

Dollar-Cost Averaging (DCA)

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What is Dollar-Cost Averaging?

Dollar-cost averaging is a method of investing one's money over a period of time, as opposed to investing as a lump sum. An investor would invest set amounts in a position (security) or account at predetermined intervals over a period of time regardless of market fluctuations.

What are the benefits to Dollar-Cost Averaging?

Market Risk Protection: Oftentimes, this method of investing allows for protection from market fluctuations since investments are made at different times over a period of time.

Psychological Peace: This method of investing offers many investors, who are weary of investing large sums, the comfort of incremental investing.

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What are the disadvantages to Dollar-Cost Averaging?

Transaction Costs & Commission: Oftentimes, each investment made at regular intervals may incur transaction costs and/or commission; which ultimately, may add up to a greater amount than the costs associated with a one-time lump sum investment. A careful review of investments chosen for DCA may help to reduce costs and/or commissions.

In the end, if Dollar-Cost Averaging is one's investing method of choice, it is important to still remember:

1. Long-Term Investment: These investments are not savings for "day-to-day" needs, but rather investments to realize future gains.

2. **Diversification:** As with all investments, it is important to diversify investment choices for greater market risk protection.

3. **Annual Reevaluation:** As with all investments, it is also important to review portfolios periodically and reevaluate portfolios at least once a year.

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