

# Investor Profile Questionnaire

Group retirement plans from CUMIS

This questionnaire will help you determine your investment profile. This is a personal tool and does not need to be returned to us.

It has 15 questions and is divided into five categories: Investment Time Horizon, Investment Knowledge, Investment Objectives, Risk Capacity and Risk Attitude. Check the option that is most appropriate for each question, and then follow the instructions in the “*What’s your investment style?*” section.

You will then have the option of choosing one of our asset allocation portfolios or using the asset mix recommendation to guide you in building your own portfolio from the investment options available in your plan.

Whenever your financial or personal situation changes, it’s important to complete this questionnaire again and re-examine your investment goals.

## Investment Time Horizon

The length of your investment time horizon impacts the types of investments that may be suitable for you. Investors with a time horizon of greater than three years have a greater degree of flexibility when building a portfolio (although risk tolerance and investment objectives must also be considered). If you have a very short time horizon, more conservative guaranteed investments or money market funds may be the only suitable option for you.

### 1. When do you expect to need to withdraw a significant portion (1/3 or more) of the money in your investment portfolio?

- Less than 1 year [a]
- 1-3 years [b]
- 4-6 years [c]
- 7-9 years [d]
- 10 years or more [e]

## Investment Knowledge

If you have a high level of investment knowledge, you have a good understanding of the relative risk of various types of investments and understand how the level of risk taken affects potential returns. If you have very little knowledge of investments and financial markets, speculative and high risk investments and strategies are likely not suitable options for you.

### 2. Which statement best describes your knowledge of investments?

- I have very little knowledge of investments and financial markets. [f]
- I have a moderate level of knowledge of investments and financial markets. [g]
- I have extensive investment knowledge; understand different investment products and follow financial markets closely. [h]

## Investment Objectives

Investment objectives are the goal or result you want to achieve from investing. Understanding your investment goals helps determine the types of investments best suited to meet your needs. The investment products used to meet different goals have varying levels of risk and potential returns.



### 3. What is your primary goal for this portfolio:

- I want to keep the money I have invested safe from short-term losses or readily available for short-term needs. [i]  
(Safety: Investments that will satisfy this objective include guaranteed investments and money market funds).
- I want to generate a steady stream of income from my investments and I am less concerned about growing the value of my investments. [j]  
(Income: Investments that will satisfy this objective include fixed income investments such as funds that invest in bonds)
- I want to generate some income with some opportunity for the investments to grow in value. [k]  
(Balanced: A balanced fund or a portfolio that includes at least 40% in fixed income investments and no more than 60% in equity funds will satisfy this objective)
- I want to generate long-term growth from my investments. [l]  
(Growth: A portfolio with a relatively high proportion of funds that invest in equities will satisfy this objective if you also have a long time horizon and are willing and able to accept more risk)

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## Risk Capacity (QUESTIONS 4-9)

Your financial situation including your assets, debt and the amount and stability of your income are all important when determining how much risk you can take with your investments. In addition, the larger the portion of your total assets that you are investing, the more conservative you might wish to be with this portion of your portfolio.

### 4. What is your annual income (from all sources)?

- Less than \$25,000 [0 points]
- \$25,000 - \$49,999 [2 points]
- \$50,000 - \$74,999 [4 points]
- \$75,000 - \$99,999 [5 points]
- \$100,000 - \$199,999 [7 points]
- \$200,000 or more [10 points]

### 5. Your current and future income sources are:

- Stable [8 points]
- Somewhat stable [4 points]
- Unstable [1 point]

### 6. How would you classify your overall financial situation?

- No savings and significant debt [0 points]
- Little savings and a fair amount of debt [2 points]
- Some savings and some debt [5 points]
- Some savings and little or no debt [7 points]
- Significant savings and little or no debt [10 points]

### 7. What is your estimated net worth (investments, cash, home and other real estate less mortgage loans and all other debts)?

- Less than \$50,000 [0 points]
- \$50,000 - \$99,999 [2 points]
- \$100,000 - \$249,999 [4 points]
- \$250,000 - \$499,999 [6 points]
- \$500,000 - \$999,999 [8 points]
- \$1,000,000 or more [10 points]

### 8. This investment account represents approximately what percentage of your total savings and investments. (Total savings and investments include all the money you have in cash savings, guaranteed investments, savings bonds, mutual funds, stocks and bonds?)

- Less than 25% [10 points]
- 25% - 50% [5 points]
- 51% - 75% [4 points]
- More than 75% [2 points]

### 9. What is your age group?

Your age is an important consideration when constructing an investment portfolio. Younger investors may have portfolios that are primarily invested in equities to maximize potential growth if they also have a higher risk tolerance and long investment time horizon. Investors who are retired or near retirement are often less able to withstand losses and may have portfolios that are invested to maximize income and capital preservation.

