

## 2023 YEAR-END PLANNING CHECKLIST



As we enter the last quarter of 2023, this is a good time to finish up some of those important items. We are happy to help you follow through with completing your year end checklist - while preparing for a favorable start to 2024. Feel free reach out to us at 770-627-2121.

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### RETIREMENT PLANNING

- Review Contributions to Retirement Accounts and Look to Maximize
- Consider Roth Accounts for Children
- Ensure Estate Planning Documents are up to Date
- Take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from Each Account
- Consider Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRA
- Review Benefit Elections for Social Security and Medicare

### INVESTMENTS

### PERSONAL FINANCE

- Obtain Copy of a FREE Credit Report
- Review Beneficiaries on Insurance and Investment Accounts
- Review Cash Flow and Spending Budget
- Set Savings Goals
- Make Sure Emergency Savings is in Place
- Review Yield on Savings Account
- Review Debt Elimination Plan

### AT WORK

- Assess Capital Gains and Losses
- Optimize Portfolio Diversity through Rebalancing
- Develop a Charitable Giving Strategy
- Contribute to 529 Plans for Children and Grandchildren

- Evaluate Current Tax Withholdings
- Utilize Remaining Flexible Spending Account Funds
- Make Open Enrollment Choices
- Explore a Health Savings Account (HSA)
- Maximize Your Health Savings Account (HSA) Contributions

## AS RATE HIKES END, HISTORIC INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY MAY BEGIN

### INVESTMENT INSIGHTS FROM THE CAPITAL GROUP

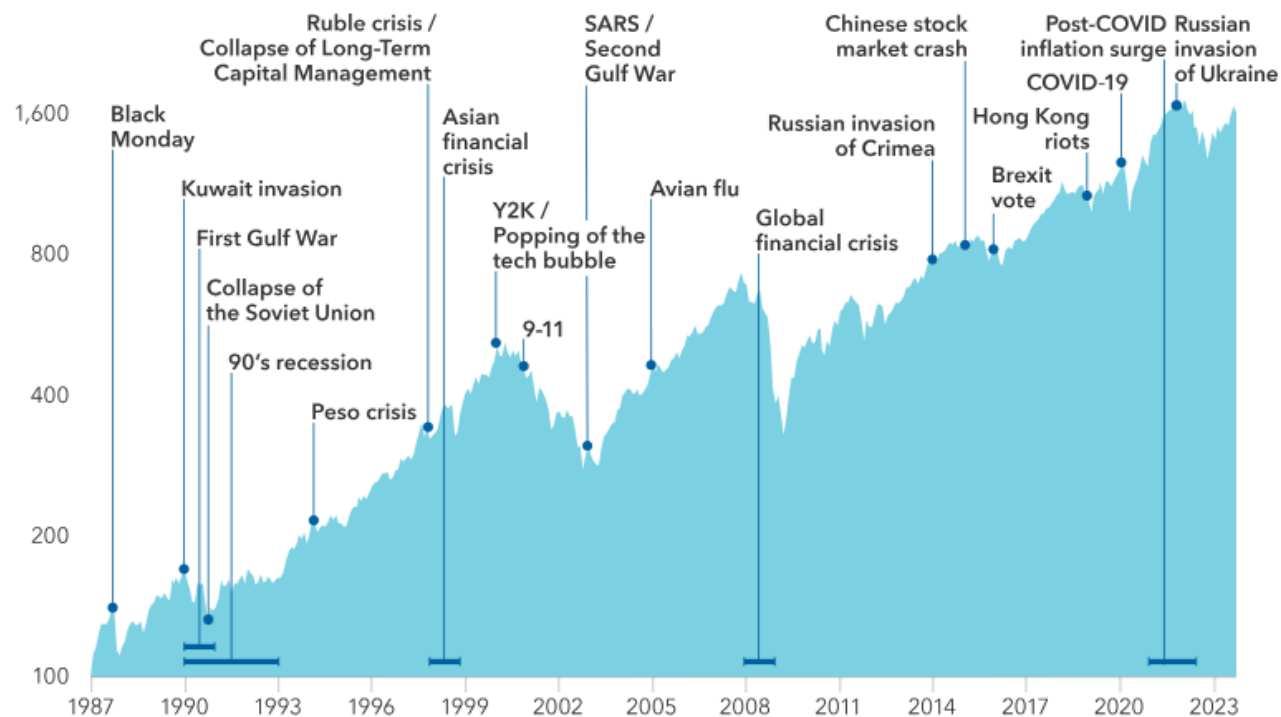
To say this has been an interesting year in financial markets is an understatement. Equities have been stronger than most expected, and the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield is up 37 basis points as of September 13. So where are we now as we head into the homestretch of 2023? I believe we're on the cusp of a major transition, one where long-term investors can find attractive income opportunities as central banks pivot from restrictive monetary policy to something that looks much more benign.

Last year was shocking to many in the investment community: It marked the first time in at least 45 years that both stocks and bonds posted negative returns in a calendar year. Battling high inflation, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates aggressively. Those hikes hurt absolute results across the board. The usual role of high-quality bonds to provide diversification from stock market volatility — something investors rely on — broke down.

[Click here for the complete article.](#)

### Market disturbances are a fact of life

#### MSCI All Country World Index



Sources: MSCI, RIMES. As of August 31, 2023. Data is indexed to 100 on January 1, 1987, based on the MSCI World Index from January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987, the MSCI ACWI with gross returns from January 1, 1988, through December 31, 2000, and the MSCI ACWI with net returns thereafter. Shown on a logarithmic scale. Past results are not predictive of results in future periods.



## FUN IDEAS TO ENJOY FALL

Now that the summer heat is finally behind us, autumn beckons with its splendid outdoor opportunities for quality time with loved ones. Below are some fantastic ideas for activities and destinations to make the most of this beautiful season.



