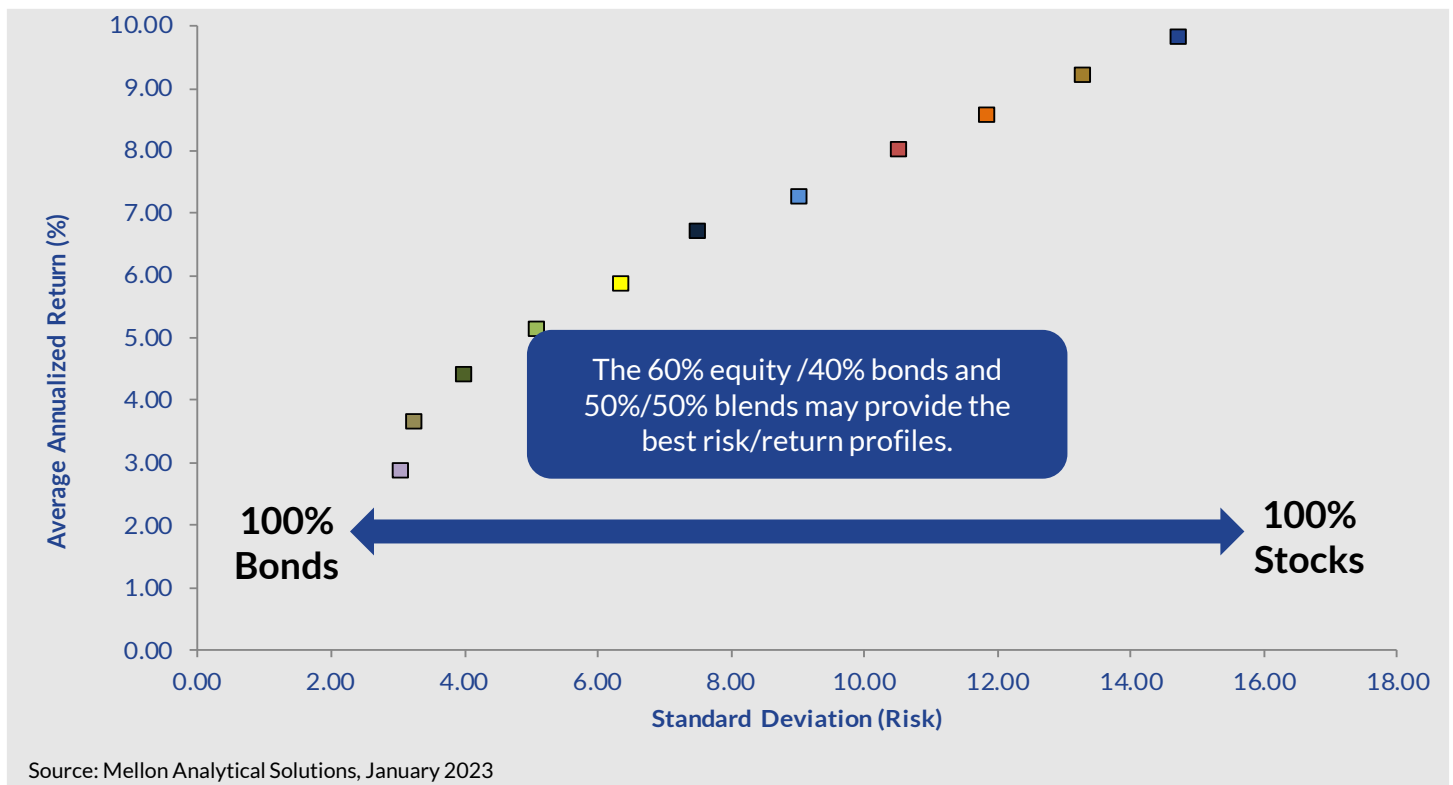




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Stocks have historically outperformed bonds while having greater risk. The low volatility that bonds have historically generated naturally comes with lower returns. The chart below shows various combinations of the S&P 500® Index, a benchmark commonly used to represent large-cap U.S. stocks with a proxy for bonds, the Barclays Capital Intermediate U.S. Govt./Credit Index. Moving from left to right, the allocation in stocks increases 10%, while the allocation in bonds decreases 10%. While different combinations may appeal to different investors, the 60% equity /40% bonds and 50%/50% blends may provide the best risk/return profiles.

### Historical Combinations of Stocks and Bonds (1-1-2003 to 12-31-2022)



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