

# Asset Allocation: Diversify Your Investments



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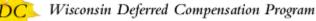
- Business unit of Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company
- Serves approximately 4.4 million participant accounts as of June 30, 2011
- Chosen by the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program to provide administrative, education and communication services

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### Which Has the Most Influence ...

- Buying just the right or "hot" stocks?
- Buying and selling at just the right time?
- Having the right mix of stocks, bonds and cash equivalents?





### **Asset Allocation**

#### Don't put all your eggs in one basket.





# Don't send all the grain in one ship.

## **Today's Goals**

- Define and discuss each asset class
- Identify your risk tolerance
- Learn how asset allocation can help manage risk
- Explore strategies to develop your own asset allocation

Asset allocation does not ensure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.

### **Asset Classes**

#### **Cash Equivalents**

- Principal is stable or preserved
- Protect investment from market ups and downs
- Provide modest investment returns
- Balance out more aggressive portion of portfolio



### **Asset Classes**

#### Bonds: Fixed-Income Securities



- Lending money to bond issuer who promises to repay loan on certain date, with interest
- Receive regular, fixed-income payments
- Often react the opposite of stocks
- Tone down stock-oriented portfolio
- Help conservative portfolio stay ahead of inflation

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.

### **Asset Classes**

#### Stocks

- Range of choices
- Highest risk and return potential

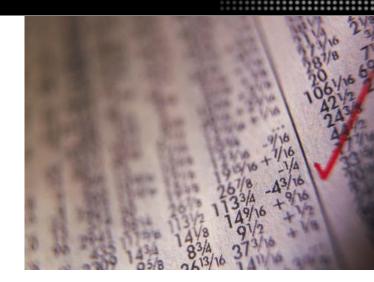


- Significant portion of portfolio for long-term investors
- Volatility—unpredictable movement up and down in value

### **Asset Classes**

#### Stocks: Equity Securities

- With stock purchase, become part owner
- Share in profits and losses
- May pay dividends



### **Asset Classes**

#### Stocks: Market Capitalization

- Large-cap company: large, established, generally pays dividends
- Mid-cap company<sup>1</sup>: established, yet innovative and responsive
- Small-cap company<sup>2</sup>:

new, cutting edge, potential for rapid growth

1 Equity securities of medium-sized companies may be more volatile than securities of larger, more established companies.

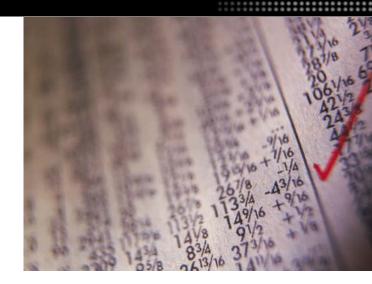
2 Equity securities of small-sized companies may be more volatile than securities of larger, more established companies.



### **Asset Classes**

#### Stocks: International<sup>1</sup>

- Headquartered outside the U.S.
- Both high risk and return potential



1 Foreign investments involve special risks, including currency fluctuations and political developments.

### **Mutual Funds**

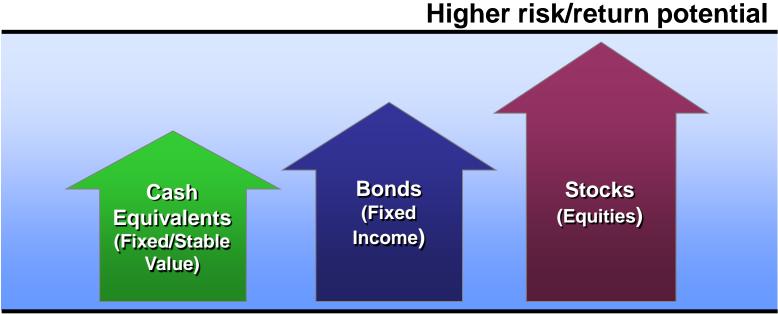
- Money pooled with other investors
- Professional manager buys and sells



- According to investment philosophy and objective in prospectus
- Share prices set daily
- Track in newspapers and on Internet



### **Asset Class Overview**



#### Lower risk/return potential

This chart is for illustrative purposes only and does not predict or guarantee the returns of any given asset class.

