# Thriving in a Downturn



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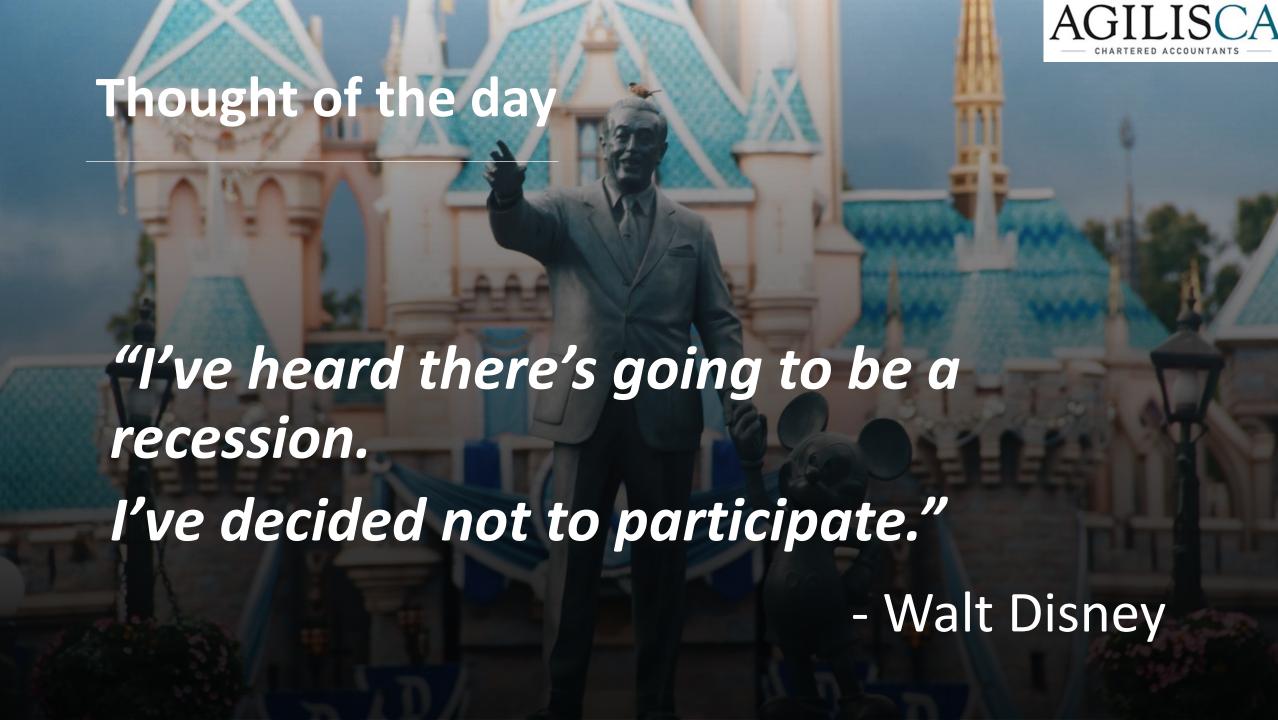
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# Agenda

- 1. The three freedoms in business.
- 2. ASIC's top Causes of Business Failure.
- 3. The 7 causes of poor cashflow.
- 4. Building risk management into your strategy.
- 5. Next Steps.





# The Three Freedoms

We want to help you get more...

- Sleep easier
- Stress less at work and home
- Peace of mind

**FREEDOM** 

Mind



Time

- Buy the pool / yacht
- Travel more
- Retire early

**Financial** 

Be available for your family

Have a life outside of work

Prioritise sport / hobbies





# **ASIC's top Causes of Business Failure**

- Inadequate cashflow
- Poor strategic management of business
- Trading Losses
- Poor financial control
- Under capitalisation
- Lack of management reporting





# The 7 causes of poor cashflow

- Reduce your debtor days accounts receivable process
- Review supplier terms accounts payable process
- Reduce your stock and work in progress
- Overheads too high, Gross profit margin too low, Sales too low
- Review your debt structure
- Revise your personal budget
- Create a new cashflow forecast



