

# It's Your Money Week 4 Financial Planning II

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# Investment Planning – Basic Asset Classes

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- Cash and Equivalents
- Bonds
- Stocks
- Alternatives



# Investment Planning – Cash and Equivalents

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What are they?

- Deposits with a bank or financial institution
- Contracts with an insurance company
- Treasury securities
- Also referred to as stable value investments



What risks do they have?

- Inflation risk – are they outpacing inflation?

# Investment Planning – Bonds

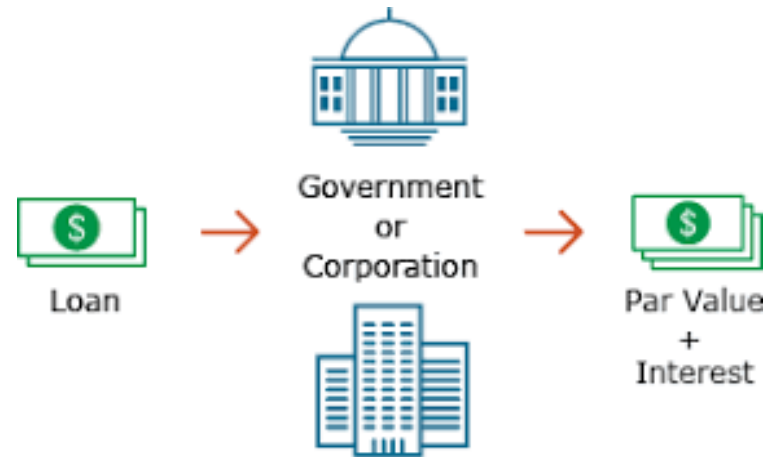
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What are they?

- Loans made to a company or the government that may have a fixed rate of return
- Can be short, intermediate, or long-term bonds

What risks do they have?

- Inflation risk
- Interest risk
- Market risk
- Company performance risk



# Investment Planning – Bonds

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## Price of bond and interest rates

You buy a corporate bond with a coupon rate of 5%. While you own the bond, interest rate rises to 7% and then falls to 3%.

- The prevailing interest rate is the same as the bond's coupon rate. The price of the bond is 100, meaning that buyers are willing to pay you the full \$20,000 for your bond
- Rates rise to 7%. Buyers can get around 7% on new bonds, so they'll only be willing to own your bond at a discount. Price drops to 91 (now equal to 7% yield for them).
- Rate drops to 3%. Buyers can only get 3% on new bonds, willing to pay extra for your bond. Price rises to 104, and the yield to maturity of this bond now matches the current 3% interest rate

