

# The Flow Show

# **Empty Main St, crowded Wall St**

**Scores on the Doors**: commodities 3.6%, global equities 1.6%, gold 1.0%, HY bonds 0.5%, cash 0.0%, US\$ -0.1%, government bonds -0.4%, IG bonds -0.8%; early doors but last time commodities best performing asset class was 2002 (see quilt – page 10), same year US\$ decisively entered bear market following 9/11 & China/WTO (Chart 3).

**Flows**: \$29.1bn into cash, \$14.9bn into bonds, \$11.2bn into equities, \$1.5bn into gold; continues 2020 winning flow trends (\$917bn to cash, \$387bn to bonds, \$182bn to equities, \$54bn to gold).

**Flows to know**: inflationary...largest inflow to gold since Aug'20, big EM debt inflows (\$3.0bn), 6<sup>th</sup> largest inflow to energy ever (\$1.9bn), big inflows to financials (\$1.9bn).

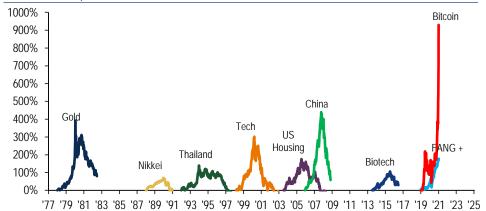
**Rotation flows to know**: for every \$100 of redemptions from EM, financials, Europe, value, small cap between Jan-Oct'20, past 2 months have seen \$58 of inflows back into reopening/cyclical/inflation assets (Chart 4-5).

**BofA Bull & Bear Indicator**: up to 7.1 (Chart 1) from 6.7 (Dec 17<sup>th</sup>); BofA private client up to 61.7% of \$2.9tn AUM in equities, closing in on Mar 2015 peak – Chart 18).

**Big Change...Great Rotation**: big investment trends of 2020s are bigger government, smaller world, US dollar debasement, FX wars, monetary to fiscal excess, subservient central banks via MMT, peak inequality...growing belief in weaker dollar <u>and</u> higher yields (Chart 6); best secular inflation trade is long commodities, short credit (Chart 7).

**GT10>1%**: violent inflationary price action past two months (Chart 8)...Bitcoin up 180% (cryptocurrency market now >\$1tn as Bitcoin past 2 years blows-the-doors-off prior bubbles – Chart 2), steel 61% (Chart 9), European banks 48%, US regional banks 41%, small cap value 37%, EM materials 38%.

#### Chart 2: Bitcoin, the Mother-of-all-bubbles?



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg; Note: Gold (XAU Curncy), Japanese Equities (NKY Index), Thai Equities (SET Index), Tech (NDX Index), US Housing (S5HOME Index), Commodities (SHCOMP Index), Biotech (NBI Index), FANG + (NYFANG Index), Bitcoin (XBTUSD Curncy)

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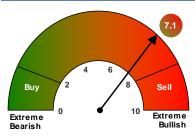
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#### Chart 1: BofA Bull & Bear Indicator



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy
The indicator identified above as the BofA Bull & Bear
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**2021 BofA macro forecasts**: global GDP to surge 5.4% (best since 1973), US GDP to surge 4.5% (best since 1999), China GDP to surge to 8.5% (best since 2011), US 10-year Treasury yield up to 1.5% by year-end, gold to \$2100/oz; global consensus for 2021 is uber-Goldilocks played via assets in "old economy USA" & "new economy China."

**Sell the Vaccine**: frothy prices, greedy positioning, inflationary & desperate policy makers, peaky China & consumer all ultimately toxic brew in 2021; we continue to say Q1 "sell the vaccine" on peak Positioning, Policy, Profits; thus far premature call as weak vaccine rollout, blue wave & Powell/Yellen gravy give investors free call option for risk.

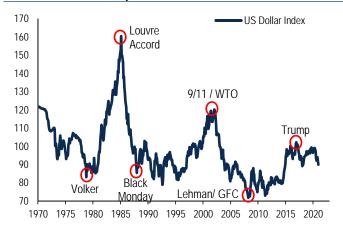
**3P's**: 1. peak Positioning likely Feb/Mar signaled via BofA Bull & Bear Indicator; 2. peak Policy signaled via trough credit spreads (note correlation with cash as % of equity market cap – Chart 10) likely Mar/April; 3. peak Profits likely April/May (when YoY macro will be strongest in years – Chart 11).

**Liquidity warning signs**: contrarian bear catalyst in 2021 = rates not profits; early warning signs that rates are turning bearish for risk...

