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Global Market Review

Third Quarter 2021



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This report features world capital market performance and a timeline of events for the past quarter. It begins with a global overview, then features the returns of stock and bond asset classes in the US and international markets.

The report also illustrates the impact of globally diversified portfolios and features a quarterly topic.

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The 50-Year Battle for a Better Way to Invest



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David Booth
Executive Chairman and Founder
Dimensional Fund Advisors

Mac McQuown recruited me to help create the very first indexed portfolio in 1971. I was 24 years old and living in San Francisco, where more people my age were following the Grateful Dead than the stock market. The think tank Mac set up felt like a start-up, although it was long before anyone used that term. We were excited by the opportunity to turn academic research into a new way of investing. Many people thought we would fail. Some even called what we were trying to do "un-American."

But we didn't worry about the attacks; we focused on how indexing could improve the lives of investors. The fund offerings available at the time were actively managed portfolios that tried to outguess the market and were expensive, lacked diversification, and performed poorly. So-called star managers sold investors on their ability to win against the market; they sold products as opposed to solutions. Problem was, there was no compelling evidence they could reliably beat the market. We were confident that indexing—a highly diversified, low-cost investment solution that relied not on a manager's ability to pick winners but on the human ingenuity of hundreds or thousands of companies—would change lives for the better.

Fifty years later, \$9.1 trillion is invested in index mutual funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs). This represents 51% of the total \$17.9 trillion in equity ETFs and mutual funds. Six of the original academic consultants Mac hired to work on that first index fund went on to win Nobel Prizes. I have worked with four of them at Dimensional.

When we started Dimensional in 1981, indexing was beginning to catch on. But the primary index used was the S&P 500, made up of 500 of the largest companies in America. My colleague Rex Sinquefield and I thought investors could be better served by adding small capitalization stocks to the mix, since they were underrepresented in portfolios and offered diversification and expected return benefits.

We were the first to treat small cap companies as a separate asset

category. It was an exciting idea, but it made many people nervous. An academic paper circulated that said the performance of small cap stocks couldn't be captured because of trading costs. Many academics, even those who worked with us, were skeptical that we could deliver on our big idea of creating a small cap strategy. (After 40 years of results, the skepticism about our ability to deliver has subsided.)

There was perceived risk in trading against professional investors who might take advantage of us with all their knowledge and experience. But we found a way to turn trading to our advantage: flexibility.

Flexibility is one of the key differences between index investing and Dimensional Investing and where so much of our innovation has taken place. Because we weren't beholden to tracking any particular index, we could harness the power of markets, even beat the indices. The protocols, systems, and teams we've developed—as well as the experience we've accumulated—have shown to be applicable to a wide range of strategies, from fixed income to value to international investing.

So what happens next? Where will we be in 50 years? I've built a career in finance without making predictions, but I do believe that technological innovation is lowering barriers to entry for everyday investors and enabling greater personalization. In 1971, there was one index fund. In 1981, there was one small cap strategy. Today, investors have more access to customized portfolios than ever before.

For me, working in finance has always been about improving people's lives. We created indexing to improve upon stock picking. We created Dimensional to improve upon indexing. Each day we strive to help our clients in new and better ways. That's why I thought 1971 was the most exciting time to be in this business. Then, I thought 1981 was the most exciting time to be in this business. But the truth is, it's every day, as long as we're able to keep helping people in innovative ways.



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David Booth and Rex Sinquefield in 1981 were early pioneers introducing asset class strategies to institutional investors. I first learned about Dimensional in the late 1980s as an MBA student at the Simon Business School at the University of Rochester, along with the University of Chicago Business School (now the Booth Business School), a hotbed of innovative thinking emerging in the arcane field of economics and finance at the time. They had less than \$1 billion under management back then.

By the late 1990s when we could align our investing process with Dimensional strategies, they had only about \$4 billion under management. We were among the first to do so. Everyone I knew told me it was a mistake. But I believed what Dave and Rex believed, and as a young CFP professional I saw that a better future was possible for my clients, by planning more reliable outcomes through an informed, integrative process made possible by evolving technology.

