



- After an exceptionally quiet 2021, 2022 has started with a bang.
- First, there were concerns about a more hawkish Federal Reserve. This was followed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- As uncertainty around geopolitics and monetary policy have risen, the U.S. stock market has experienced significant volatility.
- Rather than fear volatile markets, investors should maintain their composure by staying focused on long-term economic and market expectations.

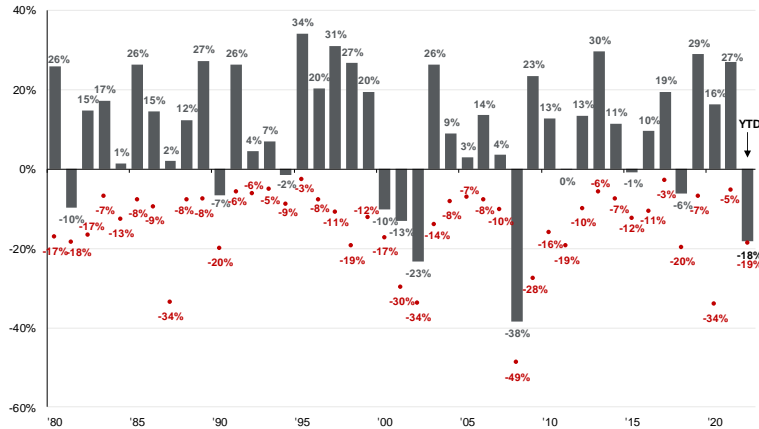


## Annual returns and intra-year declines

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

Despite average intra-year drops of 14.0%, annual returns were positive in 32 of 42 years



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refers to the largest market drop from a peak to a trough during the year. For illustrative purposes only. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2021, over which time period the average annual return was 9.4%. Guide to the Markets - U.S. Data as of May 20, 2022.

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- On October 19, 1987, later referred to as Black Monday, the S&P 500 experienced a fall of 20.5%. This is still the worst day for the stock market on record.
- While days like Black Monday have occurred throughout history, they are rare and unpredictable. In fact, because Black Monday was a result of trading behavior and not market or economic fundamentals, the S&P 500 still finished the year with a slight gain.
- Volatility is unavoidable in investing. There are many measures of market volatility including the standard deviation of returns, the VIX index, implied options volatility and dozens more.
- For long-term investors, the most meaningful measure may be the largest intra-year decline (or maximum drawdown) since it represents the largest loss an investor experiences during a given year.



## Drawdowns can range from mild to severe

### S&P 500 intra-year drawdowns vs. calendar year returns 1980 - 2021

Year	Intra-year drawdown	Calendar year return	Year	Intra-year drawdown	Calendar year return
<b>Worst</b>			<b>Best</b>		
2008	-48.8%	-38.5%	1995	-2.5%	34.1%
2020	-33.9%	16.3%	2017	-2.8%	19.4%
2002	-33.8%	-23.4%	1993	-5.0%	7.1%
1987	-33.5%	2.0%	2021	-5.2%	26.9%
2001	-29.7%	-13.0%	1991	-5.7%	26.3%
2009	-27.6%	23.5%	2013	-5.8%	29.6%
1990	-19.9%	-6.6%	1992	-6.2%	4.5%
2018	-19.8%	-6.2%	2019	-6.8%	28.9%
2011	-19.4%	0.0%	1983	-6.9%	17.3%
1998	-19.3%	26.7%	2005	-7.2%	3.0%

