

## **Four Ways Real Estate is Better than Stocks**

A recent article on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2008, in the business section of the Kelowna Daily Courier by Joseph Roberge, Investment Advisor, purported that over the last 30 years the S & P TSX Index outperformed Real Estate Investment. He claimed that the stock index averaged 10.8% per year while Real Estate was 7.7% average gain over the same period.

He conveniently omitted that:

- 1) The equity increase in your principal residence is tax free while stock gains are taxable. **Advantage: Real Estate!**
- 2) You can live in your Real Estate Investment but not in your stocks. **Advantage: Real Estate!**
- 3) You can buy Real Estate with a low down payment effectively by increasing your yield. You need cash to buy stocks. **Advantage: Real Estate!**
- 4) You can rent out all or part of your Real Estate Investment and let your tenant buy it for you. Stocks you have to pay for yourself. **Advantage: Real Estate!**