

# The Volatility Playbook

**First Eagle Global Fund**

# Today's Environment Is a Novel One for Many

Today's macroeconomic backdrop appears to have more in common with the mid-2000s than the bull market years preceding the current Fed tightening cycle. While the direction of these metrics going forward is uncertain, it's hard to believe a return to the highly accommodative conditions that fueled the outperformance of growth stocks is imminent

## One of These Things Is Not Like the Other

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2006
<b>Federal Funds Effective Rate</b>	5.33%	4.10%	5.24%
<b>10-Year US Treasury Nominal Yield</b>	4.07%	1.47%	4.56%
<b>10-Year US Treasury Real Yield</b>	1.88%	1.37%	2.25%
<b>Fed Balance Sheet: YOY Change</b>	(\$841,983)	\$1,404,899	\$22,703
<b>M2 Money Supply: YOY Change</b>	-2.70%	12.70%	6.00%

Source: Federal Reserve, Treasury Department; data as of December 31, 2023.  
Note that the M2 Money supply data is as of December 4, 2023.

## Return Regimes: MSCI World Index

Rolling 3-Year Return Regimes for the MSCI World Index

Average 3-Year Annualized (December 1981–December 2023)				
MSCI World (Net) 3-Year Annualized Returns	Global Fund (I) Returns	MSCI World (Net) Returns	Global Fund (I) Excess Return	Excess Return Batting Average <sup>1</sup>
<0%	8.0%	-7.0%	15.0%	100%
0% to 5%	10.4%	2.5%	7.9%	90%
5% to 10%	11.2%	7.6%	3.7%	59%
10% to 15%	12.3%	12.4%	-0.1%	38%
15% to 20%	13.6%	17.3%	-3.7%	29%
>20%	21.3%	27.5%	-6.2%	15%

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Source: Bloomberg, FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023.

Global Fund and MSCI World data begins January 1, 1979.

1. An investment manager's batting average refers to a statistical measure of their performance whether they outperform or underperform the benchmark.

# Global Fund Historically Has Weathered the Inflation and Rates Storm

## Historically Strong Results During Inflationary Periods

Average 1-Year Returns Following Inflation Readings<sup>2</sup>

US CPI YoY (% Change) Regimes		Average US CPI YoY	Average 1-Year Return Following Inflation Reading	
			Global Fund (SGIIX)	MSCI World Index
<0%	Negative to No Inflation	-0.6%	0.5%	0.4%
0% to 1%	Low to Moderate Inflation	0.6%	15.9%	18.6%
1% to 2%	Just Below Target Inflation	1.6%	11.6%	14.3%
2% to 3%	Just Above Target Inflation	2.6%	11.6%	11.0%
3% to 5%	Moderate to High Inflation	3.9%	13.1%	9.0%
>5%	Relatively High Inflation	8.5%	15.4%	6.1%

2. Returns presented are averages of the 1-year periods following monthly inflation readings that fall within the various regime buckets defined in the first column.

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023. Global Fund and MSCI World data begins January 1, 1979.