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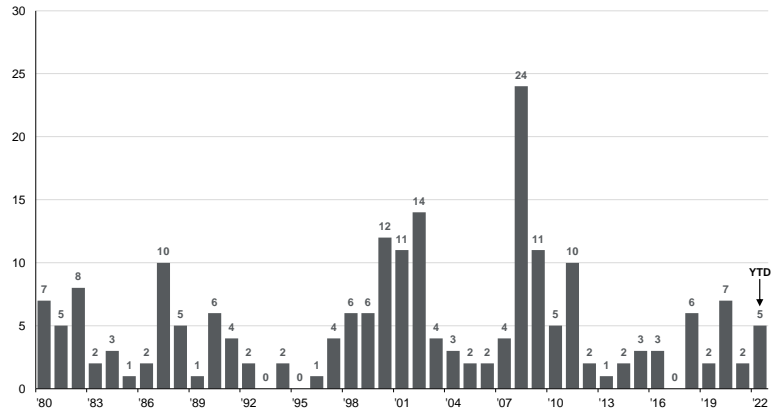
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- These drawdowns can occur over days, weeks or months. Having the fortitude to stay invested during these periods requires discipline that has often been rewarded.
- For example, the maximum drawdown of 5.8% in 2013 occurred when the Federal Reserve began hinting at reduced asset purchases. Despite the negative market reaction and subsequent volatility, these events had little effect on underlying economic growth trends.
- Consequently, those who stayed invested benefited from the subsequent rebound. Not only did the market recover within two weeks, but the intra-year pullback also ranks as the ninth shallowest on record in the past 86 years.



## Moderate pullbacks happen frequently even in normal times

Number of 5% drawdowns experienced per year  
1980 – present



Source: Standard & Poor's, FactSet, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. \*Analysis based on each type(size) of drawdown being independent. For example, the market does not typically see four 5% drawdowns and one 10% drawdowns in the same year, but rather those 5% drawdowns may compound into a single 10% drawdown for the year. Analysis based on each type (size) of drawdown being independent. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Data are as of May 20, 2022.

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- Market corrections of 20% or more have historically occurred at the end of market cycles. But how volatile can markets be in the short run?
- Historically, the market has pulled back 5% an average of 6 times a year. Drawdowns between 2% and 3% occur far more often, at least monthly on average, and have historically fully recovered within weeks.
- Short-term pullbacks occur frequently and should not in and of themselves be reasons for panic. Instead, investors should focus on underlying market fundamentals and the economic outlook when deciding whether to adjust their long-term portfolio allocations.

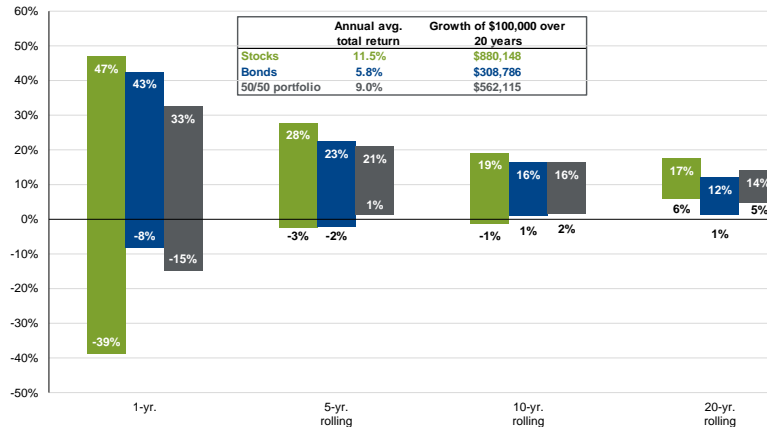


## The investment time horizon is a powerful tool for managing volatility

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### Range of stock, bond and blended total returns

Annual total returns, 1950 - 2021



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Federal Reserve, Robert Shiller, Strategas/Ibbotson, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns shown are based on calendar year returns from 1950 to 2021. Stocks represent the S&P 500 Shiller Composite and Bonds represent Strategas/Ibbotson for periods from 1950 to 2010 and Bloomberg Aggregate thereafter. Growth of \$100,000 is based on annual average total returns from 1950 to 2021. Guide to the Markets—U.S. Data are as of May 20, 2022.

