

Basics of Investing

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Investing

**Setting money aside now with the expectation
of getting back more in the future**

**Objective of investing
Make more money
without breaking laws
or being unethical**

Basics of Investing

Risk

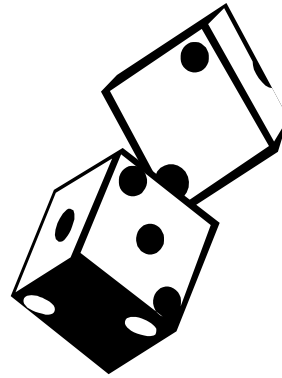
Diversification

Expenses and Taxes

Compounding

Risk

Uncertainty about profits



All investments have risk

What is risk?

Which investment do you like?			
	1	2	3
Heads	10%	15%	30%
Tails	10%	5%	-10%
Average	10%	10%	10%

What is risk?

		1	2	3
Round		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1	Heads	110.00	115.00	130.00
2	Heads	121.00	132.25	169.00
3	Tails	133.10	138.86	152.10
4	Tails	146.41	145.81	136.89
5	Heads	161.05	167.68	177.96
6	Tails	177.16	176.06	160.16
7	Tails	194.87	184.86	144.15
8	Heads	214.36	212.59	187.39

What is risk?

Now which investment do you like?			
	1	2	3
Heads	10%	20%	40%
Tails	10%	2%	-14%
Average	10%	11%	13%

What is risk?

		1	2	3
Round		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
1	Heads	110.00	120.00	140.00
2	Heads	121.00	144.00	196.00
3	Tails	133.10	146.88	168.56
4	Tails	146.41	149.82	144.96
5	Heads	161.05	179.78	202.95
6	Tails	177.16	183.38	174.53
7	Tails	194.87	187.04	150.10
8	Heads	214.36	224.45	210.14

Risk

Low risk

Smooth "ride"

High risk

Bumpy, scary "ride"

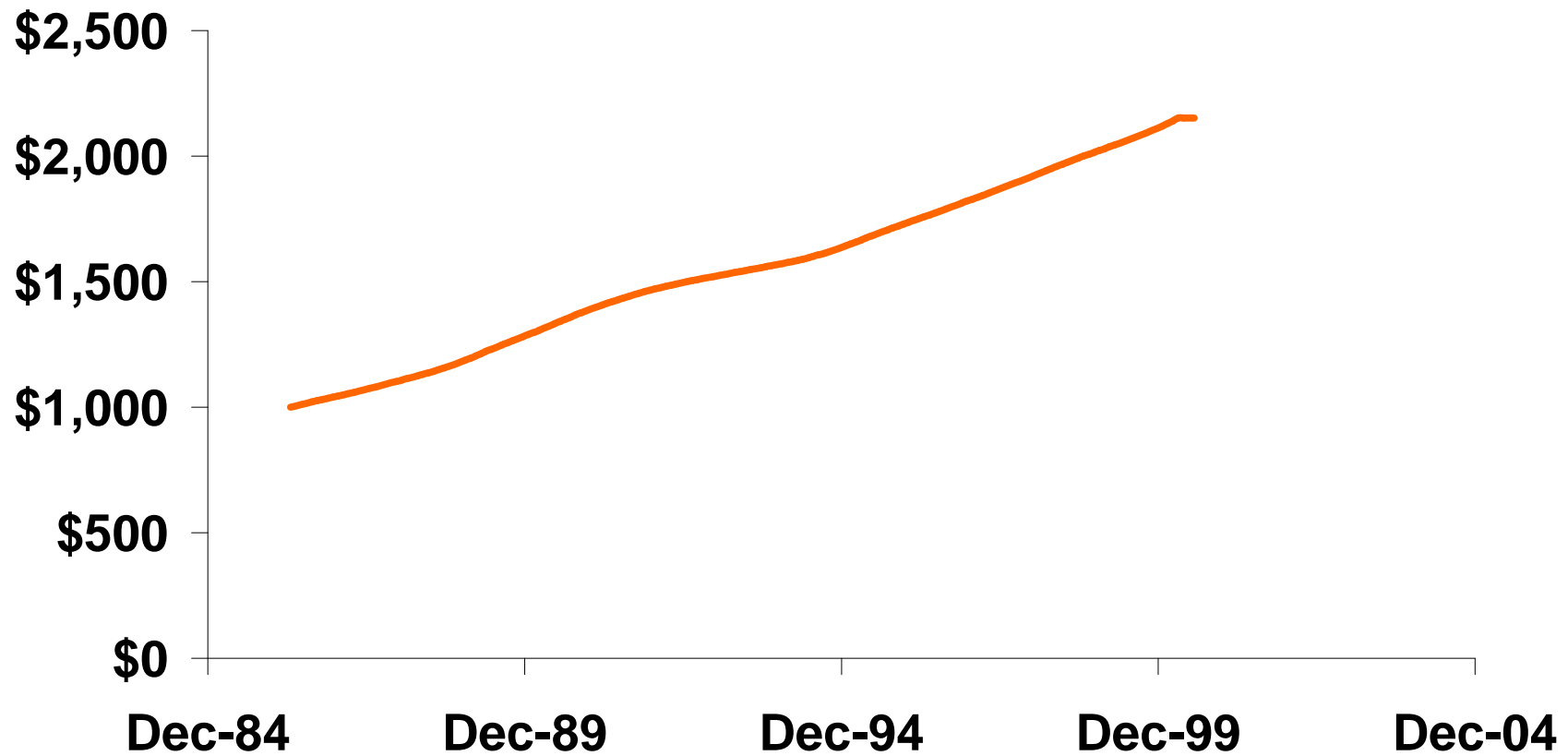
Potential for huge profits and disasters

Want to earn higher average return?

