

TEX MESSAGES



Wells Fargo Target Date Funds – Share Class Change

The Wells Fargo Advantage Dow Jones Target Date FundsSM are transitioning from "I shares" to "R4 shares." Class R4 shares will only be available to retirement plans.

The class-specific expenses of Class R4 shares consist of a class-level administration fee of 0.08% and a maximum shareholder servicing fee of 0.10%. Class R4 shares will be offered at Net Asset Value (NAV) without a front-end sales charge, Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (CDSC), or 12b-1 fee. (Knowing the names of share classes is essential if you research funds on your own.)

The general features of the new funds, including investment objectives and primary investment strategy, will remain the same, but the ticker symbols will change.

If you were automatically enrolled in the Texa\$aver 401(k) when you were hired (and haven't changed anything), you were invested in one of these funds based on your age and time horizon to retirement. You will still receive a 0.25% fund reimbursement each quarter for being invested in the Wells Fargo Target Date Funds, which helps lower the net expense ratio of these funds.

These fund changes will happen after the market closes on Monday, May 20, 2013.

INVESTMENT OPTION SHARE CLASS CHANGES

Fund Name	Existing Ticker	New Ticker
Target Today Fund	WOTDX	WOTRX
Target 2010	WFOAX	WFORX
Target 2015	WFSCX	WFSRX
Target 2020	WFOBX	WFLRX
Target 2025	WFTYX	WFGRX
Target 2030	WFOOX	WTHRX
Target 2035	WFQRX	WTTRX
Target 2040	WFOSX	WTFRX
Target 2045	WFQPX	WFFRX
Target 2050	WFQFX	WQFRX
Target 2055	WFQUX	WFVRX

TARGET DATE FUNDS—The date in a Target Date Fund represents an approximate date when the investor would expect to start withdrawing his or her money. The principal value of the fund(s) is not guaranteed at any time, including the target date. Please refer to the fund prospectus for further information. Asset allocation and balanced investment options are subject to the risks of the underlying funds, which can be a mix of stocks/stock funds and bonds/bond funds. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of the general market, individual companies and economic conditions. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value.

COMING SOON PERSONALIZED RETIREMENT INCOME ESTIMATES

Soon, you will have your own customized projected retirement income amount printed right on your statement. You will also be able to access a fully interactive Retirement Income Control Panel tool on www.texasaver.com.¹ These estimates, provided by Advised Assets Group, LLC, a federally registered investment adviser, will help you get a good feel for what your personal monthly income might be in retirement.



Old Mission Control Room, NASA photo by: Kenny Braun

Please consider the investment objectives, risks, fees, and expenses carefully before investing. For this and other important information, you may obtain mutual fund prospectuses from www.texasaver.com¹ under "Investments" or by requesting one from your registered representative.³ For prospectuses related to investments in your PCRA, contact Schwab toll-free at (888) 393-7272. Read them carefully before investing.

Special Note Regarding the Texa\$aver Advisor Service

If you are participating in the Texa\$aver Advisor Service (Managed Account, Online Investment Advice, and Online Investment Guidance), you will be temporarily unable to make changes to your account while Ibbotson Associates analyzes the Program's new investment option lineup. The inaccessibility periods for both the addition and discontinuation of funds may occur between **May 20, 2013**, and **May 31, 2013**. A notification of inaccessibility will appear when you enter the Advisor Service section of the website during these times. You will still be able to view your account balance.

WERE YOU AUTOMATICALLY ENROLLED IN THE 401(K) PLAN WHEN HIRED?

If so, we set you up so that 1% of your pay would go into your 401(k) account before tax. If you haven't increased that amount, you are saving only 1% of your salary in the Texa\$aver 401(k). You might want to take a long, hard look at how much you are saving for retirement and consider increasing your 401(k) contribution to 2% or 3%.

Are you looking for ways to save more? Or, are you making excuses for why you can't save more for retirement?

Here are a couple of ideas that may help you increase your savings an additional 2% or 3%.

WAKE UP YOUR SAVINGS

Rather than a daily investment in breakfast tacos, consider getting creative in the kitchen and cook up some tacos of your own. A package of tortillas can cost about the same as drive-through and you'll get a whole bunch of tacos out of that package. Then, you can redirect the money you save to your 401(k) account.

EATING AWAY FROM HOME CAN EAT AWAY AT YOUR NEST EGG

By eating away from home less often you can free up money that you could be saving! Cooking can be a fun and less expensive way to get both meal and entertainment at once. There are a ton of websites with easy recipes to get you started.

GIVE YOURSELF SOME CREDIT BY USING CREDIT WISELY

By limiting your credit card use, buying only what you can afford, and avoiding late fees and costly cash advances, you can invest the savings in your retirement account—where you can earn interest for yourself, not your credit card company.

