

2017 Q3



A Look Back

If you've taken our past advice about ignoring the onslaught of breaking market news, you probably didn't read Russell Investments' recent ["2017 Global Market Outlook Q4 Update."](#)

We're not prone to pour over these relatively unremarkable analyses ourselves, but we do scan a sampling of them as part of our due diligence. That's how we came across this intriguing statement in [Russell Investments' wrap-up](#):

"Our main message for the close of 2017 isn't much different from our opening one: we maintain our 'buy the dips and sell the rallies' mantra."

Great idea, but a little weak on practical application. It's akin to suggesting that lottery players can score big ... as long as they consistently pick the winning numbers!

Immediately following Russell Investments' mantra, you'll find their disclosure:

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In all seriousness, we feel these sorts of reports inadvertently speak volumes about the

evidence-based investing strategy to which we adhere. Relying on long-term market history instead of short-term forecasts, allows us to take a more systematic approach to investing.

We continue to believe the best way to manage your personal wealth is to:

- Buy, sell and rebalance your portfolio according to the carefully crafted plans we created based on your goals.
- Focus on an evidence-based approach to capturing the market's more durable returns while managing its related risks.*
- Ignore the market's daily distractions, especially its fleeting dips and rallies; they're far more likely to block the view toward your higher goals than to yield big wins through the chase.



Whether the markets change, your situation changes, or your goals change, we remain eager to hear from you. Please let us know if there's anything else we can help you with on your financial journey.

*There is no guarantee that Evidence Based investing will yield a positive result. Investing involves risk.



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Quarterly Market Review

Market Summary

Index Returns



	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q3 2017	STOCKS				BONDS	
	4.57%	5.62%	7.89%	1.13%	0.85%	0.70%
Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	1.9%	1.6%	3.1%	2.7%	1.2%	1.1%
Best Quarter	16.8% Q2 2009	25.9% Q2 2009	34.7% Q2 2009	32.3% Q3 2009	4.6% Q3 2001	5.5% Q4 2008
Worst Quarter	-22.8% Q4 2008	-21.2% Q4 2008	-27.6% Q4 2008	-36.1% Q4 2008	-3.0% Q4 2016	-3.2% Q2 2015

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Client Journey: Finding Your Passion

Dale and Robin

Atlas clients Dale and Robin are childhood friends turned high school sweethearts. Married right after college graduation, they moved to Dallas from Michigan after a snowy winter with a car full of belongings, Robin 8 months pregnant and \$500. After spending decades building their careers, Robin has found a new passion in retirement.



Tell us about your retirement.

Robin: When we moved to Dallas, I started working in accounting and finance. After several years, I moved into HR and then went back to school to get my master's degree. Eventually, I started my own consulting business.

When I initially retired, I spent a year enjoying some travel and playing with our granddaughter, Brianna. I was able to do so many things with her that I didn't get to do with our kids while I was working and going to school. Once Brianna started school, I thought, "Well, I need something to do." One of my coaching clients suggested becoming a travel agent.

It was a fun idea, so I did quite a bit of research, completed several certifications, and then hung out my shingle for Create Your Dream Travel.

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Giving Back

190,000
MEALS EACH DAY

23 million
POUNDS OF FRESH
PRODUCE
LAST YEAR

70 million
MEALS LAST YEAR

7 million
POUNDS OF MEAT
OR OTHER HIGH
PROTEIN FOODS



Atlas Wealth Advisors is kicking off our strategic partnership with the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB).

NTFB is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization, providing access to more than 190,000 meals each day for hungry children, seniors and families through a network of more than 1,000 programs and 200 Partner Agencies in our 13-county service area. In fiscal year 2016, NTFB provided access to some 70 million meals but the need for hunger relief in North Texas today is much larger, especially after Hurricane Harvey.

NTFB is continuing to provide resources to those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. They have already provided and distributed a total of 122,956 lbs of food to evacuees at 10 DFW-area shelters. Additionally, their Social Services Team continues to be on-site helping evacuees apply for disaster food benefits.

You can also help us support the outstanding efforts of the NTFB by keeping an eye out on [our social media pages](#) for announcements about special matching events & food drives.

