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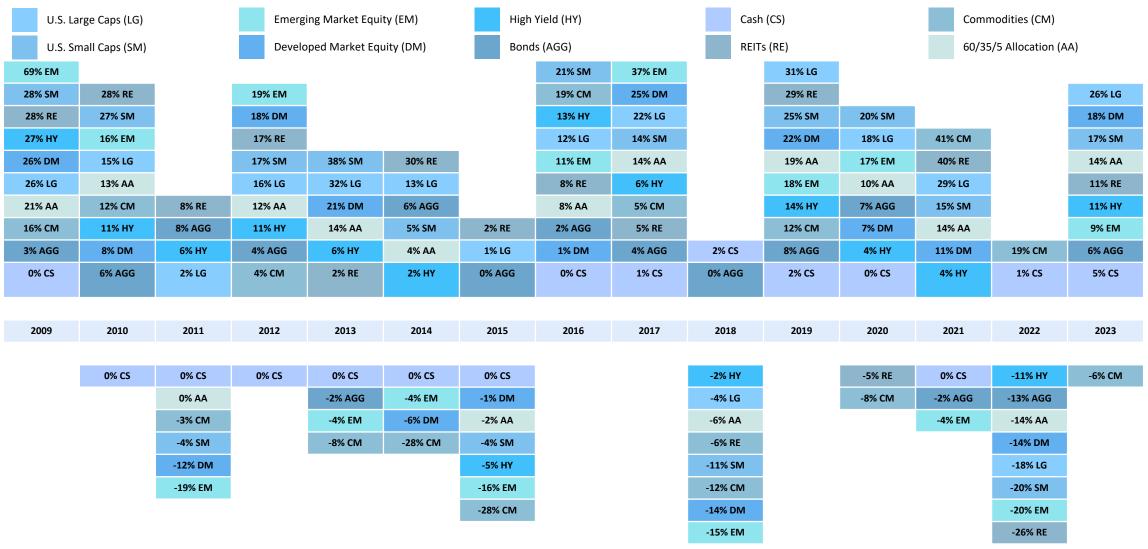
#### **Historical Asset Class Returns**

Market Category	4Q 2023	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
U.S. Large Cap Stocks	11.6%	8.0%	26.0%	10.0%	15.6%	11.9%
U.S. Large Cap Growth Stocks	14.2%	10.6%	42.5%	8.7%	19.3%	14.7%
U.S. Large Cap Value Stocks	9.5%	5.9%	11.2%	8.7%	10.7%	8.2%
U.S. Small Cap Stocks	14.0%	8.0%	16.7%	2.1%	9.9%	7.1%
Global Stocks	11.2%	7.1%	22.2%	5.8%	118%	8.1%
Developed Market Stocks	10.7%	5.2%	18.2%	4.2%	8.2%	4.2%
Emerging Market Stocks	7.9%	3.5%	8.9%	-5.9%	2.9%	1.8%
U.S. Taxable Bonds	6.7%	3.2%	5.5%	-3.4%	1.0%	1.8%
U.S. Municipal Bonds	6.7%	3.2%	5.5%	-0.4%	2.1%	2.8%
U.S. High Yield Bonds	7.0%	6.6%	11.1%	1.0%	4.2%	3.4%
REITs	18.2%	7.9%	11.4%	5.0%	7.3%	7.4%
Commodities	-7.3%	1.9%	-6.2%	16.6%	10.3%	-0.7%

Disclosures: All performance data represents total returns. Performance longer than 1 year are annualized. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Asset classes are represented by the following ETFs: U.S. Large Cap (SPY - SPDR S&P 500 ETF), U.S. Large Cap Growth (IWD - Russell 1000 Growth ETF), U.S. Large Cap Value (IWF - Russell 1000 Value ETF), U.S. Small Cap (IWM - iShares Russell 2000 ETF), Global Stocks (ACWI - iShares MSCI ACWI ETF), DM Stocks (EFA - iShares MSCI EAFE ETF), EM Stocks (EEM - iShares MSCI EMP), U.S. Taxable Bonds (AGG - iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF), U.S. Municipal Bonds (MUB - iShares National Muni Bond ETF), U.S. High Yield Bonds (HYG - iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate ETF), Commodities (DBC - Invesco DB Commodity ETF), and REITs (VNQ - Vanguard Real Estate ETF).



