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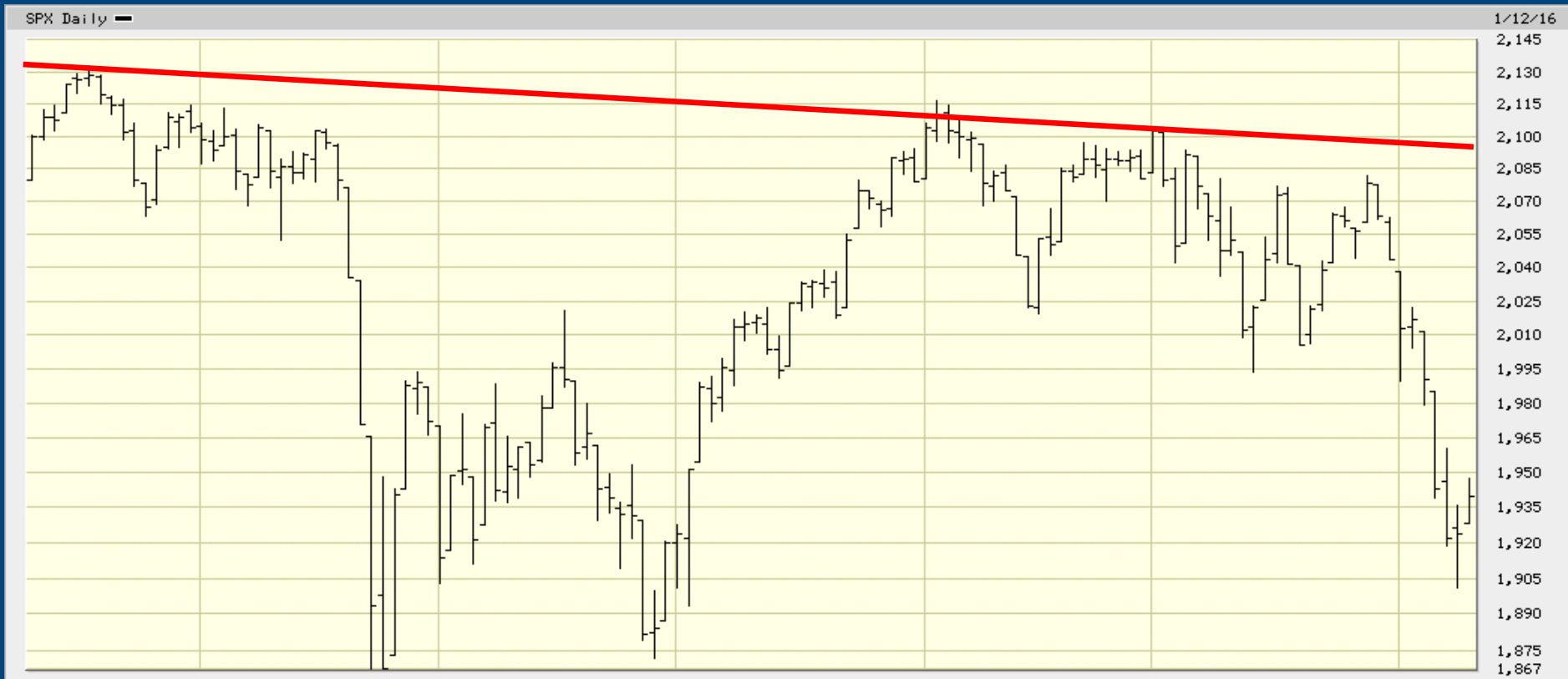
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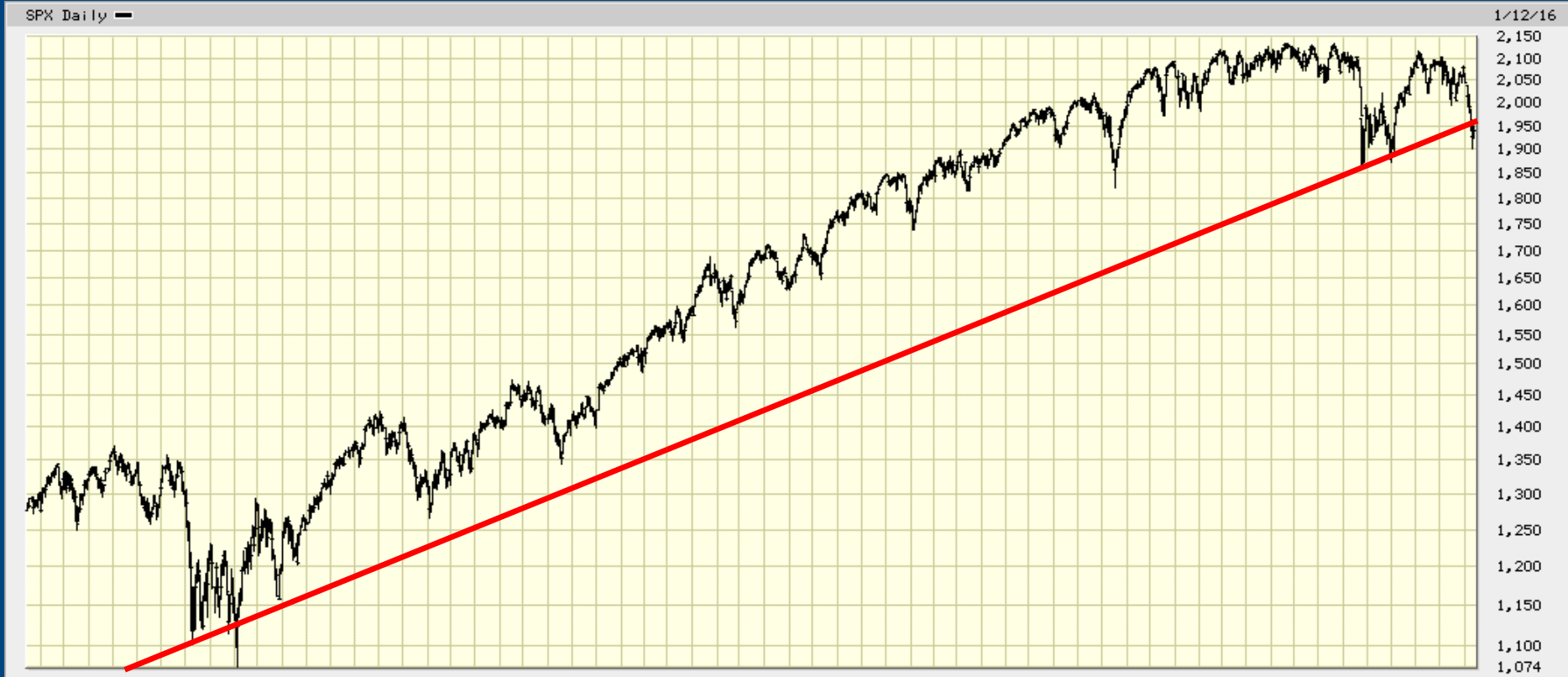
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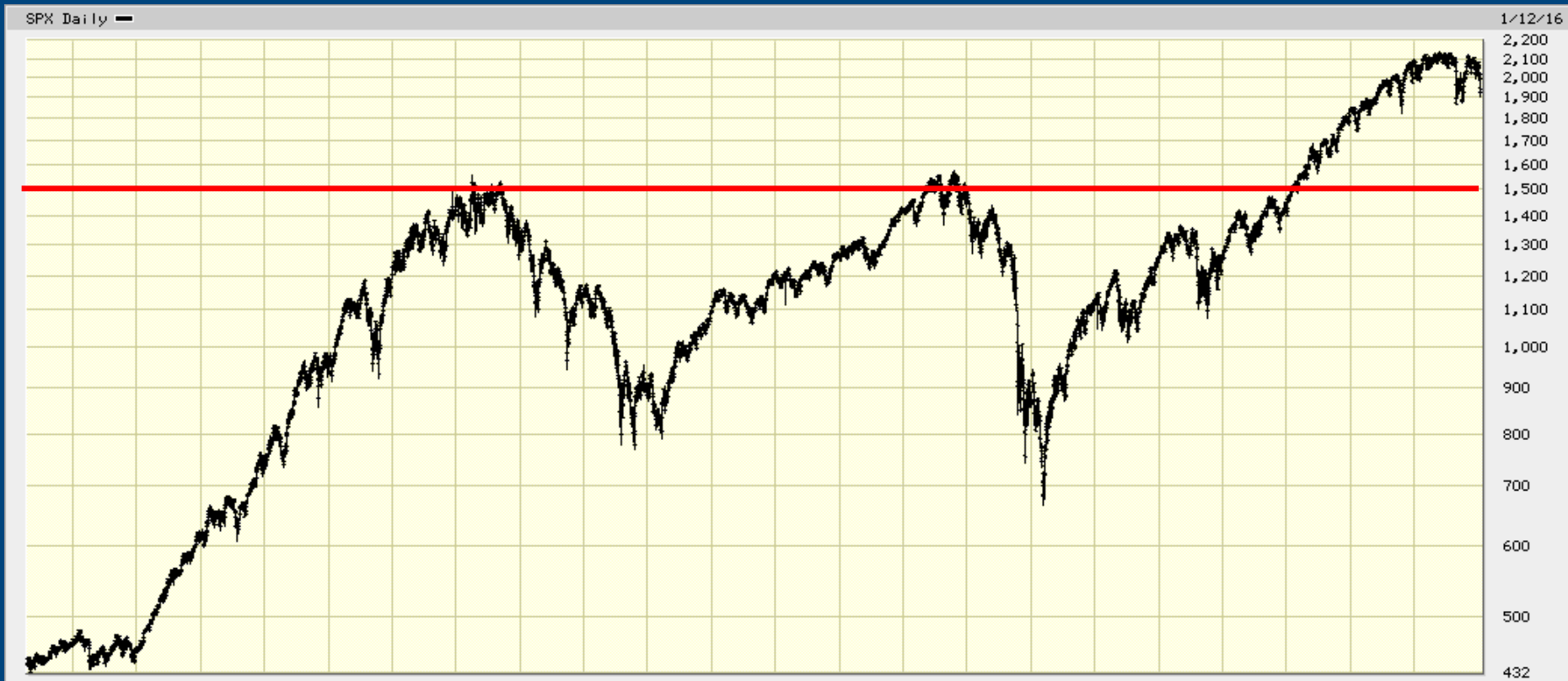
