

**“The secret of
getting ahead, is
getting started.”**

Mark Twain

Investing vs. Saving
(Biggest differences are risk and time)

Investment

Generally long-term

Goal is to increase in value

For retirement and/or child's college

Saving

Generally short-term

Goal is to not lose value

For purchases and emergencies

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The Fundamentals of Investing

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Today's Agenda

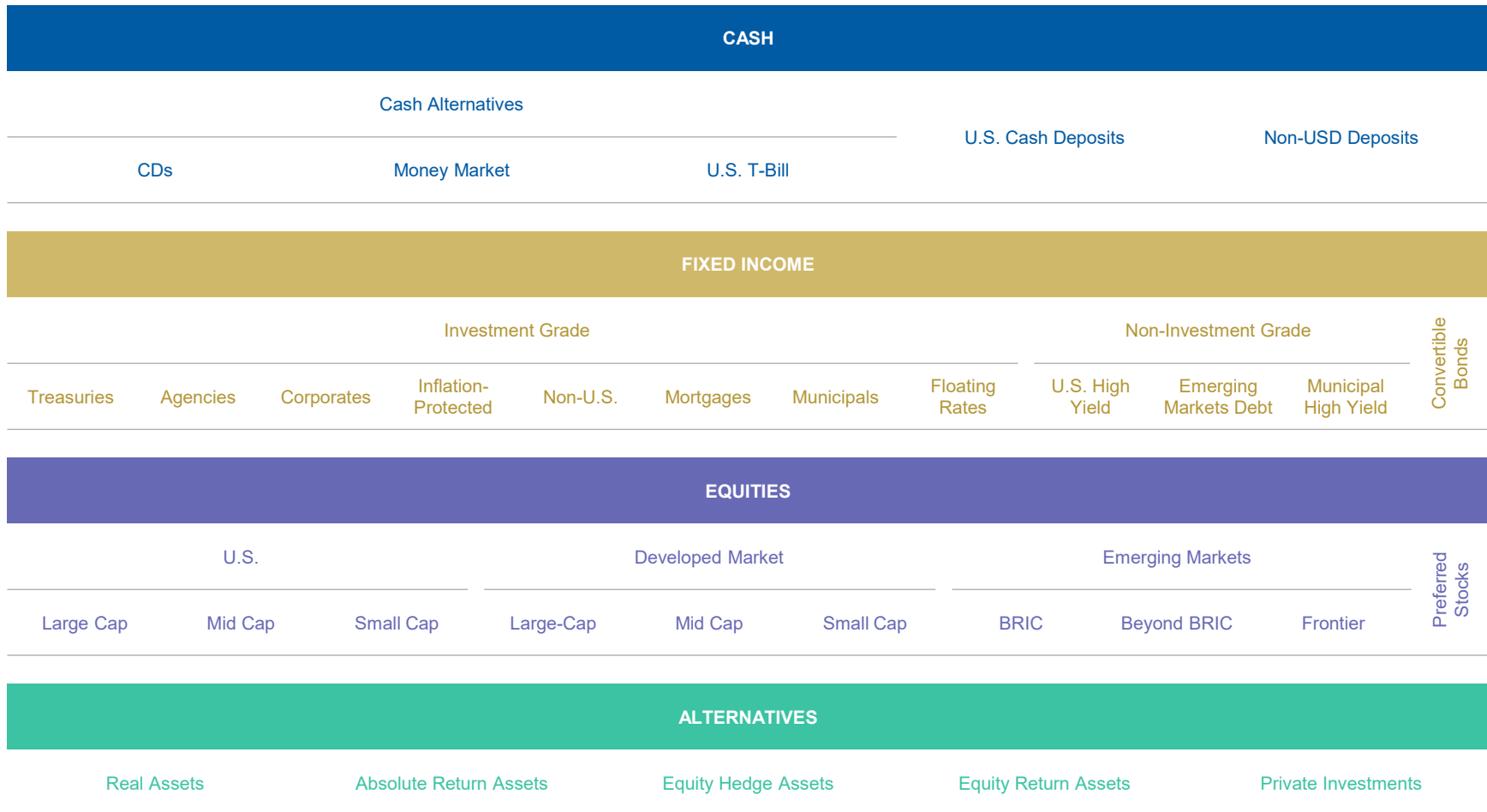
- I. Major Asset Classes and Investment Vehicle
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- IV. Bringing It All Together

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SECTION 1

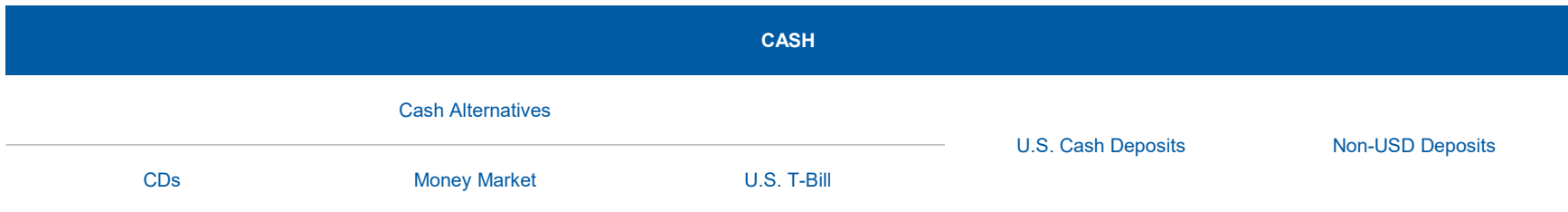
Major Asset Classes

Asset Class Map



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Beyond BRIC: emerging market countries besides Brazil, Russia, India and China. Frontier: frontier countries are typically less developed than EM nations. Morgan Stanley currently defines 24 nations as frontier nations. These markets tend to be the riskiest markets in the world.

Cash Alternatives for Liquidity and Capital Preservation



CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT (CD)

A CD is a document issued by the bank to an investor who agrees to deposit their money for a set period of time for an interest rate typically higher than their savings account.

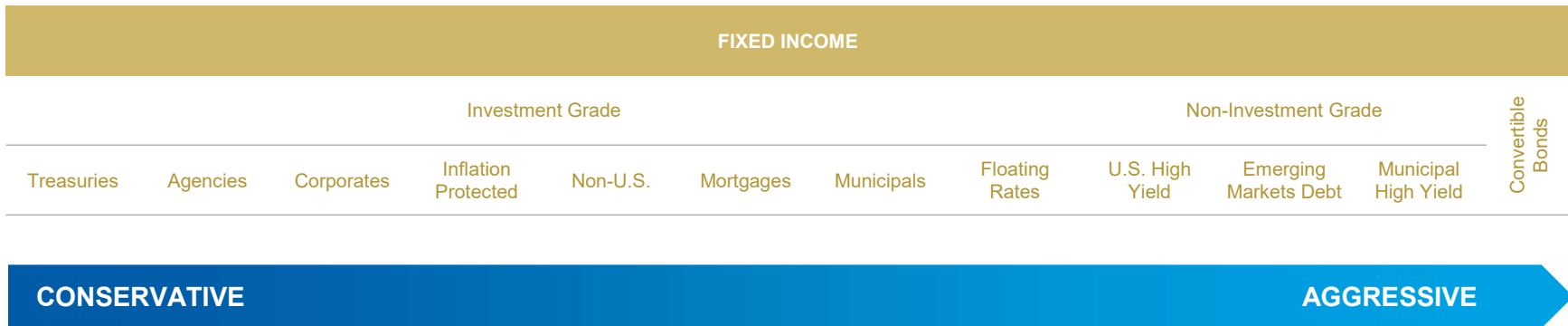
MONEY MARKET FUNDS

Money market funds are mutual funds that invest in short-term debt securities and act like savings accounts but provide higher yield.

