

Given the shortened holiday week, equity issuance was much lighter than recent weeks. Equity markets, on the other hand, faced a busy and volatile week following the WHO announcement of a new Covid variant, Omicron. The Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Nasdaq closed down (2.0%), (2.2%), and (3.5%), respectively. The VIX jumped to an eight-month high following the news on Friday, closing at 28.62, up +59.1% from the prior week's close.

On Monday, President Biden announced that sitting Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell would be staying on for a second term, beating out Fed Governor Lael Brainard for the position. Fed Governor Brainard was subsequently nominated by President Biden for the role of Vice Chair of the Fed's Board of Governors. Chair Powell will now return his focus on the Fed's response to surging inflation, which sits at its highest levels in over thirty years. Following the President's announcement, many economists and traders anticipate that the Fed will hike interest rates beginning in June, with at least two additional rate hikes to follow over the course of 2022.

In commodity-related news, President Biden announced on Tuesday that the United States plans to release 50 million barrels of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) over the next several months. The United States, along with other energy-consuming nations, including India and China, is seeking to curb the recent surge in oil prices by adding additional supply to the market. Gasoline prices in the U.S. have risen to their highest levels in seven years, with the average price-per-gallon at roughly \$3.409 on Monday. All eyes will be on OPEC+ as the SPR move may discourage the cartel from boosting its own production.

On Wednesday, it was reported that consumer prices in October rose at the fastest pace in over thirty years on a year-over-year basis. According to data from the personal consumption expenditures index, prices increased by +5.0% during that span, as the combination of surging energy prices and demand for goods and services drove the index higher. Excluding energy and food, the PCE index rose +4.1%. Despite the uptick in inflation, U.S. household spending increased +1.3% in October, up from the +0.6% gain in September. Additionally, personal income climbed +0.5%, even as government assistance began to ease.

On the labor front, weekly jobless claims fell to the lowest levels in more than 52 years the week ended November 19th. On Wednesday, initial jobless claims totaled 199,000, beating estimates of 260,000 and below the previous week's total of 270,000. The Labor Department did not cite any specific drivers for the significant decline, but this may be a positive sign for a labor market that has been struggling since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On Thursday, the World Health Organization expressed concerns over a new Covid-19 variant detected in South Africa. Health officials warned that the new variant may pose more resistance to vaccines and show greater transmissibility given its mutations. Belgium reported its first case of the variant on Friday, which prompted the EU to recommend the suspension of travel from southern African nations across its member states. The United States followed suit, proposing similar restrictions. On Friday, U.S. equities had their worst day since February following news while oil markets had their worst day since April 2020.

Equity issuance slowed down across the board given the shortened holiday week, with \$1.0bn raised across 8 deals. However, the IPO backlog remains robust and ready to re-open following the holiday with 350 deals targeting \$58.8bn in total proceeds.

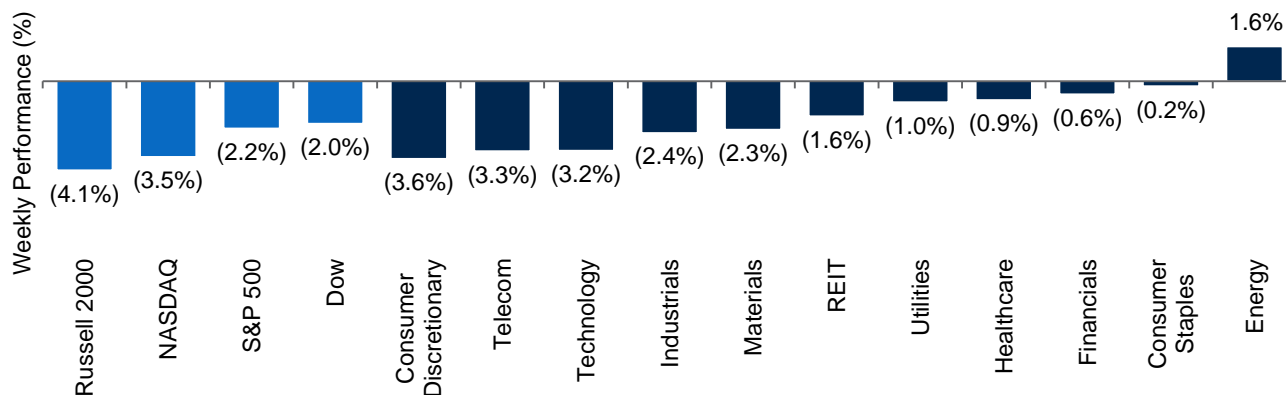
With respect to issuance this week:

7 IPOs priced this week, raising \$1.0bn

1 Follow-on priced this week, raising \$50.0mm

0 Convertibles priced this week

Equity Market Drivers For the Week Ended 11/26/21



Note: Sector indices reflect S&P 500 companies.

