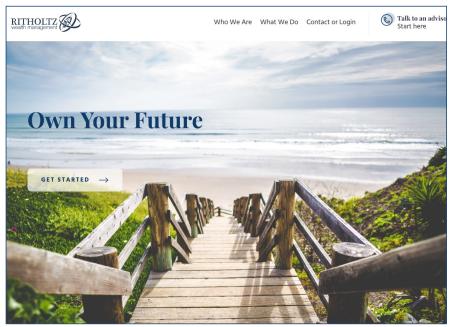


# Avoiding Financial Disasters: A Guide for the Ultra High Net Worth Investor

Accredited Investors Symposium, February 21, 2023

#### **About Your Presenter...**



#### What Can We Do for You?



Your financial plan is the key to a

successful financial future. We work

with you to create a plan that can

adapt and adjust as life

circumstances change.

Financial Planning







simpler, cheaper, and easier to manage







We can design a portfolio that aligns with your personal values without sacrificing long-term performance.



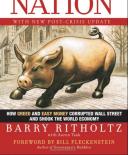
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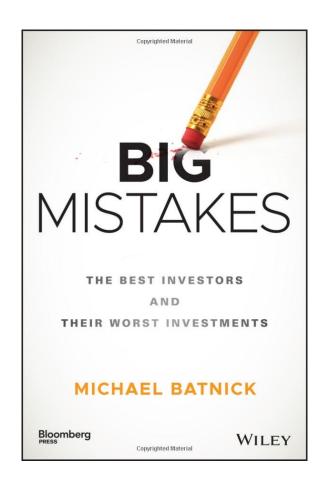
-15 business & finance writers this billionaire always reads

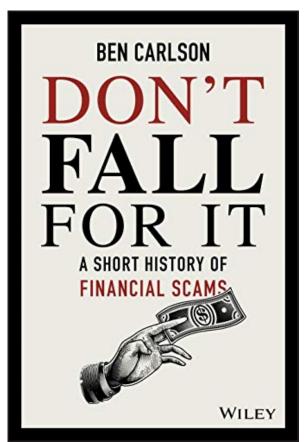


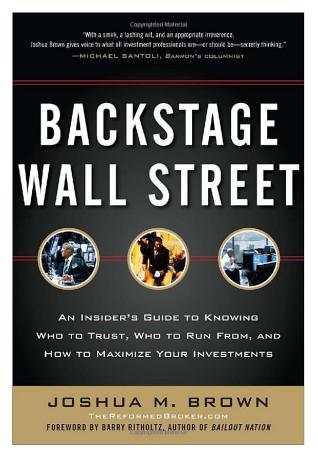


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## My Colleagues...







## **Today's Discussion**

- 1. Ways to Destroy Your Wealth
- 2. Why We Make Bad Financial Decisions
- 3. Higher Probability Investing

#### **Trifecta**

#### FINANCIAL TIMES

#### Enron, Madoff and now FTX: New York's Belfer family strike out again

Wealthy oil dynasty were shareholders in collapsed crypto group after previous investments turned sour

Joshua Oliver in New York JANUARY 15 2023

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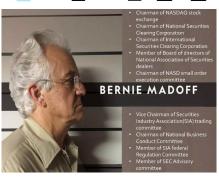
A New York oil dynasty that was a cl Madoff and lost billions in the demis collapse of FTX, according to court of

Investment firms for the Belfer fami York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, the cryptocurrency exchange FTX ar court documents this week.









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## **How To Destroy Your Portfolio**

- 1. Lose your own money;
- 2. Entrust it to someone who loses it for you;
- 3. Have a con-man steal it.



## Ways to Lose Your Own Money Yourself

## Bill Hwang, Archegos Capital Management: \$20 Billion

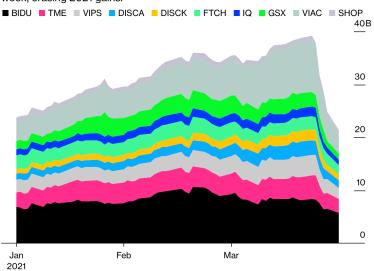


## One of World's Greatest Hidden Fortunes Is Wiped Out in Days

- Bill Hwang's vast wealth and wagers were well-kept secrets
- Wall Street is still trying to figure out how much he's lost

#### **Boom and Bust**

The value of the portfolio of positions block traded dropped 46% in the last week, erasing 2021 gains.