[CUMMING COUNTRY FAIR & FESTIVAL, Cumming, GA](#)



[FLORIDA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL](#)  
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[November 3 & 4, 2023](#)



[GEORGIA APPLE FESTIVAL](#)  
[IN Ellijay, GA](#)  
[Oct 8-9, 15-16, 2023](#)



[SAVOR ST. PETE](#)  
[Tampa Bay, Florida](#)  
[Nov 4-5, 2023](#)



[VISIT BRASSTOWN BALD](#)  
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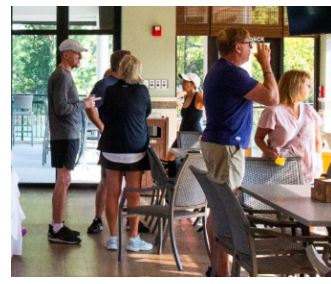
**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT OUR PICKLEBALL EVENT**

**Join us for the Next One on November 3rd**

Many thanks to everyone who came out and joined us for our Pickleball, Wine, and Lunch Event at Dunwoody Country Club on September 8th. It was a gorgeous day with an excellent turnout and perfect weather, making it an incredibly enjoyable experience for all.

**We are excited to hosting another round of Pickleball on November 3rd and hope to see you there!**





## Are you coming to the next Pickleball Happy Hour Event?

### LOCATION

Dunwoody Country Club, 1600 Dunwoody Country Club Dr., Dunwoody GA

### DATE AND TIME

11/03/23 3:00pm - 11/03/23 6:30pm US/Eastern

Join us as a Spectator or Player at our Next Pickleball Happy Hour Event!

I'll Be There!

Maybe

I Can't Make It

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## TRAVEL CLUB UPCOMING FALL LEAVES TRIP TO NORTH GA WINERIES

### ABOUT THE FCG TRAVEL CLUB

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### UPCOMING FALL LEAVES TRIP TO THE NORTH GA WINERIES

We had such a great time in Spring, so by popular demand, we're doing it again to enjoy the beautiful fall leaves. Join us for another fantastic day trip to two North Georgia Wineries.

**FCG WILL PROVIDE THE BUS, AND YOU PAY ONLY FOR YOUR FOOD AND DRINKS**

**RSVP DEADLINE:** November 2, 2023



### RVSP for Travel Club Event to North GA Wineries

#### LOCATION

Wolf Mountain Vineyards and one other North GA Winery TBD

#### DATE AND TIME

11/10/23 10:30am - 11/10/23 5:00pm US/Eastern



FCG will provide a bus to take everyone to two North GA Wineries. **IMPORTANT** -This event is BYOW&F (Buy Your Own Wine and Food).

**I'll Be There!**

**Maybe - I'll Let You Know**

**I Can't Make It**

## MORE UPCOMING TRAVEL CLUB TRIPS

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**Chilean Fjords Adventure**  
Hosted | 15 Nts. | Jan 22, 2024



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7 Nights - Aug 17, 2024 - Escorted



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CELEBRITY CRUISE](#)  
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England and Canada  
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## 2023 SEC & ACC COLLEGE FOOTBALL CALENDARS

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2023 SEC Football Schedule	Oct7	Oct14	Oct21	Oct28	Nov4	Nov11	Nov18	Nov25
Alabama Crimson Tide	@ABM	ARK	UT	OPEN	LSU	@UK	UTChatt	@AUB
Arkansas Razorbacks	@OM	@BAMA	MSU	OPEN	@UF	AUB	FSU	*MIZZ
Auburn Tigers	OPEN	@LSU	OM	MSU	@VAN	@ARK	NMecSt	BAMA
Florida Gators	VAN	@SC	OPEN	*UGA	ARK	@LSU	@MIZZ	*FSU
Georgia Bulldogs	UK	@VAN	OPEN	*UT	MIZZ	OM	@UT	@GT
Kentucky Wildcats	@UGA	MIZZ	OPEN	UT	@MSU	BAMA	@SC	@UL
LSU Tigers	@MIZZ	AUB	Army	OPEN	@BAMA	UF	GSU	A&M
MSU Bulldogs	WMich	OPEN	@ARK	@AUB	UK	@A&M	USM	*OM
Missouri Tigers	LSU	@UK	SC	OPEN	@UGA	UT	UF	*@ARK
<i>More Info Below</i>	ARK	OPEN	@AUB	VAN	A&M	@UGA	ULM	*@MSU
S. Carolina Gamecocks	OPEN	UF	@MIZZ	@A&M	JaxSt	VAN	UK	Gomson
Tennessee Volunteers	OPEN	A&M	@BAMA	@UK	UConn	@MIZZ	UGA	VAN
Texas A&M Aggies	BAMA	@UT	OPEN	SC	@OM	MSU	Ablene	@LSU
Vanderbilt Commodores	@UF	UGA	OPEN	@OM	AUB	@SC	OPEN	@UT

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TEAM	8.2	8.9	8.16	8.23	8.30	9.7	9.14	9.21	9.28	10.5	10.12	10.19	10.26	11.2	11.9	11.16	11.23	11.30
ACC	LSU	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV	WV
SCHEDULE	8.12	8.19	8.26	9.2	9.9	9.16	9.23	9.30	10.7	10.14	10.21	10.28	10.31	11.4	11.11	11.18	11.25	11.22
2023 ACC FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME	8.12	8.19	8.26	9.2	9.9	9.16	9.23	9.30	10.7	10.14	10.21	10.28	10.31	11.4	11.11	11.18	11.25	11.22

## AWESOME HALLOWEEN PIZZA RECIPES



[SPOOKY SPIDER HALLOWEEN PIZZA](#)  
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