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Welcome Friends,

"The best things in life are often waiting for you at the exit ramp of your comfort zone." - Karen Salmansohn

We all know what it's like to find comfort in the familiar. We love our own beds after a long trip, or our favorite restaurant with the perfect table by the window. But being open to new experiences can create new possibilities. And favoring the familiar doesn't always serve you well when it comes to your portfolio.

Investing only in U.S. stocks can make us feel more comfortable (and patriotic) however the United States is typically not the best performing market in the world. Avoiding global markets means you could potentially miss out on more impressive global returns. Fighting "home bias" can help enrich your portfolio performance and therefore your retirement. And instead of worrying about which countries might underperform or outperform, I believe you should own them all.

[Ranking of Stock Market Returns Around the World](#)

Another article illustrates how often the worst days in the stock market are followed closely by the best days. If you pull out of stocks when those down days make you uncomfortable, you will likely miss the next upswing. The lesson here: Long-term investors need to learn how to deal with being uncomfortable from time to time.

[The Perils of Trying To Avoid the Worst Days in the Stock Market?](#)

Besides an amazing trip to Europe or a swanky new smart phone, what recent graduates could really use is some good old fashion advice. Time is on their side, and the sooner they can save that first paycheck toward their retirement, the better! Some financial professionals weigh in on what they've learned about money and investing.

[Money Advice for New Grads and Some Old-School Wisdom](#)

If the open road is beckoning to you this summer, look no further than this detailed guide to our iconic highways. Plan to spend a couple of lazy vacation days or weeks ideally, traversing this great country of ours, discovering countless hidden gems.

[22 Essential Drives for a Summer Road Trip](#)

Have a great day, my friends - especially all the dads on Father's Day. Remember, each day is the only one on the schedule!

**Warm Regards,
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