

INCOME UPLIFT

QUARTER ONE | TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE



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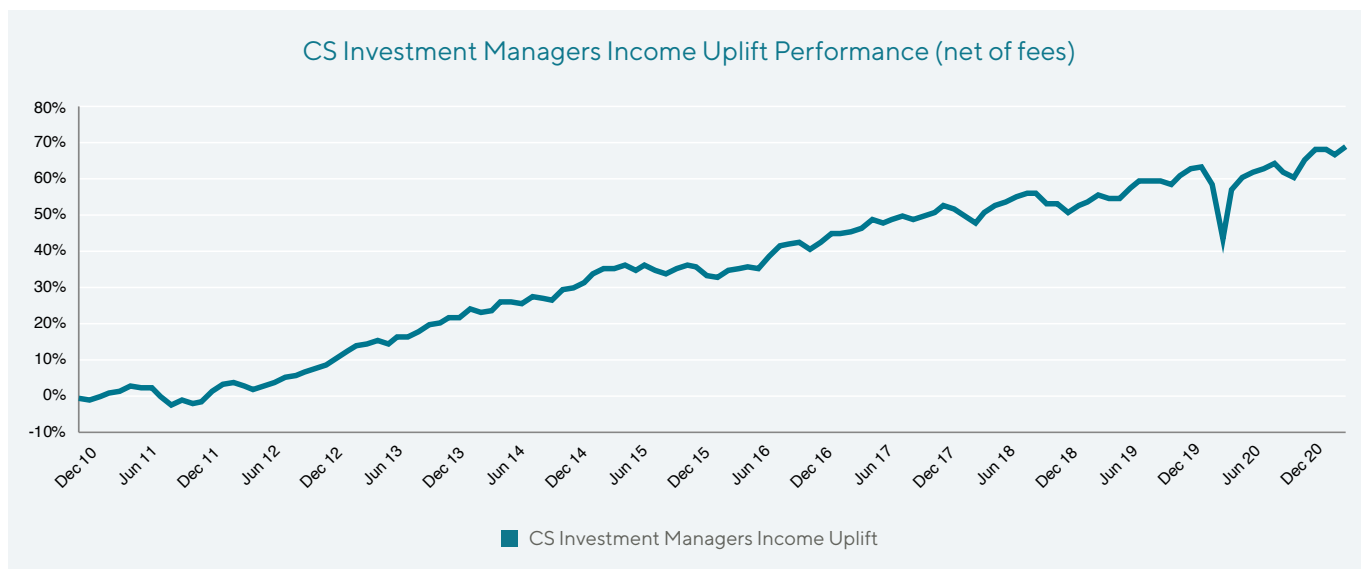
Despite a fairly flat start to 2021, global equities ended the quarter up on their starting values. In the previous couple of quarters, investors favoured companies demonstrating reliable and consistent profitability and growth. However, it now looks like markets prefer the 're-opening trade', with value-orientated stocks and cyclical companies making strong moves. These companies were among the most severely hit during the market falls of a year ago, but the support of vaccines and fiscal stimulus has boosted the recovery chances of many of these companies, as we start to see restrictions easing and normality returning.

Within some portfolios, we introduced a new holding, in the form of the SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust, which is a portfolio of clean energy project investments and aims to generate steady capital appreciation with a high level of income. The fund will predominantly invest in energy efficient assets across UK, America and Continental Europe. This includes for example: solar assets, energy storage, green gas distribution and biomass facilities. Management take a pragmatic approach to capital allocation with a focus on improving operational assets, where typically contracts are availability or capacity based and therefore fluctuation in a counterparty's demand for energy should have limited impact on returns. Contracts also typically include annual reviews which allow price increases to account for inflation and will help protect the real value of investors capital.

In bond yields, we saw a marked rise in Q1, amid a continued rollout of Covid-19 vaccinations, particularly in the US and

UK, as well as expectations of huge levels of US economic stimulus. The 10-year US Treasury yield nearly doubled, rising to 1.75% from 0.92% and the UK 10-year yield increased by 65 basis points to 0.85%. In Europe, where the vaccination programme is some way behind the US and UK, yield rises were much lower. The German 10-year yield increased from -0.57% to -0.29%, Italy's 10-year yield rose from 0.55% to 0.66%, and Spain's 10-year yield rose to 0.33% from 0.04%. The rise in yields should help value and cyclical stocks where we have had increased exposure over the last few months.

Encouragingly the US 10 year yield has eased to 1.57% which should continue to underpin equities, but a dynamic tension still exists, as President Biden's fiscal easing has the strong possibility of increasing inflationary pressures. We will watch carefully for any major change of trend and direction.



Source: CS Managers Ltd. Data as at 31/03/21



INCOME UPLIFT QUARTERLY REVIEW

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Total Return	CS Investment Managers Income Uplift Strategy Portfolio	UK RPI Inflation
3 Months	0.4%	0.5%
1 Year	17.3%	1.4%
3 Years	10.4%	6.6%
5 Years	25.2%	13.8%
Since 31/12/2010	68.0%	36.4%

Source: CS Managers Ltd and Office for National Statistics data as at 31/03/21

Asset Allocation

Top 10 Holdings	%	Sector	Overall Sector Breakdown as at 31 March 2021
Dodge & Cox US Stock Fund	4.8	Equity	
BH Global	4.4	Alternatives	
Schroder Strategic Credit	4.0	Fixed Income	
TwentyFour Dynamic Bond Fund	3.8	Fixed Income	
Sequoia Economic	3.8	Fixed Income	
Artemis UK Select	3.5	Equity	
Civitas Social Housing	3.5	Investment Property	
S&W Sanlam Global Inflation	3.2	Fixed Income	
NextEnergy Solar	3.2	Infrastructure	
Impact Healthcare	3.2	Investment Property	

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