### **Evergrande Property: \$42 Billion in Losses (China)**

#### **Bloomberg**

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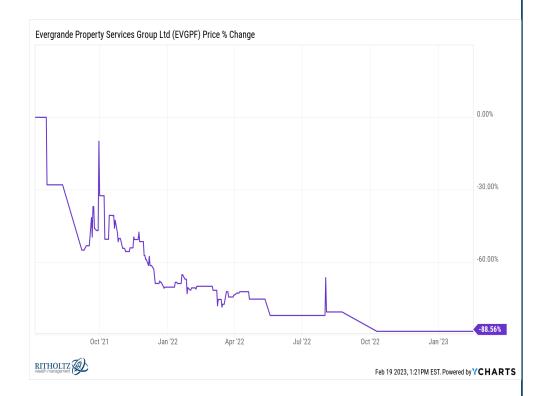
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## **Evergrande Chairman, Once Worth \$42 Billion, Loses 93% of Wealth**

Hui Ka Yan has lost wealth and influence, including no longer being part of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference.



Hui Ka Yan Photographer: Paul Yeung/Bloomberg



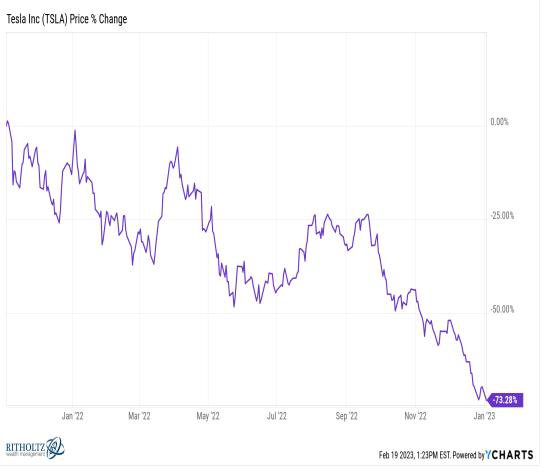
#### Down \$200 Billion in < 1 Year

#### Bloomberg

## **Elon Musk Becomes First Person Ever to Lose \$200 Billion**

The Tesla CEO has seen his wealth tumble in recent weeks after shares of the electric car maker tumbled.





