

# Investing For Successful Retirement

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## How To Invest In The Current Environment

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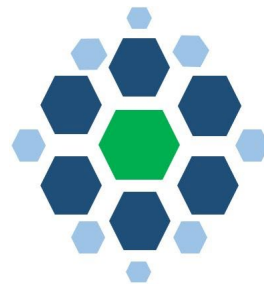
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# Agenda

Investment Fundamentals

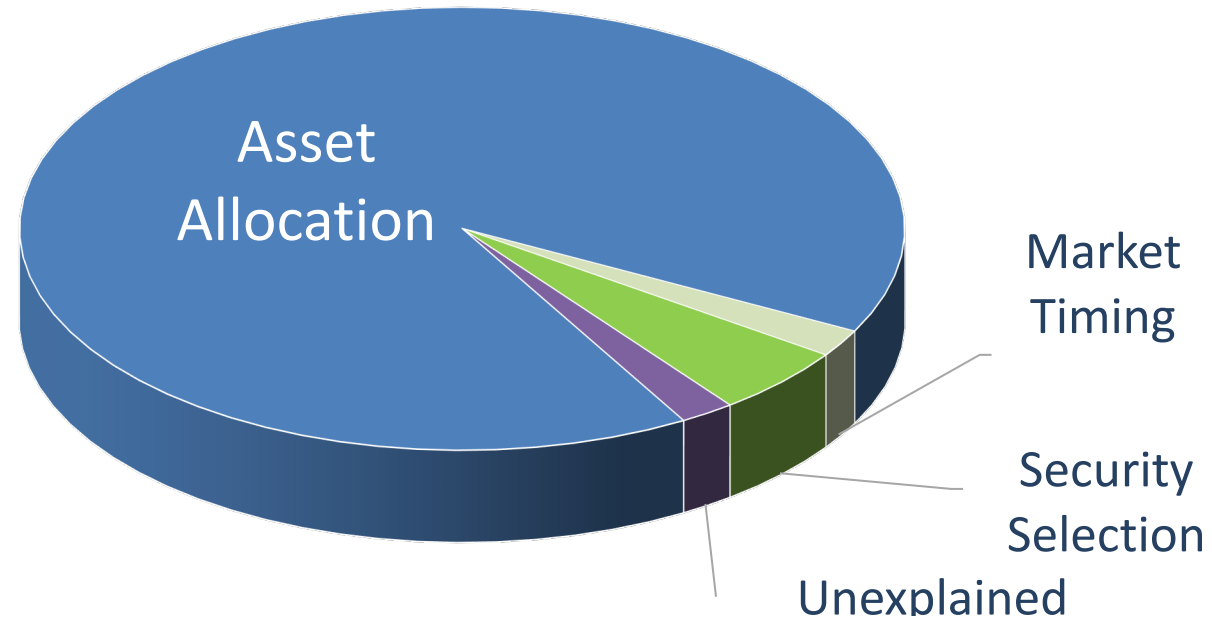
Positioning For The Current Market

# The Fundamentals

- ❑ Focus on Asset Allocation
  - It explains >90% of the variation of returns
- ❑ Be Tax Efficient
  - Good returns become average returns if taxes are ignored
- ❑ Stay Invested
  - Time in the market matters more than trying to time the market
- ❑ Manage your emotions
  - The behavior gap is real

# Why Is Your Allocation So Important?

It Explains Most Of The Variation In Portfolio Returns



# What Is The **Best Allocation** For Your Portfolio?



		BlackRock	State Street	Vanguard
Stocks	US Large	30%	25%	29%
	US Mid & Small	7%	7%	6%
	Developed International	20%	12%	19%
	Emerging Markets	5%	5%	5%
	Real Estate	3%	9%	
	Commodities		5%	
Bonds	US Treasuries	9%	11%	12%
	US Investment Grade	14%	19%	17%
	US High Yield	2%	7%	
	International	10%		12%
		100%	100%	100%

# Be Tax Efficient

- ❑ Tax Loss Harvest:
  1. First, realize losses to offset any realized capital gains
  2. Second, create an additional \$3000 tax loss deduction
  
- ❑ Bond Loss Swaps
  - Rising rates over the past year caused bond prices to decline
  
- ❑ Perform Roth Conversions before RMD age.
  
