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2017 Third Quarter Commentary **For the Clients of Majerko Investment Management**

It was another good quarter for the market (July 1st – September 29th). For the quarter, S&P 500 was up +3.99% on a price basis and +4.48% on a total return basis (includes reinvested dividends). So far, we have a very good year going with the S&P 500 up +12.53% on a price basis and +14.24% on a total return basis.

It has been quite a while since we have had a correction in the stock market (-10% or greater). The inevitable will happen and we should not fear these corrections, as I believe they are needed to clear out excesses so the market can move higher.

Historically, these corrections happen more frequently – even in the best markets. For those that have a longer term time horizon, buying when these corrections happen may make a lot of sense. Stock valuations, in my opinion, are not cheap but also not overly expensive either – particularly if you take into account where interest rates are at this time. If we can grow our GDP (Gross Domestic Product) closer to our historical norm of 3%, that should help corporate earnings grow, which should move stock prices higher over time. I think this is quite a possible scenario.

As always, we will be diligently watching the markets and will be contacting our clients should changes need to be made. We appreciate your loyalty and trust.

Your referrals are appreciated!

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