It’s time in the market, not market timing

Think about this: $10,000 invested in the S&P 500 at the beginning of 1997 would have grown to $43,175 over 20 years — an average return of 7.59% per year.

Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

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The sobering lesson

Pulling money out of the market in down periods may reduce long-term returns. When the market rebounds, it may happen quickly and suddenly. And missing even a few trading days could mean missing some of the market’s biggest gains. If an investor missed just 10 days, in the 5,052 trading days from January 2, 1997–December 31, 2016, returns could be cut in half.¹

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