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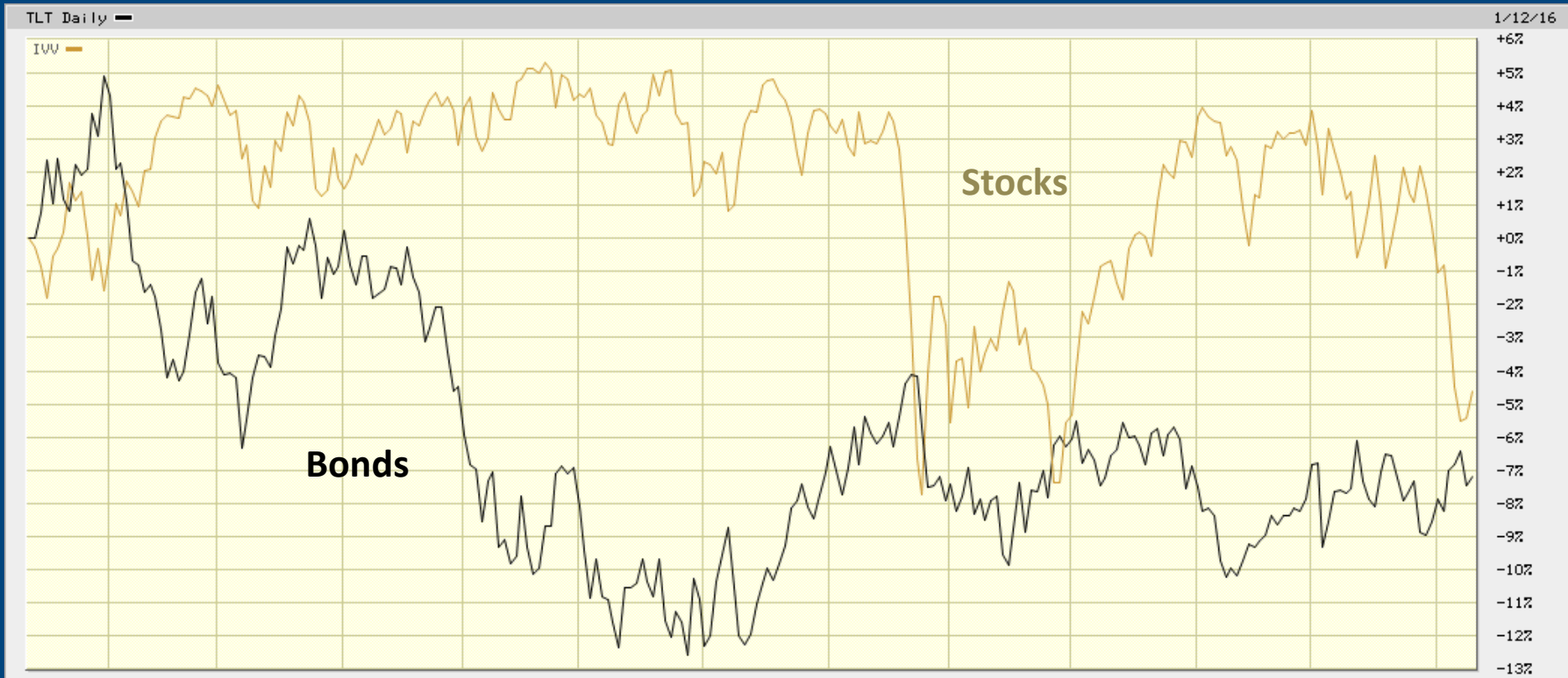
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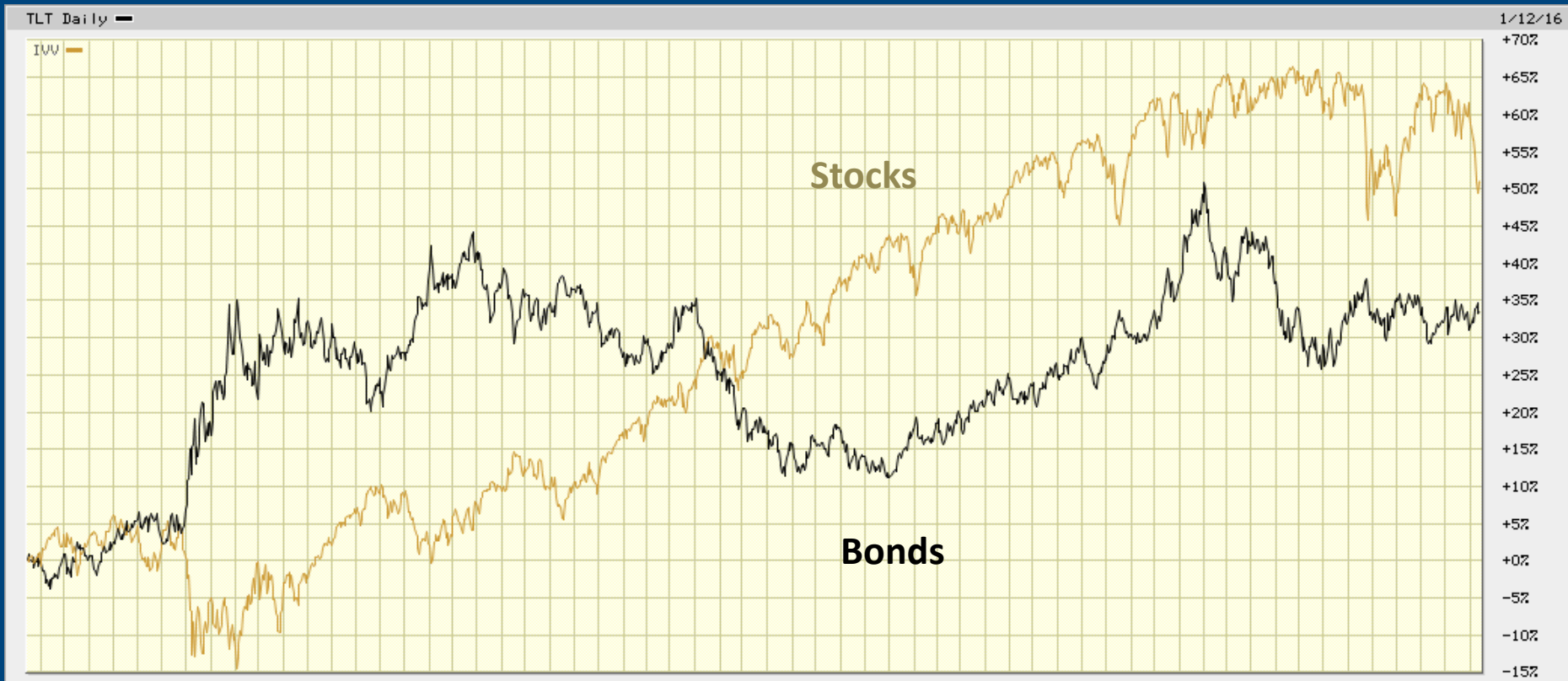
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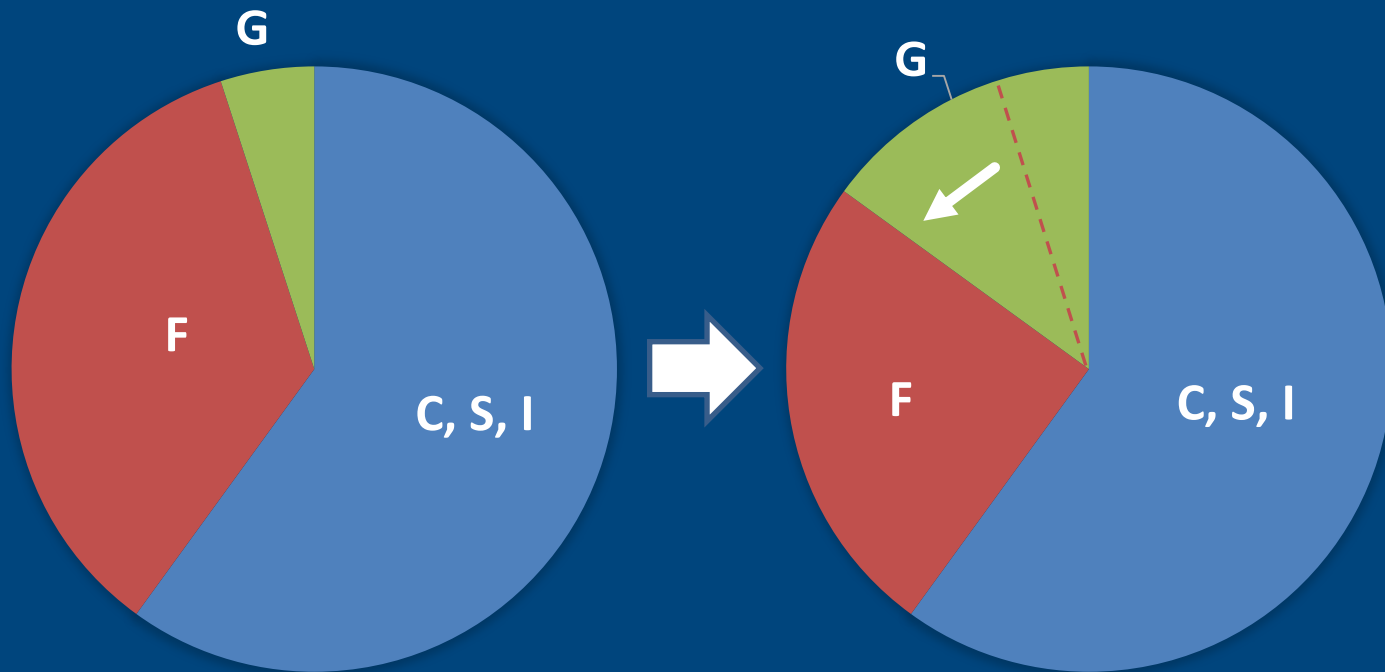
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Tactical Recommendation



