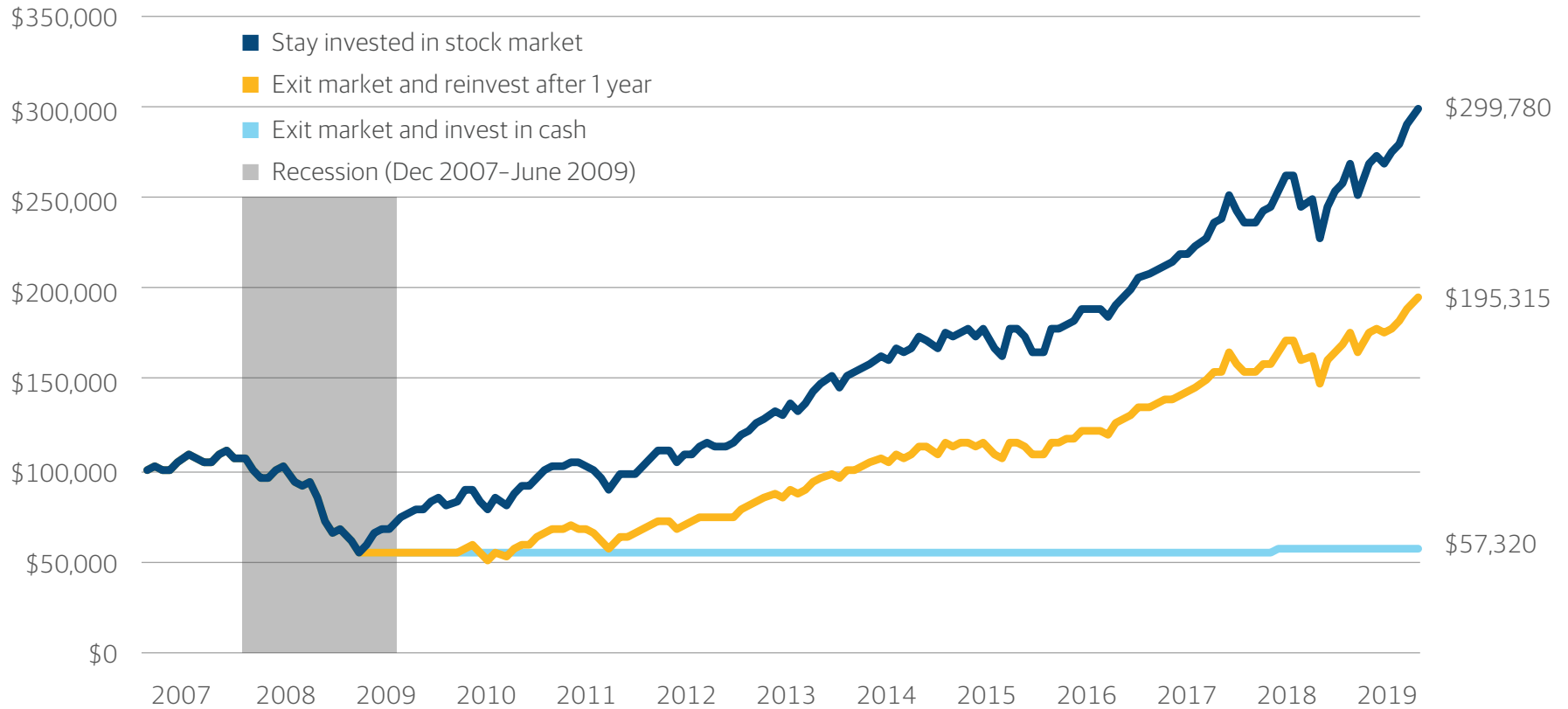


# The Importance of Staying Invested

## Ending wealth values after a market decline

Investors who attempt to time the market run the risk of missing periods of exceptional returns, leading to significant adverse effects on the ending value of a portfolio.



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