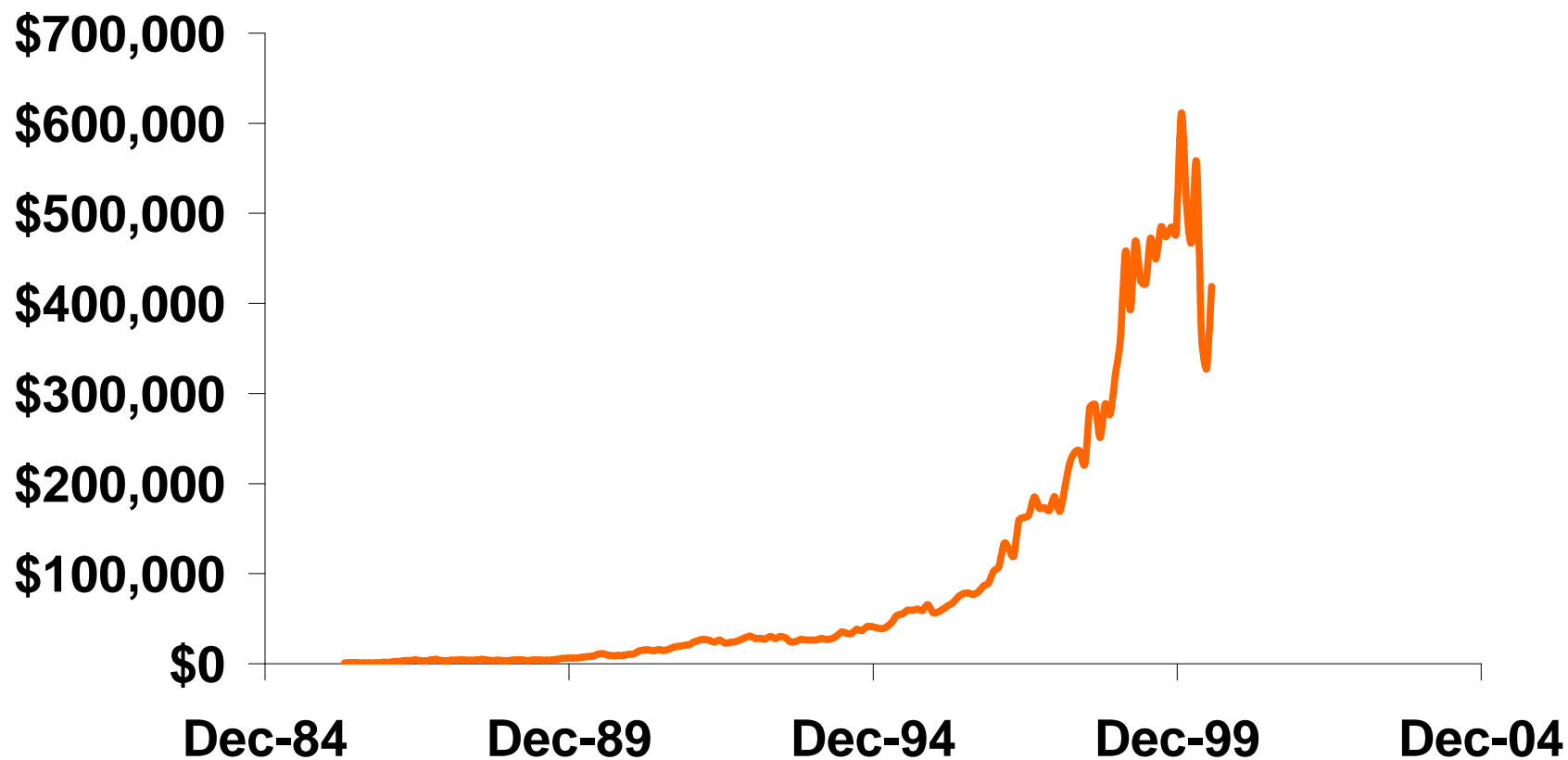
Take higher risk

Find your level of comfort

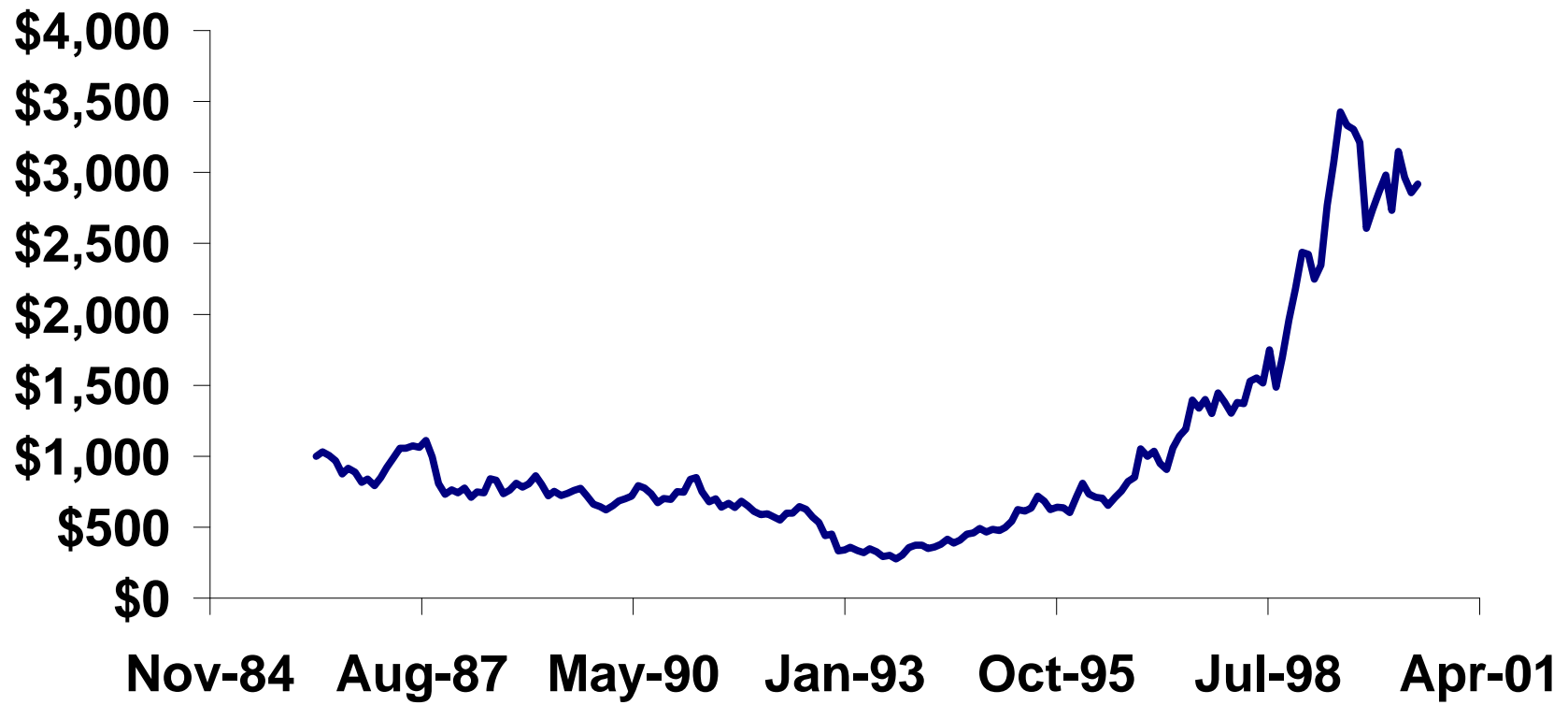
Value of \$1,000 Investment 90-day T-bill



