



Third Quarter 2015 Review Letter

Dear Clients:

It is time for your first quarterly review letter from Ridley Cove!

Almost all assets classes declined in the third quarter. Uncertainty about China's economy and whether the Federal Reserve would raise rates resulted in greater volatility around the world. The S&P 500 was down about 6% through September 30th, but it was still the best performing stock market: the MSCI EAFE International Developed Markets Index declined 10% and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index declined 18%.

The markets have rebounded in the subsequent month, with the S&P 500 up about 3%, the MSCI EAFE down 3%, and the MSCI Emerging Markets Index down 14% since the beginning of the year.

We continue to position your portfolios to participate in market gains while avoiding the full extent of losses when the markets decline. We strive to smooth out some of the discomfort of choppy markets in order to maintain discipline. This is the most important factor to achieving the solid long-term performance necessary to fund your goals.

The big news at Ridley Cove this quarter is the addition of an advisory board and a chief allocation strategist. We also significantly strengthened our trading systems and attended a compliance conference.

Please refer to the following statement for your quarter-end balances, and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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