
Risk Tolerance Questionnaire



Define and prioritize your goals, establish your investment time horizon and understand your ability to accept risk and loss



PART 1: TELL US ABOUT YOUR INVESTMENT GOALS

1. Which of the following best describes your primary investment goal?

- a. My goal is preserving the real (inflation-protected) value of my investment. I am not concerned with out-performing the market.
- b. My goal is generating current income. I am not concerned with growing the value of my investment.
- c. My goal is a combination of generating current income and growing the value of my investment.
- d. My goal is growing the value of my investment, and I am willing to tolerate sizeable losses in some years.

2. What is the time horizon for your investment?

- a. 1 – 3 years: These investments need to remain very liquid.
- b. 3 – 5 years: I can only tolerate a small amount of volatility.
- c. 5 – 10 years: I can tolerate a moderate amount of volatility.
- d. Over 10 years: These assets are invested for the long term and I can tolerate short-term fluctuations in value.

3. The assets considered for investment are what percentage of your total investable assets?

- a. More than 75%
- b. 50% – 75%
- c. 25% – 50%
- d. Less than 25%

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4. Please choose the phrase that best describes the degree to which you will rely on these assets.

- a. These investments are critical to my current and future financial well being; I have few other assets or sources of current and future income.
- b. While these assets are a significant portion of my wealth, I have other assets and additional sources of current and future income.
- c. While these investments are an important portion of my wealth, I have considerable additional assets and other significant sources of current and future income.
- d. This investment is fairly small in relation to my overall wealth and my other sources of current and future income.

5. How likely is it that you will need to withdraw a significant portion of these assets prior to your planned time horizon to pay for a home, education or for some other purpose?

- a. I will definitely be withdrawing assets.
- b. There is a strong chance.
- c. It is possible, but not likely.
- d. There is little to no chance.

6. If you do expect to withdraw a significant portion of your account, when is it likely to be?

- a. Immediately or very soon.
- b. Within 5 years.
- c. Within 5 – 10 years.
- d. More than 10 years from now.

7. Assume your investment time horizon is more than ten years. During the second year of investment, your portfolio declines to less than its initial value. Where would you place your reaction along the following scale?

- a Extremely concerned b Very concerned c Somewhat concerned d Concerned e Not very concerned f Not concerned



I never want to see the value of my investments decline.

I would be disappointed by this kind of loss, but I need a balanced, diversified portfolio to reach my long-term goals.

I don't pay any attention to short-term fluctuations in market value because I am investing for growth and I will not need my money until the end of my investment time horizon.

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8. Below are the ranges of returns for rolling 12-month and 36-month periods for six hypothetical portfolios in which \$100,000 was invested.* Each bar displays the highest and lowest returns for the time period it represents. Considering the range of returns and the downside risk associated with each portfolio, which do you feel would be the most appropriate for you?

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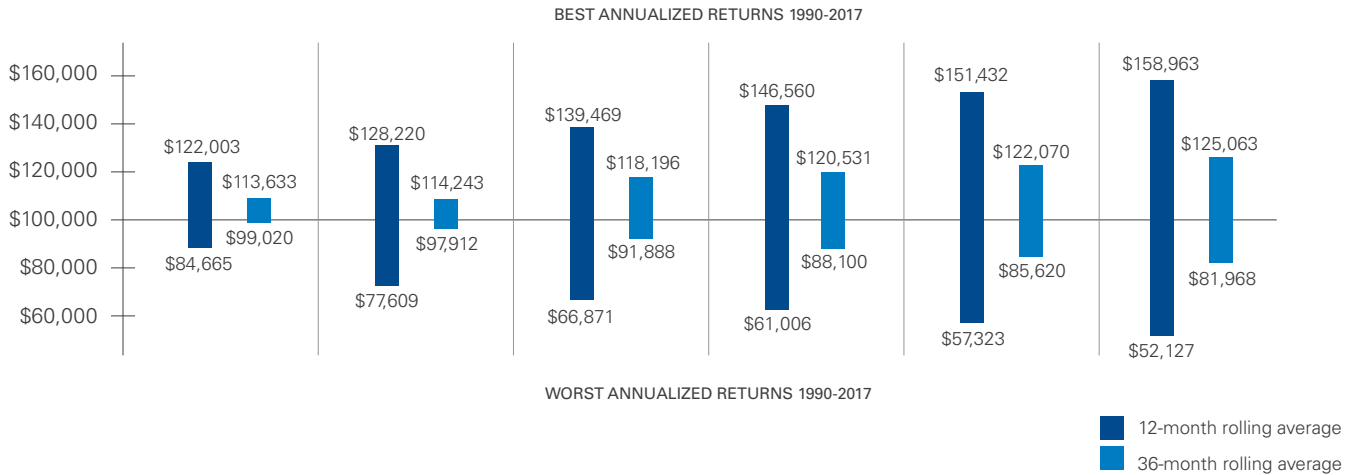
b.