- Credit: LQD drops below \$133 and/or levered loans start to significantly outperform (Charts 12-13),
- Dollar: surprise rally as weaker Europe & Asia growth require bout of US dollar strength.
- China: CNY and SHCOMP follow Chinese bond yields lower signaling weaker growth (Chart 14).
- Inflation: inflation prints spook Fed balance sheet bulls (food prices at 6-year highs, up 20% past 8 months)
- Froth: higher yields trigger losses in speculative favorites e.g. XBT, TSLA.
- Rate-sensitives: classic lower rate plays such as XHB, SOX breakdown.

**Bull risk remains bubble**: decade-long backdrop of maximum liquidity and technological disruption has caused maximum inequality & massive social and electoral polarization...value of US financial assets (Wall Street) now 6X size of GDP (Main Street – Chart 15); investor price action increasingly speculative (IPOs, SPACs...), wealth gains obscene, but extreme asset bubbles natural end to nihilistic bull markets of past decade; bubbles (e.g.) in risk asset prices ignore rising rates & humiliated investors worried about "peak positioning"; we'll know if it's a bubble by end-Q1.





Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

Chart 4: \$58 of inflows into cyclicals for every \$100 out



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global

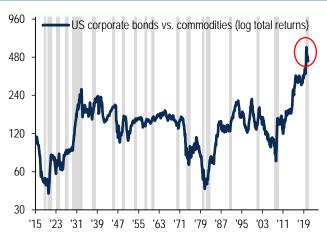


#### **Chart 5: Reopening trade outperforming lockdown**



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

#### Chart 7: Best secular inflation trade is long commodities, short credit



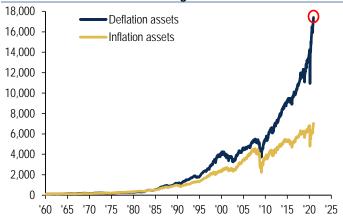
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg. Global Financial Data

#### Chart 9: Steel highest since Apr'12



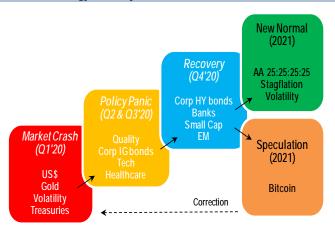
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

#### Chart 6: Deflation assets at all-time highs vs Inflation assets



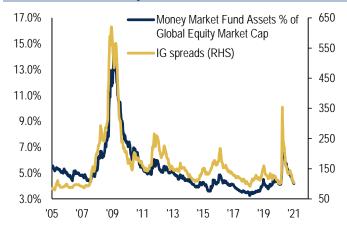
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Global Financial Data, Bloomberg; Note: Inflation assets: Commodities, real estate, TIPS, EAFE, US Banks, Value and Cash; Deflation assets = Govt bonds, US IG, S&P 500, US Cons. Disc, Growth and US HY.

**Chart 8: Chronology of a Rally** 



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy

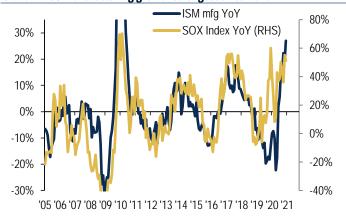
Chart 10: Credit still the belly of the beast



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

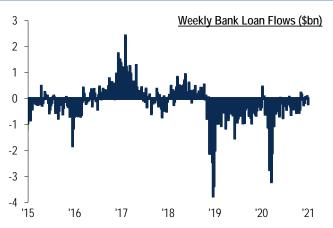


### Chart 11: US manufacturing growth strongest since 2010



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

#### Chart 13: Watch bank loans



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global

#### **Chart 12: Watch significant underperformance versus levered loans**



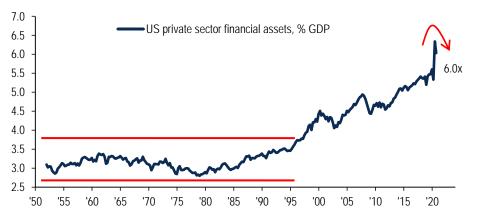
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg

Chart 14: Watch China...leading all asset markets



 ${\it Source: Bof A Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg}$ 

### Chart 15: Wall St. now 6x the size of Main St.



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Haver; note private sector financial assets includes currency, deposits, equity shares, and other securities and does not include real estate.