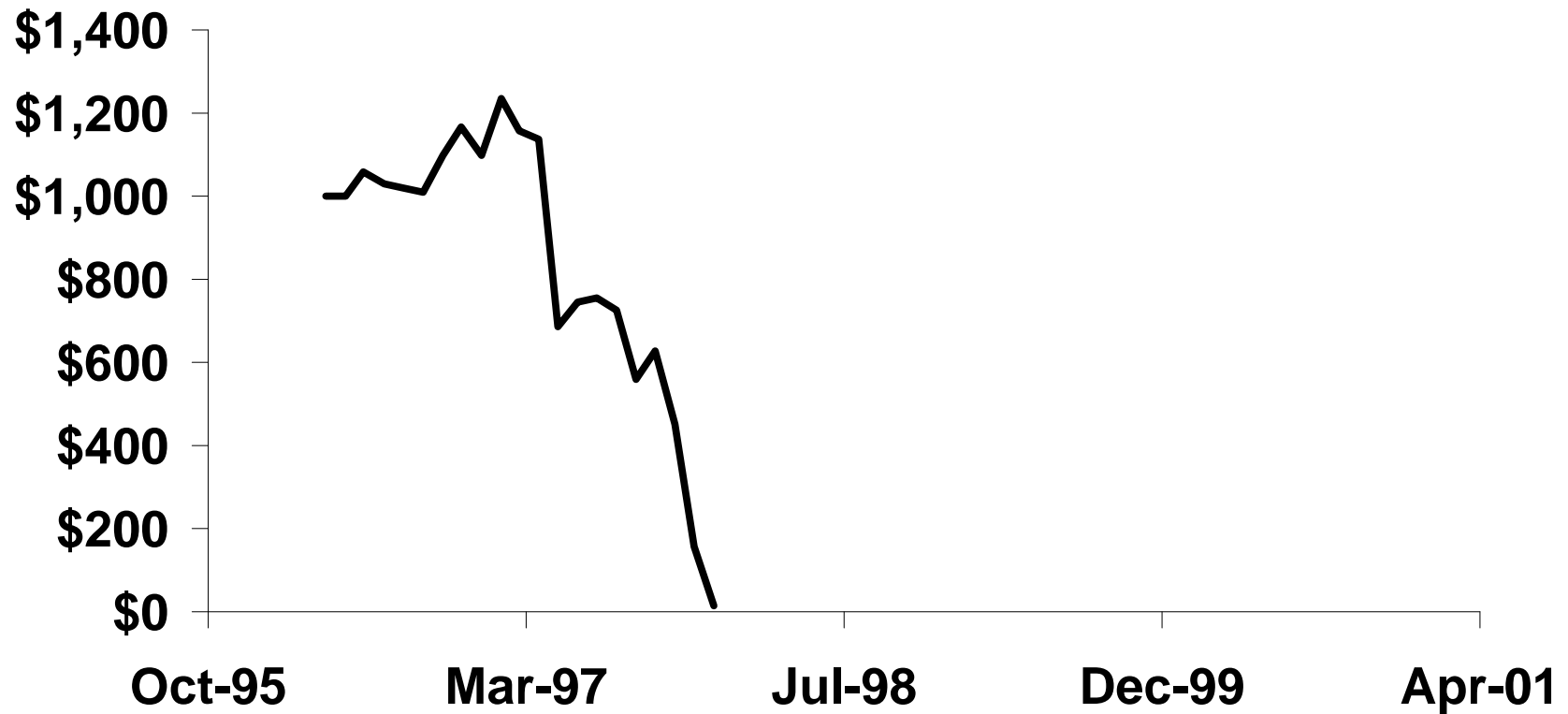
Value of \$1,000 Investment *Microsoft*



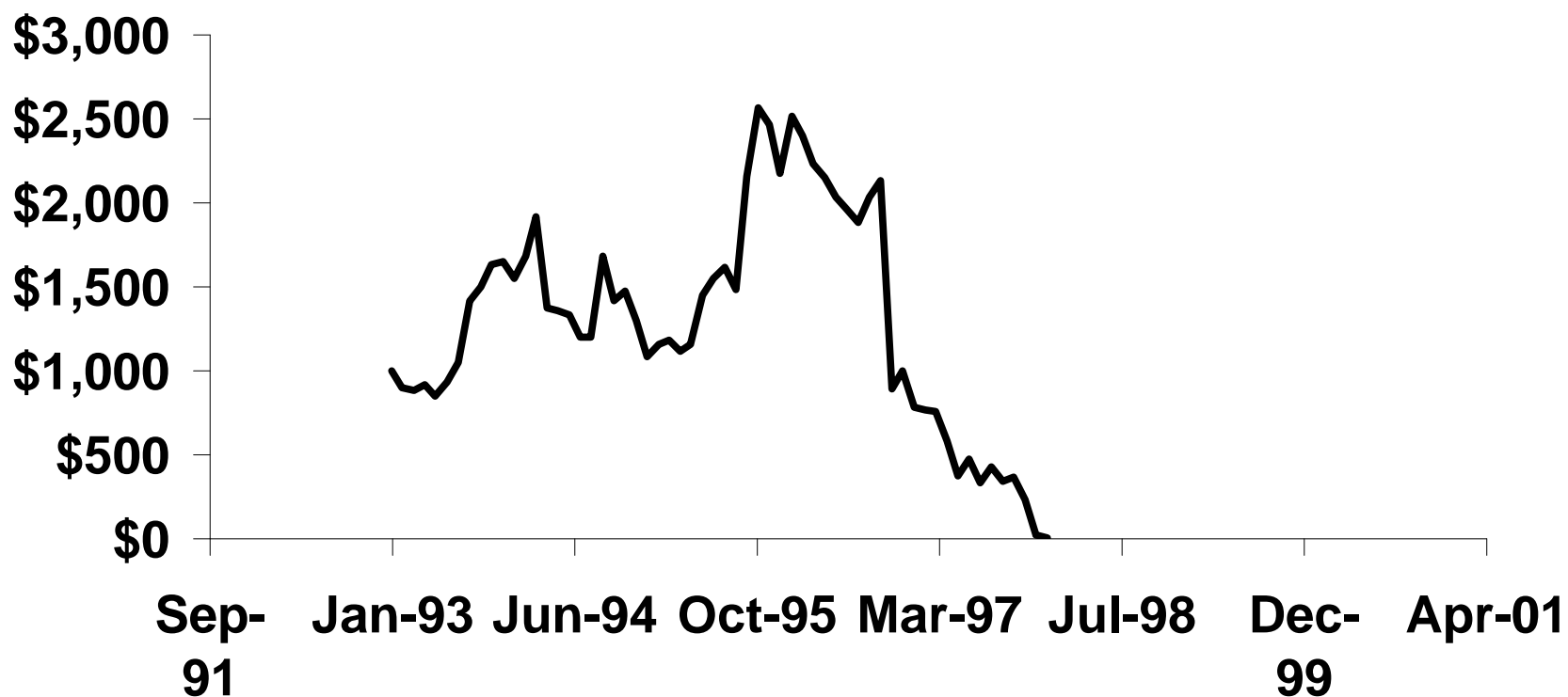
Value of \$1,000 Investment IBM



Value of \$1,000 Investment
Microleague Multimedia Inc



Value of \$1,000 Investment Molten Metal Technology Inc



Lesson 1

