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Dear Money Management Client:

You could not ask for a better first quarter in the markets. The rotation between value stocks and growth stocks has been a fierce back and forth battle, with all moving inevitably higher. We're happy to have well diversified portfolios including both; which is the secret to long term success.

Bitcoin and other crypto currencies have really caught corporate America's attention, and we've grown slightly more comfortable thinking there may be a future for a crypto currency in all our lives. But we don't know which crypto/digital currency will ultimately win or how many significant gut wrenching moves it will take to work through all the challenges. For now, we watch in fascination how something with absolutely no fundamental value is creating billionaires overnight. The same fascination applies to digital assets and non-fungible tokens (NFT's) or any other new asset class that doesn't make sense to our fundamentally based accounting minds. It is all truly fun and fascinating to watch, but we're going to stick with what has worked for us the past 30 years. Owning great companies, with wonderful balance sheets, that go to work every day earning their keep and sharing the wealth.

Central banks including our FED, remain extremely accommodative and committed to low short term interest rates until employment and inflation reach higher levels. The timing of all that is extremely difficult, but we believe upon reaching "herd immunity", there will be a growing consensus "success is near". I know it's counter intuitive, but all that good news will likely be bad news for stocks. Because all the easy money policies which helped with the recovery will come to an end. We plan to enjoy and make the best of current bullish conditions, while preparing for a much more difficult second half.

As always, we remain committed to a conservative investment philosophy, which emphasizes the preservation of capital. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your portfolio, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Clay Campbell