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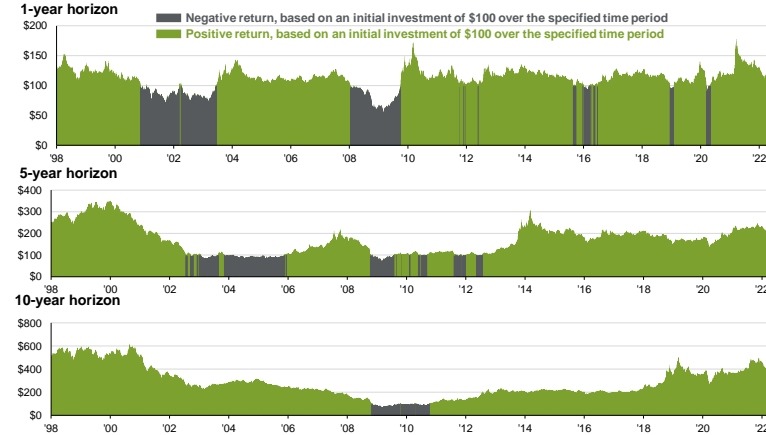
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- Although volatility is unavoidable, it is a reason for investors to maintain a long-term perspective rather than a reason for pessimism. After all, an investor's sensitivity to market volatility is largely determined by their investment time horizon, and US equity markets have rewarded those who have stayed invested over longer periods of time.
- Over any one-year period, the S&P 500 has experienced gains as high as 51% (in 1954) and losses as low as -37% (in 2008). Clearly, an undiversified equity portfolio is inappropriate for short-term goals.
- Simply expanding to a five-year holding period improves the risk-return profile of stocks dramatically, with the worst five-year period since 1950 experiencing only a 2% decline.
- Most importantly, there has never been a twenty-year period in the post-war era that has experienced losses.
- While this is no guarantee of future returns, it demonstrates the importance of specifying the right time horizon to minimize portfolio risk.



## Longer time horizons can allow markets to work for investors

Frequency of an equity investment being underwater based on investment horizon



Source: FactSet, J.P. Morgan. Returns are calculated using the S&P500 Total Return Index. Data are as of May 20, 2022.

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- Time horizon matters. The bars on the one-year chart show the values of successive \$100 investments that were made one year earlier. The periods highlighted in grey represent periods when a loss would have been experienced at the end of each investment horizon.
- For a one-year horizon, these periods occur quite often, resulting in risk regardless of the market cycle. The initial \$100 investment would have lost close to \$50 in 2008 from the year prior, while investing near the bottom in 2009 would have resulted in a gain of over \$50 a year later.
- By contrast, there are fewer periods when a five-year portfolio is underwater, and the periods that do occur are related to broad market cycles. In other words, these periods are less idiosyncratic. This is why strategies that invest over a market cycle, such as dollar-cost averaging and dividend reinvestment, are powerful.
- A 10-year window only performed poorly during the Great Depression and the Great Recession. Stock returns over 10-year holding periods beginning in 1936 to 2003, a 67-year stretch, were positive.
- The returns generated are far larger over the longer horizon due to compounding. Investors who can see beyond short-term market volatility by expanding their time horizons can benefit from broad market and economic

cycles.