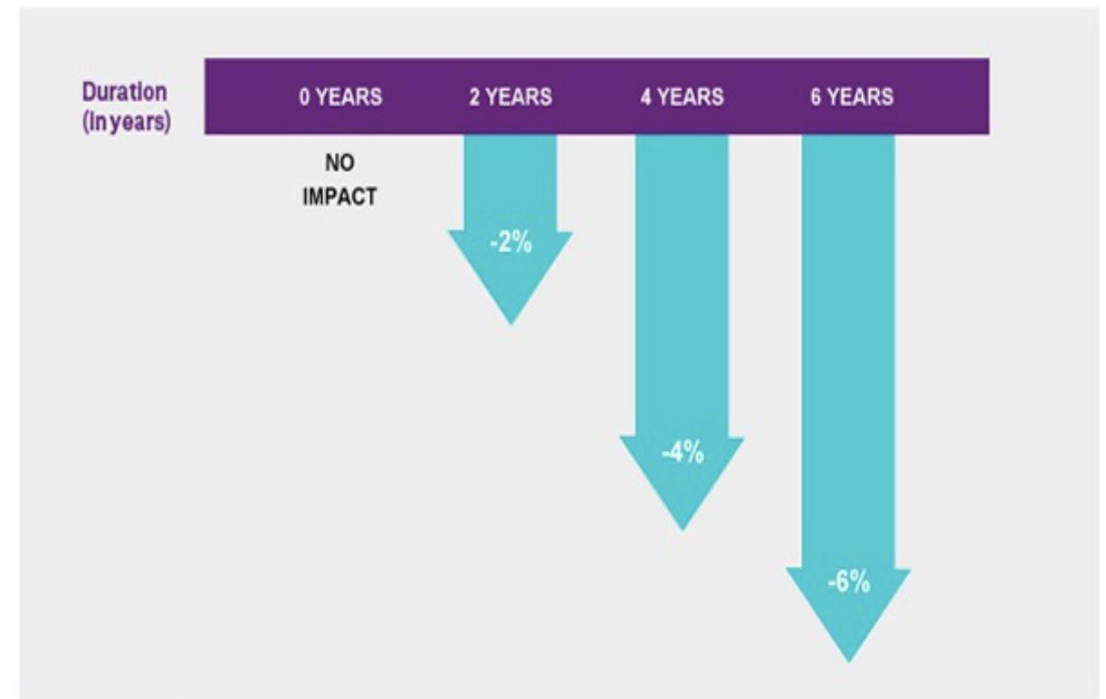
# Investment Planning – Bonds

## How duration affects the price of your bonds

For every 1% increase or decrease in interest rates, a bond's price will change approximately 1% in the opposite direction for every year of duration

### **% Change in bond prices if rates spike 1%**

*Hypothetical illustration of the effects of duration, exclusively on bond prices*



*This chart is for illustrative purposes only.*

# Investment Planning – Stocks

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What are they?

- Units of equity ownership in a company

What risks do they have?

- Inflation risk
- Principal risk
- Market risk
- Company performance risk



# Investment Planning – Alternatives

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Non-correlated assets (reduce volatility of overall portfolio)

- Commodities
- Hard assets
- Hedge funds
- Real estate
- Venture capital
- Private equity



# Investment Planning – Diversifying Stocks

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- Domestic vs. International Funds
- Growth vs. Value Funds
  - Growth: high price / earnings ratio
  - Value: low price / earnings ratio
- Small Cap vs. Large Cap Funds
  - Market capitalization – number of shares outstanding multiplied by share price
    - Small cap: generally less than \$5 billion
    - Mid cap: generally between \$5-10 billion
    - Large cap: generally more than \$10 billion



# Active vs Passive Management

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What is the difference between active and passive investing?  
A major debate has divided the investment world for years!

- Active investments are funds run by investment managers who try to outperform an index over time, such as the S&P 500 or the Russell 2000.
- Passive investments are funds intended to match, not beat, the performance of an index.

