

10 tips for managing investments in uncertain times

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Volatility is normal in long-term investing

It is inevitable and the result of investors reacting to economic, political and corporate factors. Be prepared for volatility, and you'll likely react rationally.

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Reinvest income to increase total returns

Reinvesting dividends can provide a considerable boost to total returns over time, thanks to the power of compounding.

Be disciplined and patient.

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Don't be swayed by sweeping sentiment

The popularity of investment themes ebbs and flows. Take a discriminating view and don't allow the euphoria or pessimism of the market to cloud your judgement.

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Avoid stopping and starting investments

Remain invested during volatility and you can typically benefit from the market's long-term upward trend. Time, not timing, is the key to investing.

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Corrections can create attractive opportunities

Corrections are a normal part of stock markets and are often a good time to invest in equities, because valuations become more attractive.

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Invest in quality stocks for income potential

Sustainable dividends paid by high quality, cash-generative companies are attractive during volatility, as they may offer regular income.

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Active investing can be a very successful strategy

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The benefits of regular investing stack up

Making smaller investments at regular intervals, known as dollar cost averaging, can help you lower the average cost of your investments.

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Diversification helps smooth returns

Investments vary in risk and volatility. Diversifying your portfolio across asset classes, sectors and regions, can help to reduce the effect of volatility.

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Risk is usually rewarded over the long term

While equities carry a higher risk than cash or government bonds, data shows that over time, investors are rewarded for the extra risk they take.¹



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