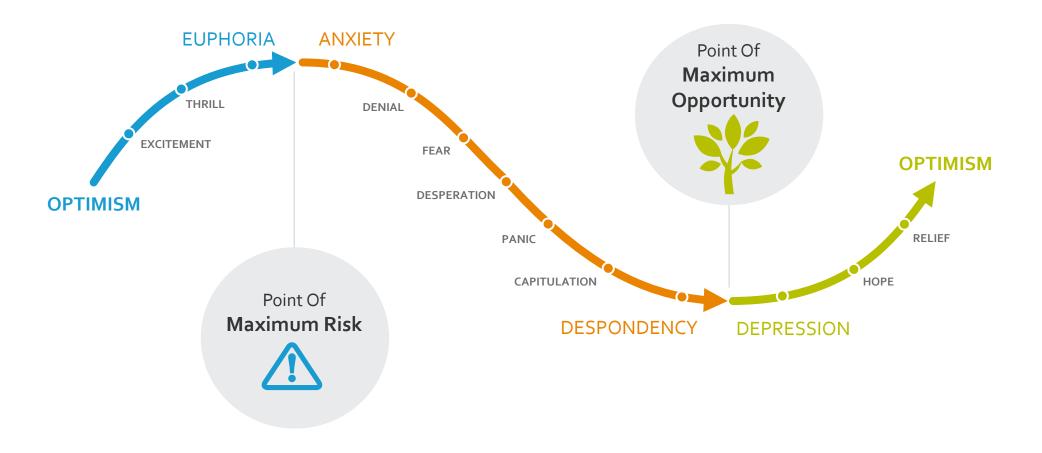
Client Conversations & Primers

Learning from Past Bear Markets



It's Easy to Let Emotions Get in the Way

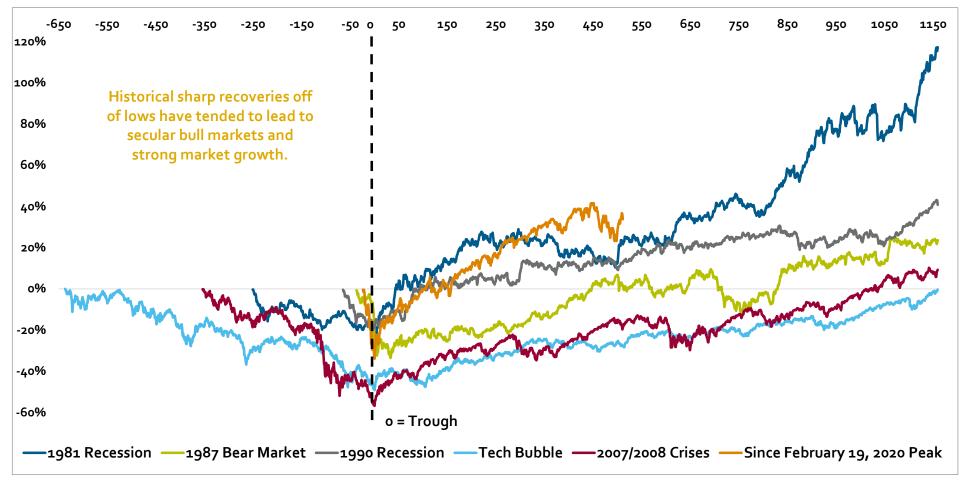
Having a plan and sticking to it can help you avoid common mistakes such as buying and selling at the wrong time out of panic or exuberance.