# Building risk management into your strategy

- Business & risk management planning
- Managing bottlenecks and roadblocks
- Engaging team in the plan
- Managing and reporting KPIs
- Review mix of products or services assess profitability
- Sales conversion & customer retention
- Competition & market place changes



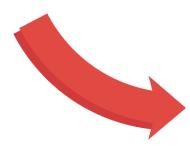


# Mitigating risk

# **NOW**

#### **Current Situation**

- Lack of mind freedom (excessive stress)
- Cashflow issues
- Unclear direction
- Constantly 'fighting fires'
- Conflict (owners/team/customers/suppliers)



# **HOW**

#### **Best practice**

- Create & implement your Business
   Plan
- Review cashflow & implement new
   cashflow forecast
- Regularly review risks
- Get independent accountability

# **WHERE**

#### **Future Situation**

- Mind freedom (reduced stress)
- Clear business & risk management plan
- Risks identified and mitigated
- Processes to address risk early
- Reduced conflict & better alignment





# **Actions and projects**

## **Get started now!**

- Write down three actions or projects that will add value to your business
- A problem is an opportunity to create a project
- Doing nothing should not be an option!





# How we can help you

- 1. Business Planning
- 2. Cashflow Forecasting
- 3. Risk Management & Identification
- 4. Accountability Coaching





# **Questions?**



# **Parting thought**

"Never take your eyes off the cash flow because it's the lifeblood of business."











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From a Financial Planning point of view



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# What is Financial Planning?

Wealth Accumulation

Wealth Protection

Wealth Transfer

Investment
Superannuation
Debt Strategies

Personal Risk Insurances
Business Insurances
Asset Structuring

Wills
Powers of attorney
Beneficiary nominations



# 3 Steps to Thrive in a Market Downturn





# Wealth Accumulation



Focus on what you can control

- Tax efficiencies
- Low Fees
- Risk



Ignore Noise

- Media

- FOMO



**Asset Allocation** 

- Growth

- Defensive



# Focus on What You Can Control









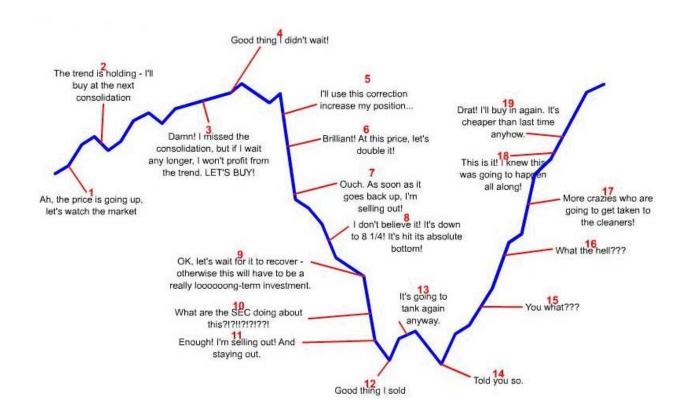
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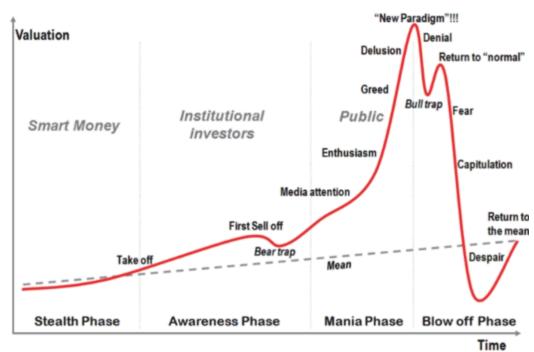
LEVEL OF RISK

