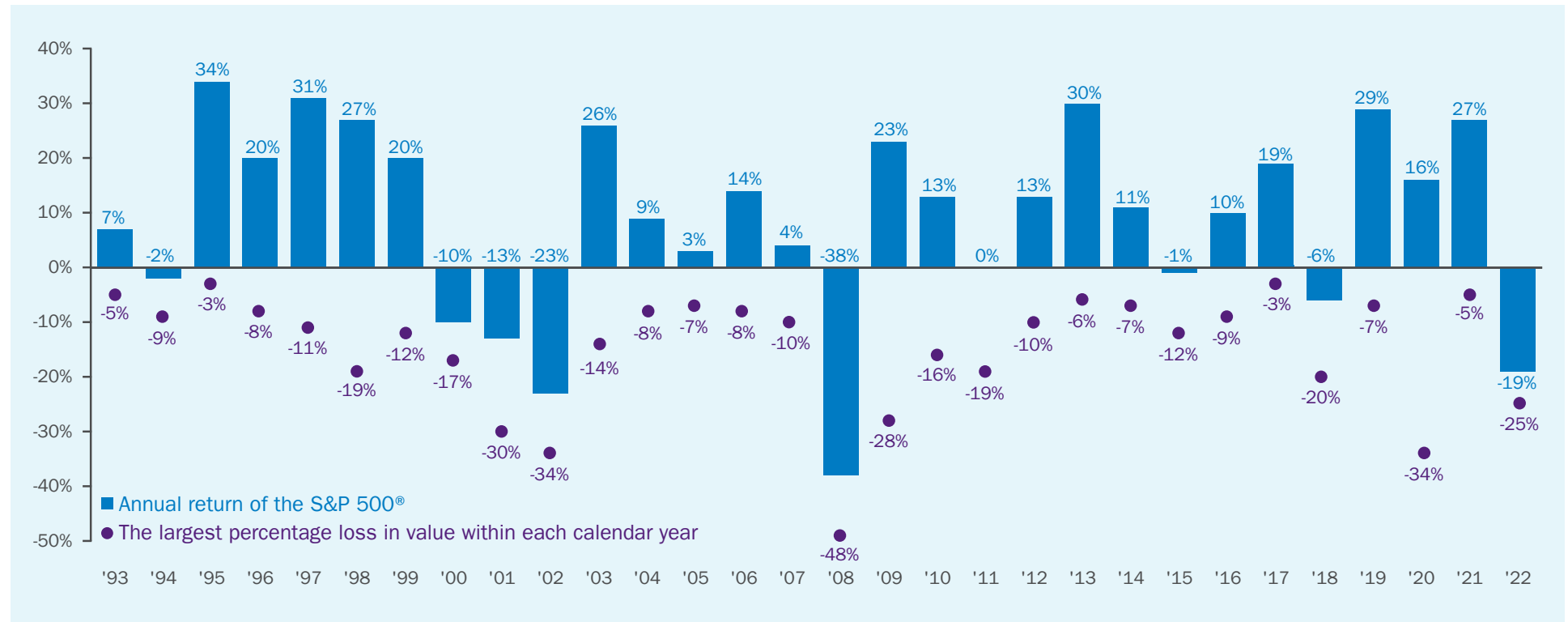


# Behind the Numbers

## A closer look at the ups and downs of the stock market

The Standard & Poor's 500® (S&P 500) Price Return Index is a standard tool to measure stock market performance. The S&P 500® has experienced positive returns in 21 of the past 30 years. During that same period, intra-year market downturns averaged -14.8% percent.

Reacting to short-term dips in the market may negatively influence your investing decisions. As the chart below illustrates, maintaining a long-term perspective and staying the course can help you achieve your investing goals.



Sources: Standard and Poor's, RiverSource Life Insurance Company. Returns are based on price index only and do not include dividends, and are rounded to the nearest whole percentage point. Intra-year downturn refers to the largest market drop between two dates within each calendar year. For illustrative purposes only. Data are as of December 31, 2022.

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