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Should you be making changes to your portfolio after the recent market correction?

Despite the current volatility in investment markets across Australia and the world, now may be exactly the wrong time to make significant changes to your portfolio.

While the media covers ‘investors selling frantically’ – these people are usually *speculators*, *not* investors. What’s the difference? Investors have a professionally advised plan with regular review meetings and they know that market corrections are inevitable and natural in a market economy.

Knee-jerk reactions in response to market news can mean that investors risk selling in a panic just as the market hits rock bottom, or buying in unreasonably when prices are near their highest.

On the flip side, investors can often take advantage of opportunities that emerge when the market undervalues certain stocks. The price given to shares does not always do justice to the good future prospects and strong business results of the underlying company.

Did you know? *After the stock market crash of 1987, the share market entered one of the most significant growth periods in history. Those who sold at the time of the crash missed out on growth opportunities.*

A good financial plan arranged with your adviser ahead of time, takes into account risk management for your portfolio, and with regular reviews you will have a time line and plan for all your investments to help reduce unnecessary and potentially damaging reactions.

We have also attached extracts from several professional fund managers, which explain their views of where the markets sit and position in respect of their portfolio’s moving forward.

If you are concerned about how the recent events have impacted on your investments and what steps you should be making right now, please contact me at your convenience to organise a review of your current portfolio.

General advice warning: The advice provided is general advice only as, in preparing it, we did not take into account your investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs. Before making an investment decision on the basis of this advice, you should read any relevant PDS and consider how appropriate the advice is to your particular investment needs, and objectives.

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