



Fourth Quarter, 2016 Insights

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- The Global Markets
- Post-Election Markets
- Rising Interest Rates
- *invest right, live right™*



The Global Markets

- Europe and Japan
- China
- Developing and Emerging Markets



Post-Election Markets

- Markets dislike uncertainty prior to elections
- Since Nov 9 thru Dec 31, S&P +6% which represents half of full-year gain in 2 short months
- Threats of reduced government spending and increased trade barriers have hurt government contractors and multi-national conglomerates
- Optimism of reduced regulation has helped financials and healthcare



Rising Interest Rates

- Adjustable loans and credit rates increasing
- No meaningful change to interest being paid by banks on short-term deposits
- Yield curve remains normal
- Stick to cash and high-quality bonds with short/intermediate maturities (this goes for mutual funds too)



*"You may not control all the events
that happen to you, but you can
decide not to be reduced by them."*

- Maya Angelou



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