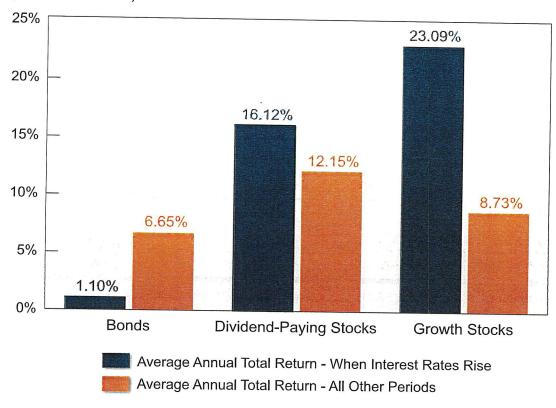
A Case For Growth Investing When Rates Rise

Investment Performance When Rates Rise

(12/31/93 - 9/28/18)



Source: Bloomberg. Monthly data from 12/31/1993 - 9/28/18.

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