

#### Diversification

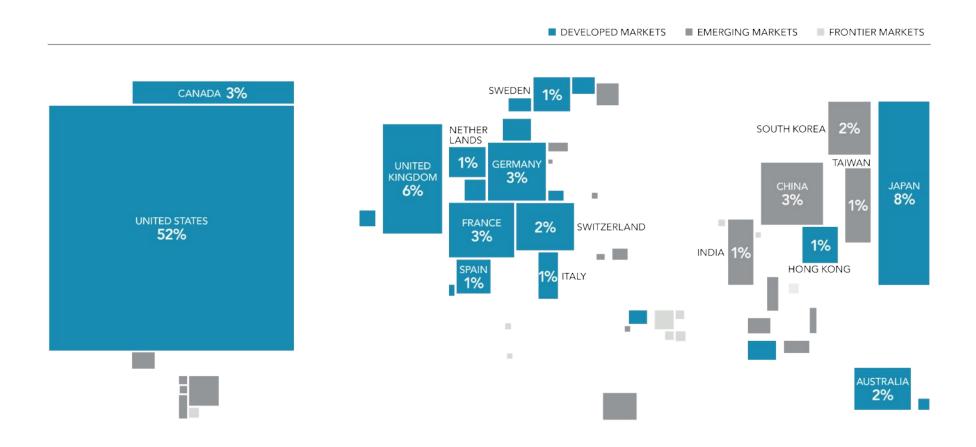
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Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss.



#### There's a World of Opportunity in Equities

Percent of world market capitalization as of December 31, 2017



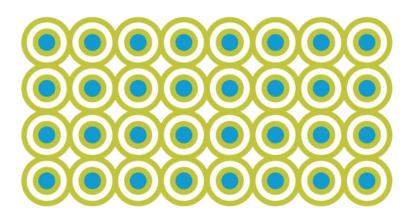


## Diversification Reduces Risks That Have No Expected Return

Concentrating in one stock exposes you to unnecessary risks.

Diversification reduces the impact of any one company's performance on your wealth.





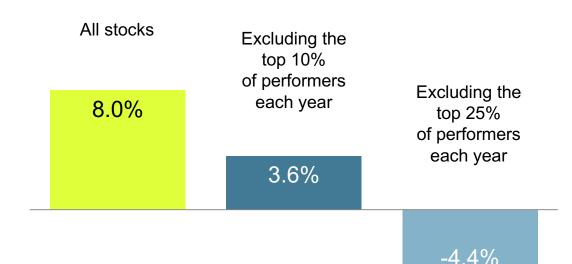


## Diversification May Prevent You from Missing Opportunity

Compound average annual returns: 1994-2017

Attempting to identify that group of future winners is a guessing game.

Diversification improves the odds of holding the best performers.

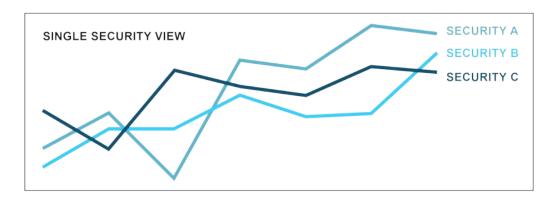


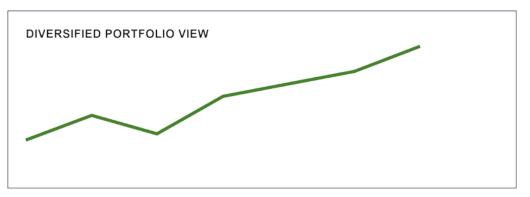
The "All stocks" portfolio consists of all eligible stocks in all eligible Developed and Emerging Markets. The portfolio for January to December of year t includes stocks whose free float market capitalization as of December t-1 is greater than \$10mln in developed markets and \$50mln in emerging markets and with non-missing price returns for December of year t-1. Annual portfolio returns are value-weighted averages of the annual returns on the included securities. The portfolios "Excluding the top 10%" and "Excluding the top 25%" are constructed similarly. Individual security data are obtained from Bloomberg, London Share Price Database, and Centre for Research in Finance. The eligible countries are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, and the United States. Diversification does not eliminate the risk of market loss. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.



## Diversification Smooths Out Some of the Bumps

A well-diversified portfolio can provide the opportunity for a more stable outcome than a single security.





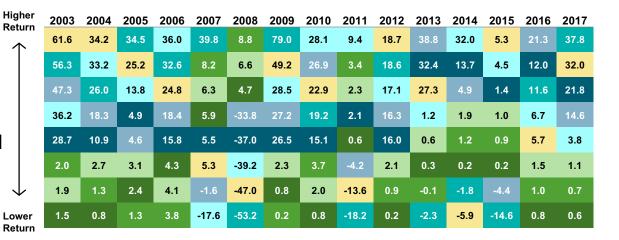


# Diversification Helps Take the Guesswork out of Investing

Annual returns (%): 2003-2017

You never know which markets will outperform from year to year.

By holding a globally diversified portfolio, investors are positioned to capture returns wherever they occur.





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