## Managing the Fed Response—Withstanding Higher Rate Environments

US 10 Year Nominal Rate Regimes<sup>3</sup>

### Subsequent Average 3-Year Annualized Returns (December 1981 to December 2023)

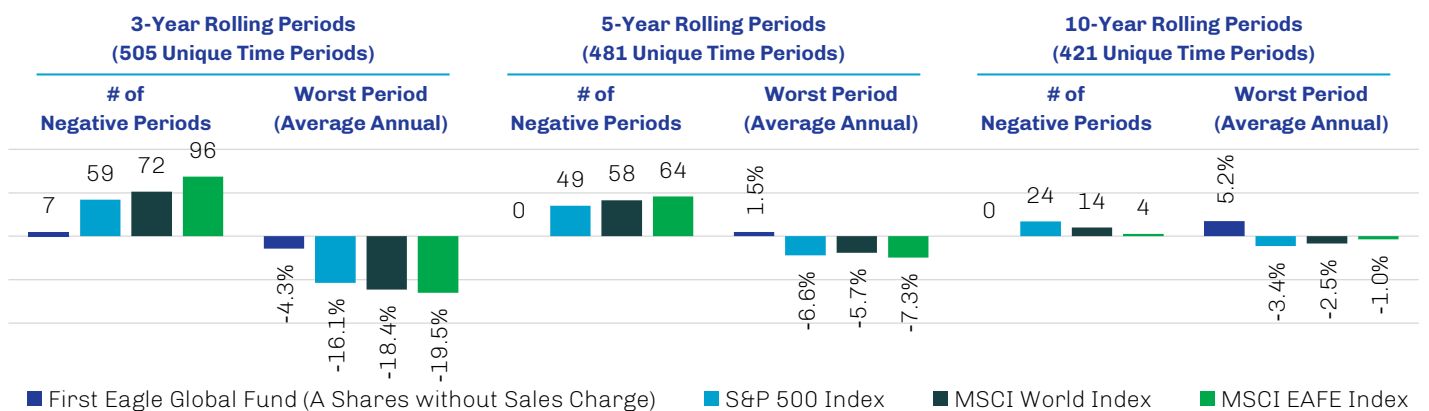
US 10 Year Nominal Rates	Global Fund (I) Returns	MSCI World (Net) Returns	Global Fund (I) - Excess Return
0% to 2%	7.5%	10.3%	-2.8%
2%-5%	10.4%	7.9%	2.5%
5%-8%	11.4%	7.9%	3.5%
8%-10%	13.0%	7.5%	5.6%
>10%	22.4%	21.5%	0.9%

Source: FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023.

3. Returns presented are averages of the subsequent 3-year periods based off the US 10 year nominal interest rates ranges shown above.

## Global Fund Has Sought to Consistently Mitigate the Impact of Downturns

January 1979<sup>4</sup> through December 2023



Source: FactSet.

4. The Fund commenced operation on April 28, 1970. Performance for periods prior to January 1, 2000, occurred while a prior portfolio manager of the Fund was affiliated with another firm. The date shown reflects when this prior manager assumed portfolio management responsibilities. Values would be lower if a sales charge was included and assumes all distributions have been reinvested.

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Please see end of the document for the dates for the worst rolling periods.

