

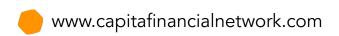
## WHAT EVERY ADOBE EMPLOYEE NEEDS TO KNOW TO SECURE THEIR FINANCIAL FUTURE

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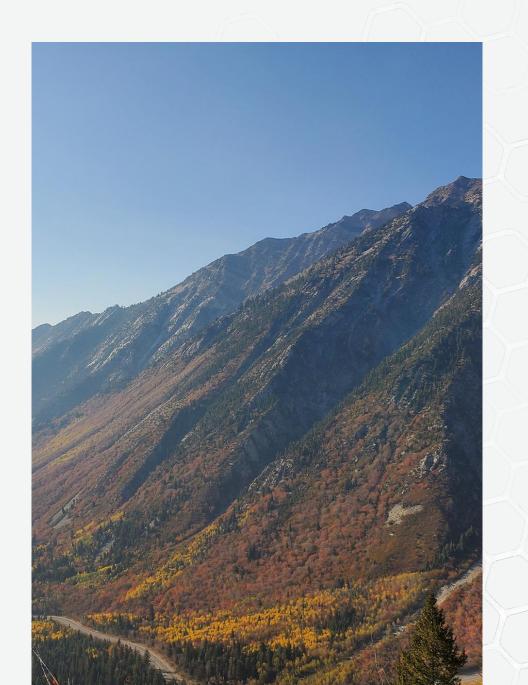
### TOPIC OVERVIEW

- How to Approach
   Today's Markets
- Tax and Investment Strategies
- Taking Advantage of Your Adobe Benefits









### BASIC PRINCIPLES

- Accumulate diversified assets systematically
- Being broke on purpose
- Cautiously use leverage to own appreciating assets
- Start early and allow your efforts to compound







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### KEY TENETS OF SUCCESSFUL INVESTING

- 1. Don't chase returns
- 2. Time in the market, not timing the market
- 3. It's not about what you make, it's what you keep
- 4. Invest like an institution



