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Market Data through November 30th, 2013

Total Returns:	Month of November	2013 YTD
❖ S&P 500	3.0%	28.97%
❖ Dow Jones Ind Avg	3.69%	25.61%
❖ Russell 2000	3.96%	35.95%
❖ MSCI EAFE	0.55%	18.83%
❖ Emerging Market Index	-0.25%	-3.28 %
❖ Barclays Bond Aggregate	-0.25%	-1.43%
❖ Commodity Index (Equal Weight)	-1.41%	-10.51%

Comments on the current investment environment

The current overall environment for equity investing remains relatively positive as recent economic data continues to show slow and steady economic growth. We believe the result of this growth is a continuing expectation that the recovery is sustainable. On the flip side, this muted growth will not compel the Federal Reserve in the near term to change its low interest rate strategy. On the whole stocks seem to be reasonably valued at fifteen times next year's expected earnings, especially in a near zero interest rate environment. We expect equity returns next year will revert back to the historical average – meaning a return of 5% to 10% is reasonable.

We continue to believe low volatility companies generating free cash with which they can raise dividends and buy back shares are a good place to invest in a slow growth economy. We believe holding a diversified basket of these types of stocks through ETF's is an excellent way to further mitigate market risk. With respect to fixed income investments, we like our allocation to floating rate vehicles and high yield bonds. To further protect our fixed income investments we are maintaining our short term investments.

This is a good time of the year to think about how your assets are titled – whether or not they should be in a trust, for example. We have a great resource at ARS Wealth Advisors in Rusty Spoor, an experienced trust and estate attorney, who can assist you in planning for future generations.

Please feel free to call if you'd like to discuss your individual portfolio in greater detail or set up a time to hold a review meeting.

Sincerely,
Your ARS Team