

Economic and Market Update for January 2022

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Brad McMillan, Commonwealth's Chief Investment Officer, recaps the market and economic news for December. The year closed on a strong note, with the Dow and S&P showing gains. The Nasdaq struggled a bit, but it ended the month in the green. On the medical front, the omicron variant drove COVID cases to new highs. Still, the economic data kept getting better. Consumer confidence numbers bounced back, and consumer spending kept growing. Further, business confidence and investment remain very high. But could there be risks ahead? Tune-in to find out.



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Looking forward, the start of 2022, as in 2021, begins with the pandemic again in full swing. But the capital markets are indicating that sustained growth still lies ahead.

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My staff and I deeply appreciate the continuing opportunity to work with you. Please let me know if you have any questions or requests. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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