**ASSET ALLOCATION** 



# Ignore Noise





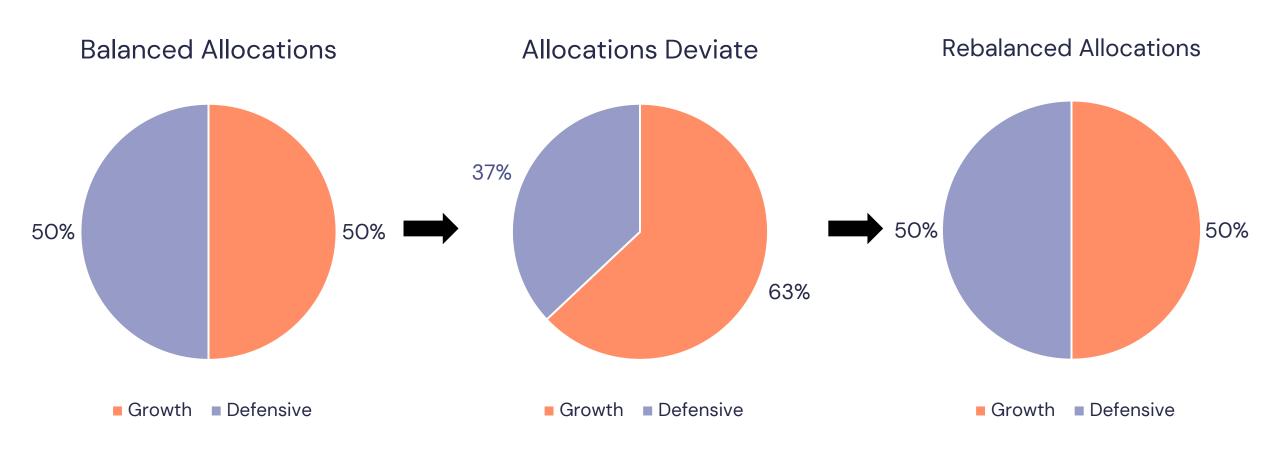


# Asset allocation at a glance

	Α	В	С	D	E
Risk Profile:	Defensive	Conservative	Balanced	Growth	High Growth
Asset allocation:					
Australian Shares	0%	12%	19%	27%	35%
International Shares	0%	12%	22%	32%	42%
Property	0%	6%	6%	7%	8%
Growth Alternatives	0%	0%	3%	4%	5%
Growth Assets	0%	30%	50%	70%	90%
Australian Bonds	35%	29%	20%	12%	4%
International Bonds	35%	29%	20%	12%	4%
Cash	30%	12%	10%	6%	2%
Defensive Assets	100%	70%	50%	30%	10%
Return Objectives (targeted long-term obj	jective) – Inflation assump	otion: 2.5% pa:			
Objective above inflation	0.9%	2.2%	3.1%	3.9%	4.6%
Absolute return objective	3.4%	4.7%	5.6%	6.4%	7.1%
Suggested minimum timeframe in years:					
Years:	0 to 2	2	4	6	8
Best, worst and average of any 1-year rolling return:					
Best:	10.1%	13.8%	17.2%	23.0%	28.1%
Worst:	0.7%	-6.5%	-13.3%	-21.8%	-26.9%
Average:	5.3%	6.1%	6.3%	6.5%	6.7%



# Rebalancing





# Wealth Protection



Protect You

- Bucket Strategy
- Income Protection
- TPD



Protect your family

- Life insurance



Protect your business

- Key Man
- Business expenses



Bucket Strategy (asset allocation)





# **Personal Risk Insurances**



Life **TPD** Income Trauma Protection





# **Case Study**





# Questions?







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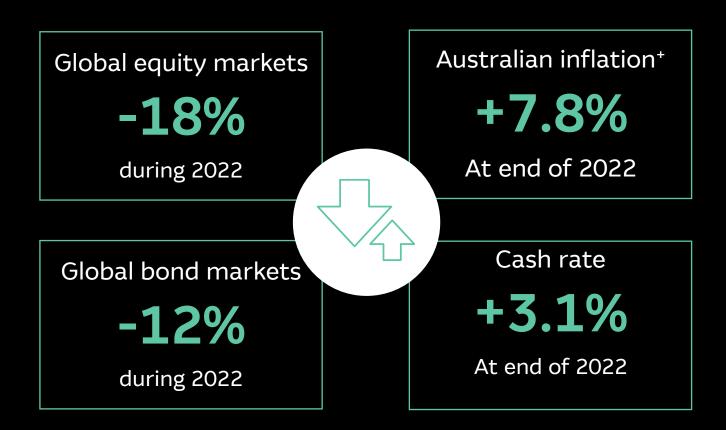
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# Reflecting on 2022