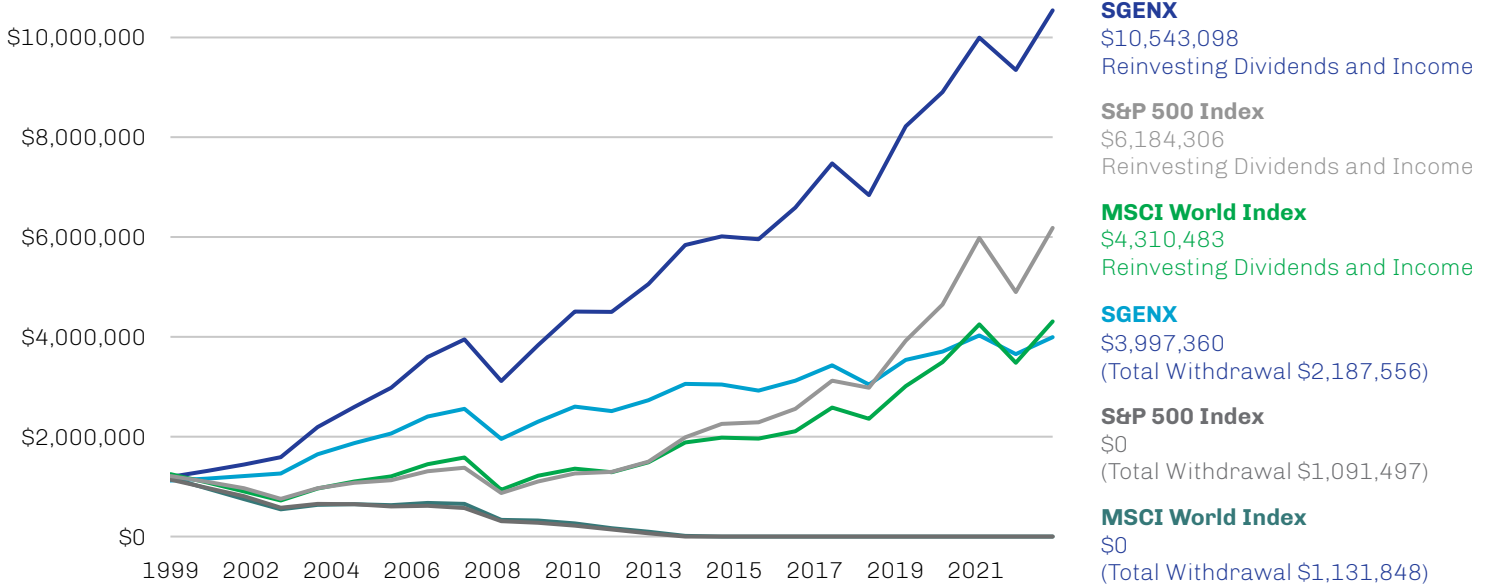
# Navigating Full Market Cycles

Over the last 25 years, a hypothetical \$1,000,000 investment in the Global Fund would have grown to over \$9 million if reinvesting dividends and income.

If you took an initial withdrawal of \$60,000 and increased that annually by 3%, the investment would have grown to \$2.9 million and over \$2.1 million would have been taken out of the portfolio.

## Global Fund Has Outperformed the Major Market Indexes Across Market Cycles

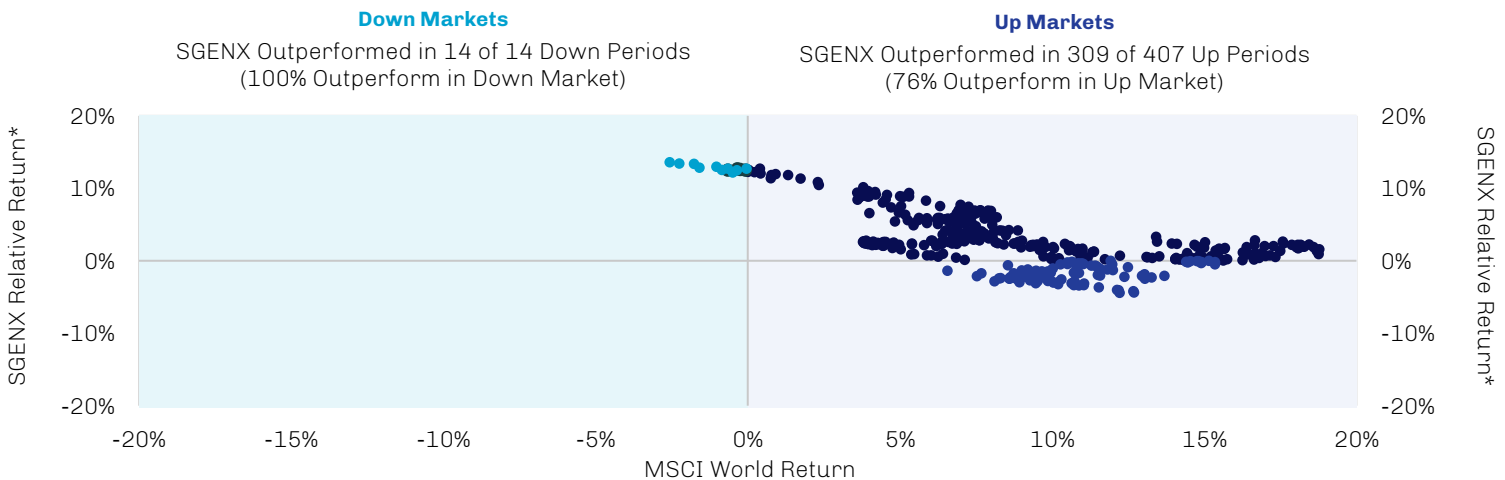
Hypothetical Growth of \$1,000,000 with Dividends and Income Reinvested



**Past performance is not indicative of future performance. Investments cannot be made directly in an index. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not meant to predict future results. "With sales charge" performance for Class A Shares gives effect to the deduction of the maximum sales charge of 3.75% for periods prior to March 1, 2000, and of 5.00% thereafter.**

Source: FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023.