Positive Drivers

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- Third-quarter GDP was revised upward to an annualized rate of +2.1% from +2.0%. Economists predict a strong jump in GDP during Q4 assuming inflation and worsening Covid-19 remain in control

Negative Drivers

- On Friday, U.S. equities had their worst day since February following news that a new Covid variant emerged in South Africa. The Dow Jones, S&P 500, and Nasdaq dropped (2.5%), (2.3%) and (2.2%), respectively. Oil also tanked, with WTI dropping 12.0%, marking the worst day since April 2020
- Minutes from the Fed's November meeting suggested that Fed members will aim to raise interest rates if inflation continues to run at its current pace. The rate of inflation is sitting at its highest levels in 30 years
- Energy prices continue to soar, with the national average price-per-gallon of gasoline at \$3.403 as of November 22nd. President Biden responded to rising energy prices by announcing that the U.S. will release oil reserves from the SPR over the next few months

Market Performance

	Current	2021	Month Chg.	Week Chg.
Dow Jones	34,899.3	14.0%	(1.7%)	(2.0%)
S&P 500	4,594.6	22.3%	0.9%	(2.2%)
NASDAQ	15,491.7	20.2%	1.7%	(3.5%)
VIX	28.62	25.8%	68.6%	59.8%

Economic Forecast

	2019	2020	Most Recent ⁽¹⁾	2021E
Real GDP (YoY%)	2.1%	(3.5%)	2.1%	5.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	8.1%	4.6%	5.4%
Core PCE (YoY%)	1.7%	1.4%	3.6%	3.2%
Fed Funds Target	1.75%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%

New Issuance For the Week Ended 11/26/2021

U.S. Offerings Greater Than \$15 million	IPOs		Follow-Ons		Convertibles		Total	
	# of	\$ mm	# of	\$ mm	# of	\$ mm	# of	\$ mm
Offerings Priced	7	\$937.0	1	\$50.0	-	\$0.0	8	\$987.0
Offerings Filed	16	\$2,876.0	2	\$175.0	-	\$0.0	18	\$3,051.0
Offering Expected next Week	1	\$29.9	-	\$0.0	-	\$0.0	1	\$29.9
Offerings Withdrawn / Postponed	-	\$0.0	-	\$0.0	-	\$0.0	-	\$0.0

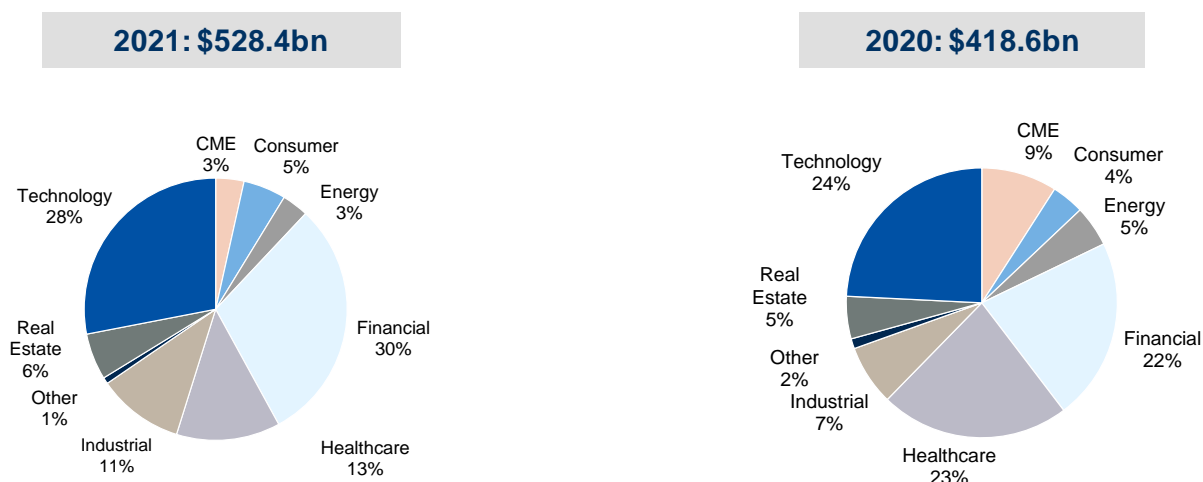
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(1) MRQ: Q3 2021.