U.S. TREASURY BILLS

Treasury Bills are securities issued by the United States Department of Treasury. When issued to companies, such companies are essentially lending the government money.

Fixed Income for Stable Income Stream

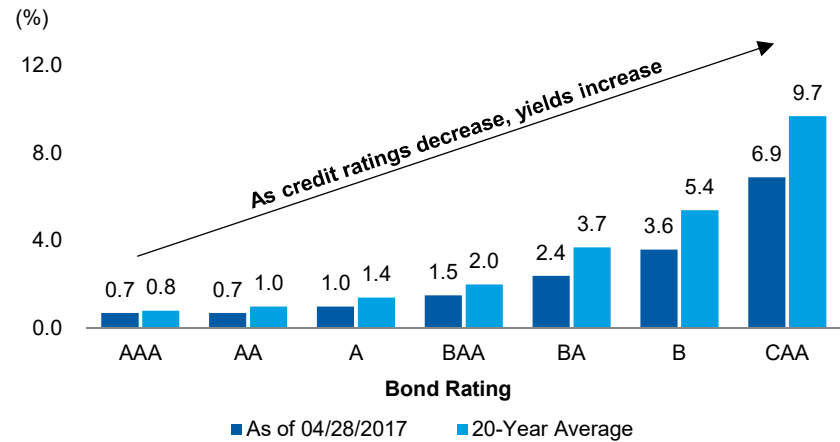


Fixed Income Coupon

- Coupons or interest payments are the yield collected by the investor at a fixed interval, typically semiannually
- The amount of the coupon is determined by the coupon rate or interest rate
- Coupons make up a large portion of the total return of fixed income securities

Corporate Spreads (1) vs. Average

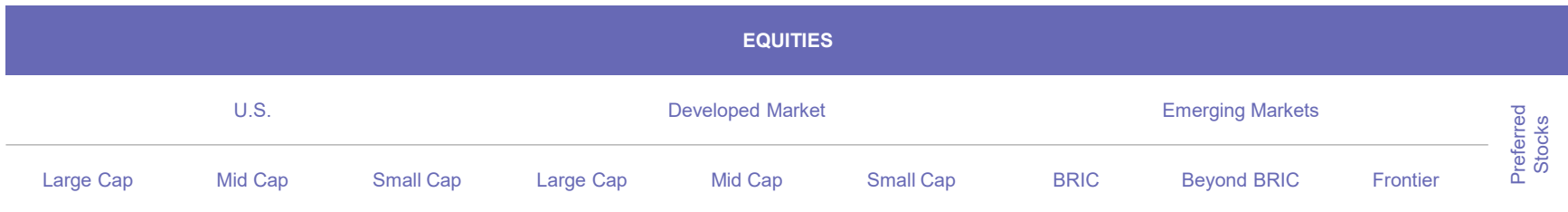
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Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Investment Resources

1. Option-Adjusted Spread is the measurement of the spread of a fixed income security rate and the risk-free rate of return, which is adjusted to take into account an embedded option. The risk-free rate represents the interest an investor would expect from an absolutely risk-free investment over a specified period of time.

Equity for Capital Appreciation



DIVIDEND

- An equity security that pays regular dividends, often because the firm is past the point of needing to reinvest profits
- Most have lower levels of volatility than overall stock market and offer higher-than-average market dividend yields

VALUE

- A value stock is a security that has fallen out of favor in the marketplace and is typically priced lower than stocks of similar companies
- Investing in a value stock attempts to capitalize on inefficiencies in the market price

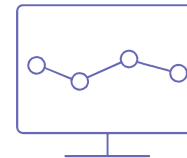
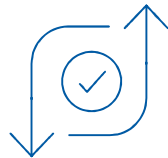
GROWTH

- A growth stock is a security whose earnings are expected to grow at a higher-than-market rate
- Growth stocks typically do not pay dividends and are chosen for their potential capital gains

Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Investment Resources

Selecting Appropriate Asset Classes for Your Goals

Major Asset Classes



Asset Class

CASH AND CASH ALTERNATIVES

FIXED INCOME

EQUITY

ALTERNATIVES

Description

- Matures <1 year
- Highly liquid securities

- Potential periodic income at regular intervals
- Varied maturity

- Company ownership

- Lower correlation to the market / other asset classes

Uses

- Capital Preservation

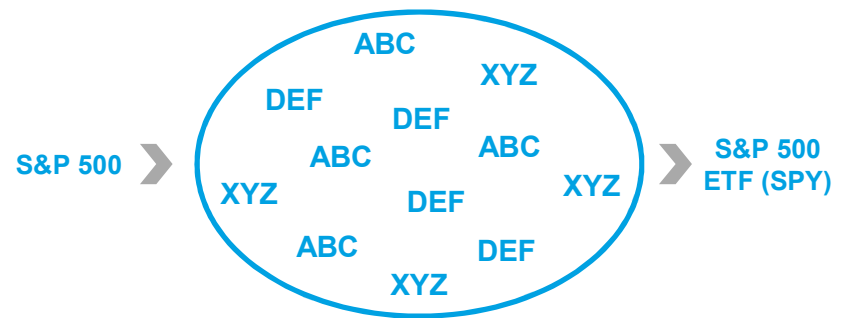
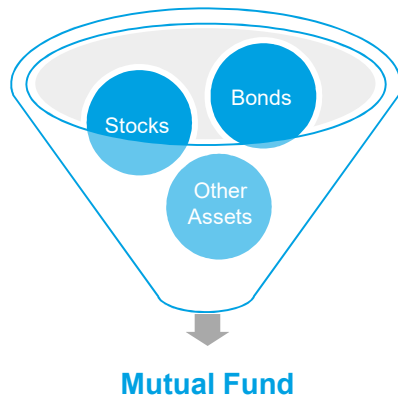
- Capital Preservation
- Stable Income Stream

- Capital Appreciation Income

- Capital Appreciation Diversification

Mutual Funds (MF) and Exchange Traded Funds (ETF)

- A **Mutual Fund** is an investment vehicle funded by shareholders for the purpose of investing in stocks, bonds, money market instruments and other assets
- **MFs** are typically actively managed by professional money managers who make security selection decisions that can lead to higher fees than ETFs
- Mutual Funds enable investment across asset classes that might otherwise be out of reach due to minimum account sizes or high cost
- An **ETF** is an investment vehicle designed to mimic the daily movement of a market index or other benchmark
- **ETFs** are typically passively managed and do not involve security selection. This tracking of the market may not offer the same level of potential dividend returns as owning the stock
- ETFs enable you to gain market exposure at a lower cost, and with more transparency than comparable investment products



