

The Johnson Group at Morgan Stanley August Newsletter

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This month's newsletter highlights key market and financial themes for the second half of the year, including affordability and the midterm elections, the outlook for equities, signals across rates, earnings and private markets, and the importance of selectivity. We also share guidance for parents on helping children build healthy financial habits. Please feel free to reach out to our team with any questions. We hope you enjoy these insights!

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Damon and his family had an unforgettable summer vacation traveling through Greece, Italy, and Croatia. They explored stunning destinations, enjoyed local sights and cuisine, and created lasting memories across the Mediterranean.



INSIGHTS



Affordability Could Tip Tight Midterm Elections

With tight margins in the House, voters' perceptions of the economy could determine which party prevails, with implications for multiple sectors.

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Equity Outlook: A Constructive Case for Stocks

Rising earnings expectations support a constructive outlook for equities through the end of 2026, despite ongoing market risks.

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Market Signals: Rates, Earnings and Private Markets

Our market signals for stocks, bonds and alternatives in the second half of 2026 indicate growth, inflation and interest rates should settle at higher levels.

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Why Selectivity Matters in Today's Markets

Higher rates and sharper scrutiny of AI investments are raising the bar for companies and rewarding discerning investors.

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A Parent's Guide to Talking to Your Kids About Money

Raising kids to be smart about money requires creating an environment where they are neither insecure, nor overconfident about family finances.

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On the Markets - Capital Discipline Slowly Returns

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FROM OUR TEAM

As our valued client, we sincerely thank you for your continued trust and support.



Pictured above from left to right: Thomas Aguna - Portfolio Associate, Winona Livingston - Wealth Management Associate, Michael Algarin - Financial Advisor, Damon Johnson - Financial Advisor, Danielle Barabino - Wealth Management Associate, Ryan Beddeo - Financial Advisor

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