#### **Annual Asset Class Performance**



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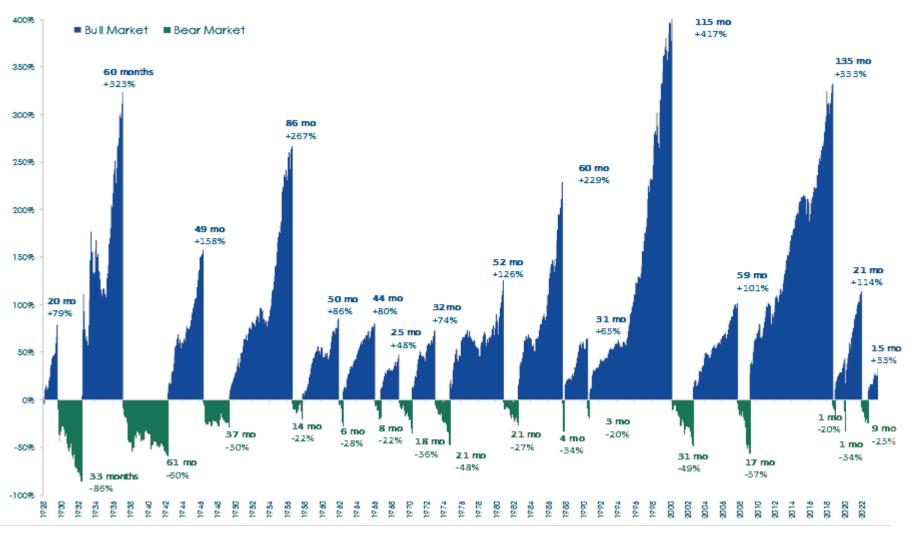
### **Quarterly Asset Class Performance**

1Q 2021	2Q 2021	3Q 2021	4Q 2021	1Q 2022	2Q 2022	3Q 2022	4Q 2022	1Q 2023	2Q 2023	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	1 year
Comdty	Comdty	Comdty	REITs	Comdty	Comdty	Cash	DM Equity	DM Equity	Large Caps	Comdty	REITs	Large Caps
13.0%	15.9%	4.8%	15.0%	25.4%	2.2%	0.4%	17.7%	9.0%	8.7%	10.0%	18.2%	26.0%
Small Caps	REITs	REITs	Large Caps	Cash	Cash	High Yield	EM Equity	Large Caps	Small Caps	Cash	Small Caps	DM Equity
12.9%	11.6%	0.6%	11.1%	0.0%	0.1%	-1.7%	10.3%	7.4%	5.3%	1.3%	14.0%	18.2%
REITs	Large Caps	Large Caps	60/35/5	60/35/5	Bonds	Small Caps	Large Caps	60/35/5	DM Equity	High Yield	Large Caps	Small Caps
8.8%	8.4%	0.6%	4.2%	-4.0%	-4.6%	-2.1%	7.6%	4.6%	3.2%	-0.3%	11.6%	16.7%
Large Caps	DM Equity	High Yield	Comdty	Large Caps	High Yield	Bonds	60/35/5	EM Equity	60/35/5	60/35/5	DM Equity	60/35/5
6.3%	5.4%	0.3%	3.0%	-4.6%	-9.4%	-4.7%	6.8%	4.1%	3.0%	-2.9%	10.7%	13.8%
DM Equity	60/35/5	Bonds	DM Equity	High Yield	EM Equity	Large Caps	Small Caps	High Yield	REITs	Bonds	60/35/5	REITs
4.0%	5.4%	0.0%	2.8%	-4.7%	-10.4%	-4.9%	6.2%	3.7%	1.7%	-3.2%	8.9%	11.4%
60/35/5	Small Caps	Cash	Small Caps	Bonds	60/35/5	60/35/5	High Yield	Bonds	Cash	Large Caps	EM Equity	High Yield
3.9%	4.0%	0.0%	2.0%	-5.8%	-10.5%	-5.9%	5.0%	3.2%	1.2%	-3.2%	7.9%	11.1%
EM Equity	EM Equity	60/35/5	High Yield	REITs	DM Equity	Comdty	REITs	Small Caps	EM Equity	EM Equity	High Yield	EM Equity
3.2%	3.8%	-0.6%	0.8%	-6.1%	-13.1%	-10.2%	4.3%	2.7%	1.0%	-4.1%	7.0%	8.9%
High Yield	High Yield	DM Equity	Cash	DM Equity	REITs	DM Equity	Comdty	REITs	High Yield	DM Equity	Bonds	Bonds
0.6%	2.0%	-1.1%	0.0%	-6.5%	-15.4%	-10.4%	3.7%	1.6%	0.7%	-4.9%	6.7%	5.5%
Cash	Bonds	Small Caps	Bonds	Small Caps	Large Caps	REITs	Bonds	Cash	Bonds	Small Caps	Cash	Cash
0.0%	1.8%	-4.3%	-0.1%	-7.5%	-16.1%	-11.0%	1.6%	1.0%	-0.9%	-5.2%	1.3%	4.8%
Bonds	Cash	EM Equity	EM Equity	EM Equity	Small Caps	EM Equity	Cash	Comdty	Comdty	REITs	Comdty	Comdty
-3.4%	0.0%	-8.6%	-1.6%	-7.6%	-17.3%	-13.0%	0.8%	-3.7%	-4.4%	-8.6%	-7.3%	-6.2%

