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May Newsletter



As we head further into spring, I wanted to share a few timely updates and insights we've been following closely. In this month's newsletter, we're covering developments surrounding oil prices, the Fed and affordability pressures, the upcoming midterm election landscape, and how these factors may shape future government initiatives related to energy costs. We're also sharing perspectives on four key investment themes for 2026.

In our Client Corner, we've included a quick reminder to review important account details such as beneficiaries, trusted contacts, and other key information to help ensure everything remains current and accurate. As always, if anything in the newsletter sparks a question or you'd like to discuss your own situation in more detail, please don't hesitate to reach out.

And to round things out on a lighter note, we've included a recipe for pollo asado, a great addition to the menu as we move into grilling season and longer evenings outdoors. We hope you enjoy it.

Warm regards,
Blake

Featured Updates and Resources



America barely uses Middle East oil. So why did gas prices rise?

It's true that the United States is less reliant on foreign oil than at times in the past. And of the oil we do import, only 8% comes from the Middle East.

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Midterm Elections, Affordability and the Fed

Still six months out, the U.S. midterm elections are likely to influence government initiatives to deal with higher energy costs. Our Head of Public Policy Research Ariana Salvatore and Global Chief Economist Seth Carpenter discuss how the Congress and the Fed might react.

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Mega Themes Converge to Outperform Markets

Morgan Stanley's four key investment themes for 2026—AI & Tech Diffusion, the Future of Energy, a Multipolar World and Societal Shifts—are beating benchmarks as their intersections accelerate market impact.

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Ashley's Client Corner

This month, Blake and Ashley are encouraging clients to take a few moments to review and update the information associated with their accounts. [Keeping beneficiary designations, trusted contacts, and tax professional contact information](#) current can help avoid unnecessary delays and ensure your accounts remain aligned with your wishes and circumstances.

If you've had any recent changes or simply haven't reviewed your information in some time, please reach out to Blake or Ashley. They'd be happy to help you confirm that everything is up to date.

Pollo Asado

Smoky bold flavor, perfect for the warmer days ahead

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