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GWM Market Update

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Navigating AI Developments and Market Uncertainty

Over the past several months with an uptick in recent weeks, the headlines around Artificial Intelligence (AI) have been impossible to ignore. From sweeping corporate investments to questions about job displacement and entire industries being reshaped, it's natural to feel uneasy about what these developments mean — not just for the economy and markets, but for the ways the future is shaped. The anxiety of uncertainty is not lost on our team.

We want to take a moment to put things in perspective.

Understanding the Landscape

AI is evolving at a remarkable pace. Companies across every sector are pouring hundreds of billions of dollars into AI infrastructure, and the competitive race between the U.S. and other global powers is accelerating. At the same time, legitimate questions remain: How quickly will AI displace certain jobs? Will the enormous capital being deployed actually generate the returns investors expect? Could a handful of dominant technology companies create concentration risk in the broader market? These are real headwinds, and we take them seriously.

What's also true, however, is that transformative technology is not new territory for markets. The internet revolution of the late 1990s brought similar waves of anxiety - and yes, the dot-com bubble showed us that euphoria can get ahead of fundamentals. But the companies and innovations that emerged from that era went on to reshape the global economy and generate extraordinary long-term value for disciplined investors. The parallels aren't perfect, but the lesson holds: periods of technological disruption are uncomfortable in real time, yet they have historically rewarded patience.

The Bull Case and the Bear Case

On one hand, AI has the potential to drive meaningful productivity gains across industries, from healthcare to financial services to manufacturing. That kind of broad-based productivity growth could be a significant tailwind for corporate earnings and equity markets over the longer term.

On the other hand, the pace of change creates uncertainty. Regulatory frameworks are still taking shape. The labor market will face transitions that are difficult to predict. And elevated valuations in parts of the technology sector remind us that markets can get ahead of themselves.

The honest answer is that nobody knows exactly how this story unfolds. Our role has never been to predict the future, but to partner with clients in preparing for it.

What This Means for Your Portfolio

Our portfolio philosophy is rooted in diversification, strategic asset allocation, and disciplined risk management. A well-constructed portfolio isn't built on the assumption that any single trend will play out in a specific way. It's built to navigate a range of outcomes - including outcomes we can't fully anticipate today.

For our clients, the practical implications remain consistent with our long-standing approach: maintain appropriate diversification across asset classes and sectors, ensure liquidity needs are met, and resist the temptation to make sweeping changes based on headlines or short-term market sentiment. While market volatility can be unsettling, history has consistently shown that staying disciplined to your plan and objectives provides positive outcomes.

Staying the Course

We are monitoring AI-related developments closely and will continue to assess how they may influence the economic and market environment. We have a strong belief that the principles that guide your financial plan - discipline, diversification, and a focus on what you can control - are as relevant now as ever.

Don't hesitate to let us know how we can support your goals over the balance of the year. Thanks for the continued trust and partnership as we navigate the uncertainties of the world around us.

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