

# Three BIG Questions for 2022

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# 2022 Buzzwords

HousingMarket TheFed Metaverse BuildBackBetter LaborForce Epidemic Omicron

Unemployment
Midterms Legislation

Flurona

Per Threat Cyber Threat Deltacron Supply Chain Issues **PolicyChanges** Unprecedented Interest Rates

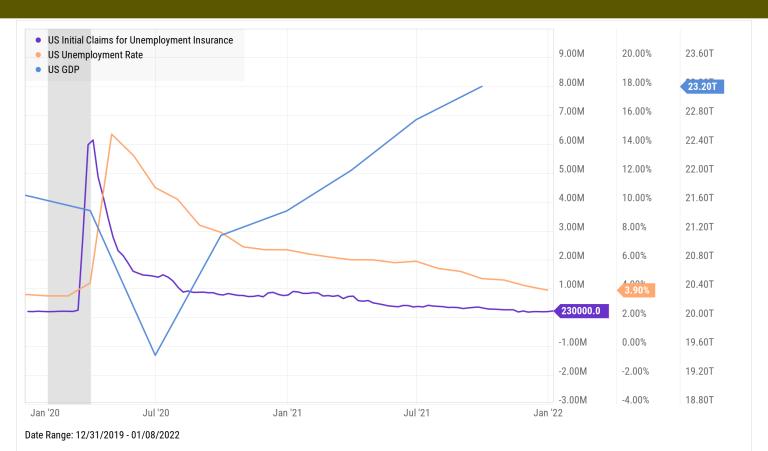
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How did a BIG economy and a BIG market benefit your portfolio last year?

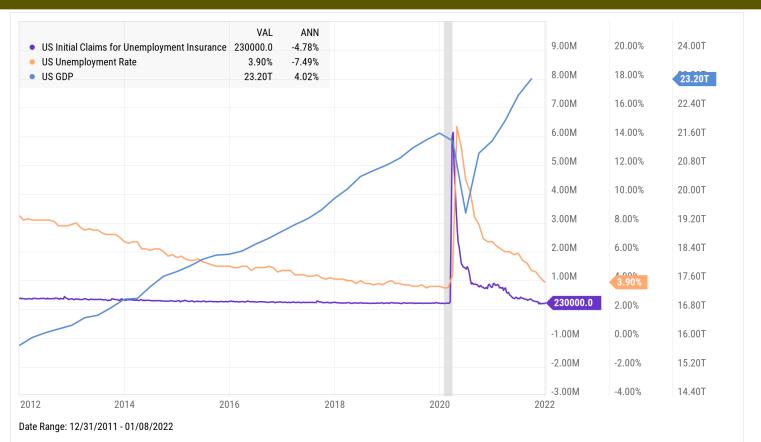
# The COVID Economy

2020-2022



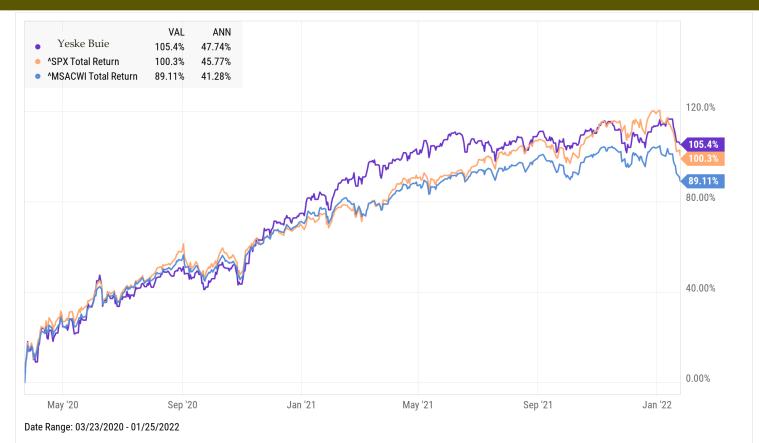
# The COVID Economy: Back on Track?

