

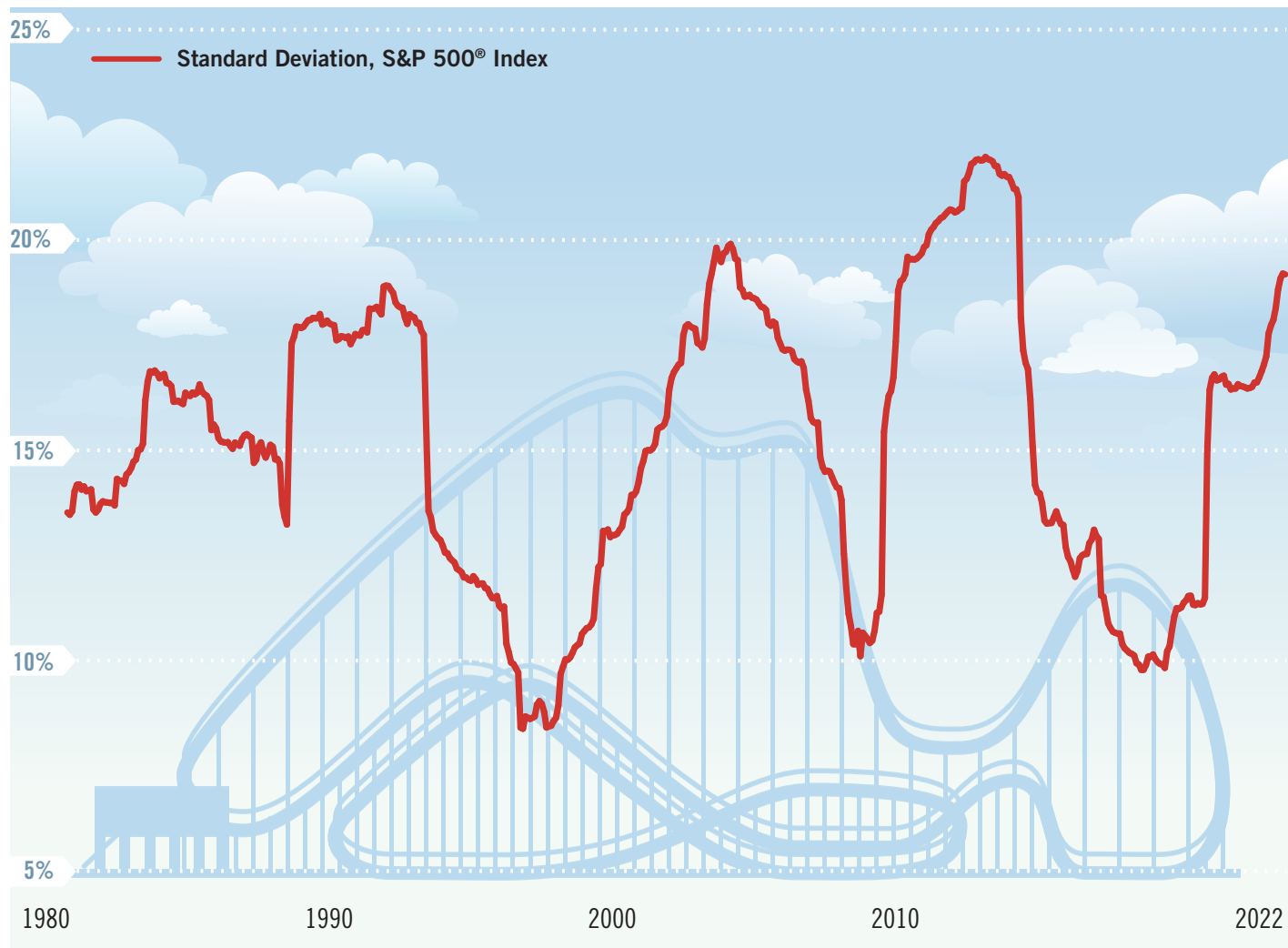
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Investing in the stock market is like a roller coaster: volatility—the ups and downs—is inevitable over the long run.

As the graphic shows, this ebb and flow of volatility fits a broad historical pattern going back many decades. The appearance of a historical pattern in no way predicts, let alone guarantees, that the future will look just like the past. We do not know where the market will be tomorrow, next year, or next decade. Even so, investors should be respectful of long-standing market rhythms.

No financial plan can succeed without thoughtful risk management, which includes a broad assessment of how potential declines can impact us both financially and behaviorally.

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