# DON'T CHASE RETURNS



### S&P 500 from 1/1/21-12/31/21



### S&P 500 from 1/1/22-12/31/22



### S&P 500 from 1/1/23-11/01/23



Source: FinViz as of 11/01/2023

#### S&P 500 YTD thru 10/01/24



Source: FinViz as of 10/01/2024

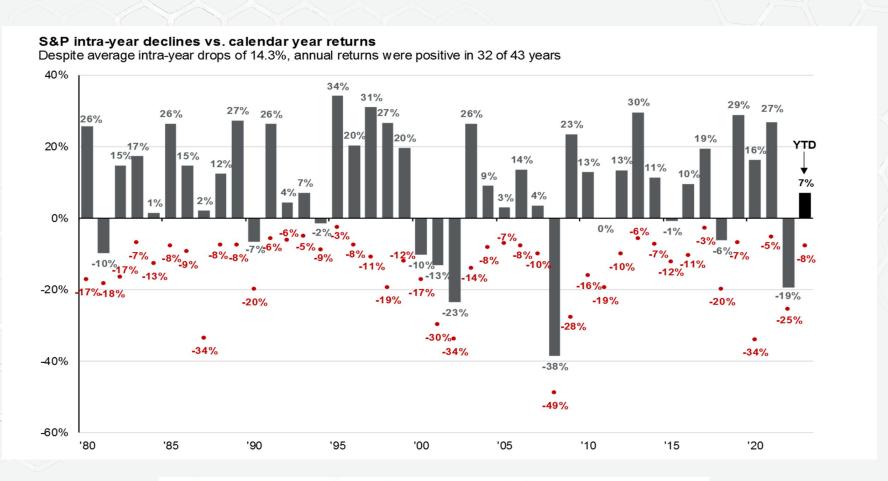


# TIME IN THE MARKET, NOT TIMING THE MARKET





### S&P 500 AVERAGES 14% INTRA-YEAR DROP

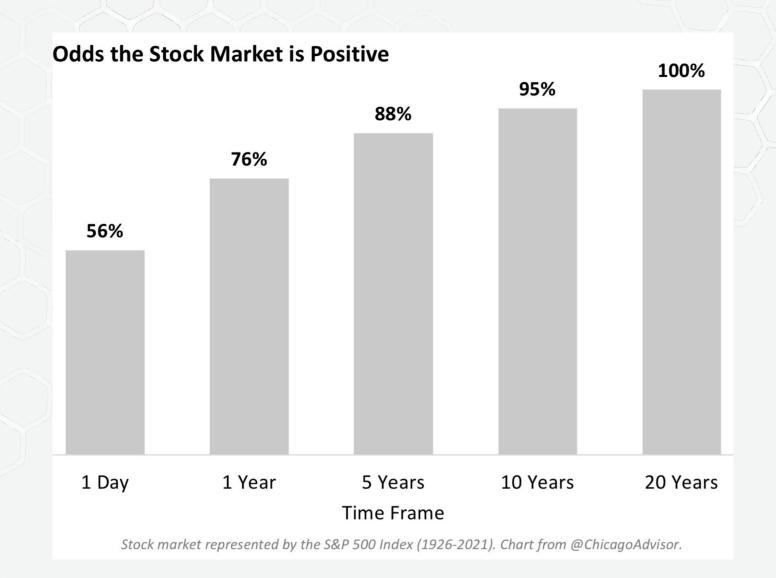


Source: FactSet, Standard & Poor's, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends. Intra-year drops refers to the largest market drops from a peak to a trough during the year. For illustrative purposes only. Returns shown are calendar year returns from 1980 to 2022, over which time period the average annual return was 8.7%.

Guide to the Markets - U.S. Data are as of March 31, 2023.



### TIME IN THE MARKET

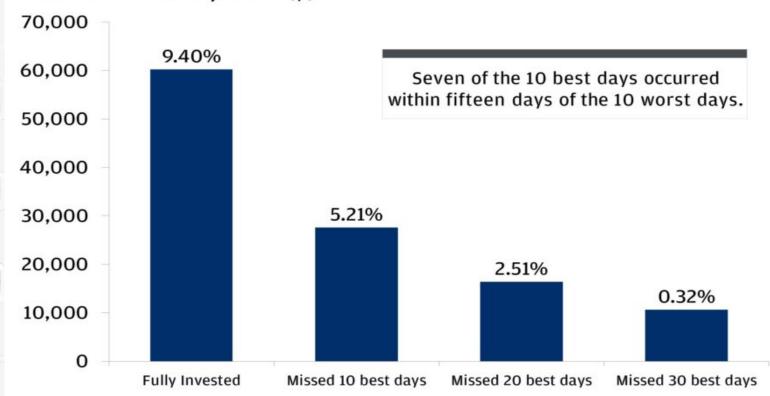




### TIME IN THE MARKET

### IT'S ALWAYS DARKEST BEFORE DAWN

Annualized performance of a \$10,000 investment between January 2002 and January 2022 (\$)



Source: Factset. Returns are based on the S&P 500 Total Return Index. Past performance is not indicative of future returns. An individual cannot invest directly in an index. Data is as of January 31, 2022.



### PRICE FOLLOWS EARNINGS IN THE LONG RUN

### Exhibit 40: S&P 500 Performance vs. Earnings

The S&P 500 follows the path of earnings over time.



Data as of December 31, 2020.

Source: Investment Strategy Group, Robert J. Shiller.



# IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU MAKE, IT'S WHAT YOU KEEP





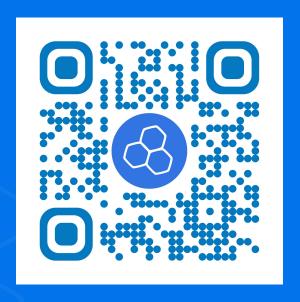


### **TAXES**

- Deferral is key, but not at the expense of buying an inferior asset or investment structure.
- Flexibility and year-end tax planning
- HSA Maximization the "best" account you have
- Individual stocks vs. ETFs vs. mutual funds
- Long-term vs short-term capital gains
- Tax loss harvesting in conjunction with charitable giving