Two ways to become wealthy by investing

Patiently

Make low risk investments

Become rich slowly

Quickly

Make high risk investments

Potential to become rich quickly

Can also go bankrupt quickly

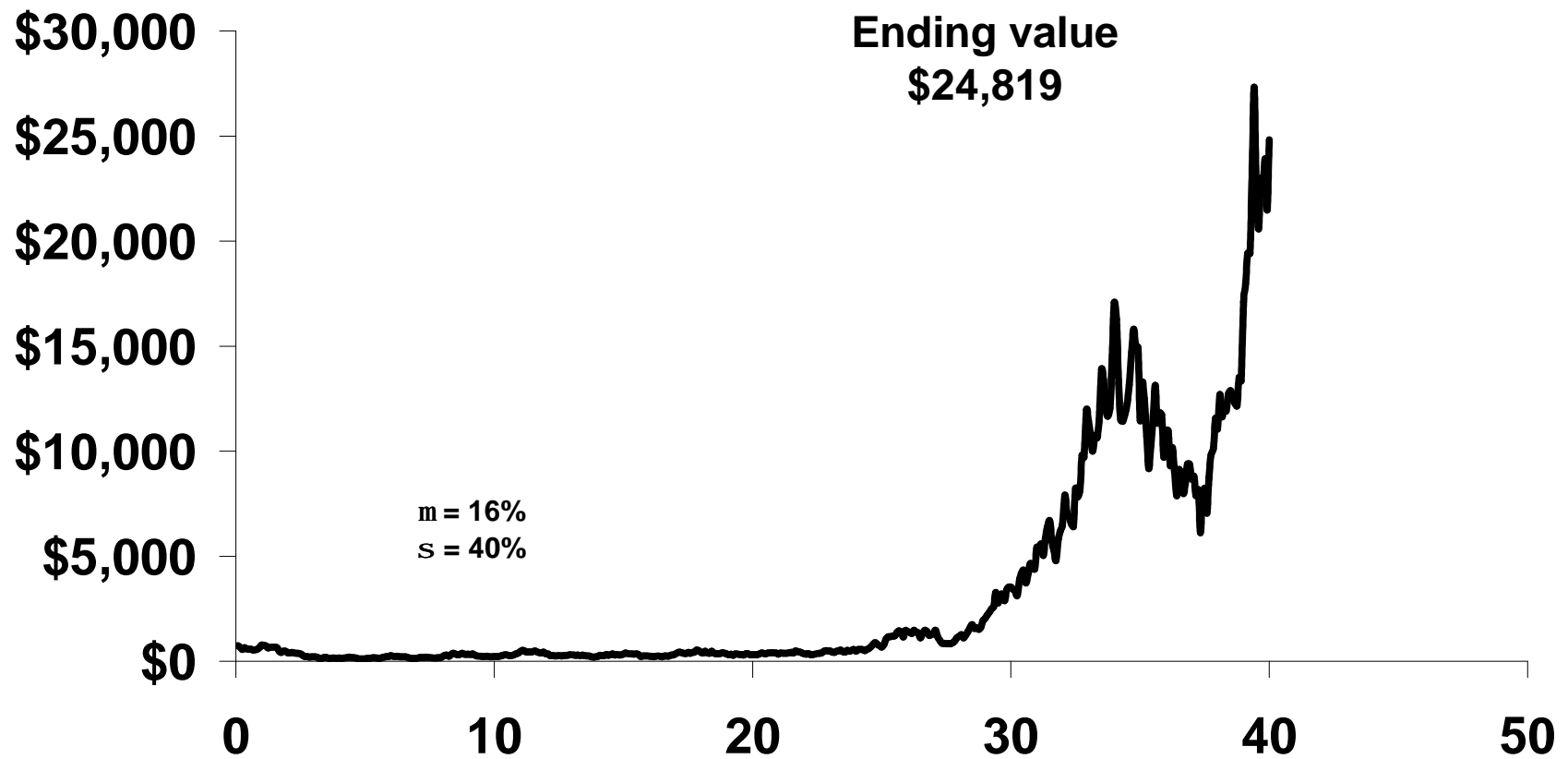
Diversification

Spread risk across investments

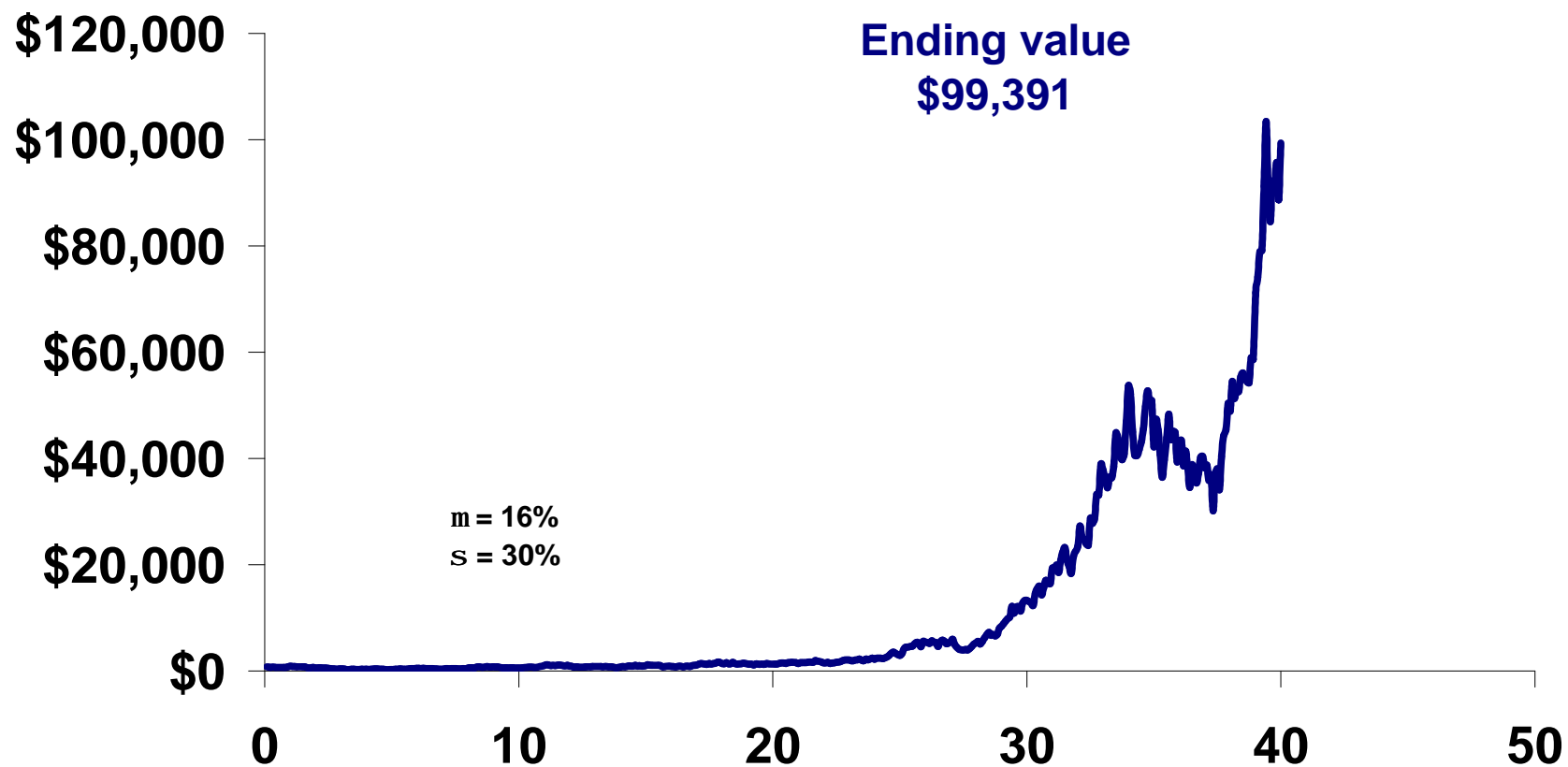
