Summary

The stock market has continued its bull run through the month of March. The S&P 500, Dow and Nasdaq all hit all-time highs and equity markets were positive for the fifth month in a row. The magnificent seven appeared to have stalled in the month of March as the group rose only 1.6% on a market cap weighted basis compared to the 3.1% advance for the remainder of the index. The Spellman Fund saw positive returns this month led by Turtle Beach Corporation with a 56.30% increase. The Spellman Fund has had a monthly return of 2.5%, beating the S&P 500 which had a monthly return of 2.4%. This is promising news for the Spellman Fund as this is the first month this year where the index has outperformed the S&P 500.

Inflation and Interest Rates

For the second month in a row, inflation has ticked up by 0.4%, rising to 3.2% coming as a shock as this is higher than what economists expected. This number still shows progress from the 6% inflation rate we were at but remains above the Fed's goal of driving inflation down to 2%. The Fed remains on track to cut interest rates later this year but is in no hurry to as they continue to see lowering them too soon as a bigger risk than waiting too long. The reasoning for this is that they don't want to start cutting prematurely and end up making inflation worse. The Cleveland Fed President, Loretta Mester says that it wasn’t likely officials would have enough data to support a rate cut at their next meeting April 30- May 1. Economists expect that we will need to wait till the Fed’s June 12 meeting to potentially see the first rate cut.
The portfolio had an overall increase of 2.5% outperforming the S&P 500 which had an increase of 2.4%.

The top three performing economic sectors were Utilities (15.76% Increase), Energy (9.83% Increase), and Consumer Discretionary (6.87% Increase).

**Top 5 Highest Performers**

**Turtle Beach Corporation (HEAR):**
- 56.30% Increase
- $17.24 Ending Price per Share

**NextEra Energy, Inc. (NEE):**
- 15.76% Increase
- $63.91 Ending Price per Share

**General Motors Company (GM):**
- 10.64% Increase
- $45.35 Ending Price per Share

**Alphabet Inc. Class A (GOOGL):**
- 10.06% Increase
- $150.93 Ending Price per Share

**Exxon Mobil Corporation (XOM):**
- 9.83% Increase
- $116.24 Ending Price per Share

The worst three performing economic sectors were Real Estate (-2.07% Decrease), Industrials (-1.23% Decrease), and Information Technology (-0.62% Decrease).

**Top 5 Worst Performers**

**Apple Inc. (AAPL):**
- -4.55% Decrease
- $171.48 Ending Price per Share

**Boeing Company (BA):**
- -3.50% Decrease
- $192.99 Ending Price per Share

**Meta Platforms Inc Class A (META):**
- -3.33% Decrease
- $485.58 Ending Price per Share

**Union Pacific Corporation (UNP):**
- -2.79% Decrease
- $245.93 Ending Price per Share

**Johnson & Johnson (JNJ):**
- -2.42% Decrease
- $158.19 Ending Price per Share