LOOK OUT FOR NUMBER ONE— Pay yourself first

The Texa\$aver 401(k) helps you follow one of the most important savings principles: Pay yourself first. The money you contribute to your retirement account comes out of your paycheck. That means you can pay yourself before you pay anyone else.

TRY TO CUT MONTHLY EXPENSES

Take a look at your grocery store's circular to see what is on special, use coupons, and try to buy food that's in season (it's usually less expensive). Also, make a list of what you need before you head to the grocery store to avoid buying unnecessary items.

If you decide to put more into your Texa\$aver account, you can do so easily on www.texasaver.com.¹



Just log in to your account, click the "Transactions" tile, and then choose "Change Paycheck Contribution." Selecting "Ongoing" will set your new deposit rate; but if you choose "Scheduled Increase," you put your account on cruise control and it will put away a little more every year for you.

Take a careful look at your living expenses today and try to imagine what they will be after you retire.



PAYBACK TIME - FUND REIMBURSEMENTS

Every mutual fund charges an investment fee, which is deducted from the earnings (investment return) of the fund.⁴ This is so the companies that manage the funds can keep office space, pay salaries, manage the investments, keep the lights on, and pay other operating expenses.

Although not guaranteed, some investment options give reimbursements that are credited to participant accounts that are invested in those funds. Fund reimbursements are given at the end of each quarter or month, depending on the fund.

Here is a list of funds available to you. You can see which funds have reimbursements by looking at the "Fund Reimbursement" column below (as of January 1, 2013).⁵

Investments	Net Expense Ratio	Fund Reimbursement	Net Texa\$aver Expense
WELLS FARGO ADVANTAGE DOW JONES TARGET DATE FUNDS			
Target Today Fund	0.45%	0.25%	0.20%
Target 2010 Fund	0.48%	0.25%	0.23%
Target 2015 Fund	0.49%	0.25%	0.24%
Target 2020 Fund	0.50%	0.25%	0.25%
Target 2025 Fund	0.50%	0.25%	0.25%
Target 2030 Fund	0.51%	0.25%	0.26%
Target 2035 Fund	0.52%	0.25%	0.27%
Target 2040 Fund	0.52%	0.25%	0.27%
Target 2045 Fund	0.52%	0.25%	0.27%
Target 2050 Fund	0.52%	0.25%	0.27%
Target 2055 Fund	0.52%	0.25%	0.27%
CORE TEXA\$AVER FUNDS			
BlackRock Liquidity TempFund, Instl Shares (TMPXX)	0.18%	0.00%	0.18%
Barclays Capital 1-3 Year Gov Bond Index F (Collective Investment Trust ["CIT"]) ⁶	0.06%	0.00%	0.06%
BlackRock Bond Index Fund (CIT) ⁶	0.12%	0.00%	0.12%
AllianceBernstein Real Asset Strategy Fund (AMTIX)	0.75%	0.15%	0.60%
Vanguard Wellington Fund (VWENX) ⁷	0.19%	0.00%	0.19%
Davis New York Venture Fund A (NYVTX)	0.89%	0.55%	0.34%
Vanguard Institutional Index Fund, Instl Plus Shares (VIIIX)	0.02%	0.00%	0.02%
Vanguard Growth Index Fund, Inst! Shares (VIGIX)	0.08%	0.00%	0.08%
First Eagle Fund of America Y (FEAFX) ⁸	1.45%	0.40%	1.05%
Munder Mid-Cap Core Growth Fund Y (MGOYX) ⁸	1.08%	0.25%	0.83%
Lord Abbett Small Cap Value Fund I (LRSYX) ⁸	0.93%	0.10%	0.83%
Fidelity Diversified International Fund (FDIVX) ⁹	0.90%	0.25%	0.65%
Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account		Varies by investment	

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Transaction Details For the period:					
Investment Option	Contribution Source	Effective Date	Transaction Description	Amount	Unit/Shares
Lord Abbett Small-Cap Value I	EMPLOYEE BEFORE TAX-VOLUNTARY	07-Dec-2012	Transfer	-\$1.95	-0.077720
Lord Abbett Small-Cap Value I	EMPLOYEE BEFORE TAX-VOLUNTARY	07-Dec-2012	Expense Adjustment	\$0.09	0.003587
Lord Abbett Small-Cap Value I	EMPLOYEE BEFORE TAX-VOLUNTARY	07-Dec-2012	Fixed Fee	-0.64	025539
Lord Abbett Small-Cap Value I	EMPLOYEE BEFORE TAX-VOLUNTARY	07-Dec-2012 <	Expense Adjustment	\$0.04	0.001635
Lord Abbett Small-Cap Value I	EMPLOYEE BEFORE TAX-VOLUNTARY	07-Dec-2012	Payroll Contribution	\$3.75	0.151515
Lord Abbett Small-Cap Value I	EMPLOYEE BEFORE TAX-VOLUNTARY	07-Dec-2012	Payroll Contribution	\$18.75	0.757576

Here's how reimbursements appear online

Log in to your account, click on "Statement on Demand," then select a link from the "Activity by Investment Option" section. You may also find this information under the "Transaction History" section of your quarterly statement.