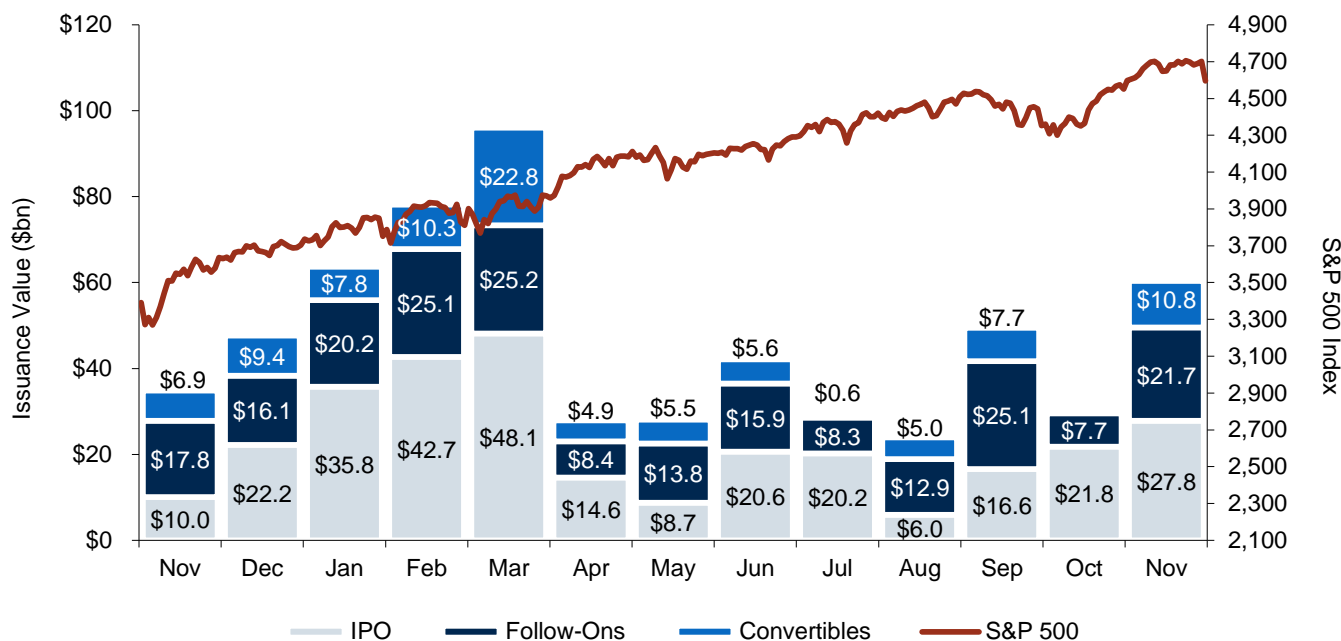
Year To Date Equity Issuance

Deal Type	2021		2020		YoY % Change	
	Proceeds (\$bn)	# of Deals	Proceeds (\$bn)	# of Deals	Proceeds	# of Deals
IPO	\$263.0	878	\$124.8	339	110.7%	159.0%
Follow-On	\$184.4	693	\$198.9	575	(7.3%)	20.5%
Convertible	\$81.1	145	\$97.8	169	(17.1%)	(14.2%)
Total:	\$528.4	1,716	\$421.5	1,083	25.4%	58.4%

