Staying the Course in Difficult Markets

After an extended equity bull market, a sharp selloff and renewed volatility in early 2020 have many investors frantically looking for a market bottom and some looking for an exit. For over 40 years, the First Eagle Global Fund has sought to prevent the permanent impairment of capital, an approach that has historically mitigated the impact of market downturns and provided a potential way to maintain critical equity exposure even in the most challenging environments.

Global Fund: Consistent, Selective, Equity Exposure*

SGEX vs. MSCI World

Performance of $10,000 investment (in thousands) over 20 years as of 12/31/2019

Source: FactSet. For illustrative purposes only. Date selected assumes purchase at month end.

Large short-term losses can be difficult for investors to stomach, but trying to time the markets’ ups and downs historically has been a costly exercise for those trying to build long-term wealth. Consider the 20-year period ended December 31, 2019:

- 4,956 is the number of trading days during that period.
- 8 of the 10 best days and 36 of the 100 best days occurred in 2008-09 amidst one of the worst financial crises in history, at a time when investors were fleeing stocks in droves.
- The early 2020 equity market rout, similarly, was periodically interrupted by sharply higher daily returns.

Mitigating Short-Term Turbulence May Offer a Long-Term Advantage*

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

Using a selective, bottom-up approach that emphasizes portfolio resilience, the First Eagle Global Fund historically has mitigated the impact of market downturns and allowed for quicker recoveries from market losses.

*Performance information is for Class A Shares without the effect of sales charges and assumes all distributions have been reinvested and if sales charge was included values would be lower.
Performance for periods prior to January 1, 2000 occurred while a prior portfolio manager of the fund was affiliated with another firm. Inception date shown is when this prior portfolio manager assumed portfolio management responsibilities.
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* The annual expense ratio is based on expenses incurred by the Fund, as stated in the most recent prospectus.

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