## Portfolio diversification and rebalancing can provide greater stability in volatile markets

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2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD	2007 - 2021	2007 - 2021					
EM Equity	Fixed Income	EM Equity	RBTs	RBTs	RBTs	Small Cap	RBTs	RBTs	Small Cap	EM Equity	Cash	Large Cap	Small Cap	RBTs	Comdty.	Fixed Income	RBTs					
38.8%	5.2%	79.9%	27.9%	8.3%	19.7%	38.4%	28.9%	2.8%	21.2%	17.8%	1.8%	31.2%	20.0%	41.3%	32.9%	10.0%	23.2%					
Comdty.	Cash	High Yield	Small Cap	Fixed Income	High Yield	Large Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	High Yield	DM Equity	Fixed Income	RBTs	EM Equity	Large Cap	Cash	Small Cap	EM Equity					
16.2%	1.8%	59.4%	26.9%	7.9%	19.6%	32.4%	13.7%	1.4%	14.3%	25.6%	0.0%	28.7%	18.7%	28.7%	0.1%	8.7%	22.9%					
DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	DM Equity	EM Equity	High Yield	EM Equity	DM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Large Cap	Large Cap	RBTs	Small Cap	Large Cap	Comdty.	Fixed Income	RBTs	Small Cap					
11.6%	35.4%	32.5%	15.2%	3.1%	16.8%	23.3%	6.0%	0.5%	12.0%	21.8%	-4.0%	25.5%	18.4%	27.1%	-9.5%	7.5%	22.5%					
Asset Alloc.	High Yield	RBTs	Comdty.	Large Cap	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Small Cap	High Yield	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	High Yield	Comdty.					
7.1%	-28.9%	28.0%	16.8%	2.1%	17.9%	14.9%	5.2%	0.0%	11.8%	14.6%	-4.1%	22.7%	10.6%	14.8%	-11.8%	6.6%	10.1%					
Fixed Income	Small Cap	Large Cap	Large Cap	Cash	Small Cap	High Yield	Small Cap	DM Equity	EM Equity	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	Asset Alloc.	DM Equity	Asset Alloc.	High Yield	DM Equity	DM Equity					
7.0%	-33.8%	27.2%	15.1%	0.1%	16.3%	7.3%	4.9%	0.4%	11.4%	14.6%	-4.4%	19.5%	6.3%	13.5%	-12.0%	6.1%	18.9%					
Large Cap	Comdty.	Large Cap	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	Large Cap	RBTs	Cash	Asset Alloc.	RBTs	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	EM Equity	Fixed Income	EM Equity	DM Equity	EM Equity	Large Cap					
5.5%	-35.5%	21.5%	14.8%	-0.7%	16.0%	2.9%	0.0%	-2.0%	8.6%	10.4%	-5.8%	18.8%	7.5%	11.8%	-14.6%	4.9%	16.9%					
Cash	Large Cap	Asset Alloc.	Asset Alloc.	Small Cap	Asset Alloc.	Cash	High Yield	High Yield	Asset Alloc.	RBTs	Small Cap	High Yield	High Yield	High Yield	EM Equity	DM Equity	High Yield					
4.8%	-37.0%	25.0%	13.3%	-4.2%	12.2%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.7%	8.3%	6.7%	-11.0%	12.6%	7.0%	1.0%	-17.0%	4.1%	12.2%					
High Yield	RBTs	Comdty.	DM Equity	DM Equity	DM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Comdty.	Fixed Income	Cash	Cash	Cash	RBTs	Fixed Income	Asset Alloc.					
3.2%	-37.7%	18.9%	8.2%	-11.7%	4.2%	-2.0%	11.8%	-4.4%	2.6%	3.5%	-11.2%	8.7%	0.5%	0.0%	-17.4%	4.1%	11.7%					
Small Cap	EM Equity	Fixed Income	Fixed Income	Comdty.	Cash	DM Equity	EM Equity	EM Equity	EM Equity	Comdty.	DM Equity	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Fixed Income	Large Cap	Fixed Income					
-1.6%	-43.1%	5.9%	6.5%	-13.3%	0.1%	-2.3%	-4.5%	-14.8%	1.5%	1.7%	-13.4%	7.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-17.7%	0.8%	5.3%					
RBTs	EM Equity	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Comdty.	Cash	Cash	EM Equity	Cash	RBTs	EM Equity	Small Cap	Comdty.	Cash					
-15.7%	43.2%	0.1%	0.1%	14.2%	-1.1%	-9.5%	-17.0%	-24.7%	0.3%	0.8%	-14.2%	2.2%	-5.1%	-2.2%	-29.5%	-2.6%	0.7%					

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management.  
 Large cap: S&P 500, Small cap: Russell 2000, EM Equity: MSCI EME, DM Equity: MSCI EAFE, Comdty: Bloomberg Commodity Index, High Yield: Bloomberg Global HY Index, Fixed Income: Bloomberg US Aggregate, REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index, Cash: Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury. The Asset Allocation portfolio assumes the following weights: 25% in the S&P 500, 10% in the Russell 2000, 15% in the MSCI EAFE, 5% in the MSCI EME, 20% in the Bloomberg US Aggregate, 5% in the Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury, 5% in the Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, 5% in the Bloomberg Commodity Index and 5% in the NAREIT Equity REIT Index. Balanced portfolio assumes annual rebalancing. Annualized (Ann.) return and volatility (Vol.) represents period from 12/31/2000 to 12/31/2021. Please see disclosure page at end for index definitions. All data represents total return for stated period. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.  
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- Stock market volatility can be managed through diversification and rebalancing. Over the last 15 years, the asset allocation portfolio has generated an annualized return of 5.7%, comparing quite nicely to other major asset classes.
- More importantly, by diversifying and rebalancing, an asset allocation portfolio achieved these returns with lower volatility than other equity asset classes. Over this 15-year period, the asset allocation portfolio's volatility was two-thirds that of the overall stock market and almost half that of emerging market equities.
- The table below highlights events that have resulted in market volatility; importantly, the market is higher today than it was in 2000.
- 1999 – Y2K
- 2000 – Tech wreck, bubble bursts
- 2001 – September 11<sup>th</sup>
- 2002 – Dot-com bubble, market down 49%
- 2003 – War on terror, US invades Iraq
- 2004 – Boxing Day Tsunami kills +225k in SE Asia
- 2005 – Hurricane Katrina

