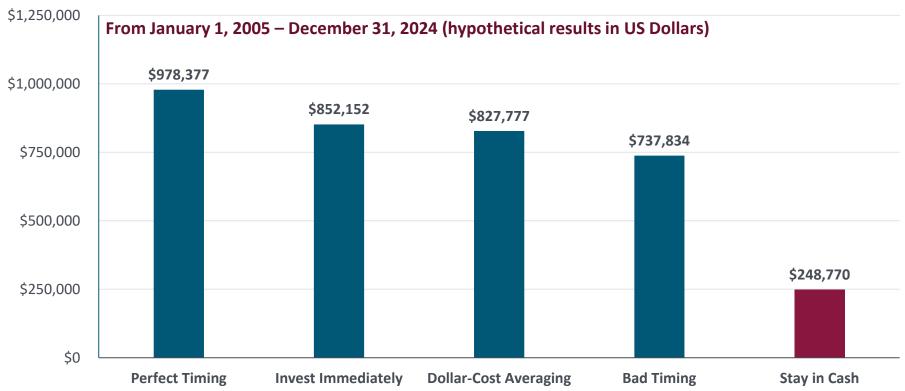
Historically, even the worst timing beat doing nothing



Consider these five investors, each received a \$10,000 bonus to be invested at the end of each year over 20 years.

- 1. Perfect Timing Timed the market perfectly and invested at the low point each year
- 2. Invest Immediately Invested immediately on the first of each year
- 3. Dollar-Cost Averaging A method of investing a fixed amount of money at regular intervals into the market at the beginning of each month
- 4. Bad Timing Timed the market poorly and invested at the high point each year
- 5. Stay in Cash Left the money in a cash account



Source: Factset Research, MFS. The chart represents five different hypothetical investments into the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index ("S&P 500"). Cash is represented by the FTSE 3-month US T-Bill Index. Keep in mind that all investments carry a certain amount of risk including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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In our view, it's time in the market that matters

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