Some may go down, others will go up

**The ride will be smoother than
investing in a single investment by itself**

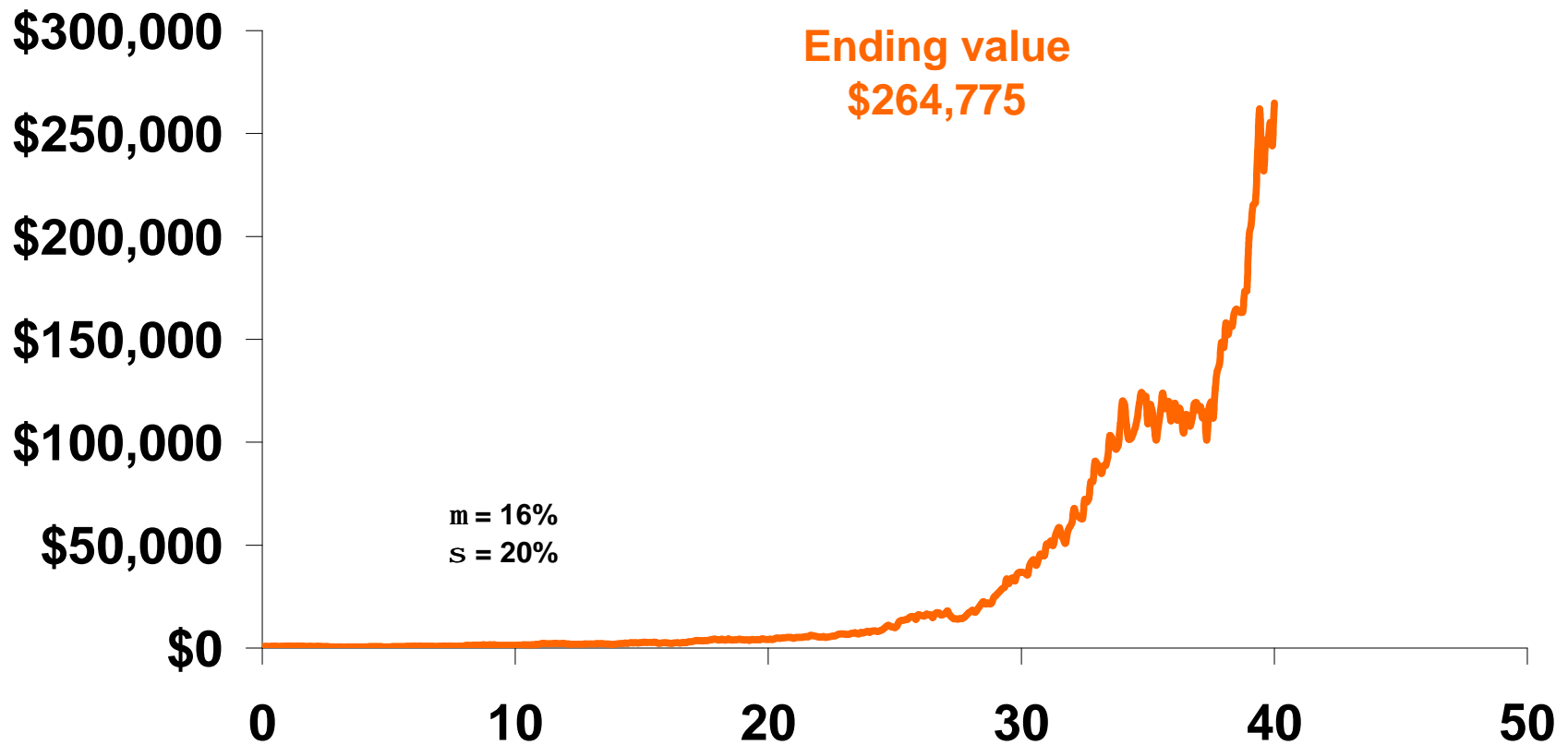
Value of \$1,000 Investment Low Diversification



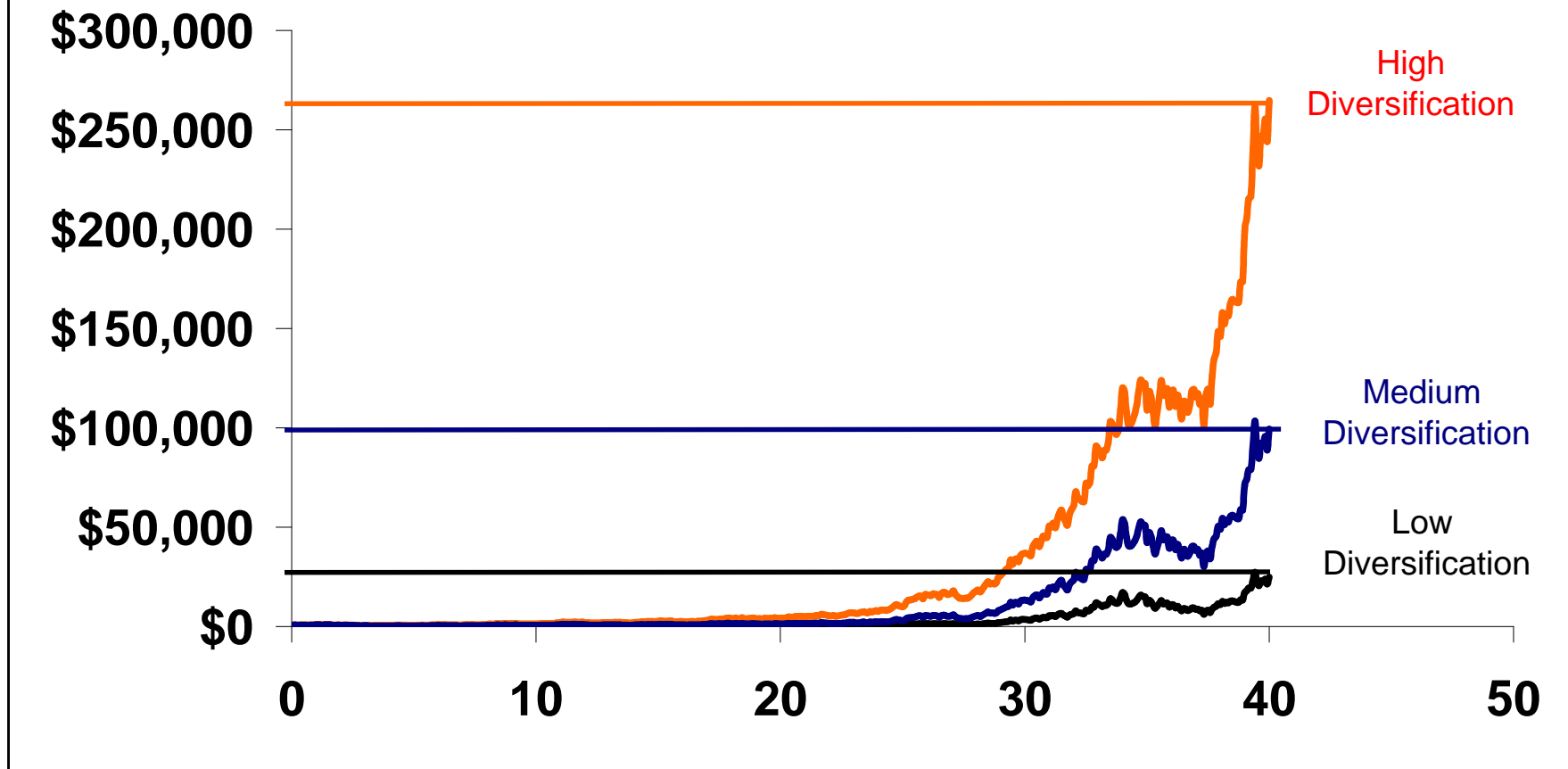
Value of \$1,000 Investment Medium Diversification