c.

d.

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*The returns are rolling 12-month and 36-month averages from January 1, 1990 through December 31, 2017 for six hypothetical multi-asset class portfolios along the risk-return spectrum ranging from conservative to maximum growth. These returns do not reflect the performance of actual investment accounts, and are presented for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

9. If you made a long-term investment of \$100,000, how much loss in a single year would you withstand before selling?

- a. 5%, or \$5,000 on a \$100,000 investment
- b. 10%, or \$10,000 on a \$100,000 investment
- c. 20%, or \$20,000 on a \$100,000 investment
- d. I would not sell my investments based on a single-year loss

10. Suppose that your portfolio lost a significant amount of value over a two- to three-year period. What action would you take?

- a. Move my investments to a very conservative portfolio to avoid losing more money.
- b. Move some of my assets to more conservative investments.
- c. Maintain my present disciplined, long-term strategy.
- d. Develop a more aggressive strategy to recover my losses.

PART 2: TELL US ABOUT YOUR MAXIMUM LOSS THRESHOLD

1. While it's very important to understand how you feel about the typical ups and downs of the markets (average volatility), it's also important to understand how you feel about large declines. Behavioral research shows that large declines historically have caused many investors to lose confidence and not only leave the market at the worst possible times, but also wait too long to return to investing. Since it is impossible to perfectly time the market, our shared goal is to help you stay the course and, over the long term, grow your wealth. A clear understanding of your "maximum loss threshold" will help you stay the course when markets decline sharply.

a. How much could your investable assets decline, with no relief in sight, before you felt compelled to exit the market completely? \$ _____

b. How much do you have in total investable assets? \$ _____

PART 3: SCORE CARD

In this section, we rely on the answers that were provided to suggest a risk profile that fits your client's particular needs. Each answer to questions 1 through 10 has some number of points associated with it. Simply circle the values for each answer in the table below, then add them up to arrive at the total score.

Questions	Answers						Score
1	a. 8	b. 20	c. 35	d. 45			
2	a. 8	b. 20	c. 35	d. 45			
3	a. 8	b. 20	c. 35	d. 45			
4	a. 8	b. 20	c. 35	d. 45			
5	a. -10	b. -5	c. -2.5	d. 0			
6	a. -10	b. -5	c. -2.5	d. 0			
7	a. 10	b. 20	c. 30	d. 40	e. 50	f. 60	
8	a. 10	b. 20	c. 30	d. 40	e. 50	f. 60	
9	a. -10	b. -5	c. -2.5	d. 0			
10	a. -10	b. -5	c. 0	d. 5			
Total							

Use the computed score to find your client's suggested risk profile in the table below.

RISK PROFILE	SCORE	RISK PROFILE	SCORE
Less than 113 points	Risk Profile 1	Between 163 & 182 points	Risk Profile 4
Between 113 & 142 points	Risk Profile 2	Between 183 & 212 points	Risk Profile 5
Between 143 & 162 points	Risk Profile 3	213 or more points	Risk Profile 6

PART 4: INVESTOR / TRUSTEE SIGNATURES

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