Volatility Is Our Friend

Many market professionals equate market volatility with risk. We disagree. We think the most serious investment risk is not the short-term waxing and waning of a portfolio, but the possibility of permanent impairment of capital. We seek to minimize this risk by investing in securities that we believe are trading at a discount to our estimate of their intrinsic value. We try to identify quality businesses through bottom-up research, develop our estimate of their intrinsic value, and purchase their shares only when they are available at a price substantially below our estimate of their intrinsic value. Volatility often makes this easier to accomplish.

Our funds may lag in runaway bull markets, but they have historically outperformed the benchmark during certain periods of increased volatility.

First Eagle Global Fund (A Shares w/out sales charge) during periods of increased volatility
CBOE VIX Index Closing Prices (Monthly) January 1995 – September 2018

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*The annual expense ratio is based on expenses incurred by the fund, as stated in the most recent prospectus.

There are risks associated with investing in securities of foreign countries, such as erratic market conditions, economic and political instability and fluctuations in currency exchange rates. These risks may be more pronounced with respect to investments in emerging markets.

Investment in gold and gold related investments present certain risks and returns on gold related investments have traditionally been more volatile than investments in broader equity or debt markets.

The principal risk of investing in value stocks is that the price of the security may not approach its anticipated value or may decline in value.

The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) is an unmanaged index, which shows the market’s expectation of 30-day volatility. It is constructed using the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500 index options. One cannot invest directly in an index.

The MSCI World Index is a widely followed, unmanaged group of stocks from 23 developed market countries and is not available for purchase. The index provides total returns in U.S. dollars with net dividends reinvested. One cannot invest directly in an index.

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