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Kurt has been building investment portfolios helping clients achieve their goals since 2003. Prior to joining Knightsbridge, Kurt was the President of Buffalo Capital Corporation. Prior to that, he was on the portfolio management team for a boutique municipal bond manager with approximately \$7 billion in assets under management. Before that, he spent five years at Pacific Investment Management Company (PIMCO). Kurt earned his MBA from the University Virginia's Darden School Business. He received his BA in economics Claremont from McKenna College where he was on the Men's Basketball Team. He currently serves on the board of LEAD OC.



Ask First – Kurt Beimfohr

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□ GED	☐ Some College	Masters or other Advanced Degree

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Today's Agenda

1. The power of the stock market



2. Bonds are good



3. Cash is King



4. What does a good investment advisor look like

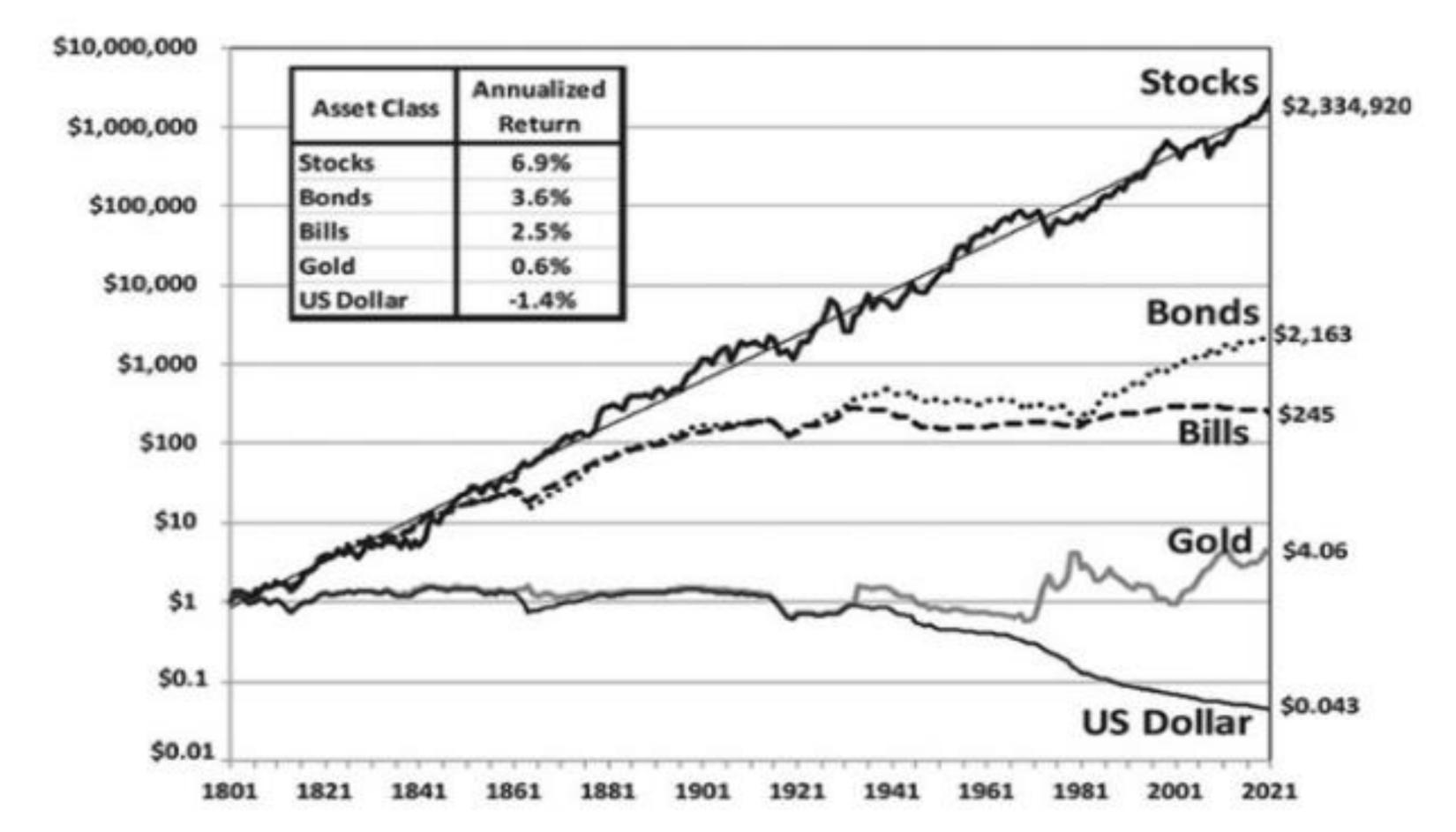




The Power of the Stock Market



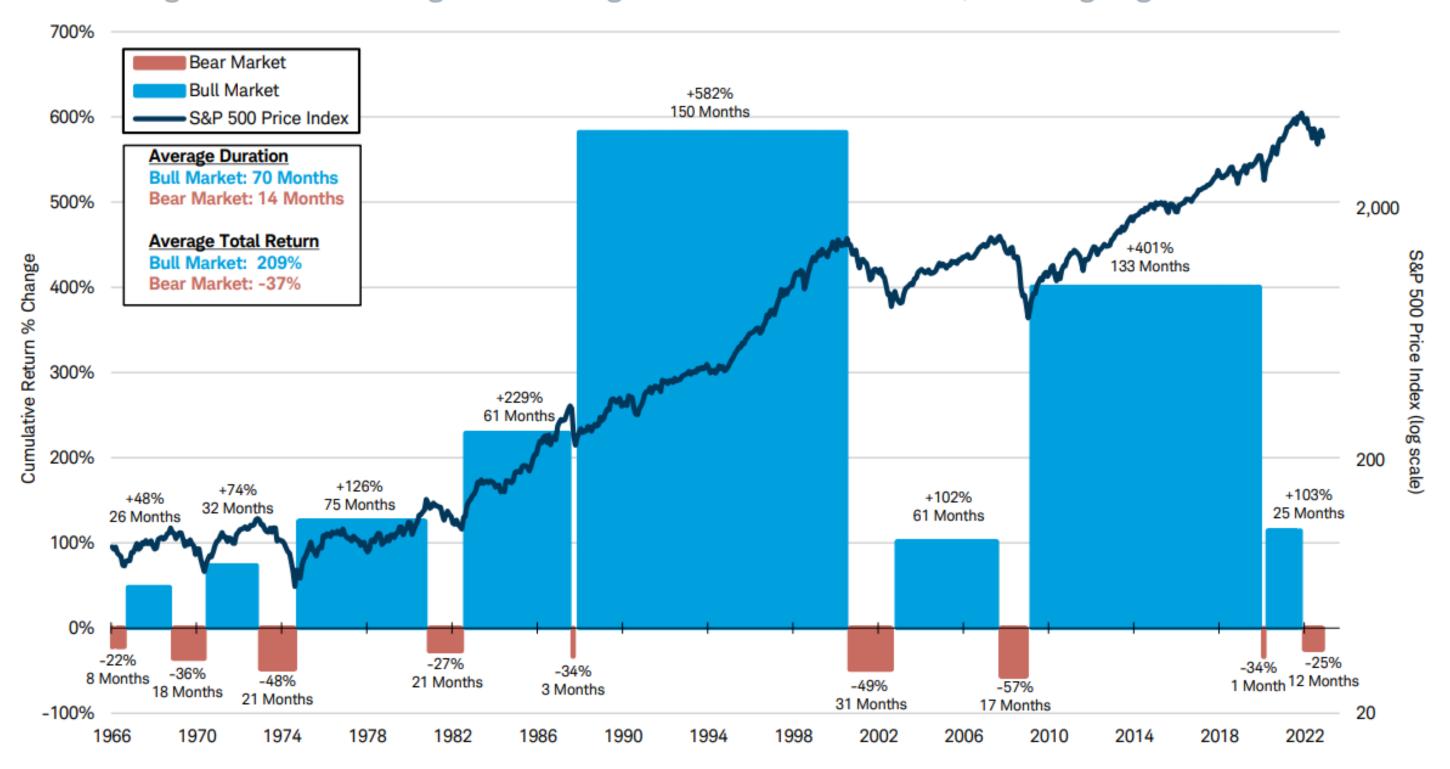
Historical Annualized Return by Asset Class





U.S. bull and bear markets

With most markets hitting bear market territory this year, it is notable that bull markets have generally been longer in duration and greater in magnitude than bear markets, resulting in gains over time.

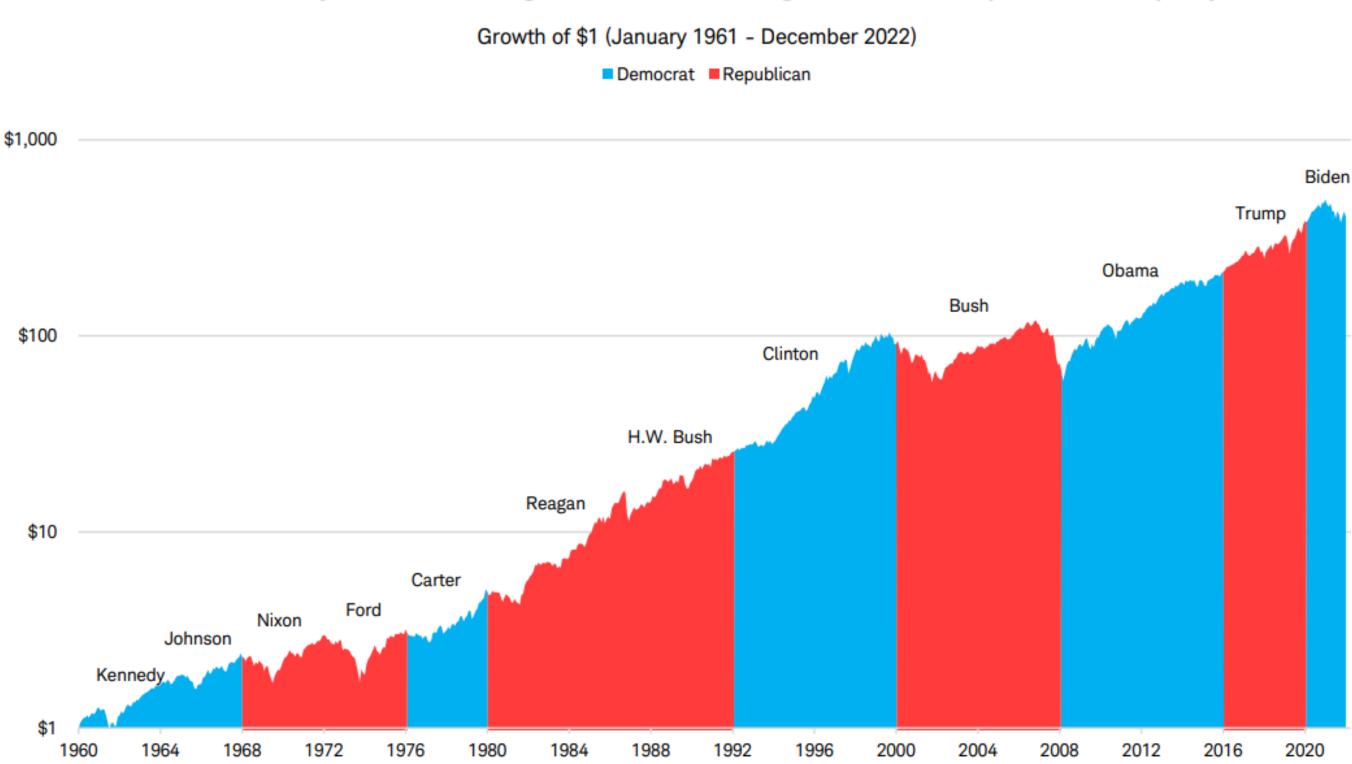




Don't Bring Politics to Investing

Politics versus sound investment principles

Markets have historically rewarded long-term investors regardless of the presidential party.

