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Indexes Year to Date	
Dow	-1.26%
S&P500	-1.06%
NASDAQ	-3.48%
US Dollar	1.46%
Gold	1.63%

Golden Age?

What investment has increased in value nine years in a row and at a compounded rate of 16.7% a year? What is the only form of currency to survive more than 5000 years? What has been my number one recommendation since 2002? Gold of course! It's the golden age (of inflation). The dollar has lost over 34% of its value, and the stock market over 15% in the same nine years. A painful combination. Gold is up 400%! Why weren't you invested in gold? Why didn't your advisor suggest it?

I'm not trying to sell you gold, but I am selling something just as valuable, me. You need an insightful advisor who understands the big picture, and has the tools to act on it. You need an independent advisor with a "fiduciary duty" to provide quality advice.

Chart courtesy of Kitco.com



Strategies for 2010

The current investing environment presents a challenge. Unemployment above 10% and still rising, bonds near historically low yields, and most stocks at unattractive valuations. With a number of the most powerful names in finance looking for a decline to occur in 2010, your investment selections need to be intelligent. I have spent a considerable amount of time researching opportunities for 2010. Without giving away the details, they are as follows:

- A small basket of high quality and low price stocks paying substantial dividends (6-7%).
- A conservative strategy designed to generate 7-9% annually in a sideways market.
- An inflation hedge portfolio to protect the nest egg you've already accumulated.
- A collection of very small strategic stocks that stand to benefit from developing trends.

As an investment advisor it's my job to find intelligent solutions in any market environment. If your portfolio doesn't have a clear function in the current market, it should be reviewed. If your investments aren't taking advantage of global supply and demand inefficiencies and trends, please allow me a few minutes to explain how I can help you.

Wishing you the best in 2010!

James Bowers

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