## Ways To Destroy Wealth

1. Leverage

6. Costs

2. Concentrated Risk

7. Speculation

3. Stock Picking

8. Taxes

4. Market Timing

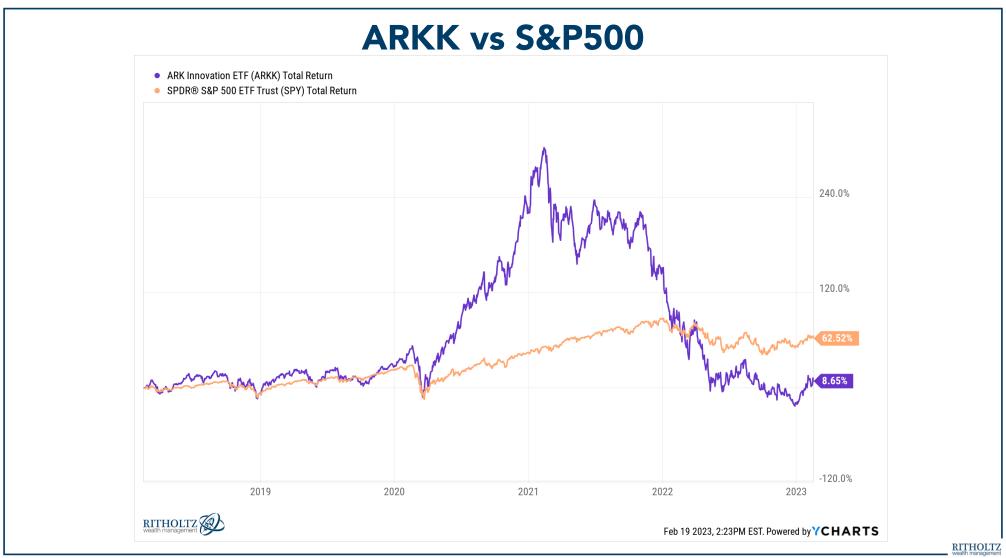
9. Divorce

5. Overtrading

10. Death



## Paying Others to Lose Money For You



Data Source: Y Charts, RWM

#### 98% of All ARKK Investors Are Underwater



Christopher Bloomstran @ChrisBloomstran · Jan 21 Replying to @ChrisBloomstran 5. Cumulative Management Fees Earned: \$300 Million 6. Market Value at 2/12/2021 Peak: \$29 Billion 7. Dollar Loss Since Peak: \$23 Billion 8. Annual Return vs S&P 500 Since 10/31/2014 Launch: 5.4% vs 10.3% 1  $\bigcirc$  3 1] 13 **(7)** 175 ılı 49K Christopher Bloomstran @ChrisBloomstran · Jan 21 9. \$ARKK Price 12/31/22: \$31.24 10. Date Last \$31.24: 08/22/2017 11. AUM at 8/22/17: \$450 million (\$15m @ 1/1/17) 12. Net Inflows Since 8/22/17: \$16.9B (Out of \$17.1 Since Inception) 13. Percent of ALL DOLLARS Invested in ARKK Since 10/31/2014 Inception Losing Money: 98%

## Biggest Hedge Funds Lost \$208.4 Billion in 2022

PORTFOLIO

#### Hedge Funds Lost More Than \$200 Billion Last Year

Tiger Global and Third Point were among the biggest losers.

January 24, 2023



#### Hedge funds performance in 2022

HFRI 500 Indices



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	Monthly Performance for Jan 2023				Annu	alized Performano	8
INDEX NAME	ROR	INDEX VALUE	YTD	LAST 12M	LAST 36M	LAST 60M	VIEW STRATEGIES
HFRI 500 Fund Weighted Composite Index >	2.46%	1659.64	2.46%	0.75%	6.51%	4.45%	
HFRI 500 Equity Hedge Index >	4.19%	1772.00	4.19%	-5.12%	6.20%	3.94%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 EH: Equity Hedge: Long/Short Index >	4.43%	2757.77	4.43%	-5.56%	6.73%	4.23%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 Event Driven	3.11%	1695.49	3.11%	-1.37%	5.91%	4.84%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 ED: Event Driven ex-Merger Arbitrage Index >	4.44%	2329.17	4.44%	-1.98%	6.00%	4.48%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 Macro Index >	-0.21%	1460.27	-0.21%	12.06%	7.88%	4.78%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 Macro: Discretionary Macro Index >	1.08%	1777.84	1.08%	10.14%	9.05%	5.08%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 Macro: Systematic Macro Index >	-0.84%	2165.10	-0.84%	13.33%	8.16%	5.03%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 Relative Value	1.57%	1493.19	1.57%	2.09%	4.17%	3.56%	VIEW +
HFRI 500 RV: Fixed Income Relative Value Index >	1.98%	2343.33	1.98%	0.36%	2.43%	2.74%	VIEW +

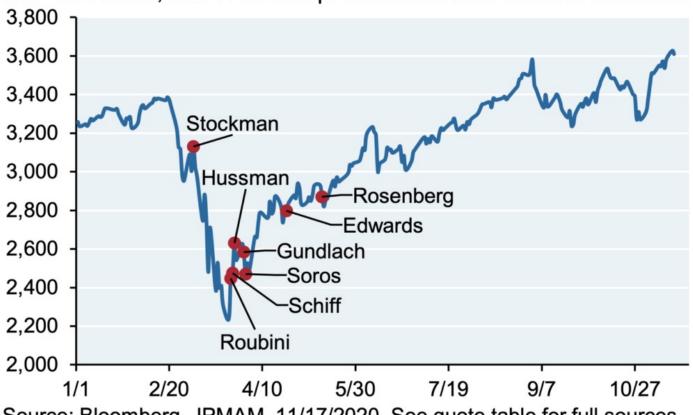
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## **Expert Opinion, March 2020: Explained**