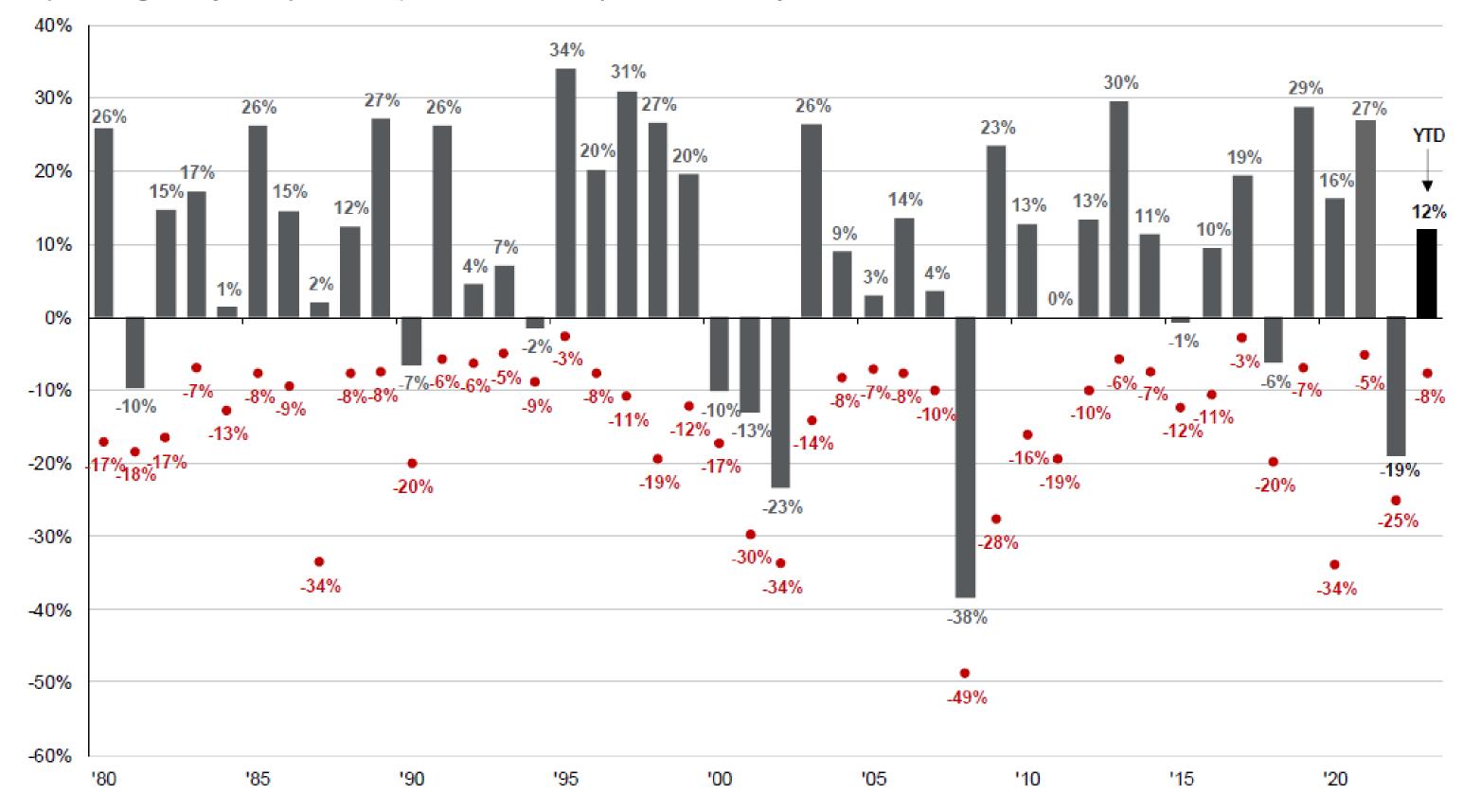




Accept that Stocks Fluctuate in the Shorter Term

S&P intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.3%, annual returns were positive in 32 of 43 years



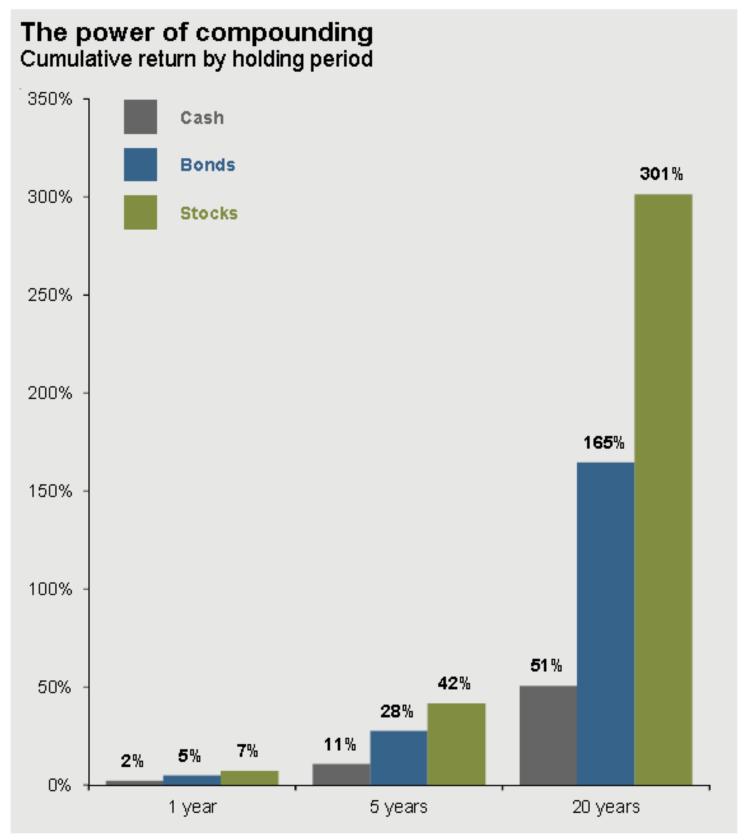


Stocks Have Delivered Positive 5-Year Returns 80% of the Time





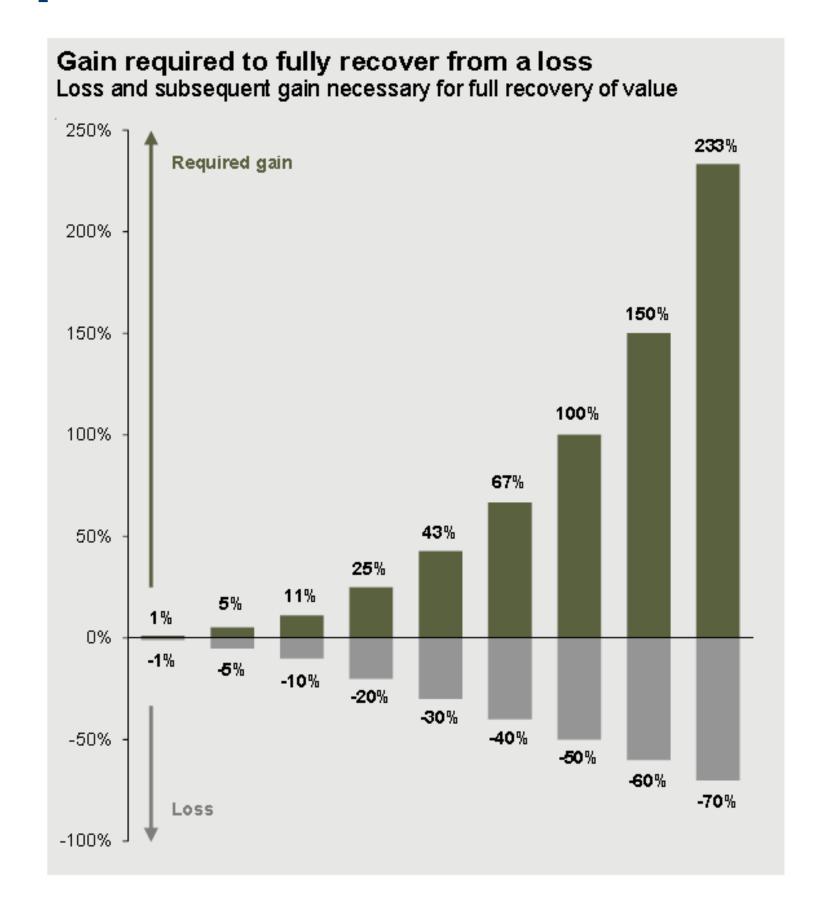
Stock Returns Compound Over Time



Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management, BLS, FactSet, Standard & Poor's

