



TheAnswers.ca Inc. Model Portfolio Performance Update (Q3 2018)

TheAnswers.ca announces the total return for the model portfolio from inception October 2016 to September 30, 2018 is 19.51%.

The corresponding total return for the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX), as represented by the ETF XIC, is 14.00%.

The trailing 12-month total return for TheAnswers.ca portfolio is 9.49%, which includes dividends, distributions and any unrealized gains and losses.

Past returns are not indicative of future returns.

Heads up! Stock markets are volatile.

“Volatility in the up direction is not a problem – it’s the downward volatility that offers discourse.”

– Correm T. Sol

Since 1900, a period of almost 120 years, there have been 32 stock market bear attacks, i.e. stock market declines of 20%-50% or more. Historically, bear markets occur about once every 3.5 years, and the last bear market in the USA was about 9 years ago.

“October: This is one of the peculiarly dangerous months to speculate in stocks. The others are July, January, September, April, November, May, March, June, December, August and February.”

– Mark Twain

That is not to say a bear market is imminent.

“Stock market meltdowns are like natural disasters – they’re unpredictable and unavoidable.”

– Rob Carrick

But that at some point we should fully expect the stock market to drop at least 20% to 50%. The key is to make sure any money invested in the stock market can be left untouched for a minimum of 10 years, and preferably much longer. Not selling into a stock market downturn will ensure time for a portfolio to recover, and then go on to earn attractive long-term average equity returns.

“The investor’s chief problem and even his worst enemy is likely to be himself.”

– Warren Buffett

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Be patient long-term investors.

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