Year To Date Equity Issuance By Sector



Monthly Equity Issuance – LTM

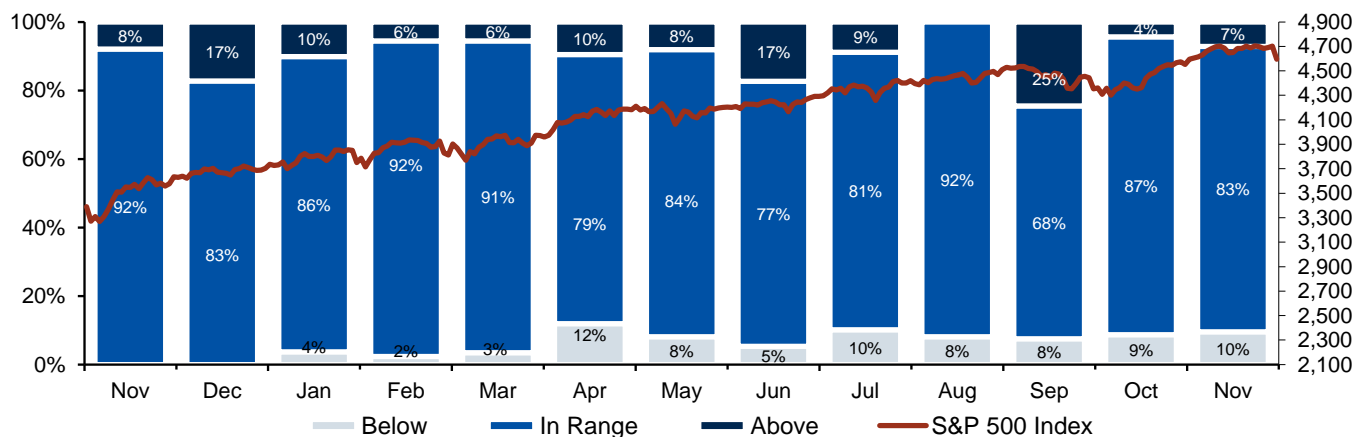


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Recently Priced IPOs

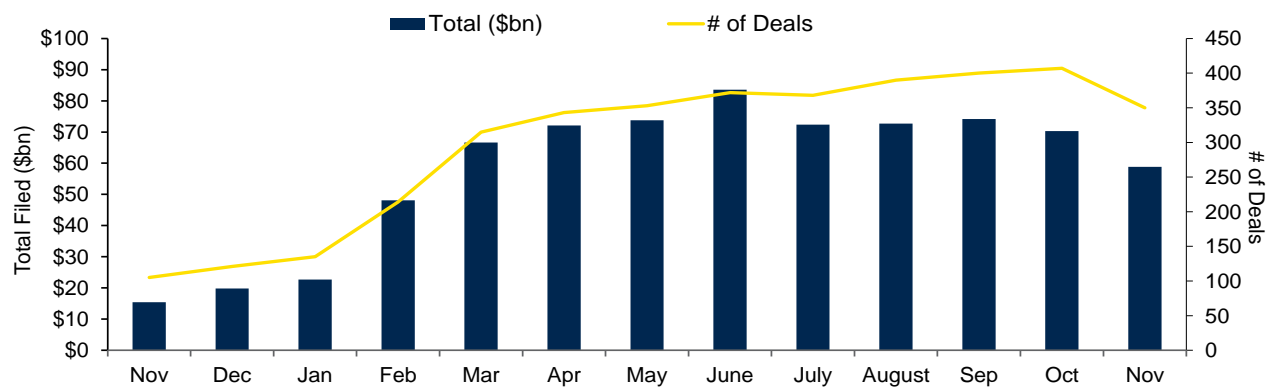
Pricing Date	Issuer	Ticker	Base Deal Size (\$m)	Green Shoe Exercised (Y/N)	Revised Deal Size % Chg	Mkt Cap (\$m)	% of Mkt Cap	Returns			Financial Sponsor	
								Pricing vs. Range	P+1 Day	P to Current		
11/23/21	Beard Energy Transition Acquisition Corp	BRDU	\$200		(20.0%)	\$272	73.6%	In Range	0.8%	0.8%	Finance	
11/23/21	Everest Consolidator Acquisition Corp	MNTN	\$150		-	\$188	80.0%	In Range	0.8%	0.8%	Finance	
11/23/21	Vahanna Tech Edge Acquisition I Corp	VHNAU	\$174		16.0%	\$212	82.3%	In Range	0.8%	0.8%	Finance	
11/23/21	Aeroclean Technologies Inc	AERC	\$25		-	\$139	18.0%	In Range	689.4%	710.0%	Machinery	
11/22/21	8i Acquisition 2 Corp	LAXOU	\$75	Y	50.0%	\$96	77.8%	In Range	1.2%	1.5%	Finance	
11/22/21	Mana Capital Acquisition Corp	MAAQU	\$62		3.3%	\$78	80.0%	In Range	2.3%	2.6%	Finance	
11/22/21	Legato Merger Corp II	LGTOU	\$240		20.0%	\$301	79.7%	In Range	0.5%	0.4%	Finance	
11/19/21	InFinT Acquisition Corp	IFINU	\$174	Y	(0.6%)	\$218	79.9%	In Range	0.5%	0.6%	Finance	
11/18/21	FTAC Zeus Acquisition Corp	ZINGU	\$350	Y	(20.5%)	\$470	74.4%	In Range	1.0%	0.7%	Finance	