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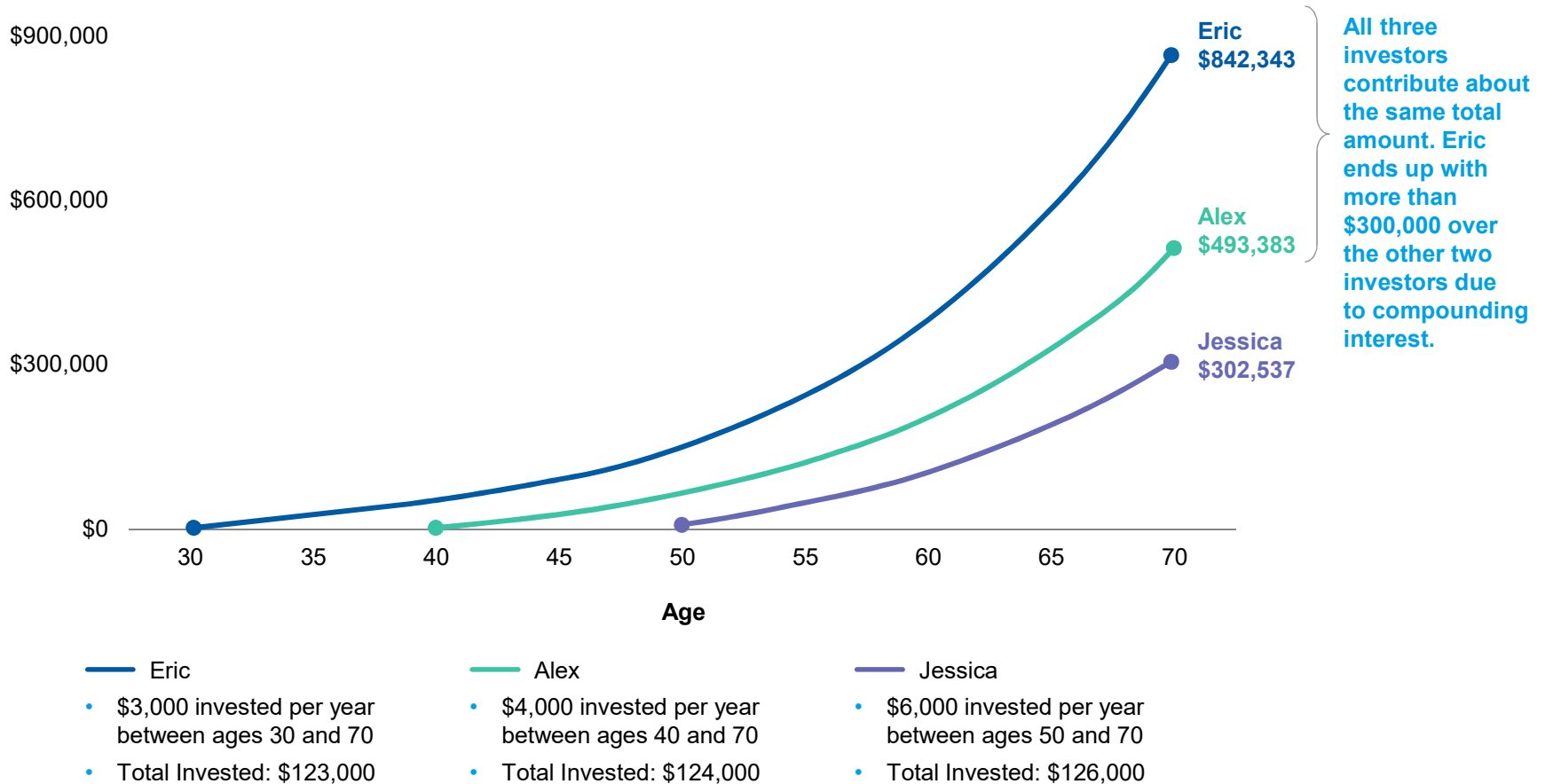
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SECTION 2

Basic Tenets of Investing

Need to Save Early: Time is Money

Hypothetical Illustration of the Power of Compounding and Investing Time Horizon ⁽¹⁾

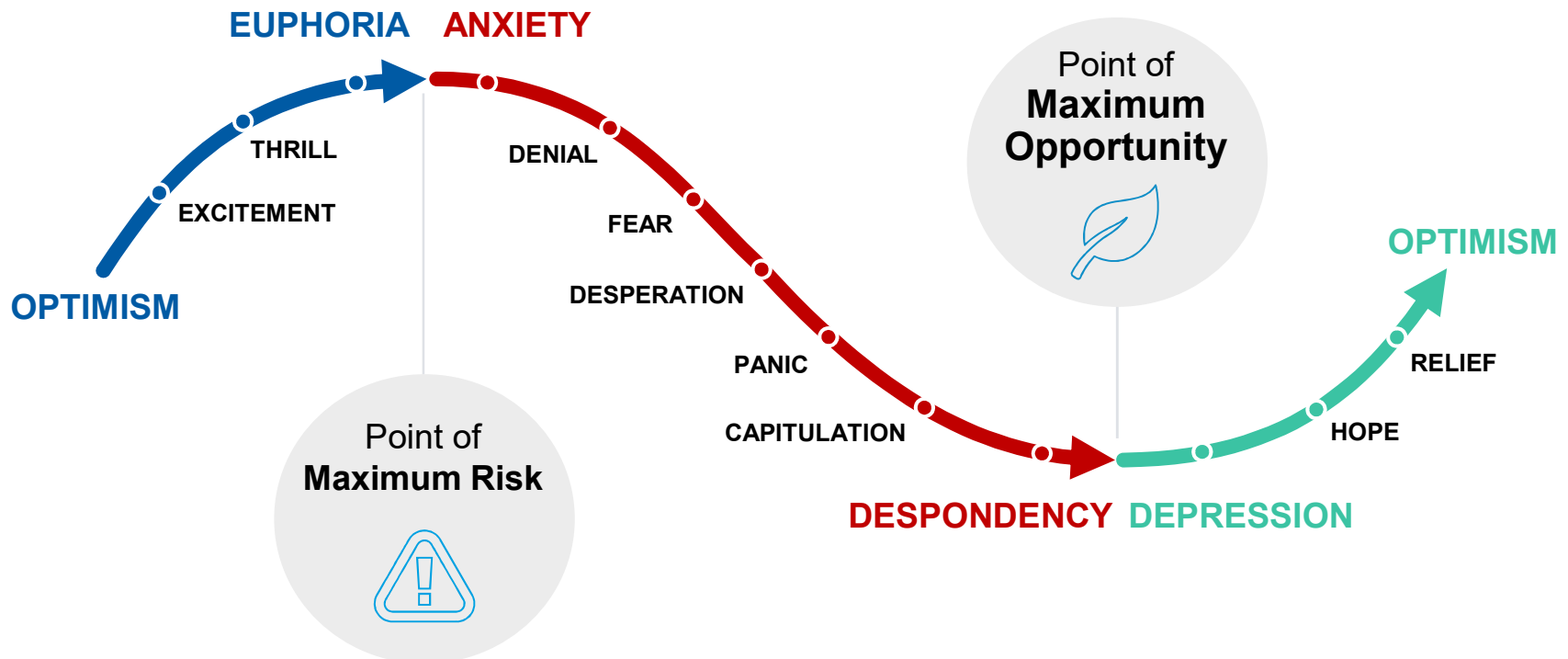


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1. Assumes 8% annual return. For more information about the risks to hypothetical performance please refer to the Risk Considerations section at the end of this material

It's Easy to Let Emotions Get in the Way

Having a plan and sticking to it can help you avoid common mistakes, such as buying and selling at the wrong time out of panic or exuberance.

