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To our clients, their families and all partners in our endeavor:

Happy New Year!

I trust you are all well and found ways to share the Holiday Season with your closest family members and friends. If 2020 showed us anything, it was that we found it important to see each other face to face - given the impact the pandemic has had on our personal and social lives. While I trust you were able to adapt and use streaming and video technology to compensate for the lack of socializing, I found that the inability to share physical contact and laughter with those I care for has had the most profound impact on my family, personal as well as professional life.

In the fall I shared with you that I did not know the timeline for the vaccine availability (we have it now); how soon will it be available to general public (we may need to wait longer to vaccinate larger swaths of our population); how the infection rates would evolve (we have had a worsening in the last 3 months); whether additional stimulus will be provided (it has been, with checks on the way); and whether the election would pose additional external risk to our financial lives (if anything, some amount of risk is off the table).

With all that, the year in the markets (and compared with the first half of the year) finished strong given the unprecedented monetary and fiscal stimulus that was undertaken on our behalf by both the government and Federal Reserve. As such, through year-end, the index of 500 largest U.S. based companies (as provided by Standard & Poor) finished the year up 18.40%. While the Dow Jones, the index of 30 industrials (as provided by S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC) climbed 9.72%. Fixed income contributed well to diversified portfolios with the U. S Aggregate Bond index rising 7.51% (per Barclays Capital). For the year, and given the change in our working habits, socializing and consumption habits, technology and consumer discretionary were the sector leaders for the year with 43.9% and 33.3% gains respectively (Standard & Poor's).

Some recurring amount of continued volatility will be with us this year as it relates to risks associated with the markets, yet we may see, as the pandemic and vaccination both abate and take hold, an uptick in all levels of economic activity leading to what I would consider an opportunity to eke out another positive year in well diversified portfolios. We plan to review all your positions in the coming month and will be scheduling your Zoom and phone consultations starting this week. Thank you for the continued trust you have placed in our work.

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Age 50 and over \$7,000

SIMPLE elective deferral
Under age 50 \$13,500
Age 50 and over
\$16,500

401K, 403B, 457
Elective Deferral
\$19,500
Age 50 and over
\$26,000