- Under 35 [20 points]
- 35 - 54 [8 points]
- 55 - 64 [3 points]
- 65 or older [1 point]

**YOUR SCORE FOR QUESTIONS 4-9**

## Risk Attitude (QUESTIONS 10-15)

Your comfort level with risk is important in determining how conservatively or aggressively you should invest. Generally speaking, you need to consider accepting more risk if you want to pursue higher returns. If you decide to seek those potentially higher returns, you face the possibility of greater losses.

### 10. In making financial and investment decisions you are:

- Very conservative and try to minimize risk and avoid the possibility of any loss [0 points]
- Conservative but willing to accept a small amount of risk [4 points]
- Willing to accept a moderate level of risk and tolerate losses to achieve potentially higher returns [6 points]
- Aggressive and typically take on significant risk and are willing to tolerate large losses for the potential of achieving higher returns [10 points]

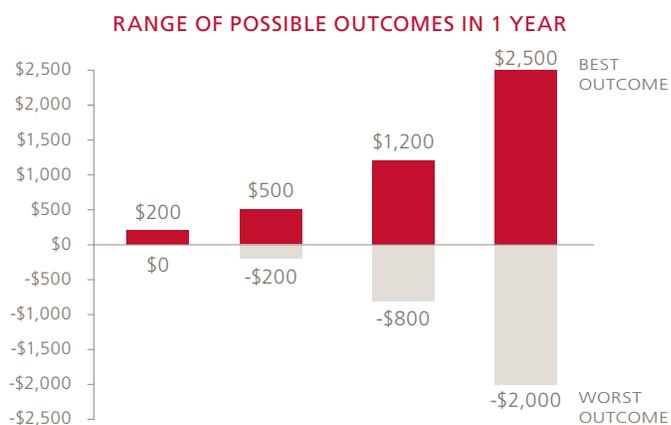
### 11. The value of an investment portfolio will generally go up and down over time. Assuming that you have invested \$10,000, how much of a decline in your investment portfolio could you tolerate in a 12 month period?

- I could not tolerate any loss [0 points]
- \$300 (-3%) [3 points]
- \$1,000 (-10%) [6 points]
- \$2,000 (-20%) [8 points]
- More than -\$2,000 (more than -20%) [10 points]

### 12. When you are faced with a major financial decision, are you more concerned about the possible losses or the possible gains?

- Always the possible losses [0 points]
- Usually the possible losses [3 points]
- Usually the possible gains [6 points]
- Always the possible gains [10 points]

### 13. The chart below shows the greatest one year loss and the highest one year gain on four different investments of \$10,000. Given the potential gain or loss in any one year, which investment would you likely invest your money in:



- EITHER a loss of \$0 OR a gain of \$200 [0 points]
- EITHER a loss of \$200 OR a gain of \$500 [3 points]
- EITHER a loss of \$800 OR a gain of \$1,200 [6 points]
- EITHER a loss of \$2,000 OR a gain of \$2,500 [10 points]

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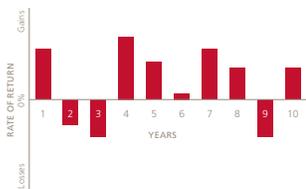
**14. From September 2008 through November 2008, North American stock markets lost over 30%. If you currently owned an investment that lost over 30% in 3 months you would:**

- Sell all of the remaining investment to avoid further losses [0 points]
- Sell a portion of the remaining investment to protect some of your capital [3 points]
- Hold onto the investment and not sell any of the investment in the hopes of higher future returns [5 points]
- Buy more of the investment now that prices are lower [10 points]

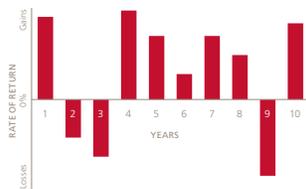
**15. Investments with higher returns typically involve greater risk. The charts below show hypothetical annual returns (annual gains and losses) for four different investment portfolios over a 10 year period. Keeping in mind how the returns fluctuate, which investment portfolio would you be most comfortable holding?**



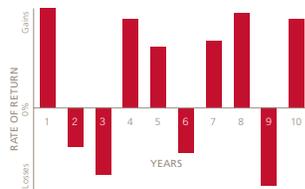
Portfolio A [0 points]



Portfolio B [4 points]



Portfolio C [6 points]



Portfolio D [10 points]

**YOUR SCORE FOR QUESTIONS 10-15**

**See next page to determine “What’s your investment style?”**

## Illustrative Examples

On the table below circle your answers to the time horizon, investment knowledge and investment objectives questions and your total scores for the risk capacity and risk attitude questions.