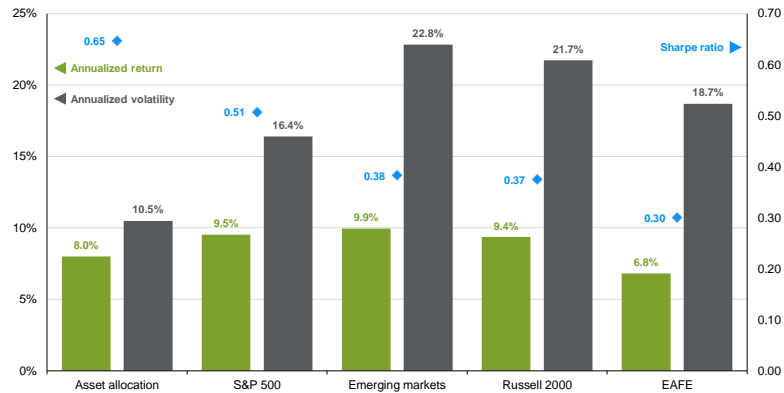


- 2006 – Not a bad year, but Pluto demoted from planet status
- 2007 – Sub-prime blows up
- 2008 – Global Financial Crisis, Lehman fails
- 2009 – GFC, market down 56%
- 2010 – Flash crash, BP oil spill, QE1 ends
- 2011 – S&P downgrades US debt, 50% write-down of Greek debt
- 2012 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Greek bailout
- 2013 – Taper Tantrum
- 2014 – Ebola epidemic, Russia annexes Crimea
- 2015 – Global deflation scare, China FX devaluation
- 2016 – Brexit, US election
- 2017 – Fed rate hikes, N. Korea tensions
- 2018 – Trade war, February inflation scare
- 2019 – Trade, impeachment inquiry, global growth slowdown
- 2020 – COVID-19, US Presidential election
- 2021 – Omicron variant, China regulatory crackdown



## The last 20 years have favored the diversified investor by controlling risk

Returns, volatility and Sharpe ratios  
2002 - 2021



Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, MSCI, NAREIT, Russell, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Large cap: S&P 500, Small cap: Russell 2000, EM Equity: MSCI EME, DM Equity: MSCI EAFE, Comdty: Bloomberg Commodity Index, High Yield: Bloomberg Global HY Index, Fixed Income: Bloomberg US Aggregate, REITs: NAREIT Equity REIT Index, Cash: Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio assumes the following weights: 25% in the S&P 500, 10% in the Russell 2000, 15% in the MSCI EAFE, 5% in the MSCI EME, 25% in the Bloomberg US Aggregate, 5% in the Bloomberg 1-3m Treasury, 5% in the Bloomberg Global High Yield Index, 5% in the Bloomberg Commodity Index and 5% in the NAREIT Equity REIT Index. Balanced portfolio assumes annual rebalancing. Please see disclosure page at end for index definitions. All data represents total return for stated period. The "Asset Allocation" portfolio is for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. Sharpe ratios are calculated using 20-year average yield on the 3-month U.S. Treasury bill. Data are as of May 30, 2022.

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- Solid returns and lower volatility for the asset allocation portfolio result in a superior risk-return profile.
- The chart shows that the realized Sharpe ratio, which measures the trade-off between returns and volatility, is higher for the asset allocation portfolio than any other equity asset classes.
- The historical record shows that diversification and rebalancing are powerful tools for combating market volatility.



## J.P. Morgan Asset Management – Index definitions

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All indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

Equities:

The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average of 30 actively traded blue-chip U.S. stocks.

