

The importance of Personal Financial Planning

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What Is Financial Planning?

Financial planning is the process of setting, planning, achieving and reviewing your life goals through the proper management of your finances.

Why do you need a financial plan?

Satisfy today's
financial
needs

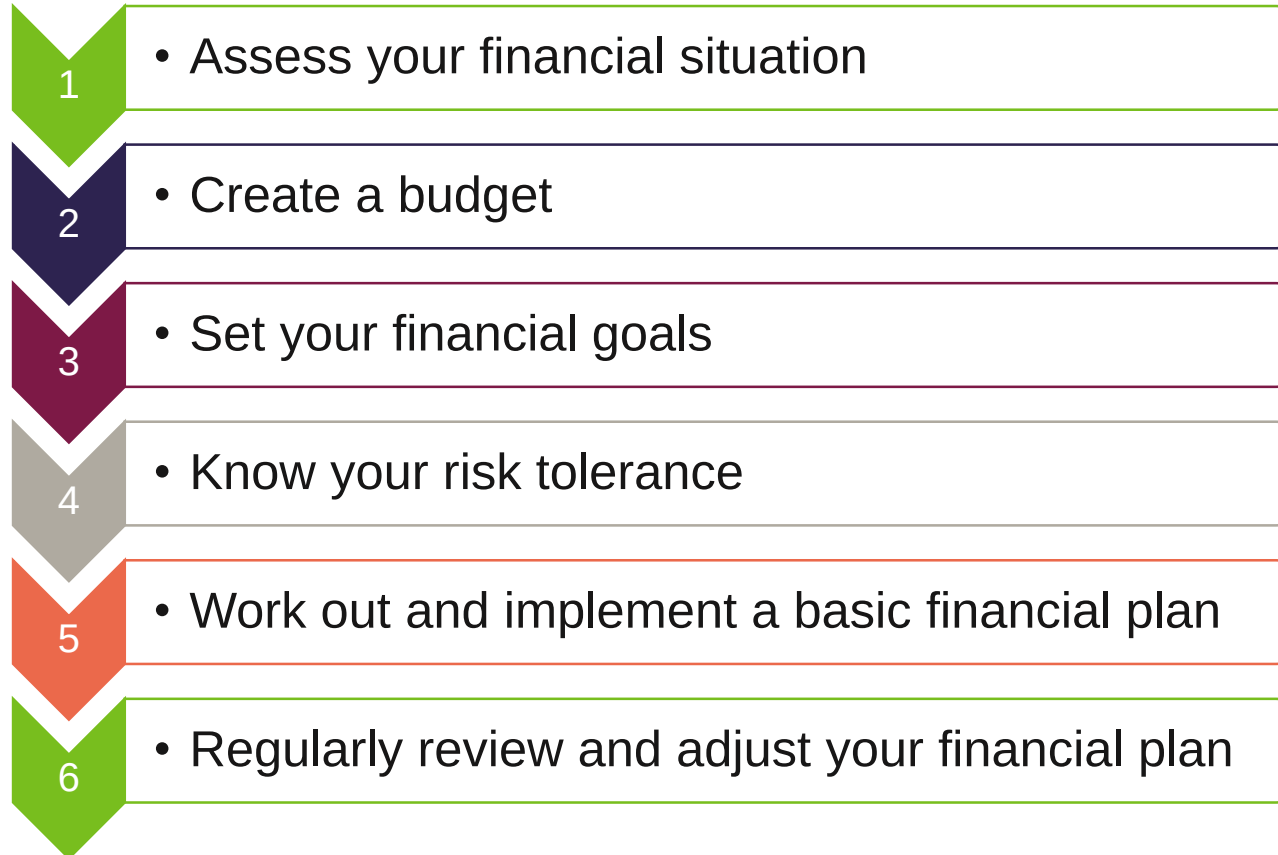
Meet future
financial
goals

Plan for your
retirement

Provide
protection

Save for
emergencies

Key steps to draw up a basic financial plan



Step 1: Assess your financial situation



Asset



Liabilities

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Asset	
Saving	\$128,000
Property	\$2,300,000
Stocks	\$210,800
Bonds	\$20,100
Fund	\$136,000
Insurance (e.g. Annuity, investment-related)	\$320,000
MPF / P-fund	\$250,000
Other (e.g. gold)	-
Total Asset	\$3,364,900
Liability	
Mortgage	-
Credit	\$3,000
Loan	\$50,000
Other	-
Total liability	\$53,000
Net Asset	\$3,311,900

