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THE QUARTER IN REVIEW

The "I's" had it across the first quarter, as *inflation* and *interest rates* continued to dominate popular financial headlines. That is, at least, until the Silicon Valley Bank meltdown took over, followed by the government's swift reaction to the same. What should you make of the quarterly news? If you had missed these events in real time, you may not even have known they had happened. At quarter-end, inflation continued to simmer on the back burner, as it has for some time. For the ninth time in a row, the Fed raised interest rates, most recently by a quarter point. Once again, many markets ended the quarter up, with big tech stocks leading the way. And to date, widespread bank runs have not materialized.

HOW TO MOVE FORWARD

This suggests, as usual, your best bet is to lead with two different kinds of "I's."

Investment Stamina (keeping a disciplined approach despite your fears)

A recent Vanguard Expert Perspective described how breaking news otherwise tempts us to react as if we're being chased by a grizzly bear:

"[Y]our body and attention is 100% focused on the next second or maybe 30 seconds, but certainly not your plans for 10 years from now! Understanding that anxiety, fear, and pain shorten decision horizons not only increases the motivation to better curate your news feeds and turn off 'junk news,' but it also increases your awareness to hit pause when considering significant decisions."

Put another way, across bear and bull markets alike, having a long-term investment outlook as our front-and-center guide better positions us to make thoughtful decisions amidst shifting news.

Individual Pursuits (investing is meant to help you achieve your desired lifestyle, not an end to itself)

When should you buy, sell, or hold particular positions? When is it time to reduce your exposure to market risks, or increase your ability to seize hoped-for rewards? Why are you investing to begin with? In large part, the answers are found in another "I," your *individual goals*. With proper planning, your portfolio is a tool that can provide you with the resources to support your desired lifestyle.

RATES OF RETURN ON CASH

For the past several years, we have let our cash deposits sit in bank savings and checking accounts and earn interest rates near zero (or not earn any interest at all). With inflation rates being relatively tame, we didn't notice a significant loss in our purchasing power. Over the last 2 years, that situation has changed – inflation has increased while bank deposits continue to pay relatively low rates.

As an alternative we are currently recommending for some clients is a short-term treasury money market fund. With a current yield over 4%, it is much closer to keeping pace for inflation on funds that you expect to use in the next 1-3 years. Please contact us for more details to determine if this is appropriate for your situation.

MAKE YOUR 2023 TAX MOVES EARLY

With April 18th now in the rear-view mirror, nearly all the options for changing your 2022 tax picture have expired. However, there is still plenty of time to make investment choices that will help you prepare for next year. Here are a few of our perennial favorites that we would be more than happy to discuss with you and implement, if appropriate:

- Qualified Charitable Distribution If you are over the age of 70 ½, you can send money from your traditional IRA to your favorite charity, church, or other 501(c)3 organization. This can create a better tax benefit than taking the distribution and writing a check yourself
- <u>Donation of stock to charity</u> Investments not held in IRAs are also suitable for enhancing the tax benefit of giving at any age. Your chosen organization will need to be able to accept the stock or mutual fund donation into a brokerage account, but by transferring it to them you avoid selling at a gain and still get a deduction for the value on the day you donate it.
- IRA contributions regular, Roth, or "backdoor Roth". Although you can wait until April 15th, 2024, why wait? If you have earned income this year, you can make a contribution of up to \$6,500 (\$7,500 if you are over 50). Or perhaps you have a young person in your life that is has just started to work, you can incentivize them with a "match" into a Roth IRA that will kickstart their retirement plan.
- Stock donation for a 90% Oregon income tax credit In some situations, we recommend a stock donation to an organization that can issue a certificate to reduce your income tax substantially.

Annual Disclosure Offering

As a registered investment advisor, we are required to provide you an annual notice regarding administrative matters. Our Form ADV Part 2 underwent the last annual update on February 23, 2023.

You may request an updated ADV Part 2 brochure by calling (503) 304-9248, emailing info@jgcwealth.com, or sending a request by mail to 2035 Madrona Ave SE Ste 100, Salem, OR 97302. Our privacy policy and updated ADV Part 2, as well as the Form ADV Part 2 brochures from the third-party asset management and subadvisor firms we work with, can be downloaded from this page on our website: jgcwealth.com/resources.

Summary of Material Changes:

1. Item 5 was updated to provide additional disclosures pertaining to rollover recommendations and our fiduciary obligations.

