Embrace market pricing

The market is an effective, information-processing machine. Millions of participants buy and sell securities in the world markets every day, and the real-time information they bring helps set prices.

World Equity Trading in 2014

	Number of Trades	Dollar Volume
Daily Average	60	\$302
	million	billion

Don't try to outguess the market

The market's pricing power works against mutual fund managers who try to outsmart other participants through stock picking or market timing. As evidence, only 19% of US equity mutual funds have survived and outperformed their benchmarks over the past 15 years.





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Resist chasing past performance

Some investors select mutual funds based on past returns. However, funds that have outperformed in the past do not always persist as winners. Past performance alone provides little insight into a fund's ability to outperform in the future.

Do Outperforming US Equity Mutual Funds Persist?



Let markets work for you

The financial markets have rewarded long-term investors. People expect a positive return on the capital they supply, and, historically, the equity and bond markets have provided growth of wealth that has more than offset inflation.



Dimensions of Expected Returns

Academic research has identified
these equity and fixed income
dimensions, which point to
differences in expected returns.
These dimensions are pervasive,
persistent, and robust and can be
pursued in cost-effective portfolios.

Consider the drivers

of returns

EQUITIES	FIXED INCOME
Market Equity premium—stocks vs. bonds	Term Term premium—longer vs. shorter maturity bonds
Company Size Small cap premium—small vs. large companies	Credit Credit premium—lower vs. higher credit quality bonds
Relative Price Value premium—value vs. growth companies	
Profitability Profitability premium—high vs. low profitability companies	

Practice smart diversification

Diversification helps reduce risks that have no expected return, but diversifying within your home market is not enough. Global diversification can broaden your investment universe.

Avoid market timing

You never know which market segments will outperform from year to year. By holding a globally diversified portfolio, investors are well positioned to seek returns wherever they occur.

Manage your emotions

Many people struggle to separate their emotions from investing. Markets go up and down. Reacting to current market conditions may lead to making poor investment decisions at the worst times.

Look beyond the headlines

Daily market news and commentary can challenge your investment discipline. Some messages stir anxiety about the future while others tempt you to chase the latest investment fad. When tested, consider the source and maintain a long-term perspective.

Focus on what you can control

A financial advisor can create a plan tailored to your personal financial needs while helping you focus on actions that add value. This can lead to a better investment experience.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Indices are not available for direct investment. Their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio.

Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss. There is no guarantee investment strategies will be successful. This information is for illustrative purposes only. **See back page for additional exhibit information and important disclosures.**



Annual Returns by Market Index



Reactive Investing in a Market Cycle