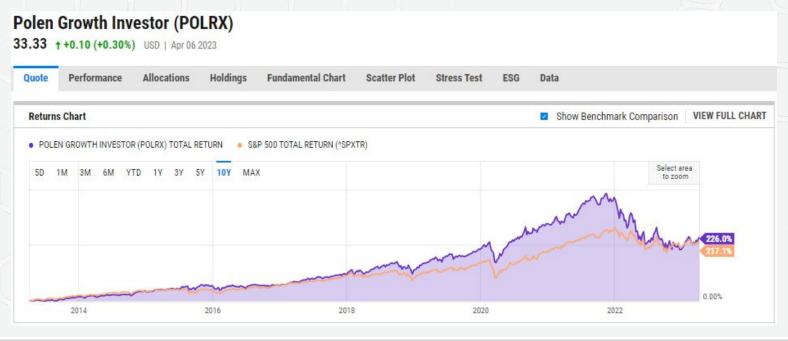


# INVEST LIKE AN INSTITUTION





### **EXAMPLE – POLEN GROWTH**



Key Stats			CUSTOMI
Expense Ratio	1 Year Tax Cost Ratio	Total Assets Under Management	Dividend Yield
1.21%	2.30%	7.045B	0.00%
Turnover Ratio	1 Year Fund Level Flows	Annualized All Time Total Returns (Daily)	Max Drawdown (All)
24.00%	-2.012B	12.95%	43.00%

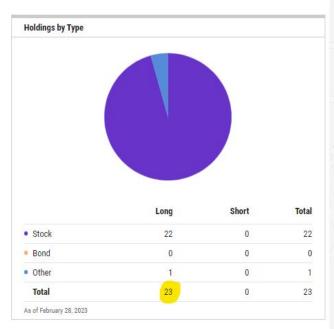
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### **EXAMPLE – POLEN GROWTH – 23 HOLDINGS**

#### **POLRX Holdings**

Top 22 Holdir	ngs	SAVE AS WATCHLIS	T EXP	ORT HOLDING
Symbol	Name	% Weight	Price	% Change
AMZN	Amazon.com Inc	10.43%	101.11	-0.93%
GOOG	Alphabet Inc	7.60%	105.82	-2.83%
NFLX	Netflix Inc	6.87%	336.01	-0.98%
MSFT	Microsoft Corp	6.36%	287.30	-1.47%
ADBE	Adobe Inc	5.86%	374.11	-1.71%
NOW	ServiceNow Inc	5.55%	466.23	-1.46%
CRM	Salesforce Inc	5.36%	191.82	-0.38%
V	Visa Inc	5.01%	224.88	-0.49%
MA	Mastercard Inc	4.98%	358.45	-0.84%
ABNB	Airbnb Inc	4.46%	110.45	0.69%
ADSK	Autodesk Inc	4.35%	194.27	-1.56%
ABT	Abbott Laboratories	4.02%	103.25	-1.60%
UNH	UnitedHealth Group Inc	3.89%	513.72	0.18%
ACN	Accenture PLC	3.86%	278.53	-1.13%
TMO	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	3.45%	567.55	-1.36%
ILMN	Illumina Inc	3.13%	227.38	-1.13%
<u>IT</u>	Gartner Inc	2.90%	311.99	-0.56%
ZTS	Zoetis Inc	2.83%	168.56	-0.22%
PYPL	PayPal Holdings Inc	2.72%	73.87	-1.45%
NKE	Nike Inc	2.40%	121.12	0.75%
DOCU	DocuSign Inc	1.62%	55.92	-0.97%
ALGN	Align Technology Inc	1.31%	324.21	0.33%



23 Holdings Semi-concentrated

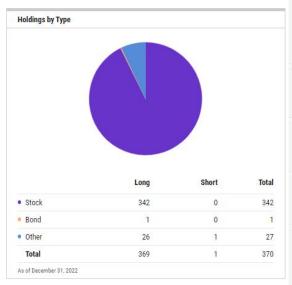
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### **EXAMPLE – POLEN GROWTH – 23 HOLDINGS**

