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The Stock Market Had a Wonderful Year. Too Bad No One Enjoyed It.

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Despite the pandemic, consumers continue to open their wallets, even for pricey luxury goods. Scott Heins/Getty Images

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If all you had to ponder were the numbers, you would assume that everyone would have fond memories of 2021. Jobs were plentiful. Economic growth was the strongest it had been in decades, and stock returns were out of this world. It's the kind of data that would have been celebrated just a few