2012-2022



# Global Markets

Since March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 (market bottom)



# Performance of the Premiums

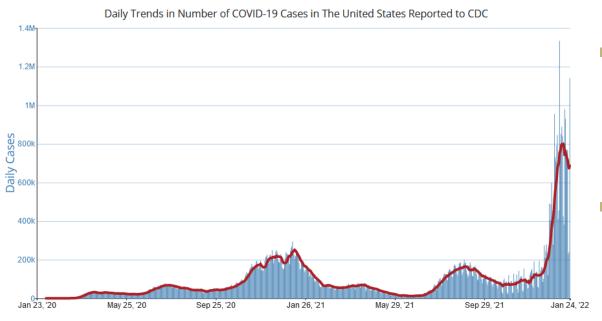
March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

DFA US Small Cap Value (DFSVX)	165.1
Russell 1000 Large Growth Index	103.8
Small Value minus Large Growth	61.3
DFA Int'l Small Cap Value (DISVX)	95.0
MSCI World ex USA Large Growth Index (net div.)	65.6
Int'l Small Value minus Int'l Large Growth	29.4
DFA EM Targeted Value (DEMGX)	107.3
MSCI EM Large Growth Index (net div.)	60.3
EM Small Value minus EM Large Growth	47.0



# Will COVID be a BIG threat or a BIG fizzle in the coming year?

# Omicron

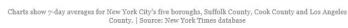


- Beginning in late 2021, daily cases skyrocketed
- Daily cases have been dropping rapidly since mid January

# Omicron – Peaked?

### Daily average cases

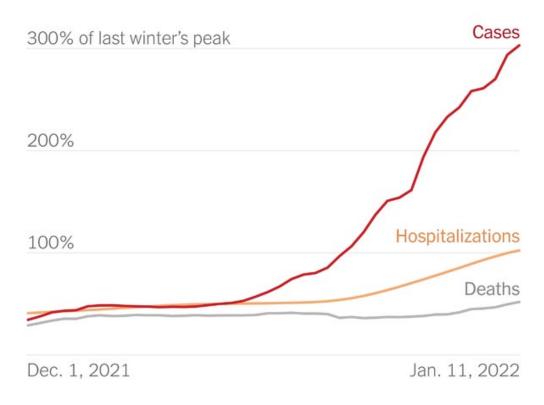






# Omicron – Milder?

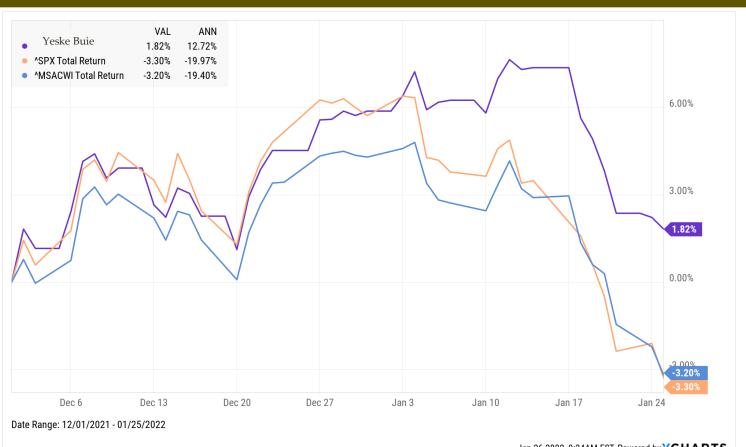
### How U.S. outcomes compare with last winter





## Global Markets

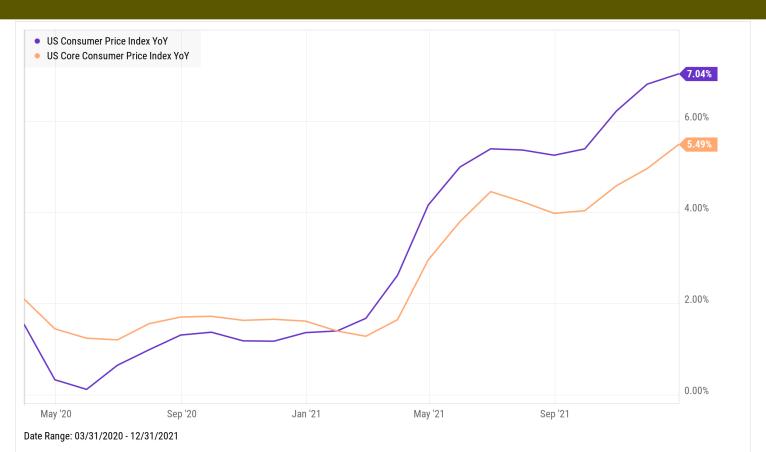
Since December 1st, 2021 (Omicron)



