

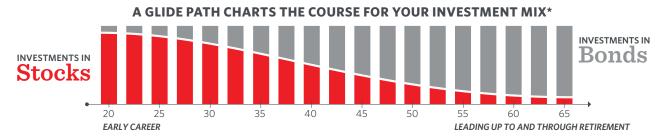
### *ICLIENT PLAN NAME HERE?*

Because of their efficiency and convenience, target date funds (TDFs) have become a popular way for people to invest for the future. Using a target retirement year, TDFs diversify your investments and automatically make adjustments as you get closer to retirement.

### **HOW IT WORKS**

Investing in a TDF is simple. Choose an anticipated retirement year and find the target date fund closest to that year. Investments within the fund will automatically adjust to become more conservative as the target date approaches.

For example: Jill is 33 years old and wants to retire at age 65. She might choose to invest in a 2050 target date fund. This approach is designed to promote growth early in Jill's career and protect her assets against market volatility later in her career.



\*The glide path illustrated in this graph does not represent a specific asset allocation at any given time.

As with all investments, target date funds are subject to risk and market fluctuations. There is no guarantee your account will be fully funded by retirement. Growing a viable nest egg depends mostly on three factors:

- 1. How much you save
- 2. How much income you'll need in retirement
- 3. How you allocate your investments



### **KNOW YOURSELF**

Portfolio managers allocate TDFs based on "typical" investors, but one size doesn't fit all. You should think about your own circumstances and financial situation when choosing a target date fund. You should also consider your risk tolerance when choosing any investments.

For example, if you're comfortable with a more aggressive approach — assuming a risk of potential losses to pursue larger overall potential gains — you might choose a TDF five or even 10 years beyond your expected retirement. But if you're more conservative — and willing to forego a chance for more growth in return for a smoother ride — you might choose a TDF earlier than when you expect to retire.

### **BOTTOM LINE**

**Investing in a target date fund can be a good option if you're seeking an easy way to diversify your retirement account.** By making a single decision, a TDF allows you to enjoy asset diversification and allocation based on a target retirement year. But it's just a starting point for your investment strategy. You'll still need to consider your specific goals, needs, and risk tolerance to hit your long-term target.

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