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7 habits of Zen investors



Tips to help you prosper in the face of volatility

Your investments are critical to financial freedom. They represent all your dreams and hard work, allow you to carry out your personal projects and are key to securing the future you want for you and your family.

Here are some tips to help you stay confident when markets are volatile.



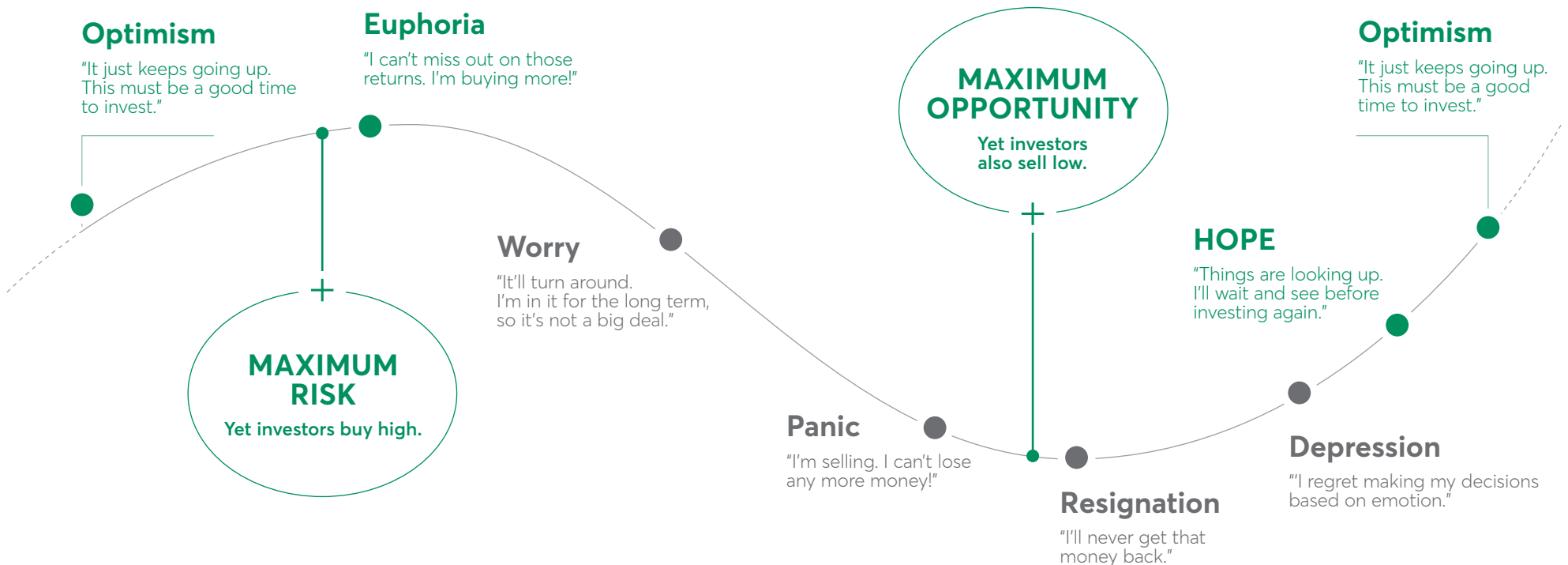
Tips for weathering market volatility

Control your emotions

Learning to control your emotions will help you reach your goals

It's normal to be nervous when markets are volatile. But left unchecked, emotions can lead to bad decisions. The curve below represents stock market fluctuations. It shows how most investors react as the market and the value of their growth stocks fluctuate.