# 2022 Headwinds

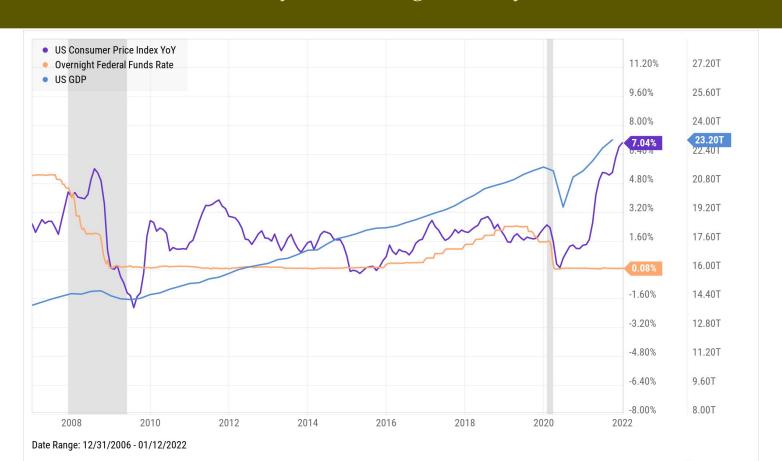


# Inflation



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### January 2007 through January 2022



# The Fed and Inflation



# The Fed – Forward Guidance

- The board of governors is meeting today (Wednesday).
- The Fed had said it would keep rates near zero "until [we are] confident that the economy has weathered recent events and is on track to achieve its maximum employment and price stability goals."
- Last month, the Fed signaled it would raise rates in three onequarter percentage point moves in 2022 (since then, the expectation has changed to four hikes).
  - The first increase is expected to occur in March.

# And now for the good news . . .

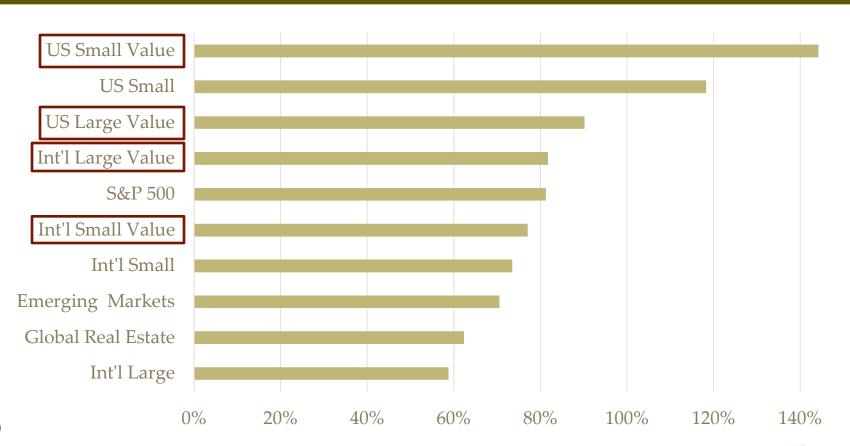
# Higher Interest Rates Favor Value Stocks

- Low interest rates favor "long-duration" **Growth** stocks where anticipated earnings are mostly in the distant future.
- High interest rates favor **Value** stocks, where current and near-term earnings loom larger.