While Equities Priced the Recession Risks Quickly, We Have Since Seen the Fastest Bear Market Recovery in History

S&P 500 Price Index Normalized

As of March 31, 2022

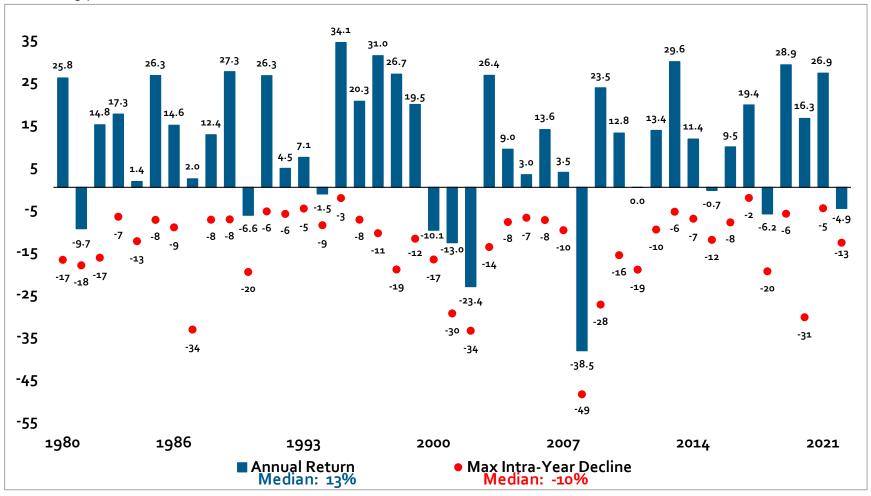


Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Market Strategy Team

Sharp Intra-Year Declines Have Happened Before, but Markets Have Rarely Finished the Year at Their Lows

S&P 500 Annual Returns and Intra-Year Declines





Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Intra-year declines are defined as the peak-to-trough decline during the year based on price return.

...And There Have Been Significant Market Drawdowns Historically

S&P 500 25%+ Declines and Recoveries Since 1929

Historical Data as of March 31, 2022

Downturn from Peak S&P 500	Decline (%)	Duration (Months)	Subsequent Return (%) Price/Earnings Ratio		Price/Book Ratio		Duration from Trough to Prior				
Peak to Trough	(70)	(MOTICIS)	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months	Peak	Trough	Peak	Trough	Peak (Months)	
Sep 1929 - Jun 1932	-86.2	33	93	53	121	20.7	8.5	4.0	0.4	267	
Jul 1933 - Mar 1935	-33.9	20	27	46	77	25.7	13.4	1.1	1.0	7 ->	Great Depression
Mar 1937 - Apr 1942	-60.0	62	15	25	54	16.8	7.7	2.1	0.9	45	
May 1946 - Jun 1949	-29.6	37	16	23	42	21.3	5.9	1.7	1.0	12	
Dec 1961 - Jun 1962	-28.0	6	7	20	33	22.7	17.4	2.1	1.7	14>	Cuban Missile
Nov 1968 - May 1970	-36.1	18	17	23	44	18.2	14.6	2.2	1.6	21	Crisis
Jan 1973 - Oct 1974	-48.2	21	14	31	38	18.2	6.9	2.0	1.0	69	
Nov 1980 - Aug 1982	-27.1	21	36	44	58	8.7	7.7	1.3	1.0	3	
Aug 1987 - Dec 1987	-33.5	5	21	21	26	20.2	13.1	2.2	1.6	20 ->	1987 Crash
Mar 2000 - Oct 2002	-47.4	31	20	13	36	25.7	17.6	5.0	2.5	56	
Oct 2007 - Mar 2009	-55.3	17	40	55	72	17.5	10.2	3.0	1.5	37	
Feb 2020 - Mar 2020	-33.9	1	40	45	75	19.4	17.9	3.2	2.9	5	
Average	-43.3	22.7	28.8	33.3	56.3	19.6	11.7	2.5	1.4	46.3	

There Have
Been 9
Recessions
in the Past
91 Years

Grey bars indicate periods of recession

It took 37 months after the '09 trough to climb back to the pre-crisis peak, and 5 months to recover in 2020.

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Returns prior to 1988 are price only and subsequent returns are total returns. (1) Downturns defined as declines of 25% or greater.