Date	Armageddonist	Quote	
March 4, 2020	David Stockman	"The stock market is heading not only for another 50% correction (1600 on the S&P 500), but also a long L-shaped bottom rather than a quick V-shaped rebound which occurred after 2009." - Published note on PeakProsperity	
March 24, 2020	Nouriel Roubini	"With the COVID-19 pandemic still spiraling out of control, the best economic outcome that anyone can hope for is a recession deeper than that following the 2008 financial crisis The risk of a new Great Depression, worse than the original — a Greater Depression — is rising by the day." - <i>Published note on Project Syndicate</i>	
March 25, 2020	Peter Schiff	"What the Fed is doing is extremely bearish for the U.S. economy It ensures that this recession, depression that we're entering is going to be extremely brutal in the inflation that is going to ravage the economy, particularly investors and retirees." -FOX Business	
March 26, 2020	John Hussman	"I continue to expect the S&P 500 to lose about two-thirds of its value over the coming years." - Hussman Funds	
March 31, 2020	Jeff Gundlach	"The low we hit in the middle of March I would bet that low will get taken out The market has really made it back to a resistance zone and the market continues to act somewhat dysfunctionally in my opinion Take out the low of March and then we'll get a more enduring low." - CNBC	
April 1, 2020	George Soros	"We're going to have the worst bear market in my lifetime." - Business Insider	
April 23, 2020	Albert Edwards	"Many equity bulls think it is inevitable that massive central bank liquidity will boost equity prices. This strikes me as ludicrous The collapse in profits is highly likely to fatally undermine the argument that equities can look through the valley. I expect instead ample liquidity to flow into government bonds." - Business Insider	
May 12, 2020	David Rosenberg	"So even as the stock market is telling you that it is all figured out, I can assure you, what we face at this very moment is a highly uncertain economic future, and unfortunately, most of the longer-term risks are to the downside, not the upside. We are in a depression, not a recession. It's a depression. I didn't say the Great Depression; it's a depression," Rosenberg stressed. "And I think the dynamics of a depression are different than they are in a recession, because depressions invoke a secular change in behavior. Classic business cycle recessions are forgotten about within a year after they end. At a minimum, depressions entail a prolonged period of weak economic growth, widespread excess capacity, deflationary pressure and a wave of bankruptcies." - Advisor Perspectives	

## **Expert Opinion, March 2020: Charted**

S&P 500 index, Jan 1 2020 to present with date of latest comment

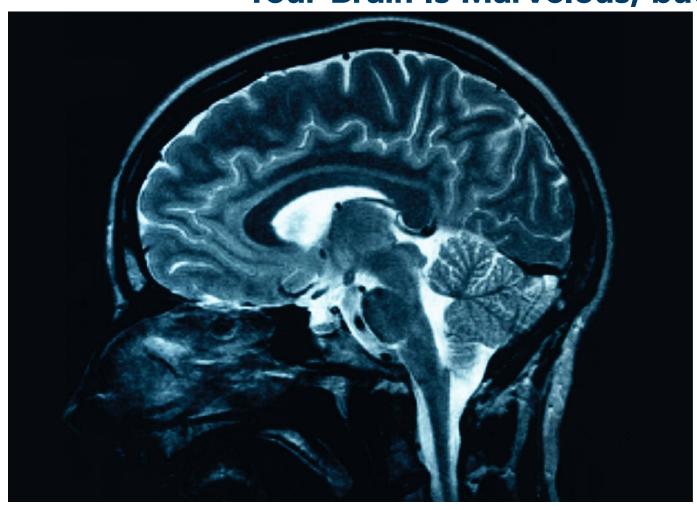


Source: Bloomberg, JPMAM. 11/17/2020. See quote table for full sources.



## Why We Make Bad Financial Decisions

## Your Brain Is Marvelous, but...



Your brain weighs 3 pounds, and is 100,000 years old.

It is a "dynamic, opportunistic, self-organizing system of systems."

