



## The April Newsletter Is Here!!

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Our monthly newsletter offers market updates, access to our most recent blogs, a financial outlook for upcoming month, and a lifestyle section...all delivered straight to your inbox!

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### Market Research Update - Headwinds to Global Growth

This year, many aspects of the economy will likely be told as tales of two halves. Economic growth during the first half of this year will likely be different than the second half. Moreover, inflation pressures affect the lower half of the consumer base differently than the upper half. As the country adjusts to pandemic reshuffling and rising mortgage rates, we will likely observe greater regional and demographic divergence within the housing market.

Overall, the first half of this year will likely drag on 2022 U.S. economic growth while the second half of the year could rebound if global conditions improve. We started this year with a variant strain of COVID-19, and consumers and businesses alike pulled back spending. Before the economy could recover, geopolitical tensions snapped from Russia's decision to invade Ukraine. Commodity prices rose to record levels, some markets temporarily closed, and fixed income markets responded to a new paradigm.

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### Our Monthly Outlook - A Ways to Go

*"Bull markets are born on pessimism, grown on skepticism, mature on optimism, and die on euphoria." - Sir John Templeton*

According to the guidance of revered investor Sir John Templeton, it appears to us that this market may have a bit more left in the tank. The market returns we witnessed in March seem to bear this out, as stocks surged during the month despite the backdrop of war in Ukraine, inflationary pressures, and surging interest rates. However, over the intermediate term, the path forward may only be partially defined by Federal Reserve policies, global diplomatic efforts, and rates. Why? For one reason—earnings from corporate America remain strong and the jobs market is back to approximate pre-pandemic levels. Indeed, there seems to be plenty of skepticism, but market fundamentals have yet to be materially shaken from their foundation.

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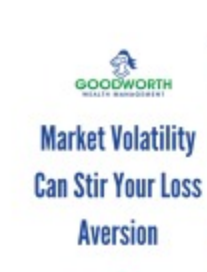
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