YOU \$POKE, WE LISTENED - 2012 TEXA\$AVER SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you for the great feedback you provided in the 2012 participant survey! At the end of the survey, we asked you to share comments and suggestions apart from the multiple choice questions that made up most of the survey. We're glad you did! One thing we found interesting was that the most-used term in your personal responses was "fees."

Because of your feedback, we want to offer more information about Texa\$aver fees that are charged by your Plan and investments.

First, it's important to know that the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) is responsible for the administration of the Texa\$aver Program. No money is appropriated by the State for administrative costs. Fees and expenses associated with the day-to-day management of the Texa\$aver 401(k) and 457 Program are deducted from your account on a monthly basis to help pay for the Program.

Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, one of your Retirement Plan Counselors will be happy to speak with you personally. Call them anytime at (512) 651-5005 or toll-free at (877) 358-0966.³

Texa\$aver has a competitive fee structure. In fact, you might actually pay less in fees with Texa\$aver than with a private brokerage firm. Texa\$aver has about 150,000 people participating in the Program, which gives the plans access to lower cost investments through bulk pricing.

Many brokerage firms have fees that are not disclosed in bold print. The Texa\$aver Program provides all fees about the plan in the "Understanding Fees" flier posted in Publications under the Resources of the Texa\$aver website, www.texasaver.com.

And you might be getting more for less! This Program gives you access to many benefits that other providers may not offer.

Some benefits include:

RETIREMENT PLAN COUNSELORS

You can meet with one of your counselors free of charge as often as you like. They don't get paid on commission, so you won't feel pressured to buy any products. They are here to help you, like a tutor would or, well, a counselor. Call them anytime at (512) 651-5005 or toll-free at (877) 358-0966.

CORE INVESTMENT OPTIONS

You have access to a lineup of investments that are carefully chosen and monitored by investment experts at ERS and Great-West Retirement Services®, a division of Great-West FinancialSM (Great-West Financial):

- twelve core funds in a variety of asset classes, and
- a series of target date funds if you prefer to be more hands-off with your investing.

ADVISOR SERVICES

ERS pays for you to be able to participate in two out of the three services offered through Texa\$aver Advisor Service. Advice and Guidance are both online services that are totally free to use.

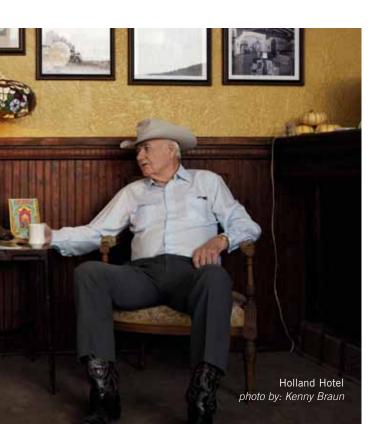


If you would like to have your account professionally managed, you can choose the Managed Account service for a small fee. With this option, you hand over the "reins" to your account and any rebalancing and investment decisions are made for you.

If you want to take the reins and do it yourself, you can! Use the Advisor Service for the free Advice or Guidance options on **www.texasaver.com** and work within the core funds and target date funds. Or you can use the Self-Directed Brokerage Option.

SELF-DIRECTED BROKERAGE OPTION

- Texa\$aver offers the Schwab Personal Choice Retirement Account® (PCRA), available through Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Member SIPC), a registered broker-dealer. The PCRA is a brokerage option that gives you the ability to invest in your choice of most stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, American Stock Exchange, and NASDAQ; most corporate and government bonds; and thousands of mutual funds with no loads and no transaction fees.
- If you are interested in investing in funds other than the core options available in the Texa\$aver lineup, this option could be for you.



• The Schwab PCRA is for knowledgeable investors who understand the opportunities and risks associated with the investment choices available through the PCRA. The Charles Schwab website offers many tools for investors to learn about the PCRA and for trading securities on the Schwab website. It is up to the investor to decide if he or she is "knowledgeable" and wants to learn how to use the PCRA. Just be aware that neither ERS nor Great-West Financial is overseeing these funds. This account is truly "self-directed." 10

BEFORE-TAX OR ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS

You can choose to pay taxes on your contributions now or when you start making withdrawals—or both. Think about the amount of taxes you might be paying in retirement and decide which of these options might be best for you.