The **MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index)** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets.

The **MSCI EAFE Index**(Europe, Australasia, Far East) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the US & Canada.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

The **MSCI Europe Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure developed market equity performance in Europe.

The **MSCI Pacific Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the Pacific region.

The **Russell 1000 Index**® measures the performance of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000.

The **Russell 1000 Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 1000 Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 2000 Index**® measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

The **Russell 2000 Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 2000 Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

The **Russell 3000 Index**® measures the performance of the 3,000 largest U.S. companies based on total market capitalization.

The **Russell Midcap Index**® measures the performance of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000 Index.

The **Russell Midcap Growth Index**® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Growth index.

The **Russell Midcap Value Index**® measures the performance of those Russell Midcap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The stocks are also members of the Russell 1000 Value index.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. The index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. The **S&P 500 Index** focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, however, since it includes a significant portion of the total value of the market, it also represents the market.

Fixed Income:

The **Bloomberg 1-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index** includes all publicly issued zero-coupon US Treasury Bills that have a remaining maturity of less than 3 months and more than 1 month, are rated investment grade, and have \$250 million or more of outstanding face value. In addition, the securities must be denominated in U.S. dollars and must be fixed rate and not convertible.

The **Bloomberg Global High Yield Index** is a multi-currency floating measure of the global high yield debt market. The index represents the union of the US High Yield, the Pan-European High Yield, and Emerging Markets (EM) Hard Currency High Yield Indexes. The high yield and emerging markets sub-components are mutually exclusive. Until January 1, 2011, the index also included CMSB high yield securities.

The **Bloomberg Municipal Index** consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to 30 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market.

The **Bloomberg US Dollar Floating Rate Note (FRN) Index** provides a measure of the U.S. dollar denominated floating rate note market.

The **Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index** is an unmanaged index consisting of publicly issued US Corporate and specified foreign debenture and secured notes that are rated investment grade (Baa/BBB or higher) by at least two rating agencies, have at least one year to final maturity and have at least \$250 million per amount outstanding. To qualify, bonds must be SEC-registered.

The **Bloomberg US High Yield Index** covers the universe of fixed rate, non-investment grade debt, Eurobonds and debt issues from countries designated as emerging markets (sovereign rating of Baa1/BBB+ and below using the middle of Moody's, S&P and Fitch) are excluded, but Canadian and global bonds (SEC registered) of issuers in non-EM5 countries are included.

The **Bloomberg US Mortgage Backed Securities Index** is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of investment grade fixed-rate mortgage backed pass-through securities of GNMA, FNMA and FHLMC.

The **Bloomberg US TIPS Index** consists of Inflation-Protection securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Market Bond Global Index(EMBI)** includes U.S. dollar denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

The **J.P. Morgan Domestic High Yield Index** is designed to mirror the investable universe of the U.S. dollar domestic high yield corporate debt market.

The **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index Broad Diversified (CEMBI Broad Diversified)** is an expansion of the **J.P. Morgan Corporate Emerging Markets Bond Index (CEMBI)**. The CEMBI is a market capitalization weighted index consisting of U.S. dollar denominated emerging market corporate bonds.

The **J.P. Morgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Global Diversified (EMBI Global Diversified)** tracks total returns for U.S. dollar-denominated debt instruments issued by emerging market sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities: Brady bonds, loans, Eurobonds. The index limits the exposure of some of the larger countries.

The **J.P. Morgan GBI EM Global Diversified** tracks the performance of local currency debt issued by emerging market governments, whose debt is accessible by most of the international investor base.

The **U.S. Treasury Index** is a component of the U.S. Government index.



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### Other asset classes:

The **Aetion MLP Index** is a composite of the 50 most prominent energy Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for the asset class.

The **Bloomberg Commodity Index** and related sub-indices are composed of futures contracts on physical commodities and represent twenty two separate commodities traded on U.S. exchanges, with the exception of aluminum, nickel, and zinc.

The **Cambridge Associates U.S. Global Buyout and Growth Index** is based on data compiled from 1,768 global (U.S. & ex-U.S.) buyout and growth equity funds, including fully liquidated/partnerships, formed between 1986 and 2013.

