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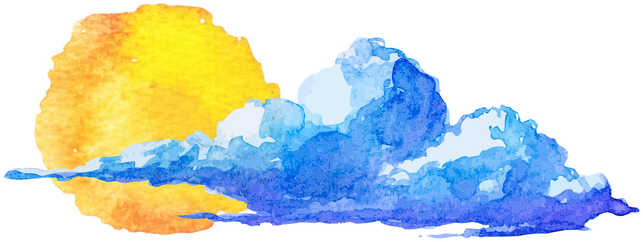
A Look Back

There is no way to predict the weather with 100 percent certainty. Sometimes it's sunny and 75 but a thunderhead has been building out of your line of site for hours, and at some point during the day will pour down rain by the bucket load. It's difficult to know exactly when that will happen even if you are keeping up with the weather channel on your smart phone.

The same applies to figuring out ***what the markets will do next***, but that doesn't stop people from making seemingly over confident statements and predictions every day.

Consider the following quote from a recent *Wall Street Journal* article entitled, "**Global Stocks Post Strongest First Half in Years, Worrying Investors**."

> "The question for stock investors is whether the strong first six months [of 2017] heralds a choppier second half or the start of a multiyear upswing. The data on global rallies offers a mixed record."



Confused about whether to go to the beach and enjoy your day or stay indoors glued to you TV or computer based on that headline? Maybe it will help if we translate that WSJ headline into simple terms:

> "Hindsight is 20/20, however we can't make an accurate prediction based on what we know so we suggest you keep reading the Wall Street Journal."

The article also reports: "All but four of the 30 major indexes representing the world's biggest stock markets by value have risen this year, a first-half performance unmatched since 2009."

Are U.S. equities over-valued? Or do mixed signals mean you should make a move based on rising versus stay-put interest rates? Rather than try to predict or react to market forecasts, here's a more useful question to consider:

Will extreme market fluctuations have any impact on my ability to achieve my goals?

Our clients know they don't have to worry about these kinds of questions, that's what we are here for. We help you make the best financial decisions you can considering your goals, resources, and timeframe.

If your goals have changed, we will review what that means to your portfolio allocation and work with you on figuring out what, if any, adjustments need to be made.

Does this new goal replace a goal we were previously planning for or do we need to prioritize the new goal into your existing financial goals?

Prudent portfolio management calls for maintaining the allocation that is appropriate for your age, goals, and timeframe – in good markets and bad. We help you make the strategic financial decisions that will keep you on track toward your financial goals so you can enjoy the wealth you have worked hard to build and protect.

Map, plan, guide – it's a simple process that allows us to help you sort through the complex financial decisions you have to make. The map is a combination of your goals, values, priorities, and timeframe. The plan is how we align your resources with the investment and tax strategies that are going to give you the greatest chance of success in achieving your goals. Of course, we are your guide. In good times and bad, we are here to help you stay on track or, when your goals change, help you find a new path to your goals.

"A public opinion poll is no substitute for thought" – Warren Buffet

You may read the Wall Street Journal, but so do over 2 million people. If you ask us, reacting to a headline crafted to grab the attention of millions of people is no substitute for strategic planning based on your unique goals and values.

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Quarterly Market Review

Market Summary

Index Returns

Q2 2017	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
	STOCKS				BONDS	
	3.02%	5.63%	6.27%	1.67%	1.45%	0.60%
Since Jan. 2001						
Avg. Quarterly Return	1.9%	1.5%	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 Path Again

Andrea Gray

Earlier this year, in celebration of her 70th birthday and her Granddaughter Marissa's 13th, Atlas Wealth Advisors client Andrea Gray journeyed to New York, Philadelphia and Washington DC. Her adventures haven't stopped there. Recently we talked to Andrea about her love for travel and how her journeys have changed over the years.

Why Do You Love to Travel?

Travel broadens my mind and gives context to my own life. When you visit places so unlike your own country, you often realize how fortunate you are. I have done missionary work in Africa, building a church, with no running water and no refrigeration or plumbing of any kind. I've been to the war torn weary Middle East. In Israel, I slipped the prayers of many into the Wailing Wall. On the other hand, I've travelled to Europe and seen its opulence and grandeur. I have been to the Pyramids in Egypt. I have flown over the hauntingly beautiful Napali coast with its majestic waterfalls in Kauai. Travel exposes you to all of humanity. It touches my heart and warms my soul to feel a part of the larger whole.

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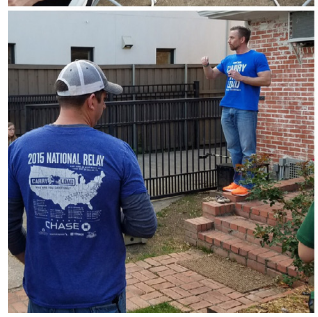
Giving Back

Thank you to everyone who attended the Carry the Load BBQ fundraiser held at Atlas Advisor Scott Hammel's home and Carry the Load's Dallas Memorial March.

We are so grateful to all of our clients who look for meaningful ways to honor and celebrate the sacrifices made by our nation's heroes — military, law enforcement, firefighters and first responders.



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