It has been a challenging year for households and investors



\*Global equity market return to 31 December 2022 of MSCI World ex-Australia ex-Tobacco Hedged Net Total Return Index; Allobal Bond market return to 31 December 2022 of Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate. +Australian inflation refers to is defined as the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as measured by the Reserve Bank of Australia Trimmed Mean, as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Reserve Bank of Australia Cash Rate as at 7 December 2022. Source: Bloomberg, Macquarie

# Inflation is becoming quite a problem...

# Inflation has moved to the stickier part of the economy

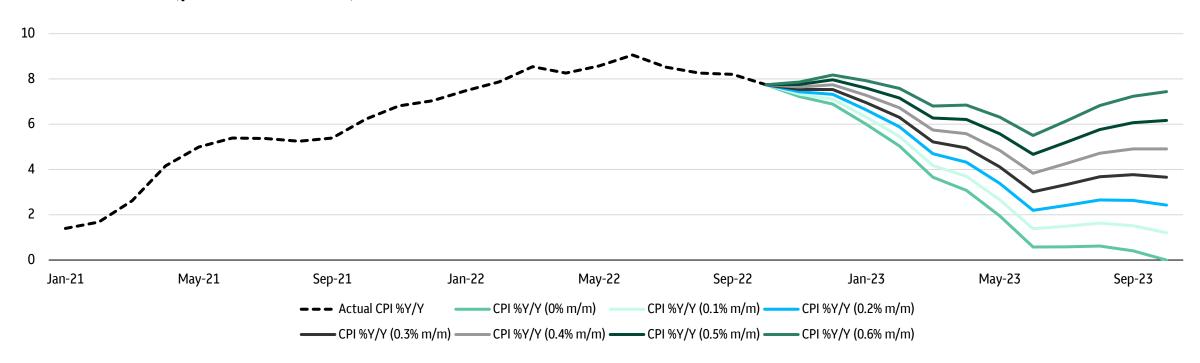
- Labour market shortages → Wage rising → Service inflation (wage)
- Russia-Ukraine war → Energy and food supply interruption
- Climate change → Energy and food supply interruption

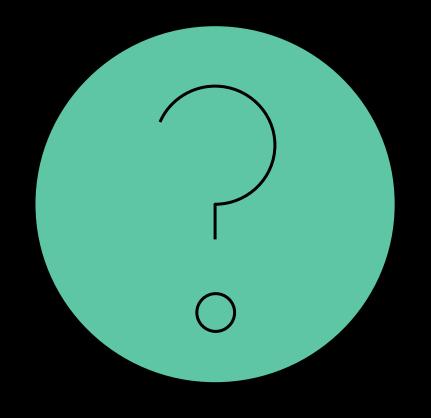
#### Inflation is likely to be stubbornly high for awhile

- Price of goods are coming down...but?
- Rental prices are expected to comedown...when?

