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What?

- Irrational Behavior is neither random or senseless, but systematic and predictable;²
- The average equity mutual fund investor underperformed the S&P 500 by 8.2% in 2014 (see chart);
- The average annualize return for the average mutual fund investor for six time periods over the last 30 years was 5.6% less than the benchmark S&P 500 (see chart); and,
- In 2014, the 20-year and 30-year annualized return gap between active and passive investors was 6.2% and 11.1%, respectively (see chart).

Why?

Many investors: 3

- Expect to find high returns with low risk;
- Are overconfident;
- Have aversion to losses;
- Do not diversify risk properly;
- Copy behavior of other investors even when outcomes are unfavorable;
- Tend to over-react to investment news; and,
- Believe that they will most likely be the benefactor of their investment decisions.

How?

- Exchange traded funds allow for active management of passive investments, and with thoughtful construction and disciplined execution of predetermined decision rules, irrational trading tendencies and behavioral distortions can be avoided;
- Exchange traded funds are ideal for sector investing allowing for simplicity, diversification, and structured growth potential;
- Tax advantaged accounts consisting of exchange traded funds are particularly appropriate for trailing stop orders (for example) to protect gains in volatile markets; and,
- The Performance Summary on the following page provides recent and historical statistical validation of the above observations.

¹ A rhetorical figure of speech in which markedly contradictory terms emphasize the statement; oxymoronic.

² Ariely, Dan, Predictably Irrational – The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions, Harper Collins, 2009, ii.

³ Dalbar 21st Annual Quantitative Analysis of Investment Behavior, 2015 Advisor Edition, p.6.

Exchange Traded Fund Investment Model

The investment strategies below are comprised entirely of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) which: 1) are a way to combine the potentially high returns of individual stock trading with the benefits of diversification of mutual funds; 2) are a basket of stocks that trade on an exchange with the simplicity and liquidity of an individual stock; 3) add flexibility and safety through diversification, access to varied markets; 4) are low cost and tax efficient; 5) trade under the jurisdiction of the Security and Exchange Commission offering protection and liquidity for orderly and continuous trading; and, 6) allow the ability to effectively monitor performance and effectuate sound risk management strategies; for example, stop and limit orders.

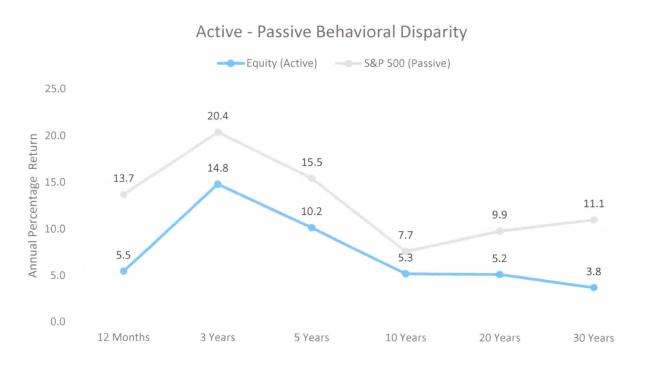
Performance Summary

| | 2013* | 2014* | Year-to-Date* 9/30/2015 | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-----|---------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| S&P 500 Barclay US TR | 29.60% -2.02% | 12.55% 5.97% | -6.74% 1.13%% | AUM | Alpha** | Beta** | R ² ** | SD** |
| Cautious | 32.73% | 9.01% | -13.77% | 1% | 94 | 1.52 | .68 | 6.51 |
| Moderate | 35.85% | 12.92% | -6.55% | 30% | 3.31 | 1.39 | .94 | 4.98 |
| Assertive 1 | 38.40% | 16.90% | -6.08% | 32% | 5.39 | 1.50 | .87 | 5.49 |
| Assertive 2 | 44.93% | 24.83% | -5.37% | 26% | 6.65 | 1.78 | .83 | 6.74 |
| Aggressive | 68.62% | 2.07% | -15.19% | 11% | 9.41 | 3.07 | .93 | 11.17 |

Alpha Difference between portfolio actual return and expected return.

Beta Expected change in portfolio returns per 1% change in the market index return.

^{**} Year-to-date Risk Return Statistics, Analytics Investment Advisors, LLC, 9/30/2015.



Dalbar 21st Annual Quantitative Analysis of Investor Behavior, p.4.

R² Regression coefficient; percentage of variation in the regression equation explained by the independent variable.

SD Standard deviation; dependent variable.

^{*} Net Size Weighted Returns, PortfolioCenter, Schwab Portfolio Technologies (Net of Standard Fees).