

Workplace Education Series

# Navigating Market Volatility



# Volatility can spark questions and concerns



**Should I change how I'm invested to something less risky?**



**Should I move to cash right now?**



**Why should I put more into my retirement savings plan?**



**Am I on track to meet my goals?**



# Agenda



**Perspective on  
investing in the  
stock market**



**Importance of  
having a plan and  
staying the course**

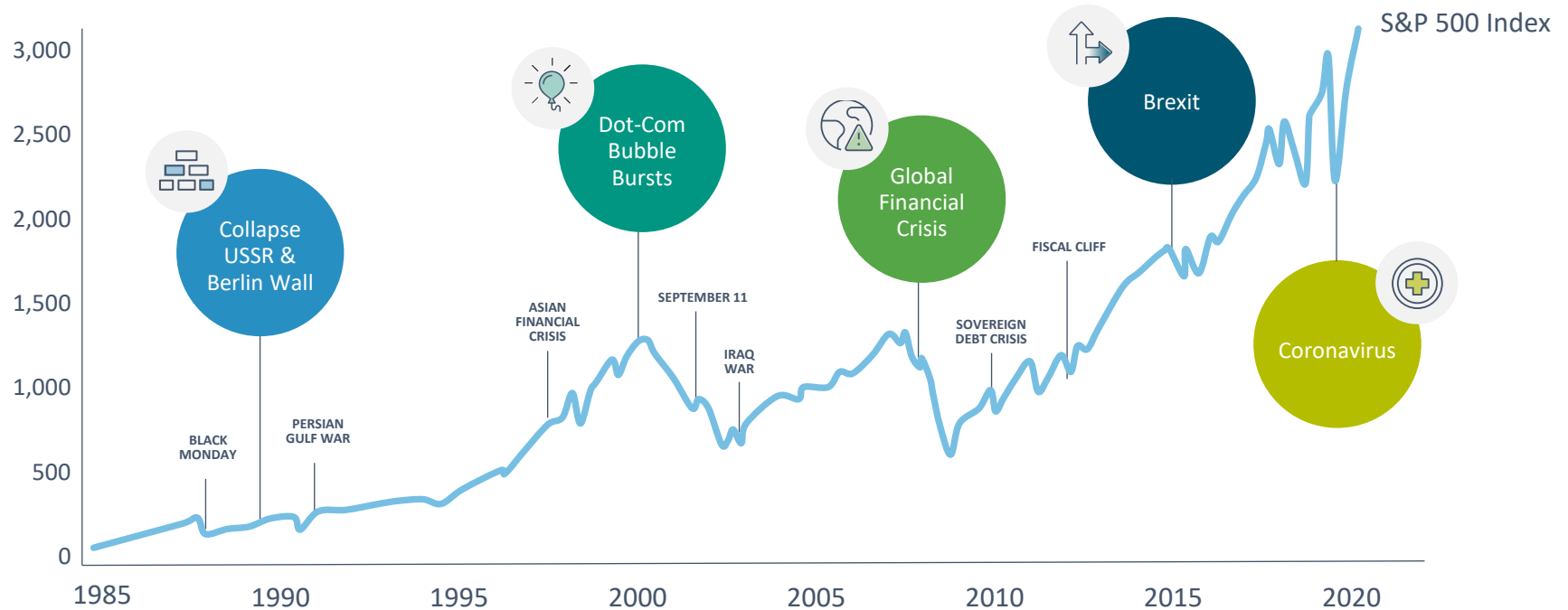


**Best practices to  
follow and pitfalls  
to avoid**



**How Fidelity  
can help**

# What we learned about investing in 2020



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## Two key principles



Have a plan