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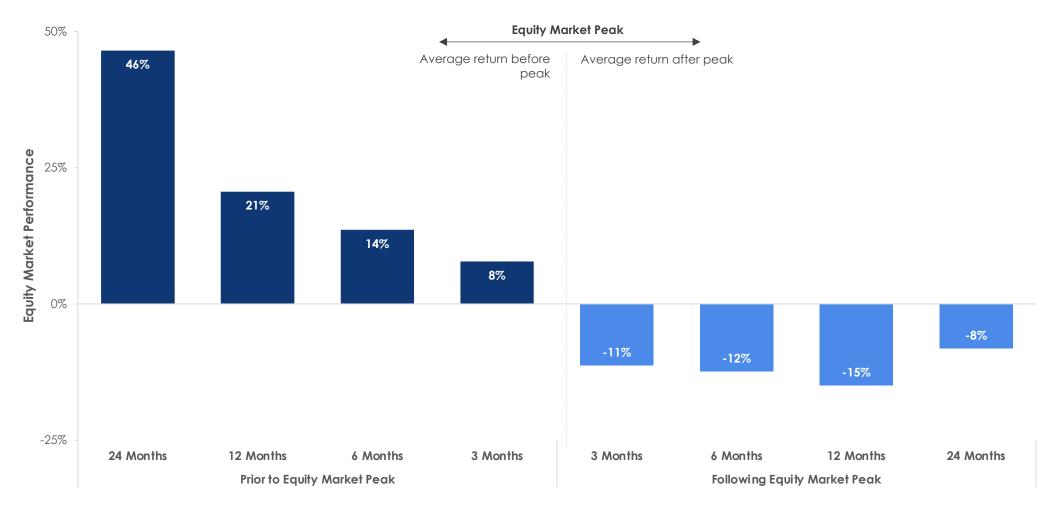
#### **S&P 500 Bull & Bear Markets**



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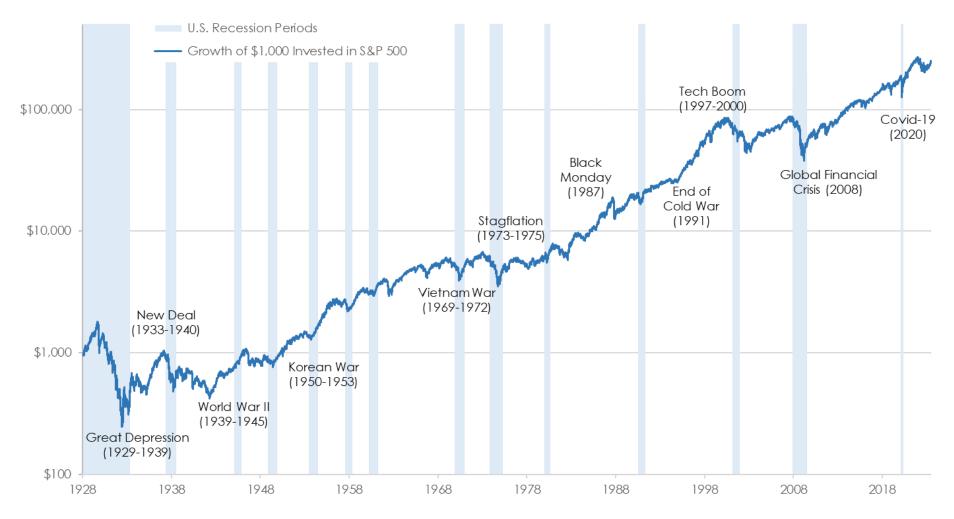
## **Average Returns Prior To & Following Equity Market Peaks**



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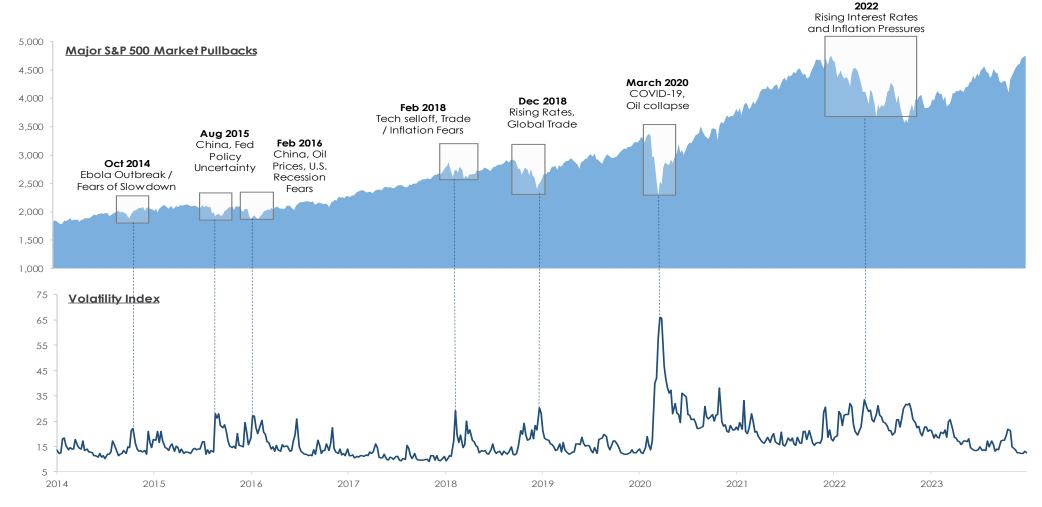
#### **Historic Market Events**