Are you looking to take your money somewhere else? If so, make sure you compare all the fees and options of the alternative plan or account.

The Texa\$aver Administrative Fee structure is below. These fees:

- cover the cost of Program recordkeeping expenses.
- are charged to the 401(k) and 457 Plans separately, and
- are charged to before-tax and Roth after-tax accounts separately, using the same fee schedule.

Account Balance	Monthly Fee per Participant per Account per Contribution Type
\$10.00 or less	No Fee
Between \$10.01 and \$1,000.00	\$1.18
Between \$1,000.01 and \$16,000.00	\$3.99
Between \$16,000.01 and \$32,000.00	\$6.32
Between \$32,000.01 and \$48,000.00	\$9.49
Between \$48,000.01 and \$64,000.00	\$12.24
\$64,000.01 or more	\$15.30

CELEBRATE! TEXA\$AVER REACHES THE \$2 BILLION MARK

Texa\$aver received its first contributions in 1974. Almost four decades later, we are proud to say we have reached \$2 billion in assets. This is good for you because it helps the Program offer low-cost investments.

When we as a group save more and the Program grows, we might see the opportunity for more low-cost investment options. This indicates that you are putting more money away and moving in a positive direction for your future. Way to go! The more we save, well, the more we can save on saving!

Over the past 12 years under ERS's direction, the Program has grown to include 12 core investment options, a full suite of target date funds geared to various levels of risk, and a self-directed brokerage option with thousands of mutual funds from which to choose. The self-directed option is intended for knowledgeable investors who acknowledge and understand the risks associated with the investments, which are not monitored by ERS. (However, the core and target date fund options are monitored by ERS.)

Texa\$aver has experienced many milestones over the past 39 years, including changing the administrative control from the Comptroller of Public Accounts to ERS in 1991, the launch of our first website in 1998, reaching \$1 billion in assets in 2004, and adding the Texa\$aver Advisor Service in 2004.

Today, the Program is 150,000 participants strong and is committed to serving the employees of the State with a convenient, low-cost method of saving on a regular and long-term basis for retirement.

So celebrate this milestone with us and give yourself the gift of planning for a better retirement!

Do you need to update your beneficiary, rebalance¹¹ your investments, or increase your contributions? Contact us toll-free at (800) 634-5091 or www.texasaver.com, or email texasaver@greatwest.com.

Congratulations, Texa\$aver! Now on to the next billion!

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- 2 Both the projected retirement income shown on participant statements and the Retirement Income Control Panel provided on the website are brought to you by Advised Assets Group, LLC, (AAG), a registered investment adviser and wholly owned subsidiary of Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company. Both are provided as an educational tool for the participant's private use to assist in analyzing the various impacts of his or her savings and investment decisions. The results of either the statement retirement income information or the information derived from the Retirement Income Control Panel are not intended to provide financial planning or investment advice. All information provided is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only. The accuracy of these results or their applicability to the participant's individual circumstances cannot be and is not guaranteed. The projected retirement income on your statement and the Retirement Income Control Panel found on the website are brought to you under a licensing agreement with your retirement plan service provider. All rights reserved.
- 3 Representatives of GWFS Equities, Inc. are not registered investment advisors and cannot offer financial, legal or tax advice. Please consult with your financial planner, attorney and/or tax advisor as needed.
- 4 Each fund has its own fund operating expenses that vary depending on the investment options you select.
- 5 The Texa\$aver net expense ratio is less applicable fee reimbursements that the investment adviser and administrator have agreed upon. Fee reimbursements may be modified or terminated at any time. Additional information can be found in the fund's prospectus and/or other disclosure documents regarding effective dates.
- 6 A bond fund's yield, share price and total return change daily and are based on changes in interest rates, market conditions, economic and political news, and the quality and maturity of its investments. In general, bond prices fall when interest rates rise and vice versa.

- 7 Asset allocation and balanced investment options are subject to the risks of the underlying funds, which can be a mix of stocks/stock funds and bonds/bond funds. Stock values fluctuate in response to the activities of the general market, individual companies and economic conditions. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value.
- 8 Equity securities of small- and medium-sized companies may be more volatile than securities of larger, more established companies.
- 9 Foreign investments involve special risks, including currency fluctuations and political developments.
- 10 By utilizing the PCRA, you acknowledge that the available options in the PCRA have not been reviewed by the Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) or Great-West Financial, your service provider. You are solely responsible for determining suitability of the options that are available through the PCRA. You agree to fully indemnify and hold harmless ERS, Great-West Financial, and any and all service providers to Texa\$aver against any claims, damages, or other possible causes of actions resulting from your use of the PCRA.
- 11 Rebalancing does not ensure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets

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