Today Dimensional has over \$660 billion under management in a ruthless and unforgiving competitive marketplace. It ranks among the top ten of mutual fund and ETF providers. The naysayers I knew back then are gone; I am still here with no plans to leave, with a firm more successful than I ever dreamed, working with a group of wonderful clients, and a merger of my firm in progress to be better than ever.

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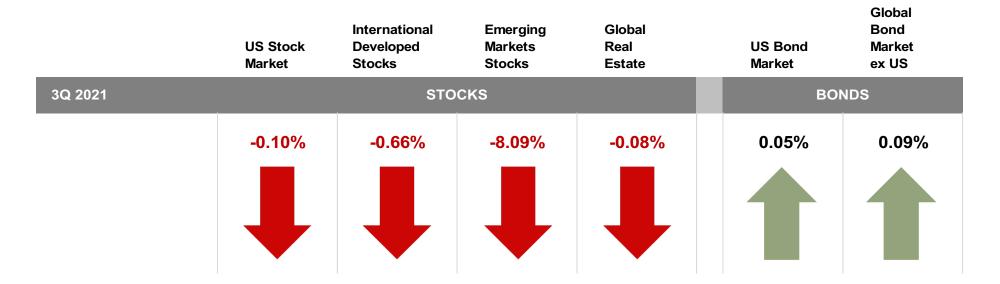
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Quarterly Global Market Summary

Index Returns



Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	2.4%	1.7%	2.9%	2.5%	1.1%	1.1%
Best	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
Quarter	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-3.4%	-2.7%
Quarter	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2021 Q1	2015 Q2

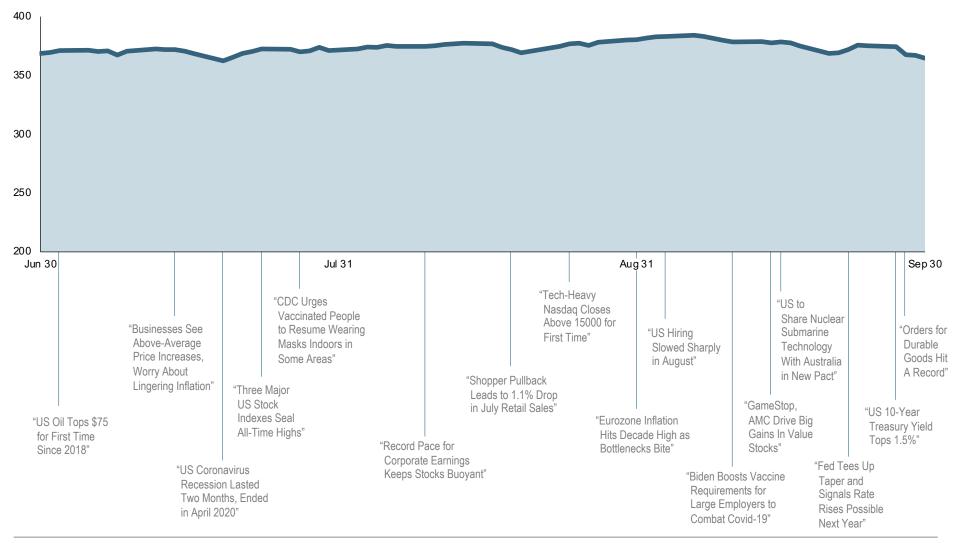
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World Stock Market Performance

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MSCI All Country World Index with selected headlines from Q3 2021



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Long-Term Global Market Summary

Index Returns as of September 30, 2021

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
1 Year		STO	СКЅ		ВОІ	NDS
	31.88%	26.50%	18.20%	31.61%	-0.90%	-0.54%
5 Years						
	16.85%	8.88%	9.23%	4.65%	2.94%	2.71%
10 Years						
	16.60%	7.88%	6.09%	8.70%	3.01%	3.87%