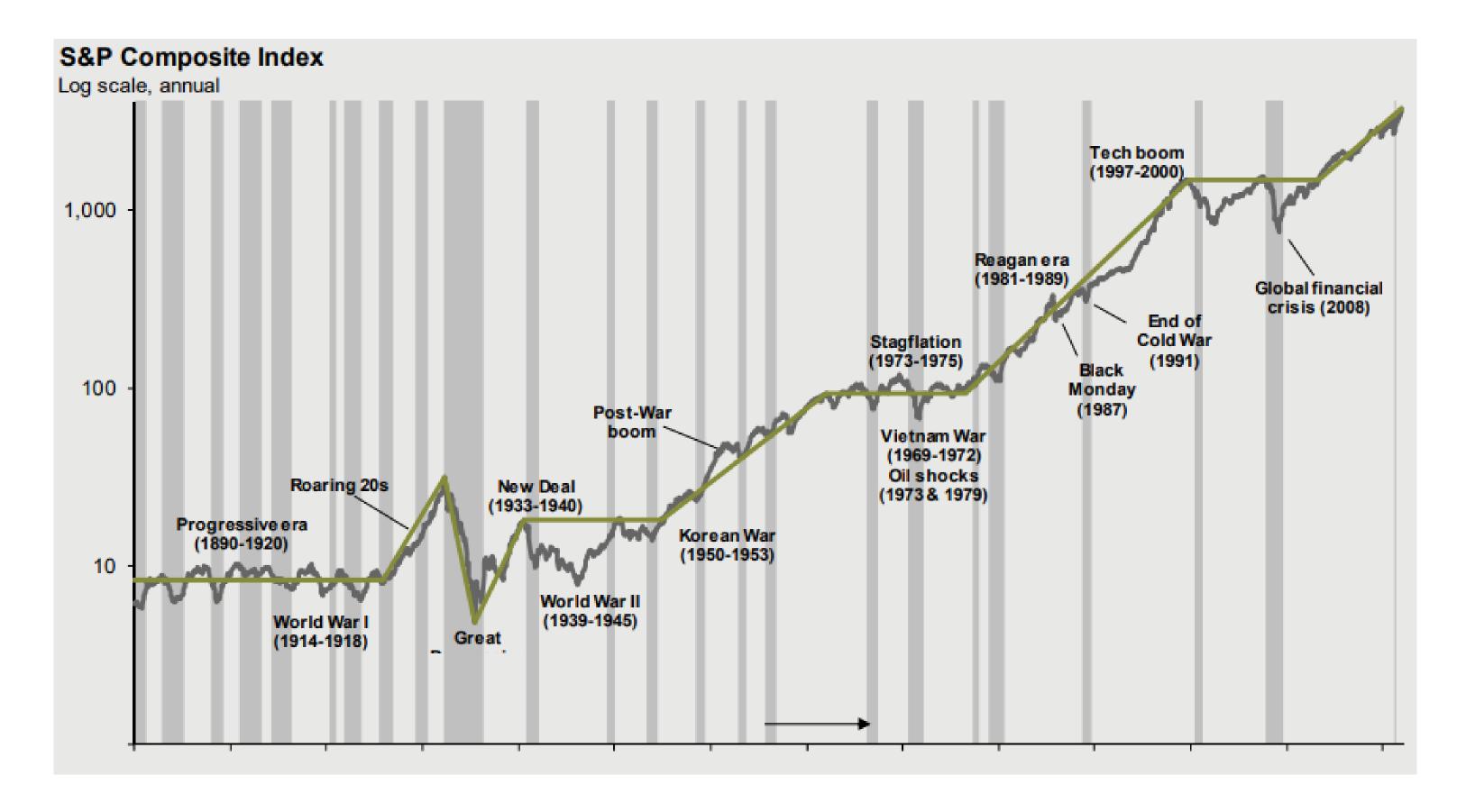


But Don't Speculate in the Stock Market



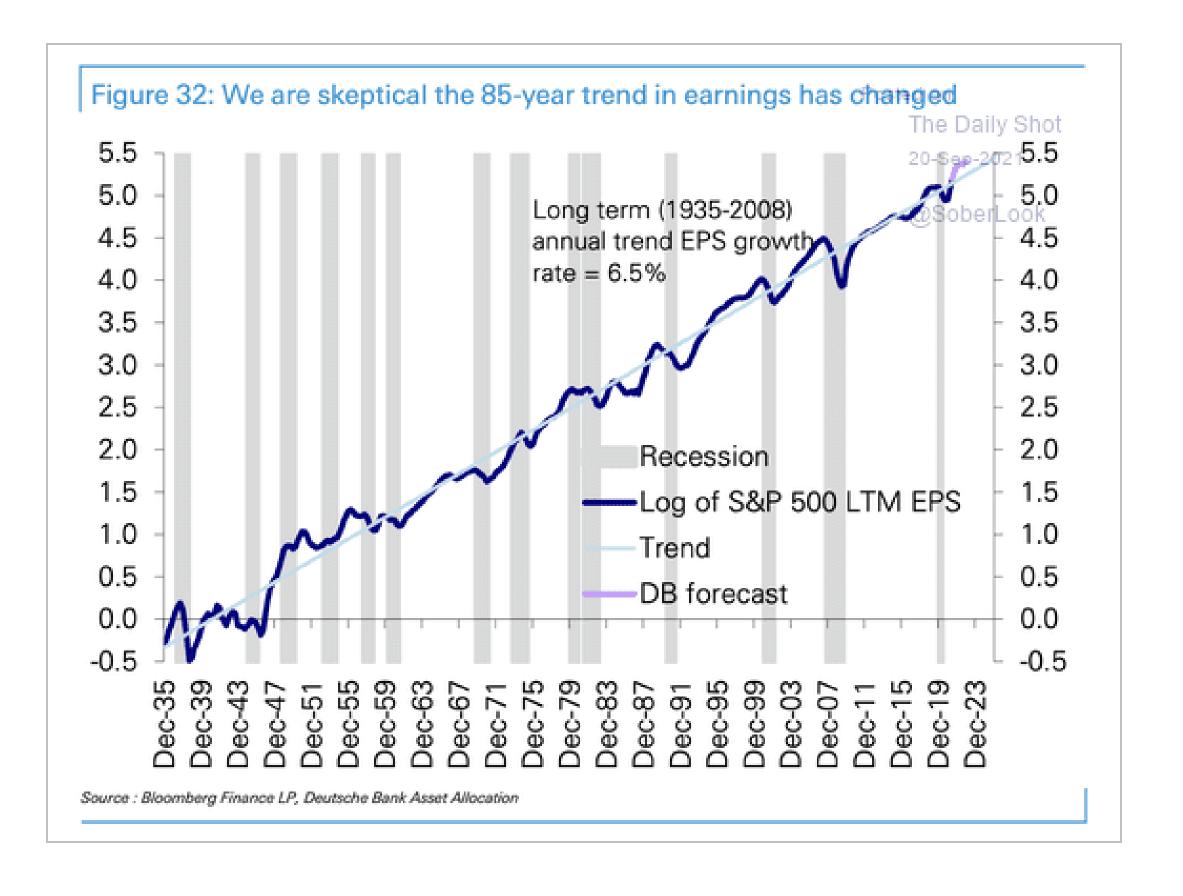


The Stock Market Rises Through Time and Events





Corporate Earnings Drive Stocks Higher





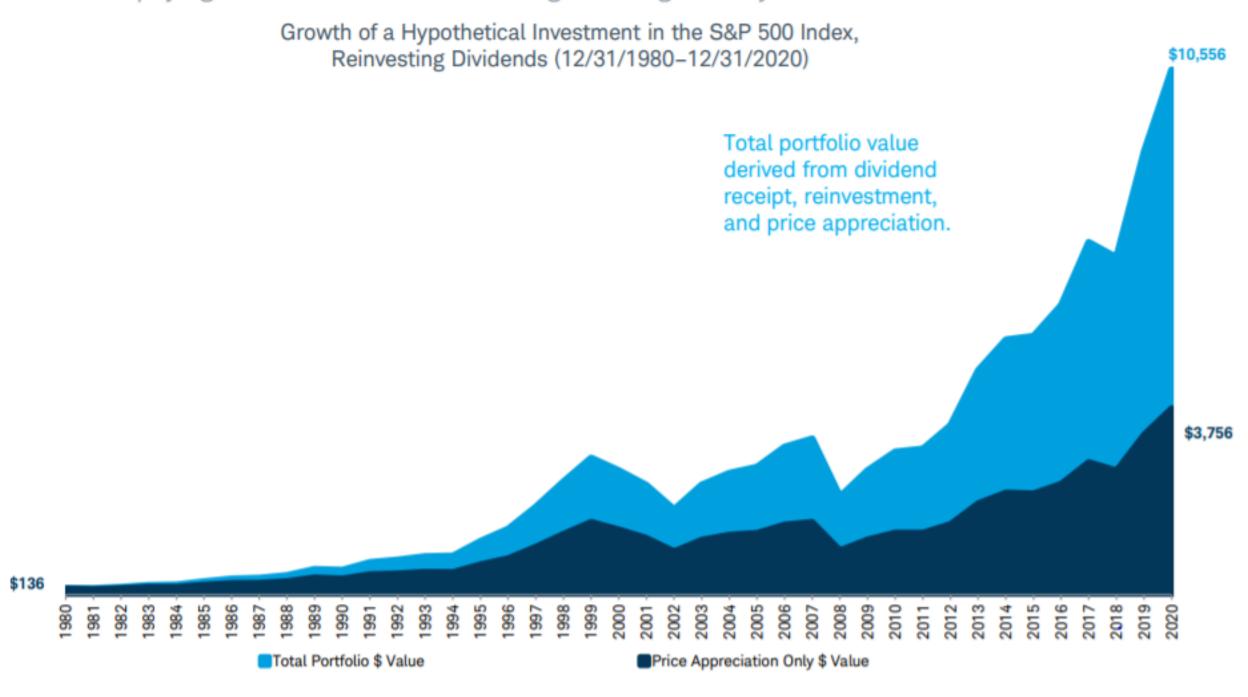
Own Dividend Paying Stocks





Reinvest Your Dividends

Impact of dividends on total return Dividend-paying stocks are another income-generating security.



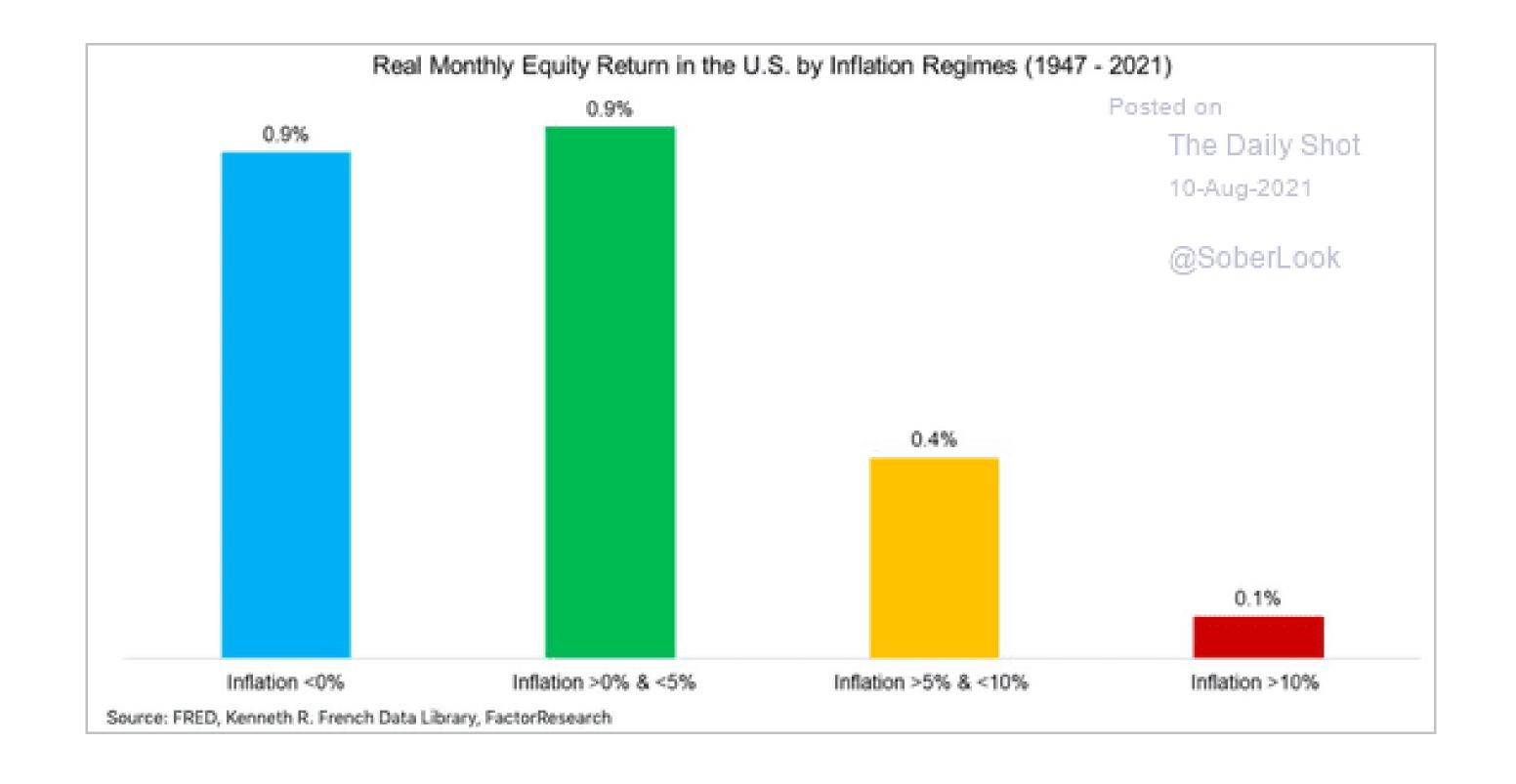
Growth of the S&P 500 Total Return Index assumes reinvestment of dividends, includes capital gains, and does not reflect the effect of taxes and fees. Source: S&P Global Indices and Bloomberg as of 12/31/2020. Indexes are unmanaged, do not incur fees or expenses, and cannot be invested in directly. Past performance is no guarantee future results.



