

How they compare

What are your chances of losing money in global equities if your holding periods are three, five and 10 years?

Period from January 1991 to January 2016

Three years

28%



Five years

31%



10 years

13%



Period from June 1984 to January 2009

Three years

16%



Five years

14%



10 years

3%



NOTE: As the holding period lengthens, the chance of losing money significantly falls as the outcome of the investment is less affected by the timing of the entry or exit of the investment.