

# **Contrarian Investing**

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## **Agenda**

- Traditional Investing
- Herd Mentality
- Contrarian Investing (CI)
- · Examples of CI
- · Opportunities and risks
- Personal investment example of CI
- · Reading material

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# **Traditional Investing**

- Bonds
- Cash
- · Stocks and Shares
- Real Estate
- Become a business owner

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## **Herd Mentality**

Bubbles in the stock market

- Tulip Mania (1637)
- South Sea Bubble (1720)
- Railway Mania (1840)
- Roaring Twenties (1920)
- Dot-com Bubble ( Late 90's Early 2000s)
- Real Estate (2008)

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# **Contrarian Investing (CI)**

- Key Principle: "Be fearful when others are greedy, and greedy when others are fearful."
  - Warren Buffet
- How can you be a Contrarian Investor
  - Independent thinker
  - Research and Analysis (BI Methodology)
  - Patience and Long-Term View
  - > Risk Tolerance and management
  - Be a value investor
  - Understanding of Goals and Time Horizon

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# **Contrarian Strategies**

- Bottom Fishing
- Sector Rotation
- Value Investing
- Short Selling

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#### **Case Studies**

- Goldman Sachs & Bank of America
- Investing in Japan in 1960
- · Investing in distressed debts
- Real estate
- Oil price collapse

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### **Opportunities**

- Buying undervalued assets
- Profit from market overreaction
- Long-Term Growth potential
- Buying at Market bottoms
- Higher potential returns
- Psychological discipline

#### **Risks**

- Risk in timing the market
- Underperformance in trending markets
- Value Traps
- · Change in market sentiment
- Liquidity risk
- Bias

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### **Personal Examples of CI**

#### Not so pleasant experiences

- JCPenney capital wiped out
- Valeant Pharmaceuticals/Bausch Health Care down 60%
- SOFI down 40%

#### Positive experiences

- Conoco Phillips 188%
- Exxon Mobil 185%
- Flour 134.55%
- Barclays 63.5%
- JP Morgan (39%) and Bank of America (26%)

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# **Reading Material**

- "Intelligent Investor"
  - Benjamin Graham
- "The Most Important Thing: Uncommon Sense for the Thoughtful Investor"
  - Howard Marks

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