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## January Newsletter

### Real Estate Shines as an Investment in 2015

A survey by *The Joint Center of Housing Studies at Harvard University* reveals that when a family is buying a home they consider the financial benefits of homeownership along with the social benefits. The survey mentions things like:

- Paying rent does not make sense
- Homeownership provides a good financial opportunity
- Owning a home helps you building family wealth
- Buying a home is investing in your retirement
- Home equity gives you something to borrow against

So how did homeownership match up against other investments in 2015? Here is a chart that compares its return on investment against precious metals and the stock market last year:

### Recipe of the Month



#### ***Roasted Garbanzo Beans and Garlic with Swiss Chard***

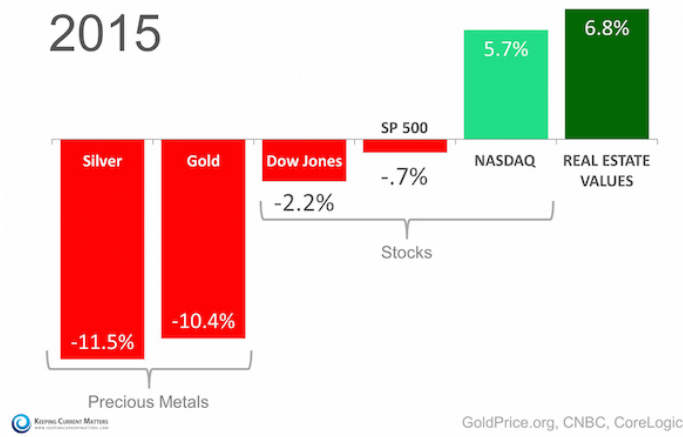
A simple, flavorful side dish to accompany lamb, pork or steak, or keep it vegetarian and mix it in with some pasta!

#### Tips:

- Add some crispy prosciutto for an extra boost of deliciousness
- Dip bread in the excess oil

Find the recipe [here](#). Enjoy!

## Return on Investment 2015



## Bottom Line

Not only did homeownership offer all its social benefits. It also was a great investment financially.

The KCM Crew, [www.keepingcurrentmatters.com](http://www.keepingcurrentmatters.com), 1/5/16

One of my New Year's resolutions is to go to the museum more. I love all different types of art so why not take advantage of Seattle's great museums? On the first Thursday of every month the Seattle Art Museum and the Asian Art Museum offer free admission to the public so this will be a great opportunity. If you're interested too, take a look at the calendar and current exhibits [here](#).



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