The **CSI Tremont Hedge Fund Index** is compiled by Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC. It is an asset-weighted hedge fund index and includes only funds, as opposed to separate accounts. The index uses the Credit Suisse/Tremont database, which tracks over 4500 funds, and consists only of funds with a minimum of US\$50 million under management, a 12-month track record, and audited financial statements. It is calculated and rebalanced on a monthly basis, and shown net of all performance fees and expenses. It is the exclusive property of Credit Suisse Tremont Index, LLC.

The **HFR Morningstar Hedge Fund Index (HFR)** are equity weighted performance indexes, utilized by numerous hedge fund managers as a benchmark for their own hedge funds. The HFRs are broken down into 4 main strategies, each with multiple sub-strategies. All single-manager HFR index constituents are included in the HFR Fund Weighted Composite, which accounts for over 2000 funds listed on the internet HFR Database.

The **NAREIT EQUITY REIT Index** is designed to provide the most comprehensive assessment of overall industry performance, and includes all tax-qualified real estate investment trusts (REITs) that are listed on the NYSE, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ National Market List.

The **NFI-OCCE**, short for NCREIF Fund Index - Open End Diversified Core Equity, is an index of investment returns reporting on both a historical and current basis the results of 33 open-end commingled funds pursuing a core investment strategy. Some of which have performance histories dating back to the 1970s. The NFI-OCCE Index is capitalization-weighted and is reported gross of fees. Measurement is time-weighted.

### Definitions:

Investing in **alternative assets** involves higher risks than traditional investments and is suitable only for sophisticated investors. Alternative investments involve greater risks than traditional investments and should not be deemed a complete investment program. They are not as efficient as an investor should consult with higher tax advisor prior to investing. Alternative investments have higher fees than traditional investments and they may also be highly leveraged and engage in speculative investment techniques, which can magnify the potential for investment loss or gain. The value of the investment may fall as well as rise and investors may get back less than they invested.

**Bonds** are subject to interest rate risks. Bond prices generally fall when interest rates rise.

Investments in **commodities** may have greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock diseases, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments. Use of leveraged commodity-linked derivatives creates an opportunity for increased return but, at the same time, creates the possibility for greater loss.

**Derivatives** may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic or market conditions than other types of investments and could result in losses that significantly exceed the original investment. The use of derivatives may not be successful, resulting in investment losses, and the cost of such strategies may reduce investment returns.

**Distressed Restructuring Strategies** employ an investment process focused on corporate fixed income instruments, primarily on corporate credit instruments of companies trading at significant discounts to their value at issuance or obliged (per value) at maturity as a result of either formal bankruptcy proceeding or financial market perception of near term proceedings.

Investments in **emerging markets** can be more volatile. The normal risks of investing in foreign countries are heightened when investing in emerging markets. In addition, the small size of securities markets and the low trading volume may lead to a lack of liquidity, which leads to increased volatility. Also, emerging markets may not provide adequate legal protection for private or foreign investment or private property.

The price of **equity securities** may rise, or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries, or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. Equity securities are subject to "block market risk" meaning that stock prices in general may decline over short or extended periods of time.

**Equity market neutral strategies** employ sophisticated quantitative techniques of analyzing price data to ascertain information about future price movement and relationships between securities, select securities for purchase and sale. Equity Market Neutral Strategies typically maintain characteristic net equity market exposure no greater than 10% long or short.

**Global macro strategies** trade a broad range of strategies in which the investment process is predicated on movements in underlying economic variables and the impact these have on equity, fixed income, hard currency and commodity markets.

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**Merger arbitrage strategies** which employ an investment process primarily focused on opportunities in equity and equity related instruments of companies which are currently engaged in a corporate transaction.

**Mid-capitalization investing** typically carries more risk than investing in well-established "blue chip" companies. Historically, mid-cap companies' stock has experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the average stock.

**Price to forward earnings** is a measure of the price-to-earnings ratio (P/E) using forecasted earnings. **Price to book value** compares a stock's market value to its book value. **Price to cash flow** is a measure of the market's expectations of a firm's future financial health. **Price to dividends** is the ratio of the price of a share on a stock exchange to the dividends per share paid in the previous year, used as a measure of a company's potential as an investment.

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