## 10-Year Relative Rolling Returns vs. MSCI World from 1979 to 2023 (421 Unique Time Periods)



Each dot represents a 10-Year Rolling Return of SGENX relative to MSCI World data point  
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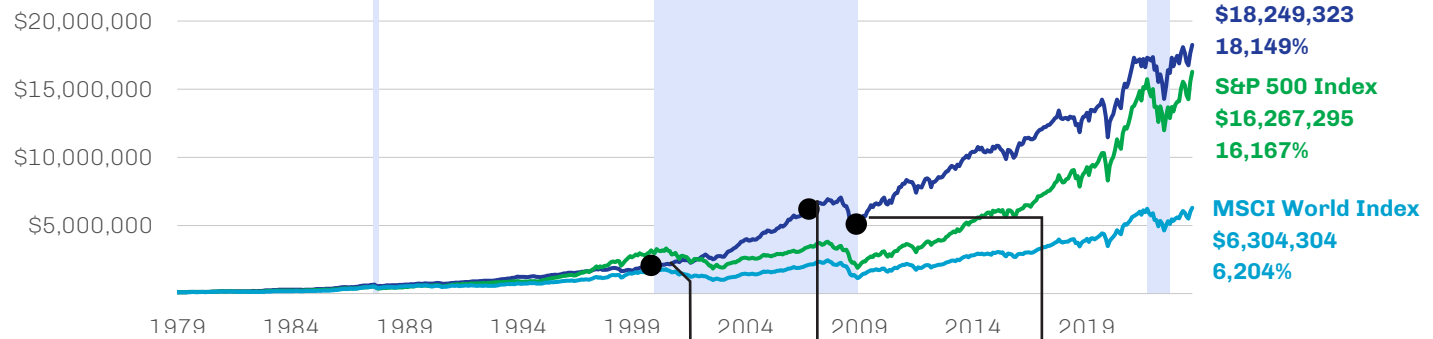
# Attempting to Mitigate Volatility May Improve Long-Term Results

## Avoiding the Permanent Impairment of Capital

Cumulative Returns During Recent Market Downturns

	"Black Monday" Crash September 1987– November 1987	Tech Bubble March 2000– September 2002	Dollar Weakening January 2002– March 2008	Financial Crisis November 2007– February 2009	2022 Bear Market January 1, 2022– December 31, 2022
<b>Global Fund<sup>3</sup></b>	-16.59%	23.75%	168.81%	-30.95%	-6.48%
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	-29.58%	-38.84%	29.00%	-49.63%	-18.11%
<b>MSCI World Index</b>	-20.47%	-43.13%	59.47%	-53.22%	-18.14%

Growth of \$100,000, January 1979 through December 2023



## Seeking to Avoid Danger and Uncover Opportunity

% of Total Net Assets

	Tech/Telecom Exposure December 31, 1999	Financials Exposure December 31, 2006
<b>Global Fund</b>	<5.0%	<2.0%
<b>MSCI World Index</b>	32.5%	26.4%