Step 2: Create a budget

Dining

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Transport

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Education

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Shopping

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Family

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Insurance

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Loan

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Other

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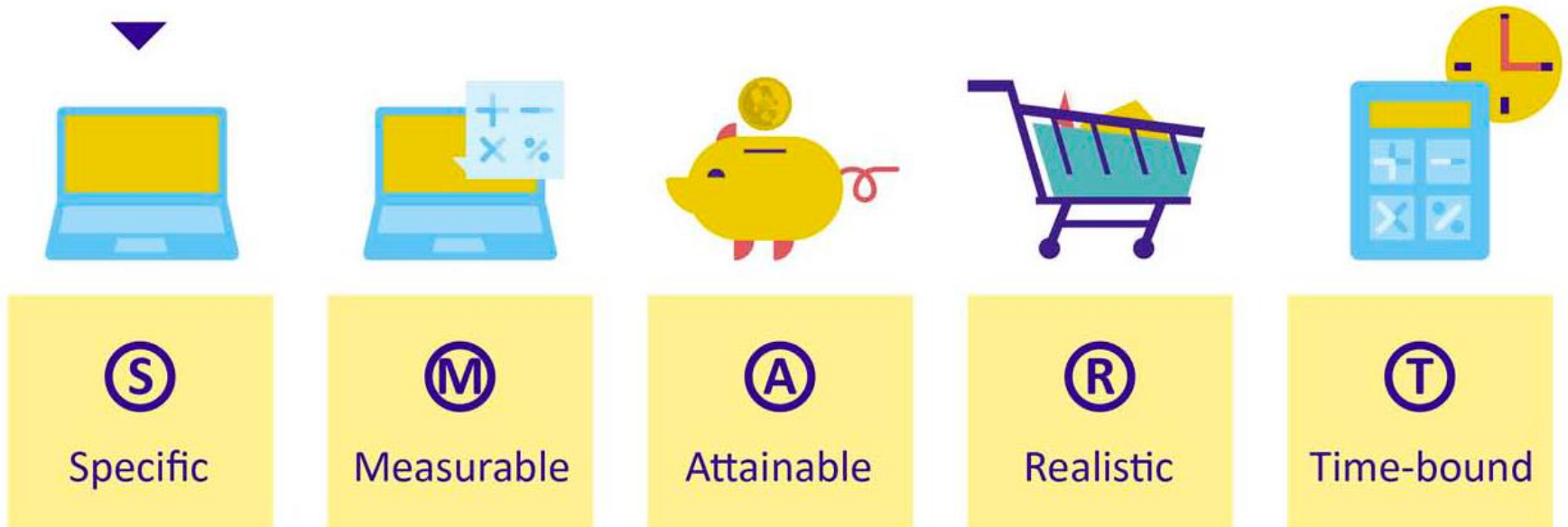
Step 3: Set your financial goals

- Short-term goal
(e.g. buy a mobile phone, computer and travelling)
- Medium-term goal (1 to 5 years)
(e.g. further studies, working holiday, marriage)
- Long-term goal (more than 5 years)
(e.g. education fund for your children, retirement)
- How to turn your 'wants' into financial goals?