Current Stock Market Conditions



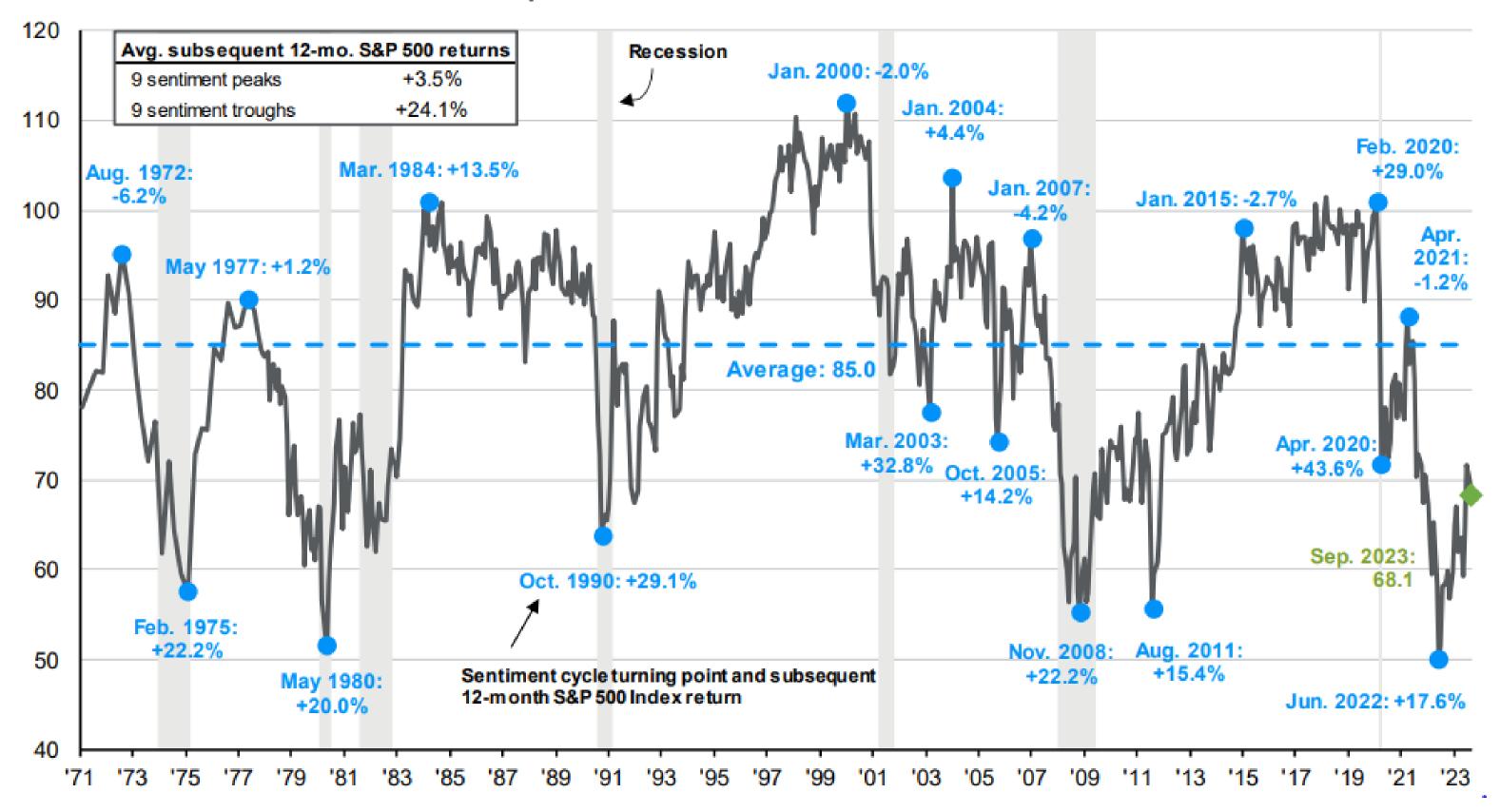
Inflation Decline Favorable for Stocks





Strong Returns Follow Depressed Sentiment

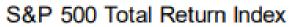
Consumer Sentiment Index and subsequent 12-month S&P 500 returns

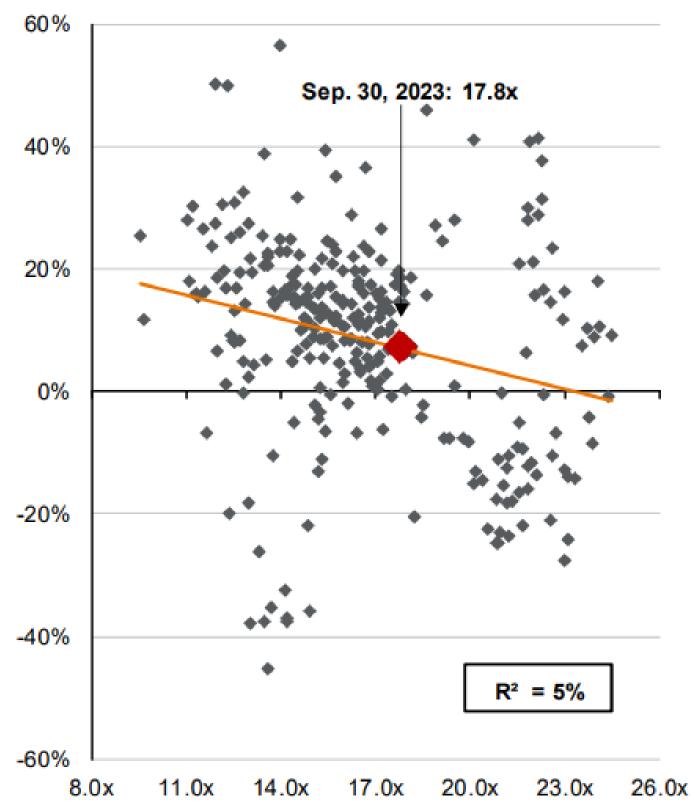




Favorable Long-Term Value

Forward P/E and subsequent 1-yr. returns





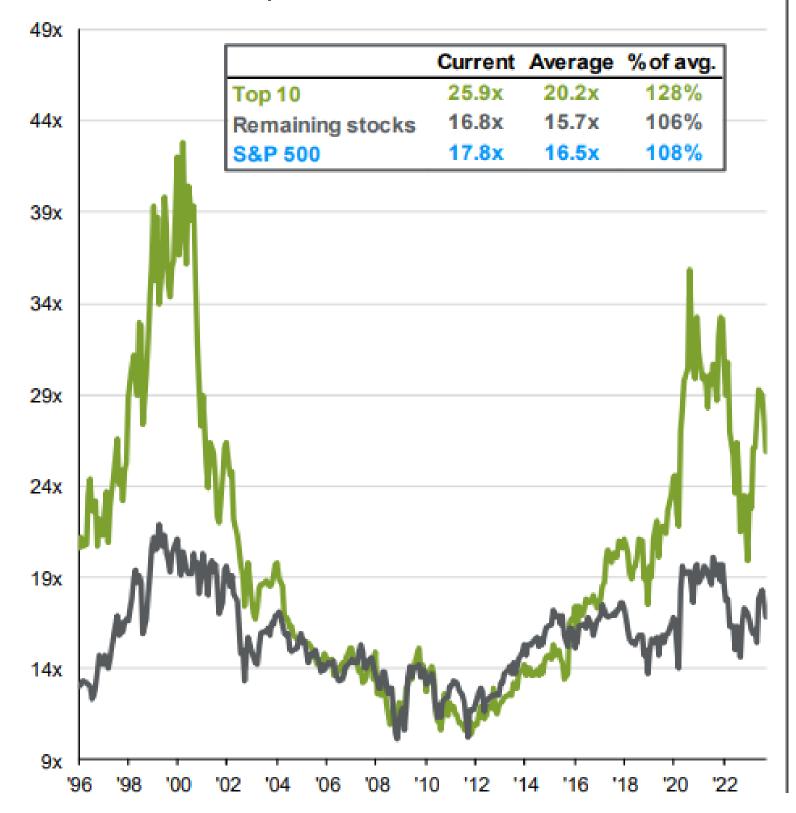
Forward P/E and subsequent 5-yr. annualized returns S&P 500 Total Return Index 60% 40% Sep. 30, 2023: 17.8x 20% 0% -20% -40% $R^2 = 31\%$ -60% 23.0x 26.0x 8.0x 11.0x 14.0x 17.0x 20.0x



A Time to Diversify

P/E ratio of the top 10 and remaining stocks in the S&P 500

Next 12 months, 1996 - present



Weight of the top 10 stocks in the S&P 500

% of market capitalization of the S&P 500



Earnings contribution of the top 10 in the S&P 500

Based on last 12 months' earnings

Sep. 30, 2023: 21.9%

28%

24%

20%

16%

12%

96 '98 '00 '02 '04 '06 '08 '10 '12 '14 '16 '18 '20 '22



Small Cap Stocks Valued Attractively



Source: Datastream, shaded bars denote recession



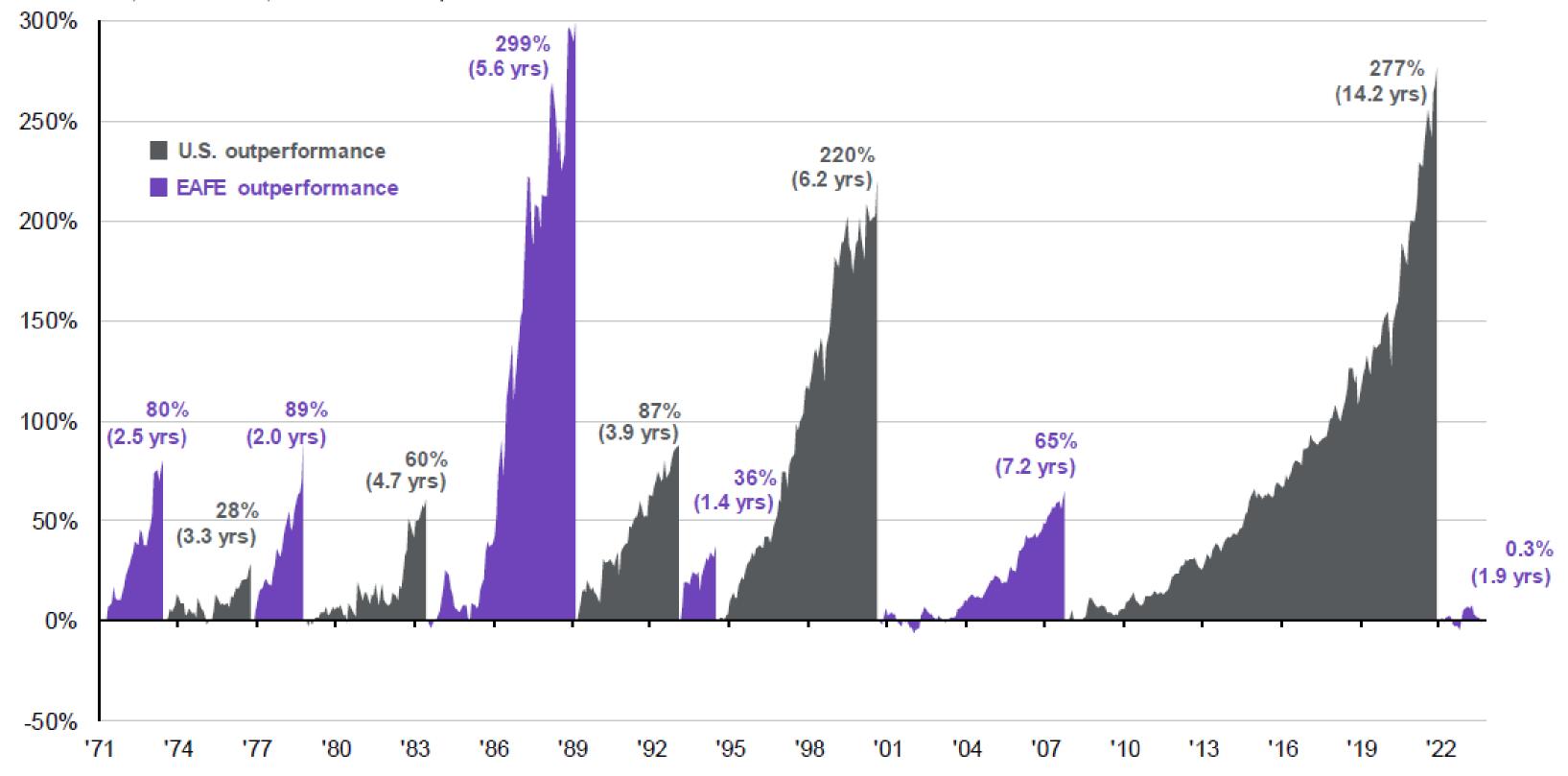
2023: A Time to Invest Globally



U.S. and Foreign Stock Market Cycles

MSCI EAFE and MSCI USA relative performance

U.S. dollar, total return, cumulative outperformance

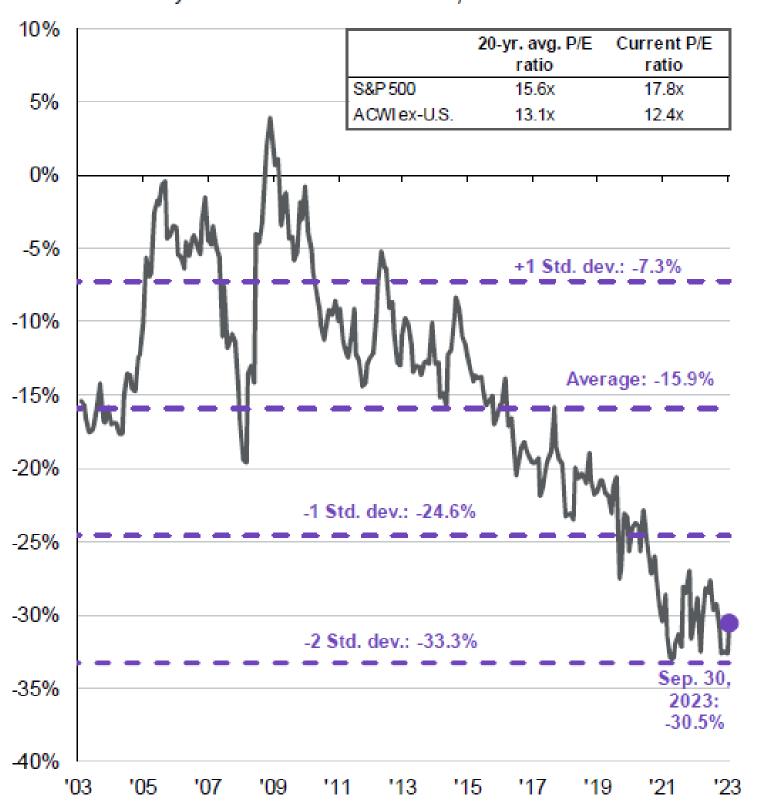




Compelling Valuations Abroad

International: Price-to-earnings discount vs. U.S.

MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. vs. S&P 500, next 12 months



International: Difference in dividend yields vs. U.S.

MSCI All Country World ex-U.S. minus S&P 500, next 12 months





The Basics on Stocks



What is a stock?

- A share of ownership in a <u>business</u>
- Synonymous with the term "equity"
- There are two types of stocks
 - Common Stock
 - Preferred Stock



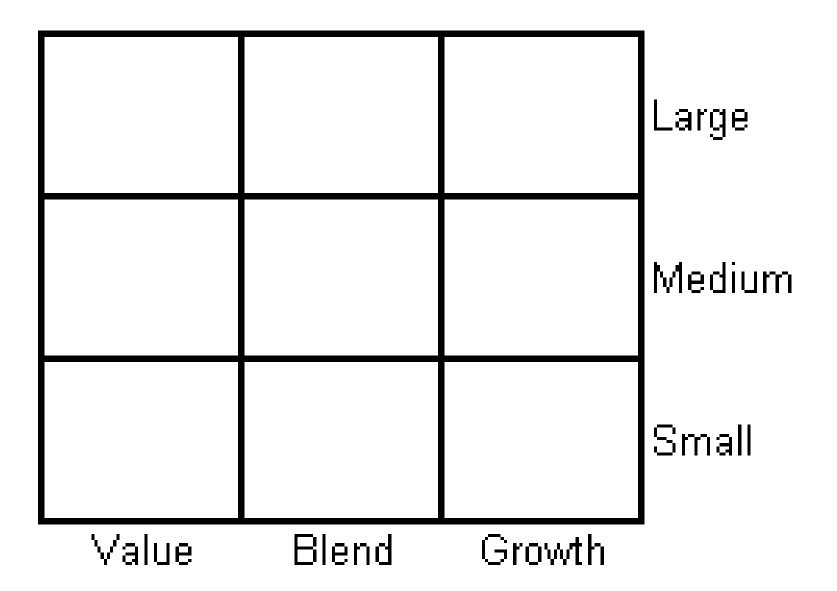
Different Ways to Invest in the Stock Market

- Individual stocks
- Mutual funds
- Exchange-traded funds (ETFs)
- Brokerage firms
- Investment Advisors



The Investment "Style Box"

Morningstar Style Box™





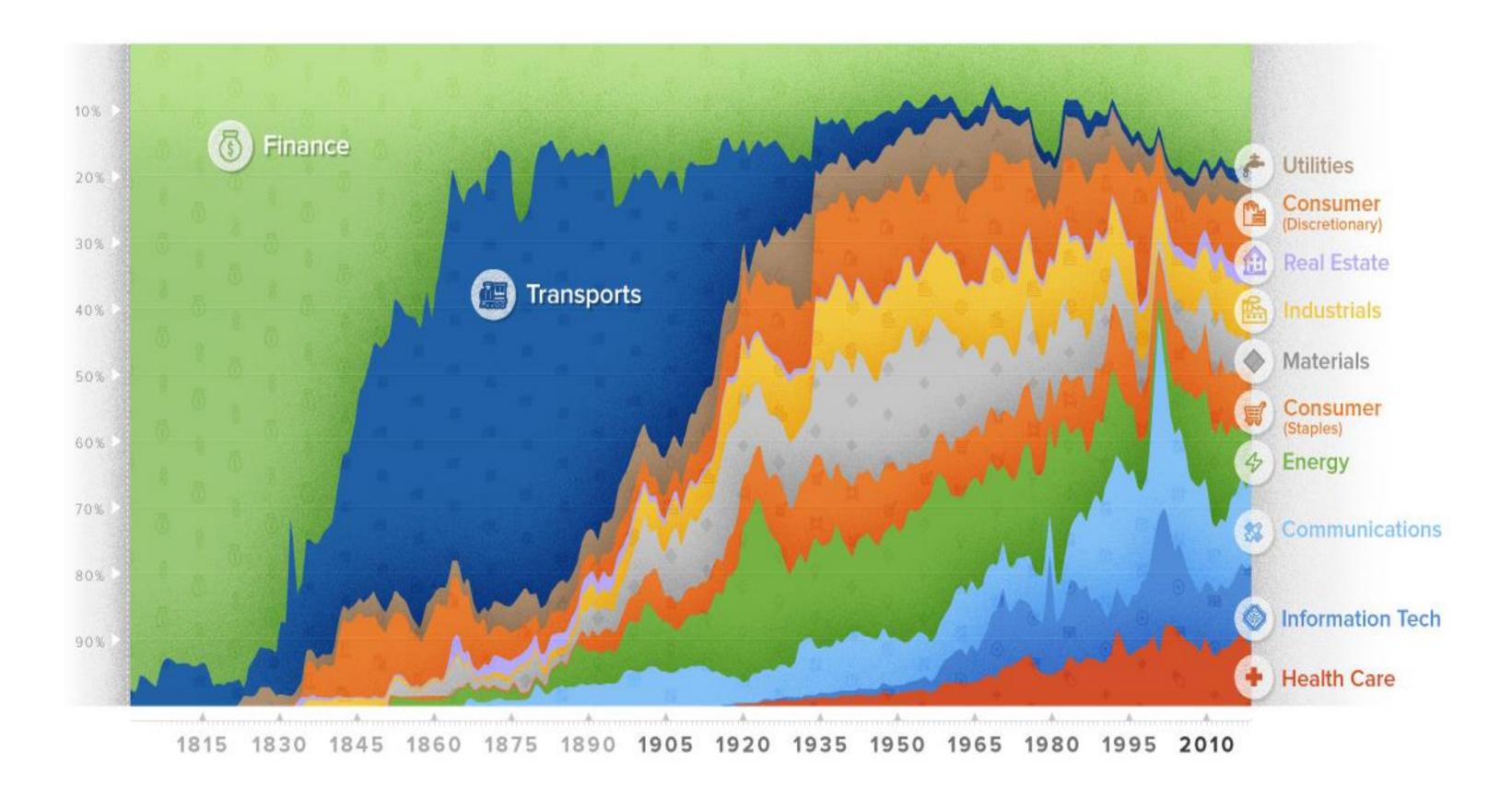
Investing on Company Fundamentals

Buying....

- 1. Below "intrinsic value" (i.e. for less than the company is worth)
- 2. Companies who can grow their revenue, earnings & cash flows
- 3. Stocks with a low "valuation"
 - price to earnings (P/E)
 - price to book (P/B)
 - price to sales (P/S)
 - price to cash flow (P/CF)



Evolution of the Stock Market





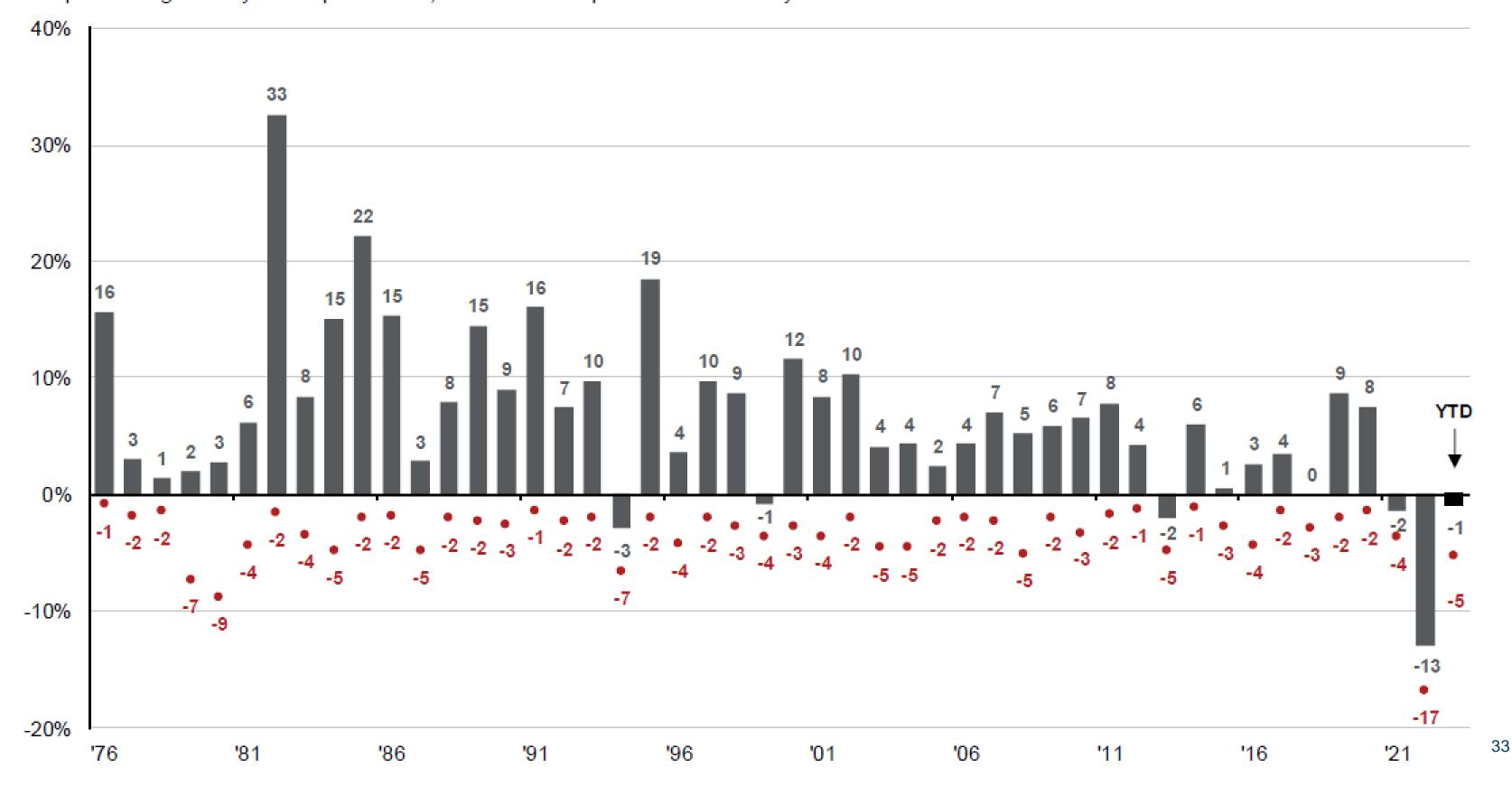
2022-2023: Generational Reset for the Bond Market



2022 & 2023 Historically Bad Years for Bonds

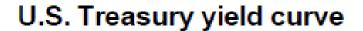
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate intra-year declines vs. calendar year returns