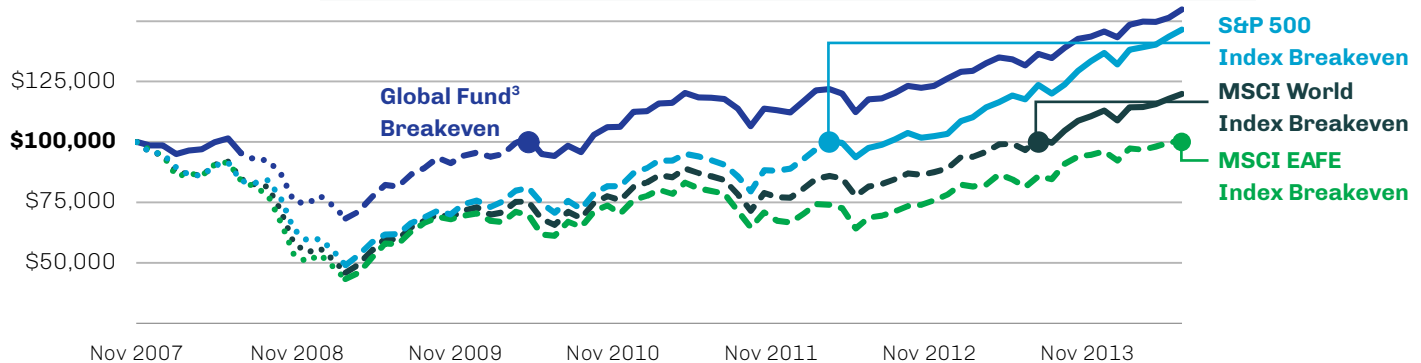
In early 2009 the Fund's cash and cash equivalents position fell to nearly 5% as it sought attractively priced opportunities following the Financial Crisis.

## Downside Mitigation Focus May Help during Periods of Turbulence and over the Long Term

November 2007 to June 2014 (Onset of Great Recession to Market Recovery)

### Max Drawdown<sup>4</sup>

	Magnitude (Dotted)	Duration	Recovery (Dashed)
<b>Global Fund<sup>4</sup></b>	-32.61%	9 Months	14 Months (Apr 2010)
<b>S&amp;P 500 Index</b>	-50.95%	16 Months	37 Months (Mar 2012)
<b>MSCI World Index</b>	-54.03%	16 Months	53 Months (Jul 2013)
<b>MSCI EAFE Index</b>	-56.68%	16 Months	64 Months (Jun 2014)



Source: FactSet. **Past performance is not indicative of future performance.**

3. This chart illustrates a hypothetical investment in Class A shares without the effect of sales charges and assumes all distributions have been reinvested; values would be lower if a sales charge was included. Date selected assumes purchase at month-end.

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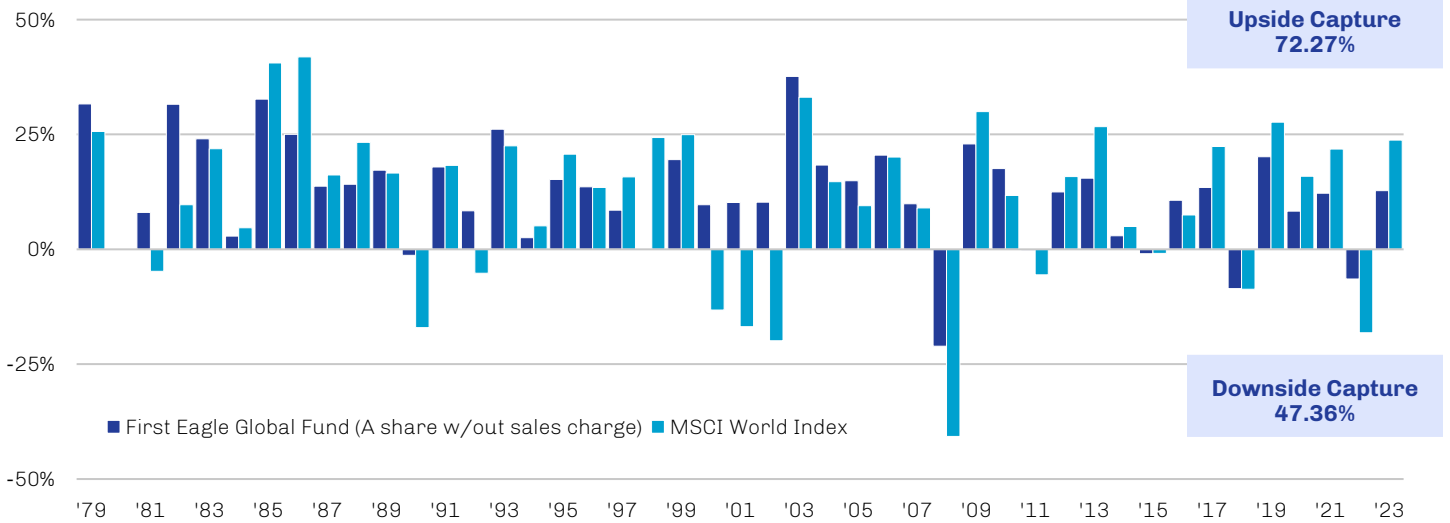
4. Max Drawdown represents the worst negative return during the measurement period.

