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# Perspective 

It's about time in the market, not timing the market.

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Emotions can compromise financial health.


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## The market has faced many economic downturns over time

Historically, despite many periods of increased volatility, markets have remained resilient.

S\&P 500 INDEX (USD) - TOTAL RETURN


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## These downturns can create an emotional rollercoaster

It's not easy for investors to manage their emotions. There is a tendency to get excited and buy just as markets are set to decline, and to panic and sell just as markets are set to recover.

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## Recessions, while unsettling, are usually short-lived

The good times (economic expansion) usually last much longer than the bad times (economic recession).

LENGTH OF RECESSIONS AND EXPANSIONS - SEPTEMBER 1902 TO APRIL 2020


Source: National Bureau of Economic Research

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## It pays to stay invested

Historically, stock markets have rebounded from selloffs, with some of the best days coming on the heels of the worst, so it typically pays to remain invested through volatile times.

VALUE OF \$10,000 INVESTED IN THE S\&P 500 INDEX FOR 20 YEARS


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## Bulls outrun bears since 1942

The average length of a bull market is much longer than a bear market, where gains in a bull market often far exceed losses in a bear market.

S\&P 500 INDEX RETURNS

|  | Average <br> duration | Average <br> return |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 56 | $137 \%$ |
|  | 15 | $-29 \%$ |



Source: Bloomberg January 31, 2024
Local currency; price only returns, A bull (bear) market is defined as a prositive (negative) move greater than 20\%.

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## Volatility strategies

Investing is a long-term process. By focusing on the future, you can ride out occasional volatility.

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## Avoid trying to time the market

It's virtually impossible to know when markets will rebound. Trying to time the market may sometimes look like a smart move, but your long-term investment performance will likely be worse than if you had simply stayed invested through the bad times.

GROWTH OF \$10,000 - S\&P 500 INDEX


Source: Bloomberg, January 31, 2009 - December 31, 2015
Unlike mutual funds, the returns and principal of GICs are guaranteed.

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## Asset allocation remains the most important aspect of portfolio management

By diversifying your portfolio across different asset classes, you can achieve greater consistency in returns, and ultimately protect yourself against market volatility.

A DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO CAN HELP REDUCE VOLATILITY


Source: Morningstar Direct. All returns calendar annual returns in CAD. Canadian Equities: Solactive Canada Broad Market TR CAD, U.S. Equities: Solactive US Large Cap TR CAD International Developed Market Equities: Solactive GBS DM ex NA L\&M C TR CAD, Canadian Fixed Income: FTSE Canada Universe Bond, U.S. Fixed Income: Bloomberg US Agg Float Adj

TR Hedged CAD, Developed ex-U.S. Aggregate Bond: Bloomberg Gbl Agg xUSD 10\% IC TR Hdg USD, EM local currency bonds: JPM GBI-EM Global Core TR USD.

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## Consider a 'Dollar-Cost Averaging' strategy

Rather than investing all your money at once, making a commitment to invest a smaller amount on a regular basis may lower your average cost per unit by purchasing more units at lower prices.

DCA IN A FLUCTUATING MARKET


This hypothetical illustration shows how investing $\$ 300$ each month in a fluctuating market can potentially help reduce the overall cost of the portfolio by buying more securities when the price is lower and fewer when the price is more expensive. For illustrative purposes only.

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## Markets eventually recover despite volatility

Staying the course is of the utmost importance during periods of volatility as it has historically enabled investors to fully recover from these periods and achieve their long-term investment goals.

## GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT, 1989-2024

 S\&P 500 Index (USD) - Total Return

| Crisis | Market low | 1 yr later | 2 years later |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The Korean War | 13-Jul-50 | $31.70 \%$ | $49.70 \%$ |
| Cuban Missile Crisis | 23-Oct-62 | $36.50 \%$ | $59.20 \%$ |
| JFK Assassination | 22-Nov-63 | $23.90 \%$ | $31.60 \%$ |
| 1969 to 70 Market Break | 26-May-70 | $43.70 \%$ | $59.70 \%$ |
| 1973 to 74 Market Break | 6-Dec-74 | $33.50 \%$ | $59.30 \%$ |
| 1979 to 80 Oil Crisis | 27-Mar-80 | $37.10 \%$ | $14.00 \%$ |
| 1987 Stock Market Crash | 19-Oct-87 | $23.20 \%$ | $54.40 \%$ |
| Desert Storm | 11-Oct-90 | $29.10 \%$ | $36.30 \%$ |
| Soviet Coup D'état Attempt | 19-Aug-91 | $11.10 \%$ | $21.20 \%$ |
| Asian Financial Crisis | 2-Apr-97 | $49.30 \%$ | $72.50 \%$ |
| Sept 11th | 21-Sep-01 | $-12.50 \%$ | $7.30 \%$ |
| Dot-com Bubble crash | 9-Oct-02 | $33.70 \%$ | $44.50 \%$ |
| Invasion of Iraq | 11-Mar-03 | $38.20 \%$ | $49.90 \%$ |
| North Korean Missile Test | 17-Jul-06 | $25.50 \%$ | $2.10 \%$ |
| Subprime Mortgage Crisis | 9-Mar-09 | $68.60 \%$ | $95.10 \%$ |
| US Debt Rating Downgrade | 3-Oct-11 | $32.00 \%$ | $52.20 \%$ |
| Crimea Annexation | 3-Feb-14 | $17.70 \%$ | $9.80 \%$ |
| China Yuan Devaluation | 11-Feb-16 | $26.60 \%$ | $43.20 \%$ |
| 2018 Global Recession Scare | 24-Dec-18 | $37.10 \%$ | $57.50 \%$ |
| COVID-19 Pandemic | 23-Mar-20 | 74.80\% | $99.20 \%$ |
| Average |  | $\mathbf{3 3 . 0 0 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4 5 . 9 0 \%}$ |
|  |  |  |  |

Source: Morningstar Direct / Bloomberg. As at January 31, 2024.
Snapshots in time of significant negative impact international events from 1950 to March 2020, and the subsequent change in market value from the S\&P 500 Index.

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