- ❑ Coordinate your Asset Location with your Asset Allocation

# Asset Allocation



Brokerage Account  
\*taxed each year



Traditional IRA  
\*taxed when you  
take money out



ROTH IRA  
\*taxed when you  
put money in





# Asset Allocation Coordinated With Asset Location



Brokerage  
Account

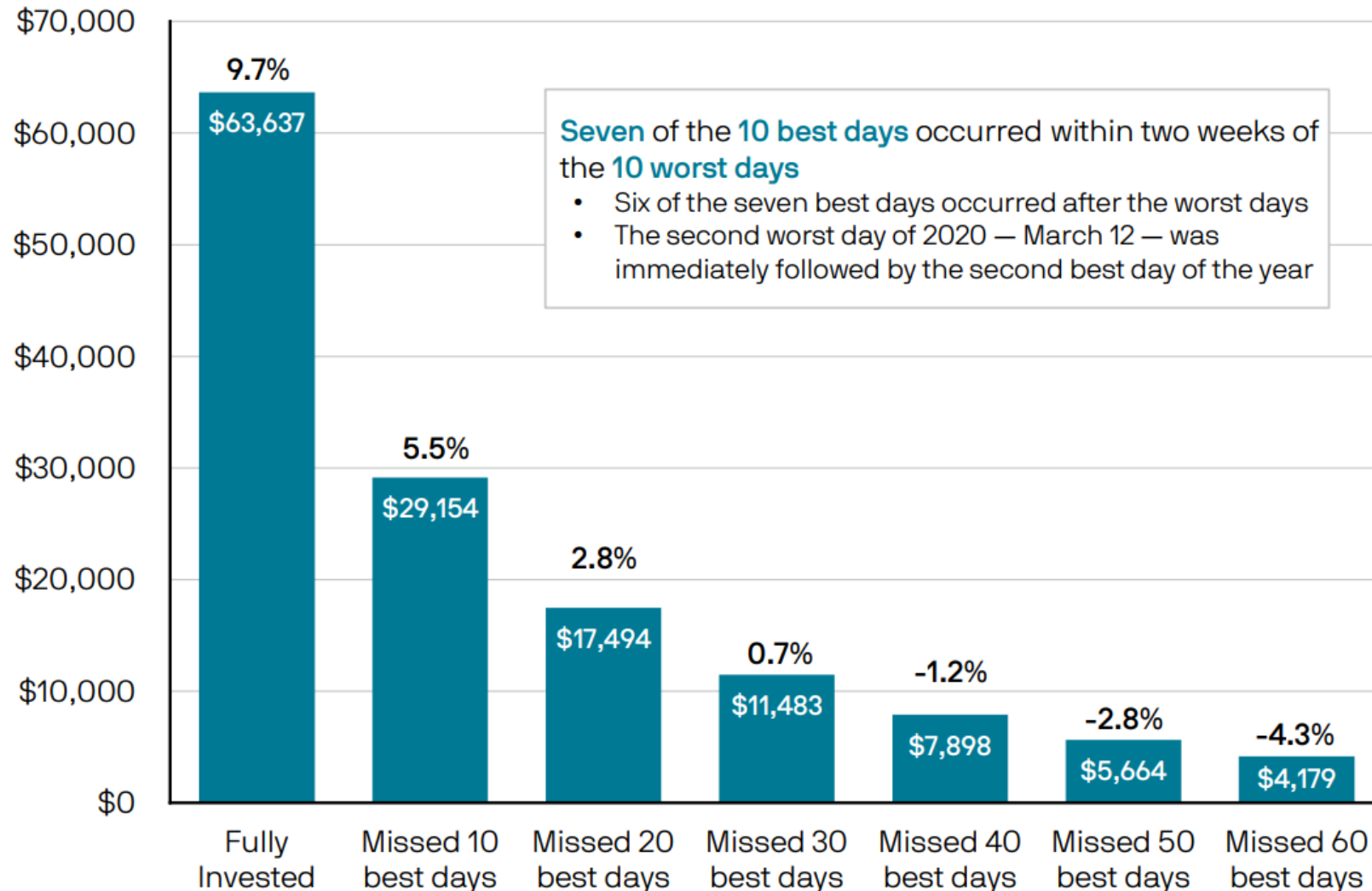
Traditional  
IRA

ROTH  
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# Stay Invested

Performance of a \$10,000 investment in the S&P500 between 2004 and 2023



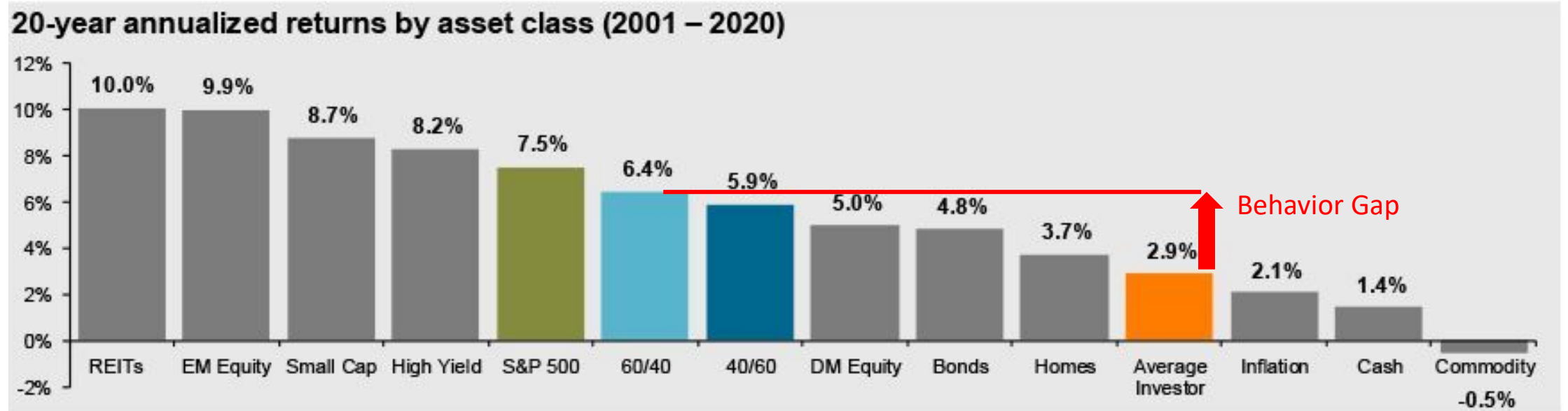
# Over 100 Behavioral Biases When Investing

## 100 Ways That Your Behavior Can Become Your Biggest Obstacle!

- Anchoring Bias
- Choice-Supportive Bias
- Availability Bias
- Clustering Bias
- Ostrich Effect
- Information Bias
- Placebo Effect
- Pro-Innovation Bias
- Confirmation Bias
- Outcome Bias
- Recency Bias
- Survivorship Bias
- Blind Spot Bias
- Conservatism Bias
- Overconfidence Bias
- Salience Bias
- Zero Risk Bias
- Disposition Effect
- Framing Effects
- Loss Aversion
- Selective Attention
- Herding Bias
- Gambler's Fallacy
- Illusion of Control

# Manage Your Emotions

The behavior gap is real



# Market Timing

## The Odds Are Not In Your Favor



Assume you are 50% confident that you get each trade right?

$$\text{Joint probability of success} = 50\% \times 50\% = 25\%$$

You need a Confidence Level > 75% per trade just to exceed a breakeven probability

$$\text{Joint probability of success} = 75\% \times 75\% = 56\%$$

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# Tactical Adjustments

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  - Commercial Real Estate
  - Structured Equity
  - Bias Towards High Free Cash Flows
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# Extend Fixed Income Duration