Quarterly Market Summary

Index Returns

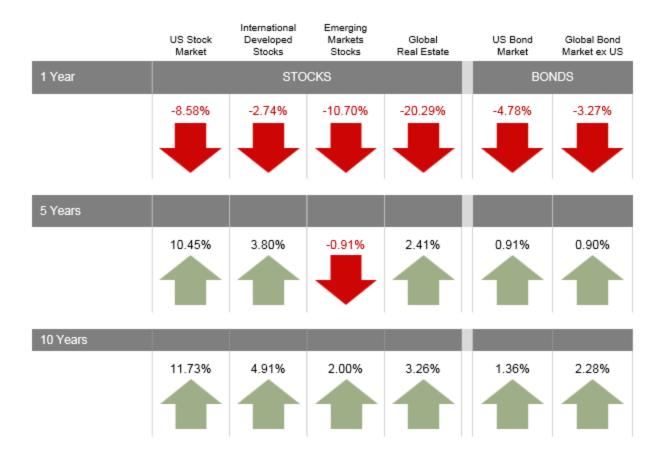
	US Stock Market	International Developed Stocks	Emerging Markets Stocks	Global Real Estate	US Bond Market	Global Bond Market ex US
Q1 2023	STOCKS				BONDS	
	7.18%	8.02%	3.96%	1.37%	2.96%	2.86%
Since Jan. 2001						
Average Quarterly Return	2.2%	1.5%	2.5%	2.2%	0.9%	0.9%
Best Quarter	22.0%	25.9%	34.7%	32.3%	4.6%	4.6%
	2020 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q2	2009 Q3	2001 Q3	2008 Q4
Worst Quarter	-22.8%	-23.3%	-27.6%	-36.1%	-5.9%	-4.1%
	2008 Q4	2020 Q1	2008 Q4	2008 Q4	2022 Q1	2022 Q1

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Long-Term Market Summary

Index returns as of March 31, 2023



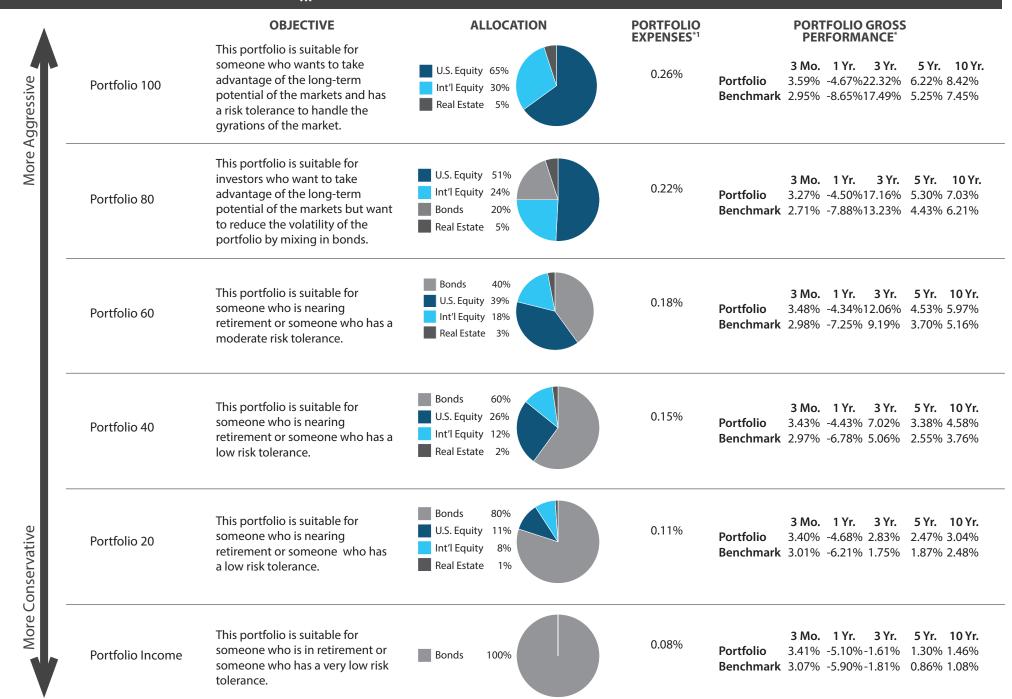
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Quarterly Reports

Enclosed are the reports on your portfolio for the quarter ending March 31, 2023. If you want to discuss your portfolio, have had changes in your financial situation, or have any other financial concerns or questions, please call us.

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WW PREFERRED MANAGED PORTFOLIOS



^{*}Source: Morningstar & fi360 through March 31, 2023