Table 1: BofA Fiscal & Monetary Policy Tracker

Country S	Fiscal Stimulus (\$bn)	Monetary Stimulus (\$bn)	% GDP	Rate Cut	Central Bank Actions	Fiscal Stimulus
Japan	1832.6	1692.2	68.4%	-	BoJ boost to asset purchases; QE	SME Loans and public aid; FLIP; Tax Deferrals; Health aide
Italy*	972.6	504.6	73.8%	-	-	SME Loans and public aid
Germany*	1722.2	969.8	70.0%	-	-	Loan commitments; healthcare aid
Singapore	70.1	88.0	43.6%	-	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
UK	678.4	690.1	48.4%	0.65%	Cut Rates; BoE capital buffer boost; QE	SME Loans and public aid
Bulgaria*	20.6	16.7	56.3%	-		SME Loans and Healthcare aid
Sweden*	72.5	215.4	54.2%	-	SEK500Bn (\$50Bn) to SMES	Public aid and delayed taxes
Poland*	170.6	148.8	54.1%	1.40%	Cut Rates; Reduce reserve ratio	SME Loans and public aid
France*	761.6	682.5	53.3%	-	-	Loan commitments; SME Loans and public aid
Romania*	54.3	53.4	50.9%	1.00%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid
Denmark*	84.0	88.7	49.1%	-0.15%	Raised Rates	Paid wages
Spain*	328.7	351.3	48.8%	-	-	Loan guarantees
New	47.0	18.0	32.0%	0.75%	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
Zealand					· ·	·
Bahrain	11.3	-	29.6%	0.75%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid
Austria*	86.1	112.5	44.5%	-	<u>-</u>	Loan commitments; SME Loans and public aid
USA	3742.0	4620.4	38.5%	1.50%	Cut rates to 0%; Unlimited QE; \$1.5Tn on reverse repos; Commercial Paper Funding Facility; Primary Dealer	SME Loans and public aid; Direct consumer checks;
00/1	07.12.0	102011	00.070	110070	Credit Facility; Money Market Mutual Fund Liquidity Facility; Dollar Swap Line with Central Banks; TALF	Healthcare aid
Czech*	45.2	62.0	43.6%	2.00%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid
Canada	267.7	652.4	52.8%	1.50%	Cut Rates; QE	Direct support; tax deferrals; SME Loans and public aid; Business Credit Availability
Finland*	43.2	68.0	41.2%	-	-	Healthcare aids; SME Loans
EU*	2133*	4612*	21.1%	-	ECB QE; TLTRO facility; PEPP of public/private securities	Direct support; tax deferrals; SME Loans and public aid; credit lines
Colombia	14.0	2.6	20.9%	2.50%	Cut Rates; Lending	Cash transfers; Health commitment
Australia	197.0	243.1	38.6%	0.65%	Cut Rates; Bank lending; ABS purchases; Yield Curve Control; QE	SME Loans and public aid; Subsidies
Chile	28.7	32.0	20.6%	1.25%	Cut Rates; Credit lines to banks; Purchase of \$4Bn in bank bonds	Healthcare aid, SME Loans and public aid
Peru	32.8	8.7	19.6%	2.00%	Cut Rates; Lending	Cash Transfer
United Arab Emirates	7.2	70.0	19.0%	-	Lending	-
Ireland*	37.2	98.0	34.8%	-	-	SME Loans and public aid
Thailand	61.2	31.2	17.4%	0.75%	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
Netherland s*	72.1	229.2	33.1%	-	-	Healthcare aid
Iceland	1.6	3.2	16.9%	1.25%	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
India	486.7	49.6	16.7%	1.15%	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
Dominican					• •	
Republic	-	12.1	14.8%	1.00%	Cut Rates; Lending	<del>-</del>
South	222.7	1.0	14.00/	0.750/	Cut Rates; Broaden the eligible collateral for open	SME Loans and public aid; Liquidity to financial
Korea	222.7	1.2	14.0%	0.75%	market operations; QE	markets
Turkey	89.3	-	12.0%	-3.75%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid; Tax cuts
Hong Kong	37.2	6.5	11.7%	1.14%	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
Brazil	199.3	10.0	11.2%	2.25%	Cut Rates; Lending	Healthcare aid, SME Loans and public aid; Credit lines to individuals and firms; Tax cuts
Switzerland	74.9	-	10.7%	-	-	SME Loans and public aid
Tunisia	1.2	-	10.3%	0.50%	Cut Rates	Healthcare aid
Hungary*	29.8	40.6	25.2%	1.10%	Cut Rates	-
Mexico	11.2	94.0	8.3%	3.25%	Cut Rates; Lending	Healthcare aid
China	904.2	251.1	8.2%	0.35%	Cut Rates; Expanded repos; RRR cuts	Loan commitments; rate cuts for some banks; Relief Measures
South Africa	26.3	-	7.3%	2.75%	Cut Rates	Tax exemptions
Indonesia	76.2	-	6.9%	1.00%	Cut Rates	Loan commitments; public and health aid
Senegal	1.3	- -	5.4%	-	-	Healthcare aid
Philippines	12.1	6.4	5.2%	1.75%	Cut Rates; Cut reserve requirement	Healthcare aid, SME Loans and public aid
Norway	19.5	-	4.7%	1.50%	Cut Rates; Bank lending	SME Loans and public aid
Argentina	23.1	-	4.5%	-	-	SME Loans and Healthcare aid
Saudi		10.0			Cut Date - Landling	
Arabia	21.0	13.3	4.4%	0.75%	Cut Rates; Lending	SME Loans and public aid
Kazakhstan	7.5	-	4.4%	2.75%	Cut Rates	Healthcare aid



