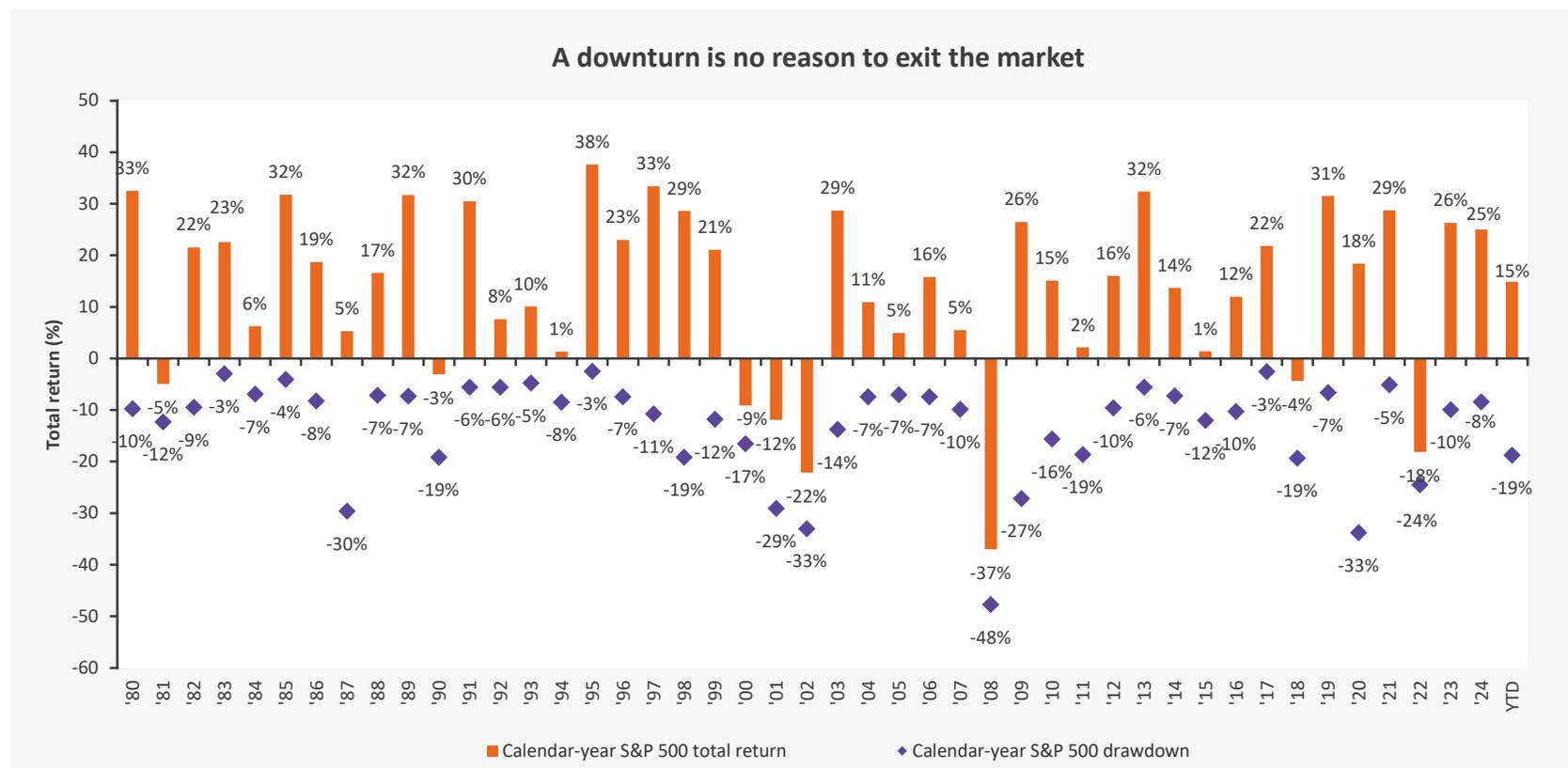


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Key takeaways

- A market downturn does not necessarily mean that markets will perform poorly for the year. Four of the past seven bear markets have resulted in negative annual returns.
- Market corrections and downturns can be difficult to endure. However, sell-offs can potentially offer opportunities for investors to purchase high-quality stocks at reasonable prices.

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