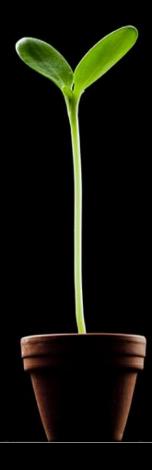
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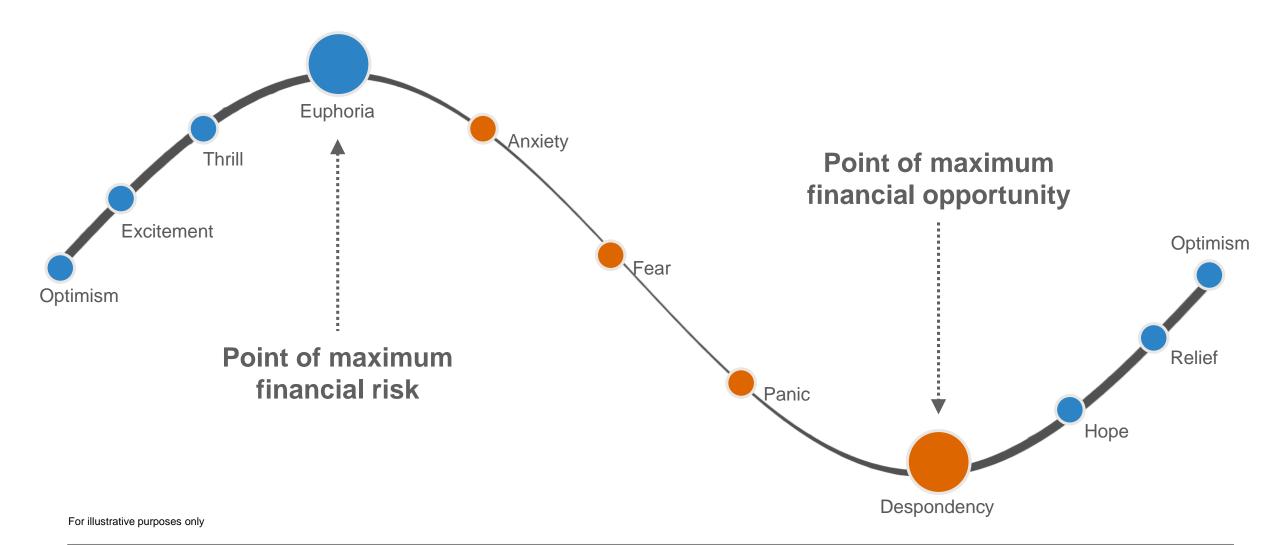
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## Being a good investor is hard



# Agenda

- 1. Humans are human
- 2. Common behaviors to watch for
- 3. The value of working with an advisor



# **Humans are human**



# Pop quiz

- > A bat and a ball together cost \$1.10 total.
- > The bat costs a dollar more than the ball.

# How much does the ball cost?

100

**5c** 



Source: Shane Frederick, "Cognitive Reflection and Decision Making," Journal of Economic Perspectives 19 (2005): 24-42.



# Pop quiz

If it takes five minutes for five machines to make five widgets...

How long would it take 100 machines to make 100 widgets?

100

5







# Pop quiz

> Now, calculate this, without a calculator.