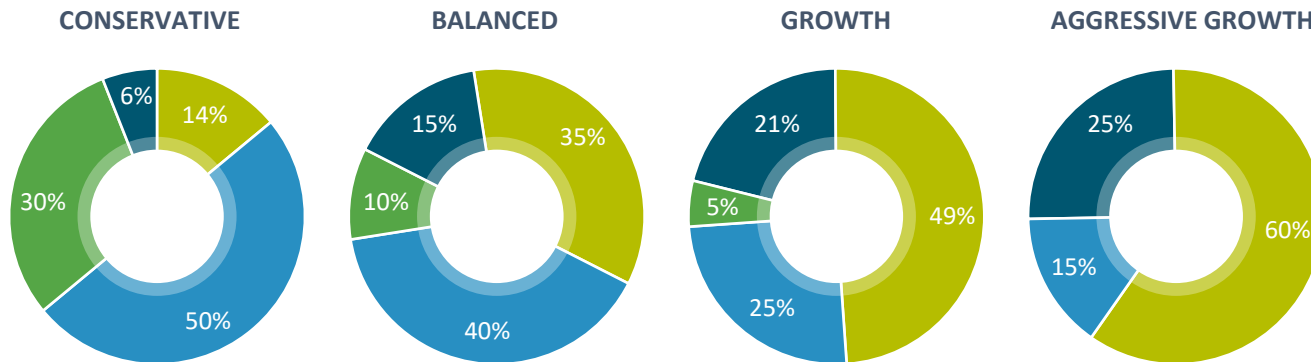


Stay the course



# Be comfortable with your investments

- US stock
- Foreign stock
- Bond
- Short-term investments



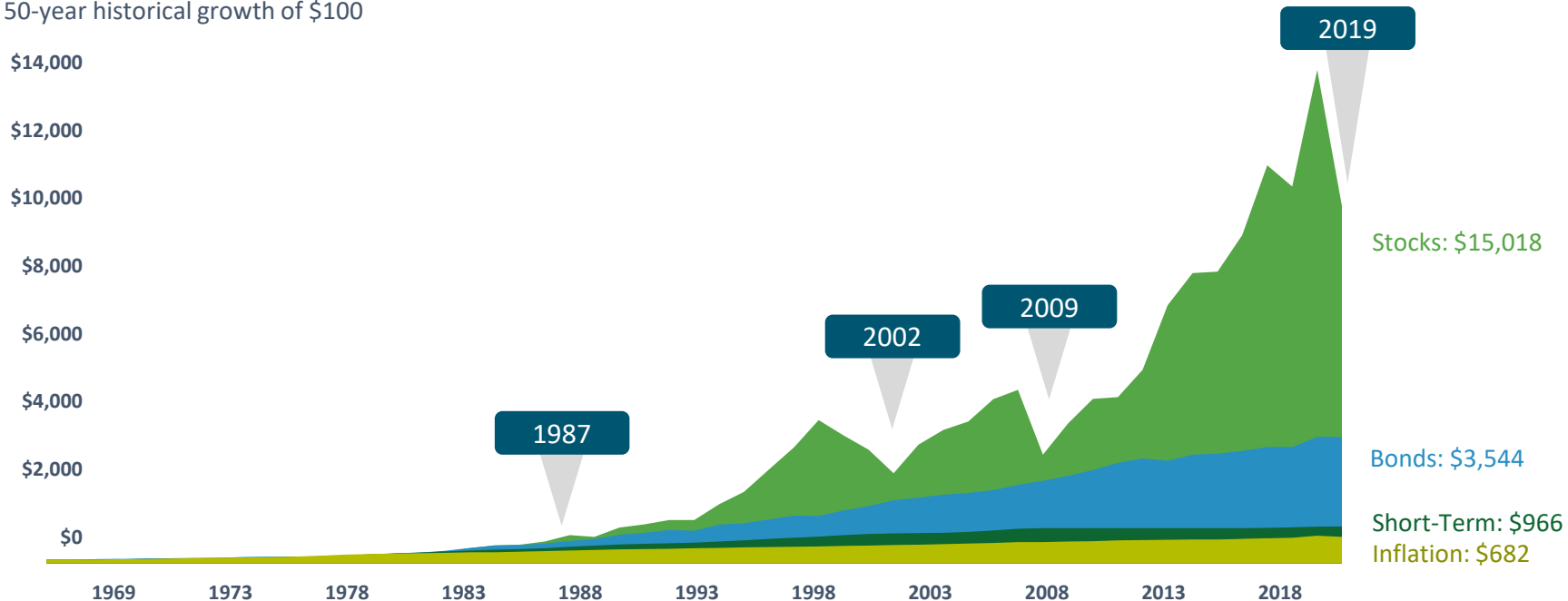
	CONSERVATIVE	BALANCED	GROWTH	AGGRESSIVE GROWTH
Average annual return	5.94%	7.93%	8.94%	9.63%
Worst 12-month return	-17.67%	-40.64%	-52.92%	-60.78%
Best 12-month return	31.06%	76.57%	109.55%	136.07%
Worst 20-year return (annualized)	2.92%	3.43%	3.10%	2.66%
Best 20-year return (annualized)	10.98%	13.84%	15.34%	16.49%
Historical volatility	4.47%	9.51%	13.00%	15.68%

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# Even during market declines, staying the course has paid off in the long run