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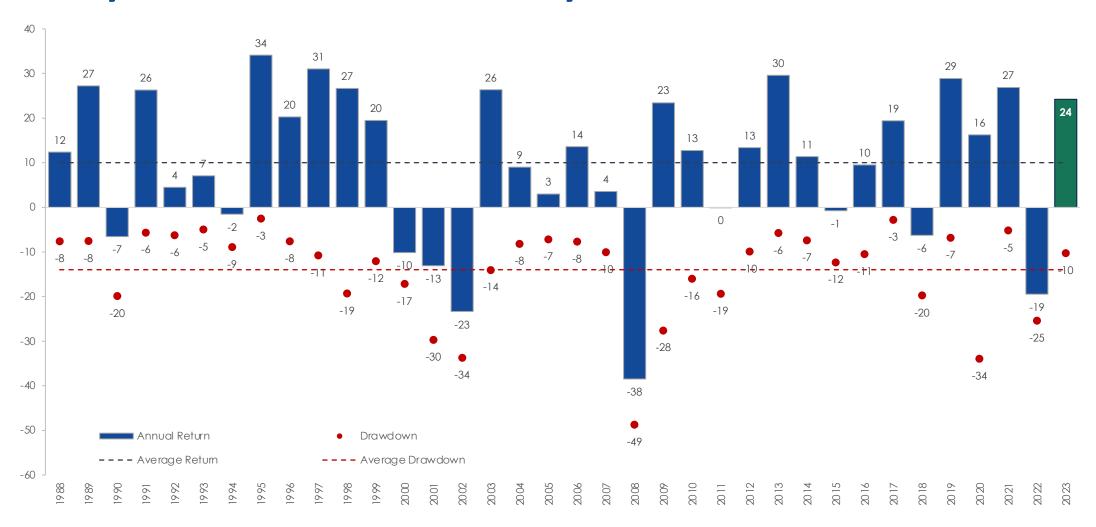
# **Volatility Index**



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### **History of Market Drawdowns by Year**