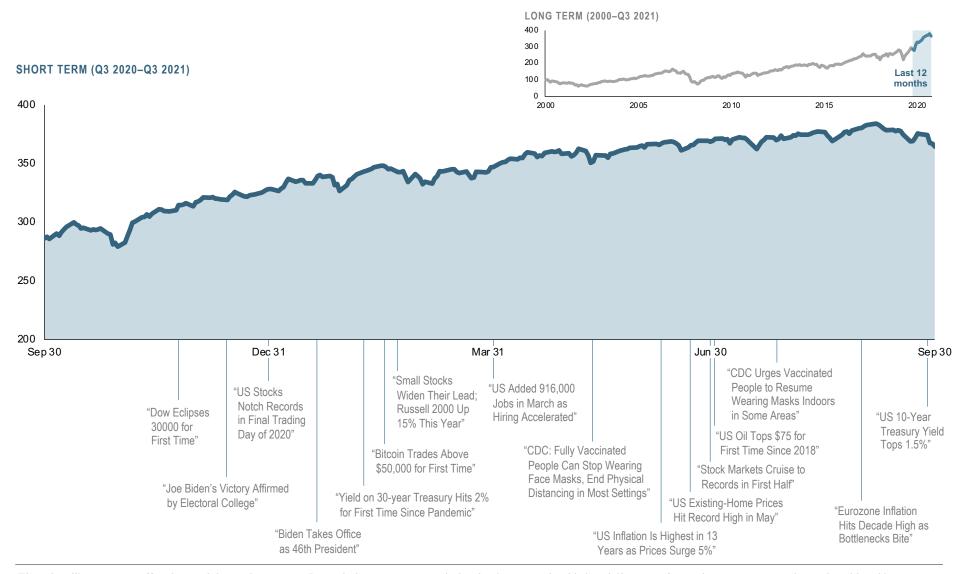
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World Stock Market Performance

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Impact of Diversification

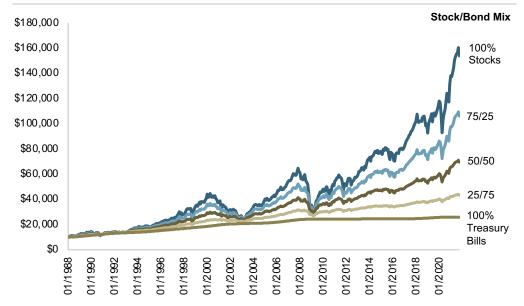
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These portfolios illustrate the performance of different global stock/bond mixes and highlight the benefits of diversification. Mixes with larger allocations to stocks are considered riskier but have higher expected returns over time

Period Returns (%	b)				* A	nnualized
Asset Class	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs*	5 Yrs*	10 Yrs*	10-Year STDEV ¹
100% Stocks	11.5	28.0	13.1	13.8	12.5	13.5
75/25	8.6	20.6	10.3	10.7	9.6	10.1
50/50	5.7	13.5	7.4	7.5	6.6	6.7
25/75	2.8	6.6	4.3	4.3	3.6	3.4
100% Treasury Bills	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.6	0.2

Ranked Returns (%) 100% Stocks -0.95 75/25 -0.69 50/50 -0.44 25/75 -0.21

Growth of Wealth: The Relationship between Risk and Return



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World Asset Classes

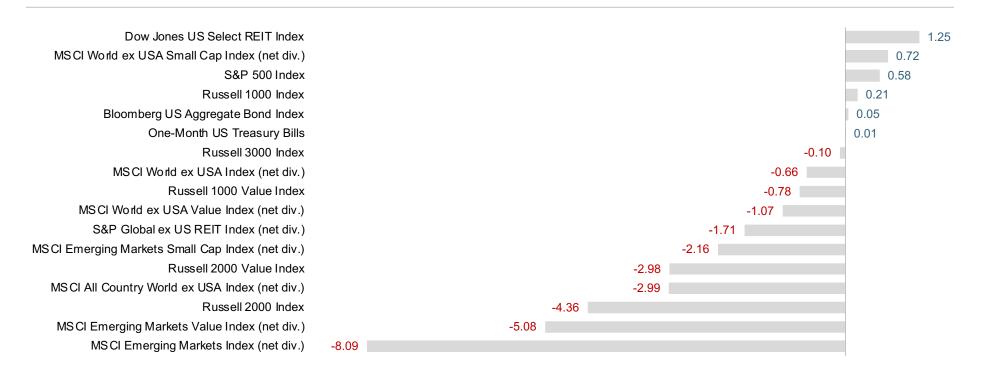
Third Quarter 2021 Index Returns (%)

Equity markets around the globe declined in the third quarter. Looking at broad market indices, US and non-US developed markets outperformed emerging markets.