## **Evolutionary Baggage**

#### **Behavioral Economics**

- 1. Herding / Groupthink
- 2. Narrative Fallacy
- 3. Confirmation Bias
- 4. Endowment Effect
- 5. Optimism Bias
- 6. Survivorship Bias
- 7. Hindsight Bias
- 8. Recency Effect
- 9. Availability Heuristic
- 10. Risk Aversion

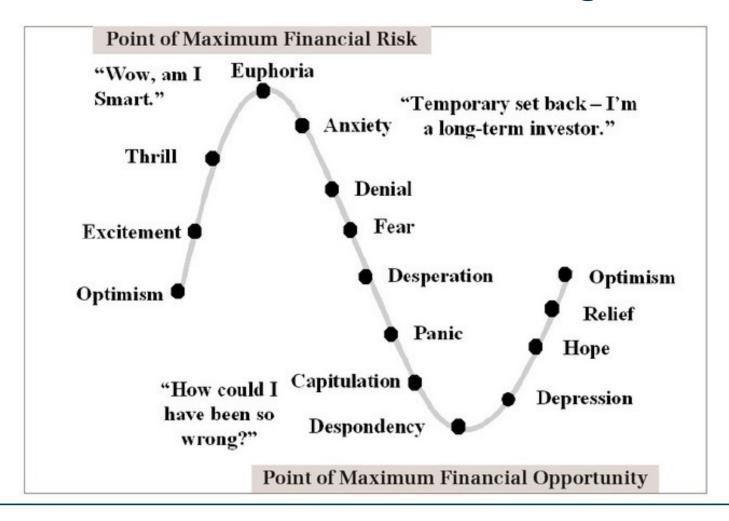
#### **Neuro-Finance**

- 1. Cognitive Dissonance
- 2. Metacognition
- 3. Pattern Recognition
- 4. Anticipation vs. Rewards
- 5. Symbology: Images vs Words
- 6. Selective Perception
- 7. Selective Retention
- 8. Narrative over Data
- 9. Model Building
- 10. Dopamine Addiction

#### **Risk Aversion**

- 1. Emotionality
- 2. Excess Conservatism
- 2. Overstated Negative Outcomes
- 3. Black Swans
- 4. Mundane vs Splashy
- 5. Shark Attack!
- 6. Myth of Uncertainty
- 7. Decision-making
- 8. Reliance on Expert Opinion
- 9. Genetic Advantage
- 10. Evolutionary Baggage

## **How Emotional Is Your Investing?**



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#### The Costs of Panic Selling



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## When Do Investors Freak Out? Machine Learning Predictions of Panic Selling

Daniel Elkind, Kathryn Kaminski, Andrew W. Lo, Kien Wei Siah and Chi Heem Wong

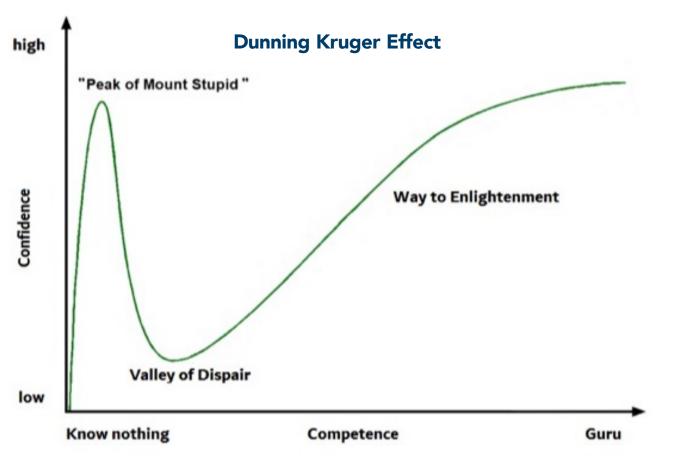
The Journal of Financial Data Science Winter 2022, 4 (1) 11-39; DOI: https://doi.org/10.3905/jfds.2021.1.085

#### **Abstract**

Using a novel dataset of 653,455 individual brokerage accounts belonging to 298,556 households, the authors document the frequency, timing, and duration of *panic sales*, which they define as a decline of 90% of a household account's equity assets over the course of one month, of which 50% or more is due to trades. The authors find that a disproportionate number of households make panic sales when there are sharp market downturns, a phenomenon they call *freaking out*. The authors also show that panic selling and freak-outs are predictable and fundamentally differen from other well-known behavioral patterns such as overtrading or the disposition effect.

