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Rockin' Robin

March was a difficult month for equities, and as of this writing on April 4, the weakness continues. Despite the downdraft, we draw strength from Warren Buffett's timeless reminder: ***"There is nothing about the price action of a stock that tells you whether you should keep owning it. What tells you whether you should keep owning it is what you expect the company to do in the future."*** We own some of the world's highest-quality businesses—fortified with rock-solid balance sheets and trading at valuations rarely seen. ***We expect our holdings to do exceptionally well.***

The Fund declined 7% in March, slightly worse than the SP500 (down 6%). We are not indifferent to this result—it was an exhausting month. But our mission is twofold: to own exceptional businesses that will compound in value over time, and to manage risk through prudent trading and hedging. In March, our hedging efforts were critical. ***Without them, our year-to-date return would have been -13.6%.*** In addition to maintaining downside protection, we acted decisively by cutting our positions in Mastercard, Berkshire Hathaway, and Apple at or near all-time highs. These decisions were not judgments on the underlying businesses, but reflections of relative valuation. ***We're confident in these calls and comfortable now holding 15% of the Fund in cash.***

Given the magnitude of the recent drawdown, we again turn to Buffett - this time from his 2008 op-ed during the depths of the financial crisis: ***"Let me be clear on one point: I can't predict the short-term movements of the stock market... What is likely, however, is that the market will move higher, perhaps substantially so, well before either sentiment or the economy turns up. So, if you wait for the robins, spring will be over."***

We know the market is weak-weak-weak, but the sounds of future profits are gonna be sweet-sweet-sweet!

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