#### **AGTHX Holdings**

Top 25 Holdings		SAVE AS WATCHLIST	EXPORT HOLDING	
Symbol	Name	% Weight Pr	rice % Change	
-	Capital Group Central Cash Fund	8.75%		
MSFT	Microsoft Corp	5.48% 287	7.59 <b>-1.38</b> %	
UNH	UnitedHealth Group Inc	3.40% 513	3.25 <b>0.09</b> %	
AVG0	Broadcom Inc	2.67% 626	5.00 <b>0.54</b> %	
AMZN	Amazon.com Inc	2.37% 101	1.25 <b>-0.79</b> %	
META	Meta Platforms Inc	2.04% 213	3.23 <b>-1.33</b> %	
NFLX	Netflix Inc	1.91% 336	5.47 <b>-0.84</b> %	
GOOG	Alphabet Inc	1.87% 105	5.80 <b>-2.85</b> %	
MA	Mastercard Inc	1.61% 358	3.68 <b>-0.77</b> %	
TSLA	Tesla Inc	1.52% 181	1.93 <b>-1.69</b> %	
GE	General Electric Co	1.35% 94	4.19 <b>0.63</b> %	
TMO	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	1.26% 567	7.91 <b>-1.29</b> %	
GOOGL	Alphabet Inc	1.23% 105	5.31 <b>-2.87</b> %	
LLY	Eli Lilly and Co	1.15% 366	5.30 <b>-0.54</b> %	
CARR	Carrier Global Corp	1.13% 41	1.92 <b>0.29</b> %	
ASME	ASML Holding NV	1.13%		
REGN	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc	0.94% 819	9.15 <b>-1.16</b> %	
ALNY	Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Inc	0.90% 205	5.47 <b>-2.62</b> %	
DHI	D.R. Horton Inc	0.87% 96	5.36 <b>0.75</b> %	
HD	The Home Depot Inc	0.85% 291	1.57 <b>1.03</b> %	
CVE	Cenovus Energy Inc	0.82% 17	7.73 <b>-0.28</b> %	
CAT	Caterpillar Inc	0.81% 214	1.77 <b>2.68</b> %	
ABT	Abbott Laboratories	0.79% 103	3.32 <b>-1.53</b> %	
ODFL	Old Dominion Freight Line Inc	0.78% 332	2.01 <b>1.92</b> %	
EOG	EOG Resources Inc	0.77% 121	1.01 <b>1.37</b> %	



**369 Holdings is Closet Indexing** 

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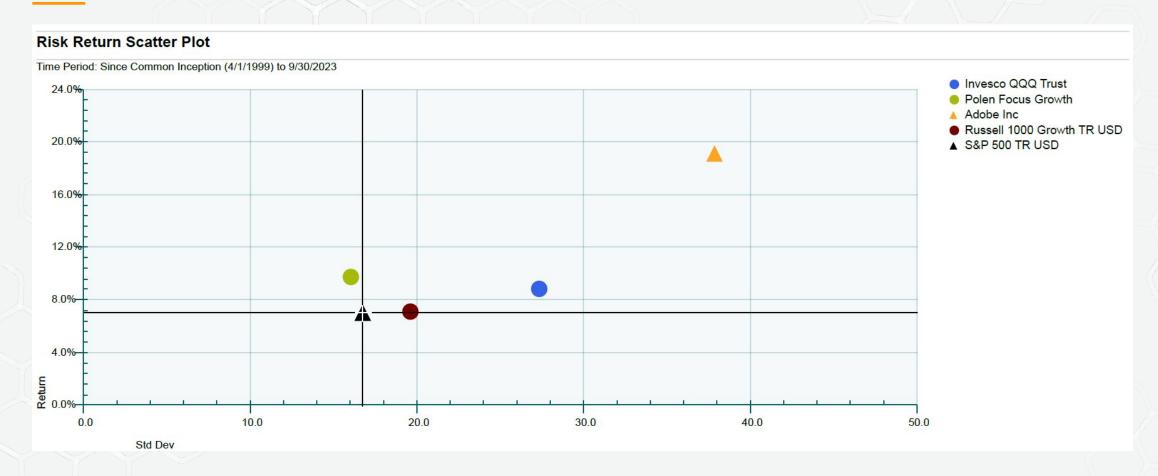
### **SMAs VS FUNDS**

### A few ways SMAs compare

Features*	SMAs	Mutual funds	Exchange-traded funds (ETFs)
Professional portfolio management	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reduce capital gains distributions for eligible accounts**	Yes	No	Yes
Personalized tax management	Yes	No	No
Real-time transparency of holdings	Yes	No	No
Ability to personalize your holdings	Yes	No	No