...Credit Markets Have Also Presented Strong Opportunities Following Downturns, Particularly in the High Yield Segment

Forward Returns of Various Asset Classes After HY Spreads Peak

Historical Data as of March 31, 2022

	Months Before/After HY Spreads Peaked								
Average Returns Around HY Spreads Peaking*	-3	-1	+3	+6	+12	+24			
Bloomberg Agg HY Index	-14%	-9%	14%	25%	39%	53%			
Bloomberg Agg IG Index	2%	1%	2%	3%	5%	7%			
S&P 500	-19%	-9%	12%	18%	26%	41%			
Bloomberg Commodity Index	-15%	-9%	5%	9%	18%	23%			

Best and Worst Days for the Market Have Occurred During Recessions Historically

Top 15 Worst Daily Returns

As of March 31, 2022

Top 15 Worst Daily Return Dates	Daily Return	During Recession?
10/19/1987	-20.5%	N
10/28/1929	-12.9%	Υ
3/16/2020	-12.0%	Υ
10/29/1929	-10.2%	Υ
11/6/1929	-9.9%	Υ
3/12/2020	-9.5%	Υ
10/18/1937	-9.1%	Υ
10/5/1931	-9.1%	Υ
10/15/2008	-9.0%	Υ
12/1/2008	-8.9%	Υ
7/20/1933	-8.9%	Υ
9/29/2008	-8.8%	Υ
7/21/1933	-8.7%	Υ
10/10/1932	-8.5%	Υ
10/26/1987	-8.3%	N
	Percent Time Recession	87%

Top 15 Best Daily Returns

As of March 31, 2022

Top 15 Best Daily Return Dates	Daily Return	During Recession?
3/15/1933	16.6%	Υ
10/30/1929	12.5%	Υ
10/6/1931	12.4%	Υ
9/5/1939	11.9%	N
9/21/1932	11.8%	Υ
10/13/2008	11.6%	Υ
10/28/2008	10.8%	Υ
6/22/1931	10.5%	Υ
4/20/1933	9.5%	Υ
3/24/2020	9.4%	Υ
3/13/2020	9.3%	Υ
8/8/1932	9.3%	Υ
10/21/1987	9.1%	N
11/14/1929	8.9%	Y
6/19/1933	8.9%	Y
	Percent Time Recession	87%

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Daily returns highlighted in green are factored into "during recession" when calculating percent time recession.

...As Most Bear Markets Have Ended with a Recession, Leading to the Start of the Next Cycle