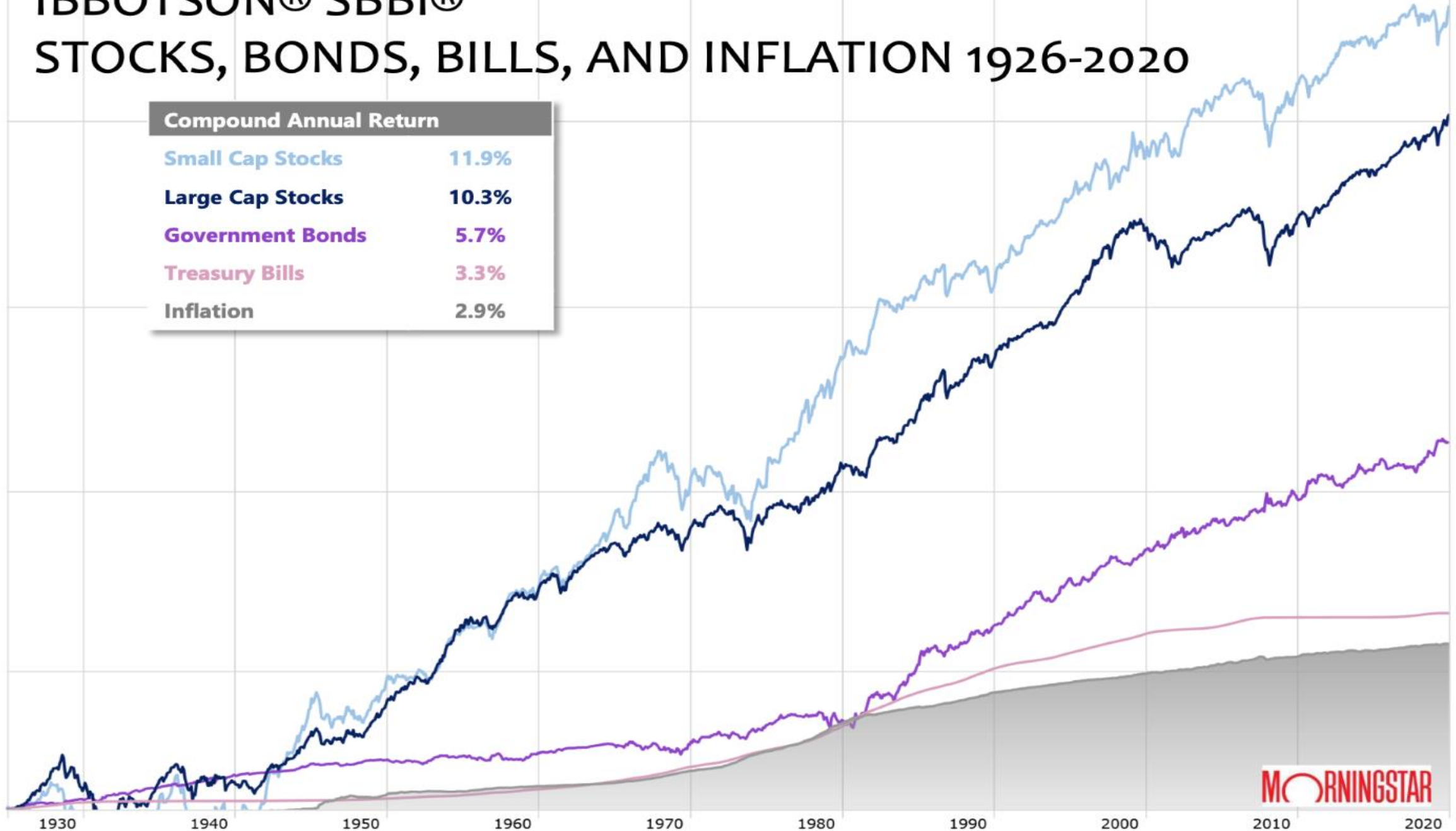


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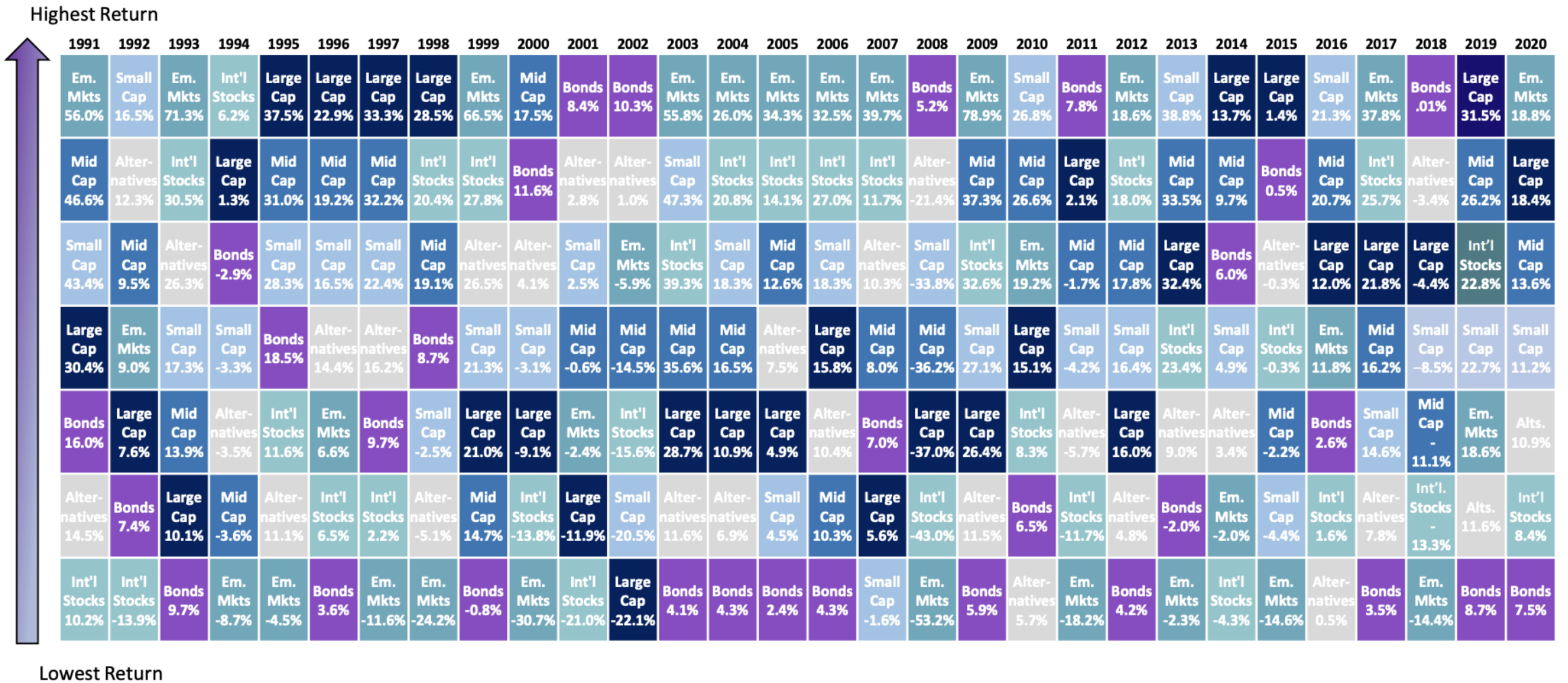
# STOCKS, BONDS, BILLS, AND INFLATION 1926-2020

## Compound Annual Return

Small Cap Stocks	11.9%
Large Cap Stocks	10.3%
Government Bonds	5.7%
Treasury Bills	3.3%
Inflation	2.9%



# HISTORICAL ASSET CLASS RETURNS



# Investment Planning – Risk Assessment

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Find a portfolio that can best achieve your goals!

