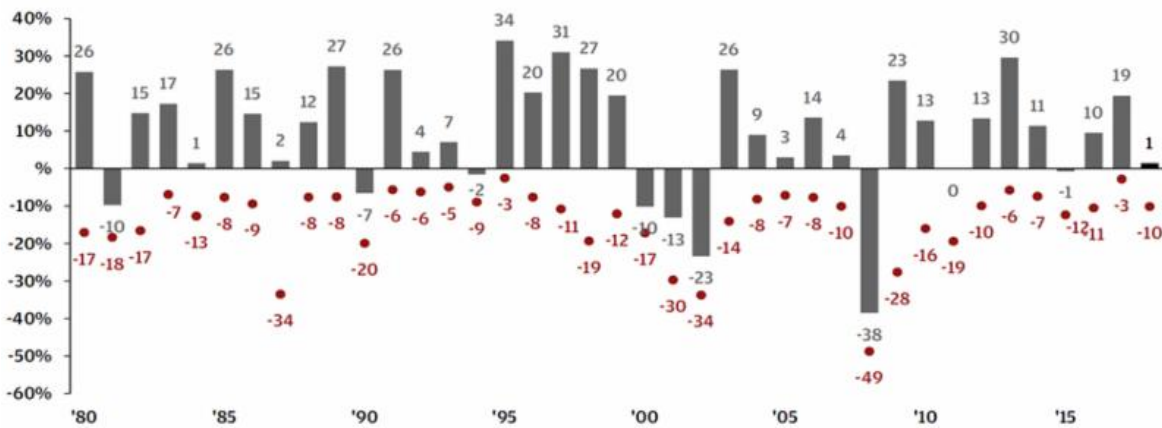


At Van Leeuwen & Company, we are mindful of the current market volatility and its impact on our clients' portfolios. In our opinion, these market swings are not supported by the fundamental landscape of the economy or of individual companies that we focus on. Emphasis on financially sound companies that are time tested to withstand market turbulence are what form the cornerstone of the Van Leeuwen strategy.

Note the chart below which illustrates that some market volatility is normal in any given year. While we may have become accustomed to low volatility, throughout history the market has experienced drawdowns in most years – even when the total return of the market was positive for the year. The numbers in red represent the largest intra-year drop in market value, while the numbers in gray represent the total price return of the market during the year.



Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are based on price index and do not include dividends, intra-year drops refer to the largest market drops from a peak to a trough during the year. For illustrative purposes only Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2017, over which time period the average annual return was 8.8%. Data are as of October 31, 2018.

PERFORMANCE OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1998 AND DECEMBER 29, 2017



This chart is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the performance of any investment or group of investments. Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management analysis using data from Bloomberg. Returns are based on the S&P 500 total Return Index, an unmanaged, capitalization-weighted index that measures the performance of 500 large capitalization domestic stocks representing all major industries. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. An individual cannot invest directly in any index. Data as of December 31, 2017.

Volatility in the market can be unsettling though investors should not jump ship. The chart above shows why we want to stay invested even through periods of volatility. If an investor missed the 10 best days of market returns over the last 20 years, they averaged less than half the returns of someone who stayed fully invested during that period. At VLC, we focus on companies that have solid fundamentals to weather volatility. By staying invested, we can take advantage of market opportunities as they occur, rather than trying to time the market.

Happy New Year!
The VLC team wishes you all the best in 2019!

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