

Risk Assessment Questionnaire

The Risk Assessment Questionnaire helps to determine the best asset mix for an investment, based on the answers given to the questions below.

Client Name

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First name

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Surname

Capacity for Loss

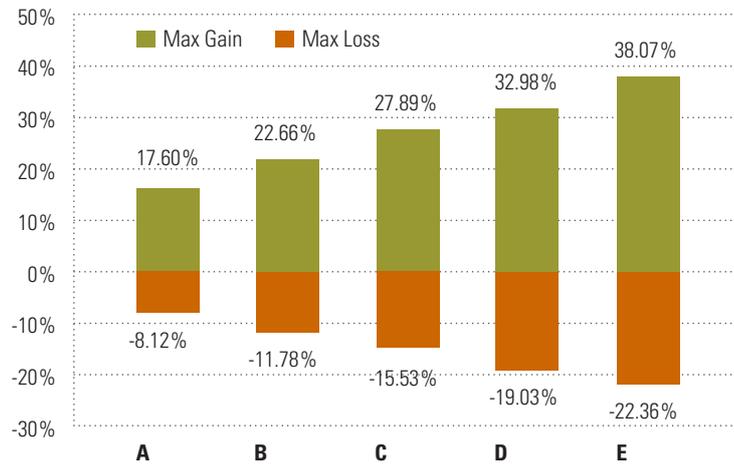
- 1 In an effort to grow your wealth, can you afford to lose any money over the next two years?
- Yes
 - No

Time Horizon

- 2 When do you expect to start withdrawing money from your investment?
- Less than 2 years
 - 2 to 5 years
 - 6 to 10 years
 - 11 years or more
- 3 Once you begin withdrawing money from your investment, how long do you expect to continue withdrawing funds?
- I plan to make a one off withdrawal
 - 2 to 5 years
 - 6 to 10 years
 - 11 years or more

Risk Aversion

- 4 The following graph shows the results of five example portfolios over a one-year period. The best potential gains and worst potential losses are displayed. Note: the portfolio with the best potential gain also has the largest potential loss.



Which of these portfolios would you prefer to hold?

- Portfolio A
- Portfolio B
- Portfolio C
- Portfolio D
- Portfolio E

- 5 The table below displays the worst case losses, expected gains, and best case gains of an investment of £10,000 in five sample portfolios over a one-year period.

	Potential Best Case Gains	Expected Gain	Potential Worst Case Losses
Portfolio 1	£ 1,760	£ 638	£ -812
Portfolio 2	£ 2,266	£ 738	£ -1,178
Portfolio 3	£ 2,789	£ 829	£ -1,553
Portfolio 4	£ 3,298	£ 913	£ -1,902
Portfolio 5	£ 3,807	£ 993	£ -2,236

Which portfolio would you prefer to hold?

- Portfolio 1 Portfolio 2 Portfolio 3 Portfolio 4 Portfolio 5
- 6 You have made an investment of £10,000 and its value falls by 20% to £8,000. 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 stable.
- I would wait at least three months before changing to options that are more stable.
- I would immediately change to options that are more stable.
- 7 For many investors, the possibility of losing money is a main concern. How do you feel about investment losses?
- I check the value of my investments quite often so I can sell quickly if they begin to lose money.
- Daily losses in the value of my investments make me uncomfortable, but not uncomfortable enough to sell. If losses occur over several months, I would probably sell.
- Short-term losses in the value of my investments do not bother me. I would wait an entire year before making changes.
- I understand that investments can have occasional negative annual returns. However, I have a higher chance of reaching my investment goals if I stick with my portfolio over the long term. I would not make changes.

- 8 Choose the answer that best describes your response to the following statement:
I am comfortable with investments that may frequently experience large losses in value if there is a potential for higher returns.

Does this describe you?

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Agree
- Strongly agree
- 9 Most investments fluctuate year-to-year. Suppose you invested £10,000 in a portfolio with the intention of holding it for ten years. If this investment lost value during the first year, at what value of your initial £10,000 investment would you sell and move to a more stable investment?
- £9,500 (5% loss)
- £9,000 (10% loss)
- £8,500 (15% loss)
- £8,000 or less (20%+ loss)
- I would not sell

10 Investing involves a trade-off between risk and returns. Historically, investments with higher returns have been associated with greater risk and chance for loss. Alternatively, cautious investments that have had a lower chance for loss, also have yielded lower returns.

Based on this description of investments characteristics, which of the following statements best describes your attitude to risk?

- I am most concerned with risk. I am willing to accept the lower returns in order to limit my chance of loss.
- I am willing to bear some risk and chance for loss in an effort to achieve higher returns, but prefer a significant portion of my portfolio to be invested cautious assets.
- I am willing to accept moderate risk in order to achieve higher returns. Minimizing risk and maximizing return are of equal importance to me.
- I wish to achieve high returns on my investments. I am willing to accept high risk and chance of loss.
- I am primarily concerned with maximising the returns of my investments. I am willing to accept significant fluctuations in the value of my portfolio and substantial chance of loss.

11 Over a long period, risky investments usually generate greater wealth than less risky investments do. The table below lists the possible values at the end of a 20-year investment of £10,000 in 5 different portfolios. Note that in any given year, risky investments might experience a decline in value that significantly surpasses a decline in the value of less risky portfolios. The table below also displays the potential number of years, in which the investment realises negative returns.

	Potential Ending Portfolio Value of £10,000 After 20 Yrs	Potential Number of Negative Yrs Over the 20 Yrs
Portfolio 1	£ 33,100	3
Portfolio 2	£ 38,800	4
Portfolio 3	£ 44,100	5
Portfolio 4	£ 49,100	6
Portfolio 5	£ 53,800	7

Which portfolios would you prefer to hold?

- Portfolio 1 Portfolio 2 Portfolio 3 Portfolio 4 Portfolio 5

Investment Objective

Client Signature

Signature

Date