

What a year

*It was another good year for stocks, with volatility remarkably low
And we celebrated our 10th birthday, if you missed it, it was quite a show*

*Monetary policy got a little tighter as interest rates rose by half a point
And cannabis stocks made headlines, thanks to the soon-to-be-legal joint*

*Bitcoin had a crazy year, reaching a value to which most people can't relate
Like the never-ending topic around the water cooler, Vancouver real estate*

*The Canadian dollar gained a few cents against the almighty American buck
But if you were hunting for bargains in U.S. stocks, you were largely out of luck*

*We were preaching lower returns as the bull market is coming up on nine years
Yet with double-digit gains from our equity funds, our clients aren't shedding any tears*

*Regulators gave investors more transparent statements thanks to CRM Part Two
But trailer fees are still around, meaning authorities haven't yet dropped the other shoe*

*President Trump was busy on Twitter, and with Kim Jong-un he was rattling sabers
He also put NAFTA on the block, pissing off us, his laid back northern neighbours*

*America is cutting itself off from the world and Brexit details are still pending
At least Canada's bucking the trend of populism, in hopes of a better ending*

*Star Wars returned to the box office and Trudeau was seen wearing Chewbacca socks
Which were more stylish than his tax reforms, for which he took some hard knocks*

*Tom's column moved from the Globe and Mail to the National Post
But he's still waxing eloquent about the topics that matter most*

*Our key job in 2017 was to help our clients stick to their plans
And our results so far indicate that you've all got steady hands!*