Step 3: Set your financial goals

Setting SMART goals

- Example: I need to buy a lightweight laptop for my daily work

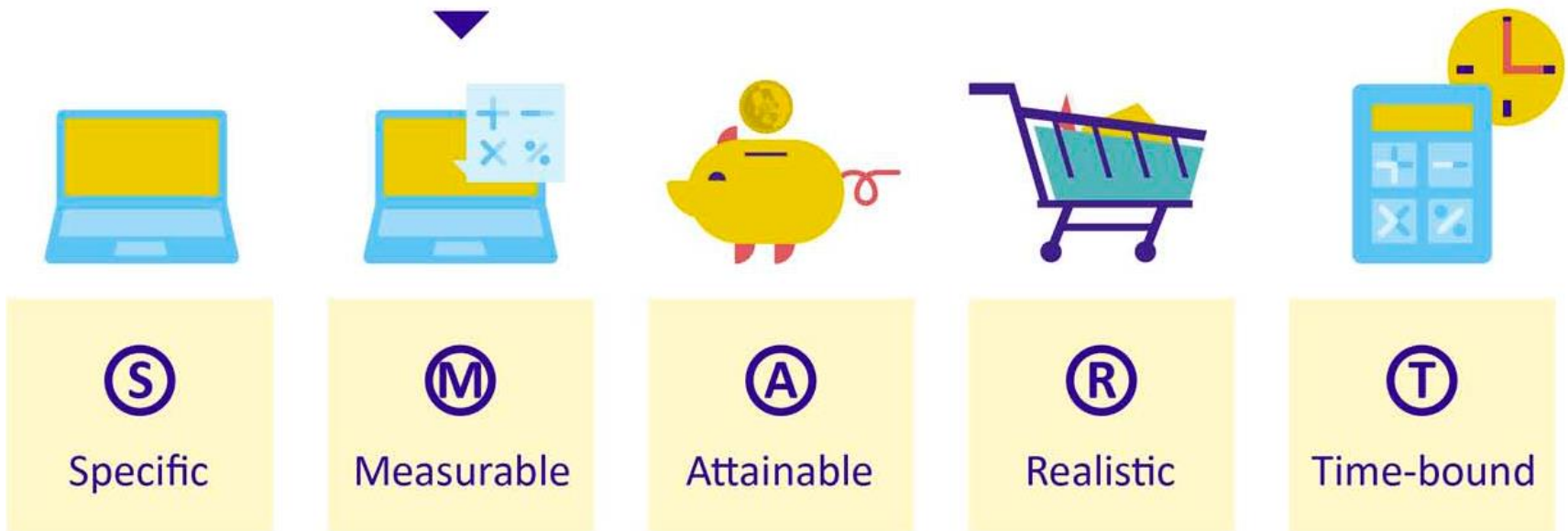


- The SMART principles can help you reach your goals step by step

Step 3: Set your financial goals

Setting SMART goals

- Example: I need \$8,000 to buy a laptop



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Setting SMART goals

- Example: I need to save an extra \$2,000 each month



Ⓢ

Specific



Ⓜ

Measurable



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Attainable



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Realistic



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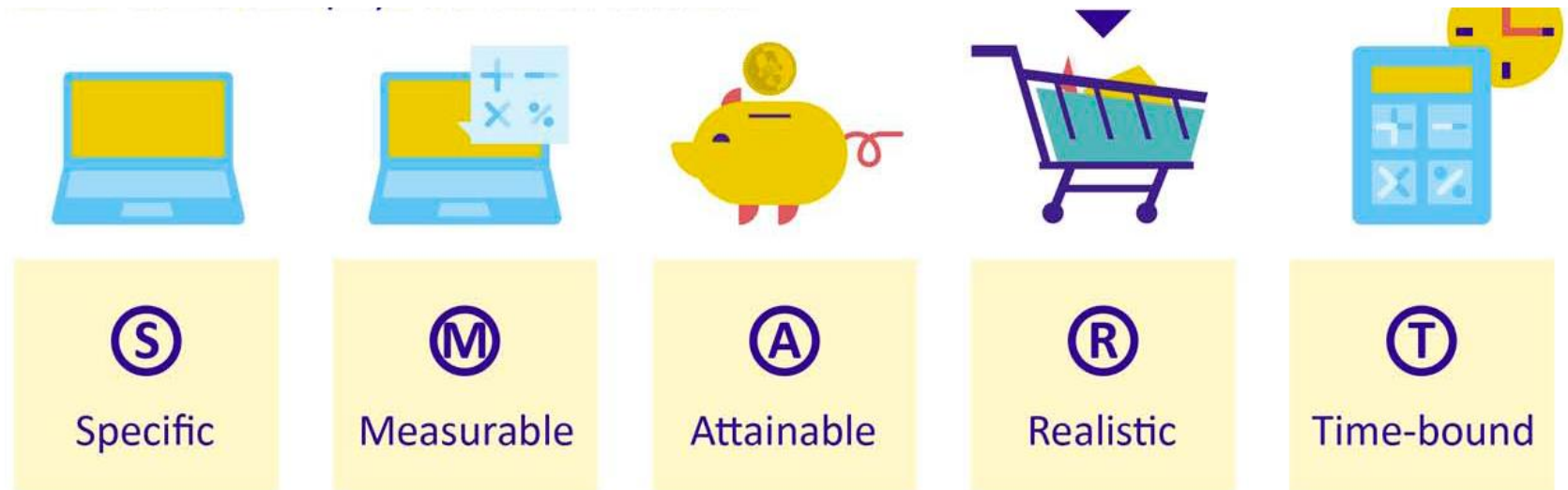
Time-bound

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Step 3: Set your financial goals

Setting SMART goals

- Example: I need to reduce the cost of eating-out and entertainment, and work for extra hours so that I can save an extra \$2,000 each month

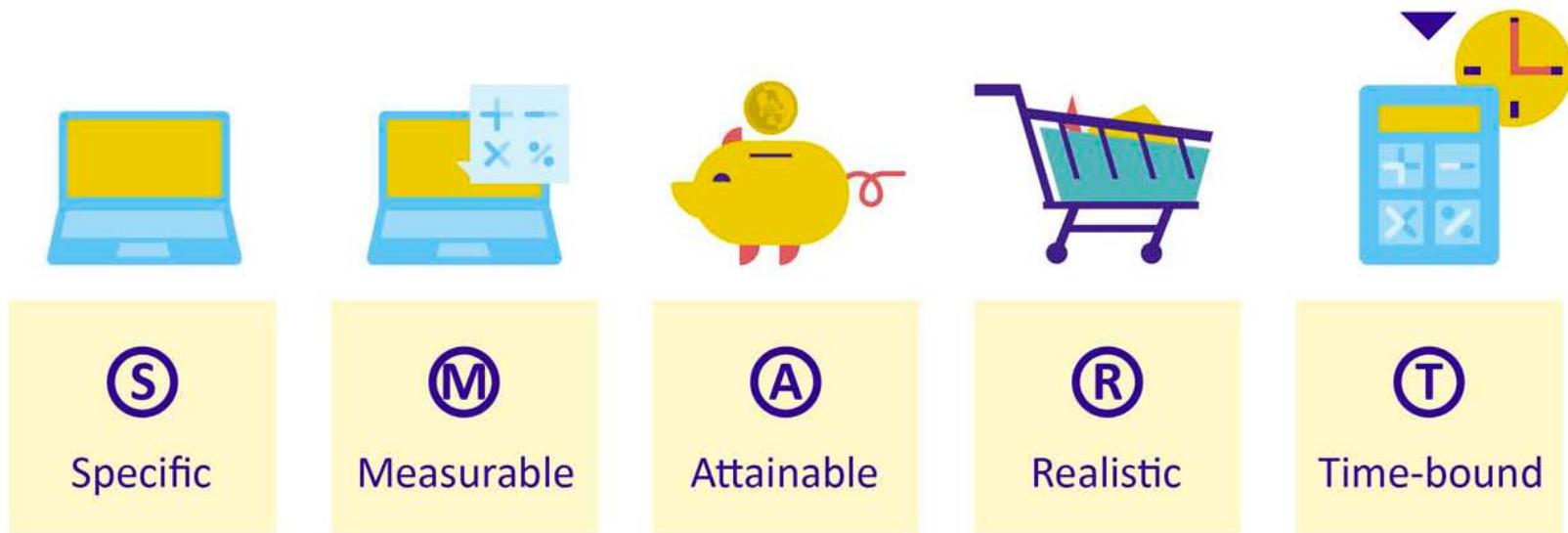


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Step 3: Set your financial goals