Value performance was mixed in the US, with small value outperforming small growth but large value underperforming large growth. Value underperformed growth in non-US developed markets and outperformed in emerging markets.

Small caps underperformed large caps in the US but outperformed in non-US developed and emerging markets.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices in the US and underperformed in non-US developed markets.



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US Stocks

Third Quarter 2021 Index Returns

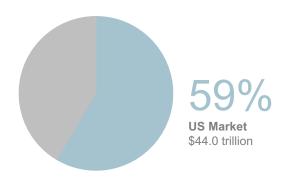
The US equity market was flat for the quarter and outperformed non-US developed markets and emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth in large cap stocks but outperformed growth in small cap stocks.

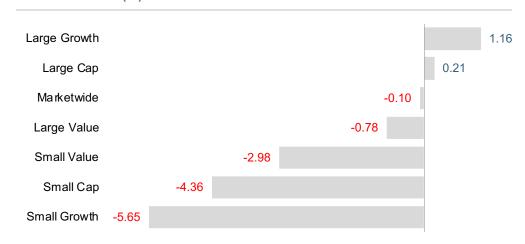
Small caps underperformed large caps.

REIT indices outperformed equity market indices.

World Market Capitalization—US



Ranked Returns (%)



					* /	Annualized
Data Series	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Large Growth	1.2	14.3	27.3	22.0	22.8	19.7
Large Cap	0.2	15.2	31.0	16.4	17.1	16.8
Marketwide	-0.1	15.0	31.9	16.0	16.9	16.6
Large Value	-0.8	16.1	35.0	10.1	10.9	13.5
Small Value	-3.0	22.9	63.9	8.6	11.0	13.2
Small Cap	-4.4	12.4	47.7	10.5	13.5	14.6
Small Growth	-5.7	2.8	33.3	11.7	15.3	15.7

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International Developed Stocks

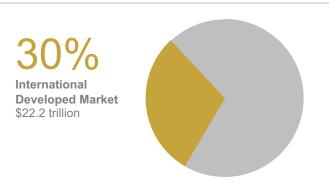
Third Quarter 2021 Index Returns

Developed markets outside the US declined less than 1% for the quarter and underperformed US equities but outperformed emerging markets.

Value underperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—International Developed



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	0.7	10.7	30.1	9.5	10.3	10.0
Growth	-0.3	7.0	20.5	11.9	11.2	9.6
Large Cap	-0.7	9.2	26.5	7.9	8.9	7.9
Value	-1.1	11.2	32.6	3.5	6.3	6.0

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Emerging Markets Stocks

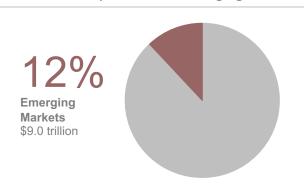
Third Quarter 2021 Index Returns

Emerging markets posted negative returns for the quarter, underperforming the US and non-US developed equity markets.

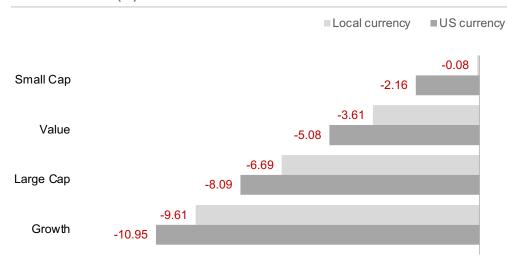
Value outperformed growth.

Small caps outperformed large caps.

World Market Capitalization—Emerging Markets



Ranked Returns (%)



Period Returns (%)

* Annualized

Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Small Cap	-2.2	17.2	43.2	13.1	9.8	7.2
Value	-5.1	4.4	28.4	4.8	6.9	3.8
Large Cap	-8.1	-1.3	18.2	8.6	9.2	6.1
Growth	-11.0	-6.5	9.3	12.2	11.4	8.2

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Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)

Third Quarter 2021 Index Returns

US real estate investment trusts outperformed non-US REITs during the quarter.



