

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great Canada Day -by writing to your MP and asking that our National Holiday be always on a Friday or Monday. Long weekends are scarce here in the Great White North, and yesterday's celebrations -patriotic as they were- would have been made better by an opportunity to sleep in a little today and putter around the house. That said, the 2nd-half of the year has started and with it, some good news! The US jobs report is coming out today, with expectations of 3 Million jobs gained (that's right, *gained*, not lost). Read <[here](#)>. The re-start of the North American economy is showing signs of gaining traction, and that's reason for optimism, both for the economy and for stock markets around the world.



More reasons for optimism come from examples of entrepreneurial resilience, namely the willingness of small business owners to pursue their dreams and start business -even in the midst of a pandemic. The attached article here from today's Globe & Mail <[here](#)> provides proof that, global pandemics notwithstanding, human beings are forward-looking and inherently optimistic. As I have written about before, this is what will get us through this crisis, as it has every other crisis in history and the messy aftermath. Think of the devastation and destruction across Europe and when the guns fell silent in 1945, the smouldering ruins of cities could be seen across the continent. Absent of optimism, and a willingness to re-build, the place could well have fallen into permanent ruin. Instead, the peoples of Europe dusted themselves off and started anew and in an astonishingly short period of time (less than 10 years), the traces of the global war were erased and life had largely returned to normal.

So it will be here as well, as hope springs eternal and tomorrow is another day! A better day of a better future. We have turned the corner on CV-19, and while the road ahead will be challenging, we are moving solidly back to the life we all knew when the year started. And to do my part, I will be making a point of patronizing each of the businesses mentioned in the G&M article, notably La Diperie -the dessert spot located in the Annex. From ice cream to pie, anything that can be dip-coated in chocolate can be found here. To check out their website, visit ladiperie.com Yum!

Look forward to Zooming with all of you in July and August and to In-Person meetings as soon as the coast is clear!

Be safe, be well!

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