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A light gray screen with dark gray text that reads 'Federal Open Market Committee' scrolls across the screen in segments then scales down to the full title. Scene fades to white.

A male host named Tim Sustak stands in front of a gray wall with two dark, wooden books shelves with various books and decorations on them. Below him is a screen width gray graphic with a blue border on top and white letters that read, 'Federal Open Market Committee Update- Tim Sustak -May 2, 2018.

Hi, I'm Tim Sustak, Chief Credit Officer with Vizo Financial and this is your FOMC update for the May 2018 meeting.

The federal open market committee completed its latest meeting today, and unanimously chose to maintain the fed funds target range at 1.5 percent on the lower end and 1.75 percent on the upper end. In its statement following the meeting, the committee indicated that "that the labor market has continued to strengthen and that economic activity has been rising at a moderate rate." The Committee also indicated that, "with further gradual adjustments in the stance of monetary policy, economic activity will expand at a moderate pace in the medium term and labor market conditions will remain strong." The committee sees risks to its economic outlook as roughly balanced. In addition, the committee added the word "symmetric" as a descriptor of its 2% inflation goal indicating that, "Inflation on a 12-month basis is expected to run near the Committee's symmetric 2 percent objective over the medium term." The thought is that the committee added symmetric to indicate their willingness to allow inflation to exceed their 2% goal to a certain degree without accelerating the pace of rate increases. Overall, nothing here to make us believe that there has been any change to the plan for interest rates as we know it.

That's the FOMC update for the May 2018 meeting. Thanks for watching.

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