1 Year 3 Years*

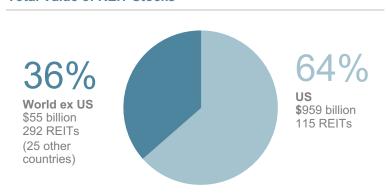
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4.5

40.6

24.0

Total Value of REIT Stocks



Period Returns (%)

Global ex US REIT

QTR

1.3

-1.7

YTD

24.5

7.8

Asset Class

US REITS

5 Years*	0 Years*
5.7	10.5

3.3

* Annualized

6.8

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Number of REIT stocks and total value based on the two indices. All index returns are net of withholding tax on dividends. Total value of REIT stocks represented by Dow Jones US Select REIT Index and the S&P Global ex US REIT Index. Dow Jones US Select REIT Index used as proxy for the US market, and S&P Global ex US REIT Index used as proxy for the World ex US market. Dow Jones and S&P data © 2021 S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global. All rights reserved.



Fixed Income

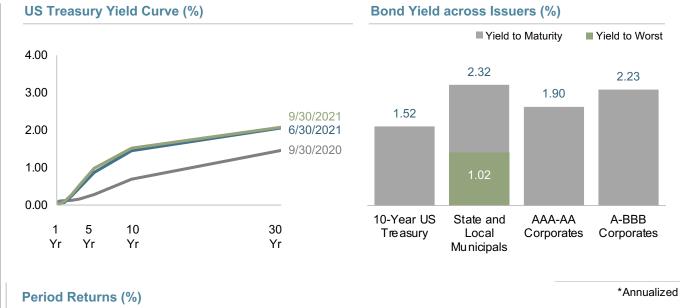
Third Quarter 2021 Index Returns

Interest rates in the US Treasury fixed income market generally increased during the third quarter. The yield on the 5-year Treasury note rose 12 basis points (bps), ending at 1.00%. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note increased 8 bps to 1.54%. The 30-year Treasury Bond yield rose 1 bp to finish at 2.05%.

On the short end of the curve, the 1-month Treasury bill yield increased 2 bps, ending at 0.07%, while the 1-year Treasury bill yield decreased 1 bp to 0.09%. The 2-year Treasury note yield increased 5 bps to 0.30%.

In terms of total returns, short-term corporate bonds returned 0.11%. Intermediate-term corporate bonds gained 0.08%.

The total return for short-term municipal bonds was 0.08%, while intermediate munis lost 0.04%. Revenue bonds performed in line with general obligation bonds for the quarter.



Asset Class	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Years*	5 Years*	10 Years*
Bloomberg US TIPS Index	1.8	3.5	5.2	7.5	4.3	3.1
Bloomberg US High Yield Corporate Bond Index	0.9	4.5	11.3	6.9	6.5	7.4
Bloomberg US Government Bond Index Long	0.5	-7.4	-10.1	9.2	3.3	4.4
Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index	0.1	-1.6	-0.9	5.4	2.9	3.0
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years (hedged to USD)	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	2.8	1.9	1.8
ICE BofA 1-Year US Treasury Note Index	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.9	1.5	0.9
ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.2	0.6
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.3	8.0	2.6	5.1	3.3	3.9
FTSE World Government Bond Index 1-5 Years	-1.0	-3.1	-0.9	2.2	1.0	-0.2

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Global Fixed Income

Third Quarter 2021 Yield Curves

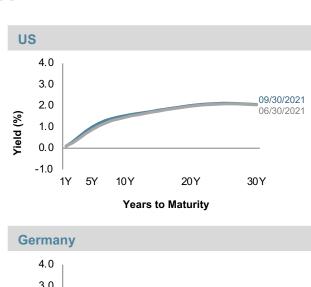
Government bond yields in the global developed markets generally increased for the quarter.

