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2022 1st Quarter Market Commentary

FOR THE CLIENTS OF MAJERKO INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT:

Well, volatility certainly returned to the market in the first quarter. With a nice bounce back in March, for the 1st quarter (1/1/22-3/31/22) the (S&P 500) was down approximately –4.95% on a price basis and -4.60% on a total return basis (includes reinvested dividends). What was also notable was the bond market as measured by the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate index was down approximately -5.93% due to rising interest rates, negatively affecting balanced portfolios. You do not see that often.

With all the uncertainty such as rising inflation and interest rates, the war in Ukraine, not to mention some lingering Covid fears the market has certainly in my opinion proved to be resilient so far. Where does the market go from here? I do not know short term but the long-term wealth building capacity of the stock market has been proven over time.

Warren Buffett who is considered one the most successful investors of all time has said he does not try to predict the market, but I also feel investors should consider taking advantage of opportunities when the market presents them.

As always, we will be in contact should changes need to be made and we appreciate your loyalty and trust. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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