We’ve been here before
Better conversations during times of market turbulence

The road to investment success is rarely as smooth as we’d like. Market speed bumps can appear in many different forms and make us question our portfolios.

As investors, we often know what the logical course of action is to weather a market sell-off. As humans, however, seeing the values of our portfolios fall can spark panic and lead to irrational behavior. During these difficult times, it’s important to remember that markets have been tested before.

Here are just a few examples of how staying invested may have led to better long-term results.

Let’s have a conversation about how BMO can help investors weather market volatility.

Three reasons to consider staying invested

1. The S&P 500 finished positive in 21 of the last 25 calendar years, despite having an average intra-year decline of 14%.

2. Over the last 25 years, missing a handful of the S&P 500’s best days has had a significant impact on returns.

3. Even after the two worst drawdowns of the last 25 years, investors who were patient recovered their losses and were profitable within 5 years or less.

Max drawdown measures the peak to trough decline of an investment or fund during a specific period. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.
Sources: Morningstar Direct and BMO Global Asset Management
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