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Peru Adventure

Peru was indescribable, the mountains, the culture, the food, the people and over 600 years of history. I would highly recommend this region.

Travel expands one's perspective of the world and of life.









Happy Birthday, economic recovery!

As June came to a close, the current economic recovery and expansion turned eight years old, the third longest since the end of WWII. In a vacuum, eight years may not mean very much to the average person, so here is some perspective: including the current economic recovery, there have been twelve such recoveries since WWII.

Some of you may be thinking "The current recovery isn't young anymore. Is a recession around the corner?" Expansions eventually come to an end—that's a given. But they don't die of old age. Instead, they historically come to an end due to economic excesses, i.e., the tech boom of the 1990s or the housing boom of the last decade. Or, the Fed raising interest rates too high too quickly, discouraging lending and consumer or business spending.

One of the hallmarks of the current expansion has been its slow and boring pace. The slow pace of the recovery has failed to stoke the euphoria in real economic activity that can sow the seeds of dangerous excesses. It has also led to a super cautious Fed, that has been slow to tap on the monetary brakes. There are economists on both sides of the inflation/recession forecasts. So, we won't try to predict when the next recession will arrive.

What we can say is that most leading economic indicators suggest that the odds of a near-term recession are low. Economic growth creates profit growth, which is a tailwind for stocks, even as interest rates gradually rise.

We can never discount unexpected volatility. Just be assured that the investment plan we've recommended for you takes unexpected turbulence into account.





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Where will you wander this summer?

Danielle: CO & FL to visit sister & son in their new respective homes. A few baseball games here and there will keep Marc and I relaxed thru summer.

Erin: Annual trip to OBX in July with extended family. In August we will explore a new vacation spot. Also hoping to take the kids to Niagara.

Sue: The Jersey Shore of course, there are fish to catch. Cape May's Congress Hall is always on my list of summer fun, to enjoy with friends and family.

Anna: I look forward to the tradition of visiting our familiar spot of Ocean City as well as discovering a new location for fun—maybe the Keys this year...



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