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Risk Tolerance Questionnaire

Tolerance for risk is a key consideration in determining your probable level of comfort with varying investing choices.

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Risk Questionnaire Time Horizon Your current situation and future income needs.	When do you expect to begin withdrawing money from your investment account?	☐ Less than 2 years ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 to 4 years ☐ 5 to 7 years ☐ 8 to 10 years ☐ 11 years or more
	2 Once you begin withdrawing money from your investment account, how long do you expect the withdrawals to last?	 ☐ I plan to take a lump sum distribution ☐ 1 to 4 years ☐ 5 to 7 years ☐ 8 to 10 years ☐ 11 years or more
Risk Tolerance	Which of the following choices best reflects your attitude toward inflation and risk?	 ☐ My main goal is to avoid loss, even though I may only keep pace with inflation. ☐ My main goal is to earn slightly more than inflation, while taking on a low level of risk. ☐ My main goal is to increase my portfolio's value. Therefore, I am willing to accept short-term losses, but I am not comfortable with extreme performance shifts that may be experienced in the most aggressive investment options. ☐ My main goal is to maximize my portfolio value, and I am willing to take on more extreme levels of risk and performance shifts in my portfolio to do so.
	4 The table below presents a hypothetical worst case loss, expected gain, and best case gain of five sample portfolios over a one-year period with an initial \$100,000 investment. Which portfolio would you prefer to hold?	Hypothetical Expected Hypothetical Best Case (\$) Gain (\$) Worst Case (\$) ☐ Portfolio 1 109,500 105,500 85,000 ☐ Portfolio 2 114,500 107,000 81,000 ☐ Portfolio 3 121,500 108,500 72,500 ☐ Portfolio 4 130,000 110,000 65,000 ☐ Portfolio 5 133,000 111,000 62,000
	5 Investing involves a trade-off between risk and return. Which statement best describes your investment goals?	 □ Protect the value of my account. In order to minimize the chance for loss, I am willing to accept the lower long-term returns provided by conservative investments. □ Keep risk to a minimum while trying to achieve slightly higher returns than the returns provided by investments that are more conservative. □ Focus more on the long-term investment returns. Long-Term growth is equally as important as managing portfolio risk. □ Maximize long-term investment returns. I am willing to accept large and sometimes dramatic short-term fluctuations in the value of my investments.
	6 Historically, markets have experienced downturns, both short-term and prolonged, followed by market recoveries. Suppose you owned a well-diversified portfolio that fell by 20% (i.e. \$1,000 initial investment would now be worth \$800) over a short period, consistent with the overall market. Assuming you still have 10 years until you begin withdrawals, how would you react?	 ☐ I would not change my portfolio. ☐ I would wait at least one year before changing to options that are more conservative. ☐ I would wait at least three months before changing to options that are more conservative. ☐ I would immediately change to options that are more conservative.



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	7 The following graph shows the hypothetical best and worst results of five sample portfolios over a one year holding period. Note that the portfolio with the highest upside also has the largest downside. Which of these portfolios would you prefer to hold?	□ Portfolio A □ Portfolio B □ Portfolio C □ Portfolio D □ Portfolio E
	40% 30% 20% 22% 44% 10% 10% 22% 44% 10% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 40% 4	

8	I am comfortable with investments that may frequently
	experience large declines in value if there is a potential for
	higher returns. What is your view regarding this statement?

Strongly disagree
Disagree
Somewhat agree
Agree
Strongly agree