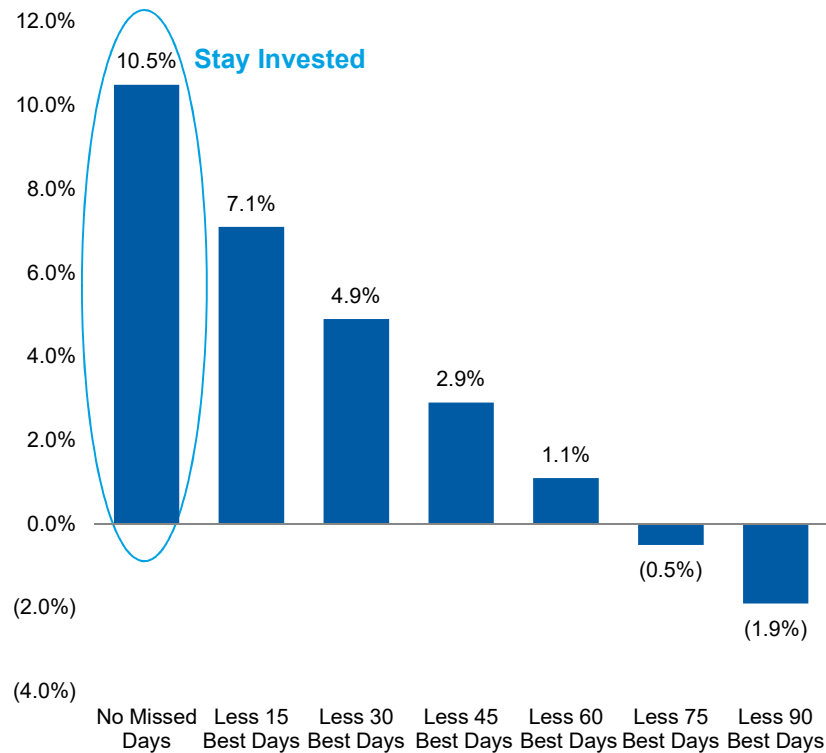


Market Timing Is a Flawed and Costly Strategy

Annualized Total Returns of S&P 500 (1990 – 2017)

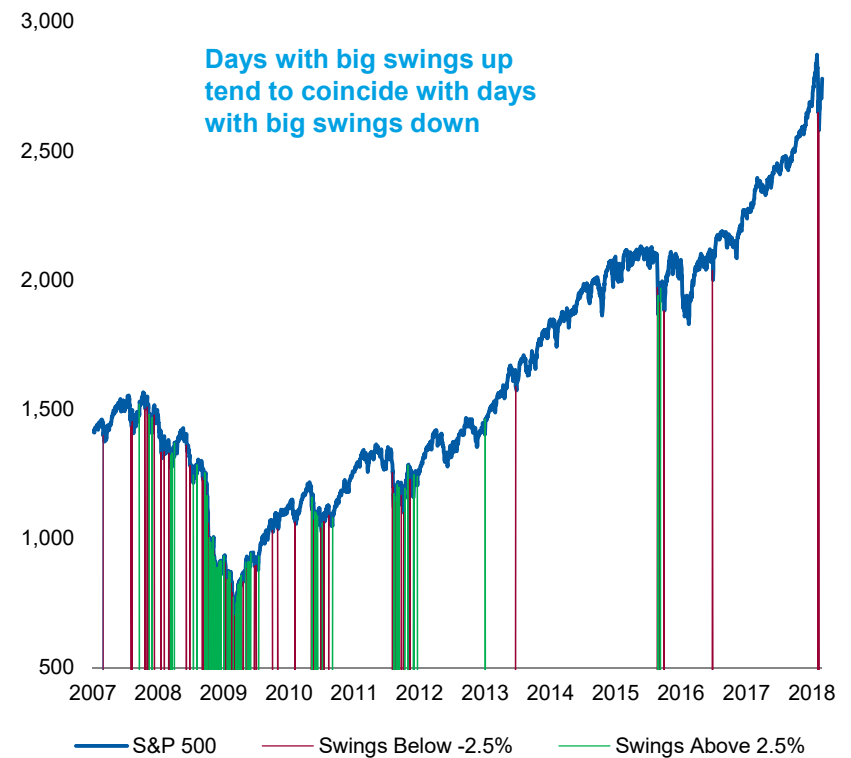
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Total Return %



Days With Large Price Changes Tend to Cluster Together

As of February 28, 2018



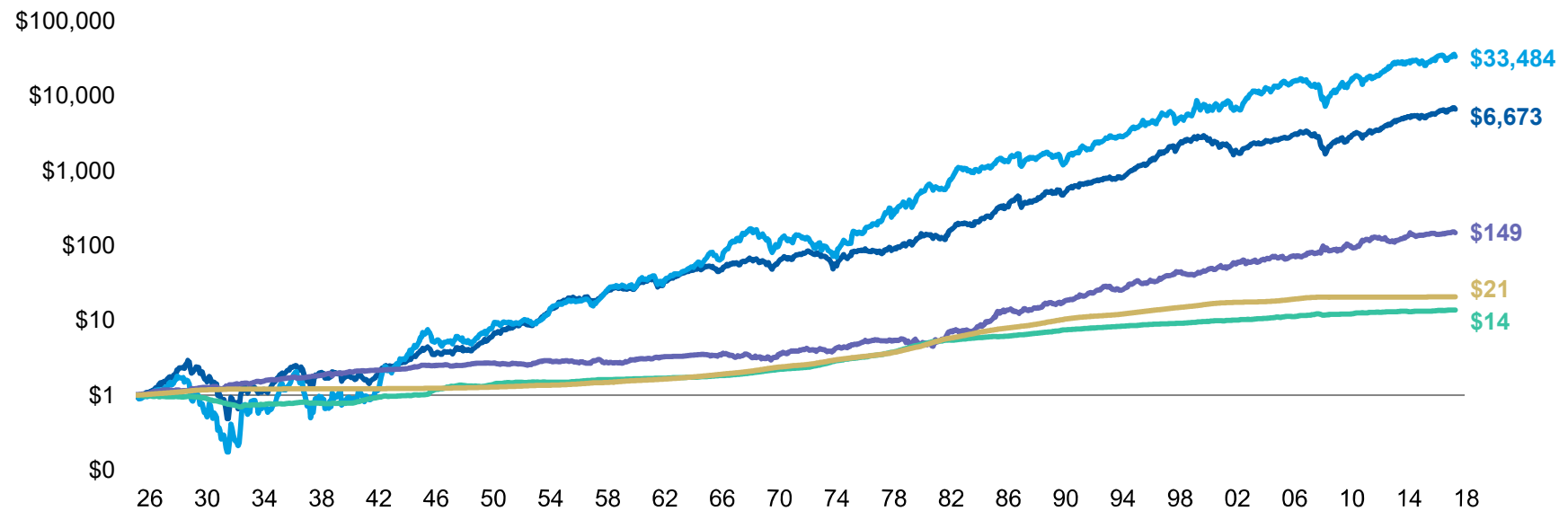
Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

1. Best days are defined as the days with the highest single-day returns in the S&P 500, Bloomberg

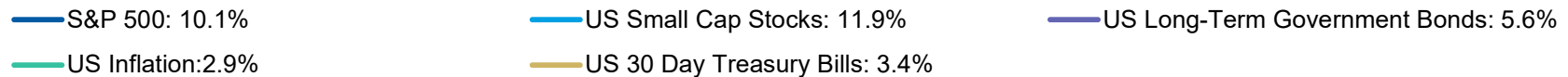
Successful Investing Involves Patience and Fortitude