378 x 24

9,072

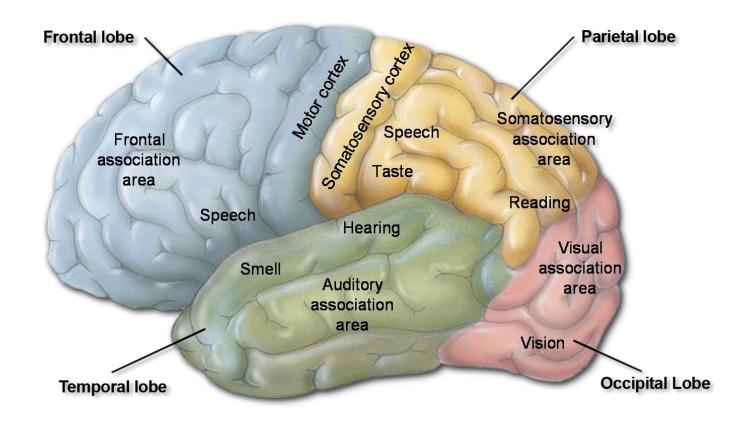




### Houston, we have a problem

# But sometimes our brain fails us...

- > Gives us wrong answer
- > Abandons us altogether





# **BLINK**Intuitive / Automatic

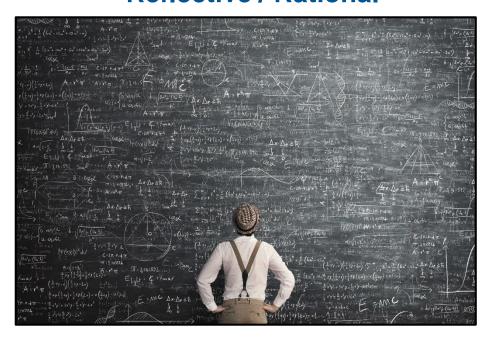


- > Effortless > Associative > Fast
  - > Unconscious

#### **HUMANS**

Image source: http://www.gettyimages.com/ Source: Daniel Kahneman, *Thinking Fast and Slow*.

# THINK Reflective / Rational



> Effortful > Rule-following > Deductive > Slow

**ECONS** 



# **Common behaviors to watch for**





#### 3 Common human behavioral mistakes to watch for

Helping avoid the pitfalls of humanity







#### **Behavioral mistake #1**

Compared to other drivers, are you an

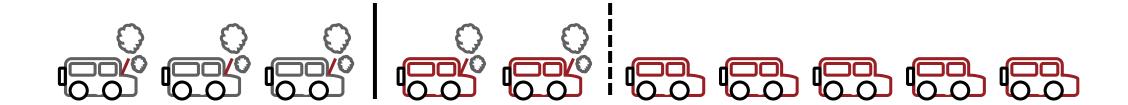
- ☐ above average,
- □ average
- **□** below average

driver?





#### **Behavioral mistake #1: Overconfidence**



73% of drivers rate themselves as above average

#### Why does this happen?

Overestimate our skills

Underestimate the risks

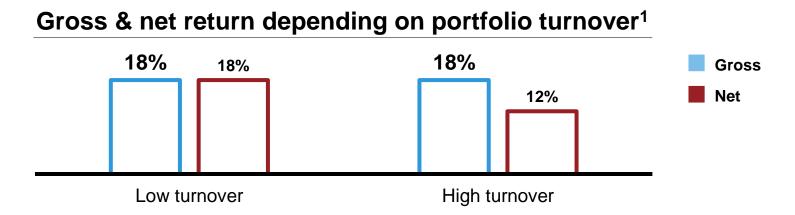
Exaggerate our ability to control

Source for driver statistics: AAA Vehicle Technology Survey—Phase III, December 2017. file:///C:/Users/SoGilbert/Downloads/AV-Consumer-Survey-III-Fact-Sheet-FINAL-1.pdf Accessed on March 23, 2018. Source for typical behavior: John R. Nofsinger, *The Psychology of Investing*, Pearson, 5<sup>th</sup> edition 2014.



