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# FT Wilshire 5000<sup>®</sup> Ends 2021 Up \$9.5 Trillion Four Positive Quarters Fuel Largest Annual Gain

Large Cap Best Small Cap for the Fifth Year in a Row

Santa Monica, Calif., January 3, 2022 – The FT Wilshire 5000 Index<sup>SM</sup>, definitive benchmark for the U.S. stock market, rose 3.89 percent in December, 9.58 percent for the fourth quarter and 26.70 percent for the year, closing 2021 at 48,835.51. This quarter's performance marked its fifth consecutive gain, according to Wilshire, a diversified global financial services firm. Without dividends reinvested, the index rose an estimated market value of \$1.6 trillion for December, \$3.8 trillion for the quarter and an all-time best annual gain of \$9.5 trillion for 2021.

"U.S. equities continued to move higher as investors see through short-term concerns regarding monetary policy and rising COVID cases," said Jason Schwarz, President and Chief Operating Officer of Wilshire. "The U.S. economy experienced a strong recovery in 2021 as personal consumption fueled economic activity and strong earnings growth, a trend that is expected to continue in 2022.""

The FT Wilshire 5000 set 62 record-closing highs in 2021.

Mega cap underperformed mid cap for the month, gaining 3.80 percent versus 4.68 percent in December, but outperformed for the quarter and year gaining 10.83 and 27.81 percent versus 9.28 and 27.34 percent, respectively, represented by the FT Wilshire US Mega Cap Index<sup>SM</sup> and FT Wilshire US Mid Cap Index<sup>SM</sup>.

Small cap lagged both for the third month in a row, represented by the FT Wilshire US Small Cap Index<sup>SM</sup>, gaining 3.73 percent for the month, 4.11 percent for the quarter and 19.36 percent for the year. This was the fifth year in a row where large cap outperformed small cap.

#### Sectors

Consumer Staples was the best sector in December, rising 9.87 percent which was just enough to keep it from being the worst sector for 2021 with a second worst gain of 17.84 percent. Real Estate was second best for the month, best for the quarter and second best for the year with returns of 9.61, 14.73 and 40.42 percent, respectively. A strong November enabled Information Technology to take second best honors for the fourth quarter returning 14.58 percent.

Though Energy was the third worst sector for December and third worst for the quarter with gains of 2.61 and 6.27 percent, respectively, a strong first half of the year enabled it to hold on as the best performing sector for 2021 with a gain of 55.89 percent. Utilities was the third best sector for December with a gain of 9.47 percent, though it was not enough to keep it from being the worst sector of 2021, only gaining 17.55 percent.

Consumer Discretionary fell from second best in November to the worst and only negative sector in December, falling -0.72 percent. Communication Services was a bottom three performer four months in a row at second worst in December returning 2.12 percent cementing its position as the worst and only negative performing sector for the quarter, with a loss of -0.75 percent. Financials was second worst for the quarter, gaining 4.85 percent, pulling the sector down to third best for the year returning 35.45 percent.

Risk Parity, Real Estate and Fixed Income

Multi-asset class risk parity, as represented by the Wilshire Risk Parity – 10%, 12% and 15% Target Volatility Indexes<sup>SM</sup>, rewarded higher risk for the third month in a row, the quarter and the year with returns of 2.37, 2.73 and 3.28 percent; 4.58, 5.26 and 6.29 percent; and 13.47, 15.12 and 17.53 percent, respectively.

US public real estate, as represented by the Wilshire US Real Estate Securities Index<sup>SM</sup> and Wilshire US Real Estate Investment Trust Index<sup>SM</sup>, had its best month since November 2020 posting gains of 8.86 and 8.82 percent for the month, respectively, pushing the quarter year-to-date returns up to 17.15 and 17.14 percent, 46.11 and 46.18 percent, respectively.

International public real estate, as represented by the Wilshire exUS Real Estate Securities Index<sup>SM</sup>, trailed US public real estate for the third month in a row with a gain of 3.44 percent, pushing the quarterly and annual returns to 3.18 and 9.05 percent, respectively.

Bonds, as represented by the Wilshire Bond Index<sup>SM</sup>, fell for the month shedding -0.12 percent in December and pulling the fourth quarter and 2021 return down to 0.59 and 0.14 percent, respectively.