Cumulative Total Return of \$1 January 31, 1926 – March 29, 2018

\$(Logarithmic Scale)



Annualized Total Return (%)



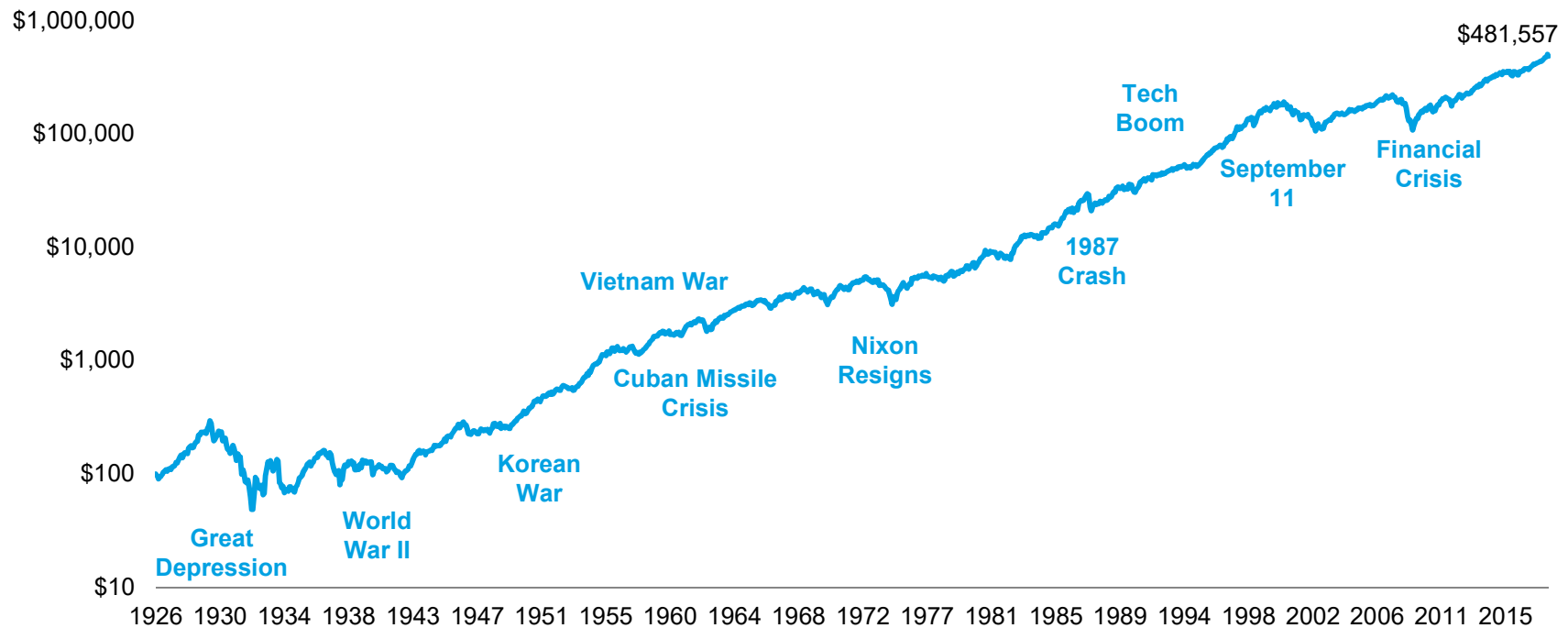
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S&P 500 Has Grown Long Term Despite Negative Events

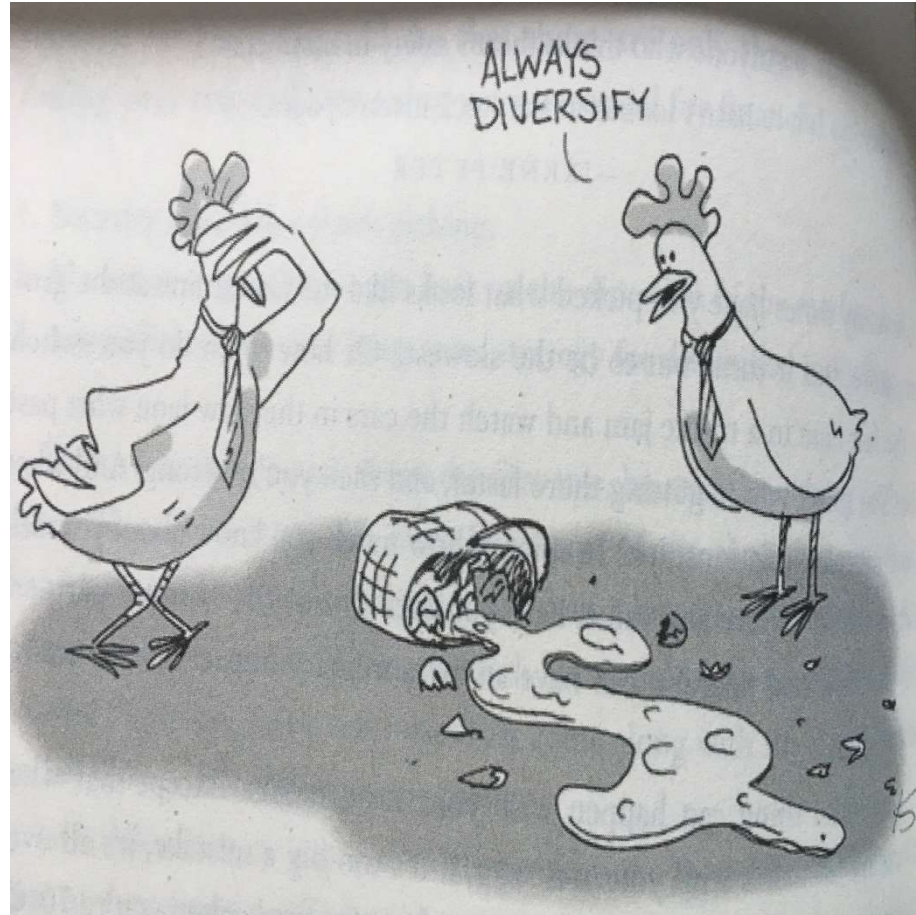
S&P 500: Growth of \$100

January 1926 – February 2018

Log Scale



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**“Never test the depth
of the river with both
feet.” Warren Buffett**

The three most important rules when buying real estate:

Location, Location, Location!

The three most important factors when building your investment portfolio:

Diversify, Diversify, Diversify!

Asset Allocation is dividing up your money among different classes or types of investments (such as equities, fixed income, alternatives, and cash) and in specific proportions that you decide in advance, according to your goals or needs, risk tolerance, and stage of life.