Research Associates' 10-Year Proj's	Annualized 10-Year
US Large <b>Value</b> Stocks	8%
US Large <b>Growth</b> Stocks	<b>-4%</b>
Non-US Large <b>Value</b> Stocks	10%
Non-US <b>Growth</b> Stocks	5%
Emerging Market Value Stocks	13%
Emerging Market Growth Stocks	5%

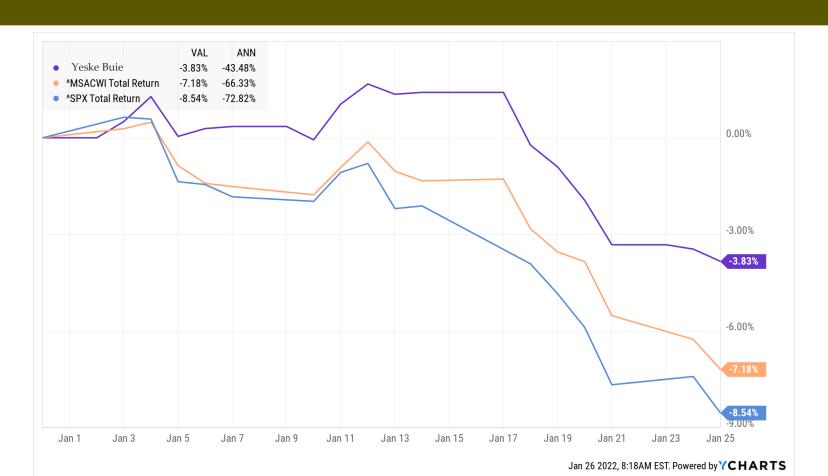
## Yeske Buie – Stock Portfolio

Returns: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 through January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022



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Returns: Year-to-Date (through January 25<sup>th</sup>)



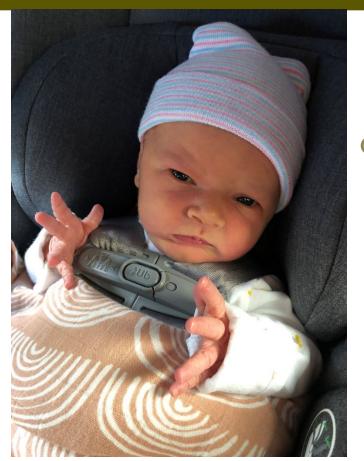
# Will we see any BIG moves from the Biden administration in 2022?

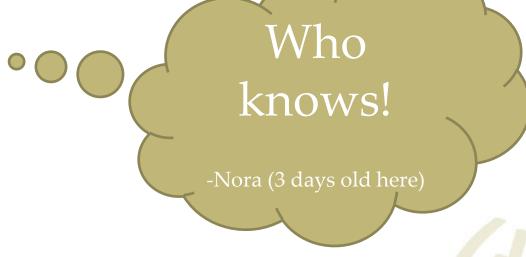
# Where We Could Be Headed

Continue to watch Omicron

- May 2022 Inflation Reading (and subsequent months)
- Fed Interest Rate Hikes (expecting four in 2022)
- Mid-Term Elections (November 2022)
  - Efforts to pass legislation leading up to then?

# What's To Come From Washington?





# Build Back Better

- From what looked to be a sure thing to a standstill
- Stumbling block extension of Child Tax Credit



# What Is NOT In The Bill?

### No:

- Increase in top marginal tax bracket to 39.6% (yet)
- Estate tax exemption reduction (yet)
  - 2022 = \$12,060,000 per person
- Increase in top capital gains tax bracket (or max tax on gains for income over \$1,000,000)
- Qualified Business Income (QBI) limitations based on income level
- Extended Child and Dependent Care Credit

# What MIGHT come?

- Child Tax Credit increase extension?
- No More Backdoor Roth Conversions?
  - Or Regular Conversions for top MTB starting 2032
- Increased SALT limit?
  - Californians rejoice!
- Surtax on ultra HNW (income over \$10M and \$25M)?
  - Affects trusts at much lower limits
- QSBS limitations?
- Crypto wash sale rule?

# More Retirement Legislation?

- RMDs for high earners (accounts > \$10M)
- Contributions disallowed for high earners (accounts > \$10M)
- Maybe these come back in a Secure Act 2.0?



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