Value of \$1,000 Investment High Diversification



Another Look at the Effect of Diversification



Lesson 2

Diversify

How?

Mutual funds

Possible to "Pick" Stocks?

**Maybe once in a while
Not consistently**

**Some people may be gifted
or may have hot hand streaks**

**It's tougher to "pick" gifted people
or assess how long the streak will last**

Lesson 3

**Don't expect extraordinary performance
from mutual funds**

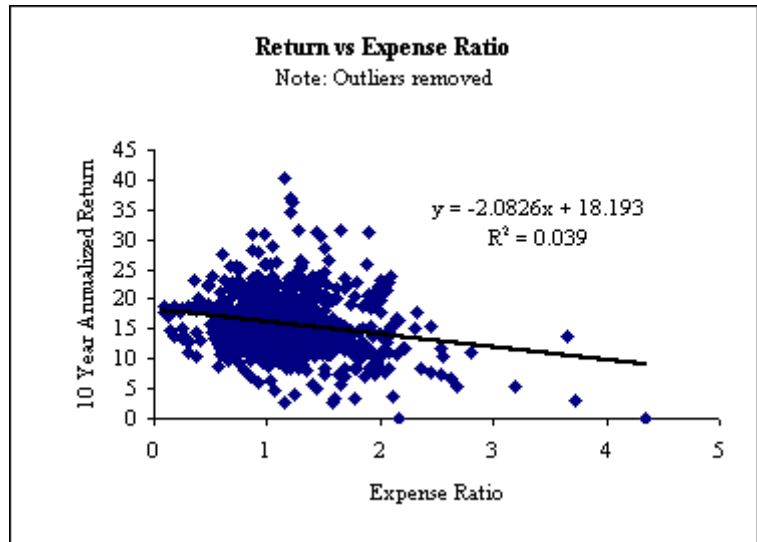
**Don't invest in
mutual funds that charge high fees**

You will just make fund managers richer

Evidence on the Impact of Mutual Fund Costs on Returns

U.S. Domestic Equity Funds that have existed for at least 10 years		
Data Source: Morningstar, March 31, 2000		
	Load	Pure No Load
N	477	309
Returns Not Adjusted for Load		
These returns are net of mutual fund expenses but not transaction fees (front-end and deferred loads).		
12 Mo	29.06%	26.18%
3 Yr (Annualized)	22.21%	20.97%
5 Yr (Annualized)	20.67%	20.15%
10 Yr (Annualized)	15.87%	15.45%
15 Yr (Annualized)	15.50%	14.89%
Load Adjusted Returns		
These returns are net of mutual fund expenses as well as transaction fees (front-end and deferred loads).		
12 Mo	23.94%	26.17%
5 Yr (Annualized)	19.76%	20.15%
10 Yr (Annualized)	15.44%	15.45%
Since inception (Annualized)	13.61%	14.37%
Fees, Expenses, etc.		
Front load	3.66%	0.00%
Deferred load	0.57%	0.00%
12(b)-1 fees	0.31%	0.00%
Expense ratio	1.30%	1.08%
Manager tenure (years)	6.4	8.4

This chart shows the relationship between returns (net of mutual fund expenses but not transaction fees) and expense ratios.



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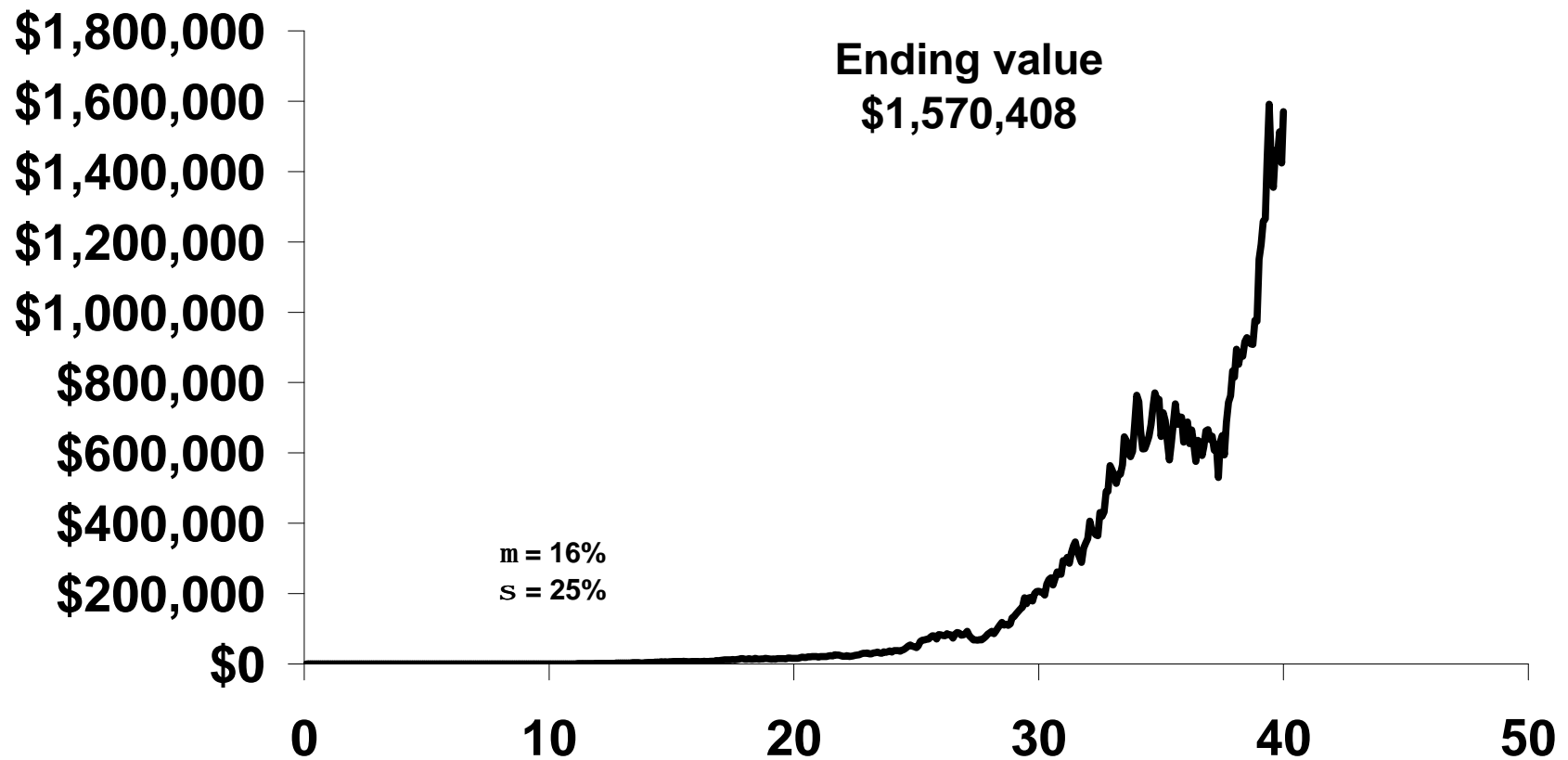
The Power of Compounding

