

Gain a competitive edge through the science of investing.

Misleading Numbers

And what you can do about it

Option #1

 2 year 0% Average Return

Option #2

2 year 10% Average
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- Standard Deviation = 14.14
- Range = 20

Option #2

- Year 1 up 60%, Year2 down 40%
- 20% Cumulative Return
- \$100,000 Invested = \$96,000
- Standard Deviation = 70.71
- Range = 100



A Few Definitions

Standard deviation is a measure of the dispersion of a set of data from its mean. It sheds light on the historical volatility of that investment.

Range is the difference between the low and high prices for a security or index over a specific time period. The more volatile the security or index, the wider the range.

Source: Investopedia



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	Tortoise Portfolio	Hare Portfolio
Starting Value	\$100,000	\$100,000
Year 1	-6%	-12%
Year 2	-11%	-22%
Year 3	14%	28%
Year 4	5%	10%
Year 5	3%	6%
Year 6	8%	16%
Year 7	4%	8%
Year 8	-19%	-38%
Year 9	13%	26%
Year 10	2%	4%
Ending Value	\$108,161	\$104,271
Average Return	1.3%	2.6%



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