Six Things Every Investor *Must* Know

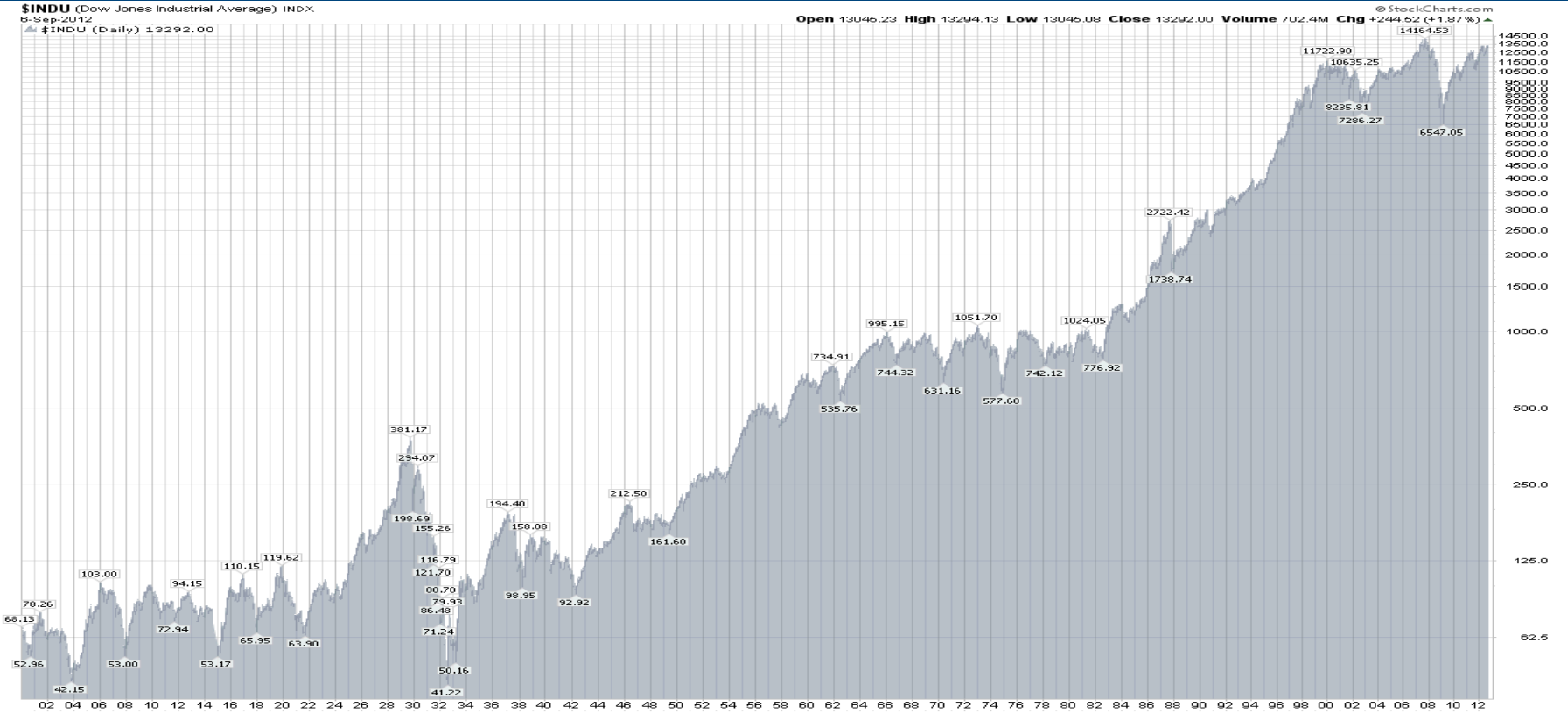
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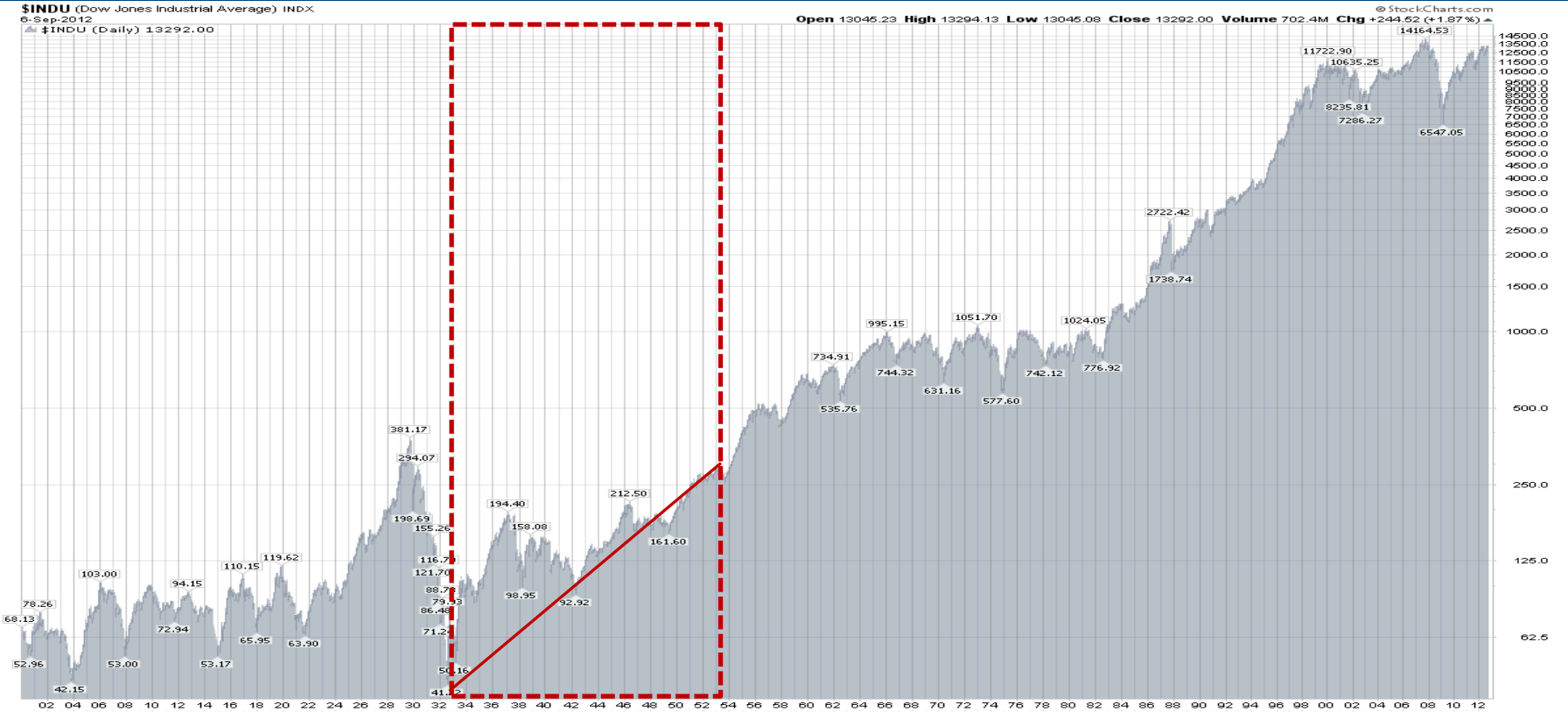
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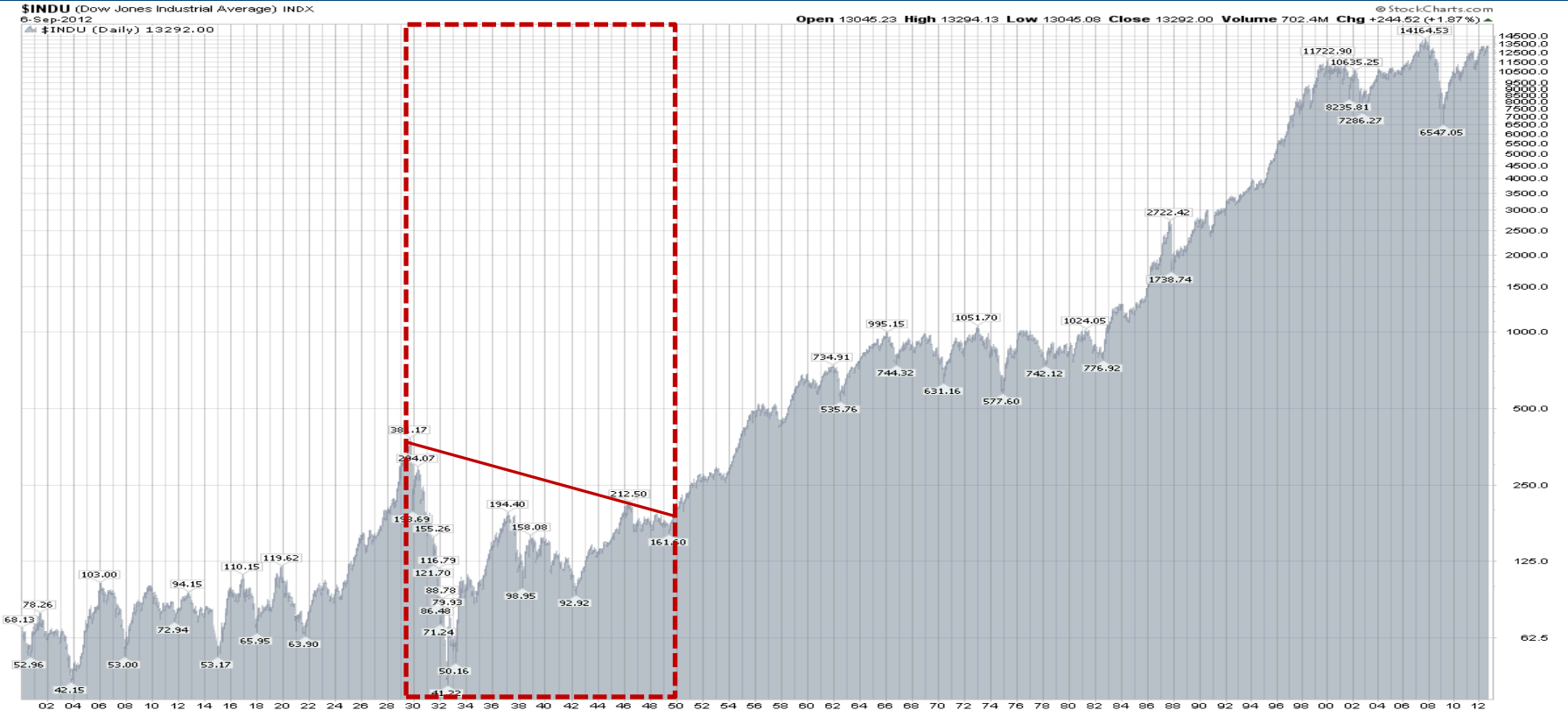