Compounding?

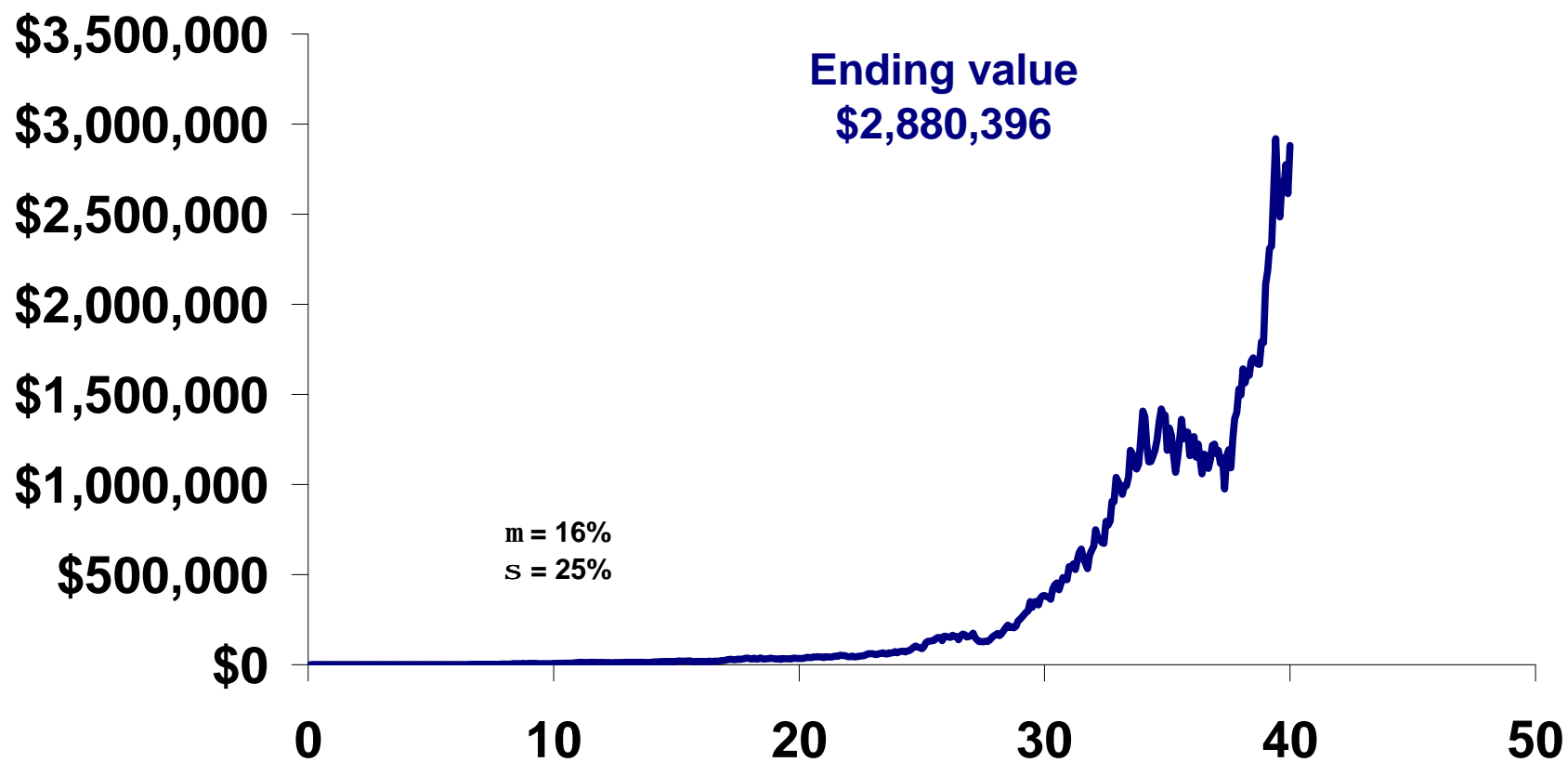
Interest on interest

**The longer you invest,
the more interest on interest you earn**

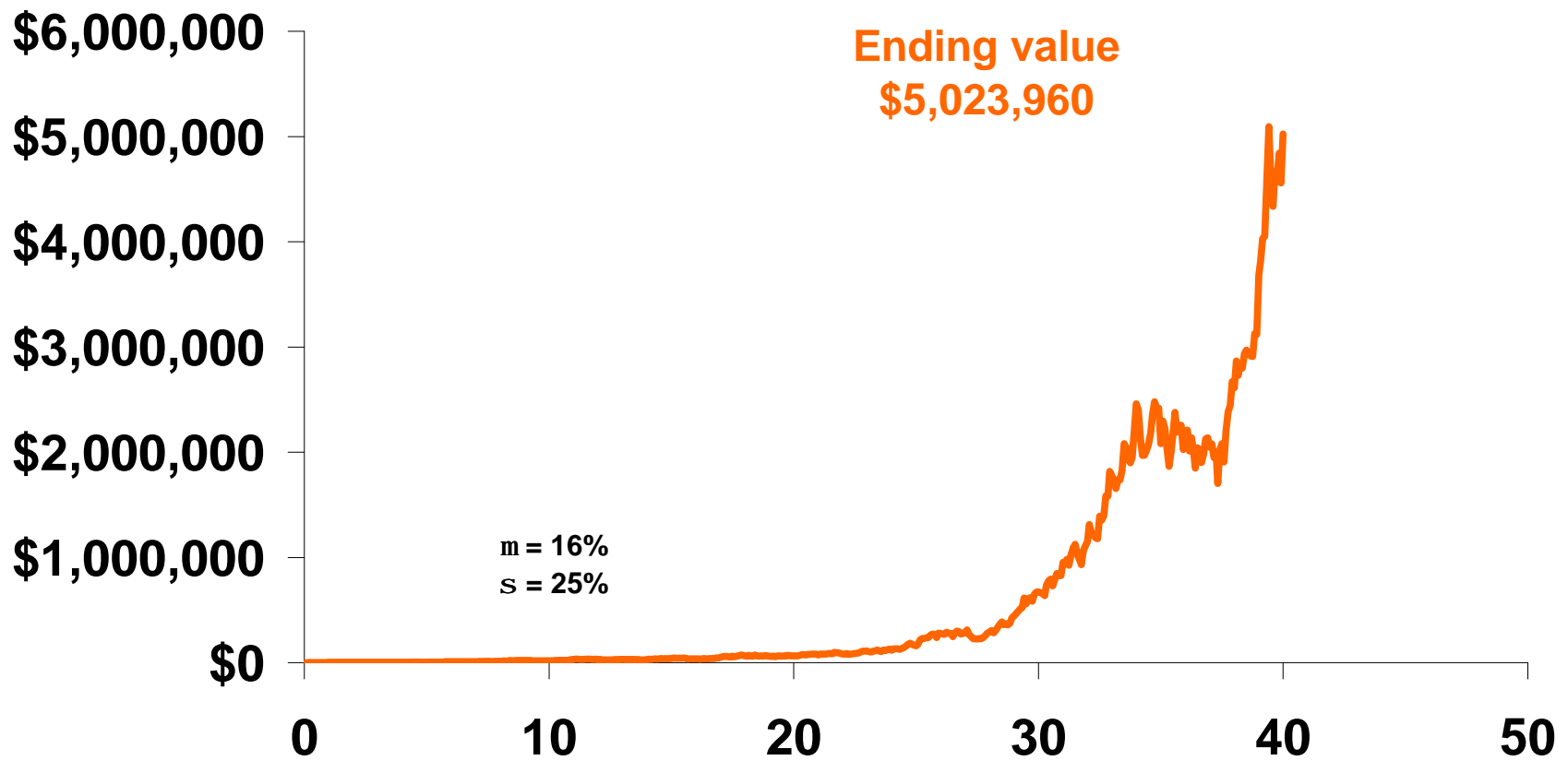
Value of \$100 Monthly Investment Delay 10 Years



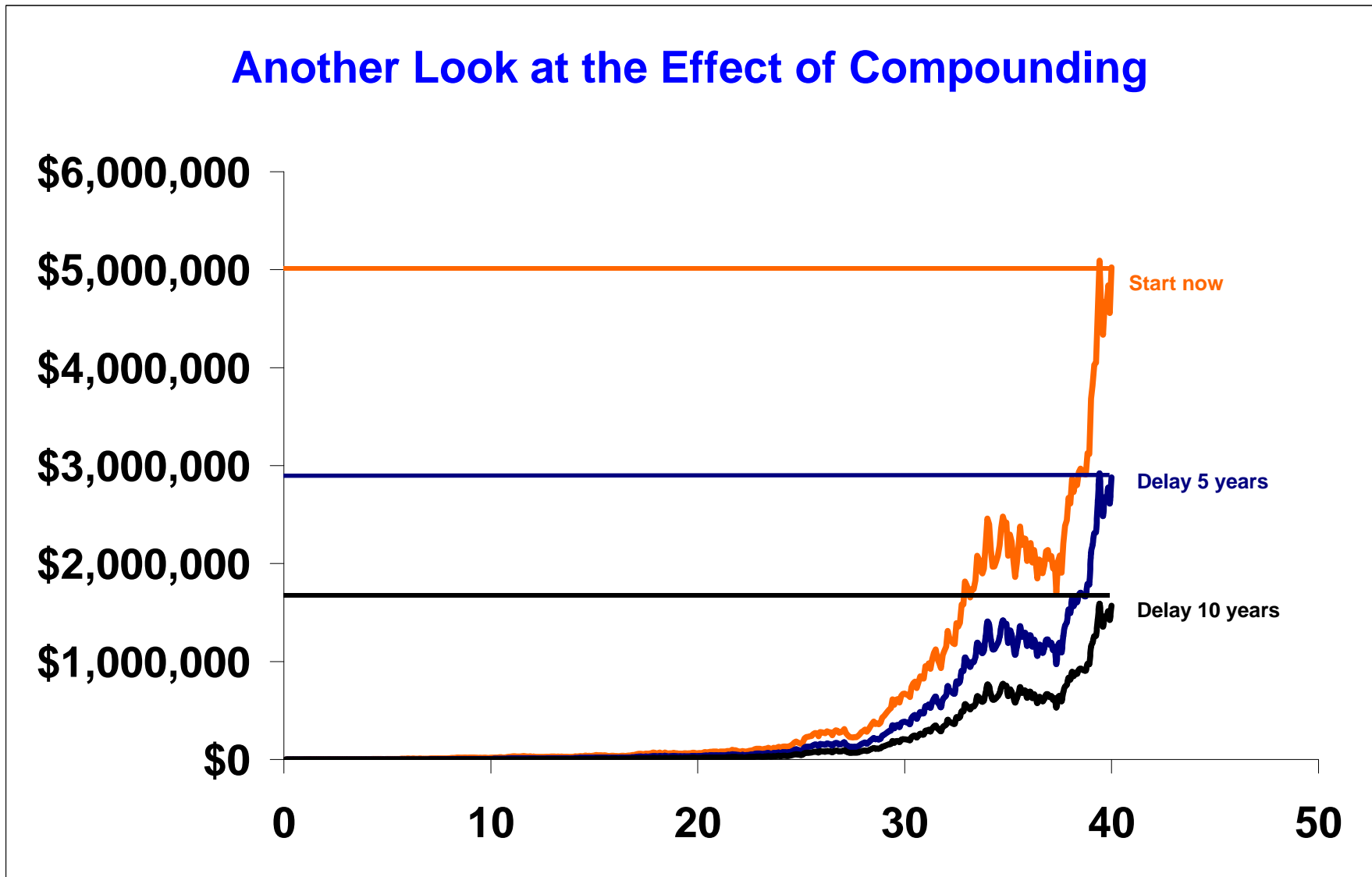
Value of \$100 Monthly Investment Delay 5 Years



Value of \$100 Monthly Investment Start Now



Another Look at the Effect of Compounding



Lesson 4

Start early

The longer you wait, the more you lose

Recap

- 1. Take some risk**
- 2. Diversify using mutual funds**
- 3. Don't pay high management fees**
- 4. Start now**