



Monthly Investment Commentary

December 2017

The 2017 Market

How munificent this market has been: “The S&P 500 is in its second longest bull market, the tenth longest streak without a 10 percent correction, the fourth longest run without a 5 percent decline, and the longest rally without even a 3 percent decline on record.”

Not all calms give way immediately to storms. Bull markets usually weaken and get sloppy before they end altogether. Unlike in romance, when it comes to stocks, the first cut is rarely the deepest.

In the year following those “most similar years,” the average return was a 7.5 percent gain, with eight of ten years positive, four years up more than 20 percent, two substantial declines.

MRM NET COMPOSITE PORTFOLIO RESULTS (As of 11/30/2017)

MRM PLATFORMS VS. BENCHMARK	YTD	1-YEAR	3 Years Annualized	5 Years Annualized
Dynamic Overlay	+15.55%	+17.92%	+3.33%	+8.90%
<i>Morningstar Average Tactical Return</i>	+11.66%	+13.10%	+3.49%	+5.35%
All Equity	+27.72%	+28.30%	+9.14%	+14.44%
<i>S&P 500 Total Return</i>	+20.49%	+22.87%	+10.91%	+15.74%
Dynamic International	+14.16%	+16.58%	+0.59%	+2.60%
<i>MSCI EAFE with dividends</i>	+23.61%	+27.86%	+6.47%	+8.72%
Global Strategies	+21.37%	+21.89%	+6.54%	+10.40%
<i>(50%) S&P/(50%) MSCI EAFE</i>	+22.05%	+25.37%	+9.33%	+12.45%
Tax-Advantaged Income*	+2.98%	NA	NA	NA
<i>Dow Jones US Select Dividend Total Return</i>	+8.82%	NA	NA	NA

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* Tax-Advantaged Income composite started 06/01/2017.

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STRATEGY	BENCHMARK	VEHICLES	CASH HOLDINGS <i>(When Potential Investments Look Unattractive)</i>
Dynamic Overlay	Morningstar Tactical Allocation	Domestic Securities	Up to 70%
All Domestic Equity	S&P 500 Total Return	Domestic Securities/ADR's	Up to 60%
Dynamic International	MSCI EAFE Gross	Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF's)/Other Securities	Up to 25%
Global Strategies	50% S&P 500 Total Return/ 50% MSCI EAFE Gross	Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF's)/Other Securities	Up to 50%
Tax-Advantaged Income	Dow Jones US Select Dividend Index	Domestic Securities	Up to 4%

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