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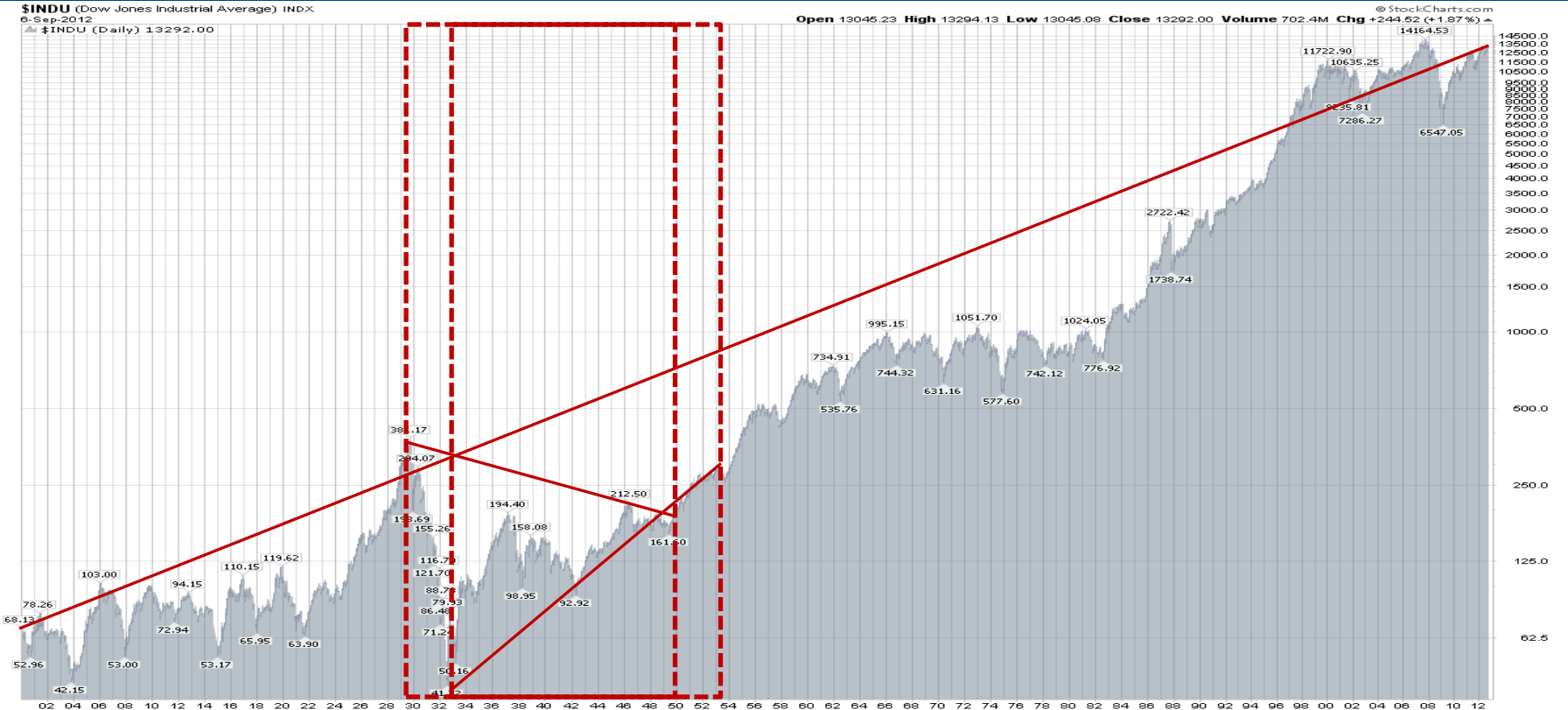
Estimating Future Returns



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1. The Law of Large Numbers
- 2. Your Portfolio's Expected Return**

Expected Return

The Most Likely Return to be Produced by an Asset or Portfolio
of Assets During a Given Period