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Israel	-	16.3	4.2%	0.15%	Cut Rates; Lending; Corporate debt purchases	-
El Salvador	1.0	-	3.8%	-	-	Cash transfers
Banglades	3.4	9.5	3.7%	1.25%	Cut Rates; Lending	Healthcare aid
h						Healthcare aid, SME Loans and public aid; education
Russia	55.3	-	3.3%	1.75%	Cut Rates	aid
Egypt	6.4	-	2.1%	1.50%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid
Malaysia	4.7	3.0	2.1%	1.25%	Cut Rates; Cut reserve ratio	SME Loans and public aid
Qatar	-	3.6	1.9%	0.50%	Cut Rates; Lending	-
Guatemala	-	1.5	1.8%	1.00%	Cut Rates; Lending	-
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Pakistan	3.6	1.1	1.6%	8.25%	Cut Rates; Lending	-
Vietnam	4.2	-	1.6%	1.50%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid; Tariff Exemptions
Albania	0.2	-	1.3%	0.50%	Cut Rates	Healthcare aid
Mongolia	-	0.1	0.9%	1.00%	Cut Rates; Lending	-
Honduras	0.2	-	0.8%	0.75%	Cut Rates	Healthcare aid
Kenya	0.5	_	0.6%	1.25%	Cut Rates	-
Nigeria	1.8	_	0.4%	2.00%	Cut Rates	
Taiwan	2.0	-	0.4%	0.25%	Cut Rates	SME Loans and public aid
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Georgia		-				Dublic Emergency Aid Loop commitments
IMF	200.0	-	-	-	-	Public Emergency Aid; Loan commitments
World Bank	12.0	-	-	-	-	SME Loans and public aid
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	10.00%	Cut Rates	-
Ukraine	-	-	-	4.00%	Cut Rates	-
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	3.75%	Cut Rates	-
Zambia	-	-	-	3.50%	Cut Rates	-
Myanmar	-	-	-	3.00%	Cut Rates	-
South	-	_	-	3.00%	Cut Rates	-
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e	-	-	-	2.50%	Cut Rates	-
Paraguay	-	-	-	2.50%	Cut Rates	-
Namibia	-	-	-	2.50%	Cut Rates	-
Gambia	-	-	-	2.00%	Cut Rates	-
Seychelles	-	-	-	2.00%	Cut Rates	-
Tanzania	-	-	_	2.00%	Cut Rates	-
Uganda	-	_	_	2.00%	Cut Rates	_
Uzbekistan	_	_	_	2.00%	Cut Rates	_
Congo		_	_	1.50%	Cut Rates	
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Ghana	-	-	-	1.50%	Cut Rates	-
Guinea	-	-	-	1.50%	Cut Rates	-
Malawi	-	-	-	1.50%	Cut Rates	-
Mauritania	-	-	-	1.50%	Cut Rates	-
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	1.25%	Cut Rates	-
Botswana	-	-	-	1.00%	Cut Rates	-
Kuwait	-	-	-	1.00%	Cut Rates	-
Oman	-	-	-	0.75%	Cut Rates	-
Moldova	-	-	-	0.60%	Cut Rates	-
Morocco	-	-	-	0.50%	Cut Rates	-
Rwanda	-	-	-	0.50%	Cut Rates	-
Nest Africa	-	-	-	0.50%	Cut Rates	-
Belarus	-	_	-	0.25%	Cut Rates	-
North						
Macedonia	-	-	-	0.25%	Cut Rates	-
Serbia				0.25%	Cut Rates	

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg



## **Asset Class Flows (Table 2)**

**Equities**: \$11.2bn inflows (\$15.0bn into ETFs, \$3.8bn out of mutual funds)

Bonds: inflows past 38 of 39 weeks (\$14.9bn)

Precious metals: largest inflow in 22 weeks (\$1.5bn)