Historical US Bear Markets

Historical Data as of March 31, 2022

Grey bars indicate periods of recession

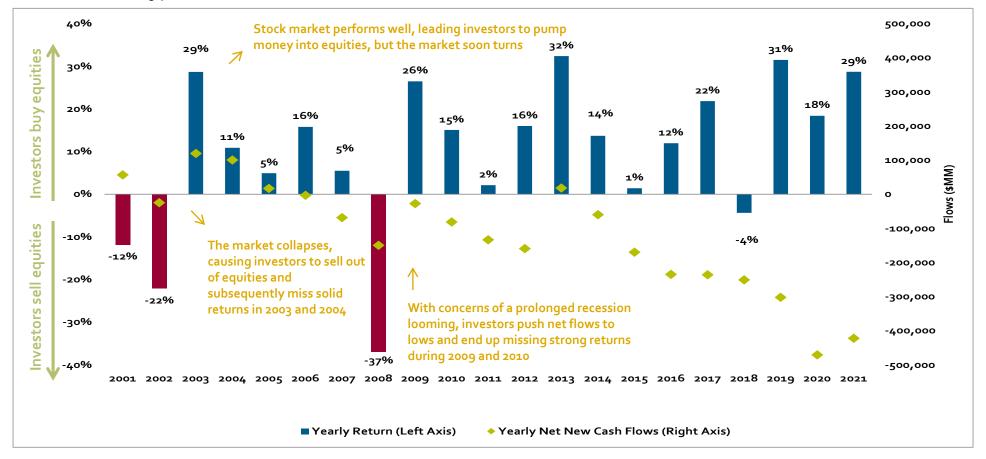
Peak	Trough	Total Drawdown	Total Bear Market Duration (months)	Time to 20% Bear Market Threshold (Months)	Performance After Initial 20% Downside to Trough	Time to Trough from 20% Threshold (Months)	T+12M Performance After Trough
			(months)	(IVIOTICIS)	3	Threshold (Months)	
16-Sep-29	13-Nov-29	-45%	1.9	1.4	-22%	0.5	-6%
10-Apr-30	16-Dec-30	-44%	8.3	2.2	-30%	6.1	-45%
24-Feb-31	2-Jun-31	-33%	3.3	2.1	-15%	1.1	-62%
26-Jun-31	5-Oct-31	-43%	3.4	2.7	-27%	0.7	-16%
9-Nov-31	1-Jun-32	-62%	6.8	0.8	-51%	6.1	121%
7-Sep-32	27-Feb-33	-41%	5.8	0.2	-25%	5.5	95%
18-Jul-33	19-Oct-33	-29%	3.1	0.1	-11%	3.0	5%
6-Feb-34	14-Mar-35	-32%	13.4	3.8	-14%	9.5	77%
10-Mar-37	31-Mar-38	-54%	12.9	6.0	-42%	6.8	29%
9-Nov-38	11-Apr-39	-24%	5.1	4.7	-5%	0.4	19%
25-Oct-39	10-Jun-40	-32%	7.6	6.7	-13%	0.9	9%
7-Nov-40	28-Apr-42	-34%	17.9	13.0	-18%	4.9	54%
29-May-46	19-May-47	-28%	11.8	3.4	-8%	8.4	19%
15-Jun-48	13-Jun-49	-21%	12.1	12.1	o%	0.0	42%
2-Aug-56	22-Oct-57	-22%	14.9	14.8	o%	0.0	31%
12-Dec-61	26-Jun-62	-28%	6.5	5.6	-6%	1.0	33%
9-Feb-66	7-Oct-66	-22%	8.0	6.7	-2%	1.3	33%
29-Nov-68	26-May-70	-36%	18.1	14.2	-19%	3.9	44%
11-Jan-73	3-Oct-74	-48%	21.0	10.7	-35%	10.3	38%
28-Nov-80	12-Aug-82	-27%	20.7	15.0	-8%	5.7	58%
25-Aug-87	4-Dec-87	-34%	3.4	1.8	ο%	1.5	21%
24-Mar-oo	21-Sep-01	-37%	18.2	11.8	-18%	6.4	-12%
4-Jan-o2	9-Oct-02	-34%	9.3	6.2	-16%	3.0	34%
9-Oct-07	20-Nov-08	-52%	13.6	9.1	-40%	4.5	45%
6-Jan-o9	9-Mar-o9	-28%	2.1	1.6	-9%	0.5	69%
	Average	-36%	10	6.3	-17%	3.7	29%
	Median	-34%	8	5.6	-15%	3.0	33%

Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Grey shades represent recession within 12 months from Peak S&P 500 date based on Bloomberg Recession Index price returns. Drawdown is the peak-to-trough decline during a specific period.

Investors Have Entered and Exited the Market at Inopportune Times

Cash Flows to Domestic Equity and Yearly Returns

Annual as of December 31, 2021

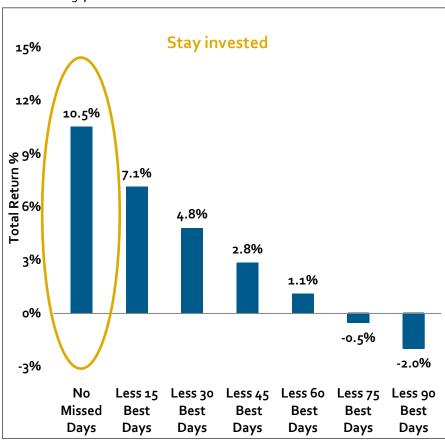


Source: Investment Company Institute, Haver Analytics, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Net New Cash Flows to Domestic Equity is measured by the dollar value of new sales minus redemptions, combined with net exchanges. Yearly Returns are represented by the total returns of the S&P 500. Annual Data is lagged by one month.