CYCLE OF INVESTOR EMOTIONS



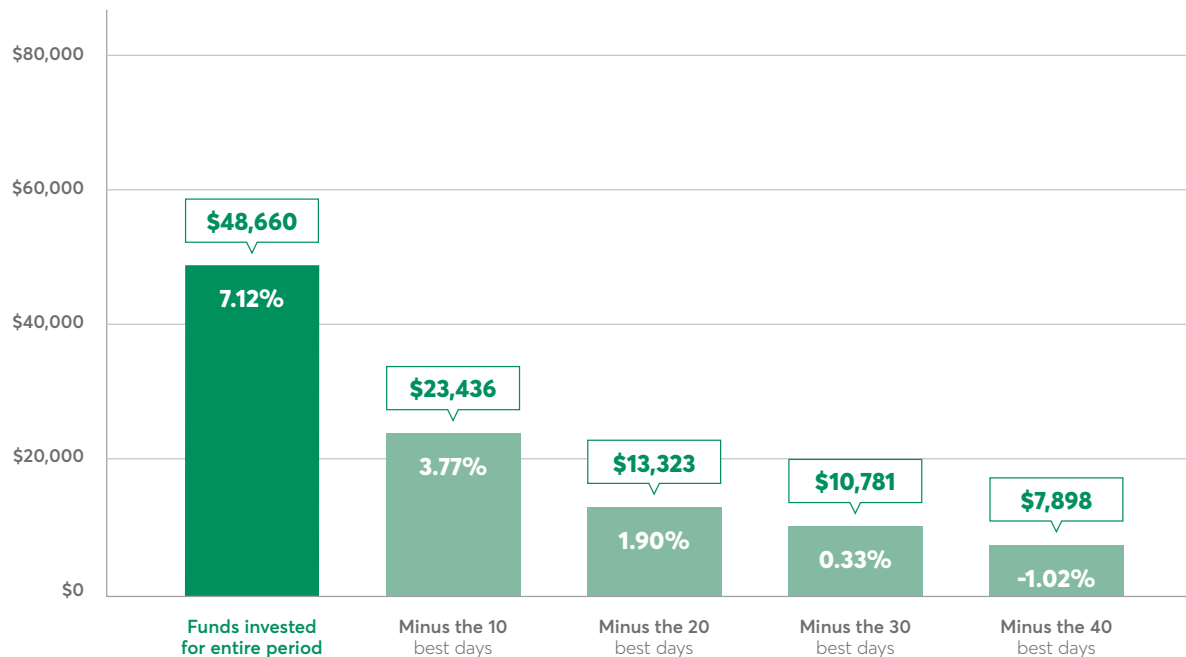
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Stay invested

There are better days ahead

The biggest gains often follow market corrections.* Pulling your money out early can hurt the long-term performance of your investments. Don't miss the potential of the best days!

COMPOUND ANNUAL RETURNS



GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

In Morningstar Canada GR CAD Index (Canadian stocks) from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2023**

Example for illustration purposes only.

* Generally, a market correction is when stock markets drop by 10% or more.

