

## A little bit of Investment Wisdom

- 1. A portfolio without a (financial) plan is a recipe for disaster.
- 2. Investment success accrues not so much to the brilliant as to the disciplined. William Bernstein
- 3. The media's job is to sell media. If it didn't, it would go out of business. The media does not have your long-term **financial future** at heart, your trusted financial adviser does.
- 4. Risk is not knowing what you're doing. Warren Buffett
- 5. Understand what risk is, and what it isn't. **There is no such thing as no risk**. People fatally missperceive risk. They **overestimate** the risk of investing, and **underestimate** the risk of not investing.
- 6. Volatility is not loss.
- 7. The risk of the stock market is **not being in it**.
- 8. Far more money has been **lost** by investors preparing for corrections or **trying to anticipate corrections**, than has been lost in the corrections themselves. Peter Lynch
- 9. Diversify. You are not Warren Buffett.
- 10. Markets change, soaring in one season and then swooning in another, though always around a constantly rising trendline. Nick Murray
- 11. You cannot avoid risks, only choose which risks you are prepared to accept.
- 12. Pound cost averaging is manna from heaven. Learn to use it for your advantage.
- 13. **Pound cost ravaging** is the destroyer of wealth. A disciplined and appropriate drawdown strategy will ensure that you never run out of money.
- 14. The stock market is a device for transferring money from the impatient to the patient. Warren Buffett
- 15. Timing the market is a fools game, whereas time in the market is your **greatest natural advantage**. Nick Murray
- 16. Invest in quality businesses and the quantity will come. The question is, can you identify true quality?
- 17. The real key to making money in stocks is not to get scared out of them. Peter Lynch
- 18. Fear has a greater grasp on human action than does the **impressive weight of historical evidence**. Jeremy Siegel
- 19. Beware of the most dangerous words in investing 'This time it's different'.
- 20. Compound interest is the **eighth wonder of the world**. He who understands it, **earns it**; he who doesn't, pays it. Albert Einstein
- 21. All investing is a battle with your own anxiety.
- 22. Economic forecasting exists to make astrology look respectable. Ken Galbraith
- 23. The fundamental principles of **successful investing** do not, because they cannot, change. Nick Murray
- 24. The **best investors** in the world have more of an edge in **psychology** than in finance. Nick Murray
- 25. Use a trusted financial adviser. In your darkest hours, your financial adviser will guide and coach you and help you **avoid making the big, irrevocable mistakes**.