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Wilshire 5000® Volatility Returns, October Nets \$800 Billion Loss

Santa Monica, Calif., November 2, 2020 – The Wilshire 5000 Total Market IndexSM, definitive benchmark for the broad U.S. stock market, fell -2.20 percent in October, netting a 3.22 percent gain year to date and closing the month at 33,505.10 according to Wilshire Associates (Wilshire®), a diversified global financial services firm. Without dividends reinvested, the index had an estimated market value loss of \$800 billion for the month and \$875 billion gain year-to-date. Volatility returned to levels not seen since June.

“Despite a strong recovery in economic data, equity markets declined on concerns regarding an increase in COVID cases, greater political uncertainty, and disappointing technology earnings,” said Jason Schwarz, Chief Operating Officer of Wilshire Associates. “Investor sentiment will likely continue to be impacted by these same factors during the fourth quarter of 2020.”

Small-cap beat large-cap, represented by the Wilshire US Small-Cap IndexSM and Wilshire US Large-Cap IndexSM, for the second month in a row with a 2.22 percent gain and -2.54 percent loss, respectively; however, year-to-date, small-cap netted a -8.35 percent loss to large cap’s 4.33 gain.

Large-cap value outperformed large-cap growth for the second month in a row, represented by the Wilshire US Large-Cap Value IndexSM and Wilshire US Large-Cap Growth IndexSM, with losses of -2.15 and -2.90 percent, respectively, netting year-to-date returns of -7.54 and 16.55 percent, respectively.

Small-cap value outperformed small-cap growth for the first month this year, represented by the Wilshire US Small-Cap Value IndexSM and Wilshire US Small-Cap Growth IndexSM, with October gains of 3.21 and 1.24 percent, netting year to date returns of -17.12 and 1.19 percent, respectively. Wilshire US Small-Cap Value was the best performing index of all tracked indexes in October.

Sectors

Utilities rose from second best sector last month to nab best sector in October, gaining 4.73 percent. Materials fell from top performing sector last month to second best in October, gaining 1.83 percent.

Communication Services jumped from second worst sector last month to third best in October, gaining 1.24 percent.

Information Technology fell from third worst performing sector last month to worst sector in October, shedding -4.60 percent. Energy rose from worst performing sector last month to second worst in October, its ninth month this year in the bottom three, falling -3.82 percent.

Real Estate

US public real estate, represented by the Wilshire US Real Estate Securities IndexSM and Wilshire US Real Estate Investment Trust IndexSM, fell -2.47 and -2.46 percent for the month, fueling net losses of -18.91 and -18.79 percent for the year-to-date, respectively. International public real estate, represented by the Wilshire exUS Real Estate Securities IndexSM, posted a -2.73 percent loss for the month and -25.81 percent loss year-to-date.

Fixed Income

Bonds, represented by the Wilshire Bond IndexSM, ended -0.39 percent lower for the month but remained positive year-to-date, gaining 7.34 percent.

Risk Parity

Multi-asset class risk parity, represented by the Wilshire Risk Parity – 10%, 12% and 15% Target Volatility IndexesSM, rewarded lower risk for both the month and year-to-date with October losses of -1.99, -2.24 and -2.65 percent, and -7.21, -9.03 and -12.05 percent, respectively.

Wilshire Index Returns at a Glance

Index Name	Index Level	MTD	QTD	Total Return % Change			
				YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year
Wilshire 5000	33505.10	-2.20%	-2.20%	3.22%	10.18%	10.09%	11.59%
Wilshire 4500	1560.30	0.50%	0.50%	3.39%	10.50%	7.37%	10.29%
Wilshire US Large-Cap	7754.30	-2.54%	-2.54%	4.33%	11.34%	10.92%	12.07%
Wilshire US Mid-Cap	10796.79	1.26%	1.26%	-5.04%	0.37%	4.52%	8.15%
Wilshire US Small-Cap	10105.31	2.22%	2.22%	-8.35%	-1.98%	1.96%	6.84%
Wilshire US Micro-Cap	11806.97	0.00%	0.00%	-11.61%	-3.60%	-3.10%	3.68%
Wilshire US Large-Cap Growth	10547.93	-2.90%	-2.90%	16.55%	25.44%	16.68%	15.69%
Wilshire US Large-Cap Value	5292.50	-2.15%	-2.15%	-7.54%	-2.12%	5.08%	8.20%
Wilshire US Mid-Cap Growth	12365.79	0.51%	0.51%	7.43%	15.32%	9.42%	11.13%
Wilshire US Mid-Cap Value	7293.79	2.09%	2.09%	-19.00%	-15.81%	-1.54%	4.09%

Wilshire US Small-Cap Growth	10553.05	1.24%	1.24%	1.19%	9.49%	6.65%	9.91%
Wilshire US Small-Cap Value	8814.90	3.21%	3.21%	-17.12%	-12.31%	-2.58%	3.69%
Wilshire BDC	39.03	-3.38%	-3.38%	-24.31%	-21.05%	-1.83%	3.21%
Wilshire RESI	209.03	-2.47%	-2.47%	-18.91%	-20.59%	-0.12%	2.16%
Wilshire REIT	242.96	-2.46%	-2.46%	-18.79%	-20.51%	-0.09%	1.98%
Wilshire Global ex US RESI	2606.16	-2.73%	-2.73%	-25.81%	-24.38%	-3.83%	-0.41%
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Wilshire Bond	228.09	-0.39%	-0.39%	7.34%	7.59%	6.14%	5.36%
Wilshire Risk Parity – 10% Target Vol	469.74	-1.99%	-1.99%	-7.21%	-6.06%	4.08%	7.14%
Wilshire Risk Parity - 12% Target Vol	602.33	-2.24%	-2.24%	-9.03%	-7.80%	4.46%	8.27%
Wilshire Risk Parity - 15% Target Vol	868.28	-2.65%	-2.65%	-12.05%	-10.87%	4.60%	9.85%

Wilshire Best and Worst Performing Sectors by Index

Wilshire 5000		Wilshire US Large-Cap		Wilshire US Small-Cap	
Top 3		Top 3		Top 3	
Utilities	4.73%	Utilities	4.75%	Financials	9.29%
Materials	1.83%	Communication Services	1.36%	Materials	5.60%
Communication Services	1.24%	Materials	1.35%	Utilities	4.38%
Bottom 3		Bottom 3		Bottom 3	
Consumer Discretionary	-3.20%	Health Care	-3.49%	Energy	-1.58%
Energy	-3.82%	Energy	-4.02%	Real Estate	-3.86%
Information Technology	-4.60%	Information Technology	-4.86%	Communication Services	-5.35%

All values as of October 30th, 2020. 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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