### **Investment Risks**

- Market risk
  - Occurs when the value of an investment drops due to a decline in the financial markets
- Business risk
  - Risk that an investment will lose value because of a decline in a particular company or industry
- Inflation risk
  - Risk that an investment will lose value because its returns will not outpace the rate of inflation
  - Most often associated with cash equivalents
- Interest rate risk
  - Risk that if interest rates rise, the value of your investment will fall
  - Typically applies to bonds
- International risk
  - Risk that an international investment will lose value because of political, economic or currency instability
- Not investing risk
  - Being unprepared for what lies ahead

#### Manage Risk

- Use asset allocation (diversify among asset classes)<sup>1</sup>
- Invest consistently
- Invest for the long term
- Rebalance<sup>2</sup>



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## Manage Risk

- Each asset class reacts differently to economic conditions.
- When one asset class is doing well, another one may not be doing as well.



Past performance is not a guarantee or prediction of future results.

### Diversification Helps Manage Risk

- Market risk: Invest within asset classes
- Business risk: Invest in more than one security and more than one industry
- Inflation risk: Invest in some stocks
- Interest rate risk: Invest in bonds with different maturities
- International risk: Invest in domestic stocks, too



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### Asset Allocation Benefits

 Helps manage risk and smooth out the effects of the market's ups and downs



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### **Asset Allocation Steps**

- Determine your savings target or goal 1.
- Determine your time horizon 2.
- Identify your risk tolerance 3.
- 4. Establish investment mix among asset classes
- Diversify investment options within 5. asset classes<sup>1</sup>
- 6. Review your portfolio periodically and rebalance, if necessary<sup>2</sup>

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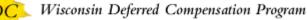


#### **1. Determine Savings Target**

Here's a simple rule of thumb that many financial advisers use. If you start saving:

- In your 20s, save 7% of your salary
- In your 30s, save 10% of your salary
- In your 40s, save 15% of your salary
- In your 50s, save 20% of your salary





### 2. Determine Time Horizon

- Short term: five years or less
- Intermediate term: five to 15 years
- Long term:
   15 years or more



### 3. Identify Risk Tolerance

1. I am a knowledgeable investor who understands the trade-off between risk and return. I am willing to accept a greater degree of risk for potentially higher returns.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

2. I am willing to invest on a long-term basis.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

3. If one of my investments dropped 20% in value over six months due to stock market fluctuation, I would hold on to that investment, expecting it to recover its value.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

4. I have savings vehicles other than this Plan that make me feel secure about my financial future.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

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### 3. Identify Risk Tolerance

#### **Investor Types**

 Conservative (4-8 points): comfortable with less risk for potentially lower returns



Moderate (9-14 points):

balance between lower and higher risk investments; comfortable with some volatility

#### Aggressive (15-20 points):

comfortable with higher risk for potentially higher returns

### **Combining Risk Tolerance and Time Horizon**

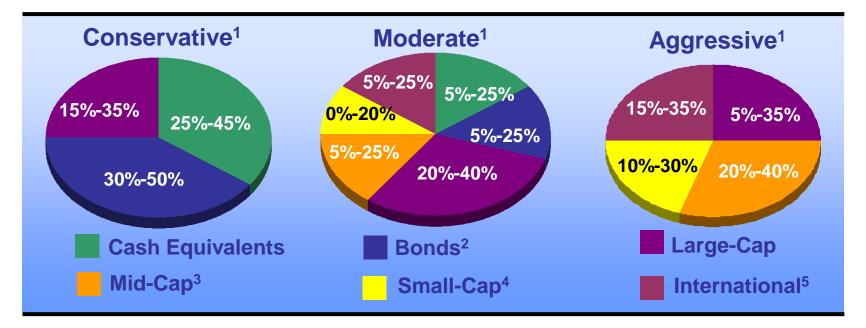
#### Years Until Retirement

| Your Score         | 10 or less                 | 11 to 29                   | 30 or more               |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Conservative (4-8) | Conservative               | Moderately<br>Conservative | Moderate                 |
| Moderate (9-14)    | Moderately<br>Conservative | Moderate                   | Moderately<br>Aggressive |
| Aggressive (15-20) | Moderate                   | Moderately<br>Aggressive   | Aggressive               |

