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Our Speakers

Host

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Special guest panelists

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Lower for Longer

Fiscal and Monetary Policy
Monthly Data. Source: FMRCo, Bloomberg, Haver Analytics

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Missing Out on Best Days Can Be Costly

Hypothetical growth of $10,000 invested in S&P 500® Index
January 1, 1980 – August 31, 2020

$952,512

$590,571

$425,369

$154,184

$68,033

Sold

-38%

-93%

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A Bump in the Road?

GFC 2009 Analog
Weekly data. Source: Bloomberg, Factset, FMRCo

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Choose an Investment Mix That Meets Your Needs

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Despite Market Pullbacks, Stocks Have Risen over the Long Term

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Inflation Ahead?

Money Supply & Inflation

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