** Source: Morningstar Direct data.

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Invest regularly

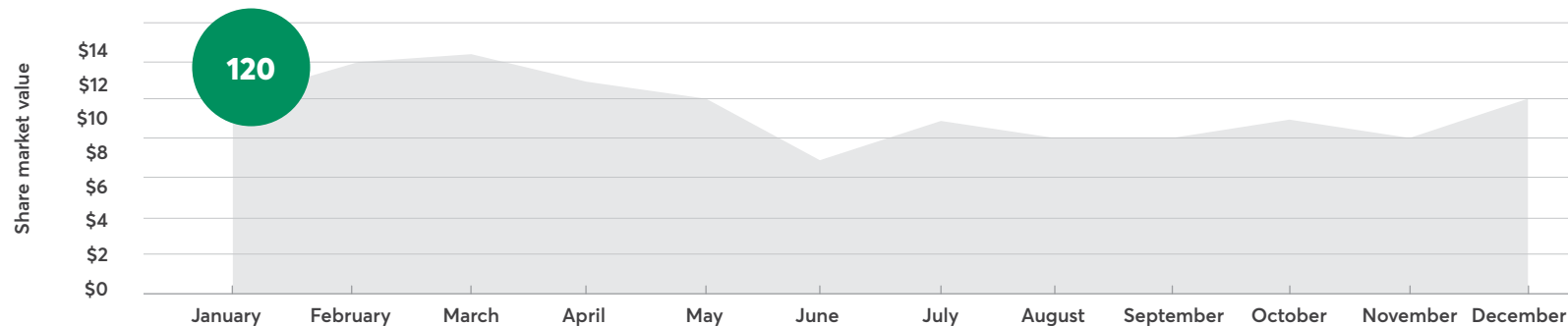
Capitalize on market opportunities

No one can predict the market. That's why it's best to invest regularly. Take advantage of market downturns and don't just buy when prices are high. With automatic investments, you'll have the best chance of getting the best average cost per share and capitalizing on market opportunities.

ANNUAL INVESTMENT 1 X \$1,200

ONE-TIME PURCHASE of 120 investment fund shares at \$10 each

● Number of shares purchased (Mock example)



Total shares
120



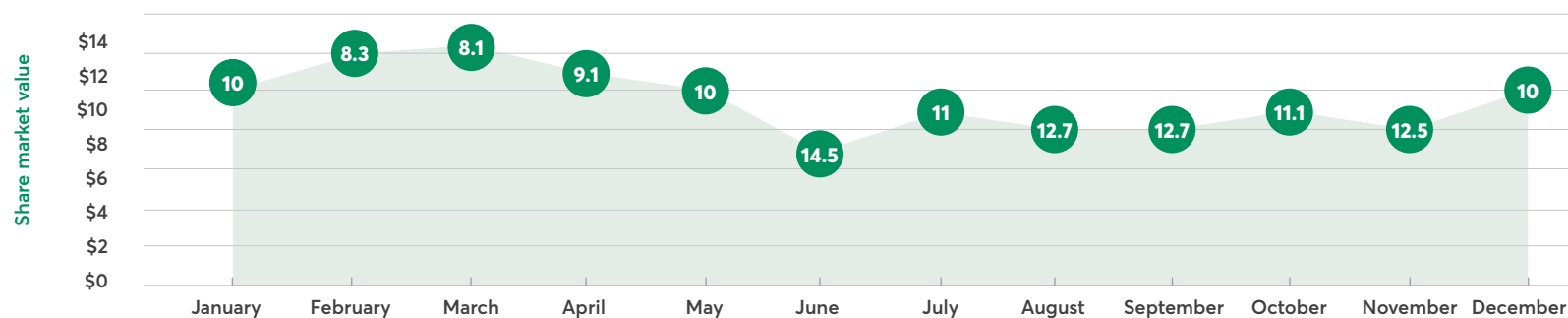
Investment value
\$1,200

Growth
0%

MONTHLY INVESTMENTS 12 X \$100

PURCHASES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR of a variable number of investment fund shares

● Number of shares purchased (Mock example)



Total shares
130



Investment value
\$1,300

Growth
8.33%

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Diversify your portfolio

Past performance is no guarantee

It's important to diversify your investments. A portfolio with a variety of industries, management styles, countries and asset classes will have a higher return potential and be less vulnerable to volatility.