#### **Behavioral mistake #1: Overconfidence**

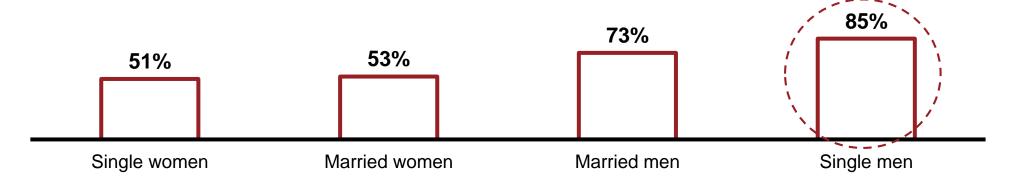
High portfolio turnover



#### **Wealth implications:**

- > Higher transaction costs
- > Lower net returns

#### Annual portfolio turnover<sup>2</sup>

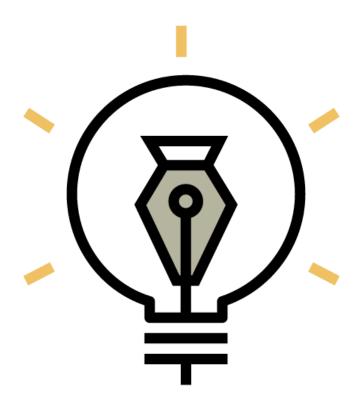


- 1. Source: Terrance Odean, Brad Barber, "Trading Is Hazardous to Your Wealth: The Common Stock Investment Performance of Individual Investors," Journal of Finance LV (2000): 773-806.
- 2. Source: Brad Barber, Terrance Odean, "Boys Will Be Boys: Gender, Overconfidence, and Common Stock Investments," Quarterly Journal of Economics 116(2001):261-292.



#### **Behavioral mistake #1: Overconfidence**

Avoid trading too often



Check your impulses and rationale. Seek perspective from someone you trust.



#### **Behavioral mistake #2**

Do these look familiar?





#### Why does this happen?

We are social

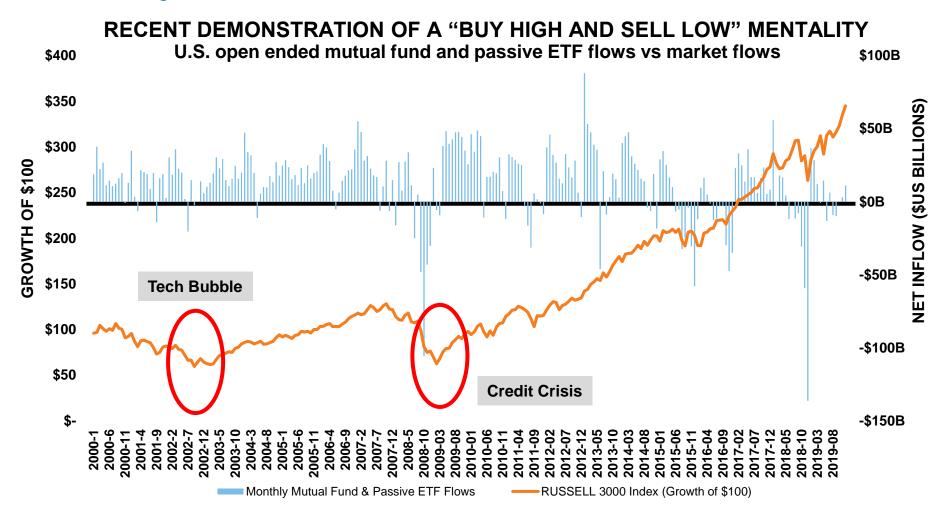
Perceive safety in numbers

FOMO



#### **Behavioral mistake: Herding**

#### Humans chasing returns



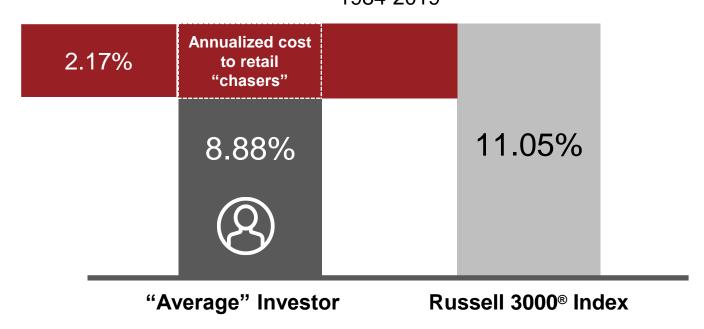
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#### **Chasing performance**

Wealth implications

# THE HIGH COST OF INVESTOR BEHAVIOR 1984-2019



Source: "Average" Investor – Russell Investment Group, Thomson Reuters DataStream. Return was calculated by deriving the internal rate of return (IRR) based on ICI monthly fund flow data which was compared to the rate of return if invested in the Russell 3000® Index and held without alteration from January 1, 1984 to December 31, 2019. This seeks to illustrate how regularly increasing or decreasing equity exposure based on the current market trends can sacrifice even market like returns. Indexes and/or benchmarks are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. Returns represent past performance, are not a guarantee of future performance, and are not indicative of any specific investment.



## **Behavioral mistake #2: Herding**

Avoid buy high and sell low



Bring focus back to your goals and disciplined process.