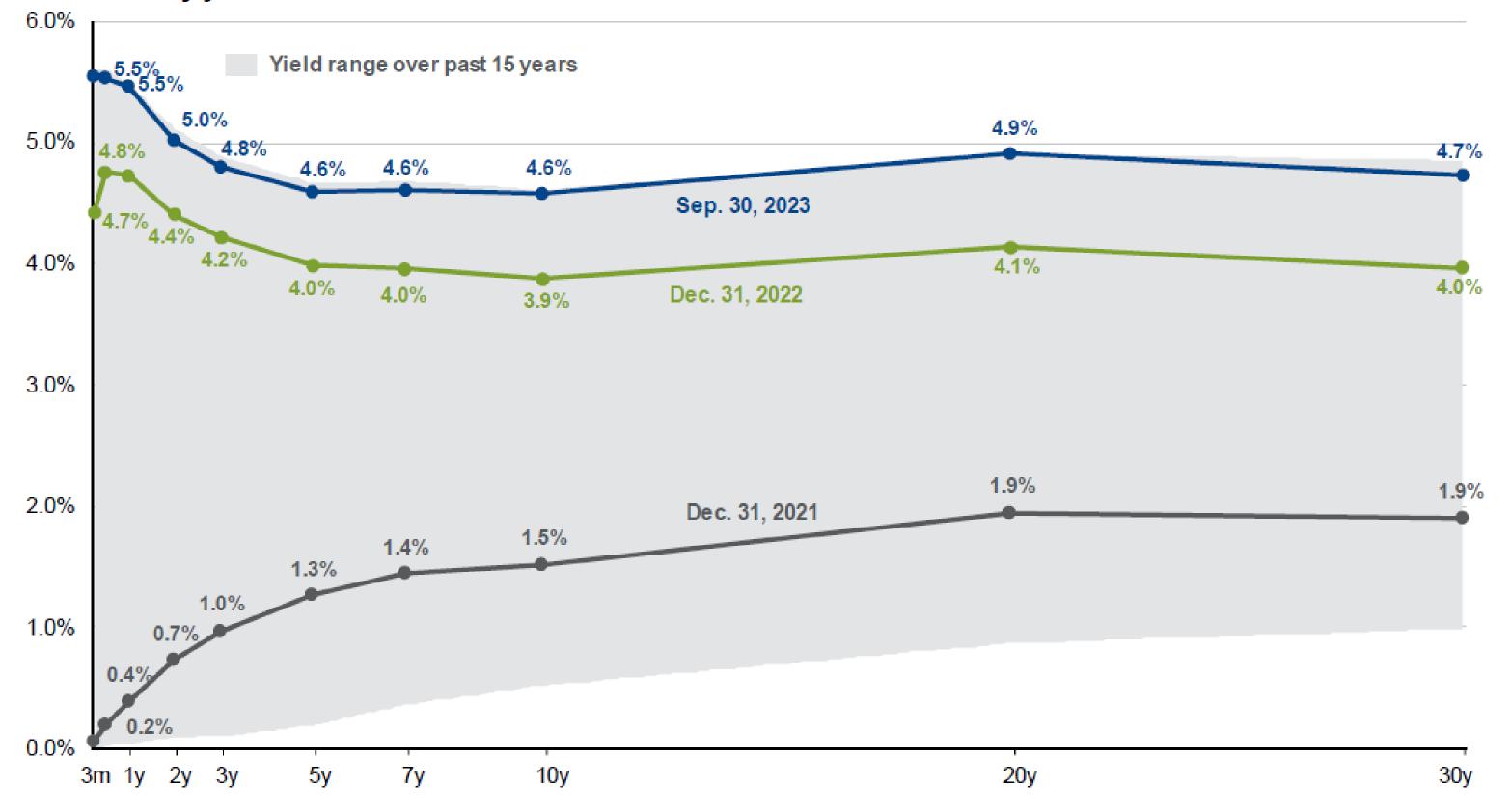
Despite average intra-year drops of 3.3%, annual returns positive in 42 of 47 years





