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April is Financial Literacy Month, so we thought to include resources to help review and refresh your financial smarts. We're committed to your financial well-being, and this month serves as a reminder of the importance of building a strong financial foundation. If you would like to discuss any of these topics further, please reach out to us!

Morgan Stanley Financially Fit

A firm financial strategy starts from a solid foundation. Explore the fundamentals of finance and learn how budgeting, managing debt, and allocating funds can help you achieve your goals.

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Credit and Debt Management

Regardless of how much you earn, it is wise to develop a habit of maintaining good credit and proactively managing debt throughout your life. Understanding the relationship between credit and debt and taking ongoing action to prioritize and reduce debt are integral to securing your financial future.

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The Fundamentals of Investing

Investing can be complicated and overwhelming. Understanding the fundamentals of investing can help you make sense of the risk and opportunities associated with investing.

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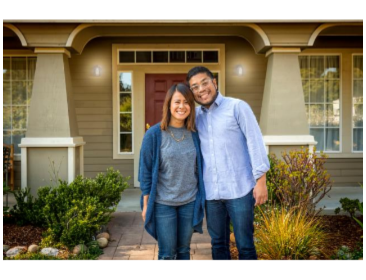
Buying a Home



Buying your first home comes with significant financial and lifestyle implications. It's a big decision! Do your due diligence and weigh your options before putting a stake in the ground.

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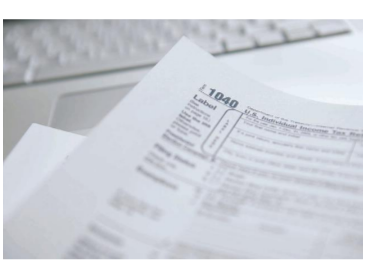
Uncover 6 Ways to Reduce Your Tax Bill

Your federal income-tax return may not be top-of-mind once you're done filing for the year, but you may want to take another look at it. Your IRS Form 1040 tax return may reveal important information about your personal finances—and shed light on valuable opportunities for future savings.



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Wealth Education Series for the Next Generation

At Morgan Stanley, we believe that knowledge is the key to unlocking future success, and we're excited to share our thought leadership and experience with you! Hosted by Caroline Gundeck, Head of UHNW Client and Field Engagement and Charline Burgess, Senior Wealth Education Specialist, you will learn about financial concepts, investing, and money management in a fun and interactive way.

Credit and Debt Management	Cybersecurity	Exploring Investments: Stocks, Bonds, and Beyond
Mon, May 6 | 4 - 5 PM	**Mon, Jun 3 | 4 - 5 PM**	**Mon, Jul 1 | 4 - 5 PM**
Our second session will be aimed at empowering you with essential knowledge on credit and debt management so you can understand how to establish credit, understand credit history, demystify credit scores and navigate the world of lending in order to make informed decisions about your financial future.	Our third session of this series will explore the skills that are important to safeguard your online identity and assets, from common cyber threats to learning best practices for secure online transactions. This session will cover practical strategies to stay safe in today's digital landscape.	Our fourth session will dive into the fundamentals of investing, from understanding market dynamics, defining asset classes such as stocks and bonds and other investment vehicles, as well as discussing asset allocation and diversification, this session will provide valuable insights to kickstart your investment journey.
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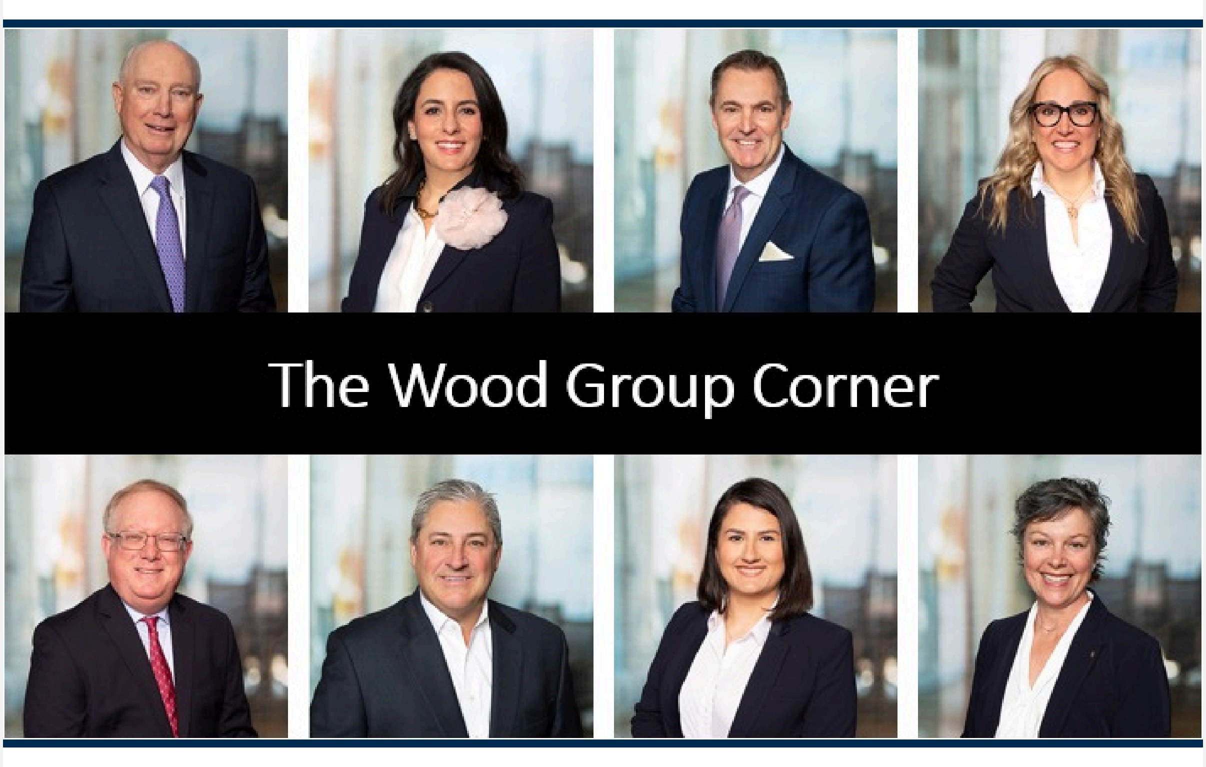

We wanted to bring to your attention a recent report that sheds light on a critical aspect of financial planning, particularly in relation to retirement. The report highlights a significant disparity in wealth accumulation between individuals who have a formal financial plan and those who do not. We have always emphasized the importance of comprehensive financial planning and this report serves as a powerful validation of the financial planning approach.

Read More >

In the spirit of financial literacy, we included book recommendations selected to help you build good money-habits and achieve financial success.

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Operations Corner

Welcome to the Ops corner … we are here to provide you with insight and helpful information to keep you up to date with all things operational and administrative at The Wood Group.

Financial Management Tools

Within MSO, you have access to Morgan Stanley's spending and budgeting tools. With this tool, you can get a comprehensive view of your incoming and outgoing cash, view your automatically categorized expenses, and create custom budgets, which can help you optimize how you put your money to work.

For more information, click here >

To access the tool:

Log into Morgan Stanley Online, hover over **Pay, Transfer + Budget** and click **Spending + Budgeting**

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