Setting SMART goals

- Example: I need 4 months ($\$2,000 \times 4 = \$8,000$) to reach my goal



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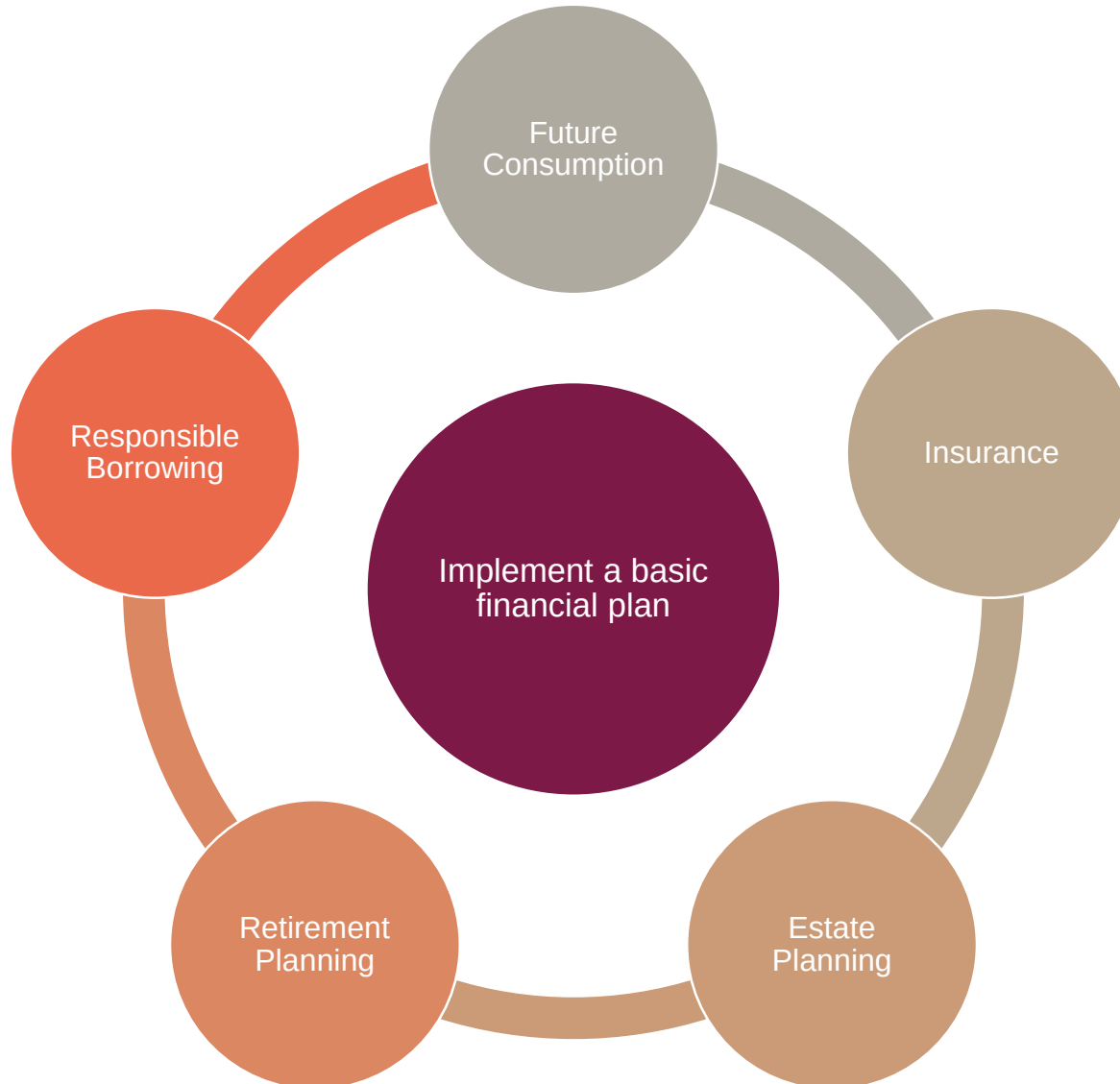
Step 4: Know your risk tolerance

Investment Target

- Expected return?
- Investment horizon?

Factor	Situation	Risk tolerance
Age	↑	↓
Investment horizon	↓	↓
Asset	↓	↓
Financial burden	↑	↓

