Dollar Cost Investment Strategy

What is Dollar Cost Averaging?

Dollar Cost Averaging (DCA) is an investment strategy where you invest a fixed amount of money at regular intervals—such as monthly or quarterly—into the same investment over a long period. This approach helps smooth out the effects of market volatility by buying more shares when prices are low and fewer when prices are high.

A great example of DCA in action is **investing consistently in your company retirement plan**, as your contributions are made regularly regardless of market conditions. This disciplined method can be especially beneficial for building long-term wealth.

1. Risk Mitigation

DCA allows you to spread your investments across different market conditions. By investing a fixed amount regularly, you buy more shares when prices are low and fewer shares when prices are high. Over time, this helps lower the overall average cost of your investments, reducing the risk of making poor investment decisions during market fluctuations.

2. Discipline and Consistency

Retirement planning requires consistent contributions to achieve your long-term financial goals. DCA enforces discipline by encouraging you to invest regularly, regardless of market sentiment. It helps you avoid emotional decision-making, which can lead to impulsive and potentially harmful choices.

3. Eliminates Market Timing Concerns

Attempting to time the market is challenging, even for seasoned investors. DCA eliminates the need to predict market movements. By investing consistently, you benefit from the long-term growth potential of the market without the stress of trying to "buy low and sell high."

4. Automated Investing

DCA can be easily automated within your retirement plan. By making regular payroll contributions, you ensure that a fixed amount is invested at regular intervals, saving you time and effort while building your retirement nest egg.

5. Long-Term Wealth Accumulation

DCA is particularly effective in accumulating wealth over the long term. The power of compounding allows your investments to grow exponentially as returns generate further returns. Starting early and investing consistently can significantly boost your retirement savings.

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6. Reduced Impact of Volatility

Financial markets are prone to short-term volatility, causing unpredictable price swings. DCA spreads out your investments, so the impact of sudden market drops is less severe. This reduced volatility can provide peace of mind, especially for those nearing retirement.

7. Investing on a Budget

For individuals with limited funds, DCA provides an accessible way to participate in the stock market and other investments. Regular contributions, even in small amounts, can increase significantly over time.

8. Opportunity to Buy Low

Market downturns present opportunities for buying shares at lower prices. DCA allows you to take advantage of these situations by purchasing more shares when prices are depressed, ultimately benefiting from the potential recovery.

Remember, every individual's financial situation is unique, and it's essential to consult with a financial advisor to tailor an investment approach that aligns with your specific goals and risk tolerance. Happy investing and best wishes for a prosperous retirement!

Dollar Cost Averaging is a powerful and flexible investment strategy, especially when applied within your retirement plan. By remaining disciplined, consistent, and focused on the long-term, you can harness the benefits of DCA to build substantial wealth and secure a comfortable retirement.

To explore how dollar-cost averaging impacts your retirement account, log in to the Start Right website at startright.bokf.com. From your profile (your name), select **e-Statements**, then open the **Statements** section. Choose any statement and scroll to the **Share Activity Summary** section.

There, you can review how your contributions purchase investment shares each quarter, including the number of shares bought and the purchase price. You'll also see beginning and ending balances, which reflect the effect of dollar-cost averaging throughout the quarter.

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