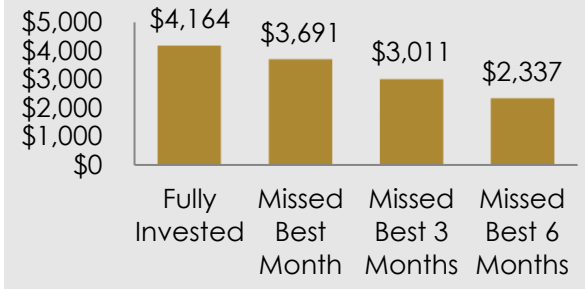
BUY AND HOLD

"Buy and hold" is a simple strategy that entails buying an investment and holding it for the long term. This strategy has proven to be successful for many investors. While market volatility may tempt investors to abandon their carefully crafted long-term plans, history shows that riding out the rough periods can prove to be fruitful. Keep in mind that even the best investments will experience periods of under performance. The charts below tell the tale of missing the best one, three and six months for the 10-year period ended September 30, 2026, in both dollar and percentage terms. (Source: Mellon Analytical Solutions, Inc., October 2026)

Large-Caps[1]

Growth of $1,000



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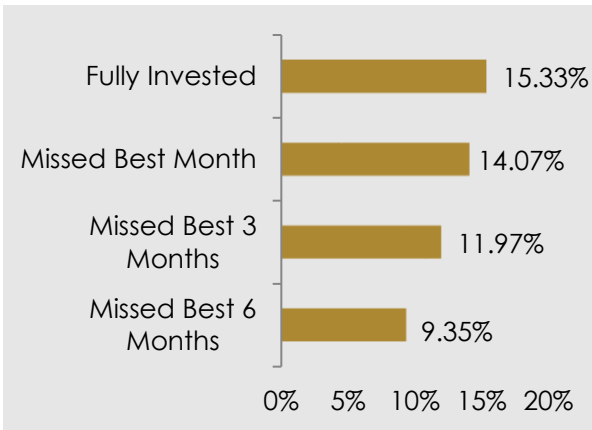

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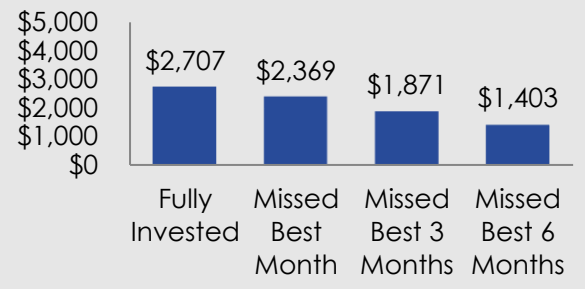

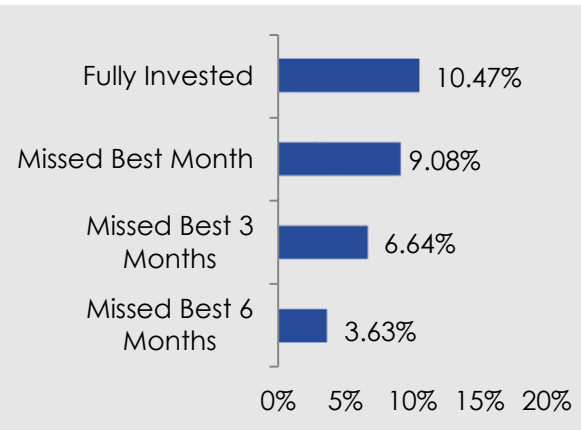

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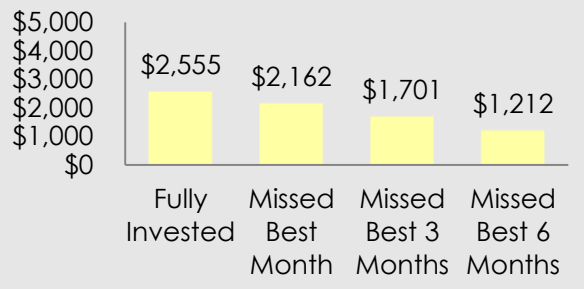

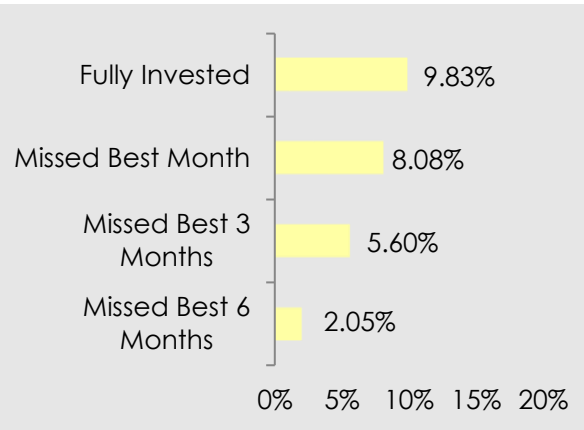

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