Step 5: Work out and implement a basic financial plan



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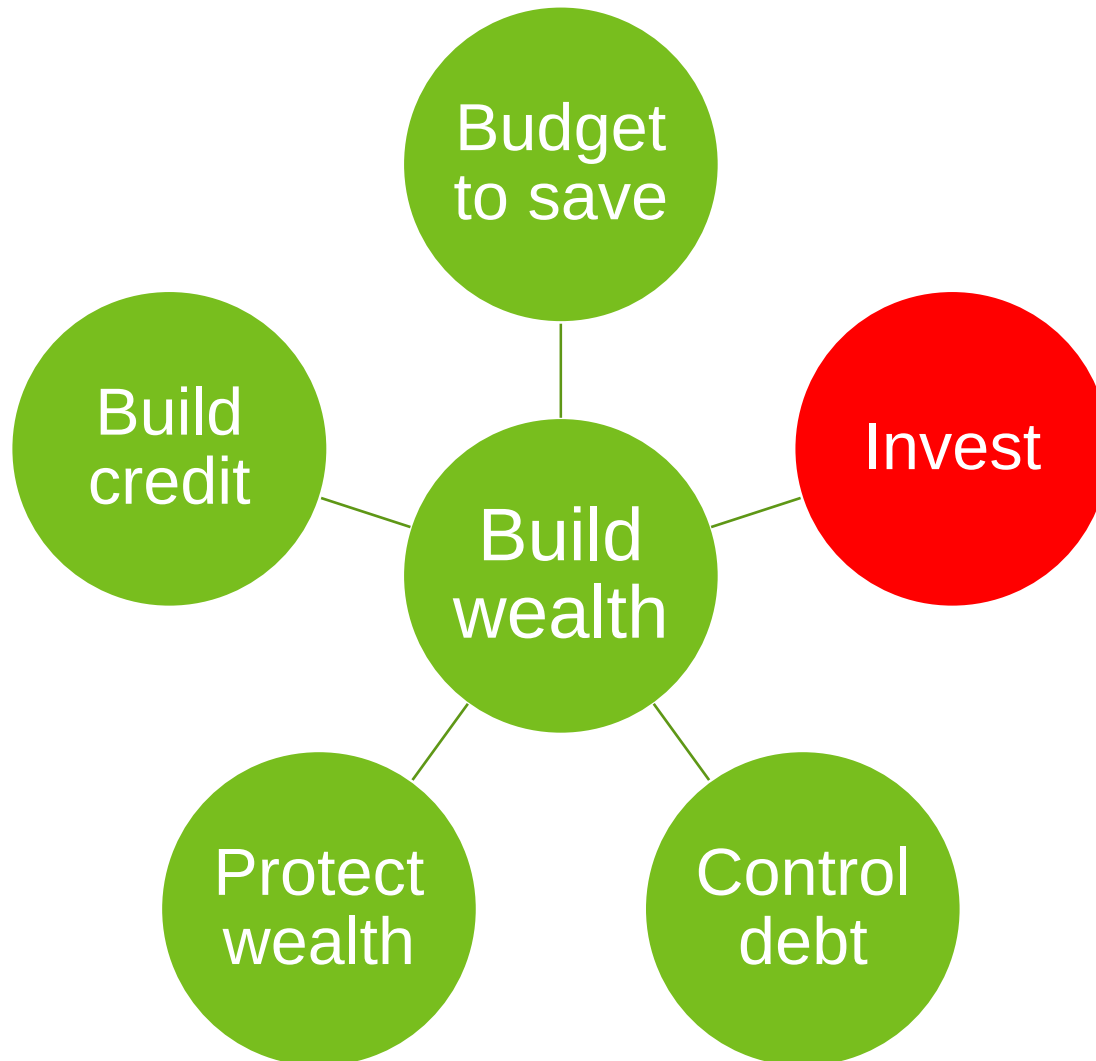
- Prioritization of your needs and targets
- Choose suitable investment products
- Understand consumer rights and responsibilities
- Diversification in investment

Step 6: Regularly review and adjust your financial plan

- Review your existing budget and investment portfolio from time to time
- Review the performance of your portfolio regularly and rebalance your investments when necessary.
- Avoid keeping a portfolio that may over-concentrate on certain asset classes.

Building an investment portfolio and managing risk

How to build wealth?



Are you ready to invest?

- Is your debt under control?
- Do you have enough cash for emergencies?
- Do you have adequate insurance protection?
- Do you understand how to invest?

Basic principles

- The power of compounding
- Risk and return
- Dollar cost averaging
- Diversification
- Asset allocation

The power of compounding – Example 1

	Age when saving begin	Number of years for saving	Monthly saving amount	Savings at age 5	Assumer annual interest rate (compounding once a year)	Total principal and interest at age 65
Fiona	25	40	\$1,000	\$480,000	6%	Around \$1,857,000
Kary	35	30	\$1,333	\$480,000	6%	Around \$1,265,000
Jason	35	30	\$1,000	\$360,000	6%	Around \$949,000

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The power of compounding – Example 2

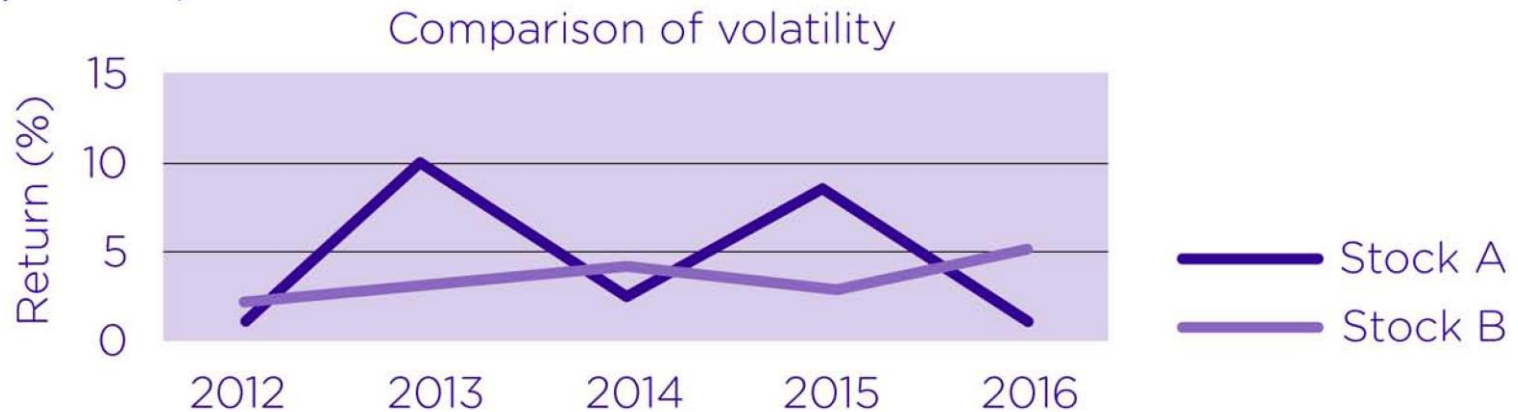
	Assumed annual interest rate (compounding once a year)	Monthly savings/ investment from age 25 – 45	Monthly savings/ investment from age 45 – 65	Total principal and interest at age 65
Kenus	6%	\$1,000 (a total of \$240,000 in 20 years)	\$0	Around \$1,416,000
Matthew	6%	\$ 0	\$1,000 (a total of \$240,000 in 20 years)	Around \$441,000