# Inflation paths – looks to be moderating, but may remain volatile

#### Inflation Paths (post Dec-22 CPI)



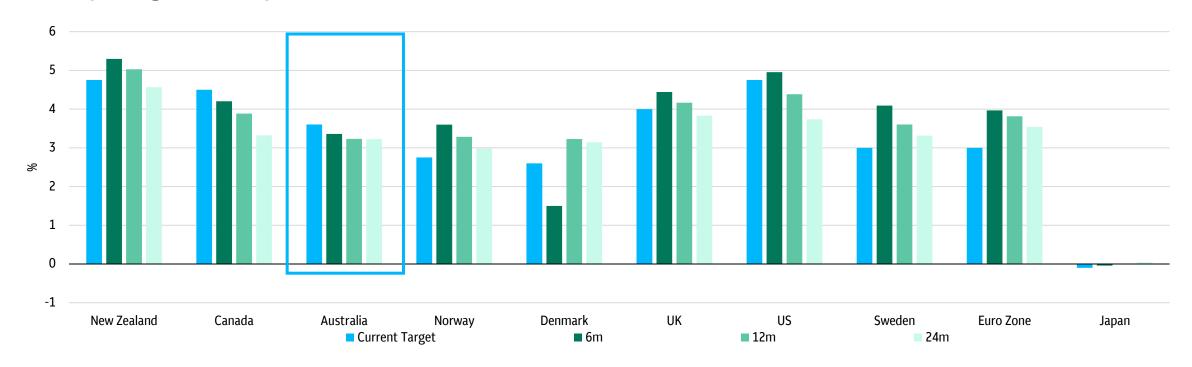


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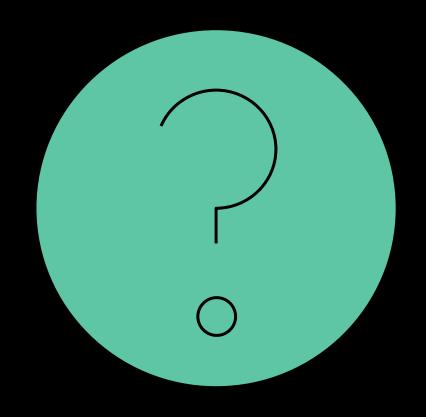
Q: Are defensive assets going to struggle more?

# Are interest rates going to keep on rising?

#### Market pricing of developed market central banks



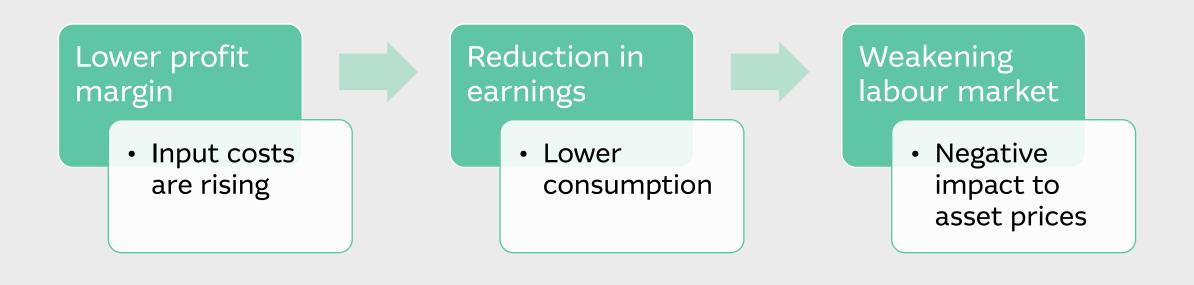
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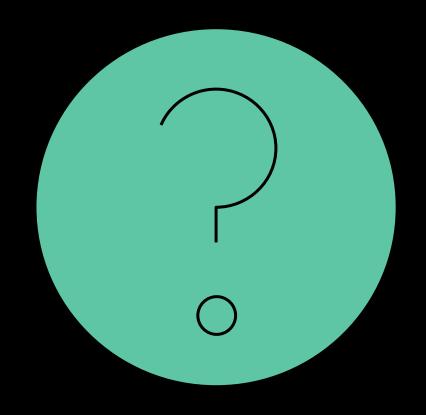


Q: What is the economic impact of high inflation and higher interest rates?

# High inflation and higher interest rates, what is the result?

Asset prices will likely be negatively impacted



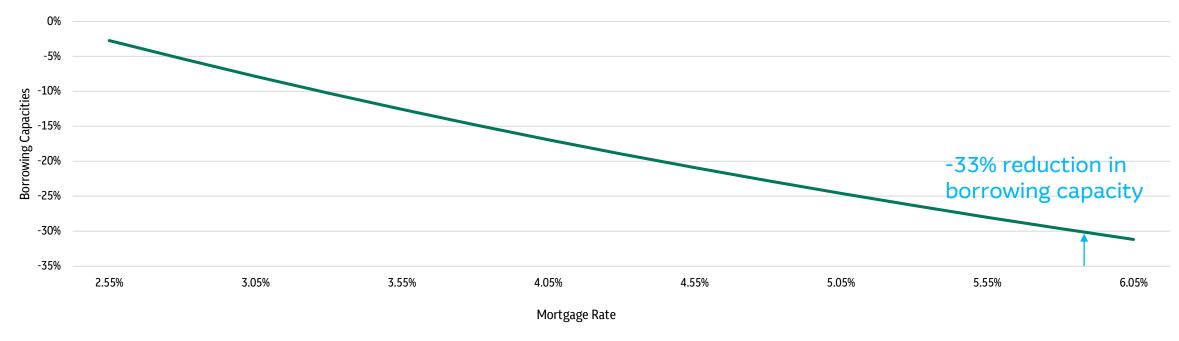


Q: What is the impact of higher interest rates on the housing market?