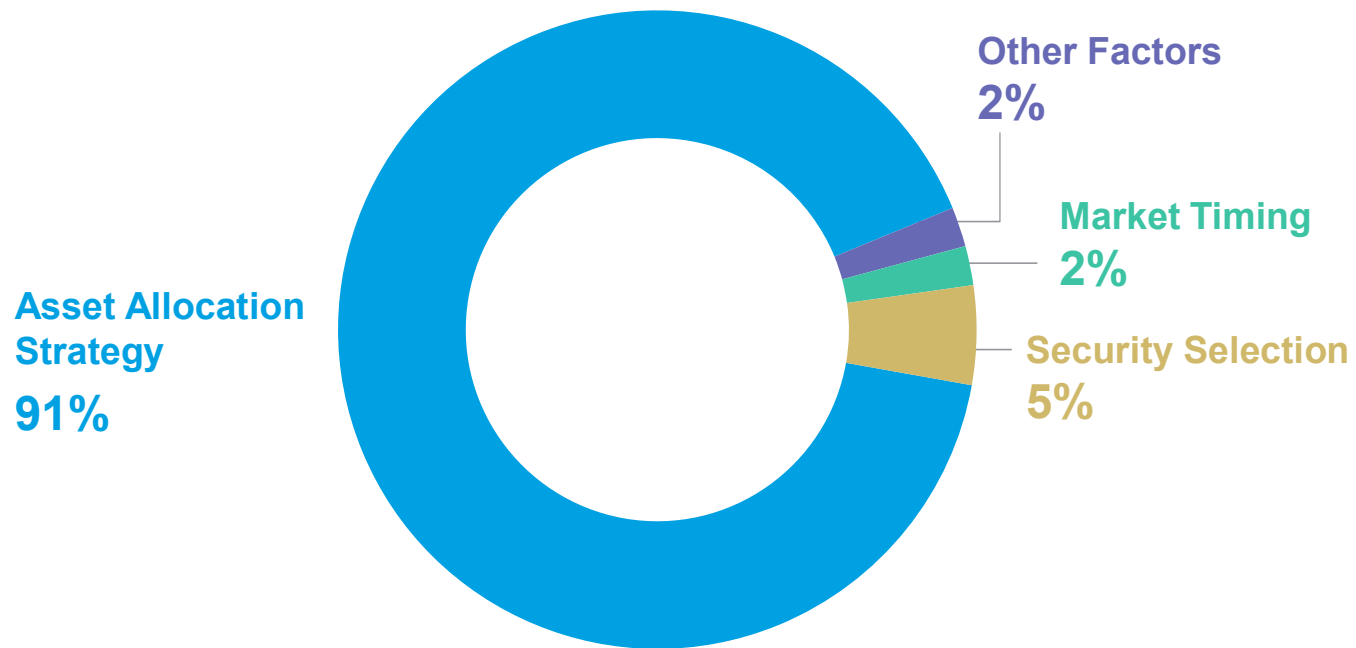
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SECTION 3

**Asset Allocation, Diversification &
Rebalancing**

Asset Allocation – The Most Important Determinant of Risk Exposures and Investment Outcomes

Sources of Return Variation



Asset Allocation and diversification do not assure a profit or protect against loss in declining financial markets.

Source: Roger G. Ibbotson. *Does Asset Allocation Policy Explain 10, 90 or 100 Percent of Performance?* Financial Analyst Journal, January / February 2000; Brinson, Singer and Beebower. *Determination of Performance II: An Update*, Financial Analyst Journal, May / June 1991. Based on US pension-fund data from 1977 to 1987

Establishing an Effective Asset Allocation

Various asset classes tend to have different risk and return characteristics

Typically, the higher the potential risk, the higher the potential return for an asset class, and the lower the risk, the lower the potential return

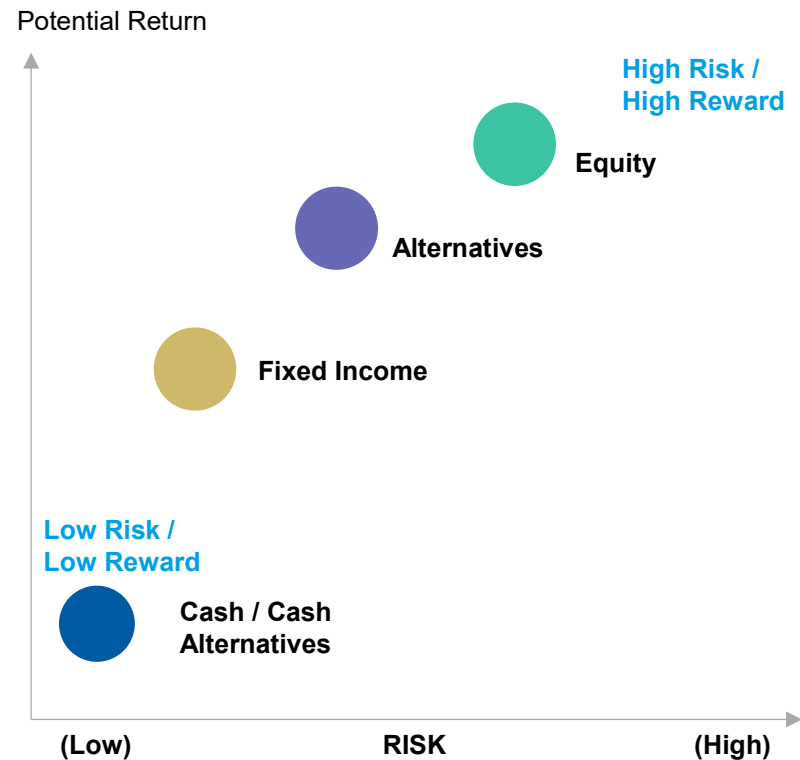
20-Year Annualized Risk and Return

As of December 29, 2017

ASSET CLASS	ANNUALIZED RETURN	ANNUALIZED VOLATILITY
Cash	2.0%	0.6%
Fixed Income	5.0%	3.4%
Alternatives	6.5%	6.9%
Equity	7.2%	14.9%

Annualized Risk and Return of Asset Classes

Example for Illustrative Purposes Only



Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Cash is represented by 90-Day T-bills: Citigroup 3M T-Bill Index; Equity by U.S. Large Cap Equities: S&P 500 Index; Fixed Income by U.S. Investment Grade Bonds: Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index; Alternatives by HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index

Establishing an Effective Asset Allocation

Calculate your required rate of return.

Construct a *diversified* portfolio that gives you a probability of hitting your required rate of return (based on historical averages).

Establishing an Effective Asset Allocation

Diversify Size & Style (Stock Mutual Funds/ETFs)

Small/Mid Cap

Large Cap Value

Large Cap Growth

Large Cap Core

Global

International

REITS/Convertibles/High Yield

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7 Rules for Investing in Stocks

1. Don't buy all at once
 - Recognize that the price can go down
 - Stagger your buys

7 Rules for Investing in Stocks

2. Pigs get fat, hogs get slaughtered

- It's ok to take a profit
- It's ok to pay tax on the profit
- Don't be greedy

7 Rules for Investing in Stocks

3. Buy best-in-class companies.

- Identify the top companies in the industry
- Many times the cheapest stocks are cheap for a reason

7 Rules for Investing in Stocks.

4. Expect and don't fear corrections

- Stock markets go up and down
- Over long-term stock markets out perform bonds and most investable assets

7 Rules for Investing in Stocks.

5. Know your stock

- Be able to explain what the company does
- Be able to understand the industry
- Be able to explain why you are investing in this company
- Do your homework and research the company

7 Rules for Investing in Stocks

6. Don't own too many individual stocks

- Better to have a few positions that you know well
- Unless you are an expert, hard to follow more than 5 to 10 companies at once
- Anything more than that, your investment starts to look like a mutual fund