Expected Return



Expected Return



112 Calendar Years
1,332 Monthly Years
40,515 Daily Years

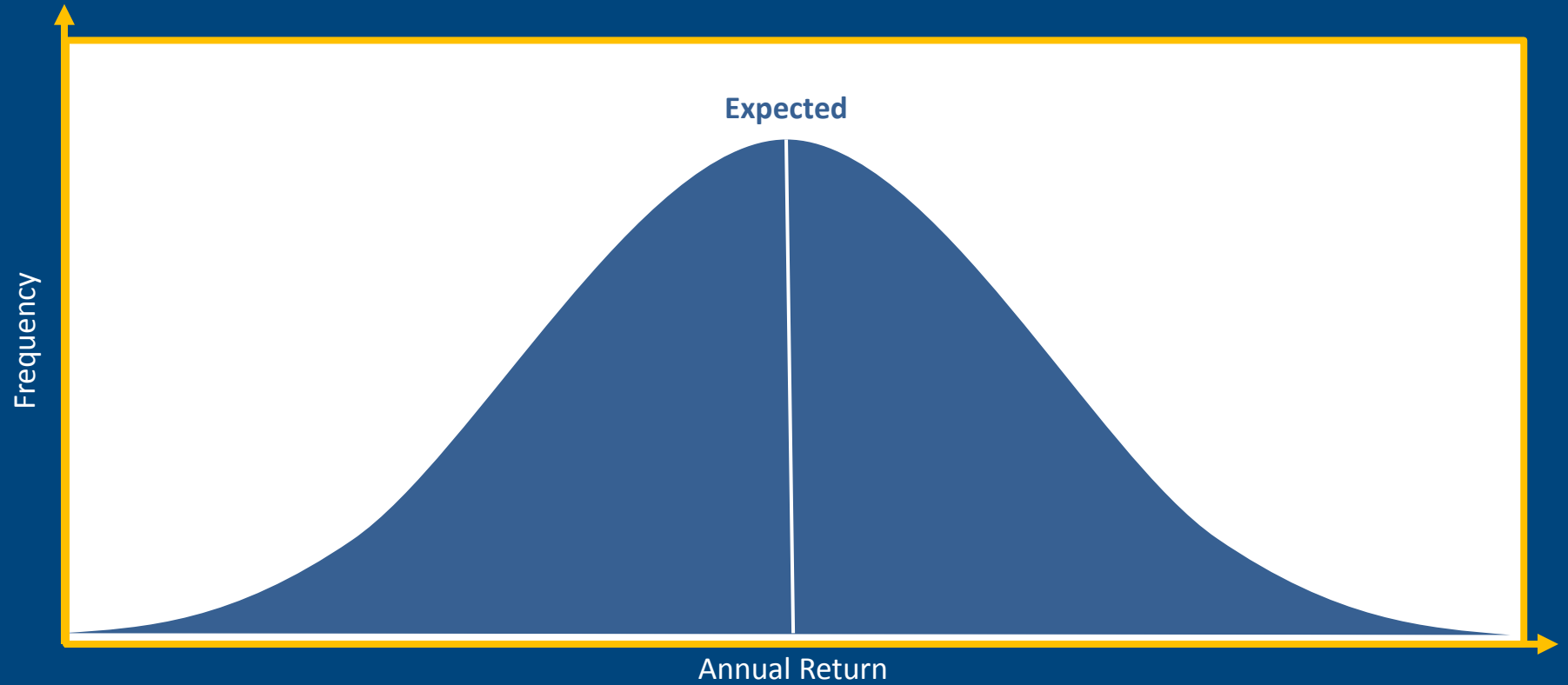
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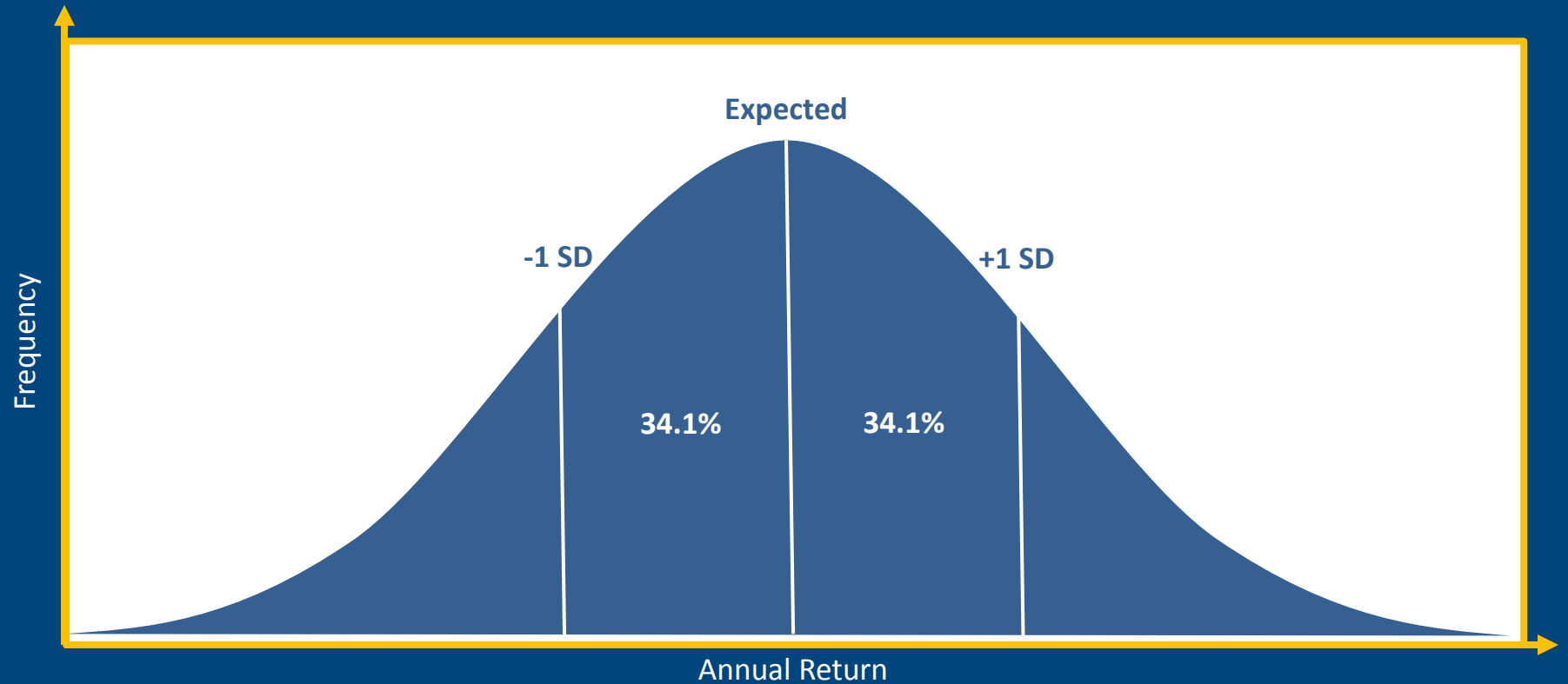
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A Measure of the Probability that the Actual Return will Vary
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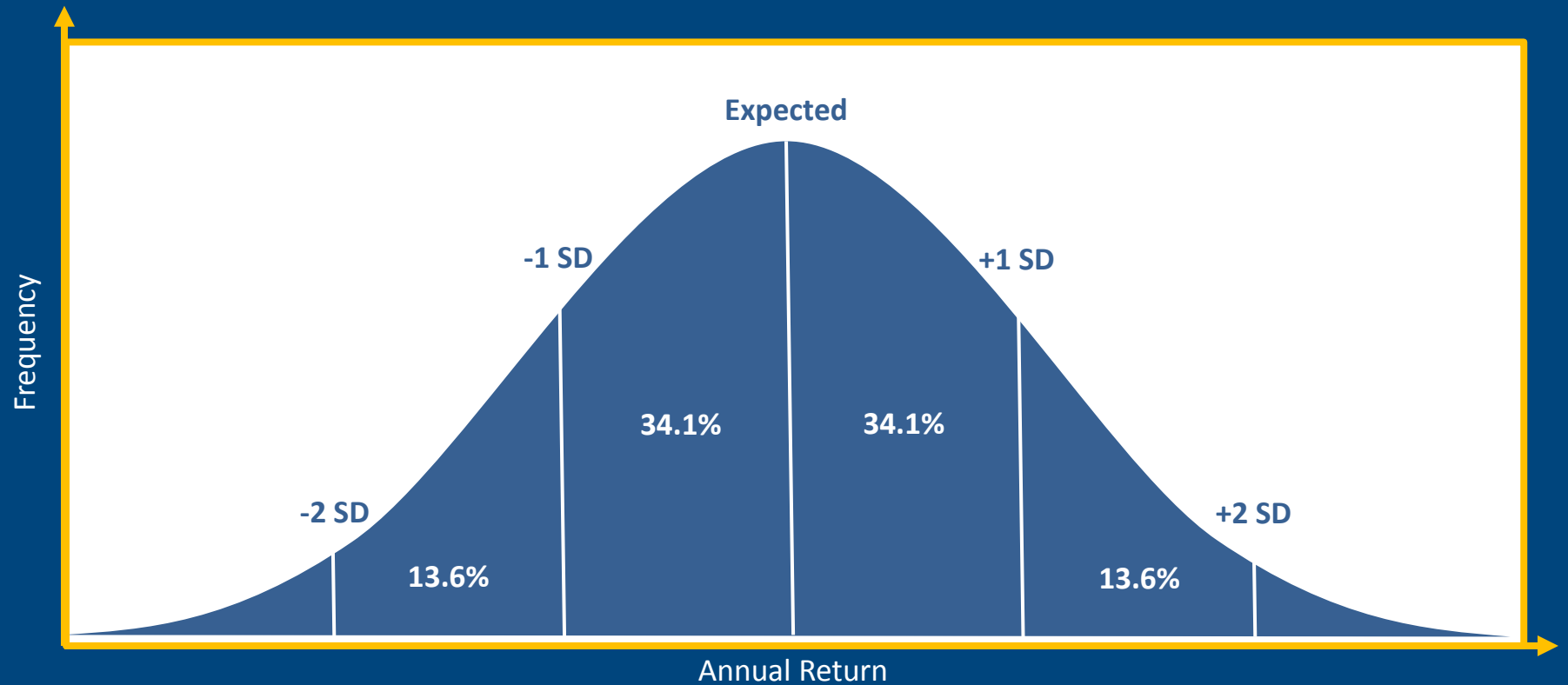