Market Timing Can Be a Costly Strategy; Big Daily Swings in the Market Have Tended to Cluster Together

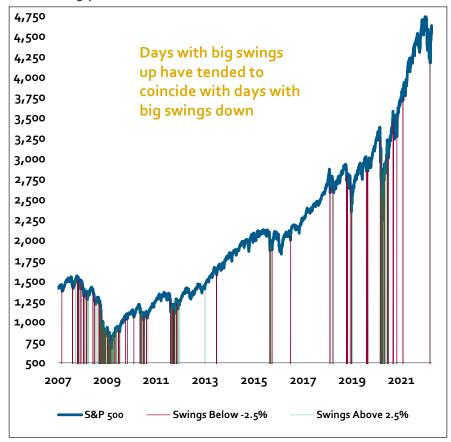
Annualized Total Returns of S&P 500 (1990-2022)

As of March 31, 2022



Days with Large Price Changes Have Tended to Cluster Together



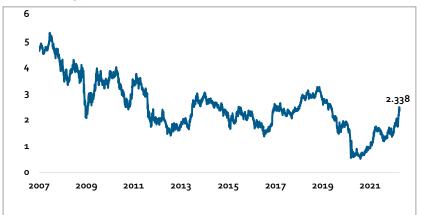


Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Best days are defined as the days with the highest single-day returns in the 5&P 500.

Bear Market Checklist: Watch for Inflection Points in Four Key Metrics: Lows in Rates and Oil, Peaks in Spreads and VIX

US 10-Year Rate

As of March 31, 2022



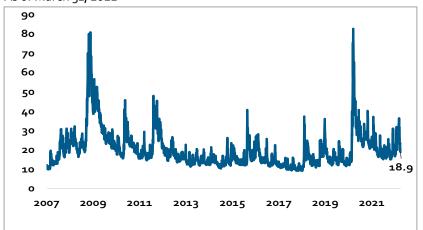
WTI Crude Oil Price Index

As of March 31, 2022



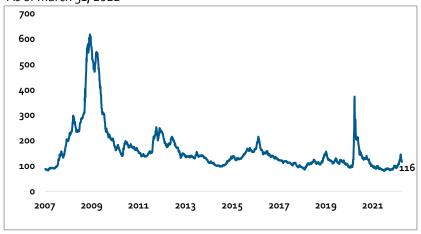
VIX Index

As of March 31, 2022



US Investment Grade Spread (bps)

As of March 31, 2022

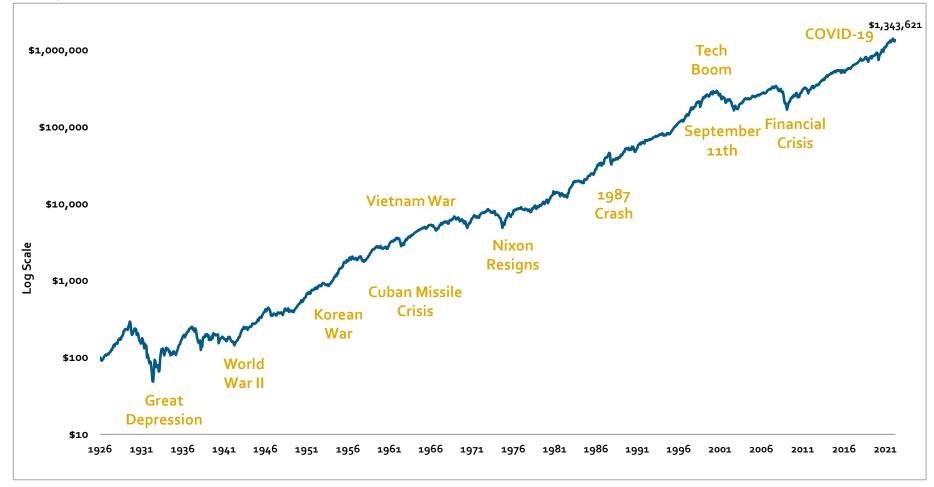


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The S&P 500 Has Trended Higher Over the Long Term Despite Negative Events and Bear Markets