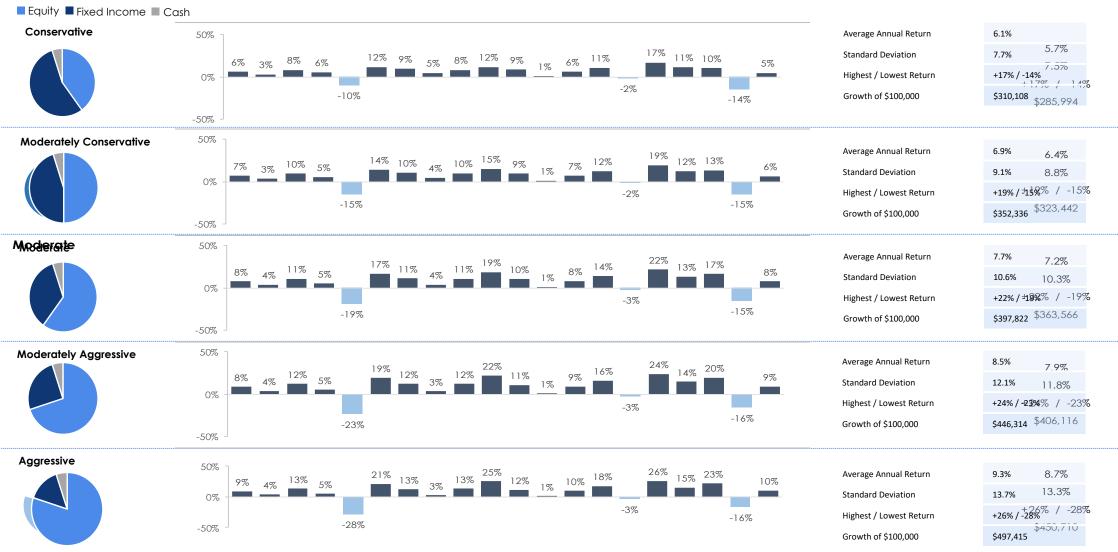


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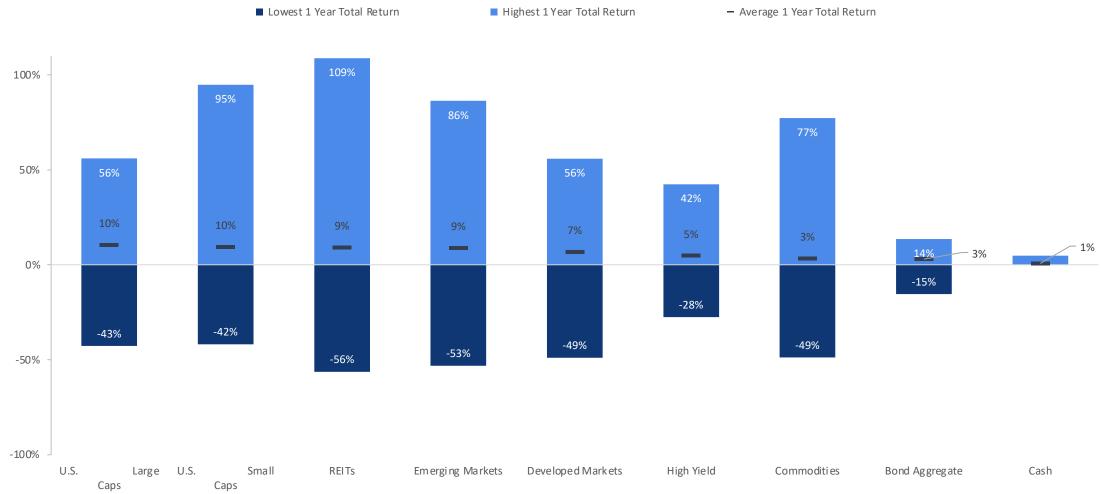
#### **20 Years of Asset Allocation Statistics**



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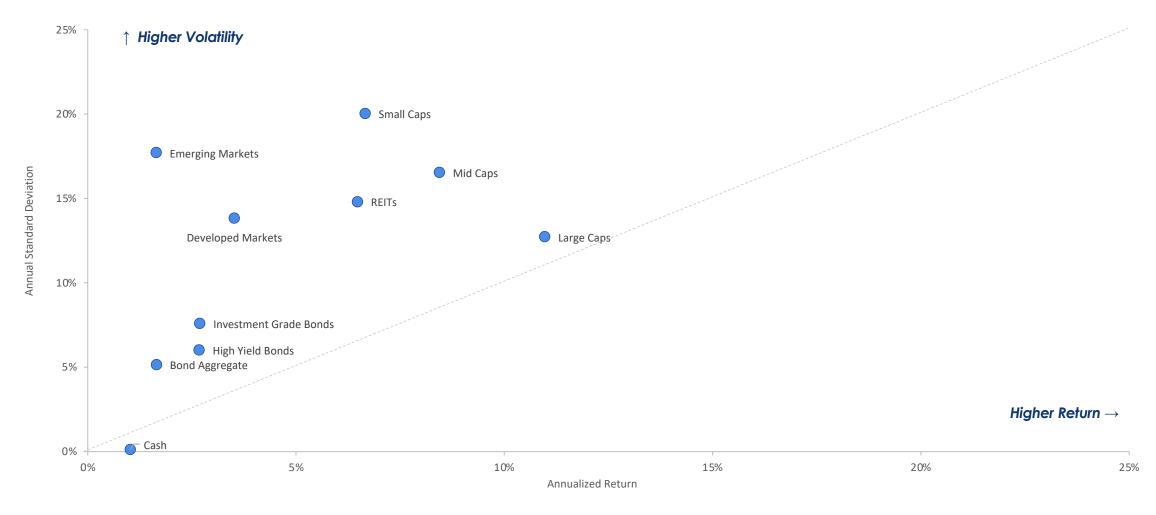
### **Asset Class Return Ranges Over 20 Years**



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#### **Asset Class Risk vs Reward**



Disclosures: Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Annual Standard Deviation and the Annualized Return use monthly data from the past 10 years. Annualized returns are based on dividends reinvested. Asset classes are represented by the following ETFs: Cash (BIL - SPDR Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Month T-Bill ETF), Bond Aggregate (AGG - iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF), Investment Grade (LQD - iShares iBoxx \$ Investment Grade Corporate Bond ETF), High Yield (HYG - iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF), Large Caps (SPY - SPDR S&P 500 ETF), Small Caps (IWM - iShares Russell 2000 ETF), Mid Caps (MDY - SPDR S&P Midcap 400 ETF), REITs (VNQ - Vanguard Real Estate ETF), Emerging Markets (EEM - iShares MSCI Emerging Markets (EFA - iShares MSCI EMFE ETF).