7 Rules for Investing in Stocks.

7. Free lunch part 2

- Diversify into different industries
- Buy, hold, and homework

Establishing an Effective Asset Allocation

Investing in Bonds

Watch the maturities

Watch the quality

Watch the leverage

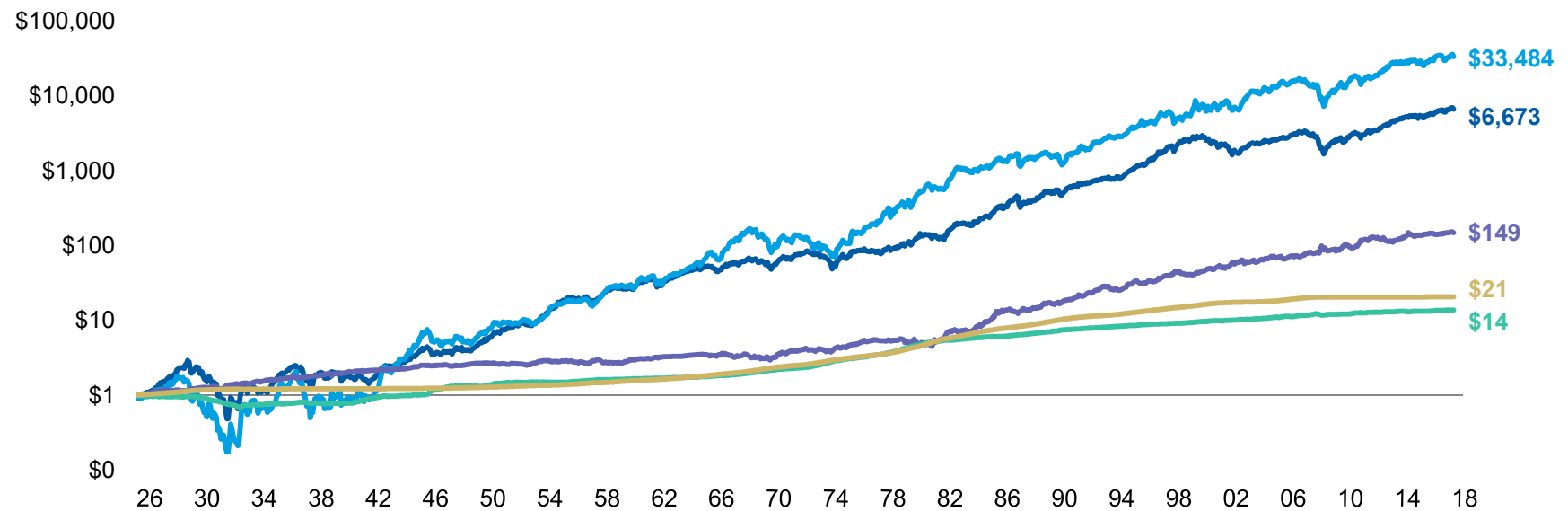
The problem with bond funds

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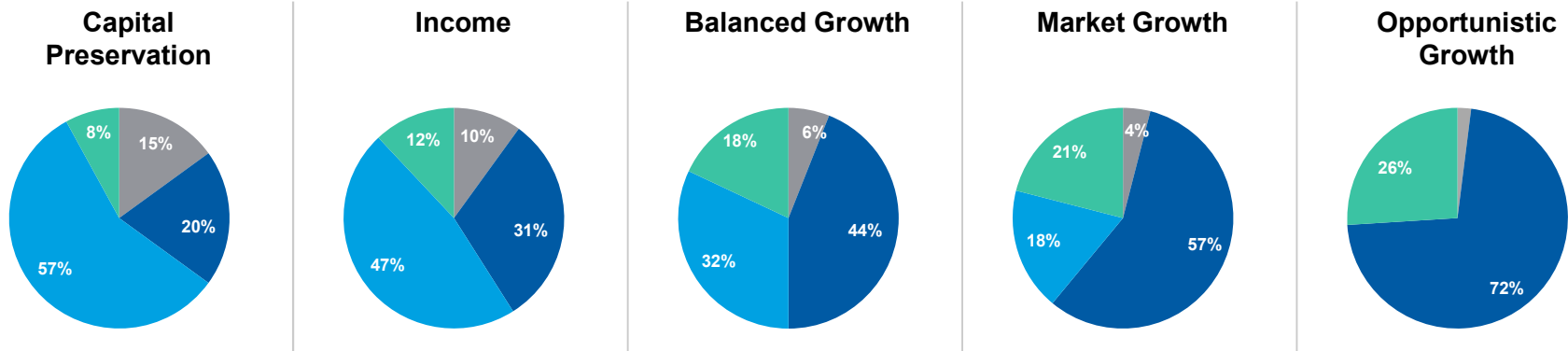


Annualized Total Return (%)

- S&P 500: 10.1%
- US Small Cap Stocks: 11.9%
- US Long-Term Government Bonds: 5.6%
- US Inflation: 2.9%
- US 30 Day Treasury Bills: 3.4%

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Allocate Assets Based on Your Goals



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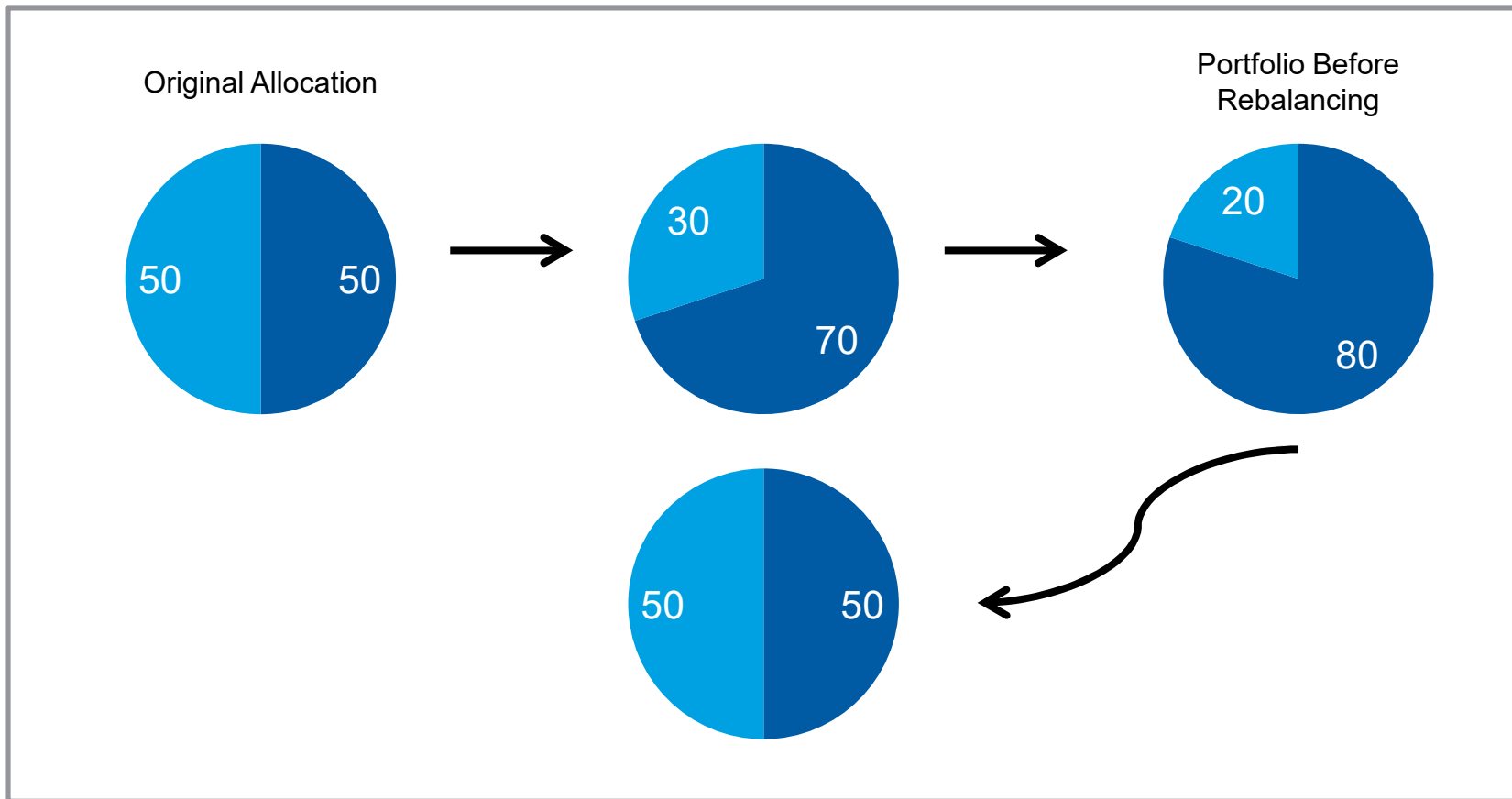
AGGRESSIVE