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#### **Investment Types/Model Portfolios**



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### **5. Select Options Within Asset Classes**

- Consider your Investor Type
- Review Fund Performance document<sup>1</sup>
- Review info on each option:
  - Fund data sheet
  - Prospectus/disclosure documents

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### 5. Select a Pre-Mixed Portfolio

#### The Lifecycle Fund Path<sup>1</sup>

- Pre-mixed portfolios designed to have an asset allocation based on your desired retirement age<sup>2</sup>
- Investment allocations become more conservative as your anticipated retirement date approaches

<sup>1</sup> Allocation percentages to investment options can change based upon periodic investment reviews. Holdings and composition of holdings are subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> The date in a Target Date Fund represents an approximate date when an investor turns age 65. The principal value of the funds is not guaranteed at any time, including the target date.



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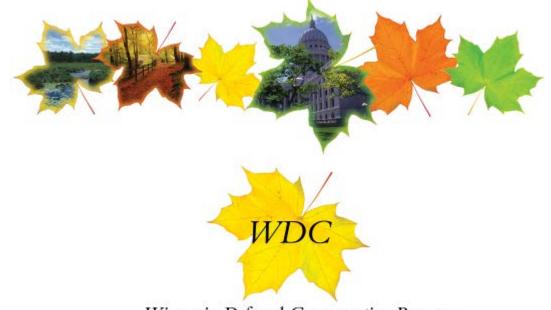
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### 6. Review Portfolio Periodically

- Review at least annually
- Choose an easy-toremember date
- Rebalance, if necessary<sup>1</sup>
- Adjust for major life events
- Monitor account online anytime



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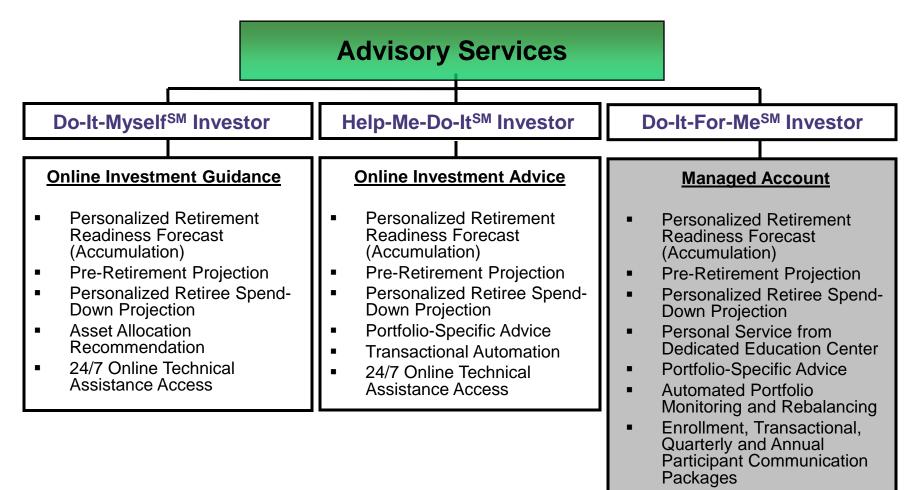




### Different Personalities and Different Profiles Require Different Services

| Personality Types  | Investor Profile   | Investment Services   |  |
|--|--|---|--|
| Do-It-Myself <sup>SM</sup><br>Investor<br>(Guidance)                   | <ul> <li>Confident and<br/>Knowledgeable Investor</li> <li>Proactive</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Online Tools</li> <li>Prospectuses</li> <li>Performance Histories</li> <li>Fund Fact Sheets</li> </ul> |  |
| Help-Me-Do-It <sup>SM</sup><br>Investor<br>(Advice)                    | <ul> <li>Needs Limited Assistance<br/>and Education</li> <li>Validation</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Online Investment<br/>Guidance and/or Online<br/>Investment Advice</li> </ul>                          |  |
| Do-It-For-Me <sup>SM</sup><br>Investor<br>(Managed Account<br>service) | <ul> <li>Lacks Time, Interest,<br/>Confidence or Knowledge<br/>of Investing</li> <li>Desires Qualified Financial<br/>Expert</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Managed Account Service</li> </ul>   |  |