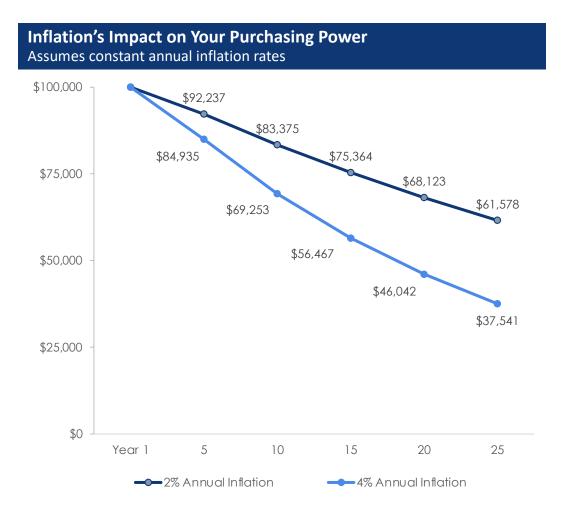
### **Asset Class Correlations**

	U.S. Large Caps	U.S. Small Caps	Developed Markets	Emerging Markets	Bond Aggregate	High Yield	U.S. Dollar	Comdty	U.S. Growth	U.S. Value	REITs	Gold
U.S. Large Caps	1.00	0.87	0.88	0.70	0.35	0.81	-0.40	0.42	0.96	0.95	0.75	0.10
U.S. Small Caps		1.00	0.78	0.64	0.24	0.76	-0.29	0.45	0.80	0.90	0.70	-0.03
Developed Markets			1.00	0.82	0.40	0.80	-0.57	0.51	0.80	0.88	0.67	0.16
Emerging Markets				1.00	0.39	0.68	-0.63	0.48	0.65	0.70	0.54	0.29
Bond Aggregate					1.00	0.53	-0.40	-0.13	0.42	0.24	0.55	0.44
High Yield						1.00	-0.44	0.45	0.76	0.81	0.69	0.28
U.S. Dollar							1.00	-0.39	-0.37	-0.38	-0.24	-0.48
Commodities								1.00	0.31	0.52	0.25	0.11
U.S. Growth									1.00	0.82	0.70	0.13
U.S. Value										1.00	0.74	0.04
REITs											1.00	0.20
Gold												1.00

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# **Inflation's Impact**



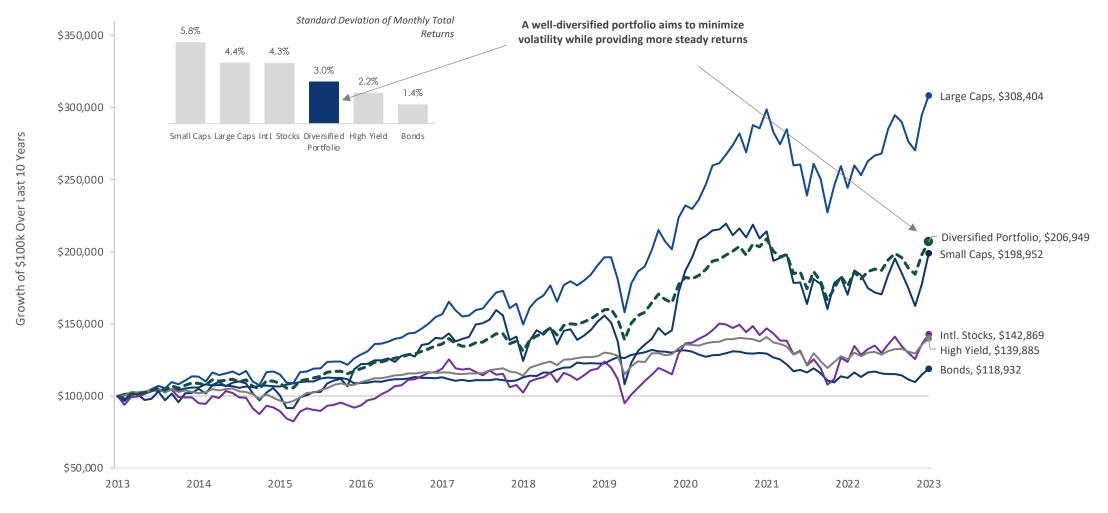




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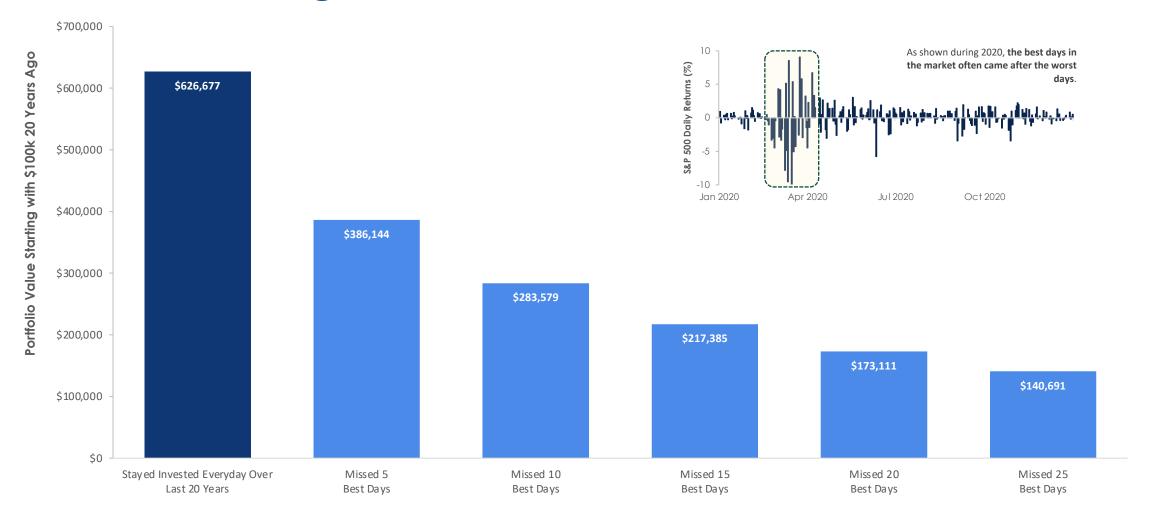
## **Importance of Diversification**