Table 2: Global asset class flows, \$mn

	Wk % AUM	YTD	YTD %AUM
Equities	0.1%	11,175	0.1%
ETFs	0.2%	14,997	0.2%
LO	0.0%	-3,823	0.0%
Bonds	0.2%	14,946	0.2%
Commodities	0.3%	1,127	0.3%
Money-market	0.5%	29,066	0.5%

<sup>\*</sup> week of 1/6/2021: Source: EPFR Global

## Fixed Income Flows (Chart 16)

2<sup>nd</sup> week of large **IG bond** fund inflows (\$10.2bn)

Small HY bond inflow (\$0.1bn)

12<sup>th</sup> largest **EM debt** inflows ever (\$3.0bn)

Munis inflows continue (\$0.9bn)

MBS inflows past 16 of 17 weeks (\$0.3bn)

Moderate **Govt/Tsy** fund outflows (\$0.9bn)

11th largest **TIPS** fund inflows ever (\$1.2bn)

Small Bank loan inflows (\$8mn)

## **Equity Flows (Table 3)**

**US**: largest inflow in 4 weeks (\$9.9bn)

Japan: largest inflow in 6 weeks (\$0.6bn)

**Europe**: moderate outflow (\$0.3bn)

EM: first outflow in 16 weeks (\$1.6bn)

By style: inflows **US small cap** (\$3.5bn), **US large cap** (\$3.3bn), **US value** (\$0.6bn); outflows **US growth** (\$3.9bn).

By sector: inflows **financials** (\$1.9bn), **energy** (\$1.9bn), **materials** (\$0.9bn), **tech** (\$0.6bn), **consumer** (\$0.3bn), **hcare** (\$0.3bn), **comsvcs** (\$29mn); outflows **utils** (\$0.1bn), **real estate** (\$0.7bn).

Table 3: Net fund flows to global equities, \$mn

	Wk % AUM	YTD
Total Equities	0.1%	11,175
long-only funds	0.0%	-3,823
ETFs	0.2%	14,997
Total EM	-0.1%	-1,599
Brazil	-1.0%	-151
Russia	-0.2%	-19
India	0.4%	127
China	-1.0%	-3,285
Total DM	0.1%	12,773
US	0.1%	9,908
Europe	0.0%	-320
Japan	0.1%	585
International	0.1%	2,699

Total Equities = Total EM + Total DM

Source: EPFR Global

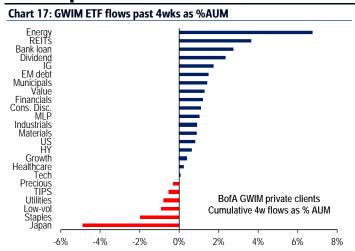
Chart 16: Weekly FICC flows as % AUM

TIPS					
Gold & Silver					
Corp IG					
Municipals					
MBS					
Corp HY					
Bank loan					
Govt/Tsy					
-0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%