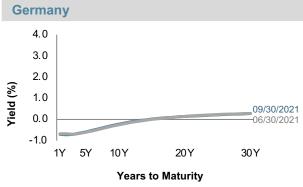
Term premiums were mixed in developed markets.

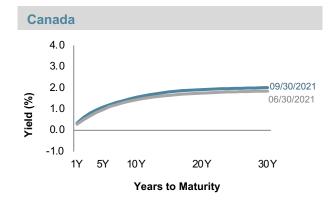
Short- and intermediate-term nominal interest rates were negative in Japan and Germany.

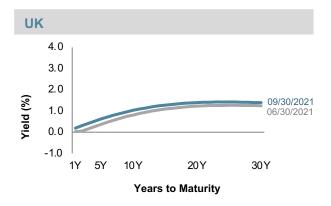
Changes in Yields (bps) since 6/30/2021

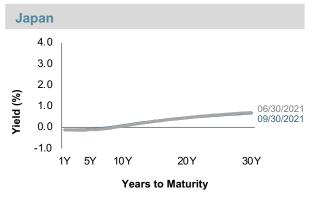
	1Y	5Y	10Y	20Y	30Y
US	(1.0)	11.9	7.6	2.7	1.0
UK	16.7	25.2	21.6	16.6	14.4
Germany	(2.7)	2.3	3.6	(8.0)	0.2
Japan	(0.1)	2.0	1.2	(0.3)	(1.8)
Canada	5.4	11.2	10.7	16.5	16.8
Australia	8.3	(0.6)	(1.2)	6.7	8.1















Wealth Planning Stress Test

In these uncertain times, you may know a friend, family member or colleague who may have a difficult situation, or who wonders whether they are getting the right advice, or simply needs sound professional advice but doesn't get it. That's not uncommon. Studies suggest that over 80 percent of "middle-class millionaires" would value a second opinion for planning.*

In order to help those you care about achieve their goals and dreams, we provide a complimentary **Wealth Planning Second Opinion** for those people. We're pleased to offer your friends, family and colleagues the same guidance and expertise that you've experienced as a valued client of Professional Financial.

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^{*}Source: Russ Alan Prince and David A. Geracioti, Cultivating the Middle-Class Millionaire, 2005.



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Working with experts who defined the professional wealth management process

Ask ten investors to define wealth management. Rather, ask ten financial advisors you meet to do so. You'll probably get ten different answers, and most replies will focus on investing or only products. As a client of Professional Financial, however, you benefit from a team of CFPs® with a network of experts sharing a distinctive vision of integrative wealth management.

Our professional planning process

At Professional Financial we approach each engagement with a time-tested, collaborative process. We'll have an open conversation so we can learn about your values, goals and dreams. This proven process enables us to expertly tailor an individual plan that works toward your wealth and legacy goals. As a valued client, you'll recognize each of the six steps above. In our **Wealth Planning Second Opinion**, we offer a portion of our consultative service, complimentary, to your friends, family and colleagues.

What to expect from wealth planning second opinion

We will meet with your friends and family in a conversation to explore their concerns and opportunities to see if we can help. If there is a fit and a benefit, we will invite them back for a follow up conversation. We may confirm whether they are on the right track with their existing financial advisors. Or if we are not the right fit, we will suggest another qualified professional firm that may be more appropriate. Either way, they will receive constructive advice and recommendations regarding their planning situation—easily a value of \$5,000 or more.

STRESS TESTING CONVERSATION

Phase 1

Phase 2

Financial Envisionment Session Retirement Stress Testing Session

PURPOSEFUL WEALTH MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

- Strategic planning
- Goal monitoring
- Performance evaluation
- Risk evaluation
- Portfolio structuring
- Manager due diligence

WEALTH PLANNING

 Wealth enhancement, including tax minimization and liability restructuring

- Asset Protection
- Security of Heirs' Lifestyle
- Legacy Planning
- Charitable Impact

RELATIONSHIP CONSULTATIONS

- Regularly scheduled calls, emails, reviews and in-person meetings
- Professional network, including accounting, tax, legal, insurance, actuarial and benefits experts



Let us help those you care about. Contact us today.

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