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Market Watch

April's market turbulence was followed by a calmer May with the VIX averaging 22.0 for the month as of today, compared to 36.68 last month.

First-quarter corporate earnings have rolled in with an overall strong result, and most companies on the S&P 500 are maintaining their 2025 estimates despite the tariff rhetoric. That said, trade negotiations and supply chains are front and centre on economists' minds.

Looking forward to items that may affect June's markets. The Bank of Canada will announce its next interest rate decision, June 4, which could affect the bond and GIC investors. For equity investors, the main story continues to be trade as the G7 leaders' summit is set for June 15 – 17 in Alberta.

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RESPs: Equal vs. Equitable

The concept of gifting money seems simple on the surface but a debate inevitably occurs when gifting to multiple people... equal or equitable. This becomes markedly difficult if the choice involves people you love, and their future. This month I'm going to break down the pros and cons to help you decide how to manage your RESP withdrawals between children: equal or equitable?

Defining the Options

In many situations being both equal and equitable is impossible, and a choice needs to be made. Let's start by defining these two options.

Equal

Of the same measure, quantity, amount, or number as another. Identical in mathematical value or logical denotation: equivalent.

Giving Equally = Each child gets X dollars for school.

Equitable

Dealing fairly with all concerned. Implies a less rigorous standard and usually suggests equal treatment of all concerned.

Giving Equitably = Each child gets an amount that reflects their need.

Picking the Right Fit for You

There is no wrong choice (I've seen both employed by various RESP holders). There is only the right one for you. It comes down to what you deem to be the priority – giving each child the same amount to go towards school or giving each child an amount that reflects their needs and situation.

Equal	Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Each child gets the same amount · Cut and dry – simple strategy
	Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Does not consider inflation. What tuition costs this year will likely be different next year. · Does not consider the differing needs of each child's need or circumstance
Equitable	Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Takes into consideration a variety of factors that impact the individual costs of each student/child, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o any income their making, o scholarships and bursaries, o the cost of their program, o the length of their program, o their living situation (at home, in residence, etc.)
	Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Can be difficult to determine what is equitable · Hard to predict future needs for younger children, especially if there is an age gap · May create conflict if one child gets more than another

* Important note about making an RESP withdrawal. RESP withdrawals are taxable – more specifically the grant and the growth in the account are taxable when withdrawn. They are taxable not to you but to the student for whom they are withdrawn. Lucky students do have tax deductions they can use to help offset taxes.

Other Equal vs. Equitable Situations

RESP withdrawals are not the only situation which can trigger an equal vs. equitable debate. Other scenarios that can trigger such a decision are:

- Donations to various charitable organizations
- Gifting or helping people out financially
- Inheritances & equalizing your estate between beneficiaries
- Succession planning

Ultimately, it comes down to you – what your priorities and values are, the dynamics of the situation, and what you want to do with your money.

To create a customized RESP withdrawal and gifting strategy that's right for you, contact us at KLT Wealth Management.

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FINANCIAL TIP

We are half way through 2025.

How are your personal and financial goals going?

Are you on target or have you derailed?

It's time to evaluate and assess your progress.



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JOKE OF THE MONTH

When does a joke become a "dad joke"?

When it becomes apparent.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SUMMER COBB SALAD

INGREDIENTS

Vinaigrette Dressing (or use Ranch)

- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 2 Tbsp red wine vinegar
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp dijon mustard
- 1 tsp honey
- 1 tsp garlic
- 1/2 tsp each salt and freshly ground black pepper

Salad

- 8 slices bacon
- 4 large eggs
- 1 large head romaine lettuce, chopped into bite size pieces
- 2 1/2 cups cooked rotisserie chicken, chopped
- 1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced (1/3 cup)
- 1 large avocado, diced
- 3 oz blue cheese crumbled, or 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese



DIRECTIONS

1. For the bacon: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Lay bacon strips in a single layer on the baking sheet. Bake in preheated oven until crisp, about 12 - 20 minutes (bake time varies based on thickness of bacon).
3. Drain on paper towels, then chop.
4. For the eggs: Add 1-inch of water to a 4 quart pot or saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.
5. Add eggs, cover with lid and let cook 14 minutes. Transfer to a bowl of ice water right away. Let rest 15 minutes, then peel eggs and chop.
6. Prepare salad: Layer lettuce into a large salad bowl or among five serving plates. Top with bacon, eggs, tomatoes, onions, avocado and cheese.
7. Whisk dressing then pour over salad and serve.

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