S&P 500: Growth of \$100

January 1926 - March 2022

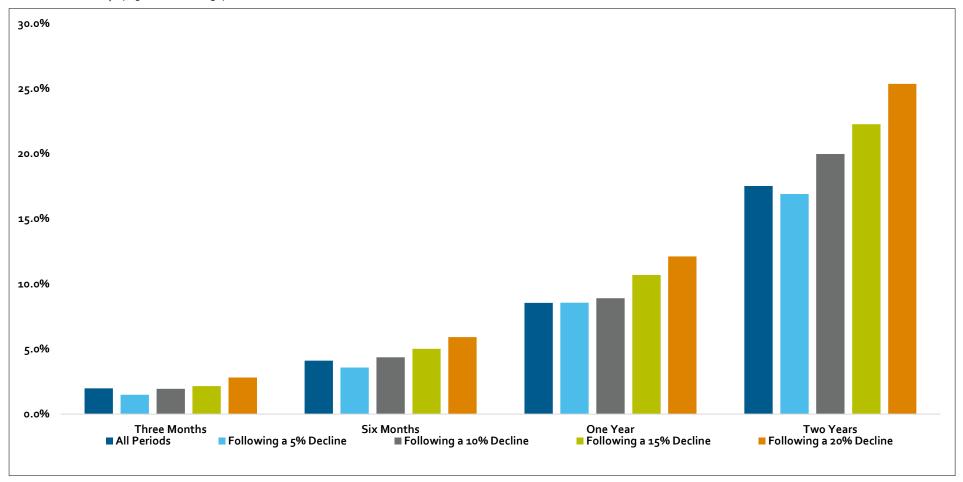


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Investors Who Have Held/Bought on Weakness Have Seen Progressively Higher Returns Historically

MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) Returns Following Market Selloffs

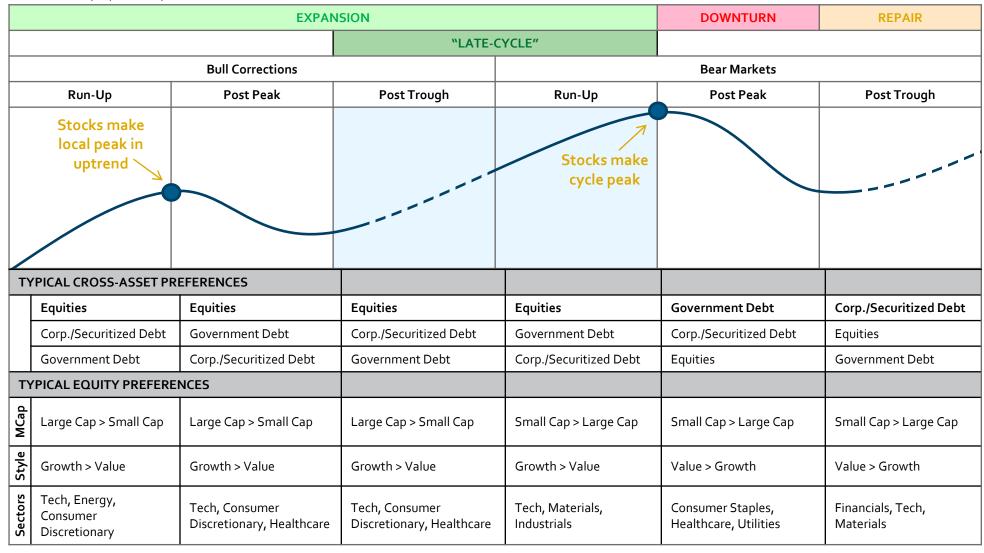
Data from January 1, 1988 to March 31, 2022



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC

The Economic Cycle Matters to Selection...