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Risk and return

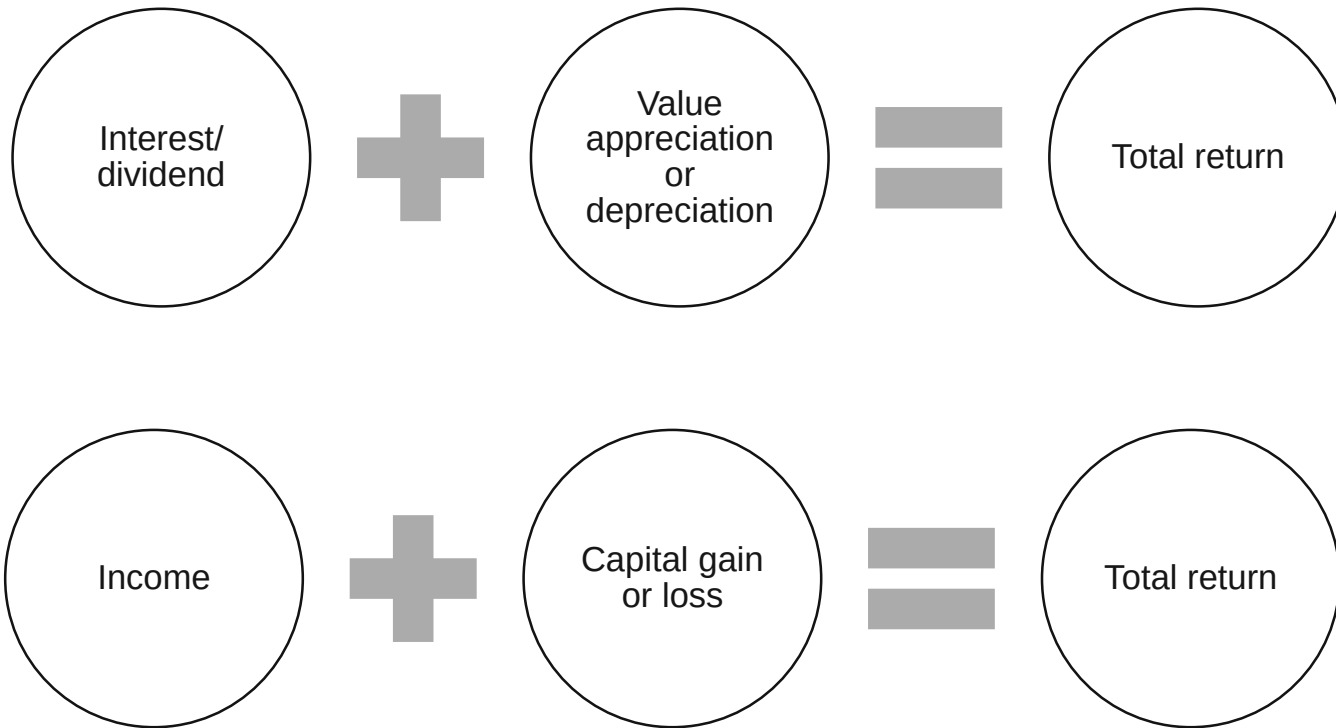
What is risk?

- The chance that you may get lower return than expected, zero return or even negative return
- Risk is also about volatility. The possibility that your investment will fluctuate (go up or down).



