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How Should I Invest My 401k ?

We often get clients and people asking us how their 401k (or 403b) where they work should be invested. Most of the time your only choices are a small variety of mutual funds. Usually you choose from "target date" or "lifestyle" type funds, bond and international funds, small, large and mid cap. Then there are sometimes funds that are a mix of these funds.

Our recommendation is generally is to pick a large cap type fund that is tied to an "S&P" type of index fund. Most often this choice is made up of 95%+ US large cap stocks. Most of the choices will have a title and a ticker symbol associated with the fund.

So for example, if your employer uses Vanguard, there may be a choice called "Vanguard Institutional Index" fund with the ticker symbol VTIAX. If you go to google finance and put in this ticker symbol under "Quote Lookup" and click on the "Holdings" tab, it will show you what the fund is made up of. There is also a "Fund summary" that may read like this:

"The investment seeks to track the performance of a benchmark index that measures the investment return of large-capitalization stocks. The fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, a widely recognized benchmark of U.S. stock market performance that is dominated by the stocks of large U.S. companies. The advisor attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the index, holding

each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index."

If you have left your employer, don't leave your 401k behind - take control of your assets and roll it into your own IRA.

Any questions, call or email us and we can help you make the right choice.

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