## Long-term performance

50-year historical growth of \$100



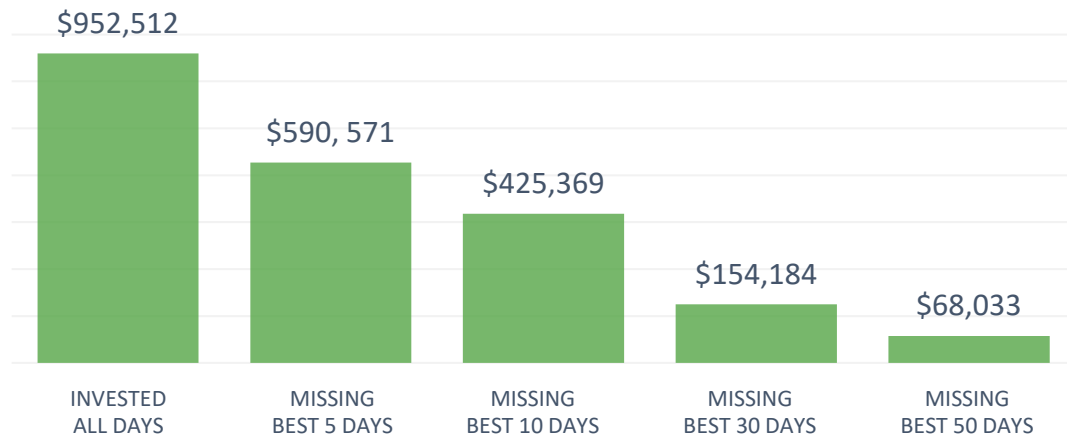
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# Missing out on the best days can cost investors

Investors who missed out on just a handful of the market's best days significantly reduced their portfolio's value

## Hypothetical growth of \$10,000 invested in S&P 500® Index

JANUARY 1, 1980 - AUGUST 31, 2020

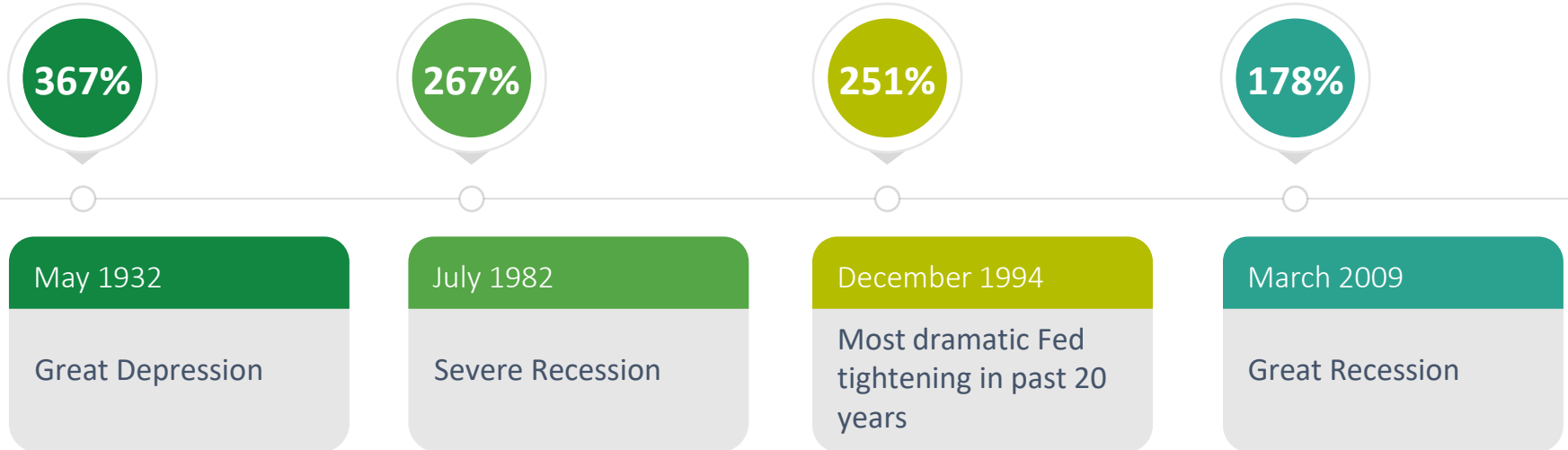


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# Investing consistently, even in bad times

## Subsequent 5-year return

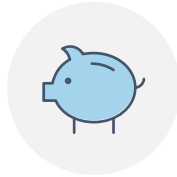


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# Best practices to follow and pitfalls to avoid



**Keep perspective—**  
downturns are  
normal and  
typically short



**Create a plan you  
can live with—**  
through market  
ups and downs



**Focus on time  
in the market—**  
not trying to time  
the market



**It's a good idea to  
keep investing—**  
even in bad times



**Get help managing  
a down market**

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