Source: EPFR Global



# **BofA private client flows & allocations**



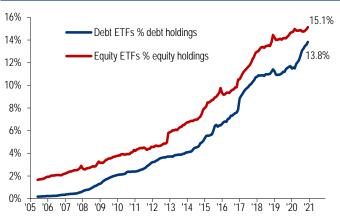
Source: BAC internal data

#### Chart 19: GWIM debt allocation as % AUM



Source: BAC internal data

#### Chart 21: GWIM ETF holdings as % AUM



Source: BAC internal data

#### Chart 18: GWIM equity allocation as % AUM



Source: BAC internal data

#### Chart 20: GWIM cash allocation as % AUM



Source: BAC internal data

Chart 22: GWIM top 10 stocks, 1-year SPX beta



Source: BAC internal data



# **The Asset Class Quilt of Total Returns**

Chart 23	: The Ass	et Quilt o	f Total R	eturns																	
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021*
Commodities 31.8%	US Treasuries 6.7%	Commodities 25.9%	MSCI EM 56.3%	REITS 32.0%	MSCI EM 34.5%	REITS 37.5%	MSCI EM 39.8%	US Treasuries 14.0%	MSCI EM 79.0%	Gold 29.2%	US Treasuries 9.8%	REITS 23.8%	S&P 500 32.4%	S&P 500 13.7%	S&P 500 1.4%	Global HY 14.8%	MSCI EM 37.8%	Cash 1.8%	S&P 500 31.5%	Gold 24.8%	Commodities 3.4%
US Treasuries 13.4%	Global IG 4.6%	Gold 25.6%	MSCI EAFE 39.2%	MSCI EM 26.0%	Commodities 21.4%	MSCI EM 32.6%	Gold 31.9%	Gold 4.3%	Global HY 62.0%	MSCI EM 19.2%	Gold 8.9%	Global HY 19.3%	MSCI EAFE 23.3%	REITS 11.7%	US Treasuries 0.8%	S&P 500 12.0%	MSCI EAFE 25.9%	US Treasuries 0.8%	REITS 27.4%	S&P 500 16.3%	MSCI EM 1.9%
REITS 8.5%	Cash 4.4%	Global IG 14.9%	REITS 33.5%	MSCI EAFE 20.7%	Gold 17.8%	MSCI EAFE 26.9%	Commodities 16.2%	Cash 2.1%	MSCI EAFE 32.5%	Commodities 16.8%	Global IG 4.5%	MSCI EM 18.6%	Global HY 8.0%	US Treasuries 6.0%	Cash 0.1%	Commodities 11.8%	S&P 500 22.0%	Gold -1.9%	MSCI EAFE 22.8%	MSCI EM 15.8%	MSCI EAFE 1.4%
Cash 6.2%	Global HY 3.1%	US Treasuries 11.6%	Global HY 30.7%	Global HY 12.4%	MSCI EAFE 14.0%	Gold 23.2%	MSCI EAFE 11.6%	Global IG -8.3%	REITS 31.7%	REITS 15.9%	Global HY 2.6%	MSCI EAFE 17.9%	REITS 0.7%	Global IG 3.2%	MSCI EAFE -0.8%	MSCI EM 11.2%	Gold 12.9%	Global HY -3.3%	Commodities 20.1%	Global IG 10.3%	Gold 0.9%
Global IG 3.1%	Gold -0.7%	Cash 1.8%	S&P 500 28.7%	S&P 500 10.9%	REITS 10.7%	S&P 500 15.8%	US Treasuries 9.1%	Global HY -27.9%	S&P 500 26.5%	S&P 500 15.1%	S&P 500 2.1%	S&P 500 16.0%	Global IG 0.1%	Gold 0.1%	REITS -3.4%	Gold 8.6%	REITS 11.5%	Global IG -3.4%	MSCI EM 18.6%	US Treasuries 8.2%	Global HY 0.2%
Gold -5.4%	MSCI EM -2.4%	Global HY -1.1%	Commodities 23.9%	Global IG 9.4%	S&P 500 4.9%	Global HY 13.5%	Global IG 7.3%	Commodities -35.6%	Gold 25.0%	Global HY 13.9%	Cash 0.1%	Global IG 11.1%	Cash 0.1%	Cash 0.0%	Global IG -3.8%	Global IG 4.3%	Global HY 10.2%	REITS -3.9%	Gold 17.9%	Global HY 8.0%	Cash 0.0%
Global HY -5.8%	REITS -7.8%	REITS -2.4%	Gold 19.9%	Commodities 9.1%	Cash 3.1%	Global IG 7.2%	S&P 500 5.5%	S&P 500 -37.0%	Global IG 19.2%	MSCI EAFE 8.2%	REITS -9.4%	Gold 8.3%	MSCI EM -2.3%	Global HY -0.1%	Global HY -4.2%	REITS 1.3%	Global IG 9.3%	S&P 500 -4.3%	Global HY 13.7%	MSCI EAFE 5.4%	S&P 500 -0.2%
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MSCI EAFE -14.0%	Commodities -19.5%	MSCI EAFE -15.7%	US Treasuries 2.3%	US Treasuries 3.5%	Global HY 1.5%	US Treasuries 3.1%	Global HY 3.0%	REITS -50.2%	Cash 0.2%	US Treasuries 5.9%	Commodities -13.3%	Cash 0.1%	Commodities -9.5%	MSCI EAFE -4.5%	MSCI EM -14.9%	MSCI EAFE 1.0%	US Treasuries 2.4%	MSCI EAFE -13.2%	US Treasuries 7.0%	REITS -7.6%	US Treasuries -0.9%
MSCI EM -30.6%	MSCI EAFE -21.2%	S&P 500 -22.1%	Cash 1.1%	Cash 1.3%	Global IG -3.0%	Commodities 2.1%	REITS -10.0%	MSCI EM -53.2%	US Treasuries -3.7%	Cash 0.1%	MSCI EM -18.2%	Commodities -1.1%	Gold -27.3%	Commodities -17.0%	Commodities -24.7%	Cash 0.3%	Cash 0.8%	MSCI EM -14.3%	Cash 2.2%	Commodities -15.0%	REITS -2.9%