The respective dates for the 2nd worst drawdown are: Global Fund 1/2020–3/2020; S&P 500 Index 9/2000–9/2002; MSCI World Index 4/2000–9/2002; MSCI EAFE Index 1/2000–3/2003. The respective dates for the 3rd worst drawdown are: Global Fund 10/1987–10/1987; S&P 500 Index 9/1987–11/1987; MSCI World Index 1/1990–9/1990; MSCI EAFE Index 1/1990–9/1990.

# Seeking to Grow Capital and Manage Volatility

## Focused on Long-Term Capital Resilience

Calendar Year Returns since Inception<sup>o</sup> (January 1979 through December 2023)

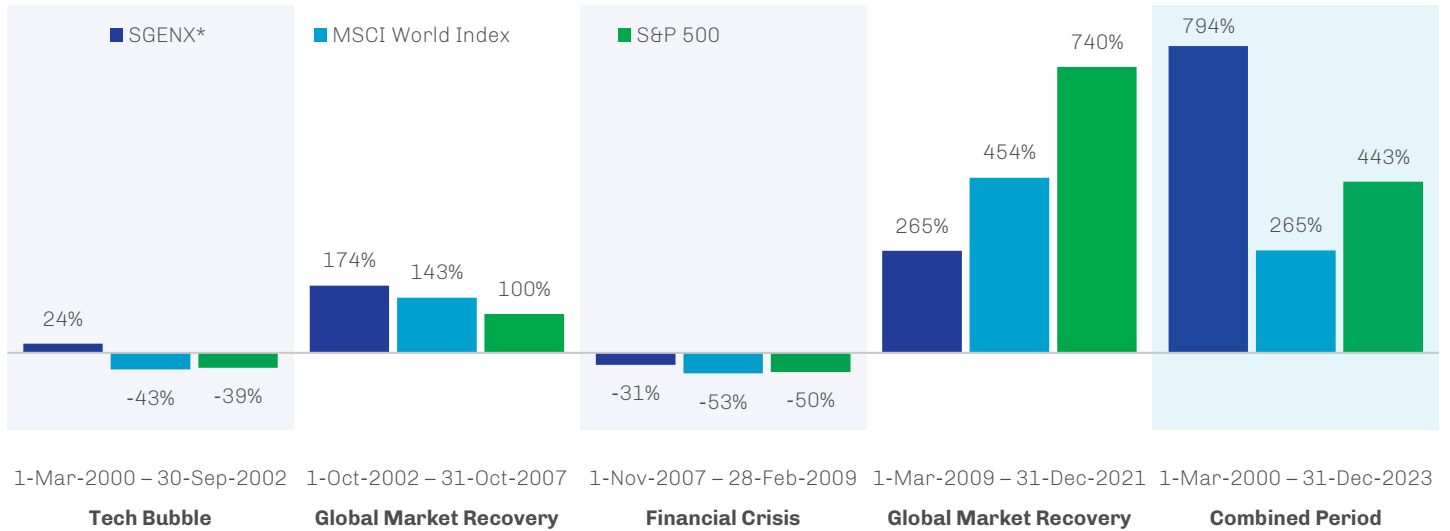


This chart illustrates calendar year returns for Class A Shares without the effect of sales charges and assumes all distributions have been reinvested. If sales charge was included values would be lower.

Source: FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023.