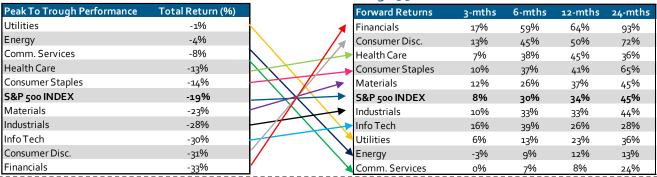
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... As Performance of Sectors Varied in the Past 3 Recessions

Sector Performance During 1990

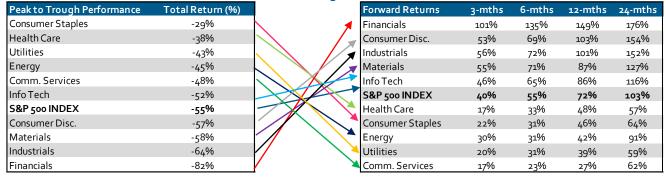


Tables show sectors that perform worst during peak to trough of recessions have tended to have stronger forward-month returns.

Sector Performance During Tech Bubble

k to Trough Performance	Total Return (%)		Forward Returns	3-mths	6-mths	12-mths	2
nsumer Staples	31%	★ [Info Tech	42%	28%	78%	
lealth Care	-4%	/_ [Utilities	36%	25%	52%	
Energy	-14%		Financials	27%	18%	47%	
Materials	-20%		Materials	24%	13%	41%	
Financials	-22%		Consumer Disc.	14%	12%	39%	
Industrials	-36%	├	Industrials	19%	13%	37%	
Consumer Disc.	-40%		S&P 500 INDEX	20%	13%	36%	
Utilities	-43%		Comm. Services	43%	12%	26%	
S&P 500 INDEX	-47%		Energy	9%	7%	22%	
Comm. Services	-73%	1	Health Care	8%	6%	11%	
Info Tech	-82%	/ * (Consumer Staples	2%	-6%	6%	

Sector Performance During Global Financial Crisis



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Returns measured as S&P 500 peak to trough; forward returns measured from trough of bear market; Real Estate excluded from this analysis. Left tables are sorted high to low; right tables of forward returns sorted high to low by 12-month forward return.

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It should be noted that the majority of hedge fund indexes are comprised of hedge fund manager returns. This is in contrast to traditional indexes, which are comprised of individual securities in the various market segments they represent and offer complete transparency as to membership and construction methodology. As such, some believe that hedge fund index returns have certain biases that are not present in traditional indexes. Some of these biases inflate index performance, while others may skew performance negatively. However, many studies indicate that overall hedge fund index performance has been biased to the upside. Some studies suggest performance has been inflated by up to 260 basis points or more annually depending on the types of biases included and the time period studied. Although there are numerous potential biases that could affect hedge fund returns, we identify some of the more common ones throughout this paper.

Self-selection bias results when certain manager returns are not included in the index returns and may result in performance being skewed up or down. Because hedge funds are private placements, hedge fund managers are able to decide which fund returns they want to report and are able to opt out of reporting to the various databases. Certain hedge fund managers may choose only to report returns for funds with strong returns and opt out of reporting returns for weak performers. Other hedge funds that close may decide to stop reporting in order to retain secrecy, which may cause a downward bias in returns.

Survivorship bias results when certain constituents are removed from an index. This often results from the closure of funds due to poor performance, "blow ups," or other such events. As such, this bias typically results in performance being skewed higher. As noted, hedge fund index performance biases can result in positive or negative skew. However, it would appear that the skew is more often positive. While it is difficult to quantify the effects precisely, investors should be aware that idiosyncratic factors may be giving hedge fund index returns an artificial "lift" or upwards bias.