#### **Behavioral mistake #3**

Has this ever happened to you?



#### Why does this happen?

We are creatures of habit, prefer familiarity

We like the concept of choices, but are easily overwhelmed

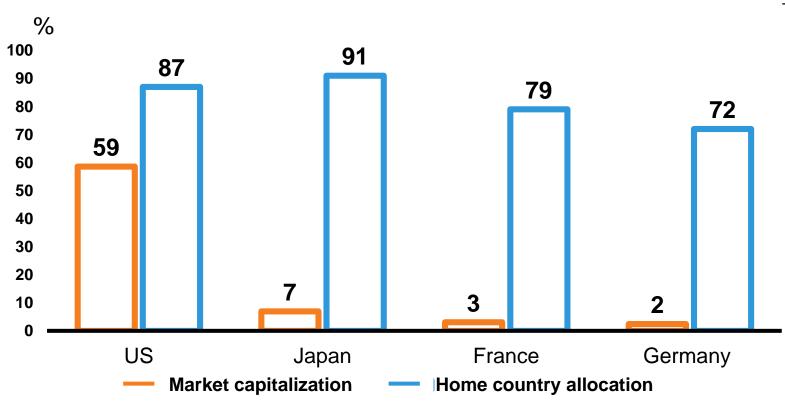
We are biased by what we think we know

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#### **Behavioral mistake #3: Familiarity bias**

Overweight home country market



#### **Wealth implications:**

- > Miss out on potential return opportunities
- > Concentration can lead to unintended increase in risk

Source: iShares data as of 12/1/2020, Russell Investments. Home country equity allocation—John R. Nofsinger, The Psychology of Investing, Fifth Edition, Pearson, 2014, p. 89.



### **Behavioral mistake #3: Familiarity bias**

Avoid overweighting your home country

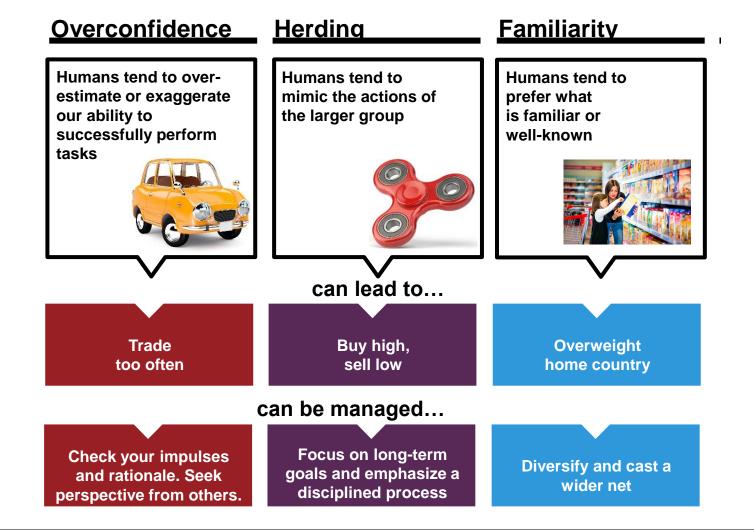


Diversify and cast a wider net



#### Jeopardizing the health of wealth

Summary





# The value of working with an advisor



# The value of an advisor relationship

Financial Planning Financial Therapist Rebalancing Strategy **Investment Advocate** Financial Quarterback Tax Coordination



# **Get started today!**

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Be aware of the pitfalls of your own humanity



Invite others to the conversation

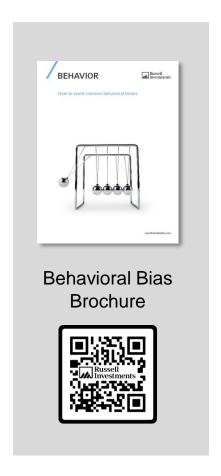


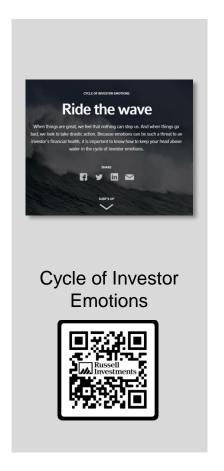
Actively work with your advisor to help avoid behavioral mistakes



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# Thank you.

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