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### Time, Not Timing, is What Matters



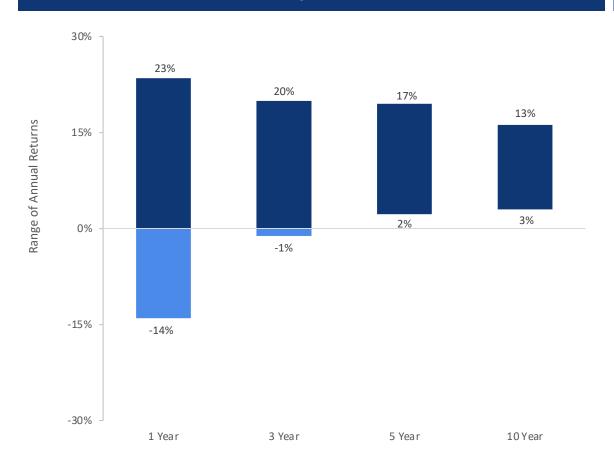
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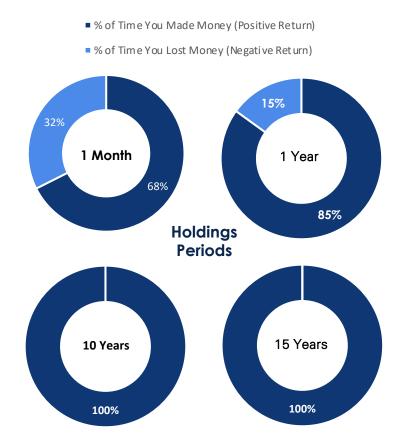


### **Staying Invested for the Long Term**

Range of Annualized Returns for Rolling 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-Year Periods
Based on 50 Stock / 50 Bond Portfolio's Rolling Annual Returns Over Last 30 Years

% of Time a 50 Stock / 50 Bond Portfolio was Positive / Negative Based on Various Holding Periods Using Monthly Data From the Last 30 Years

