Target Date Retirement Funds
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The importance of a diversified asset allocation

When deciding how to invest your plan assets, investment professionals say that creating a diversified asset allocation can help manage market risk, or the change in value of an investment, in response to stock market conditions.

Experts consider asset allocation to be one of the most important decisions you can make in your retirement planning. Studies have shown that over 90% of investor returns are the result of asset allocation, not individual security selection. An asset allocation strategy should take into account your age, years to retirement and tolerance for risk.

A one-step solution for a diversified asset allocation

Target retirement date funds can offer a diversified asset allocation of investments within one fund.

These funds are based on a time frame until retirement, (or the time at which an investor plans to start withdrawing funds) and typically invest in a mix of stock and bond funds that gradually become more conservative over time as the target date approaches.

SAMPLE TARGET RETIREMENT DATE FUND ALLOCATIONS

Income  Growth. Aggressive Growth.
Adjusting allocation

Target retirement date funds are designed to gradually adjust their asset allocation as the fund’s stated target date nears. This adjustment, known as the glide path, reflects how the fund's allocation of stocks and bonds changes over time. Although different target date funds may have the same target date, they can have different allocations and investment strategies as well (see chart below). In addition, some funds reach their final allocation at the target date while others continue to adjust over time after the date. Therefore, it’s important to also review the fund investment strategy and allocation before investing to decide whether the risk level and expected investment results are appropriate for your risk tolerance, needs and goals.

A target date mutual fund is comprised of a mix of underlying investment options in various asset classes. Therefore, if you decide to invest in other funds in addition to a target date fund, you may overweight your account in a particular asset class.

SAME TARGET, DIFFERENT ALLOCATION
Sample glide path allocations for three hypothetical funds

Funds with shorter time frames are generally more conservative, investing in more debt investments and short-term investments to provide as much income as possible while seeking preservation of capital.

Funds with longer time frames are generally more aggressive, investing in more equity investments with greater potential for higher investment returns and higher potential volatility.

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Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in a declining market. There is no guarantee that your balance will increase over time.


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