## Fed Funds Rate



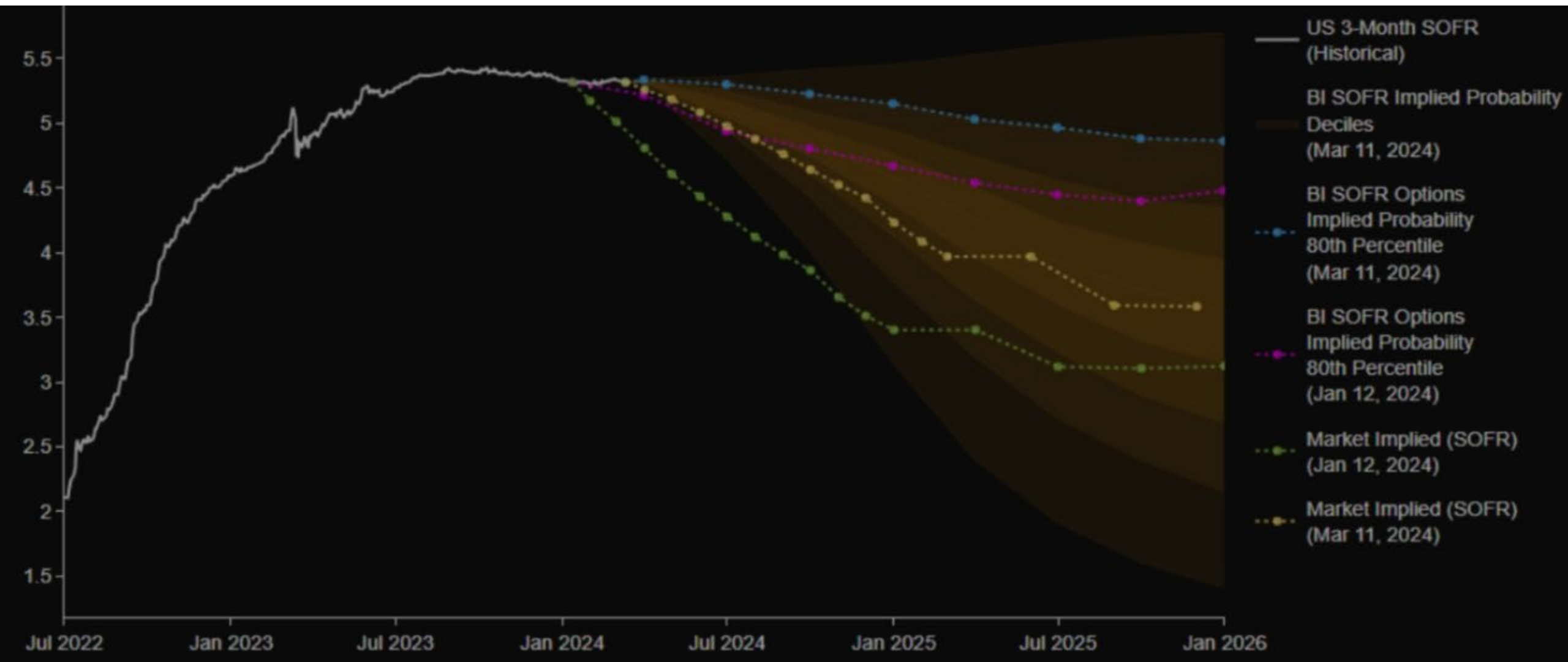


# Extend Fixed Income Duration

Aggregate Bond ETF - AGG

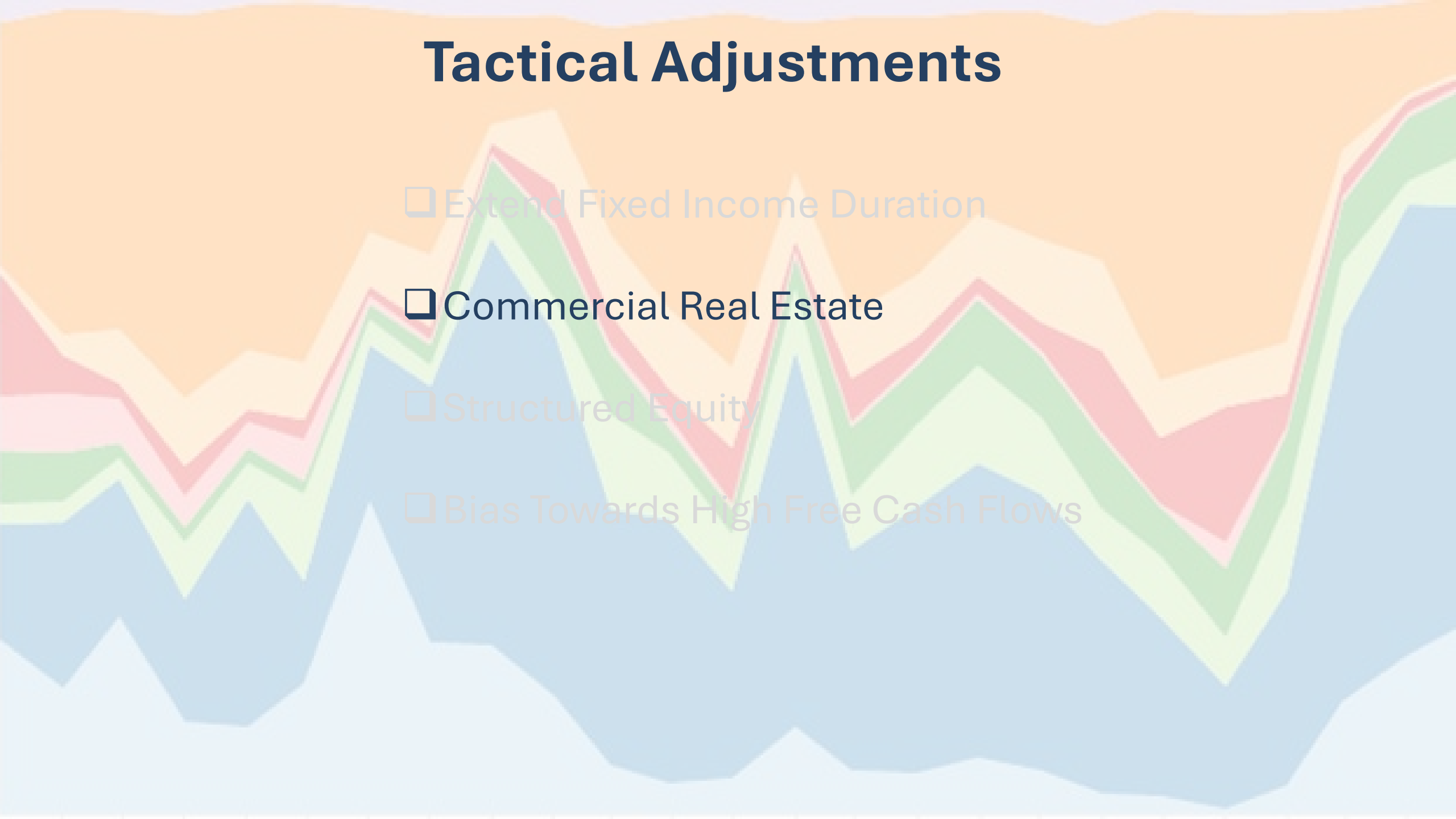


# SOFR Options Implied Forward Rates



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# Commercial Real Estate

