

Advanced Folio Capital Management CEO Eric Weschke on How To Create a Solid Financial Strategy When Times Get Tough

EAST SETAUKET, NY, UNITED STATES, February 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As markets continue their historic bull run, financial experts are raising concerns about the potential for an upcoming correction. Investors who feel confident in their portfolios today may not be prepared for the challenges of a secular bear market.

According to historical market cycles, financial downturns are not a matter of if, but when. While optimism often drives growth during bull markets, excessive risk-taking and overleveraging can create vulnerabilities that become apparent only during downturns.

Financial professionals caution that the conditions shaping today's economy—including slowing global growth, declining oil prices, and potential overvaluations in U.S. markets—could signal turbulence ahead.

Historical Market Cycles Offer a Warning

Data from past market trends suggests that extended bull markets are eventually followed by prolonged bear phases. The most notable historical cycles include:

Bull markets: 1921–1929, 1949–1968, 1982–2000

Bear markets: 1901–1921, 1929–1949, 1968–1982

The March 2009 market rebound is considered by some analysts to be an unusually short bear cycle, leading to speculation about whether a longer correction may still be ahead.

“The assumption that markets will continue rising indefinitely is a dangerous one,” said Eric Weschke, founder of Advanced Folio. “Investors who fail to account for long-term cycles risk significant losses when the next downturn occurs.”

Investment Strategies in Uncertain Times

Experts recommend two primary approaches for navigating market fluctuations:

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Absolute Return Strategies: These flexible investment models prioritize risk management and long-term wealth preservation. They aim to minimize exposure during downturns and capitalize on opportunities in recovering markets.

Relative Return Strategies: Commonly known as “buy and hold,” this method follows market benchmarks but can leave investors vulnerable to severe losses during bear markets.

While both strategies have their merits, financial analysts argue that a one-size-fits-all approach is no longer sufficient given today’s economic uncertainties.

Looking Beyond Benchmarks: The Importance of ‘Beating Zero’

Instead of focusing solely on outperforming benchmarks, financial professionals emphasize cumulative returns—measuring actual wealth growth over time.

“With economic warning signs flashing, investors should be proactive in reassessing their portfolios,” added Mr. Weschke. “The question they need to ask isn’t just, ‘Am I beating the market?’ but rather, ‘Am I protecting and growing my wealth in a sustainable way?’”

Financial Preparedness: What Investors Can Do Now

In light of ongoing market uncertainties, experts urge investors to reassess their risk exposure and ensure their financial plans are built for resilience.

Advanced Folio is offering a complimentary portfolio risk assessment to help individuals evaluate their financial preparedness. Investors seeking guidance can contact eric@advancedfolio.com or call 631-675-1885 for more information.

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