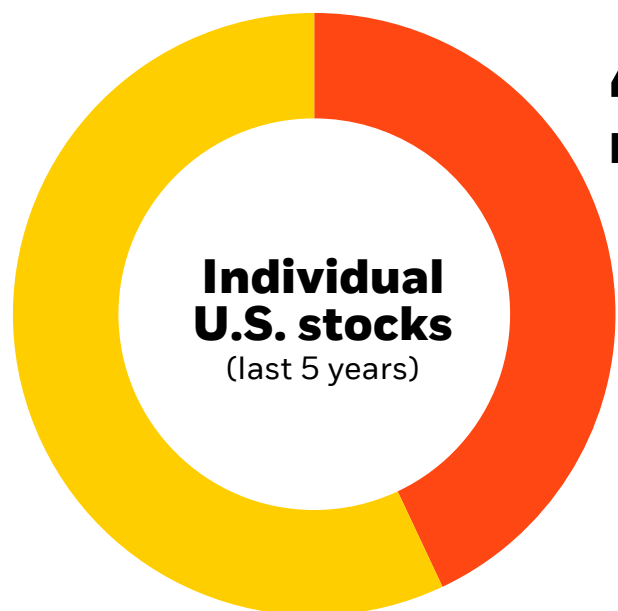


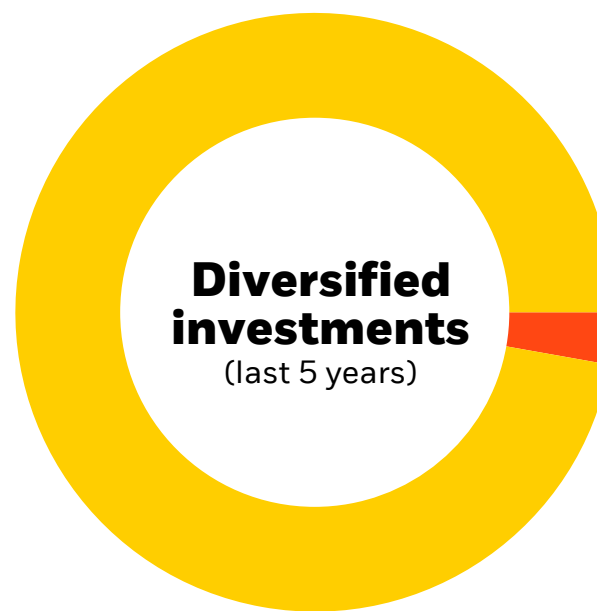
Diversify your way to a better portfolio



When you invest in individual stocks, you are exposed to both market risk and company risk. While market risk (i.e., the risk of the S&P 500 or similar index) has usually been rewarded with return, company risk has been more unpredictable, which is why 43% of individual stocks lost money over the last five years, while only 2.8% of diversified investments lost money over the same time frame. Without a crystal ball, it's impossible to know for sure which stocks will outperform in the future.



43%
lost money



2.8%
lost money

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/25. **Diversified investments** are represented by the Morningstar U.S. Equity Category, oldest share class only. **Individual U.S. stocks** are represented by the Morningstar U.S. Stock Universe, all securities on the NYSE and NASDAQ. Analysis does not include obsolete mutual funds, ETFs or stocks as defined by Morningstar. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.**

Diversified investments are designed to diversify individual company risk away. Company risk can cause the potential returns for each individual stock to be higher, but it also causes potential losses to be much larger. By purchasing many stocks, diversified investments can help capture the long-term portfolio growth that stocks can provide, but with a lower potential downside risk, allowing for more consistent average returns over longer periods of time.

Stocks	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
Avg. return	13.7%	3.0%	-2.2%	3.1%	3.7%	7.0%
Highest return	16,053.8%	346.5%	158.7%	93.8%	37.8%	36.2%
Lowest return	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	-57.0%
Total number	5,348	4,757	3,966	2,967	1,963	1,186
Amount negative	2,506 (46.9%)	1,850 (38.9%)	1,722 (43.4%)	840 (28.3%)	408 (20.8%)	131 (11.0%)

Diversified investments	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	20-year	30-year
Avg. return	12.4%	16.9%	9.9%	11.6%	9.3%	9.6%
Highest return	53.8%	60.3%	24.2%	24.0%	15.6%	13.7%
Lowest return	-22.7%	-5.2%	-19.8%	1.6%	-3.2%	5.1%
Total number	2,557	2,318	2,119	1,723	1,174	502
Amount negative	119 (4.7%)	2 (0.1%)	59 (2.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)

Source: Morningstar as of 12/31/25. **Diversified investments** are represented by the Morningstar U.S. Equity Category, oldest share class only. **Individual U.S. stocks** are represented by the Morningstar U.S. Stock Universe, all securities on the NYSE and NASDAQ. Analysis does not include obsolete mutual funds, ETFs or stocks as defined by Morningstar. **Past performance does not guarantee or indicate future results.**

This material is prepared by BlackRock and is not intended to be relied upon as a forecast, research or investment advice, and is not a recommendation, offer or solicitation to buy or sell any securities or to adopt any investment strategy. The opinions expressed may change as subsequent conditions vary. The information and opinions contained in this material are derived from proprietary and nonproprietary sources deemed by BlackRock to be reliable, are not necessarily all inclusive and are not guaranteed as to accuracy. As such, no warranty of accuracy or reliability is given and no responsibility arising in any other way for errors and omissions (including responsibility to any person by reason of negligence) is accepted by BlackRock, its officers, employees or agents. This material may contain 'forward-looking' information that is not purely historical in nature. Such information may include, among other things, projections and forecasts. There is no guarantee that any forecasts made will come to pass. Reliance upon information in this material is at the sole discretion of the reader. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market.

©2026 BlackRock, Inc. or its affiliates. All Rights Reserved. **BLACKROCK** is a trademark of BlackRock, Inc. or its affiliates. All other trademarks are those of their respective owners.

Prepared by BlackRock Investments, LLC, member FINRA. This material is provided for educational purposes only. BlackRock is not affiliated with any third party distributing this material.

Not FDIC Insured • May Lose Value • No Bank Guarantee

