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“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” – Henry Ford

Five months ago I joined the [Acorn Financial team](#) and I couldn't be happier with my decision. Through Acorn I have found a team of likeminded professionals who work together to develop, implement, and review a personal action plan for growing and protecting your wealth. As many of you know, the transition to a new firm requires a great deal of time and effort, so I want to thank all of my clients for their valuable time and patience during this transition period. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a warm greeting to those of you who have been clients of Acorn for many years. I look forward to meeting you all at future events!

This has been a very exciting summer. Global stock markets delivered robust gains in the second quarter of 2017 as stronger earnings growth, upswings in global economic data, and diminished political uncertainty in Europe all buoyed markets around the world. The S&P 500 rose 3.1% while domestic economic data continued to plug along at a healthy, if not exciting, pace. First quarter GDP increased at a 1.4% annual rate, helped by an unexpected increase in consumer spending and a sizeable jump in exports. It's wonderful to have positive economic data to reflect upon, especially when headlines around the world aren't so rosy. It is important to remember to be steadfast in our commitment to ourselves — stick to a long-term investment plan and concentrate on the big picture.

I know many of you are heading to the beach as the summer winds down. I hope you enjoy the time with your families and find a few moments to relax, and perhaps, enjoy the video and articles below. If you don't have the opportunity to get away from the office, stay positive! Check out [these tips](#) on little ways to enjoy the summer from behind your desk.

Kind Regards,
Margaret Swinney & Your Acorn Team



[Making Sense of Markets Performance Video](#)

In this video, we explore what happened in global markets last quarter as well as other pertinent economic news.

[Don't Just Do Something, Stand There!](#)

It is extremely difficult (even for financial professionals) to predict when the "right" time to buy or sell is. But what happens when you let go of chasing returns or the next hot stock tip?



[Nine of the Best Places to Watch the Solar Eclipse](#)

August 21st the first solar eclipse viewable in the contiguous U.S. since 1979 will be in full view in many states from Oregon to South Carolina.

[Easy, delicious recipes for sweet summer corn](#)

It's that time of year again when farm stands burst with fresh corn. If you feel like upping the ante from your standard corn on the cob, try one of these great recipes!





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