11/18/21	Snow Lake Resources Ltd	LITM	\$24	Y	12.0%	\$122	19.7%	In Range	73.3%	(13.6%)	Mining	
11/18/21	Crescera Capital Acquisition Corp	CRECU	\$175		(12.5%)	\$233	75.3%	In Range	0.3%	0.5%	Finance	
11/18/21	bleuacacia Ltd	BLEUU	\$240		(20.0%)	\$290	82.8%	In Range	0.5%	0.5%	Finance	
11/18/21	Finwise Bancorp	FINW	\$37	Y	(15.2%)	\$129	28.6%	Below	21.2%	21.7%	Finance	
11/18/21	Infinite Acquisition Corp	NFNTU	\$240	Y	20.0%	\$290	82.8%	In Range	0.8%	1.3%	Finance	
11/18/21	ALSP Orchid Acquisition Corp I	ALORU	\$150		-	\$196	76.6%	In Range	0.9%	0.6%	Finance	
11/17/21	Sweetgreen Inc	SG	\$364		4.0%	\$2,991	12.2%	Above	76.8%	43.0%	Dining & Lodging	
11/17/21	ShoulderUP Technology Acquisition Corp	SUACU	\$265	Y	6.0%	\$363	72.9%	In Range	0.6%	0.7%	Finance	
11/17/21	Arisz Acquisition Corp	ARIZU	\$60	Y	-	\$78	77.4%	In Range	1.5%	1.4%	Finance	
11/17/21	Seaport Global Acquisition II Corp	SGIIU	\$125		-	\$156	80.0%	In Range	0.5%	0.8%	Finance	
11/16/21	Nabors Energy Transition Corp	NETCU	\$240	Y	(4.0%)	\$303	79.3%	In Range	1.1%	1.5%	Finance	
20 Transactions			Mean: \$168		2.6%	\$356	66.7%		43.7%	38.8%		
			Median: \$174		3.3%	\$215	77.6%		0.9%	0.8%		

LTM IPO Pricing Performance by Month



# of IPOs:	38	54	108	126	148	43	36	78	74	38	53	89	84
Deal Value (\$bn):	\$11.5	\$20.7	\$35.3	\$42.7	\$49.6	\$14.7	\$8.7	\$25.0	\$19.2	\$6.1	\$15.4	\$21.3	\$27.8

