

For the week ending February 17, 2017

For five days running, the three major indices (Dow, NSDAQ and S&P 500) have settled at new highs. This is something that has not happened since 1992, which is 25 years ago if you are counting. As shown in the bottom chart on the right, the market tripled in the next 6 years. I am not saying that this will happen again but it does show what the market can do when many are under invested in stocks and looking for a nice safe downturn to get on the bandwagon. History doesn't often repeat but it does rhyme.

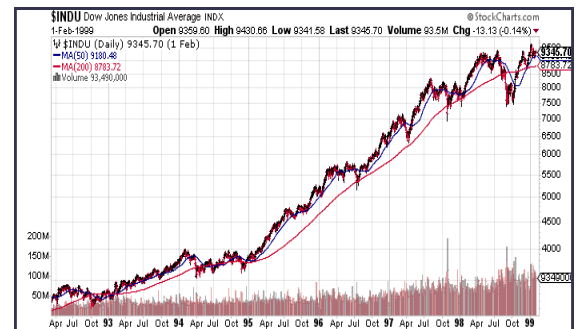
I think it is too obvious that higher rates will torpedo the stock market. Rarely does something that is closely watched and widely anticipated cause such a disruption. Case in point is the way the market has treated the wild first month of the new administration. The more the media complains, the higher we go. In fact, last week active equity mutual funds saw their first net new inflows *in a year*.

Fun fact: in 2016 Apple's service business did \$24 billion in revenue. So did McDonalds. Let that sink in for a moment.

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Key Economic Releases for the coming week:

No economic releases next week.



Index & Price Changes for week ending 2/17/17

DJIA – 20,624.05	Rose 552.59 points
NASDAQ – 5838.58	Rose 104.45 points
S&P 500 – 2351.16	Rose 35.06 points
S&P Small Cap 600 – 855.10	Rose 5.46 points
90 Day T Bill – 0.53%	Yield Fell .01%
2 yr TSY – 1.19%	Yield was unchanged
5 yr TSY – 1.89%	Yield Rose .04%
10 yr TSY – 2.42%	Yield Rose .01%
30 yr TSY – 3.03%	Yield Rose .01%
Oil - \$ 53.36*	Fell \$.50 per barrel
Gold - \$ 1237.10*	Rose \$1.20 per oz.
Unleaded Gasoline *-\$1.52	Fell \$.07 per gallon
Euro - \$ 1.0608	Fell .0023 against the \$

* Wholesale price for NY Mercantile Exchange traded contract

**What Are Some Of The Common Steps Retirees Overlook?**

I have attempted to create a shopping list of steps I have seen retiree's skip over the past 40 plus years. This list is by no means a complete list, but should give you some things to contemplate:

1. Complete an indirect rollover within 60 days
2. Spousal continuation mistakes
3. Naming a beneficiary
4. Review and update beneficiary designation forms
5. Beneficiaries fail to "stretch" their IRA distributions
6. Transferring inherited IRA's to non-spousal beneficiaries
7. A Beneficiary of an inherited IRA must name a successor beneficiary
8. Keeping assets in an employer-sponsored plan after retirement
9. Understanding the Net Unrealized Appreciation (NAU) rules before rolling 401k to IRA
10. Ignoring the financial implications of working in retirement
11. Not understanding the implications of early retirement
12. Choosing the wrong assets for income
13. Choosing the wrong income or payout options
14. Adequately manage assets in retirement
15. Inadequate or nonexistent estate and insurance planning
16. Make a "healthy" transition into retirement
17. Failure to act

There is not enough space in this article to fully explain each of these, but Stonebridge and your financial advisor would be happy to sit down with you and explain each item on the list with you and how they may or may not affect your current retirement plan.

Please contact us at 800-317-1127 to set up an appointment.

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