Bond Yields More Attractive Today

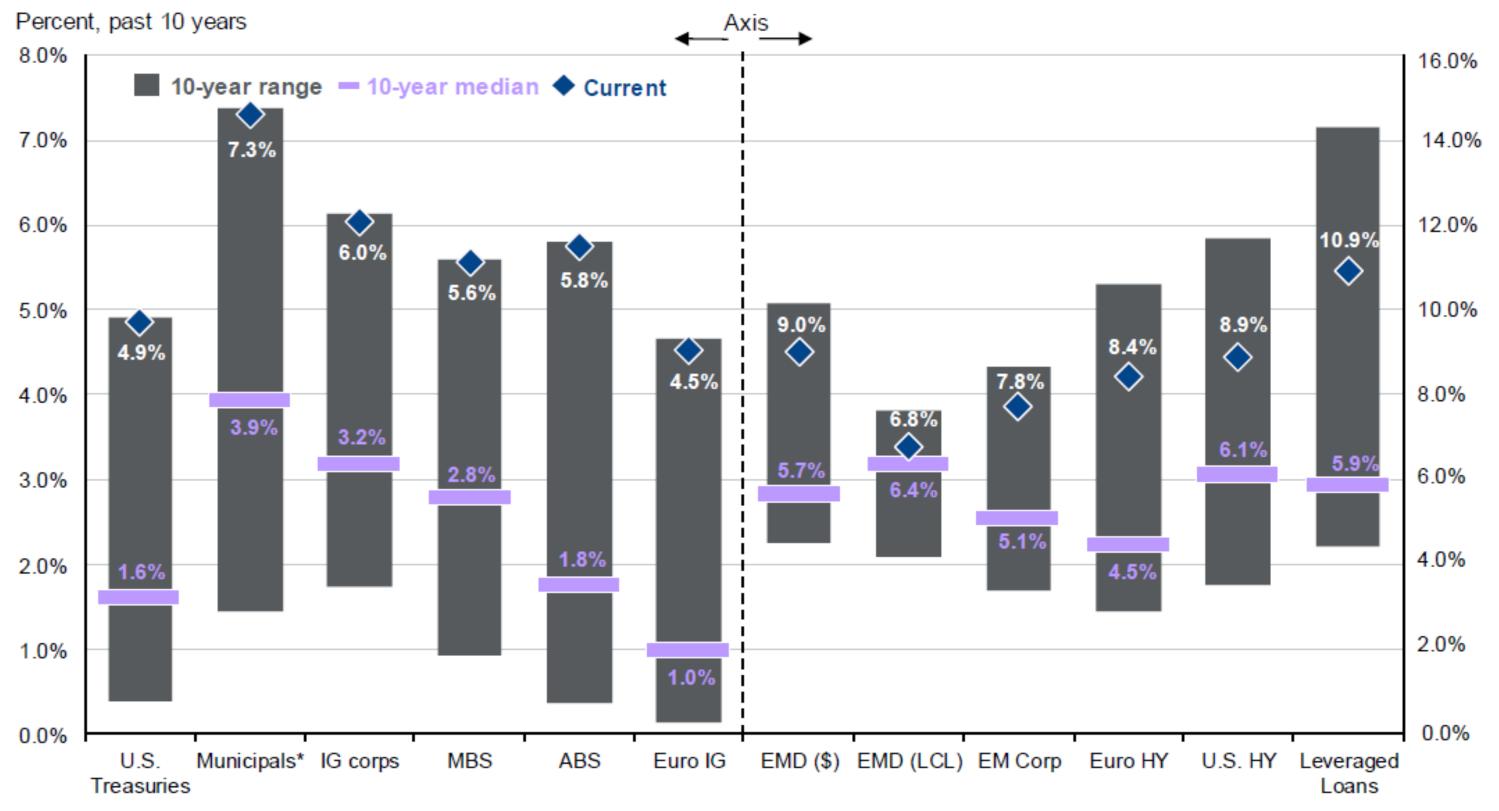






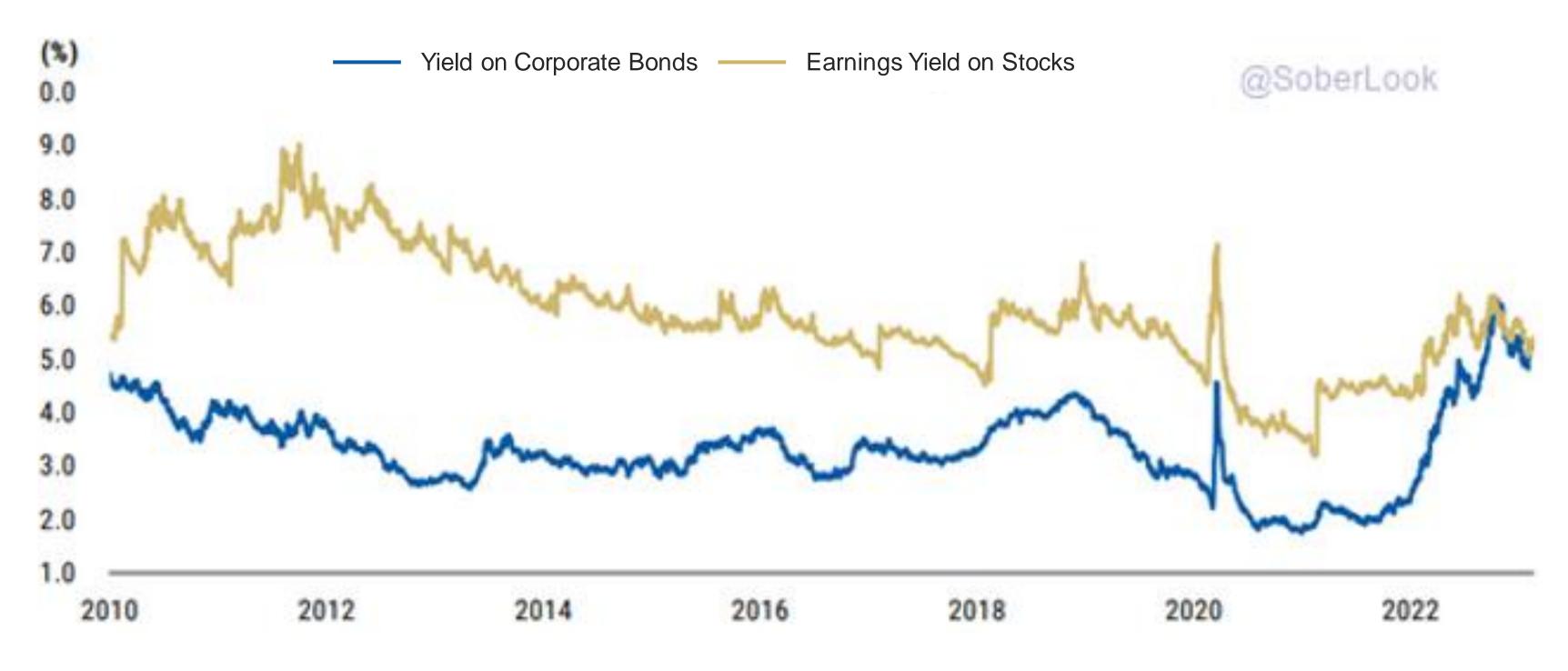
Bond Yields at Decade Highs

Yield-to-worst across fixed income sectors





Bond Yield Now in Line with Stock Earnings Yield





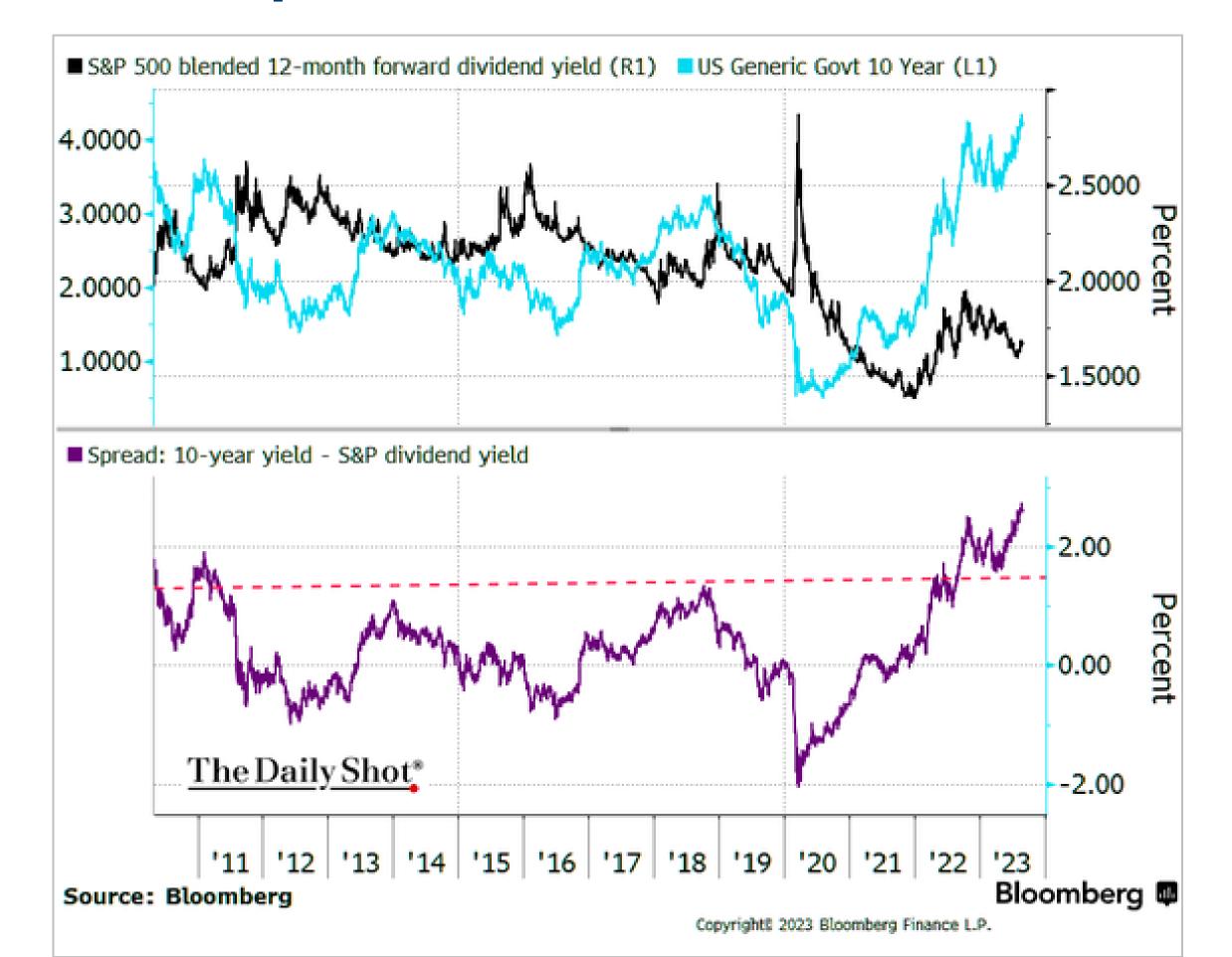
Bond Market Pointing Toward 5% to 6% Annual Return

Starting Yields Are The Best Predictor of Future Returns (Bloomberg Aggregate Index)





Bond Yield Superior to Dividend Yield

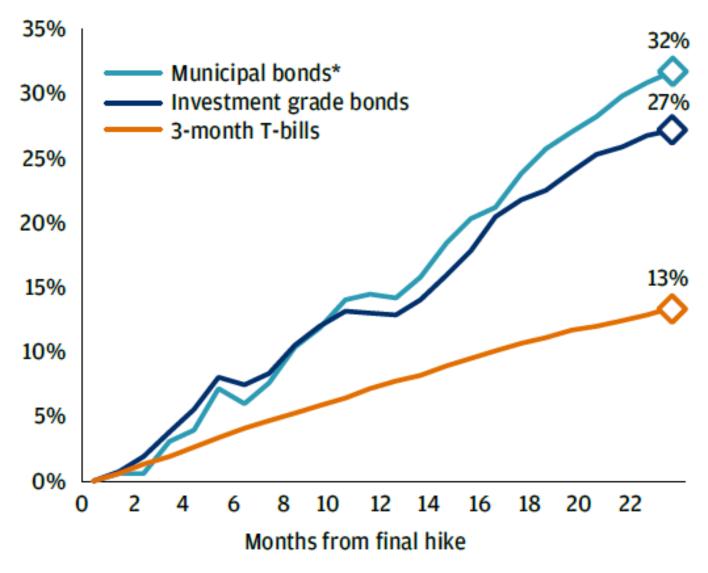




Fed Likely on Hold = Time to Own Bonds

FOR SEVEN STRAIGHT CYCLES, CASH HAS UNDERPERFORMED BONDS IN THE TWO YEARS AFTER THE FED'S LAST RAKE HIKE

Bond returns after the last rate hike



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Data as of 2018. Includes seven hiking cycles: 1981, 1984, 1989, 1995, 2000, 2006 and 2018. *Tax-equivalent yield assumes a 40.8% tax rate. Municipal bonds shown using the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Total Return Index, and investment grade bonds by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index.



Fixed Income Basics



What is Fixed Income?

 The term 'fixed income' is often used interchangeably with 'bonds'

 Loan to an institution that is obligated to pay you back with interest at a prespecified future date



 Owner of a bond is a creditor (lender); issuer of a bond is a debtor (borrower)



Role of Fixed Income in a Portfolio

- 1. Steady source of income
- 2. Portfolio diversification
 - i. Hedge against stock market risk
 - ii. Reduce portfolio volatility
- 3. Hedge against deflation
- 4. Source of liquidity



Key Components

- Issuer (credit rating)
- Coupon (rate, frequency)
- Price
- Maturity Date (duration)
- Optionality or Call Features
- Yield to Maturity



Total Return

Two components of total return...

Income Return + Price Return = Total Return



Increasing Yield

There are only two ways to increase yield...

1. Extend Maturity -> Increases duration and interest rate risk

2. Lower Credit Quality → Increases credit risk



How to Optimize Your Bond Portfolio



Cash is Compelling... in the Right Place

- Brokerage accounts are passing on the full interest rate to you banks are not.
- The money market funds we currently hold yield 5.3%.
- We move all cash held across the firm to the highest yielding money market fund on a monthly basis.
- Unlike a bank, your cash always remains inside your brokerage account.
- Call us if you would like to set up a courtesy cash account at no cost.



How to Maximize Your Income

Investment Objective	<u>How We Do It</u>
Minimize Cost	Own individual securities
Manage to Your Tax Bracket	Consider tax-equivalent yield specific to your tax bracket
Balance Income & Liquidity	Ladder bond maturities
Utilize Full Opportunity Set	Generate income through real estate
Identify Optimal Allocation	Match maturities to your liquidity needs



Manage to Your Tax Bracket

CALIFORNIA	
<u>Tax Bracket</u>	Marginal Tax
(Joint)	Rate
\$0	1.00%
\$20,198	2.00%
\$47,884	4.00%
\$75,576	6.00%
\$104,910	8.00%
\$132,590	9.30%
\$677,278	10.30%
\$812,728	11.30%
\$1,000,000	12.30%
\$4 2E1 EE0	12 200/
\$1,354,550	13.30%
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FEDERAL	13.30%
	Marginal Tax
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FEDERAL Tax Bracket	Marginal Tax
FEDERAL Tax Bracket (Joint)	Marginal Tax Rate
FEDERAL Tax Bracket (Joint) \$0	Marginal Tax Rate 10%
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Federal Capital Gains		
Tax Bracket Joint	Marginal Tax rate	
\$0	0%	
\$83,350	15%	
\$517,200	20%	

Does Your Advisor Know Your Tax Bracket?



Much More Income Now Available

- Municipal bonds offer tax-equivalent yields that approach 8% for high bracket income earners in California
- High quality corporate bonds pay close to 6% across a wide range of maturities
- Mutual funds that invest in high quality <u>mortgage and asset-backed securities</u> yield approximately 6.5%
- Preferred stocks generate tax-advantaged income in the 6 7% range
- Our <u>Managed Income</u> strategy is currently yielding 8%
- Interval funds invest in less liquid portions of the fixed income market, offer quarterly liquidity, and yield in the 10% range
- For those willing to accept a one-year lockup and quarterly liquidity, <u>private credit</u>
 yields approximately 9 10%



What's a Good Investment Advisor Look Like?



Tax Optimization Employed by Knightsbridge

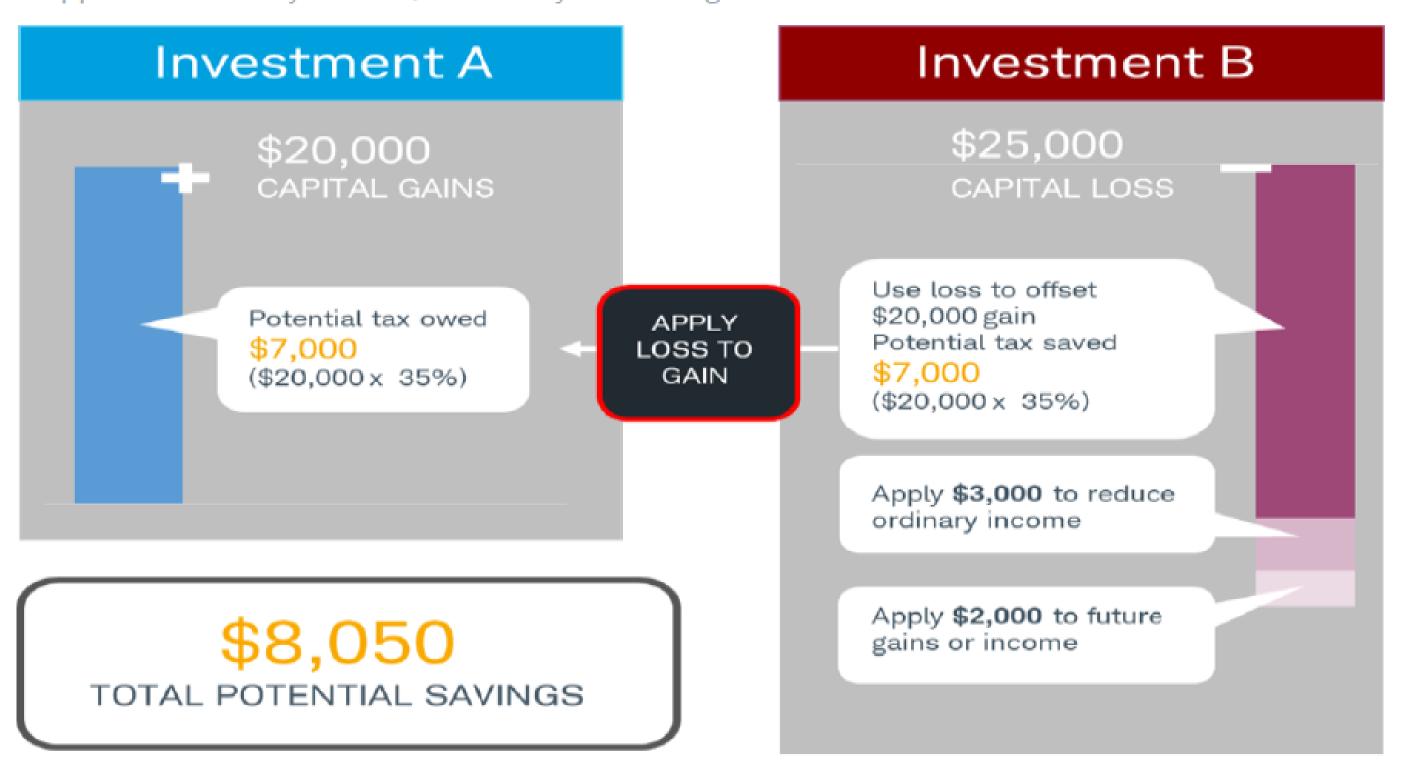
- > We make investment choices specific to your tax bracket
- > We manage your taxable accounts in a tax efficient manner
 - Emphasizing longer term holding periods
 - Seeking long-term capital gains
 - Holding tax-efficient passive funds
- > We methodically harvest losses as we progress through each year
- > We consider tax equivalency of taxable vs. tax free fixed income



