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The decision to stay invested during market turmoil is often better than timing when to sell and buy.

Staying the course during market volatility is often difficult for many investors. Some choose to move to cash investments, while others try to time the market. Unfortunately, these investors are often buying high and selling low—and miss the rallies that follow the challenging periods.

So, does staying the course pay off?

In the following chart, we look at a hypothetical portfolio of 60% stocks and 40% bonds faced with three alternatives as of September 30, 2008 (two weeks after the collapse of Lehman Brothers). The starting point for the $100,000 hypothetical portfolio is October 9, 2007, the prior market peak.

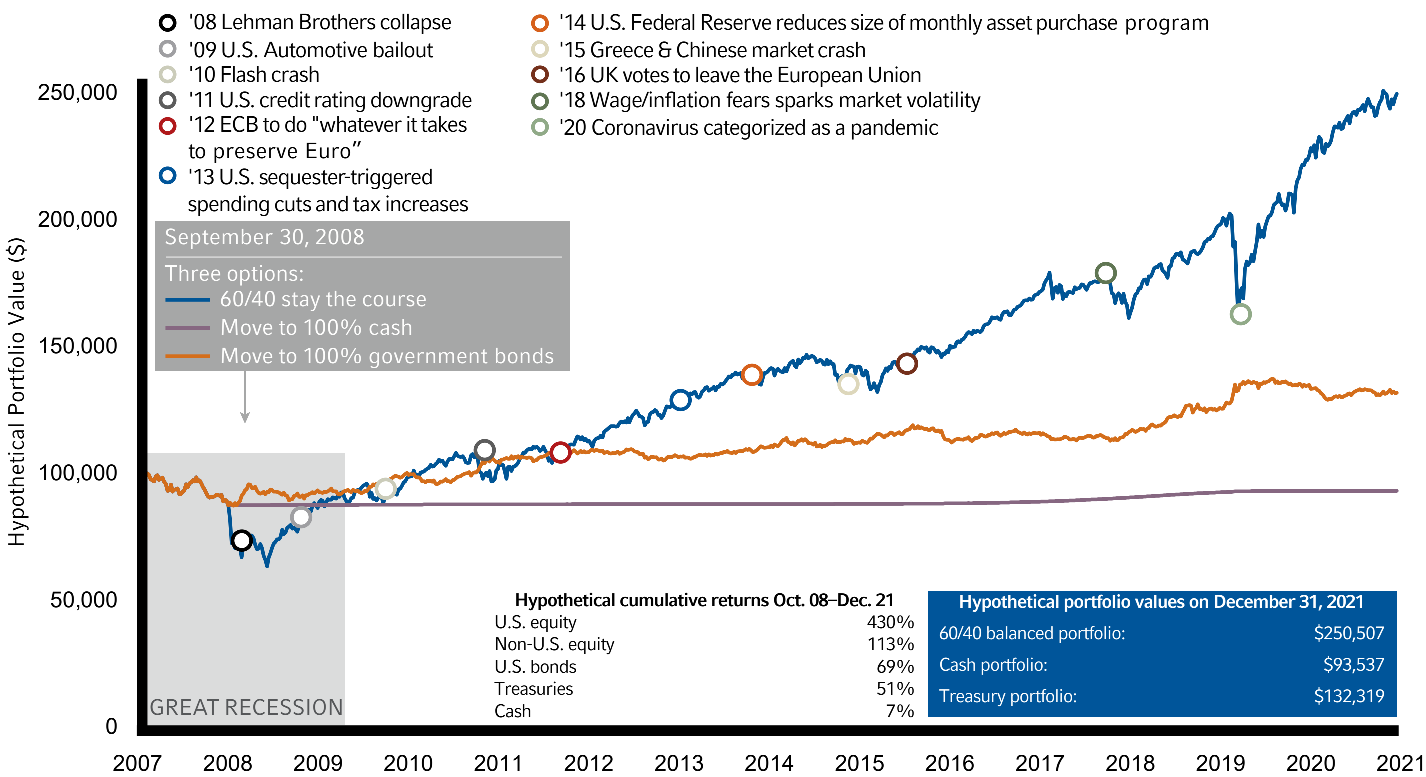
The choices as of September 30, 2008 are:

OPTION #1: Stay invested, and make no changes.

OPTION #2: Move to 100% cash, represented by the Barclays 1–3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index, and remain in cash.

OPTION #3: Move to 100% treasuries, represented by the Barclays Treasury Index, on September 30, 2008, and remain in treasuries.

As the chart shows, when sticking with a 60/40 portfolio, investors recovered a greater percentage of their lost value—and at a faster rate—than going to cash or treasuries.



60/40: 40% Russell 3000® Index (U.S. equity), 20% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (non-U.S. equity), 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (U.S. bonds); Cash: Barclays 1-3 Month T-bill (cash); Treasuries: Barclays Treasury Index. This hypothetical example is for illustration only and is not intended to reflect the return of any actual investment. The 60/40 Balanced Index portfolio does not reflect a deduction for expenses or fees, had it done so, returns would have been lower. Index returns represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future performance.

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