## Weathering Market Swings

## Markets in Perspective

After years of positive returns, looking further back in history provides important reminders about stock market behavior. It's impossible to know when the ups and downs will occur, but having a long-term investment plan in place can help you avoid emotional reactions to market events.

More Ups and Downs? Yes and No.
Number of days the S\&P 500 Index went up or down by $2 \%$ or more


Take a look further backyou'll see that the market's relative calm from 20122017 was unusual.

## Tips for Navigating the Market's Ups and Downs

No matter how many times we hear that market sell-offs are "normal", the experience can be unnerving. However, history shows that markets have recovered after periods of declines-and even rewarded those who remained invested.


Bond Values Have Improved When Held Longer
Percentage of time a five-year Treasury investment increased in value


Source: Morningstar. Five-year Treasuries are represented by Ibbotson's SBBI U.S. Intermediate-Term Government Index, which is a one-bond index representing a five-year, constant maturity U.S. Treasury Bond. Data as of December 31, 2021.

The index does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Investors cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

## Weathering the Storms

Many investors have benefited from nearly a decade of remarkable market gains and low volatility. Such a backdrop is unusual and likely to revert to historical norms. For those close to retirement or other major financial goals, it may be a good time to reevaluate your portfolio's level of risk.

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