

INVESTMENT FUNDAMENTALS FOR FIDUCIARIES

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):

- > The monetary value of all finished goods and services produced within a country's borders in a specific time period (though usually calculated on an annual basis, it is also calculated on a quarterly basis)
- > Computed generally by adding consumption, investment, spending and exports
- A healthy economy is when GDP is typically 2-3%

> Historical GDP:

- > 2019 was 2.3% annually
- > 2020 was Q1 -5.0%, Q2 -31.4%, Q3 33.4%, and Q4 4.3%
- > Q1 2021 was 6.4%
- > 2009 was -2.8% annually
- > 1941, 1942 and 1943 saw increases of 17% or more annually
- > 1932 saw a drop of nearly 13% annually

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Unemployment Rate:

- > The measure of unemployed people
- > Expressed as a percentage
- > Calculated by dividing the number of unemployed by all in the work force
- > The natural rate is a combination of frictional, structural, and surplus unemployment
- > A healthy unemployment rate is also called full employment
 - > Typically measured as between 4.5% and 6.0%
- > Historical unemployment:
 - > 2019 averaged 3.7%
 - > 2020 averaged 8.1% (January and February hit 3.5% while April 2020 hit 14.8%)
 - March 2021 saw a national average of 6.0%
 - > 2009 averaged 10.0% and 1982 averaged 10.8%
 - > 1953 averaged 2.6%

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Consumer Price Index (CPI):

- > The measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services
- > Generally mistakenly called inflation since can also be deflationary
- > Also expressed as a percentage
- > Core CPI excludes food and energy
- > Historical CPI:
 - Averaged 3.2% annually in the post-war period
 - > Shot to 7.7% in 1973
 - > In 1975, hit 9.1% (the highest rate since 1947)
 - > 1979 reached 11.3%
 - > 1980 topped at 13.5%

BOND MARKET

Fixed Income Securities are More Conservative than Stocks:

- > Return potential is lower but so is volatility
- > As interest rates rise, the value of existing bonds decrease
- > The federal funds rate was approximately 11% in 1979 and 20% in 1981
- > Companies and governments issue debt
 - > Promise to repay loan at a later date
 - > Typically comes with a coupon or interest
- > Investment grade and speculative grade
 - The higher the risk, the higher the interest to compensate investors
 - > Less than investment grade is called junk

STOCK MARKET

Market capitalization (or cap) simply means a company's value:

> Take the total number of shares outstanding and multiply that by the share price:

Apple

16.8 billion x \$125.90 = \$2.1 trillion

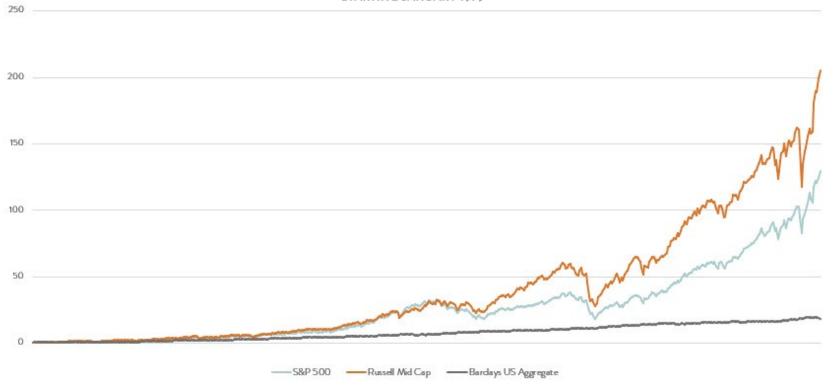
- > Large Cap is generally a valuation of \$10 billion or more
- Mid Cap is a valuation between \$2 billion and \$10 billion
- > Small Cap is a valuation under \$2 billion

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

- > Developed Markets (EAFE)
 - > Advanced in terms of economy and/or capital markets
 - > Relatively high income
 - More formal regulatory bodies
 - > Liquid investment markets with free and well-developed foreign exchange markets
 - > Open to foreign ownership and ease of capital movement
 - > Efficient market institutions
- > Developing Markets (EM)
 - > Fast growing economy and becoming more industrialized
 - > Lower incomes and higher sociopolitical instability
 - > Lower levels of business activity
 - > Dependent upon manufacturing (exports) and commodities

DOMESTIC GROWTH OF \$1

STARTING JANUARY 1979



INTERNATIONAL GROWTH OF \$1

STARTING JANUARY 2000



DEVELOPED

- > Australia
- > Austria
- > Belgium
- > Canada
- > Denmark
- > Finland
- > France
- > Germany
- > Hong Kong
- > Ireland
- > Israel

- > Italy
- > Japan
- > Netherlands
- > New Zealand
- > Norway
- > Portugal
- > Singapore
- > Spain
- > Sweden
- > Switzerland
- > United Kingdom

DEVELOPING

- > Argentina
- > Brazil
- > Chile
- > China
- > Colombia
- > Czech Republic
- > Egypt
- > Greece
- > Hungary
- > India
- > Indonesia
- > Korea
- > Malaysia

- > Mexico
- > Pakistan
- > Peru
- > Philippines
- > Poland
- > Qatar
- > Russia
- > South Africa
- > Taiwan
- > Thailand
- > Turkey
- > United Arab Emirates

ACTIVE VS. PASSIVE

> Active Investing

- > Employs a manager, co-managers or a team of subadvisors
- Actively seek out securities and/or sectors that will outperform
- > Portfolio may be very different than their index
- > Generally more expensive than index funds
- Although good managers can outperform an index over the longer term, they may underperform over short periods

> Passive Investing

- > Generally employed by index funds
- > Designed to track an underlying index at a low cost
- Achieve this by buying the same securities in the same proportion
- > Fundamental indexing or market cap weighting

ASSET ALLOCATION FUNDS

> Risk-based Models

- > Conservative funds use mostly bonds and cash
- > Aggressive funds own a lot more stocks
- > Also known as static
- > Participants must make an active choice to move from one asset allocation to another

> Target Date Portfolios

- Generally choose the year ("vintage") that closely matches your retirement year
- > Shorter-term vintages own a lot more bonds and cash
- > Also known as dynamic
- Each year, the vintages automatically and gradually get more conservative as the target year approaches

THANK YOU

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