## FT WILSHIRE INDEX RETURNS AT A GLANCE

INDEX NAME	INDEX	TOTAL RETURN % CHANGE					
	LEVEL	MTD	QTD	YTD	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR
FT Wilshire 5000	48835.51	3.89%	9.58%	26.70%	26.70%	26.11%	18.11%
FT Wilshire 2500	6250.96	3.93%	9.78%	26.76%	26.76%	26.33%	18.00%
FT Wilshire US Mega Cap	6303.63	3.80%	10.83%	27.81%	27.81%	27.19%	19.14%
FT Wilshire US Mid Cap	6279.37	4.68%	9.28%	27.34%	27.34%	25.00%	15.72%
FT Wilshire US Large Cap	6299.30	3.95%	10.56%	27.73%	27.73%	26.84%	18.58%
FT Wilshire US Small Cap	5881.53	3.73%	4.11%	19.36%	19.36%	22.05%	13.55%
FT Wilshire US Micro Cap	6026.19	1.59%	-1.18%	22.10%	22.10%	22.69%	12.63%

#### **WILSHIRE INDEX RETURNS AT A GLANCE**

	TOTAL RETURN % CHANGE INDEX						
INDEX NAME	LEVEL	MTD	QTD	YTD	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR
Wilshire RESI	334.41	8.86%	17.15%	46.11%	46.11%	19.16%	11.05%
Wilshire REIT	388.50	8.82%	17.14%	46.18%	46.18%	19.19%	10.92%
Wilshire Global ex US RESI	3350.31	3.44%	3.18%	9.05%	9.05%	6.36%	6.28%
Wilshire Global RESI	4814.47	7.38%	13.12%	34.05%	34.05%	15.08%	9.68%
Wilshire Bond	233.78	-0.12%	0.59%	0.14%	0.14%	7.05%	4.99%
Wilshire Risk Parity - 10% Target Vol	593.89	2.37%	4.58%	13.47%	13.47%	13.40%	9.58%
Wilshire Risk Parity - 12% Target Vol	787.04	2.73%	5.26%	15.12%	15.12%	15.18%	10.96%

Wilshire Risk Parity - 15% Target Vol	1191.43	3.28%	6.29%	17.53%	17.53%	17.31%	12.77%

#### **DECEMBER FT WILSHIRE BEST AND WORST PERFORMING SECTORS BY INDEX**

TOP 3		FT WILSHIRE US LARG	SE CAP	FT WILSHIRE US SMA	LL CAP
		TOP 3		TOP 3	
Consumer Staples	9.87%	Real Estate	10.27%	Utilities	10.75%
Real Estate	9.61%	Consumer Staples	10.19%	Materials	8.12%
Utilities	9.47%	Utilities	9.24%	Real Estate	8.03%
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Energy	2.61%	Information Technology	2.62%	Energy	2.08%
Communication Services	2.12%	Communication Services	2.15%	Consumer Discretionary	1.46%
Consumer Discretionary	-0.72%	Consumer Discretionary	-1.06%	Communication Services	1.14%

### 2021 4th QUARTER FT WILSHIRE BEST AND WORST PERFORMING SECTORS BY INDEX

FT WILSHIRE 5000		FT WILSHIRE US LARGE	CAP	FT WILSHIRE US SMALI	L CAP
TOP 3		TOP 3		TOP 3	
Real Estate	14.73%	Real Estate	16.34%	Utilities	13.14%
Information Technology	14.58%	Materials	15.62%	Materials	12.12%
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Energy	6.27%	Energy	7.33%	Consumer Discretionary	2.85%
Financials	4.85%	Financials	5.00%	Health Care	-6.10%

Communication Services	-0.75%	Communication Services	-0.51%	Communication Services	-7.17%

#### 2021 ANNUAL FT WILSHIRE BEST AND WORST PERFORMING SECTORS BY INDEX

TOP 3		FT WILSHIRE US LA	ARGE CAP	FT WILSHIRE US SMALL CAP  TOP 3		
		TOP 3				
Energy	55.89%	Energy	50.91%	Energy	84.75%	
Real Estate	40.42%	Real Estate	44.72%	Real Estate	33.05%	
Financials	35.45%	Financials	35.95%	Materials	31.79%	
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Industrials	19.56%	Consumer Staples	18.21%	Consumer Staples	12.01%	
Consumer Staples	17.84%	Industrials	18.12%	Communication Services	6.30%	
Utilities	17.55%	Utilities	17.31%	Health Care	-9.64%	

All values as of December 31st, 2021. Index values are in price values. All returns are total returns and reflect float-adjusted market capitalization. Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

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