ASSET CLASS RETURN HISTORY*

2008 to 2023

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Higher return ↑	3.00	56.09	18.09	10.16	17.04	42.06	23.02	20.85	21.52	27.04	3.50	24.59	18.78	24.72	3.08	23.04
	7.31	52.53	17.47	6.47	15.93	35.48	13.98	20.76	16.95	17.85	1.26	22.58	16.68	24.71	-5.55	18.85
	6.57	36.64	15.49	5.51	15.91	32.31	13.02	18.46	8.55	16.34	1.60	20.52	14.59	17.27	-8.93	15.04
	-11.94	25.12	14.36	4.10	15.57	32.16	10.43	18.09	7.49	15.30	1.19	19.64	13.02	15.78	-10.37	13.73
	-21.24	16.53	10.70	2.10	14.58	12.88	10.22	6.08	7.12	13.49	-0.41	16.72	9.64	10.49	-11.23	12.48
	-27.11	13.83	9.00	0.86	13.69	11.55	9.14	4.03	5.94	9.20	-1.17	13.65	8.66	8.27	-11.48	12.22
	-28.20	12.18	8.73	-4.85	7.75	7.99	8.77	3.63	5.07	7.82	-3.15	13.20	7.18	5.12	-11.60	11.57
Lower return ↓	-29.29	9.08	6.81	-7.42	7.49	4.75	8.19	1.63	3.79	6.75	-4.72	12.56	5.79	1.04	-11.94	8.91
	-33.37	4.86	4.94	-9.52	6.38	1.75	4.13	1.53	1.50	2.55	-5.34	7.28	5.60	-0.87	-11.96	6.31
	-33.65	3.69	4.24	-9.71	3.35	0.73	3.15	-4.38	1.47	2.42	-5.94	6.89	5.58	-1.69	-12.83	5.90
	-42.21	2.60	2.09	-16.55	1.81	-1.67	1.75	-8.66	-1.97	1.52	-9.01	2.00	1.34	-2.79	-13.57	4.05

Asset classes

- Canadian bonds
- High-yield bonds
- Global bonds
- Canadian equity
- U.S. equity
- Global equity
- International equity
- Global small-cap equity
- Emerging markets equity
- Balanced portfolio
- Desjardins Term Savings – 5 year****

Index

- Morningstar Canada Core Bonds GR** CAD
- Morningstar US High Yield Bonds NR*** Hdg CAD
- Morningstar Global Core Bond GR** Hdg CAD
- Morningstar Canada GR** CAD
- Morningstar US Market GR** CAD
- Morningstar Global Markets GR** CAD
- Morningstar DM xNA GR** CAD
- Morningstar Global Markets SMID Cap GR** CAD
- Morningstar EM GR** CAD
- Morningstar Canada Neu Global Tgt Alloc NR*** CAD

* Source: <https://indexes.morningstar.com/our-indexes>

** GR: Gross Return

*** NR: Net Return

**** Source: Desjardins internal analysis



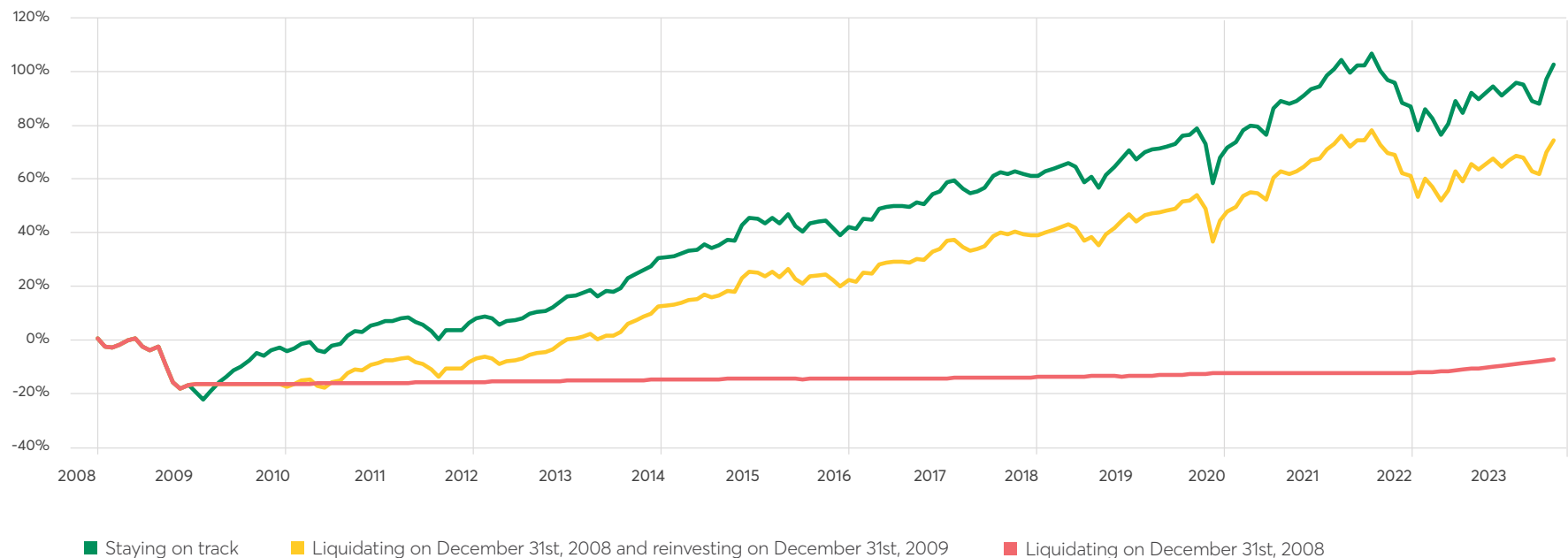
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Stay on track

