| Total Returns through June 30, 2021 |                         |                  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| US Stocks                           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter | Year-to-<br>Date |
| Standard & Poor's 500               | 8.6%                    | 15.3%            |
| Russell 2000®                       | 4.3%                    | 17.5%            |
| International Stocks                |                         |                  |
| MSCI World Ex-USA                   | 5.7%                    | 9.9%             |
| MSCI Emerging Markets               | 5.1%                    | 7.5%             |
| US Fixed Income                     |                         |                  |

Sources: FactSet, Standard & Poor's

## Inflation: Passing Through or Here to Stay?

Inflation is a natural byproduct of economic resurgence. In any expansionary period, strong demand can push prices higher before supply has an opportunity to catch up. We are seeing that in sp(.)-4.1. Tw 11(s)-6.(g)-4 (e)-10.2

and sporting stimulus payments and/or accumulated savings, readily bought them up. Consumers were also stepping up their purchases of new cars, electronic devices, household appliances, and other goods that drastically increased demand for microchips at a time the global semiconductor industry was confronting pandemic-related and other supply disruptions. The result was, and continues to be, a global chip shortage. This is impacting new vehicle production and has prevented rental car companies from replenishing their fleets to meet the currently exploding demand. Indeed, the supply/ demand imbalance has contributed to rental car prices skyrocketing—up 110% year-over-year in May, including double digit increases for the last several months. Accordingly, renta