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg. \* YTD

# **BofA Rules & Tools**

### Table 4: BofA Global Investment Strategy Proprietary Indicators

Proprietary Indicators	Category	Current reading	Current signal	Duration of signal
Contrarian				
BofA Bull & Bear Indicator (B&B)	Contrarian	7.1	Neutral	1-3 months
Sell when investor sentiment > 8.0; Buy when investor sentiment < 2.0				
BofA Global FMS Cash Indicator	Contrarian	4.0%	Sell	4 weeks
Buy when cash at or above 4.5%; Sell when cash at or below 3.5%				
BofA Global Breadth Rule	Contrarian	93%	Sell	3 months
Buy when net 88% of markets in MSCI ACWI trading below 200-day moving & 50-day moving averages				
BofA Global Flow Trading Rule	Contrarian	0.3%	Neutral	8 weeks
Buy when outflows from global equities & HY > 1.0% AUM over 4wks; Sell when inflows > 1.0% AUM over 4wks				
BofA EM Flow Trading Rule	Contrarian	0.4%	Neutral	8 weeks
Buy when outflows from EM equities > 3.0% of AUM; Sell when inflows > 1.5% of AUM over 4 wks				
Macro				
BofA Global EPS Growth Model	Macro	2.8%	EPS growth accelerating	6-12 months

Model indicates trend in year-on-year change in 12-month forward global EPS growth.

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy/ For a guide to our trading models see <a href="here">here</a> & our FMS models, see <a href="here">here</a> & our FMS m

# **BofA Bull & Bear Indicator (B&B)**

Our BofA Bull & Bear Indicator is at 7.1, signal is Neutral.

Chart 24: BofA B&B Indicator (scale 0 to 10)



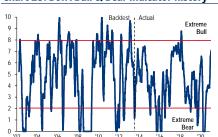
Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy

Table 5: Components of BofA B&B Indicator

Components	Percentile	Sentiment
HF positioning	47%	Neutral
Credit mkt technicals	36%	Bearish
Equity market breadth	100%	V Bullish
Equity flows	60%	Bullish
Bond flows	70%	Bullish
LO positioning	87%	V. Bullish

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg, EPFR Global, Lipper FMI, Global FMS, CFTC, MSCI

Chart 25: BofA Bull & Bear Indicator history



Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, EPFR Global, FMS, CFTC, MSCI

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# 2021 Cross-Asset Winners & Losers

#### Chart 26: 2021 Ranked Returns, USD-terms

#### Ranked Returns, USD-terms (2021) Assets Equities Sectors Fixed Income $\mathsf{FX}\ \mathsf{vs.}\ \mathsf{USD}$ Commodities 1 UK Equities 1 Portugal Equities 6.4% 1 ACWI Energy 1 Norwegian krone 1 Natural Gas 7.0% 4.3% 2 UK Equities 5.0% 2 ACWI Materials 4.7% 2 CCC HY 0.5% 2 Turkish lira 1.8% 2 Brent Crude Oil 4.8% 3 Industrial Metals 3.6% 3 Mexico Equities 4.5% 3 ACWI Banks 3.0% 3 German Govt 0.2% 3 N7 dollar 1.6% 3 WTI Crude Oil 4.3% 4 Europe Equities 2.3% 4 Spain Equities 4.3% 4 ACWI Financials 2.4% 4 US Corp HY 0.1% 4 Australian dollar 1.4% 4 Copper 3.5% 5 EM Equities 1.9% 5 Turkey Equities 3.9% 5 ACWI Utilities 1.6% 5 3-Month Treasury Bills 0.0% 5 Mexican peso 1.3% 5 Iron Ore 2.8% 6 Pacific Rim x Japan 6 Taiwan Equities 6 ACWI Industrials 6 2-year Treasury 6 Indonesian rupiah 6 Platinum 2.8% 7 Gold 0.7% 7 Russia Equities 3.0% 7 ACWI Healthcare 7 US Mortgage Master -0.1% 7 Chinese renminbi 1.0% 7 Silver 2.4% 1.0% 8 High Yield Bonds 8 ACWI Cons. Discretionary -0.1% 0.9% 0.7% 0.2% 8 Korea Equities 3.0% 0.0% 8 Japan Govt 8 Euro 8 Gold 9 US Equities -0.2% 9 Italy Equities 2.7% 9 ACWI BioTechnology -0.2% 9 Non-US IG Government -0.2% 9 Swiss franc 0.8% 10 Government Bonds -0.4% 10 Canada Equities 2.6% 10 ACWI Consumer Staples -0.3% 10 EM Corporate -0.2% 10 Swedish krona 0.7% 11 Hong Kong Equities 11 ACWI Telecoms 11 TIPS -0.4% 11 Russian ruble 12 ACWI Info Tech 12 EM Sovereign Bonds -0.5% 12 China Equities 1.9% -1.7% 12 EM Sovereign -0.5% 12 Taiw anese dollar 0.4% 13 Japan Equities -0.7% 13 France Equities 1.9% 13 ACWI Real Estate -2.4% 13 Treasury Master -0.9% 13 Canadian dollar 0.4% 14 Investment Grade Bonds -0.7% 14 India Equities 1.9% 14 BBB IG -1.2% 14 Singapore dollar 0.3% 15 Germany Equities 1.4% 15 US Corp IG -1.3% 15 Japanese yen 0.2% 16 Australia Equities 1.2% 16 UK Govt -1.8% 16 Korean won 0.1% 17 Greece Equities 1.2% 17 30-year Treasury -4.1% 17 Indian rupee -0.1% 18 Singapore Equities 0.8% 18 British pound -0.4% 19 Switzerland Equities 0.5% 19 Brazilian real -1.9% 20 US Equities -0.2% 20 South African rand -2.5% 21 Japan Equities 23 Brazil Equities -1.9%