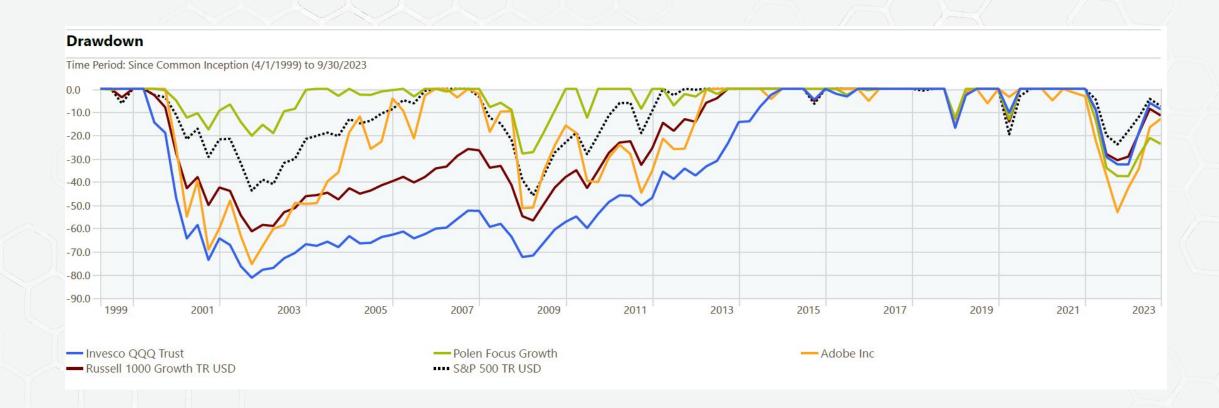
### CONCENTRATION



Concentration is both the great wealth creator and destroyer



### **DIVERSIFICATION**



Diversification is the great wealth protector



### **DIVERSIFICATION**

Drawdown Table					
Time Period: Since Common Inception (4/1/1999) to 9/30/2023					
Investment	Invesco QQQ Trust	Polen Focus Growth	Adobe Inc	Russell 1000 Growth TR USD	
Max Drawdown	-81.15%	<del>-37.51</del> %	<mark>-75.31</mark> %	-61.22%	
Max Drawdown # of Periods	10.00	4.00	8.00	10.00	
Max Drawdown Peak Date	4/1/2000	1/1/2022	10/1/2000	4/1/2000	
Max Drawdown Valley Date	9/30/2002	12/31/2022	9/30/2002	9/30/2002	
Up Period Percent	68.37%	69.39%	68.37%	70.41%	
R2	70.82%	78.20%	40.94%	90.14%	
Down Period Percent	31.63%	30.61%	31.63%	29.59%	
Up Capture Ratio	139.63%	97.09%	181.24%	110.26%	
Down Capture Ratio	143.88%	71.87%	122.98%	114.87%	

With a 37.51% drawdown, one would need a 60% increase to get back to even.

With a 75.31% drawdown, one would need a 305% increase to get back to even.



### UNDERSTANDING LEVERAGE AS A TOOL





### LEVERAGE AS A TOOL

- Principles of buying a home with a mortgage
- "Good" debt vs "Bad" debt
- Cash in the bank vs access to cash
- Owning 2 assets instead of one
- Margin, securities backed line of credit, and HELOC
- Cash Flow is King







## TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR ADOBE BENEF

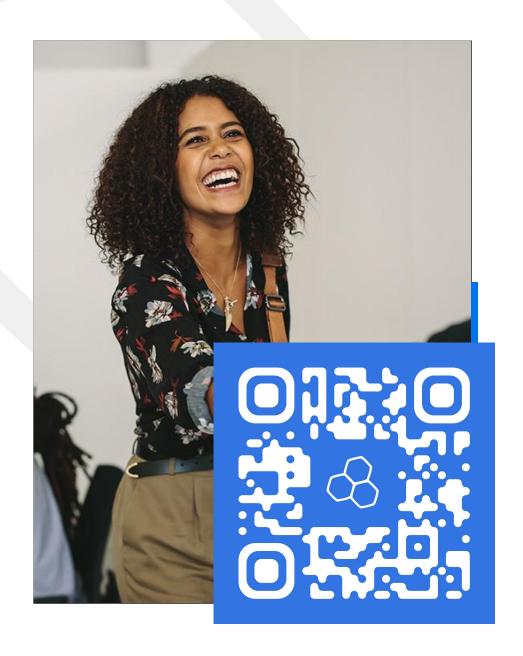






### **TAXES**

- 401(k) and Employer match
- HSA and Employer match
- ESPP Employee Stock Purchase Plan
- RSU's Restricted Stock
- Stock Options Generally Director level or VP





### **Questions?**

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