### Advisory Services – What Does Each Service Offer?



### **Advisory Services Summary**

| Investment Role            | Online Investment<br>Guidance | Online Investment<br>Advice        | Managed Account |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Pick Investment<br>Options | You                           | Advised Assets<br>Group, LLC (AAG) | AAG             |
| Implement Picks            | You                           | You                                | AAG             |
| Confirm Action             | You                           | You                                | AAG             |
| Update Account             | You                           | You                                | AAG             |
| Progress Report<br>Card    | You Prepare                   | You Prepare                        | AAG Prepares    |

There is no guarantee that participation in Reality Investing Advisory Services will result in a profit or that your account will outperform a self-managed portfolio.

### What Is a Managed Account?

#### Who does it?

 Advised Assets Group, LLC (AAG) in partnership with Ibbotson Associates

#### How does it work?

- Determines what the participant has today
- Determines what the participant will need at retirement
- Determines an individualized strategy
  - Investment Allocation
  - Savings Rate
  - Retirement Age



### The Advisory Services Advantage

Advisory Services provides WDC participants with ongoing retirement advice.

- Accumulation
  - Personal savings analysis and recommendations
  - Retirement income projections
  - Professional personalized account management
- Transition (within 10 years of retirement)
  - Pre-retirement preparation
  - Projection of wealth through life expectancy
- Retirement Income
  - Spend-down advice
    - Annual income analysis and projection
    - Wealth projections
    - Sources of income How your retirement will be funded

### **Advisory Services Fees**

|                  | Online Investment<br>Guidance | Online Investment<br>Advice | Managed Account                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Quarterly Cost   | No charge                     | \$6.25                      | <\$100k* = 0.1500%                  |
|                  |                               |                             | Next \$150k* = 0.1250% <sup>†</sup> |
|                  |                               |                             | Next \$150k* = 0.1000% <sup>†</sup> |
| -                |                               |                             | Over \$400k* = 0.0750%              |
| Examples         |                               |                             |                                     |
| \$10,000 Account | No charge                     | \$6.25                      | \$15.00 <sup>+</sup>                |
| \$20,000 Account | No charge                     | \$6.25                      | \$30.00†                            |

You can opt out of the Managed Account service or Online Investment Advice at any time.

- \* Participant's account balance.
- † Fee scales for larger account balance.



### **Tools You Can Use**

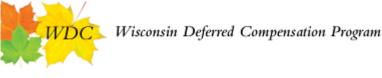
### www.wdc457.org<sup>1</sup>

- Use asset allocation tools
- Find overview of retirement and investment education
- Access DreamTracker<sup>SM</sup>
- Perform paycheck comparisons

- Review available funds (IOAG, data sheets and prospectuses)
- Access Rebalancer<sup>2</sup>
- Personalize home page
- E-mail a customer service rep

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- » Option 0 = Changes and PIN<sup>2</sup>
- » Option 1 = Automated system
- » Option 2 = Madison office<sup>1</sup>

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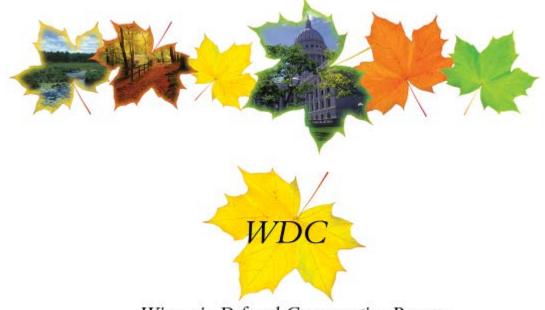
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