"30.9% of the investors who panic sell never return to reinvest in risky assets."

## Metacognition: The Ability to Self-Evaluate Ones' Own Skills





## Higher Probability Investing

#### Can You Finmd the Needle in the Haystack? (1% of 62,000 Stocks)

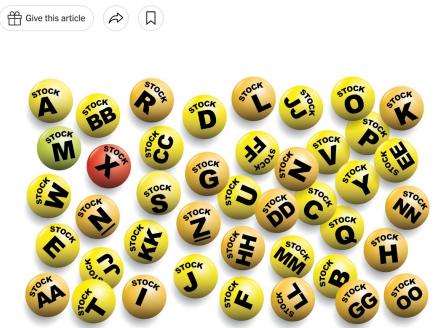
## Winner-Take-All Phenomenon Rules the Stock Market, Too

Any gains are attributable to a relative handful of companies.



One of the few. Photographer: Johannes Eisele/AFP/Getty Images

Hot Stocks Can Make You Rich. But They Probably Won't.



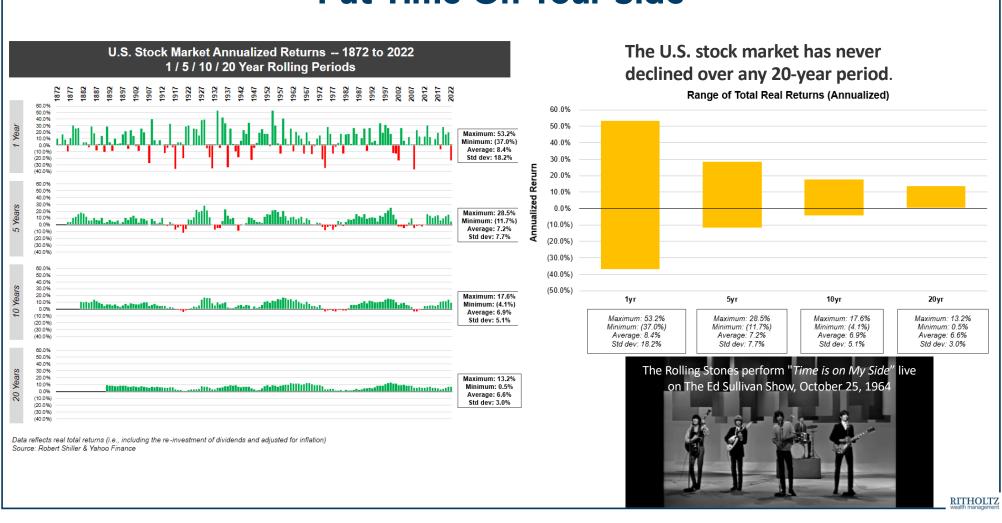
### **How Fund Managers Invest Their Own Money**



"Active managers invest their own capital passively."