One that is **constrained by risk tolerance**

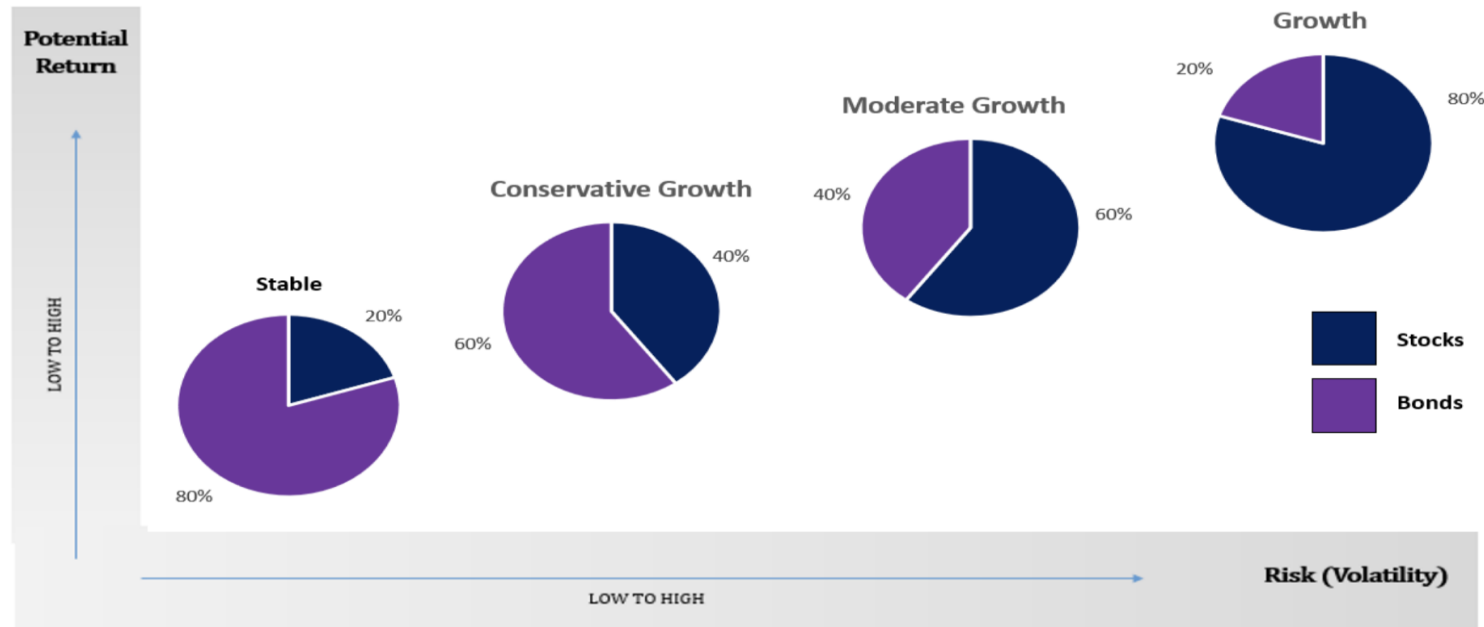
- Three questions
  - Do you want to take risk?
  - Do you need to take risk?
  - Can you afford to take risk?

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# Investment Planning – Choosing a Portfolio

PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION: CHOOSE THE APPROPRIATE RISK/REWARD PROFILE FOR YOUR NEEDS



# Investment Planning – more portfolio choices

Portfolios	Name	Cash	Bond	Stock	Alternative	Fixed Index	3% Fixed	Unclassified	Projected Return	Standard Deviation
■	Current	15%	58%	28%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.98%	4.80%
▲	Capital Preservation I	5%	67%	28%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.05%	4.85%
	Capital Preservation II	5%	57%	38%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.43%	6.43%
	Balanced I	4%	51%	45%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.69%	7.51%
▼	Balanced II	4%	42%	54%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.03%	8.96%
	Total Return I	4%	35%	61%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.36%	10.25%
	Total Return II	3%	25%	72%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5.79%	12.07%
	Capital Growth I	2%	16%	82%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6.20%	13.79%
	Capital Growth II	0%	9%	91%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6.57%	15.31%
	Equity Growth	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6.93%	16.83%