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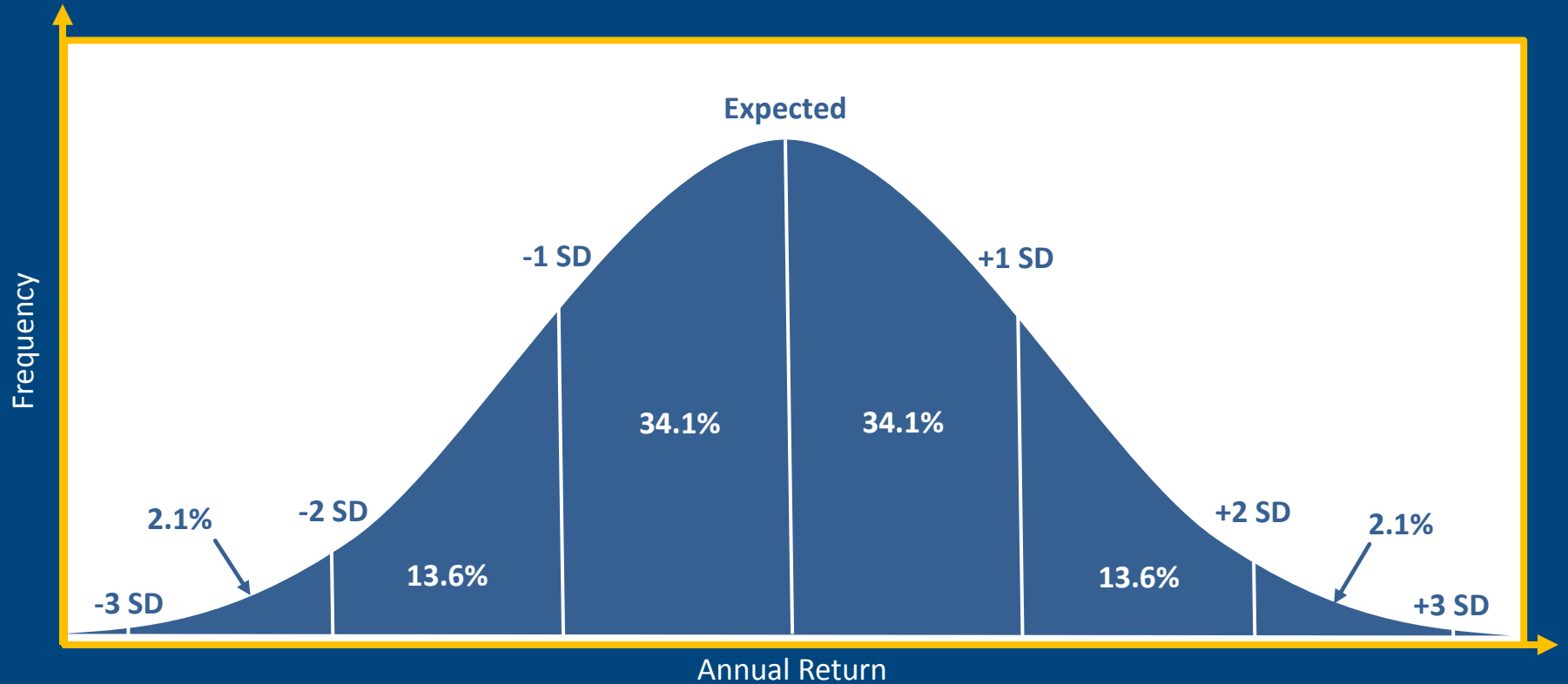
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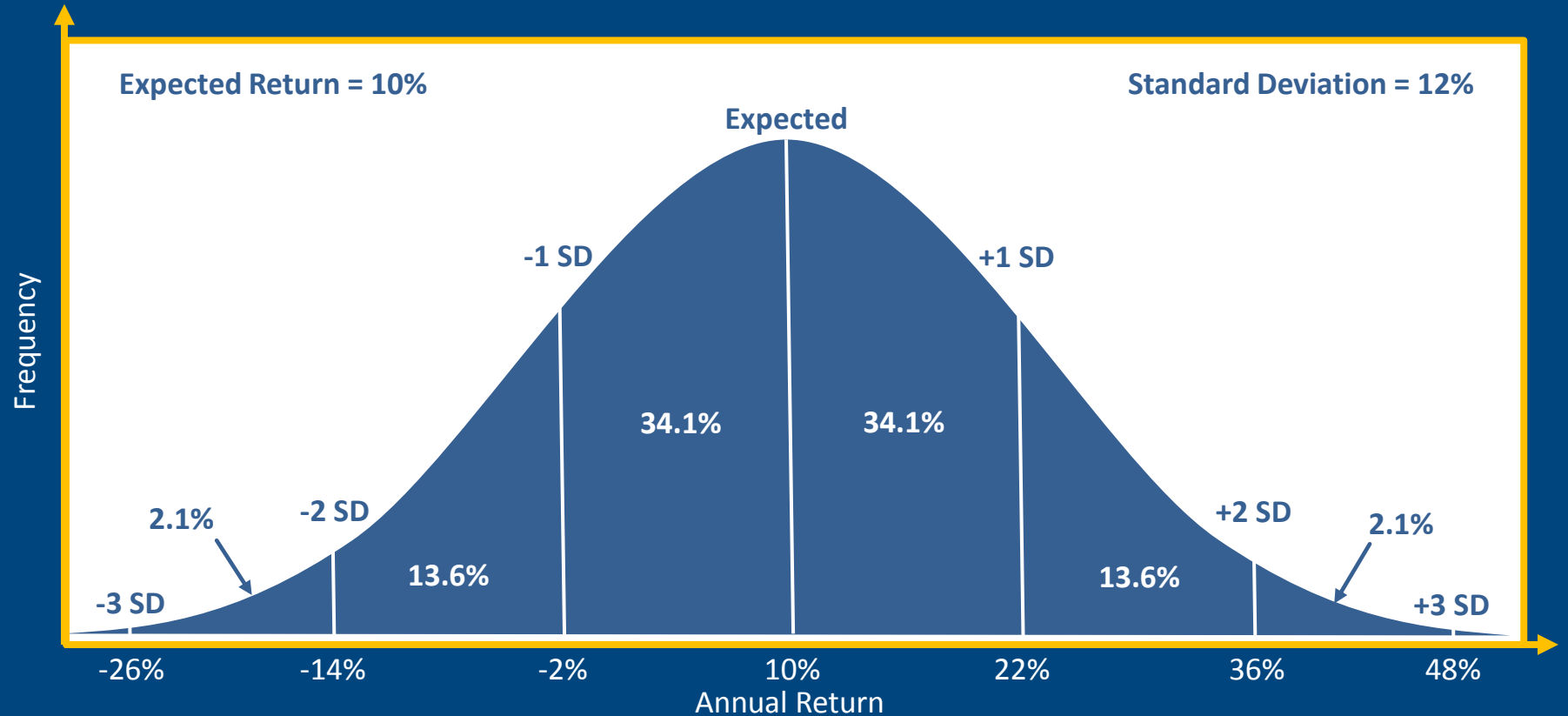
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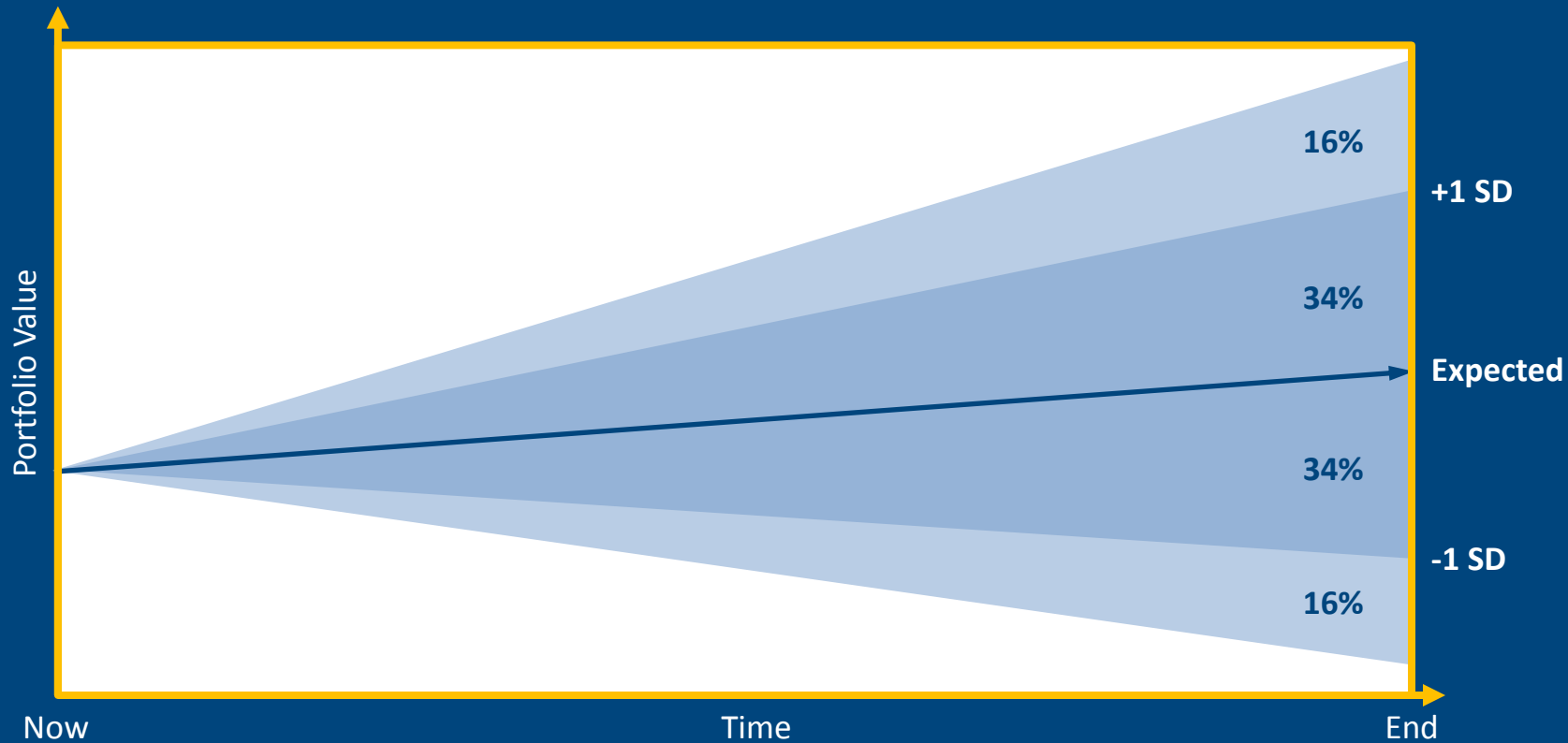
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Standard Deviation Example



