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### *Dear Friends and Partners,*

I hope that everyone celebrating Easter had a wonderful weekend. Spring seems to have blown in like a breath of fresh air and lifted spirits. We'll get some good news, then temper it with a bit of bad. I imagine that we'll ping-pong this way for another year or so before deciding that things will be ok and we can get on with a healthy economy.

I was speaking with a partner and good friend of mine last night who is based outside of Canada. He said, "So, how are things going to be in Alberta over the next few years - is Edmonton still the best place to be investing in?" I replied that there will be some ups and some downs, then the economy will start moving forward again and gain momentum.

He quipped, "I know that! - 10 years from now will this still be a good place to be invested based on the economy today?" My answer to that question is and was a resounding YES.

When traveling abroad, I'm often reminded how North American attitudes tend to be so focused on the now. For many a 5 year investment period can be such a longtime. My friend, a successful investor (he has a substantial Edmonton portfolio) isn't rocked by short fluctuations, but instead studies bigger cycles and longer blocks of time which he accredits as the building blocks of long-term wealth and security.

Spread out your investment game plan to encompass longer holdings mixed with a few shorter term investments that pay out in-between. This will create balance in a portfolio and should match anticipated lifestyle changes that are predictable, business expansion, kids graduation, retirement and so on. An added bonus of this planning structure is that it reduces stress during turbulent times.

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### **Alberta Far Ahead of Obama on Carbon Capture**

By Don Braid, Canwest News Service February 25, 2009

CALGARY - The way the world works these days, everything U.S. President Barack Obama says about the environment is by definition good and even inspirational. In this same world, anything the Alberta government says is dishonest, self-interested and unethical. But what happens when Obama and Alberta are saying exactly the same thing? Well, Alberta's many critics have a problem, which they simply ignore. And that, of course, is both self-interested and unethical. [CONTINUED HERE](#).

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### **Labour Shortage Looms for Oilpatch**

By Lisa Schmidt, Calgary Herald. April 3, 2009

Despite the economic down-turn, the oilpatch still faces a labour crunch in the next few years, says a forecast released Thursday. Facing a wave of expected retirements and a shrinking pool of new workers, a gap could start to emerge again by 2012, according to a labour market analysis by the Petroleum Human Resources Council. Speaking at a conference Thursday, council executive director Cheryl Knight said the industry needs to focus on tapping new sources of skilled workers to fill the need. [GRAB THIS ARTICLE](#).

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### **Abu Dhabi's TAQA Considering Oil Sands Entry**

By Claudia Cattaneo, Calgary Bureau Chief, Financial Post. April 3, 2009

CALGARY -- The Abu Dhabi National Energy Co. is considering entering Canada's oil sands business, but is not in negotiations at the moment, chief executive Peter Barker-Homek said Friday. In an interview from Abu Dhabi, Mr. Barker-Homek said his company, a petroleum and power producer known as TAQA, would consider an asset purchase, a partnership or an acquisition for portfolio diversification and to deepen its expertise. [GET FULL STORY](#).

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If you haven't already, remember to get out there and take a walk in the park, change something in your life be it big or small to refresh yourself!

*"Willpower is the key to success. Successful people strive no matter what they feel by applying their will to overcome apathy, doubt or fear." ~Dan Millman*

Thank you,

Todd and Danielle Millar-

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