Client Newsletter – August 2024

ADVISOR'S PERSPECTIVES

Today's focus is the recent market correction.

1. Market Event Summary:
   - Between Thurs Aug 1st and Mon Aug 5th, the S&P500 index dropped ~8%. On Aug 5th, the NASDAQ index was down ~10% from its July 2024 high.
   - Several of the large brokerages had website failures on Monday 8/5, preventing clients from accessing their accounts and making trades.
2. Media verbiage between Aug 1st-5th included:
   - "Don't panic, but more losses ahead",
   - "Global asset meltdown",
   - "Prepare for a new high-volatility market",
   - "Volatility rips through Wall Street", etc.
3. Since Aug 5th:
   - The S&P500 has risen nearly every trading day and is currently slightly above its opening value on Aug 1st.
   - As today's market closes, the S&P500 is on track for its 8th consecutive day of gains and is up ~28% over the past year.

My recommendations continue to include:

- Don't overreact on short-term market actions or news (hype). The S&P500 is back up 9.4% since its Aug 1st low.
- Continue to invest in diversified portfolios of U.S. equities, International equities and fixed income securities, with weighting adjusted to reflect your time horizon and risk tolerance.
- When assessing your holdings, look at returns over a 3 year or longer timeframe.

CLIENT RESOURCE UPDATE

1. To access the Eustace Advisors Client Portal, go to: https://www.eustaceadvisors.com/client-resources, and use the password provided separately.
2. I recently posted a new Education Module related to Post-Retirement Health Care Planning and the 2024 "Medicare and You" brochure.
3. Check out the Advisor Insights on "Understanding Mutual Fund Capital Gain Distributions" and "An Estate Planning Call to Action - Missteps to Avoid" in the Articles and Research Papers section.

Upcoming topics will include Roth Conversions, Emergency Funds and Suggestions for Documenting Your Key Financial Information in case someone has to act on your behalf.

Please let me know if you have suggestions for Research Articles and Advisor Insight topics.

2024 SERVICE CALENDAR TOPICS

AUG: Social Security: Account Setup and Statement Review.

SEP: Employer Benefits Review.

OCT: Portfolio Review.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

SEP 15: Q3'24 Estimated Tax payment is due.