## SGENX over Market Cycles

Cumulative Total Returns in USD (%)



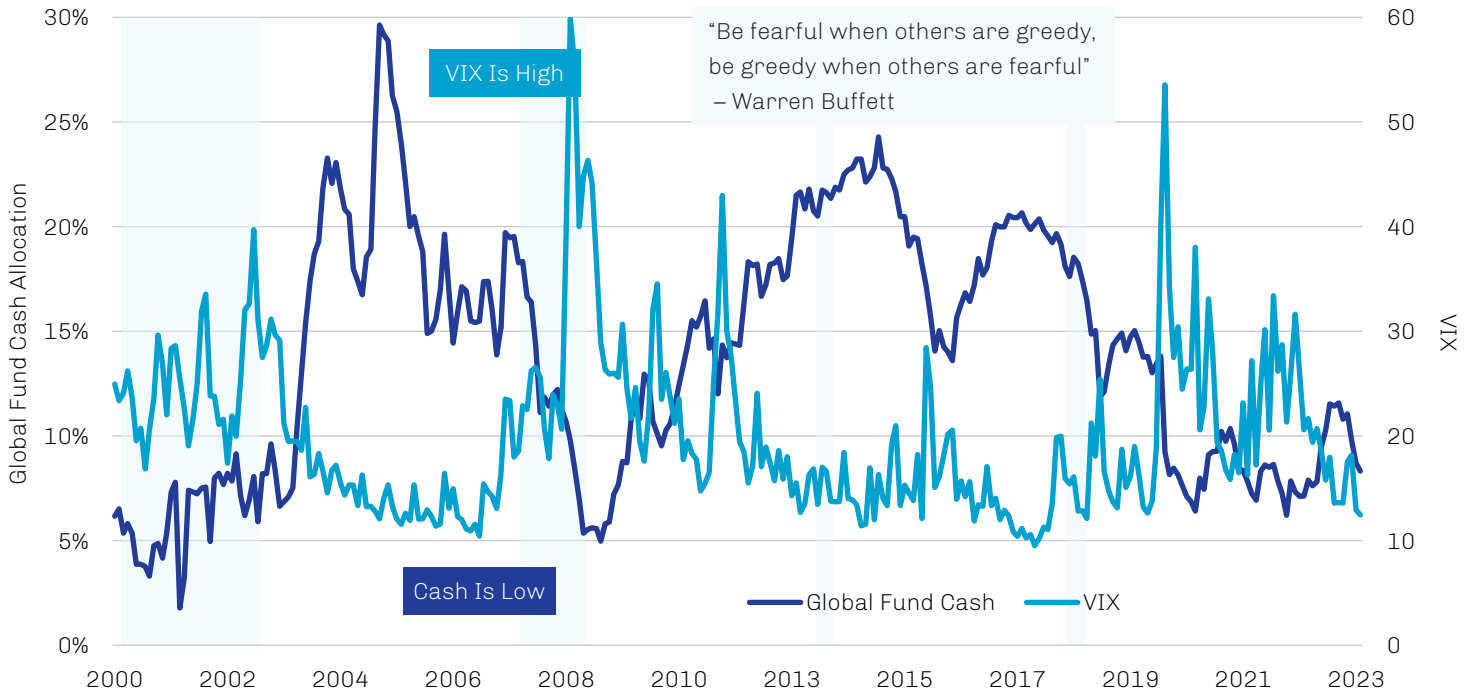
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# Volatility May Create Opportunity