+\$1.5  
TRILLION

of RE Loan Maturities  
in Next 3 Years

32%

of all CRE Loans Held by  
Regional & Community Banks

11

Interest Rate Hikes  
Since Jan. 2022

51%

of Lenders Tightening  
Standards

\$921B

in Deposits Left US Banks  
Since Apr. 2022

▲ Increasing  
Regulation

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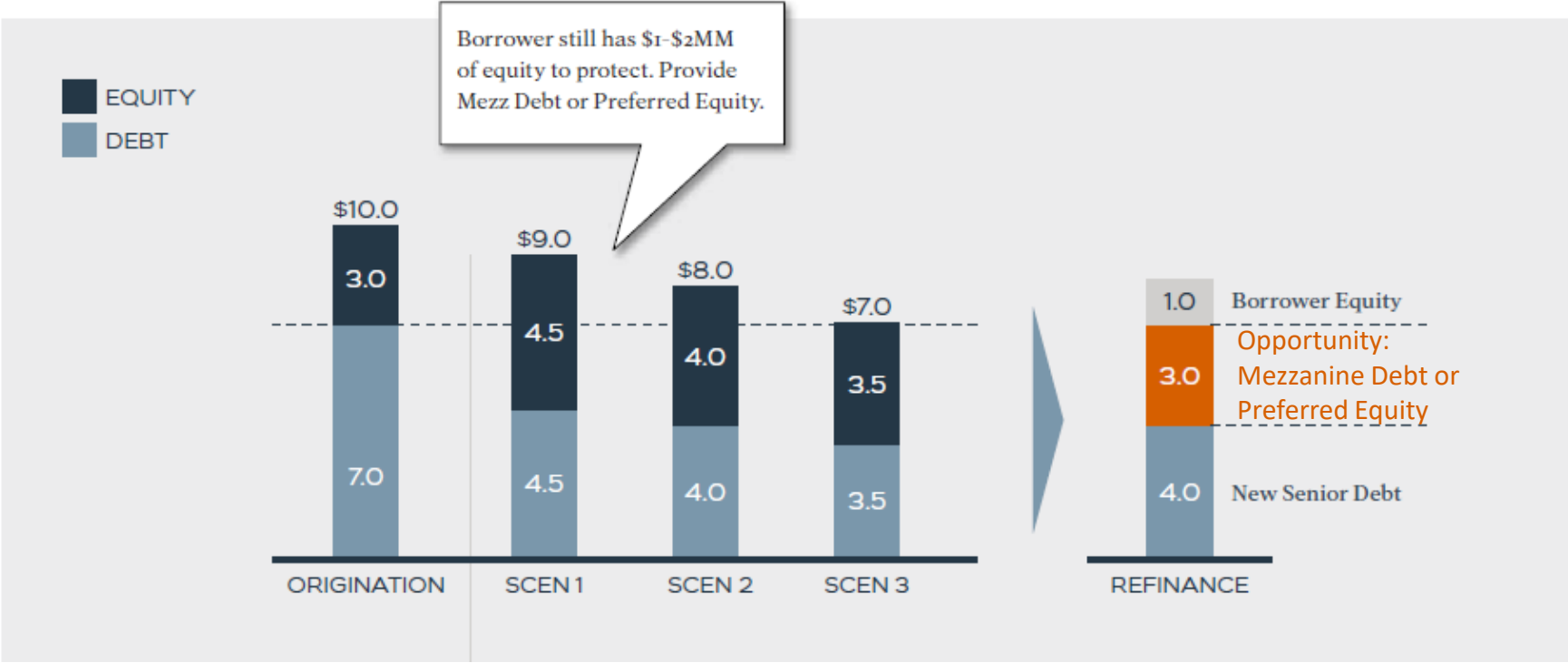
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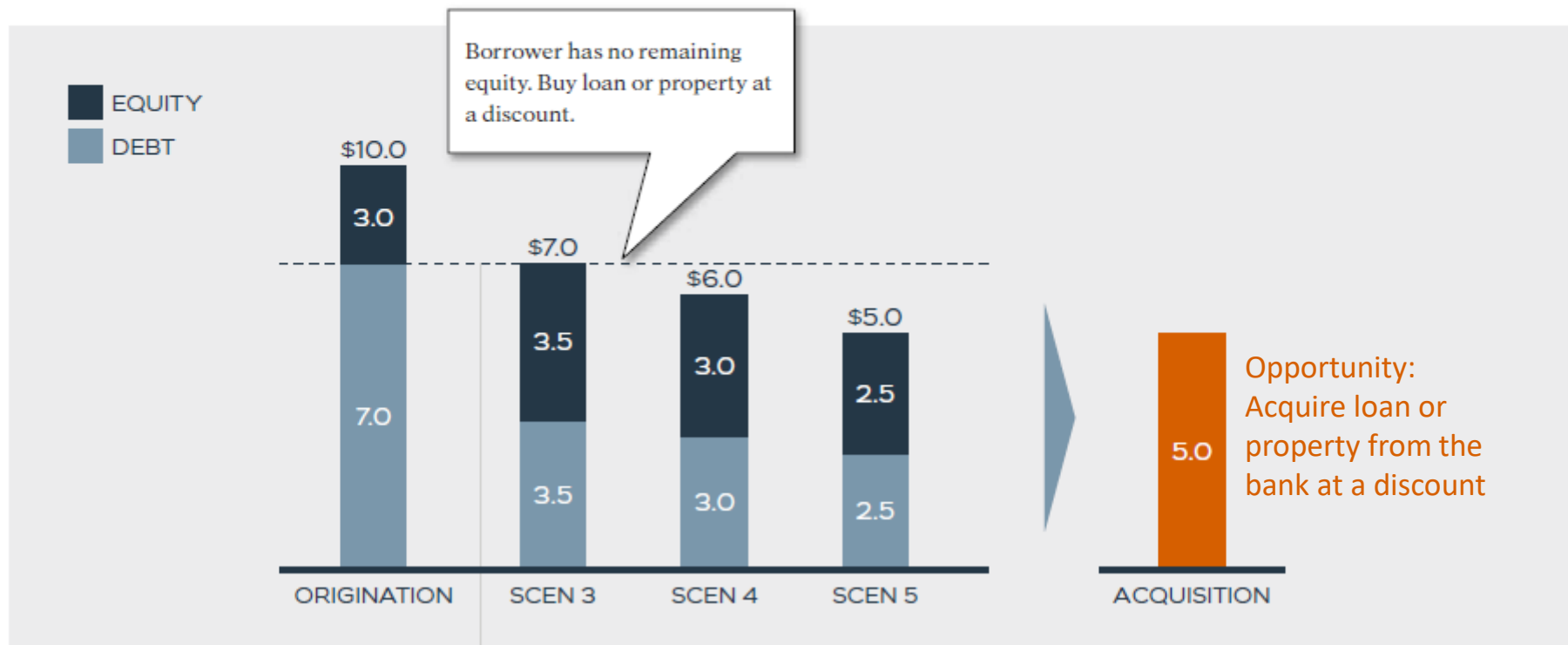
# Market Dislocation – Example Scenarios