Hedge Funds of Funds and many funds of funds are private investment vehicles restricted to certain qualified private and institutional investors. They are often speculative and include a high degree of risk. Investors can lose all or a substantial amount of their investment. They may be highly illiquid, can engage in leverage and other speculative practices that may increase volatility and the risk of loss, and may be subject to large investment minimums and initial lockups. They involve complex tax structures, tax-inefficient investing and delays in distributing important tax information. Categorically, hedge funds and funds of funds have higher fees and expenses than traditional investments, and such fees and expenses can lower the returns achieved by investors. Funds of funds have an additional layer of fees over and above hedge fund fees that will offset returns. An investment in an **exchange-traded fund** involves risks similar to those of investing in a broadly based portfolio of equity securities traded on an exchange in the relevant securities market, such as market fluctuations caused by such factors as economic and political developments, changes in interest rates and perceived trends in stock and bond prices. An investment in a **target date portfolio** is subject to the risks attendant to the underlying funds in which it invests, in these portfolios the funds are the Consulting Group Capital Market funds. A target date portfolio is geared to investors who will retire and/or require income at an approximate year. The portfolio is managed to meet the investor's goals by the pre-established year or "target date." A target date portfolio will transition its invested assets from a more aggressive portfolio to a more conservative portfolio as the target date draws closer. An investment in the target date portfolio is not guaranteed at any time, including, before or after the target date is reached. **Managed futures** investments are speculative, involve a high degree of risk, use significant leverage, are gen

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Equity securities may fluctuate in response to news on companies, industries, market conditions and general economic environment. **Ultrashort-term fixed income** asset class is comprised of fixed income securities with high quality, very short maturities. They are therefore subject to the risks associated with debt securities such as credit and interest rate risk.

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Investing in commodities entails significant risks. Commodity prices may be affected by a variety of factors at any time, including but not limited to, (i) changes in supply and demand relationships, (ii) governmental programs and policies, (iii) national and international political and economic events, war and terrorist events, (iv) changes in interest and exchange rates, (v) trading activities in commodities and related contracts, (vi) pestilence, technological change and weather, and (vii) the price volatility of a commodity. In addition, the commodities markets are subject to temporary distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including lack of liquidity, participation of speculators and government intervention. Physical precious metals are non-regulated products. Precious metals are speculative investments, which may experience short-term and long term price volatility. The value of precious metals investments may fluctuate and may appreciate or decline, depending on market conditions. Unlike bonds and stocks, precious metals do not make interest or dividend payments. Therefore, precious metals may not be appropriate for investors who require current income. Precious metals are commodities that should be safely stored, which may impose additional costs on the investor.

REITs investing risks are similar to those associated with direct investments in real estate: property value fluctuations, lack of liquidity, limited diversification and sensitivity to economic factors such as interest rate changes and market recessions. Risks of **private real estate** include: illiquidity; a long-term investment horizon with a limited or nonexistent secondary market; lack of transparency;

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Yields are subject to change with economic conditions. Yield is only one factor that should be considered when making an investment decision. Credit ratings are subject to change. Duration, the most commonly used measure of bond risk, quantifies the effect of changes in interest rates on the price of a bond or bond portfolio. The longer the duration, the more sensitive the bond or portfolio would be to changes in interest rates. The majority of \$25 and \$1000 par preferred securities are "callable" meaning that the issuer may retire the securities at specific prices and dates prior to maturity. Interest/dividend payments on certain preferred issues may be deferred by the issuer for periods of up to 5 to 10 years, depending on the particular issue. The investor would still have income tax liability even though payments would not have been received. Price quoted is per \$25 or \$1,000 share, unless otherwise specified. Current yield is calculated by multiplying the coupon by par value divided by the market price. The initial interest rate on a floating-rate security may be lower than that of a fixed-rate security of the same maturity because investors expect to receive additional income due to future increases in the floating security's underlying reference rate. The reference rate could be an index or an interest rate. However, there can be no assurance that the reference rate will increase. Some floating-rate securities may be subject to call risk. The market value of convertible bonds and the underlying common stock(s) will fluctuate and after purchase may be worth more or less than original cost. If sold prior to maturity, investors may receive more or less than their original purchase price or maturity value, depending on market conditions. Callable bonds may be redeemed by the issuer prior to maturity. Additional call features may exist that could affect yield. Some \$25 or \$1000 par preferred securities are QDI (Qualified Dividend Income) eligible. Information on QDI eligibility is obtained from third party so

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