# Areas to watch - reduction in borrowing capacity as well as unemployment

With 3.6% cash rate, equating to approximately a 5.8% mortgage rate

#### Mortgage rate vs max loan size (% decline)

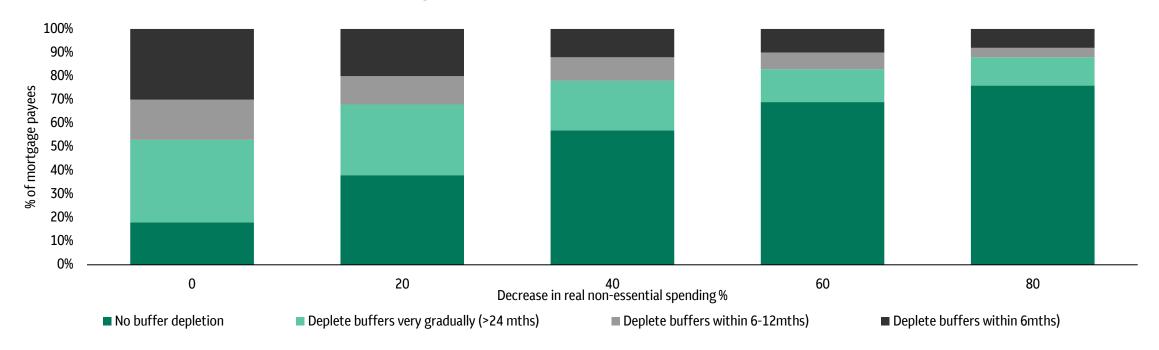


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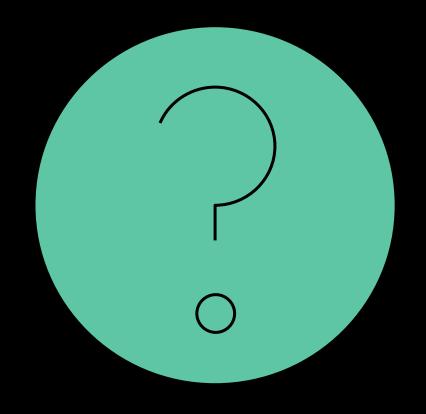
# Monetary Policy: Negative Impact on Household Incomes

"The Board expect that a further increase in interest rates will be needed over the months ahead" - Reserve Bank of Australia

#### Distribution of Time until Buffers are Depleted



Source: Reserve Bank of Australia, RBA Securisitation System, Australian Bureau of Statistics, CoreLogic



Q: Investment implications

## Asset allocation outlook

## Macro outlook

- 1 Recession
- Hiking cycle continues to slow (likely to pause)
- Central banks will only pivot once significant financial and economic stress occurs

#### Implications for financial markets?

- All asset class returns will remain volatile
- Expect negative return in equities
- Anticipate higher income from fixed income assets will likely be a key contributor to return
- Monetary policy easing will present a strong signal to equity market rebound

# Important considerations for portfolios



#### Diversified

• Better risk-adjusted outcome



#### Cost effective

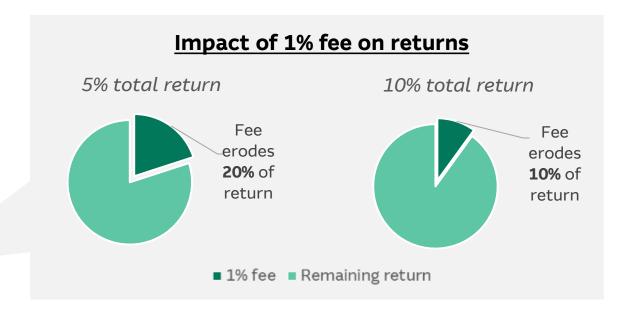
• Pay attention to investment costs





### **Expert asset allocation**

 Flexibility in portfolio asset allocation is important to help navigate a rising volatility environment





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