



2018 Q1 Atlas Insights



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A Look Back

If you were a member of the press, you'd probably be one of the few people that were happy with 2018's first quarter stock market performance. Volatility-fueling news in early February would have finally given you some attention-grabbing headlines to write about.

As usual, there are plenty of potential culprits to point to among current events:

- Global trade wars heating up
- The arrival of quantitative tightening (rising interest rates)
- Troubles in tech-land over data privacy concerns
- Ongoing Brexit talks, and some interesting events over in the Koreas

As the first quarter of this year drew to an end, one hopeful journalist asked, "Is the Bear Market Here Yet?" Another observed that the number of Dow Jones Industrial Average trading days with a 1% move so far in 2018 are more than double the amount for all of 2017, and it isn't even April.

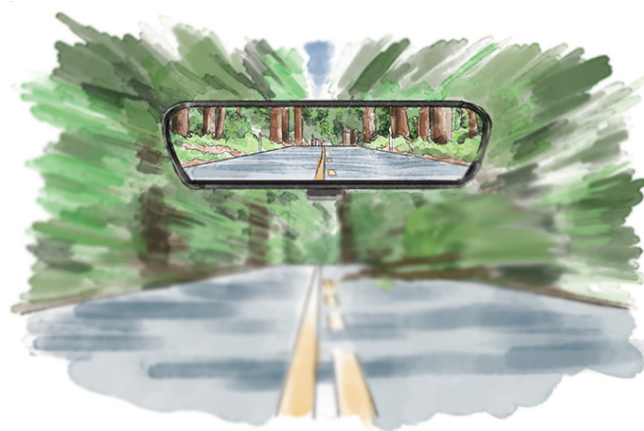
Has the coverage left you wondering about your investments? Are you questioning whether you should "do something," in case the ride gets rougher still?

If we've done our job of preparing you and your portfolio for market jitters, you may have noticed the news and still felt okay with where you are financially. Some of you might even be able to cite back to us why volatility may ultimately be good news for evidence-based investors anyway.

Insights from behavioral finance tell us that our brain's ingrained biases may cause us to gloss over painful times, and panic all over again when they recur, long before our rational resolve has time to kick in.







If the volatility is bothering you, let's talk. We can help provide perspective on how you are doing so far, and how you are doing in regard to your financial goals. Your current peace of mind is as important to us as your long-term financial goals.

As Wall Street Journal columnist Jason Zweig said during the February dip: "A happy few investors ... may have long-term thinking built into them by nature. The rest of us have to cultivate it by nurture." We couldn't agree more, and we consider it our privilege to advise you accordingly, through every market environment.



¹ <https://blogs.wsj.com/moneybeat/2017/12/29/the-year-everything-went-up-markets-in-18-charts/>

Market Summary Index Returns

	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate		US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q1 2018	STOCKS					BONDS	
	-0.64%	-2.04%	1.42%	-5.79%		-1.46%	0.94%
							

Since Jan. 2001							
Avg. Quarterly Return	1.9%	1.5%	3.2%	2.5%		1.1%	1.1%
Best Quarter	16.8%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%		4.6%	4.6%
	Q2 2009	Q2 2009	Q2 2009	Q3 2009		Q3 2001	Q4 2008
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-21.2%	-27.6%	-36.1%		-3.0%	-2.7%
	Q4 2008	Q4 2008	Q4 2008	Q4 2008		Q4 2016	Q2 2015

Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment. Index performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio. Market segment (index representation) as follows: US Stock Market (Russell 3000 Index), International Developed Stocks (MSCI World ex USA Index [net div.]), Emerging Markets (MSCI Emerging Markets Index [net div.]), Global Real Estate (S&P Global REIT Index), US Bond Market (Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index), and Global Bond ex US Market (Citigroup WGBI ex USA 1-30 Years [Hedged to USD]). The S&P data are provided by Standard & Poor's Index Services Group. Frank Russell Company is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks, and copyrights related to the Russell Indexes. MSCI data © MSCI 2016, all rights reserved. Bloomberg Barclays data provided by Bloomberg. Citigroup bond indices © 2016 by Citigroup.

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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

Pay it Forward

We love meeting new people, especially when introduced to us by old friends, so we want to “pay it forward.”

Atlas Wealth Advisors will continue to partner with the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) in 2018 by feeding a child for a month for every introduction you make to your advisor at Atlas Wealth Advisors. Thanks to your referrals we have provided 900 meals to hungry children whose families would otherwise struggle to feed.

We are just getting started! Our goal for 2018 is to donate enough money to fill an 18-wheeler with food. Follow us on LinkedIn or Facebook for announcements about special matching events & food drives.

The North Texas Food Bank (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. NTFB is a member of Feeding America, a national hunger relief organization.