Rebalancing Portfolios

Rebalancing typically involves the periodic buying and or selling of assets in portfolios to maintain an original desired level of asset allocation

Hypothetical Illustration of the Rebalancing Process



Benefits of Rebalancing – Set a Schedule

Rebalance at least annually

When the portfolio is materially out of balance (5%)

When you have made a major addition or distribution

Benefits of Rebalancing

Asset classes grow at different rates.

Encourages a discipline to trim the “Up” part of the portfolio and add to the “Down” part of the portfolio. (Investors chase returns).

Helps lower volatility and increase returns vs. portfolios that are not rebalanced.

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Bringing it All Together

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Case Study – 401(k) Menu

Common 401K Plan Holdings By Class			
Cash	<i>Stable Value</i>	Equity	
	<i>Money Market</i>		Large Cap
	<i>Retirement Savings Trust</i>		<i>Vanguard Total Stock Market</i>
	<i>Fidelity MIP Fund</i>		<i>Vanguard S&P 500 Index</i>
	<i>G-Fund</i>		<i>Vanguard Capital Opportunities</i>
	<i>Short Term Bond</i>		<i>Vanguard PrimeCap</i>
			<i>Vanguard Growth Index</i>
			<i>Fidelity Magellan</i>
Fixed Income	<i>Pimco Total Return</i>		<i>Fidelity Large Cap Growth</i>
	<i>Pimco Real Return</i>		<i>Fidelity Blue Chip</i>
	<i>Pimco Investment Grade Bond</i>		<i>Fidelity Capital Appreciation</i>
	<i>Vanguard Intermediate Bond</i>		<i>Dodge & Cox Stock</i>
	<i>Vanguard Total Bond Market</i>		<i>Hartford Capital Appreciation</i>
	<i>Babson Bond Fund</i>		<i>American Funds AMCAP</i>
	<i>Lord Abbett Income</i>		<i>American Funds Growth Fund Of America</i>
	<i>Fidelity Corporate Bond</i>		<i>Oakmark Growth Fund</i>
	<i>Western Asset Mortgage Backed Bond</i>		<i>C-Fund (Common Assets)</i>
	<i>Blackrock Total Return</i>		<i>ALL TARGET DATE FUNDS 2020 or Later</i>
	<i>Blackrock Intermediate Bond</i>		
	<i>American Funds Bond Fund Of America</i>	Balanced Funds	<i>Vanguard Balanced Index</i>
	<i>Dodge & Cox Income Fund</i>		<i>Vanguard Wellington Fund</i>
	<i>Doubleline Total Return</i>		<i>Vanguard Windsor Fund</i>
<i>F-Fund</i>		<i>Vanguard Asset Allocation</i>	
International	<i>American Funds Capital World G&I</i>		<i>Fidelity Balanced Fund</i>
	<i>Vanguard Total International Index</i>		<i>Fidelity Equity Income</i>
	<i>Blackrock Global Allocation Fund</i>		<i>Fidelity Growth & Income</i>
	<i>Fidelity International Growth Fund</i>		<i>American Funds Balanced</i>
	<i>Dodge & Cox International</i>		<i>American Funds Income Fund</i>
	<i>Invesco International Core Equity</i>		<i>ALL TARGET DATE FUNDS 2020 or Sooner</i>
	<i>Goldman Sachs International Growth Opp.</i>		
	Small/Mid Cap	<i>Vanguard Mid Cap Growth</i>	
		<i>Fidelity Mid Cap Growth</i>	
		<i>Artisan Mid Cap</i>	
		<i>Goldman Sachs Growth Opportunities</i>	
		<i>Harbor Mid Cap Growth</i>	
		<i>Goldman Sachs Small/Mid Cap Opp.</i>	
		<i>Fidelity Low Price Stock Fund</i>	
		<i>Columbia Acorn US</i>	
		<i>Federated Kaufman Small Cap</i>	
		<i>Invesco Small Cap</i>	

The above represents a selection of some of the most common funds found in 401k plans. ***If you do not see your SPECIFIC fund listed simply choose one that closely resembles the examples herein.*** All funds perform relatively similarly within their respective fund classes.

Key Takeaways

- Different asset classes serve different purposes in your portfolio.
- Time is money: investing early allows you to take advantage of compound interest.
- Successful investing requires patience and fortitude.
- Asset allocation is the most important determinant of risk exposures and investment outcomes.
- Rebalancing helps to reduce risk and increase returns.

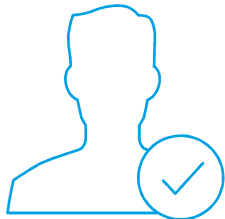
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The type of mutual funds and ETFs discussed in this presentation utilizes nontraditional or complex investment strategies and/or derivatives. Examples of these types of funds include those that utilize one or more of the below noted investment strategies or categories or which seek exposure to the following markets: (1) commodities (e.g., agricultural, energy and metals), currency, precious metals; (2) managed futures; (3) leveraged, inverse or inverse leveraged; (4) bear market, hedging, long-short equity, market neutral; (5) real estate; (6) volatility (seeking exposure to the CBOE VIX Index). Investors should keep in mind that while mutual funds and ETFs may, at times, utilize nontraditional investment options and strategies, they should not be equated with unregistered privately offered alternative investments. Because of regulatory limitations, mutual funds and ETFs that seek alternative-like investment exposure must utilize a more limited investment universe. As a result, investment returns and portfolio characteristics of alternative mutual funds and ETFs may vary from traditional hedge funds pursuing similar investment objectives. Moreover, traditional hedge funds have limited liquidity with long "lock-up" periods allowing them to pursue investment strategies without having to factor in the need to meet client redemptions and ETFs trade on an exchange. On the other hand, mutual funds typically must meet daily client redemptions. This differing liquidity profile can have a material impact on the investment returns generated by a mutual or ETF pursuing an alternative investing strategy compared with a traditional hedge fund pursuing the same strategy.

Nontraditional investment options and strategies are often employed by a portfolio manager to further a fund's investment objective and to help offset market risks. However, these features may be complex, making it more difficult to understand the fund's essential characteristics and risks, and how it will perform in different market environments and over various periods of time. They may also expose the fund to increased volatility and unanticipated risks particularly when used in complex combinations and/or accompanied by the use of borrowing or "leverage."

KEY ASSET CLASS CONSIDERATIONS AND OTHER RISKS

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