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Learning outcomes

- Know the three questions every investor should answer
- Learn what a mutual fund is
- Understand the difference between an active and passive fund









Learning outcomes

- See the performance to expect from different funds
- Understand your chances of picking a winning actively managed fund









Questions to consider before buying stocks

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★ If you think you want to pick your own stocks, answer these questions:







1. Are you interested in picking stocks?



- ★ My nieces are not
- ★ If you have no interest, why waste your time?





2. Do you have time to pick stocks?

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- ★ Picking stocks is not easy!
- You cannot make money by just reading the newspaper and selecting a stock that looks good







2. Do you have time to pick stocks?

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- ★ There is a lot of work to find the right stocks
- ★ And even hard work does not guarantee success







3. Do you have the knowledge?

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★ If you are interested and have the time, but you know nothing about investing, it's a problem





3. Do you have the knowledge?

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★ You cannot just go into the stock market and expect to win when you have no idea of what you are doing





3. Do you have the knowledge?

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★ Do you have 10 to 20 extra hours a week to devote to learning about picking stocks?





What if your answer is "Yes"?

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- ★ For those who answer "Yes" that you have interest, time, and knowledge
 - Managing your own portfolio of stocks can be fun, challenging, and rewarding







What if your answer is "Yes"?

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★ There are some advantages to an individual picking stocks







What if your answer is "Yes"?

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★ But if you have made it this far in this course, I will assume you answered "No" to most, if not all those questions





If you answered "No"

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- ★ Let's consider your first option
 - A mutual fund







A mutual fund

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- ★ A stock mutual fund is a legal entity into which individuals add their money
- ★ Then a fund manager decides what stocks to buy with that money







A mutual fund

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★ It allows one small shareholder to own a tiny slice of many stocks





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Most mutual funds in the world are actively managed





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- ★ A fund manager actively attempts to pick stocks that she thinks will beat the market
 - Warren Buffett is one of the most well-known active fund managers







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★ The objective of an active fund manager is to beat the market







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★ To try to do this the fund manager will usually find and hold good stocks that are reasonably priced





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★ The good news is when you invest with an active fund manager, because the fund owns many stocks, you reduce unnecessary company-specific risk





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★ But there is one problem, it's hard to find an active fund manager who can consistently beat the market







- ★ In fact, it is very, very difficult to find that winning fund manager,
 - Before she is a winning fund manager,









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★ Unless you happen to meet by chance







Here's someone who did win by luck

In 1965, This Man Asked His Neighbor – Warren Buffett - To Manage His Life Savings. Guess How That **Turned Out**

By Brian Warner on January 30, 2017 in Articles > Entertainment

In the mid 1960s, a husband and wife named Dorothy and Myer Kripke faced a difficult problem. A problem that is fairly common for many middle-aged couples. How do you properly plan for retirement? Dorothy and Myer were actually way ahead of most of their peers when it came to retirement planning. Thanks to diligent saving habits and a small inheritance, by 1965 they had managed to sock away roughly \$67,000, which is equal to roughly \$500,000 today after adjusting for inflation. That was the good news. The bad news was that they now needed to protect and grow the savings so it would still be there when they were ready to retire in a decade or two. After months of stressful debating, Dorothy offered simple advice:

"Myer, invest the money with your friend, Warren."

Steps



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- ★ This couple, by chance, lived next to Warren Buffett
- ★ They gave Warren \$67,000 in 1965 and it grew to be \$40 million by 1995







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★ In the world of finance, one surprising thing is that the more you pay, often the less you get











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- ★ In 2018 there were 118,978 regulated funds
 - 47% in Europe
 - 28% in Asia-Pacific region
 - 8% in the United States
 - 17% in the rest of the world









- ★ 34% were equity funds
- ★ 18% were bond funds
 - 46% were mixed/other funds
 - 2% were money market funds











★ In 2018 there was \$18 trillion of assets in the US mutual fund industry, broken down as follows











- ★ 52% equity mutual funds
- ★ 23% bond mutual funds
- ★ 17% money market funds



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Research









The number of funds in the world

Region	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Americas	23	25	26	26	27	28
Europe	52	52	53	54	55	56
Asia Pacific	21	24	27	29	30	33
Other	1	1	1	2	2	2
World	98	102	107	111	114	119











Countries and funds

Country	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Luxembourg	14	14	14	14	15	15
Korea	10	11	12	13	12	13
Japan	8	9	10	11	12	12
France	11	11	11	11	11	11
Brazil	8	9	9	9	10	10
United States	9	9	10	10	10	10
Ireland	6	6	6	6	7	7
Germany	6	6	6	6	6	6
China	1	2	3	4	4	5
Canada	3	4	4	4	4	4
United Kingdom	2	3	3	3	3	3
Other	20	19	20	21	21	22
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- ★ About 80% of mutual funds are actively managed
- ★ Together, all those funds are managing almost 25 trillion dollars











- ★ The problem is that
- Many academic studies looking at the performance of fund managers have concluded











★ That most actively managed funds do not beat the market











★ They certainly are paid well to pick the right stocks!











★ Often that is the very reason they underperform











★ The return that you, the investor, receives is always after the fund manager's fees











★ If your fund manager can generate an annual 10% return, but his fees are 2%,











★ Then you, the investor, only receive an 8% return











★ The higher the fees, the harder it is for you to get a high return from an active fund manager











★ Besides fees, another reason that active fund managers have a hard time outperforming is that the stock market is incredibly complex











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★ Over and over it has been shown that no one can consistently predict the stock market









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★ The famous champion of the average investor, John Bogle, wrote the seminal "The Little Book of Common Sense Investing"





















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★ In it, he looked at 355 mutual funds that existed in 1970 and determined how many of them actually beat the stock market over the following 35 years









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★ What he found was that about 24 funds managed to outperform over that time period









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★ This means that an investor in 1970 had only a 7% chance that they would pick a mutual fund that outperformed over the long run









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★ So trying to pick the winner before she is the winner is a bad way of thinking about investing









Don't base your financial future on luck

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★ Luckily, there is another option for the average investor who does not want to invest in an actively managed fund





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★ A passively managed fund







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★ A "passively managed index fund" is sometimes just called a "passively managed fund"





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★ Objective of a passively managed fund is to match the stock market index performance, not beat it







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These funds do not make bets on individual stocks or sectors, nor do they try to time the market, because they are not trying to outperform it







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★ Most passive funds are also called index funds, meaning that they are trying to just match the stock market index





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★ The benefit of passively managed funds is that they are low-cost, unlike actively managed funds







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- ★ Their downside is that they are not "sexy"
- ★ They are never going to beat the market, because they are the market







Passive funds have long-term benefits

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★ Most people should invest their money in a passively managed index fund. Why?





Passive funds have long-term benefits

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★ If financial independence is your goal, its probably better to focus on building your wealth through business, and then investing that in a passively managed index fund







Passive funds have long-term benefits

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★ Rather than investing substantial time, and then hoping your stocks or your active fund succeed







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Now you know three ways you can invest in the stock market and take your finances into your own hands







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- ★ 1. Own and manage your own portfolio of no less than 10 stocks
 - Problem: Complicated and time consuming





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- ★ 2. Own an actively managed fund run by a fund manager who you think is going to beat the market
 - Problem: Hard to find, expensive, and probably won't outperform over the long run







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- ★ 3. You could own a passively managed index fund that matches the market
 - Problem: You will never "outperform" the stock market
 - For most people this is the right choice











































