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### EXAMPLE 1

	1 SAFETY	2 VERY CONSERVATIVE	3 CONSERVATIVE	4 MODERATE	5 AGGRESSIVE	6 VERY AGGRESSIVE
Time Horizon (question 1)	a	b		c	d	e
Investment Knowledge (question 2)				f	g	h
Investment Objectives (question 3)	i	j		k		l
Risk Capacity (total of questions 4-9)	<11	11-15	16-20	21-30	31-45	>45
Risk Attitude (total of questions 10-15)	<16	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-45	>45

In this example, although the client expressed a willingness to accept risk, they have very limited risk capacity (ability to withstand losses). As a result, the investor’s risk profile is Very Conservative.

### EXAMPLE 2

	1 SAFETY	2 VERY CONSERVATIVE	3 CONSERVATIVE	4 MODERATE	5 AGGRESSIVE	6 VERY AGGRESSIVE
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In this example, the investor has a good knowledge of investments, and is willing to take on a limited amount of risk. As a result, the investor’s risk profile is Moderate.

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## What's your investment style?

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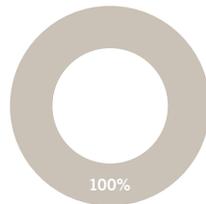
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## Sample Investor Profiles and Asset Allocations

### 1. SAFETY

- > Your primary objective is preservation of capital, and/or
- > You have a relatively short period of time to allow your investments to recover from any negative returns



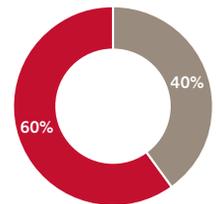
#### INVEST IN:

Guaranteed Investments  
CUMIS Retirement Security Fund

■ GUARANTEED INVESTMENTS  
OR MONEY MARKET

### 4. MODERATE

- > Medium risk tolerance, comfortable with moderate fluctuations
- > You have medium risk tolerance and can tolerate moderate fluctuations in the value of your portfolio in exchange for potentially higher long-term returns



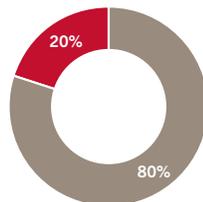
#### INVEST IN:

CUMIS Balanced Growth Portfolio (Russell)

■ FIXED INCOME  
■ EQUITIES

### 2. VERY CONSERVATIVE

- > Low risk tolerance, able to withstand some market fluctuations
- > You have a shorter time period for these investments to grow and you want to ensure they will be available for your retirement or other purchases



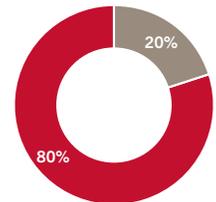
#### INVEST IN:

Guaranteed Investments  
CUMIS Retirement Security Fund

■ FIXED INCOME  
■ EQUITIES

### 5. AGGRESSIVE

- > Medium to high degree of risk tolerance, able to withstand substantial year-to-year fluctuations
- > You are a growth-oriented investor that seeks the cushioning effects from a mix containing some fixed income securities



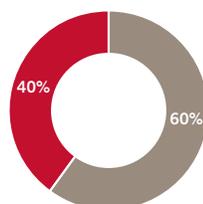
#### INVEST IN:

CUMIS Long-term Growth Portfolio (Russell)

■ FIXED INCOME  
■ EQUITIES

### 3. CONSERVATIVE

- > Low to medium risk tolerance, comfortable with modest fluctuations
- > You are comfortable with modest fluctuations in the year-to-year value of your portfolio and have some time to recover from any market downturns



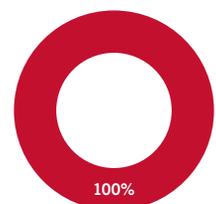
#### INVEST IN:

CUMIS Multi-Asset Income Strategy  
Portfolio (Russell)

■ FIXED INCOME  
■ EQUITIES

### 6. VERY AGGRESSIVE

- > High degree of risk tolerance, able to withstand substantial year-to-year fluctuations
- > You are a knowledgeable, growth-oriented investor looking to diversify across management styles. You are comfortable with a high degree of risk and able to withstand substantial year-to-year fluctuations in the value of your portfolio in exchange for potentially higher long-term returns



#### INVEST IN:

CUMIS Long-term Growth Portfolio (Russell)

■ EQUITIES

If you are uncomfortable making your own investment decisions, we recommend that you obtain investment advice from an appropriately qualified professional.