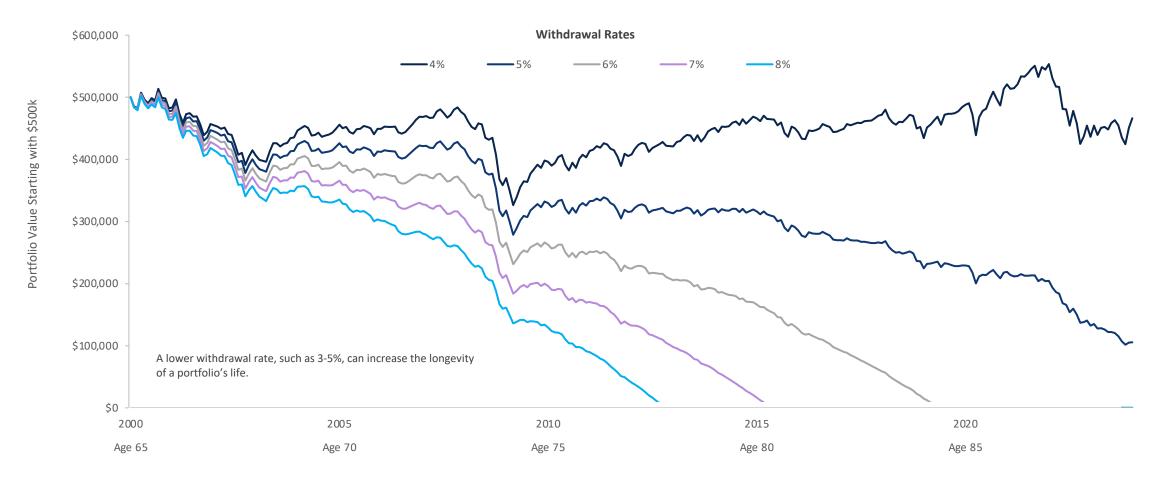




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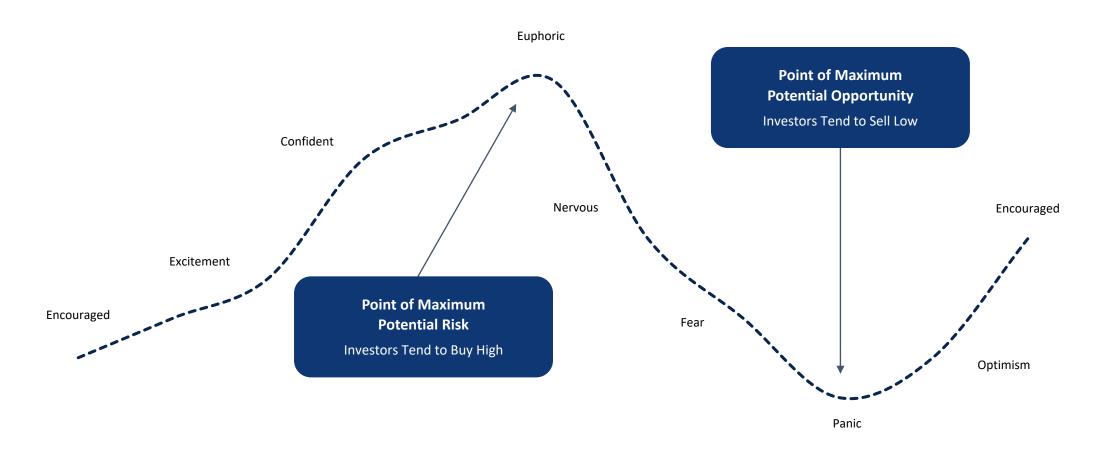
### **Impact of Various Withdrawal Rates**



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# **The Cycle of Market Emotions**



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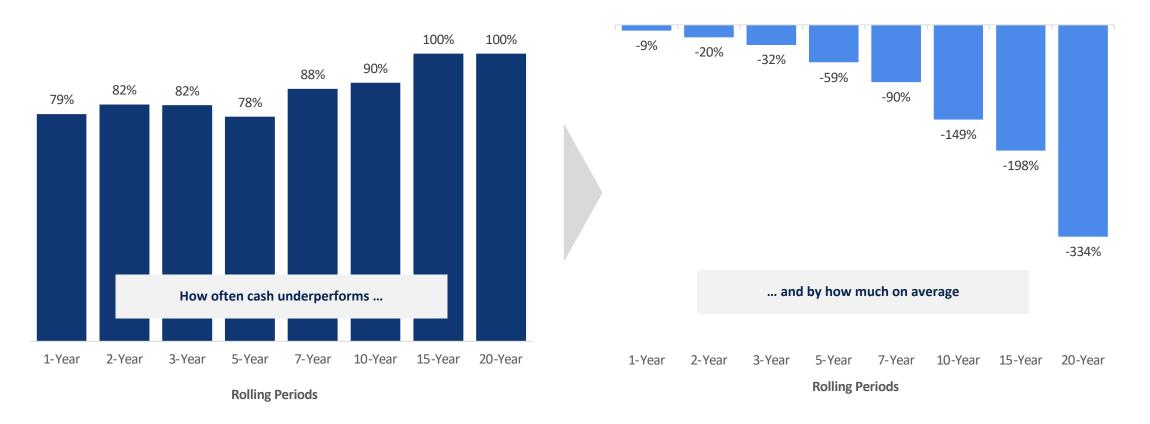


## The Odds of Cash Underperforming Are High

Percentage of Times Cash Underperformed the S&P 500

Based on Total Returns for 1990-2023

Average Underperformance: Cash vs S&P 500 Relative Total Return for 1990-2023



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## **Definitions**

Annualized Return	The rate at which an investment grows each year over the period to arrive at the final valuation.
Bear Market	A decline of at least 20% from the market's high point to its low.
Beta	A measure of how an individual asset moves when the overall stock market increases or decreases.
Correlation	A measure of the extent to which two variables are related
Dividend Yield:	The dividend yield or dividend-price ratio of a share is the dividend per share, divided by the price per share. It is also a company's total annual dividend payments divided by its market capitalization, assuming the number of shares is constant.
Developed Markets	A country that is most developed in terms of its economy and capital markets. The country must be high income, but this also includes openness to foreign ownership, ease of capital movement, and efficiency of market institutions.
Emerging Markets	A country that has some characteristics of a developed market but does not fully meet its standards. This includes markets that may become developed markets in the future or were in the past
Large Cap Stocks	Shares of publicly traded corporations with a market capitalization of \$10 billion or more
LTM	An acronym for "Last Twelve Months" or the past one year
NTM	An acronym for "Next Twelve Months" or the next one year
Price Return	The rate of return on an investment portfolio, where the return measure takes into account only the capital appreciation of the portfolio, not including income generated in the form of interest or dividends.
Total Return	Return on a portfolio of investments including capital appreciation and income received on the portfolio.
Small Cap Stocks	Shares of publicly traded corporations with a market capitalization of \$2 billion or less.
Standard Deviation	In statistics, the standard deviation is a measure of the amount of variation or dispersion of a set of values. A low standard deviation indicates the values tend to be close to the historical average of the data set, while a high standard deviation indicates the current value is outside of the historical average range.
CBOE Volatility Index (VIX)	Measures the market's expectations of future volatility and is based on S&P 500 options activity.



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