Risk and return

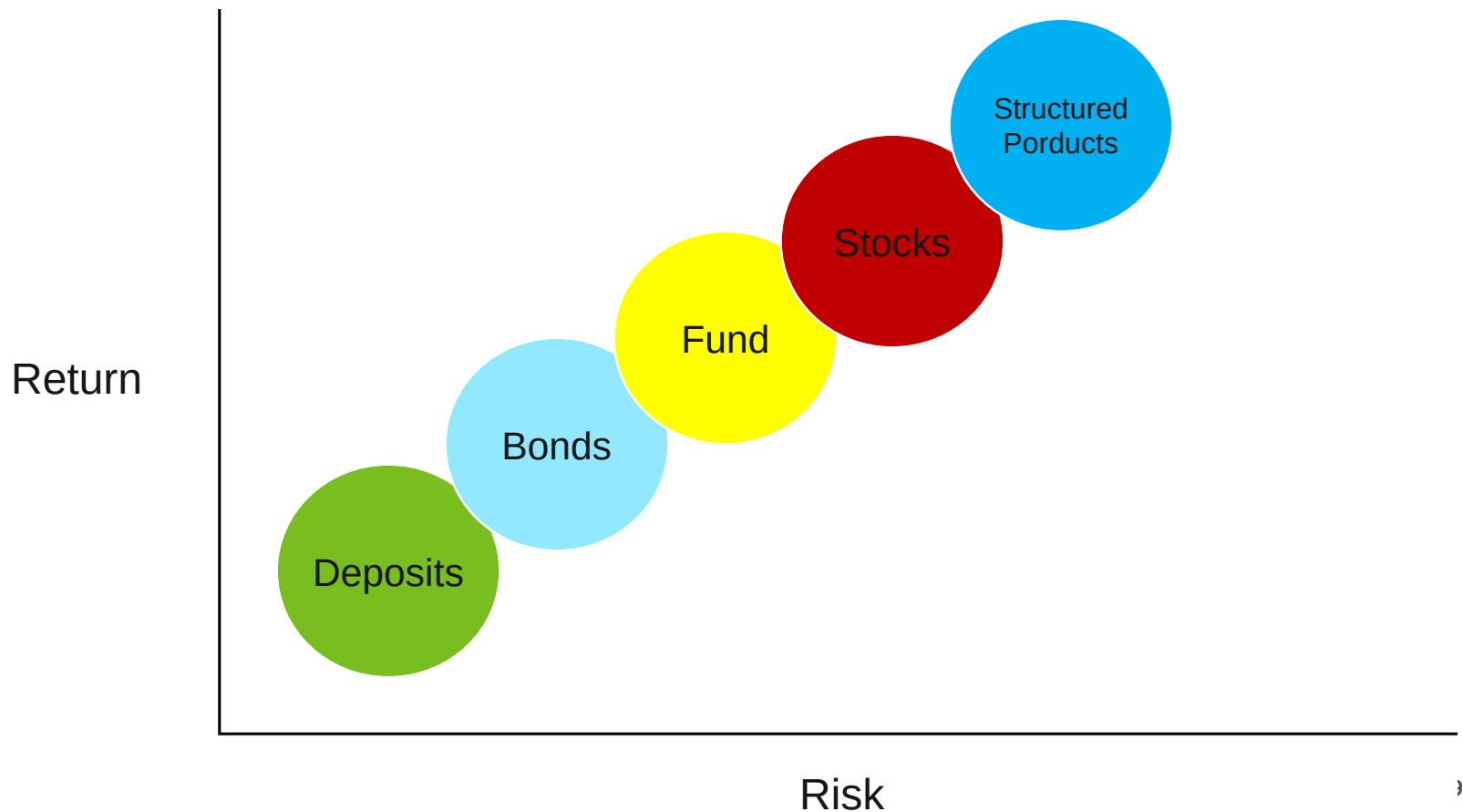
What is return?



	Interest / Dividend/ other	Capital gain/ loss
HKD Saving	✓	✗
Stocks	✓ / ✗	✓
Bond	✓ *	✓
Property	✗	✓
Lease	✓	✓
Gold	✗	✓
Foreign Currency	✓	✓

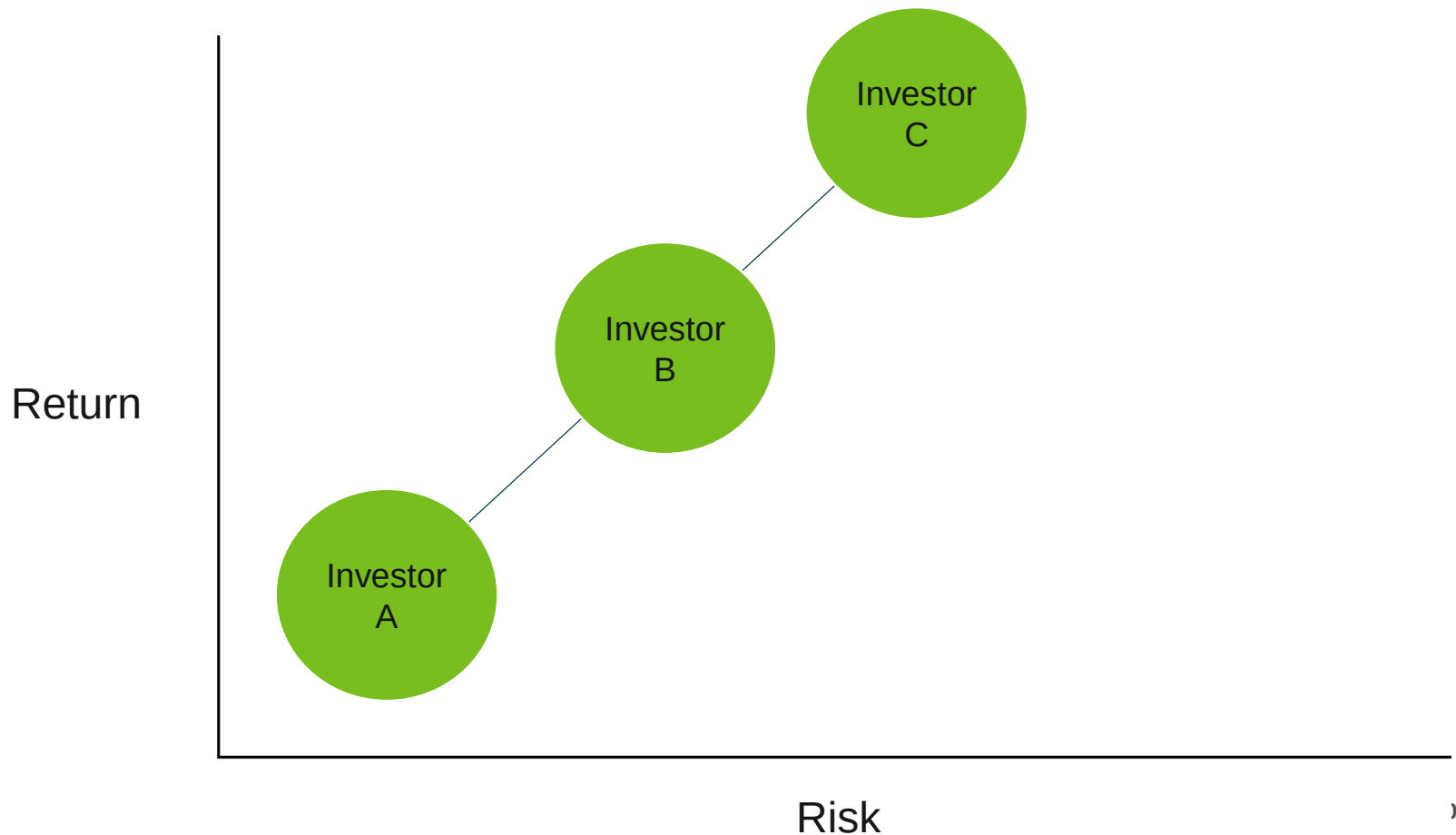
Risk and return of different asset classes

