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S&P 500



S&P 500 One Year

NASDAQ



Nasdaq One Year

Russell 2000



Russell 2000 One Year

S&P 500 vs. S&P 500 EW

SPX: 26.49% ** SPXEW: 25.42%



Growth vs. Value



Lumber



Jan. 22 contract

Crude Oil



Commodities



Bloomberg commodity index

Shipping Costs



Baltic Dry Index

What Else is Going On?

- Virus back in charge
 - Too early to say anything intelligent about Omicron
 - Hopefully, won't be as serious as Delta
- Federal Reserve, or really, guesses about what the Fed might do, driving markets
 - Powell: Taper could go faster
 - We already knew that
 - End of taper, presumably, opens rate-hike window
 - There is no interest rate that unloads boats or moves trucks faster
- Inflation
 - Driving the Fed
 - May have peaked for a number of things
 - Virus is a big driver here too
- Pace of recovery has been fast
 - This is good!
 - Also driving inflation to some degree... Demand came back faster than supply

Hot Right Now

- Energy
 - Oil & Gas E&P
 - Thermal Coal
 - Oil & Gas Midstream
- Financial Services
 - Regional Banks
 - Financial Conglomerates
 - Asset Management
- Real Estate
 - Industrial REITs
 - Residential REITs
 - Retail REITs
- Industrial
 - Industrial Distribution
 - Uranium
 - Rental & Leasing Services
- Consumer Cyclical
 - Auto & Truck Dealerships
 - Footwear & Accessories
 - Apparel Retail

Questions?

Given the ever changing course of events and interest rates on the rise How should your portfolio be allocated Cash Bonds Equities Dividend paying stocks or other equity groupings? --Thomas

- The reason to have a diversified portfolio is so that you always have a piece of whatever is working...
 - Rebalancing is about selling winners and buying losers so your allocations stay in line
 - This keeps capital positioned appropriately for the next cycle
- Interest rates aren't *really* rising.
 - Two-year yield is modestly higher since Powell talked about speeding up taper
 - 10-year is actually lower