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Please join us in welcoming two new associates to our Holden & Mickey team.

In early August, Alesia Fulk joined us and will be in communication with our clients leading our marketing and scheduling. Alesia served as Office Manager for Piedmont Automation and holds an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from Forsyth Tech. Ask her about her son Sterling's athletic career!

Late in August, Camille Phillips joined us and will be assisting with new business processing and client service. Camille formerly worked at State Farm Insurance and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in Sports Management from Western Carolina. Ask her about her favorite Premier League Soccer Team!

We are excited they have joined our firm, and both are off to a great start!

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- *Holden & Mickey, Inc. designs, implements, and monitors financial plans for high net worth individuals. Our firm has been working with clients in this area since 1930. Holden & Mickey advisors are highly credentialed and multi-generational in their focus on wealth management.

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When Bad News Is Good News

A surprising reaction to tapered bond purchases.

Financial markets can be challenging to understand. But when markets enter a "bad news is good news" cycle, it becomes even more difficult to follow along.

At its November meeting, the Fed outlined its plan to taper monthly bond purchases, which will end this pandemic-era policy response by July 2022.[1]

Bad news, right? The bond purchases were one of the ways the Fed supported the economy. Stopping the program would be like removing the punchbowl just as the party was getting going.

Not so fast. This time around, the financial markets said that bad news was good news. Ending the program signaled that the Fed had confidence in the economic recovery, and it no longer needed to support the financial markets.

But just a month ago, the bad news was still bad news. The financial markets hit a rough patch in late September after the Fed said it was preparing to reduce its bond-buying program as soon as November.[2]

If you have been investing for any period of time, it should come as no surprise to hear that the financial markets changed their mind. So, remember to consult your financial professional to help you keep focused on your investing goals while the financial markets sort out what's good news and what's bad.

Investing involves risks, and investment decisions should be based on your own goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance. The return and principal value of investments will fluctuate as market conditions change. When sold, investments may be worth more or less than their original cost.

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2022 Contribution Limits

Is it time to contribute more?

Preparing for retirement just got a little more financial wiggle room. This week, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced new contribution limits for 2022.

Staying put for 2022 are traditional Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), with the limit remaining at $6,000. The catch-up contribution for traditional IRAs remains $1,000 as well.[1]

For workplace retirement accounts (i.e. 401(k), 403(b), amongst others), the contribution limit rises $1,000 to $20,500. Catch-up contributions remain at $6,500.[1]

Eligibility for Roth IRA contributions has increased, as well. These have bumped up to $129,000 to $144,000 for single filers and heads of households, and $204,000 to $214,000 for those filing jointly as married couples.[1]

Another increase was for SIMPLE IRA Plans (SIMPLE is an acronym for Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees), which increases from $13,500 to $14,000.[1]

If these increases apply to your retirement strategy, a financial professional may be able to help make some adjustments to your contributions.

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Once you reach age 72, you must begin taking required minimum distributions from a Traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees IRA in most circumstances. Withdrawals from Traditional IRAs are taxed as ordinary income and, if taken before age 59½, may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty.

Once you reach age 72, you must begin taking required minimum distributions from your 401(k), 403(b), or other defined-contribution plans in most circumstances. Withdrawals from your 401(k) or other defined-contribution plans are taxed as ordinary income and, if taken before age 59½, may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty.

To qualify for the tax-free and penalty-free withdrawal of earnings, Roth IRA distributions must meet a five-year holding requirement and occur after age 59½. Tax-free and penalty-free withdrawal can also be taken under certain other circumstances, such as the owner's death. The original Roth IRA owner is not required to take minimum annual withdrawals.

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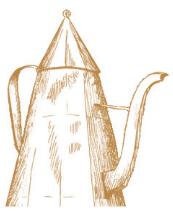

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