## Using Cash and Cash Equivalents to Navigate Market Volatility

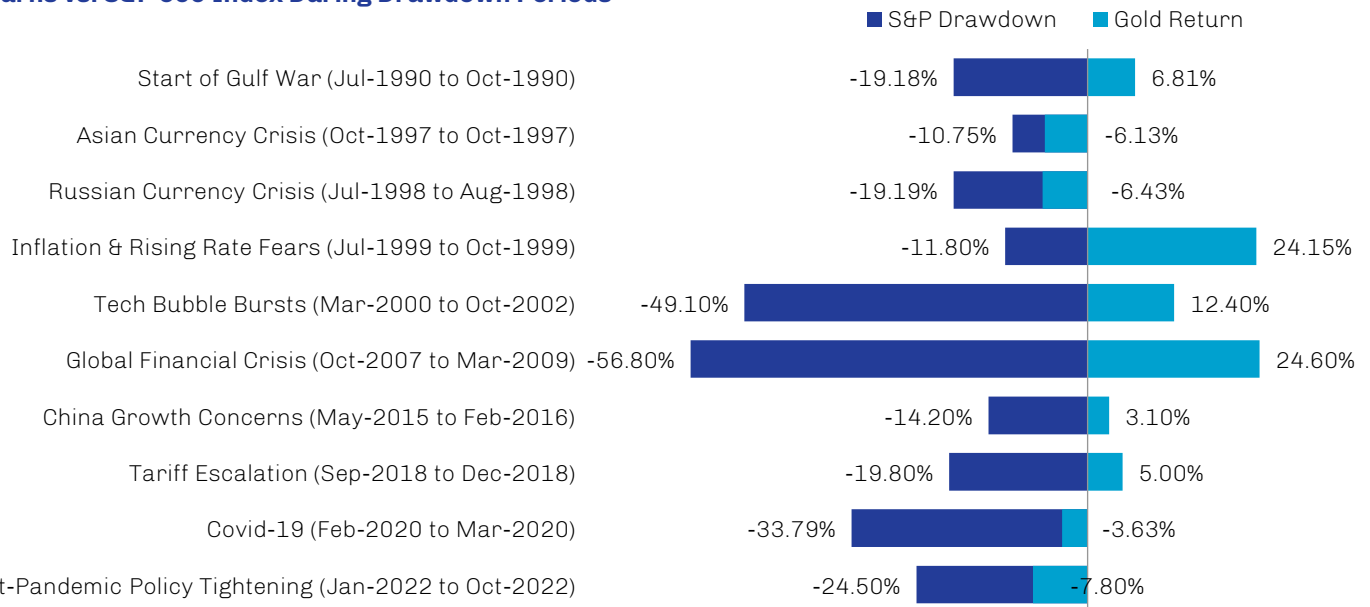


Cash in the Fund is a residual, at times leading to low cash positions in times of heightened volatility and vice versa

Source: CBOE, FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023.

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## Gold Returns vs. S&P 500 Index During Drawdown Periods



Source: Gold Returns, Bloomberg, S&P Drawdown, FactSet; data as of December 31, 2023.

Gold performance is represented by the Bloomberg Gold Spot price, US Dollars per Troy Ounce.

Periods shown are the ten largest peak-to-trough drawdowns for the S&P 500 Index since 1988 (calculated daily).

**Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

## Average Annual Returns as of Dec 31, 2023 (%)

	YTD	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Expense Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Inception
First Eagle Global Fund Class A (SGENX) w/o sales charge	12.80	12.80	9.03	6.08	12.27	1.11	Jan 1, 1979 <sup>1</sup>
First Eagle Global Fund Class A (SGENX) w sales charge	7.16	7.16	7.92	5.54	12.14	1.11	Jan 1, 1979 <sup>1</sup>
First Eagle Global Fund Class C (FESGX)	10.94	10.94	8.20	5.29	8.81	1.87	Jun 5, 2000
First Eagle Global Fund Class I (SGIIX)	13.07	13.07	9.31	6.36	9.80	0.86	Jul 31, 1998
First Eagle Global Fund Class R6 (FEGRX)	13.17	13.17	9.38	--	6.68	0.79	Mar 1, 2017
MSCI World Index	23.79	23.79	12.80	8.60	9.65		Jan 1, 1979

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**MSCI EAFE Index** is an unmanaged total return index, reported in US dollars, based on share prices and reinvested net dividends of approximately 1,100 companies from 21 developed market countries. One cannot invest directly in an index.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)** an index of the variation in prices paid by typical consumers for retail goods and other items

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