

Time in the Market is More Important than Timing the Market

The impact of missing just a few of the market's best gains can dramatically impact overall performance, as this look at a hypothetical investment in the stocks that make-up the IFA SP 500 Index shows. Staying invested and focused on the long term helps to ensure that you are poised to capture what the market has to offer.

- A hypothetical \$1,000 turns into \$4,195 from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2020.
- If you miss the S&P 500's five best days the return dwindles to \$2,648. And if you miss the best 20 days the return drops to \$1,145.
- There is no proven way to time the market whether that be targeting the best days or moving to the sidelines to avoid the worst days. History shows that staying put through the good and bad times is the best course of action.

Growth of \$1,000 in the IFA SP 500 Index* For Over 20 Years (1/1/2001 – 12/31/2020)

What You Would Earn Over 20 Years



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