe this current bout with inflation is more than transitory. If central banks are forced to play catch up to inflation, then a period of rate hikes could be sooner and more dramatic than expected.

In our opinion, markets expect more volatility as we approach December. The implied volatility of December and January options is ascending. As the debt ceiling again becomes a political hot potato and central banks get more inflation data, the year-end has potential for markets to move.

In October, the Vice Fund benefited from a small rally in casino stocks after a very challenging six months. Casino stocks took the brunt of the delta variant shutdowns in June followed by potential stricter Chinese regulation around Macau casinos in September. In most cases, casino stocks are well below the lows set during the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. In general, the selling has abated for the moment. We believe the risk/reward of continuing to hold these names is skewed to the upside. While lockdowns and increased regulation may further dampen short-term results, we believe the upside may be compelling long-term as the world re-opens.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Strehle

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**Standardized performance as of (9/30/2021) Fund Inception (02/01/2002)**

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
VICEX	10.07%	3.69%	9.55%	8.33%
MSCI World Index	27.98%	13.77%	12.50%	9.56%

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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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