- Different investment products have different degrees of risk



Risk and return

- People who can tolerate lower risks tend to employ more conservative investment strategy



Risk and return

Risk tolerance	Low	High
Investment horizon	Short	Long
Age	Old	Young
Demand for liquid assets	Strong	Weak
Financial resources	Limited	Abundant
Financial burden	Heavy	Light

Dollar cost averaging

Month	Amount invested	Price per share	Number of shares
January	\$500	\$50	50
February	\$500	\$5	100
March	\$500	\$4	125
April	\$500	\$5	100
May	\$500	\$10	50
June	\$500	\$12.5	40
Total	\$3000	\$6.45	465 units

Average cost per share\$6.45

Diversification

WHY

- Each type of investment tends to respond differently to economic factors and market events
- It is unusual for all asset classes to perform badly at the same time



Asset allocation

- The process of deciding what share of your investable should be invested in what asset class
- How much was invested in each asset class
- Asset allocation decision is the main deciding factor for a portfolio returns and risks
- Asset classes
 - Currency
 - Stocks
 - Bonds
 - Commodity
 - Property

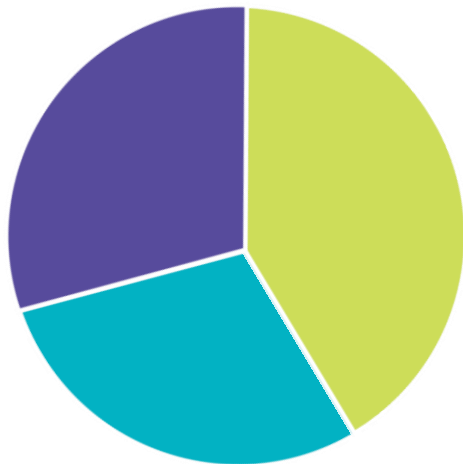
Asset allocation

Equities

Bonds

Cash

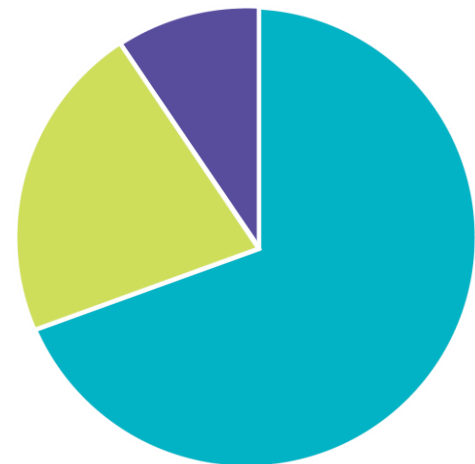
Conservative



Balanced



Adventurous



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Diversification – spread your risk

Benefits

- Spread the investment over a range of different investment asset classes
- Don't put all your eggs in the one basket

How

- Invest in different types of investments
- Invest in different companies/ industries / countries within a type of investment

Diversification – spread your risk

Which portfolio is the most diversified?

Portfolio 1		Portfolio 2		Portfolio 3	
Items	Value	Items	Value	Items	Value
China Bank A	\$30,000	Global equities fund	\$50,000	Global equities fund	\$30,000
HK Bank B	\$20,000	China equities fund	\$40,000	iBond	\$30,000
RMB Bonds	\$20,000	HK stocks	\$10,000	RMB Deposit	\$20,000
RMB Deposit	\$30,000			Euro Deposit	\$20,000

Diversification – spread your risk

Consider

- Asset classes
- Geographical location
- Industry

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