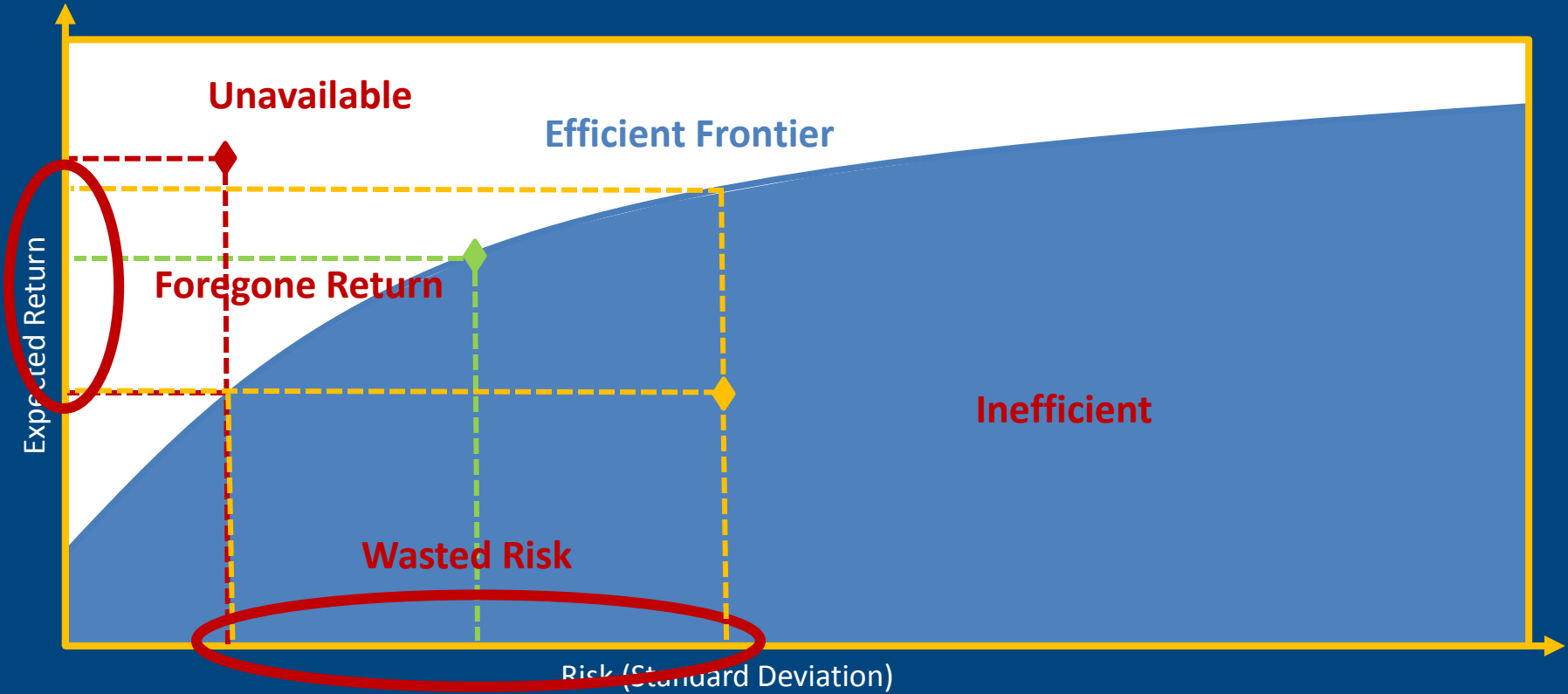
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- 4. Your Portfolio's Risk Efficiency**

The Efficient Frontier



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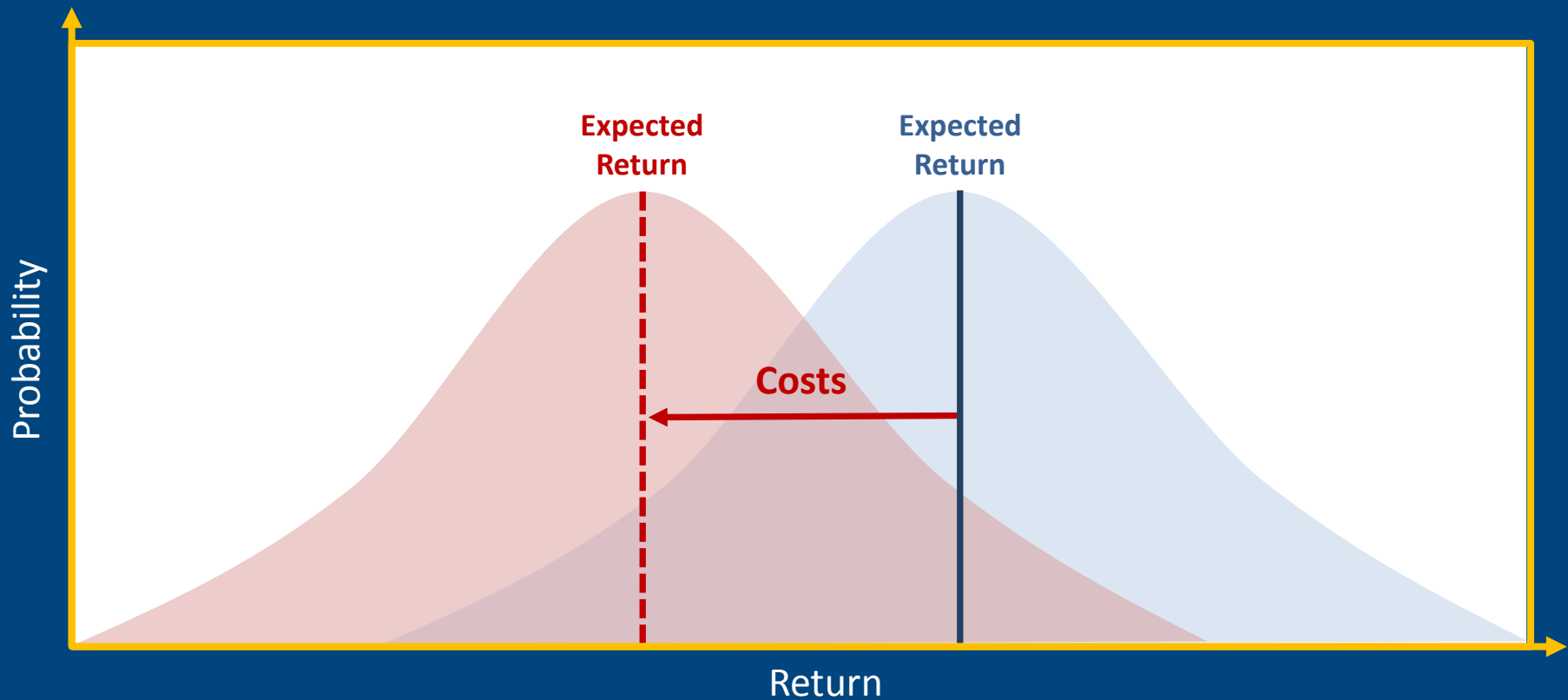
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5. **Your Investment Costs**

