



Finding the Right Mix

Determining the proper asset allocation to meet an investment goal is truly a science. Many factors need to be considered with risk tolerance and time horizon being paramount. Building a portfolio properly is best left to a professional, but even the do-it-yourself investor could benefit by simply diversifying across multiple asset classes. In truth, there is no "right" mix. Once it has been constructed, a portfolio should be monitored periodically to ensure that it still aligns with the initial investment goal and adjusted occasionally as market conditions dictate. Below are the results of some hypothetical portfolios for the 20-year period ended March 31, 2012. While not every asset class is included, they are comprised of basic portfolio building blocks that most investors should own. Not surprisingly, the predominantly equity portfolios generated the highest returns, but also had higher risk. On a side note, over the 10-year period ended March 31, 2012, portfolios more heavily invested in bonds did better than their equity heavy counterparts, giving credence to the fact that even the best built portfolios should allow for flexibility.

20 Years Ended 3-31-2012



Portfolio	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
% allocated to:											
Bonds ¹	60%	60%	50%	40%	40%	20%	15%	10%	5%	0%	0%
Large-Cap Stocks ²	10%	13%	17%	15%	20%	20%	23%	27%	30%	25%	33%
Mid-Cap Stocks ³	10%	13%	17%	15%	20%	20%	23%	27%	30%	25%	33%
Small-Cap Stocks ⁴	10%	13%	17%	15%	20%	20%	23%	27%	30%	25%	33%
Global Stocks ⁵	10%	0%	0%	15%	0%	20%	15%	10%	5%	25%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
20 year results:											
Annualized return	7.79	7.95	8.36	8.48	8.70	9.05	9.26	9.46	9.65	9.50	9.83
Standard deviation	6.61	6.86	8.49	9.61	10.01	12.74	13.69	14.65	15.63	15.92	16.62
Return/Risk	1.18	1.16	0.98	0.88	0.87	0.71	0.68	0.65	0.62	0.60	0.59
Growth of \$1,000	\$4,485	\$4,619	\$4,983	\$5,094	\$5,307	\$5,659	\$5,883	\$6,102	\$6,314	\$6,147	\$6,518

This bond heavy portfolio exhibited the least risk and the best return per unit of risk.

This all equity portfolio generated the highest return, but also had the highest risk.

Source: Mellon Analytical Solutions, April 2012

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Smart Investing Series

Ave Maria Funds Portfolio Solutions



	Bond Fund	Rising Dividend Fund	Catholic Values Fund	Growth Fund	Opportunity Fund	World Equity Fund
Investment Goal	Preservation of principal with a reasonable level of current income	Long-term capital appreciation and a rising stream of dividend payments	Long-term capital appreciation	Long-term capital appreciation	Long-term capital appreciation	Long-term capital appreciation
Primary Investment Focus	Invests primarily in domestic investment-grade debt of government and corporate issuers. May invest up to 20% of its assets in equity securities.	Invests in dividend-paying common stocks	Invests in companies that are believed to be undervalued relative to their intrinsic worth	Invests in mid-cap and larger companies offering above-average potential for growth in revenues, profits and cash flow	Invests in companies of all capitalizations including small-caps	Invests in companies of all capitalizations from around the world
Manager(s)	Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA	Richard L. Platte, Jr., CFA George P. Schwartz, CFA	Gregory R. Heilman, CFA George P. Schwartz, CFA	James L. Bashaw, CFA	Timothy S. Schwartz, CFA	Gregory R. Heilman, CFA
Benchmark	Barclays Capital Intermediate US Govt/Credit Index	S&P 500® Index	S&P 500® Index/ S&P MidCap 400® Index	S&P 500® Index	Russell 2000® Index	S&P Global 1200® Index
Inception Date	May 1, 2003	May 2, 2005	May 1, 2001	May 1, 2003	May 1, 2006	April 30, 2010
Symbol	AVEFX	AVEDX	AVEMX	AVEGX	AVESX	AVEWX

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¹ Bonds are represented by the Barclays Capital Intermediate US Government/Credit Index, which covers securities in the intermediate range of the Barclays Capital Government/Credit Index. The Government/Credit Index includes Treasuries, Government-Related Issues, and USD Corporates and is a subset of the U.S. Aggregate Index. ² Large-Cap Stocks are represented by the S&P 500® Index, a capitalization weighted unmanaged index of 500 widely traded stocks, created by Standard & Poor's. The index is considered to represent the performance of the stock market in general. ³ Mid-Cap Stocks are represented by the S&P 400® Midcap Index, an unmanaged index created by Standard & Poor's made up of 400 mid-cap companies. The index is the most widely used index for mid-sized companies. ⁴ Small-Cap Stocks are represented by the Russell 2000® Index, an unmanaged index of the smallest 2,000 stocks in the Russell 3000® Index. The index is commonly used to show the performance of small-cap stocks. ⁵ Global Stocks are represented by S&P Global 1200®, a global index capturing approximately 70% of the world's capital markets. It is a composite of 31 local markets from seven headline indices, many of which are accepted leaders in their regions. Indexes do not incur fees and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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