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg, as of 6 January 2021

#### Chart 27: The Overbought & Oversold

Assets		Equities		Sectors		Fixed Income		FX vs. USI	)	Commodities	
1 Oil	34.6%	1 Korea Equities	43.6%	1 ACWI Materials	26.5%	1 CCC HY	15.4%	1 Mexican peso	11.5%	1 WTI Crude Oil	34.6
2 EM Equities	23.3%	2 Mexico Equities	32.3%	2 ACWI Banks	23.3%	2 US Corp HY	7.9%	2 Norwegian krone	11.3%	2 Brent Crude Oil	32.3
3 Industrial Metals	21.4%	3 Taiwan Equities	31.6%	3 ACWI Financials	21.4%	3 EM Sovereign	6.9%	3 South African rand	11.3%	3 Iron Ore	28.4
4 Pacific Rim x Japan	19.3%	4 India Equities	28.2%	4 ACWI Cons. Discretionary	21.4%	4 European HY	6.8%	4 Australian dollar	11.2%	4 Copper	25.4
5 UK Equities	18.7%	5 Turkey Equities	25.9%	5 ACWI Industrials	19.8%	5 EM Corporate	6.0%	5 NZ dollar	11.2%	5 Platinum	23.6
6 Europe Equities	18.6%	6 Spain Equities	24.5%	6 ACWI Info Tech	19.3%	6 Non-US IG Government	5.4%	6 Swedish krona	10.5%	6 Silver	22.79
7 Japan Equities	16.4%	7 Brazil Equities	23.7%	7 ACWI Energy	15.1%	7 BBB IG	3.9%	7 Korean won	8.0%	7 Natural Gas	22.09
8 US Equities	16.1%	8 Portugal Equities	23.6%	8 ACWI Telecoms	14.9%	8 TIPS	2.8%	8 Euro	6.7%	8 Gold	3.89
9 High Yield Bonds	9.3%	9 Italy Equities	23.2%	9 ACWI Utilities	9.9%	9 US Corp IG	2.6%	9 Chinese renminbi	6.2%		
D EM Sov Bonds	6.9%	10 Australia Equities	22.1%	10 ACWI Healthcare	9.5%	10 US Mortgage Master	0.3%	10 British pound	5.8%		
1 Investment Grade Bonds	4.8%	11 France Equities	20.8%	11 ACWI Consumer Staples	8.3%	11 German Govt	0.3%	11 Swiss franc	5.6%		
2 Gold	4.4%	12 S. Africa Equities	18.9%	12 ACWI Real Estate	4.2%	12 2-year Treasury	0.1%	12 Canadian dollar	5.6%		
3 Government Bonds	2.8%	13 UK Equities	18.7%	13 ACWI BioTechnology	3.6%	13 3-Month Treasury Bills	0.0%	13 Indonesian rupiah	5.2%		
4 US Dollar	-5.6%	14 Russia Equities	18.1%			14 Japan Govt	-0.1%	14 Singapore dollar	4.4%		
		15 Germany Equities	17.9%			15 UK Govt	-0.5%	15 Taiwanese dollar	3.9%		
		16 Canada Equities	17.8%			16 Treasury Master	-1.5%	16 Japanese yen	2.8%		
		17 China Equities	16.9%			17 30-year Treasury	-7.9%	17 Indian rupee	2.1%		
		18 Japan Equities	16.4%					18 Brazilian real	1.6%		
		19 US Equities	16.1%					19 Turkish lira	0.2%		
		20 Greece Equities	15.9%					20 Russian ruble	0.2%		
		21 Hong Kong Equities	15.3%					21 Argentine peso	-12.9%		
		22 Singapore Equities	15.0%								
		23 Switzerland Equities	10.7%								

Source: BofA Global Investment Strategy, Bloomberg



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