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RAYMOND JAMES – A REWARDING PLACE TO WORK WITH A CULTURE OF GIVING BACK.

For our April newsletter we are going to highlight some of the accolades Raymond James has received in the last few weeks. We are still surprised to meet people who haven't heard of Raymond James so it doesn't hurt for us to blow our own horn periodically!

As you know it is very important for Jay and I to give back to our community and it's also a quality that is valued and promoted at Raymond James. Therefore we were thrilled to learn that Raymond James – Kelowna Corporate Branch was nominated for one of the 44th annual Civic and Community Awards. **Our office is 1 of 3 finalists for the Corporate Community Of The Year award for medium to large businesses.** These awards highlight the residents and businesses that make a significant contribution to making Kelowna a better place to live. We are being recognized for the volunteer work we did in 2018 with organizations such as KGH Foundation, CMHA Kelowna (Canadian Mental Health), COHA (Hospice), Central Okanagan Food Bank, and BrainTrust of Canada just to name a few! The awards will be handed out on April 24, 2019 at the Kelowna Community Theatre.

Secondly, we are pleased to announce that Raymond James has again been recognized as one of the top employers in BC for 2019. Now entering its 14th year, **BC's Top Employers** is an annual competition organized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers. This special designation recognizes the British Columbia employers that lead their industries in offering exceptional places to work. A top employer must excel at many things, from progressive human resources programs to professional development of their employees to committed community involvement -- all while continuing to drive their business forward to success.



Thirdly, Raymond James Ltd. has been recognized as an **Employee Recommended Workplace for 2019**, as [announced in the *Globe and Mail*](#) on February 8, 2019. The award is the only one of its kind that is based entirely on feedback from employees. The employees of companies who register to participate in the award were asked to complete a short confidential survey, from which they received a personal assessment identifying potential areas for improvement across all elements of total health – physical, mental, work and life.



Last but not least, Jay and Lori (Johnson Legacy Wealth Management at Raymond James) are thrilled to be the title sponsors for the **Appetite for Art** fundraising event at the Kelowna Art Gallery on May 11. Proceeds from this fundraising event support educational and children’s programming at the gallery, including the school tour program, family Sundays, art camps and programs for children, art programs for the vision impaired, programs for adults with diverse abilities, and art lab, the free creative making space.

Tickets are available for purchase at the gallery in person, by calling 250-762-2226, or online at:

<https://www.showpass.com/a-night-in-casablanca/>

Market Pulse:

Major Stock Indexes	Level/Price	YTD Return Ending Mar 29th/19
S&P/TSX Comp	16,102	12.42%
S&P 500 Comp	2,834	13.07%
Dow Jones Industrial Avg	25,929	11.15%
Major Bond Index		
Dex Universe	1,092	3.91%
Commodities		
Crude Oil - WTI (US\$/bbl)	\$60.84	33.98%
Gold (US\$/oz.)	\$1,290	0.68%
N. Gas (US\$/MMBtu)	\$2.68	-9.01%
Currency		
Canadian Dollar (CAD/USD)	\$0.75	2.10%

Source: Bloomberg.



Personal Updates:

Lori just returned from a fun-filled weekend in Calgary. She spent time with many friends including a reunion dinner with the “Africa trip” group. It has been over four months since they returned from Africa so it was time to review everyone’s pictures and memories. Lori also managed to fit in some shopping, someone has to stimulate the Alberta economy!

Jay has just spent the last two weeks with his family in Maui for their annual spring break trip. It looks like a lovely time was had by all. He will share more details in our next newsletter.

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