

Good morning,

If there is one thing in life that is consistent it's something hitting your inbox on Saturday mornings.

I won't speak to the quality of these writings, but we do pride ourselves on our consistent delivery.

Consistency is a good strategy for life. It certainly is for investing.. We'll circle back to that later.

A much quieter week in market land (thankfully). Last week the markets digested the 75 basis point (bps) rate increase in the U.S. with a vomit sound.

'Twas more than expected and certainly will slow things down - which is their goal. Their hope being that the slower growth will help stem inflationary pressures.

The rate increases are certainly being front-loaded. Even though many expectations were for a 50 bps increase, strategists still feel that the US Fed won't actually increase as much as expected when all is said and done.

There was a slightly more conciliatory comment from US Fed Chair Powell this week. Markets seemed somewhat comforted by his comments - i.e. volatility has been much more muted this week. Cheers all around.

From these levels (20% declines), markets have on average offered up some attractive performance over the coming 1, 2 and 3 years. Barring a deep recession, which isn't being forecasted, I would think the same will hold true here.

Today's lead article just speaks to the amount of cash on the sidelines. What that cash will be used for is anyone's guess, but it's much higher than typical and is expected to soften whatever downturn we may see. Thanks Wall Street Journal.

Secondly, sometime we all feel like we have bad luck in life, and at times it seems like it follows us on the investing front. I wasn't sure where the second article was leading me, but alas it was about "Buy and Hold". Interesting data for all to read, even if you just stubbed your toe.

Enjoy the warm weekend. Summer is here. Get out and enjoy.

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