

# SLATER FINANCIAL GROUP

## Slater Chronicles July 2024



Welcome to the first part of our summer newsletter series! We're excited to share some of the fun and relaxing activities our team members are enjoying and have planned. Dive in to discover some of our favourite activities and perhaps get inspired for your own summer adventures!

*Mark*

### What the team is up to this summer – Part 1 of 2

#### Eloise's Lakeside Adventures

I've been soaking up the sunshine and taking advantage of our (mostly) nice weather. My adventures have taken me biking along the lakeshore, lounging on sandy beaches, and cherishing moments with friends. When it comes to beach time, my top spots in Toronto are Cherry Beach, Sunnyside Beach, and any of the fabulous beaches on the Toronto Islands.



One of the highlights of my summer was a weekend getaway with my partner to a cozy cottage near Big Cedar Lake. This quaint, quiet lake felt like a hidden gem - we hardly saw another soul except for the occasional friendly boater. It was the perfect retreat to relax, unwind, and immerse ourselves in Ontario's natural beauty. Our days were filled with canoeing, swimming, barbecuing, building cozy fires, and simply sitting on the dock, watching the time float by.

As summer rolls on, I eagerly look forward to spending more quality time with friends and family. For me, summer in Toronto is unparalleled — the city comes alive with energy as everyone is making the most of our precious (and limited) good weather. I feel so grateful to be spending this wonderful summer close to home!



## Hamed's Exciting Travel Plans

I am extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel extensively in my life. Exploring new cultures and cuisines has been a highlight of my travels, and as a result, most of my trips have taken me outside of Canada.

However, I'd like to refocus some of my travel efforts within Canada. There is so much I'd like to see from Banff and Jasper to Gros Morne. This summer, I plan to cross a few nearby destinations off my bucket list. I'm planning some exciting road trips and have my sights set on visiting Prince Edward County, the Bruce Peninsula, and Grand Bend. I'm hopeful I can cross them off my list soon!

## Ryan's Niagara Winery Tours

On the fourth of July, I took some time off to go tour some of the wineries in the Niagara Peninsula, specifically those within the Niagara Escarpment and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Going to wineries in the Niagara Peninsula had been on my bucket list for a while. With some friends visiting Toronto from out of town, we decided to make it a group trip, and seven of us made the drive down together. Below, I've highlighted my two favourite wineries from the trip.

### Cave Spring

Cave Spring was the oddball of the wineries I went to. We didn't go to Cave Spring to try ice wines; instead, we went because a few friends and I had previously enjoyed their Cabernet Franc.

We started the day with a wine tasting paired with a charcuterie board. Cave Spring was the least busy of the wineries we visited, and they had balcony seating available. They were also the most generous with wine, as the tasting specified a flight of four wines, but they let us try six different bottles by the end of the tasting.

Cave Spring stood out to me due to how unique the wines in their CSV and Estate lineups were. Due to the LCBO's supply demands to stock a specific bottle of wine, they can't stock these wines at the LCBO. The CSV and Estate Chardonnays were delightful and markedly different from typical VQA Chardonnays you would find at the LCBO.

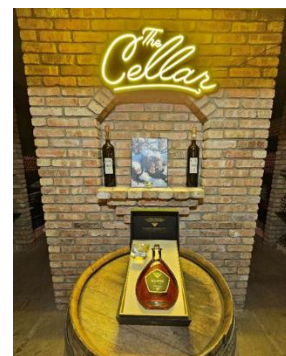
My Favourite: Cave Spring's 2021 Chardonnay CSV.



### Inniskillin Wines

We visited Inniskillin specifically to sample their ice wines. Honestly, some of us had previously tried their other wines and were not big fans. Interestingly, a guide at the previous winery mentioned that they enjoyed Inniskillin's ice wine but not their other wines.

Inniskillin offers private tours of its Icewine Experience for a charge of \$250 (5 people at \$60 each). The tour begins with a heavy focus on the winery's history, its founders, and its role as a pioneer of ice wines in Canada. Although this part of the tour may not appeal to everyone, the tasting at the end was delectable.





During the tasting at Inniskillin, we sampled three of their ice wines paired with dark chocolates: Vidal, Riesling, and Cabernet Franc. Personally, I found their ice wines to be better overall than those of the other wineries we visited, but their Cabernet Franc stood out as the best ice wine of the day.

My Favorite: Inniskillin's Cabernet Franc Icewine VQA

*We hope you enjoyed reading about our summer fun and that you're enjoying the season as much as we are. Stay tuned for more exciting stories from Mark, Jeannie, Sandy, and Pauline in the next part of our series. We'd love to hear about your summer fun, too – please feel free to share your favourite moments with us!*

*Have a fantastic summer!*

## Reach out to us

At [Slater Financial Group](#), we're happy to speak with you or your family members, friends or colleagues trying to navigate many of these details. In addition, our clients have the benefit of tapping into the many resources available to us here at CIBC.



416 594-8835

[mark.slater@cibc.com](mailto:mark.slater@cibc.com)

Connect on [LinkedIn](#)

## About us

### **Your Trusted Partner in Wealth Management: *Empowering Families, Enriching Futures***

Since 1995 we have made ourselves available to act as a sounding board for anyone who may need urgent financial advice or just a second opinion. We have been able to help many families by providing comprehensive wealth management services. As a result, our business now comes to us almost exclusively through referrals.

So, if you're approached by a friend, neighbour or family member, or if you know someone who needs a sympathetic ear, please let them know we always have time to listen, and do our best to help. By making ourselves available this way, we're striving to make people's financial lives less stressful and better, knowing that we're *“doing well by doing good.”*

### **Past newsletters**

### **Blog**

## Contact us

[slaterfinancialgroup@cibc.com](mailto:slaterfinancialgroup@cibc.com)

Tel: 416 980-6960

Toll: [1 800 263-3803](tel:18002633803)

[slaterfinancialgroup.com](http://slaterfinancialgroup.com)

West Tower, The Bay Adelaide Centre

333 Bay St., Suite 2800



CIBC Private Wealth” consists of services provided by CIBC and certain of its subsidiaries, through CIBC Private Banking; CIBC Private Investment Counsel, a division of CIBC Asset Management Inc. (“CAM”); CIBC Trust Corporation; and CIBC Wood Gundy, a division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (“WMI”). CIBC Private Banking provides solutions from CIBC Investor Services Inc. (“ISI”), CAM and credit products. CIBC Private Wealth services are available to qualified individuals. The CIBC logo and “CIBC Private Wealth” are trademarks of CIBC, used under license. “Wood Gundy” is a registered trademark of CIBC World Markets Inc.

This information, including any opinion, is based on various sources believed to be reliable, but its accuracy cannot be guaranteed and is subject to change. CIBC and CIBC World Markets Inc., their affiliates, directors, officers and employees may buy, sell, or hold a position in securities of a company mentioned herein, its affiliates or subsidiaries, and may also perform financial advisory services, investment banking or other services for, or have lending or other credit relationships with the same. CIBC World Markets Inc. and its representatives will receive sales commissions and/or a spread between bid and ask prices if you purchase, sell or hold the securities referred to above. © CIBC World Markets Inc. 2024.

Mark Slater is an Investment Advisor with CIBC Wood Gundy in Toronto. The views of Mark Slater do not necessarily reflect those of CIBC World Markets Inc.