Historical IPO Backlog

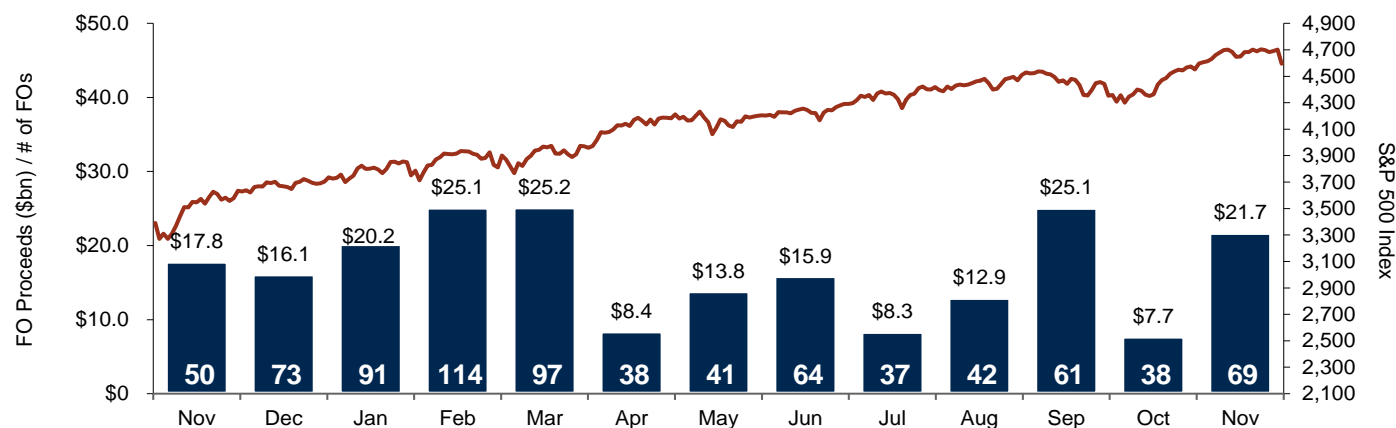


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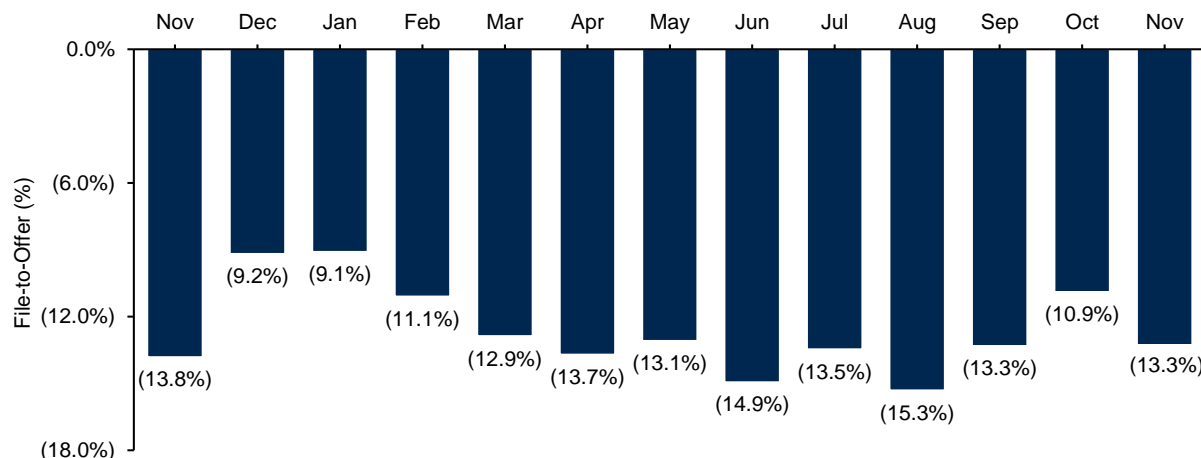
Recently Priced Follow-Ons⁽¹⁾