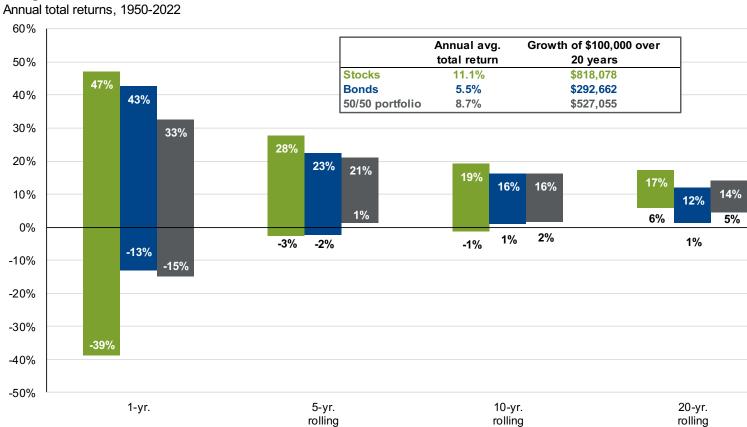


#### **Put Time On Your Side**



## Time, diversification and the volatility of returns

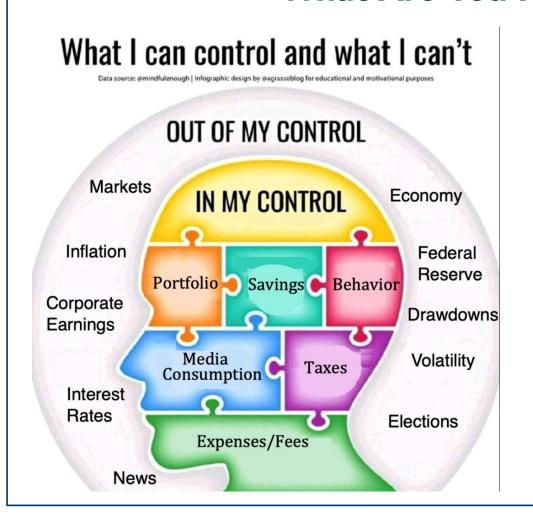
#### Range of stock, bond and blended total returns



Source: JPM Guide to the Markets

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#### What Are You Focused On?



#### What is NOT

#### in your control:

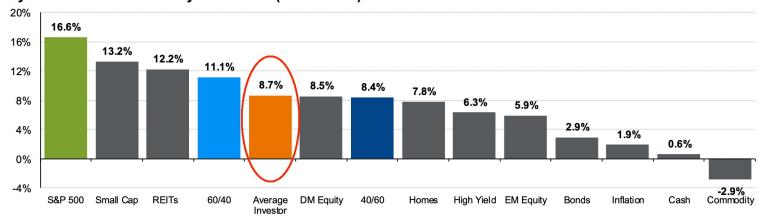
- 1. Markets
- 2. Asset Economy
- 3. Inflation
- 4. Federal Reserve
- 5. Corporate Earnings
- 6. Volatility
- 7. Interest Rates
- 8. Elections
- 9. News
- 10. Drawdowns

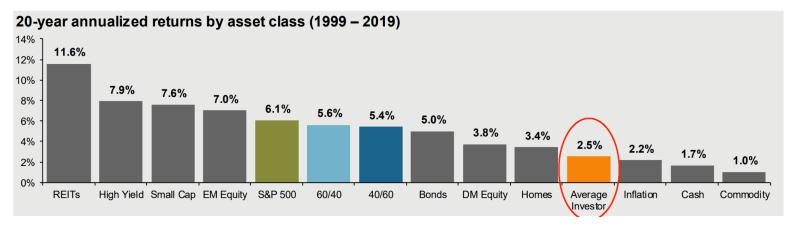
#### What IS in your control:

- 1. Portfolio
- 2. Diversification
- 3. Savings
- 4. Financial Plan
- 5. Taxes
- 6. Media Consumption
- 7. Expenses/Fees
- 8. Risk
- 9. Rebalancing
- 10. Behavior

### **Investors Underperform Their Own Investments**

10-year annualized returns by asset class (2012 - 2021)



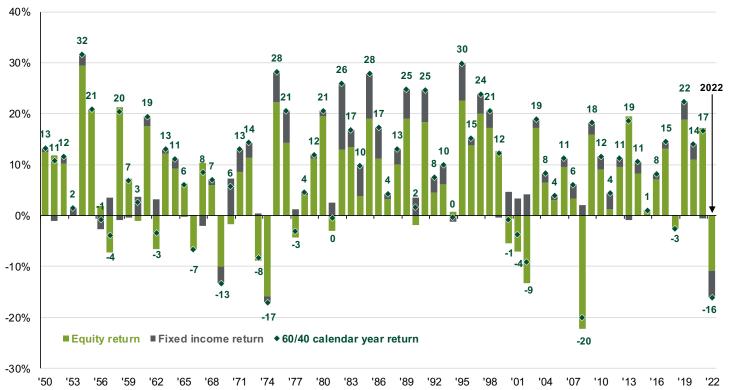


Source: JPM Guide to the Markets

#### 60/40 annual returns

#### 60/40 annual return decomposition

Total returns, 1950 – present



Source: JPM Guide to the Markets

#### There is ALWAYS a Reason to Sell



"We have met the enemy, and he is us."

-Walt Kelly, Pogo, 1971







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