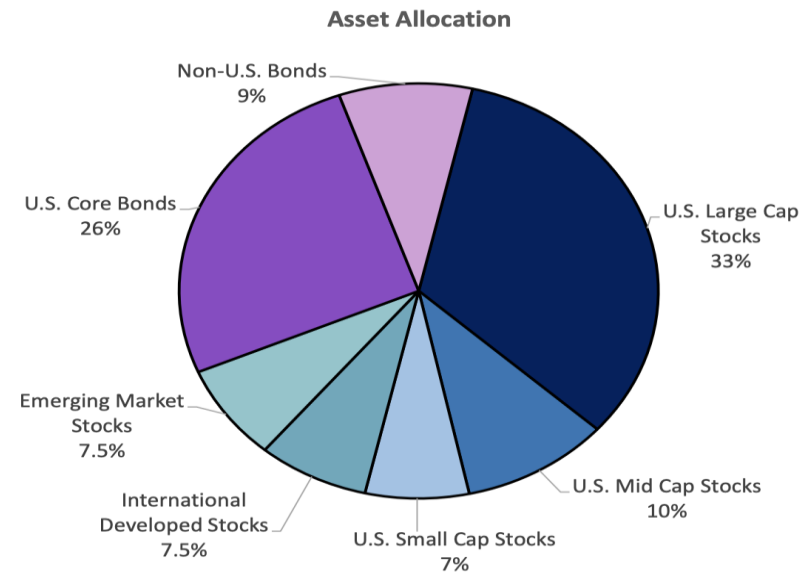
■ Current ▲ Target ▼ Risk-Based ■ Risk Band

Average Inflation Rate: 2.50%

# Investment Planning – Choosing a Portfolio

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## A GOOD BASIC MODERATE GROWTH PORTFOLIO



# Investment Planning – Choosing a Portfolio

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- Know type of account you need
- Know where you would like to house your account
  - Do it yourself
  - Robo advisor
  - Independent advisor
  - Large institutional advisor
- Know the asset classes you would like to own or prefer not to own
- ESG focus? A form of sustainable investing that considers environmental, social, and corporate governance factors

# Investment Planning – Income Tax Consequences

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- Always look at total return
- Not everyone should own municipal bonds
- Beware of mutual fund distributions
- Investment location
- Beware of annuities: may be tax in-efficient!



# Sustainable Spending

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- How much will/do you have?
- How much will/do you need?
- Calculate impact of additional savings
- What is the impact of inflation and taxes?
- How much can you spend?
- How should you invest to meet your goals
- Understand Social Security and Medicare



# Retirement Planning - *Projections*

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## **RULE OF 72**

A rough estimate of how long it will take (or the return you will need) to double your money:

Divide 72 by the return your money is getting

- $72/6\% = 12$  years at 6% interest, your money will double in 12 years

Divide 72 by your investment horizon

- $72/10$  years = 7.2% if you want your money to double in 10 years, you need a 7.2% return

# Estate Planning

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- Management during your lifetime
- Distributions following your death
- Protect loved ones
- Preserve property
- Avoid conflicts and delays
- Reduce costs and taxes



# Estate Planning Techniques

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- Do Nothing (intestacy)
- Will
  - Control distribution of estate
  - Probate, if over \$166,250 (in CA in 2021) – slow, public, expensive
  - Select a guardian
- Trust
  - Reduce taxes and probate costs
  - No delay upon death
  - Privacy
  - Simplified administration
  - Flexibility
  - Professional management potential

# Estate and Gift Taxation

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- Federal Estate tax now 40%. No estate tax in CA at this time. Some states have an estate tax!
- Applicable Estate & Gift Tax Exclusion Amount = \$11,700,000 in 2021
- Unlimited Marital Deduction
- \$15,000 Annual Gift Exemption



# Special Situations Planning – *Saving for College*

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## 529 Savings Plans

- Investment options
  - Individual funds
  - Age-based and risk-based portfolios
- Tax-free withdrawals for **qualified expenses**
- Can use any state's plan
- Lifetime contribution limits vary in each state
- Can start with a small investment of \$50
- Can pre-fund with 5 years of gifts ( $\$15k \times 5 = \$75k$ )



# 10 Recommendations for Financial Success

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1. Work only with fiduciary advisors
2. Focus on asset allocation, not stock picking
3. Don't try to time the market
4. Invest tax efficiently (index, tax location, use municipals if helpful)
5. Maximize contributions to retirement plans
6. Don't buy annuities
7. Do not borrow to spend (good debt vs bad debt)
8. Save for college in a 529 plan
9. Have a will or trust



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