Tax-efficient investing

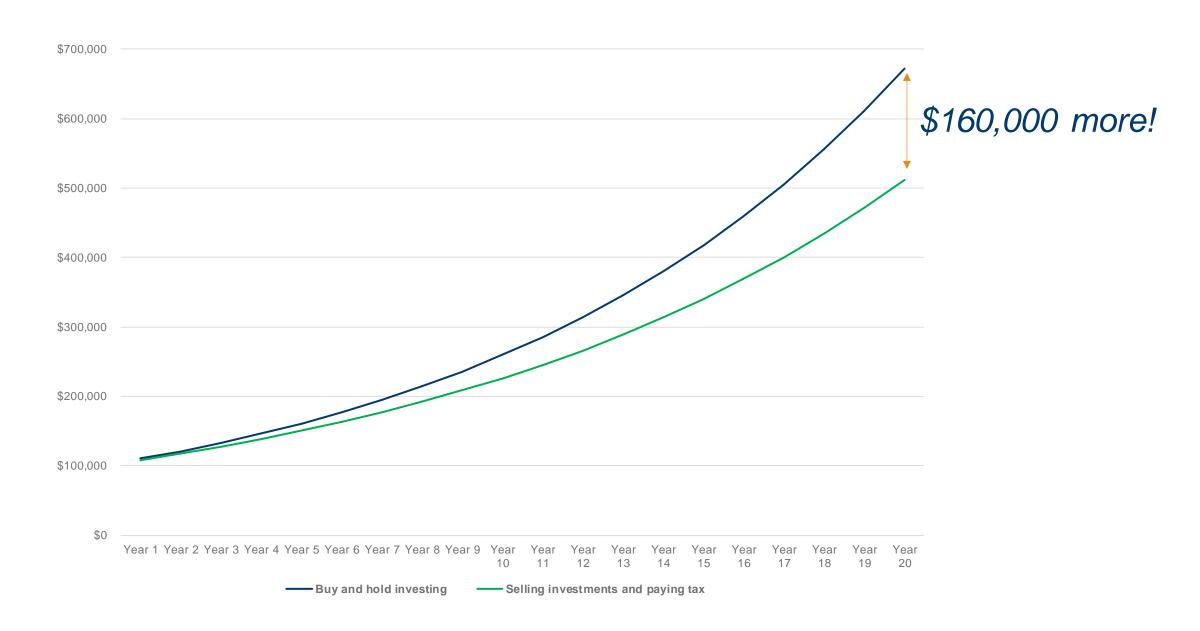
Use losses to your advantage with tax-loss harvesting.

Expert's commentary: Use your losses to get a tax break. In this example, an investor realized \$20,000 in capital gains from Investment A, and a \$25,000 capital loss from Investment B. Capital losses offset gains first; the excess is then applied to ordinary income, and finally to future gains or income.





The Power of Deferring Taxes



Result: \$160,000 difference after 20 years (32% more with buy and hold investing)

Assumptions: 6% annual appreciation

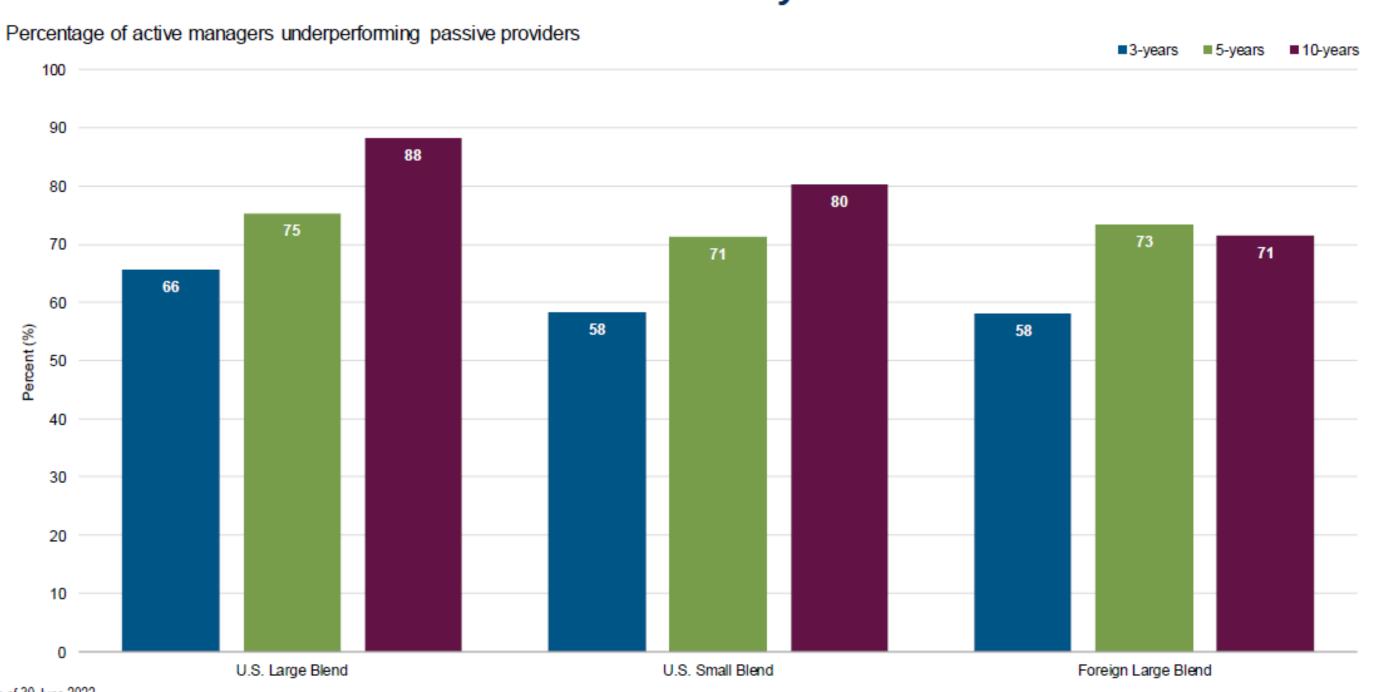
30% tax rate (20% capital gain tax + 10% state tax)

50% turnover, i.e. selling every two years



Emphasize Long-term Buy & Hold and Passive Investing

71-88% of active managers have underperformed over the last 10 years



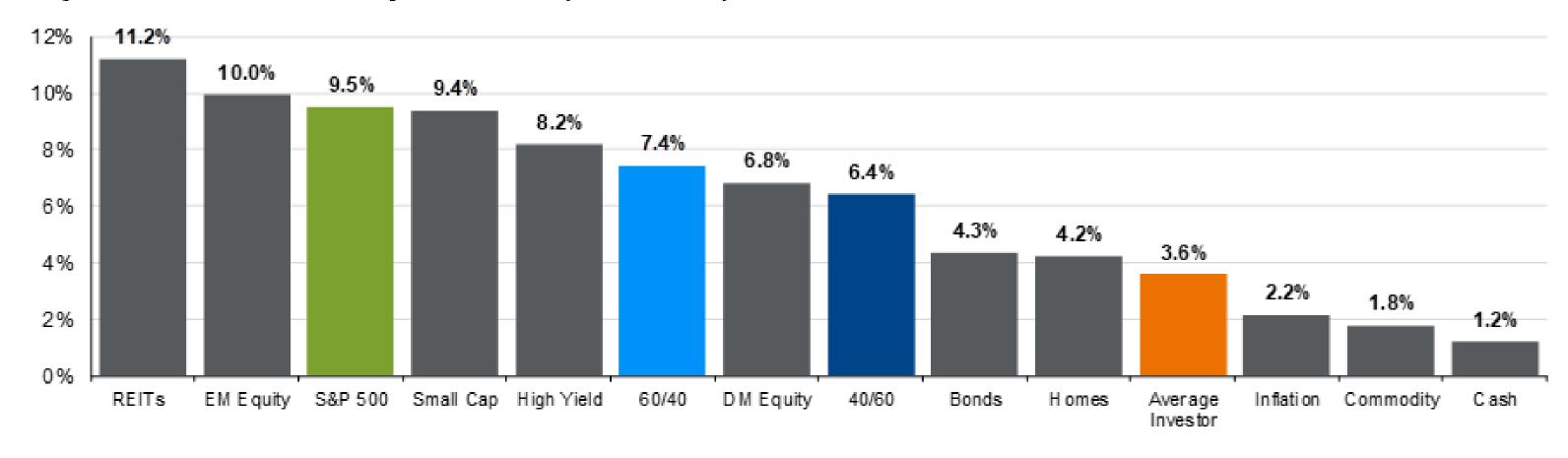
As of 30 June 2022

SOURCE: Morningstar, performance of U.S. active funds against a composite of passive peers in their respective Morningstar category, including all share classes.



The Cost of Moving Investments Around

20-year annualized returns by asset class (2002 – 2021)





Knightsbridge Wealth Management





- Independent, fee-only Registered Investment Advisor (RIA)
- \$500+ Million Assets Under Management
- 25+ Year History
- 100% employee-owned
- Fiduciary duty to place client interests first





HOW WE WORK WITH CLIENTS

- You work directly with the owners who make the investment decisions
- Your portfolio is designed to tax-efficiently meet your goals while complementing your outside investments
- Your assets are held externally at the custodian of your choice
- Your fee declines annually
- We are always invested alongside you



KNIGHTSBRIDGE WEALTH MANAGEMENT:

Investment Principles



Minimize unnecessary costs





Place great emphasis on tax efficiency



Optimize in-house versus external investment options



Access private markets to enhance returns



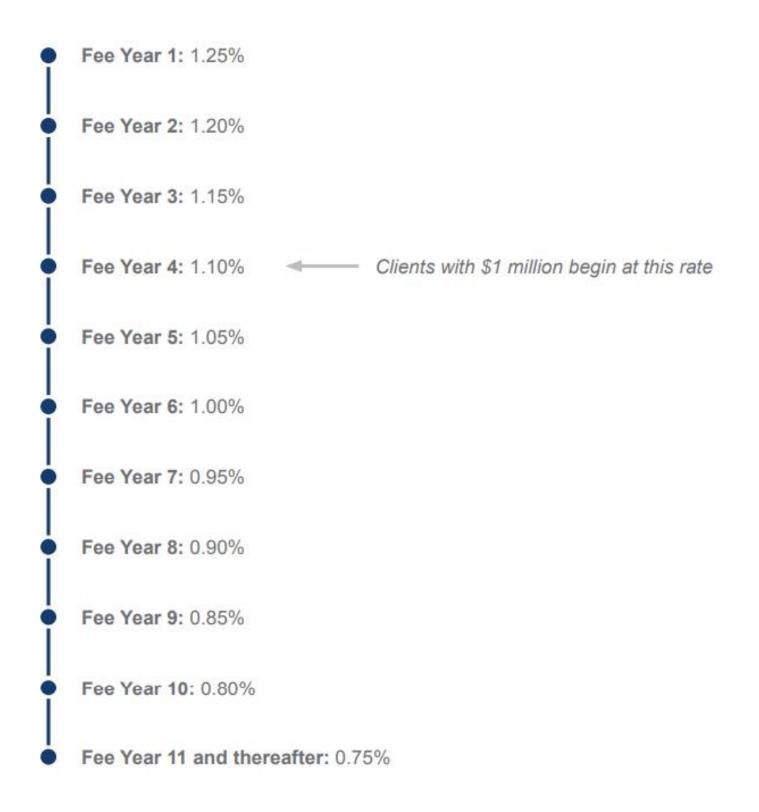
Employ alpha-seeking strategies when opportunity justifies cost



Knightsbridge Fee Schedule

Our declining fee structure makes sense because:

- More of the "work" is performed in the early years...we want to pass the savings on to clients
- We want to reward our most loyal clients



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How Knightsbridge Can Help You

OUR TYPICAL CLIENT IS SOMEONE WHO:

- Wants to know there is a plan for their financial security
- Is questioning the sophistication of their existing investment portfolio
- Wants to talk with the people making their investment decisions
- Wants more than just a basket of mutual funds and ETFs
- Wants to know their specific tax bracket is being taken into account
- Wants their investment plan designed specific to their situations and goals

WE ARE:

- Fiduciaries. We are legally required to put your interests first
- Analysts. We offer in-house security selection
- Investors. We invest our money alongside yours
- Independent. We are 100% employee-owned





Thank you!

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