Borrowers with maturing loans will need to refinance amidst much tighter lending standards. They will require new cash infusions to protect their remaining equity.



# Market Dislocation – Distressed Scenarios

And some situations will result in all existing equity being wiped-out, leaving assets with maturing loan balances above their value. These will offer great buying opportunities.



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# Structured Equity

## A Recent Example

Issuing Bank:

HSBC Bank

CD Protection:

FDIC Insurance

Maturity Date:

15 months

Interest Rate:

Based on the performance of the S&P 500 Index.....

1) Earn the *Absolute Return* of the S&P 500 if it trades between **-19.5%** and **+19.5%** over the next 15 months

OR

2) Earn 2% at maturity if at any point the S&P 500 breaches the **-19.5%** and **+19.5%** thresholds



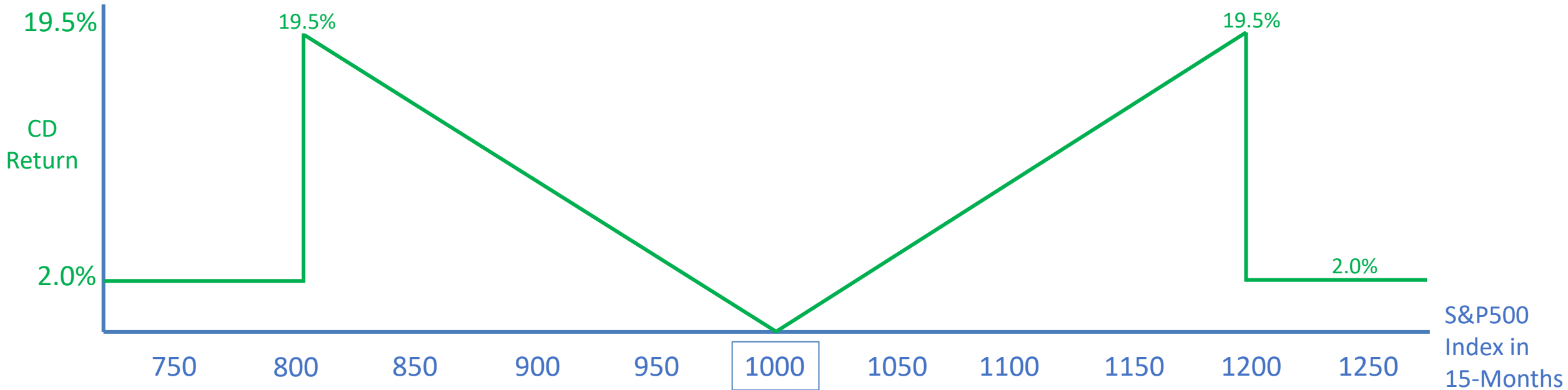


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Assuming the Initial Level of the Index is 1000

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Buy a Down & Out Put Option

The Right to Sell the S&P at 1000 if the S&P is > 805

Or

Returns 2% if the S&P is < 805

Buy an Up & Out Call Option

The Right to Buy the S&P at 1000 if the S&P is < 1195

Or

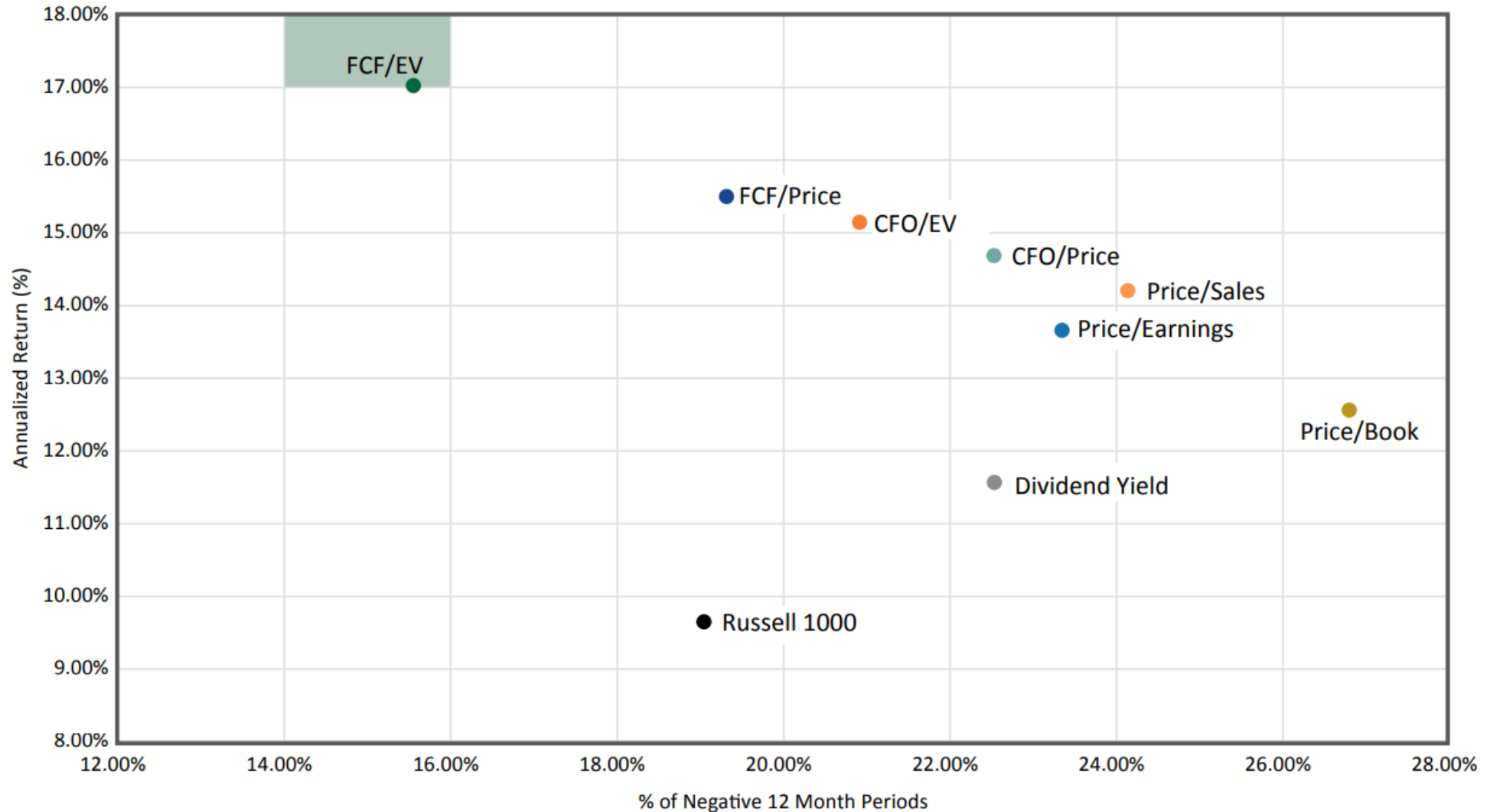
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# Bias Towards High Free Cash Flows