Friction that Drags Down Your Return

Investment Costs



Investment Costs



Types of Investment Costs

Category	Description	Example
Selling	Convincing You to Buy	Loads, 12b-1 Fees, DCSC
Administration	Business Overhead	Expense Ratios
Navigation	Planning and Analysis	Fees
Performance	Securities Selection and Timing	Expense Ratios
Transactions	Brokerage Commissions	Trading Commissions
Taxes	Excess Taxes Generated By Turnover	1099
Lifestyle	Reduced Standard of Living	Underperformance

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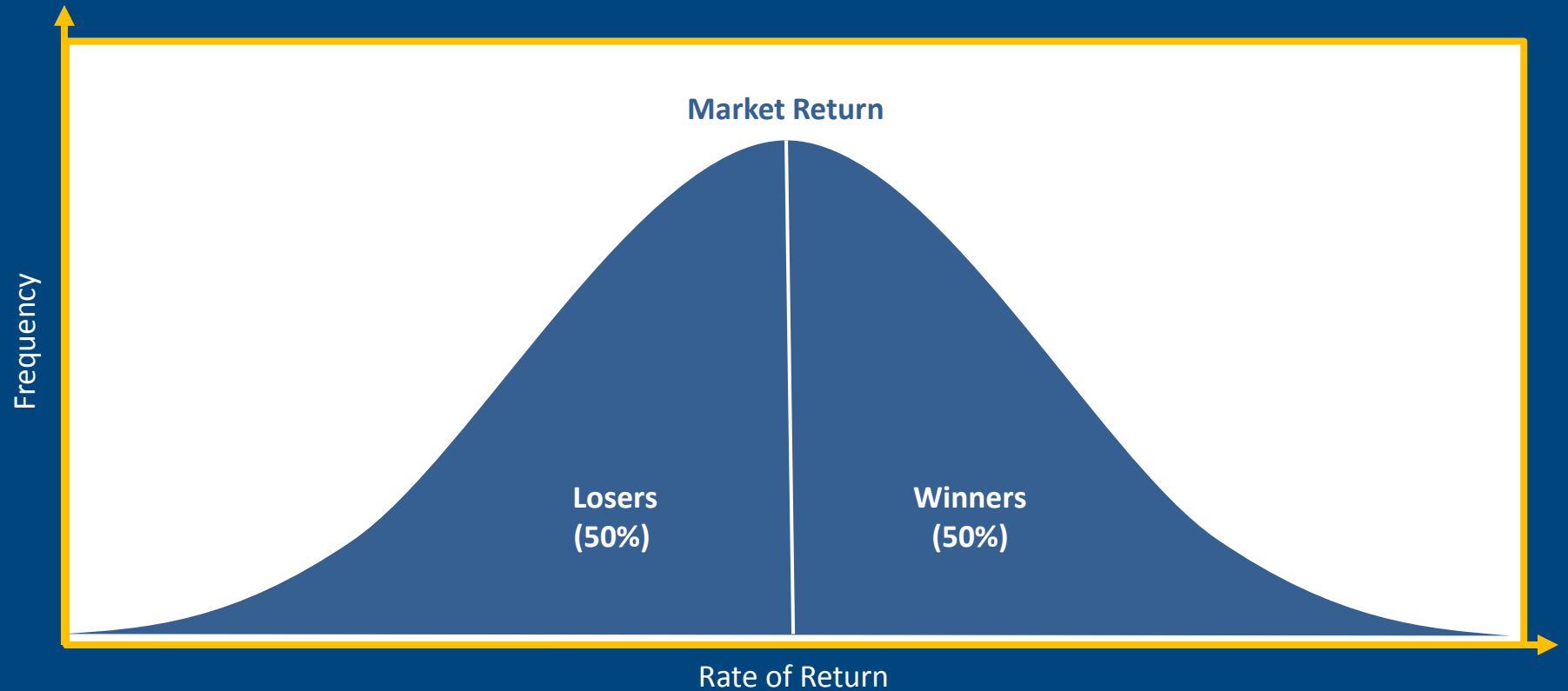
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The Truth About Alpha

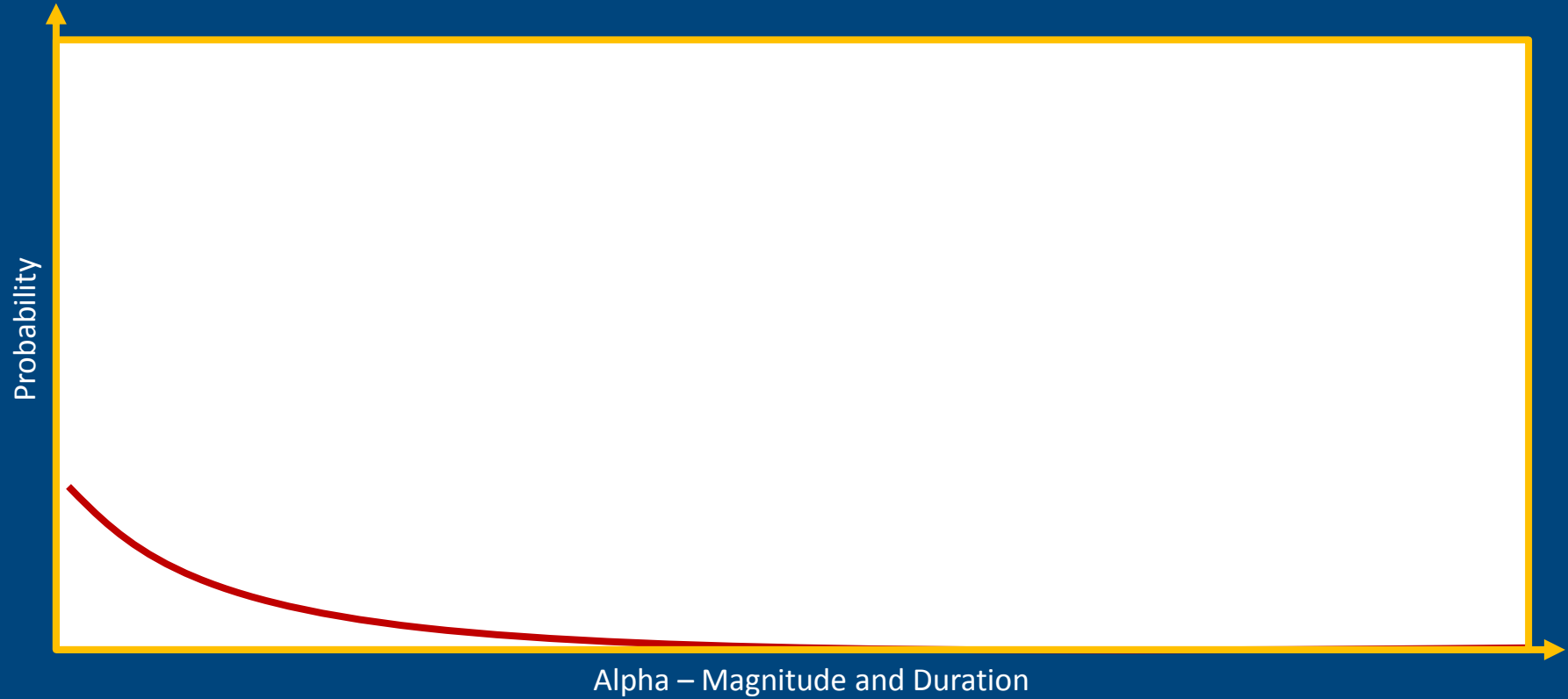
Alpha is additional return, above and beyond what is produced by the market, that is attributed to security selection and timing.

Markets are a tug-of-war over prices.

The Zero-Sum Game



Probability of Creating Alpha



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