In periods of high volatility, you may be tempted to deviate from your long-term investment strategy by “parking” your money in so-called safer investments. However, the cost of this short-term solution can be very high if you miss out on a significant rebound.

Here are 3 long-term cumulative return scenarios for a balanced portfolio based on decisions made during a stock market crisis:

Time Period: 2008-01-01 to 2023-12-31



Balanced portfolio represented by the Morningstar Global Neutral Balanced Fund category average. Liquidated funds are placed into the Morningstar Money Market Fund category average. All the rates of return indicated are the historical annual compounded total returns as of 2023-02-28. The rates of return indicated take into account the changes in security value and the reinvestment of all distributions but not the sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns. Source: Morningstar Direct

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Choose a trusted financial institution

Make sure you choose the right financial institution

It's natural to have reservations about entrusting your money to a financial institution, no matter how big it is. Recent financial scandals have shaken the trust of many investors.

ABOUT DESJARDINS FUNDS

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1956

First investment fund
launched:
Desjardins Equity Fund



A PIONEER IN
**RESPONSIBLE
INVESTMENT**

1990*

Desjardins Environment Fund launched
in 1990, making Desjardins a pioneer
in responsible investment



2020

#1

among major Canadian
financial institutions
according to *The Banker*
magazine's 2019 ranking.²

¹ As of December 31, 2022

² Source: <https://www.thebanker.com/Top-1000-World-Banks/Top-1000-World-Banks-Desjardins-out-in-front-of-Canadian-field?ct=true>

* Source: <https://www.fondsdesjardins.com/funds/market-insight/responsible-investment/index.jsp>

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Work with a professional

Seek the help of a professional

Talk to a professional to get expert, objective advice tailored to your financial situation. Studies¹ have shown that people who work with an advisor tend to be in better financial health.

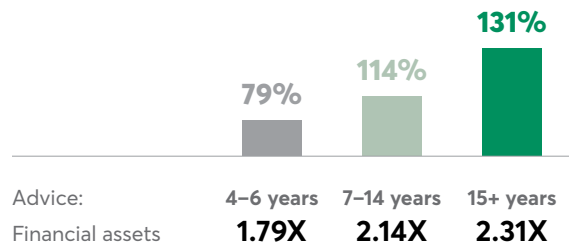
BENEFITS OF PROFESSIONAL ADVICE

1

Potentially higher net worth

Improve the likelihood of growing your wealth with the help of an advisor.

The earlier you start working with an advisor, the longer your assets have an opportunity to grow.¹



2

Better saving rates and habits

Getting advice from an advisor can help you **improve your saving habits** and **save twice as much¹** as households that manage their own finances.

Household saving rate¹

WITHOUT ADVICE **9.2%** WITH ADVICE **11.1%**

¹ Source: CIRANO, Project Report 2020



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¹ As of December 31, 2023.

² Quick facts about Desjardins, as of December 31, 2023.

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