Pricing Date	Deal Type	Issuer	Ticker	Base Deal Size (\$mm)	Green Shoe Exercised (Y/N)	Revised Deal Size %Chg	% Secondary	Mkt Cap (\$mm)	Base Offer As		Returns			Industry	Financial Sponsor
									% of Mkt Cap	Multiple of ADTV	File to Offer %	P+1 Day	P to Current		
11/23/21	B	Outlook Therapeutics Inc	OTLK	\$50		400.0%	0.0%	\$340	14.7%	35.0x	0.0%	1.6%	9.6%	Healthcare	
11/19/21	A	Flora Growth Corp	FLGC	\$30		60.0%	0.0%	\$232	12.9%	5.7x	(35.8%)	(27.7%)	(34.3%)	Healthcare	
11/19/21	B	Blackstone Mortgage Trust Inc	BXMT	\$318		-	0.0%	\$5,483	5.8%	7.7x	(3.0%)	(0.5%)	(2.8%)	Real Estate/Property	Blackstone
11/18/21	M	Rover Group Inc	ROVR	\$60	Y	(45.5%)	100.0%	\$1,942	3.1%	11.9x	(27.8%)	20.6%	6.0%	Computers & Electronics	
11/18/21	A	Ecovyst Inc	ECVT	\$76		(36.0%)	100.0%	\$1,462	5.2%	21.6x	(25.3%)	2.2%	3.1%	Chemicals	CCMP Capital
11/18/21	A	Alignment Healthcare Inc	ALHC	\$168	Y	-	100.0%	\$4,069	4.1%	13.2x	(8.1%)	3.6%	(17.4%)	Healthcare	General Atlantic, Warburg Pincus
11/18/21	A	Northern Oil & Gas Inc	NOG	\$200	Y	-	5.0%	\$1,626	12.3%	10.2x	(14.9%)	6.0%	2.8%	Oil & Gas	
11/18/21	A	Priva Health Group Inc	PRVA	\$174		-	100.0%	\$3,216	5.4%	10.4x	(6.3%)	0.5%	(18.2%)	Healthcare	
11/18/21	A	Kornit Digital Ltd	KRNT	\$400		20.0%	26.7%	\$7,513	5.3%	7.8x	(5.8%)	16.8%	8.0%	Machinery	
11/18/21	A	SEMrush Holdings Inc	SEMR	\$101		(9.1%)	20.0%	\$2,991	3.4%	12.6x	(17.6%)	2.3%	0.7%	Computers & Electronics	
11/18/21	A	Arrival	ARVL	\$308	Y	29.5%	0.0%	\$6,469	4.8%	11.8x	(28.3%)	10.5%	1.3%	Auto/Truck	
11/18/21	A	Fathom Holdings Inc	FTHM	\$44		-	20.0%	\$419	10.4%	39.5x	(3.4%)	0.5%	(5.4%)	Computers & Electronics	
11/18/21	A	Lantronix Inc	LTRX	\$35		-	0.0%	\$309	11.4%	14.9x	(16.6%)	5.1%	(3.2%)	Computers & Electronics	
11/18/21	A	Cymabay Therapeutics Inc	CBAI	\$75		-	0.0%	\$342	21.9%	42.1x	(1.0%)	(0.8%)	(5.8%)	Healthcare	
11/18/21	A	AquaBounty Technologies Inc	AGB	\$24		-	100.0%	\$222	10.6%	10.1x	(32.7%)	17.6%	22.9%	Agribusiness	
11/18/21	B	EDT Corp	EDT	\$225		-	100.0%	\$7,975	2.8%	1.2x	(2.8%)	1.6%	2.4%	Oil & Gas	
11/17/21	A	Northwestern Corp	NWE	\$325	Y	-	0.0%	\$3,254	10.0%	14.2x	(8.5%)	2.3%	3.9%	Utility & Energy	
11/17/21	A	Clover Health Investments Corp	CLOV	\$300		49.1%	0.0%	\$3,040	9.9%	2.5x	(23.9%)	(2.4%)	(5.9%)	Healthcare	
11/17/21	A	AG Mortgage Investment Trust Inc	MITT	\$72		-	0.0%	\$241	29.8%	28.0x	(19.0%)	0.9%	1.2%	Real Estate/Property	
11/17/21	A	DoubleVerify Holdings Inc	DV	\$250		-	100.0%	\$5,093	4.9%	12.8x	(7.4%)	0.4%	5.8%	Computers & Electronics	Providence Equity Partners LLC
20 Transactions				Mean:	\$162	58.5%	38.6%	\$2,812	9.4%	15.7x	(14.4%)	3.1%	(1.3%)		
				Median:	\$135	24.7%	12.5%	\$2,466	7.8%	12.2x	(11.7%)	1.9%	1.2%		

LTM Follow-On Issuance by Month



LTM Follow-On Issuance Monthly File-to-Offer Discounts⁽²⁾



Source: Bloomberg & Dealogic.

(1) M = Marketed; A = Accelerated; B = Block. (2) LTM Follow-On Issuance Monthly File-to-Offer Discounts excludes bought deals.

U.S. Convertible & Equity-Linked Issuance and Market Commentary

- There was no new issuance in the U.S. convertible market during the week ended November 26
 - Conditions remain strong for new convertible issuance

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