Valuation Metrics (12 Month Rolling) 12/31/1991 - 12/31/2023



**Chart Key:**

**FCF/EV:** Free Cash Flow/Enterprise Value

**CFO/EV:** Cash Flow From Operations/Enterprise Value

**FCF/Price:** Free Cash Flow/Price

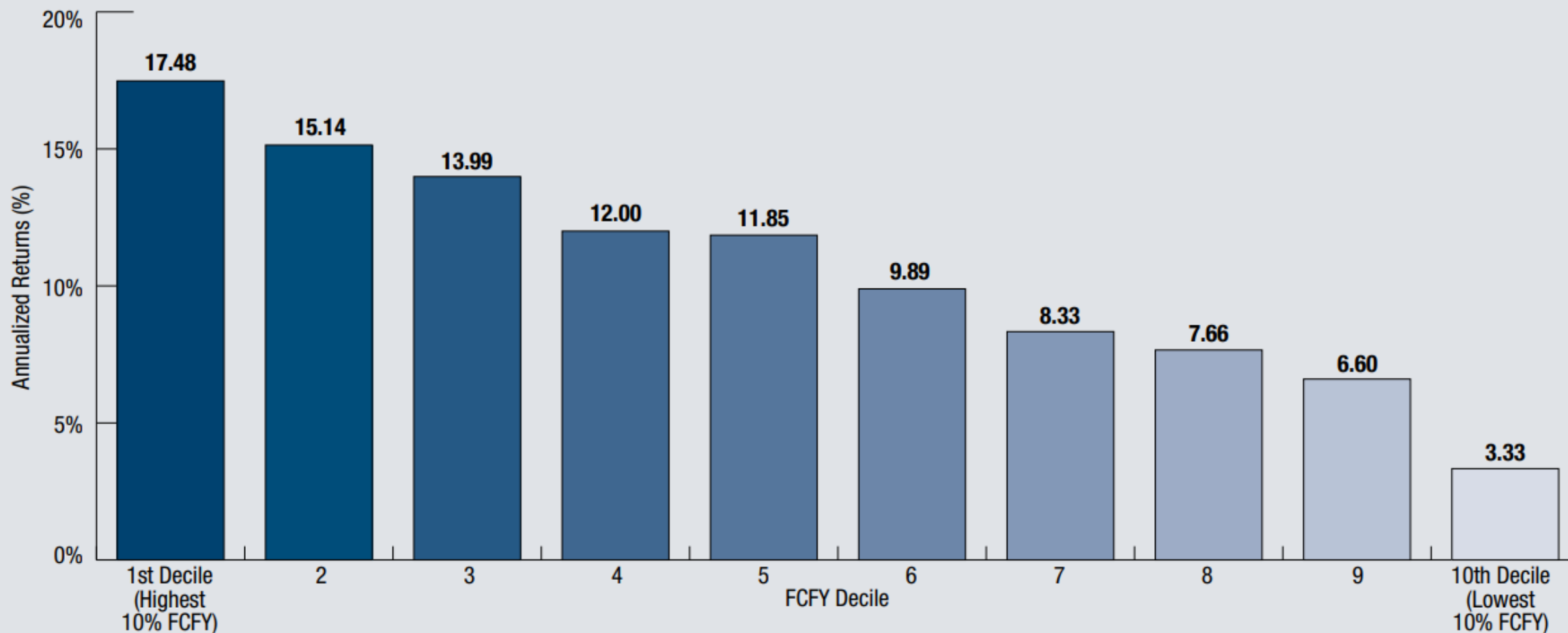
**CFO/Price:** Cash Flow From Operations/Price

**Price/Book:** Price/Book Value

# Free Cash Flow Yield by Decile

In the chart below, companies with the highest FCFY (1st Decile) outperform companies with the lowest FCFY (10th Decile) over time.

**Russell 1000 by Free Cash Flow Yield 12/31/1991 - 12/31/2023**



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