

Russian invasion of Ukraine

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has caused global investment markets to become extremely volatile. At Rutland Independent Wealth Management, we are fully aware and extremely concerned about the horrific circumstances from a humanitarian point of view which is threatening lives and livelihoods of civilians across Ukraine.

News flow on this subject is constant, and investment fund managers are making asset allocation decisions on an on-going basis, positioning the portfolios in the best way they can, both for when markets are falling and for the recovery, which can be significant. Most investment portfolios are not limited to company shares, and some portfolios can also hold other asset classes such as treasury or corporate bonds, gold (precious metals) and other commodities which are currently increasing in value due to supply issues.

Two years ago we faced uncertainty of a much different nature and whilst global investment markets reacted to enforced lockdowns, the response to good news was rapid and resounding. Looking past the invasion of Ukraine which is front and centre of our minds, we have global economic strength and central banks who have recent experience in responsibly managing monetary policy, issuing support when required. Remaining invested and sticking to your financial plan allows you to participate in upturns as the situation stabilises.

We are in constant contact with our investment partners who include some of the world's biggest global financial institutions and between us we will make decisions in the best interests of our clients as the days and weeks go by.

We have always recommended well-diversified portfolios to our clients, which is of the utmost importance in the market conditions we are currently experiencing, and we believe that remaining invested, sticking to your financial plan and looking past short-term volatility is the best course of action.

Taking any knee jerk reaction to the current market volatility, such as disinvesting to cash, risks losing out on any rapid market recovery, and could prove costly in the long run.

Should you have any concerns regarding your investment portfolio, please do not hesitate to contact your adviser using the mobile number on the business card provided or by calling 01506 424150.