# **Investment Institute**

## THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

# 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER 2021 REPORT

The GW Investment Institute taught four classes during Fall 2021, hosted 14 different industry professionals for guest lectures, presented three shows of "Live with Rodney Lake" to discuss market news, and culminated the semester with four student stock pitch days. The following commentary is written by Ethan Baron, a senior at George Washington University pursuing a dual degree with a Bachelor of Science in Finance and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science.

#### Quarterly Report Commentary by Ethan Baron, GWSB and GW SEAS 2022



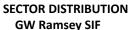
Fourth quarter of 2021 recorded strong performance, closing the year with many indexes hitting all-time highs, despite widespread political and economic uncertainties combined with the emergence of a new variant of COVID-19, Omicron. In November, for the first time ever, the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) crossed 36,000 points. The DJIA still finished the year near an all-time high as concerns surrounding the Federal Reserve response to decades-high inflation metrics plus renewed fears of pandemic-related shutdowns mounted. For the GW Investment Institute Student Investment Funds

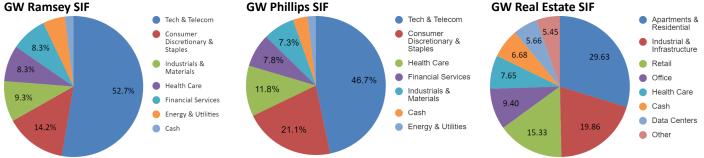
(GWII SIFs), returns were strong at 8.6% vs. 10.7% for the S&P 500 Index during the quarter. For the year, the GWII SIFs trailed the S&P 500 Index, returning 21.1% vs. 28.7%. After the first full calendar year of the pandemic, GWII SIFs continue to demonstrate strong performance and resilience, despite economic and political uncertainties impacting the broader market. The success of the GWII SIFs is a direct result of the continued hard work, dedication, and involvement of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

#### Market 3 1 FYD CYD 1 3 5 S&P 500 FNERTR 10 Since Inception Student Investment Month Month Value Year Year Year Year Inception Since Since Date Funds (SIF) (mill) Inception Inception \$4.910 0.9 8.5 7.0 21.0 21.0 28.5 20.3 15.0 11.2 11.1 30-Apr-05 \_ **GW Ramsey** \$2.971 31-Oct-08 4.0 8.5 8.4 21.0 21.0 25.0 19.0 16.2 11.3 15.2 \_ **GW** Phillips \$0.195 7.8 15.6 16.7 35.8 35.8 15.4 9.2 12.7 30-Jun-17 \_ \_ **GW Real Estate** \$0.100 31-Dec-21 GW Quant -\_ \_ \_ -\_ --\_ \_ -\$8.176 2.2 19.8 8.6 7.7 21.1 21.1 26.6 15.5 11.1 **GWII SIFs Total Benchmark Data** 4.5 10.7 11.7 28.7 28.7 26.0 18.4 16.5 4.5 S&P 500 Index 19.9 9.6 9.6 16.2 16.4 41.3 41.3 12.4 12.2 FTSE All Equity REITs TR Inx.

#### **PERFORMANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021, Rate of Return (%)**

TOP POSITIONS				CHARACTERISTICS: Div. Yield	P/E
GW Ramsey SIF	AAPL 11.2%	NVDA 10.1%	MSFT 6.9%	1.1	35.0
GW Phillips SIF	AAPL 15.1%	FTNT 6.5%	COST & MSFT 4.4%	1.1	31.7
GW Real Estate SIF	PLD 8.9%	CPT 8.4%	MAA 5.5%	2.5	-





#### ABOUT GW INVESTMENT INSTITUTE

The GW Investment Institute (GWII) teaches students at George Washington University how to think about investing and invest. The GWII shares market insights and research, links students to industry and industry professionals, and provides a platform where our alumni and friends connect.

Undergraduate and graduate students learn by doing - they serve as analysts and portfolio managers, managing approximately \$8 million in university endowment funds across four student investment funds (SIF). The objective of these funds is to preserve and grow the capital through long-only investments in publicly-listed companies in the U.S. The GWII courses cover: equities, real estate, venture capital, and quantitative investing. Students analyze companies using the GWII Framework of BMPB: Business, Management, Price/Valuation, and Balance Sheet. The newly launched Quant SIF will be investing based on quantitative models built by the students.

The GWII was founded in 2005 with a seed donation of \$1 million by Russell and Norma Ramsey. From the payout associated with the GW Ramsey Student Investment Fund, \$166,00 has been awarded to 46 exceptional students.

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