

# **Investing 101**

### 1 What should I do before I start investing?

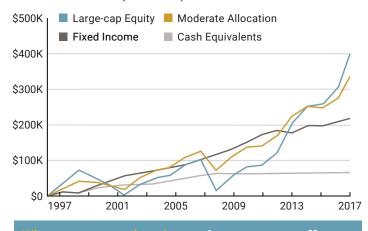


#### Consider and prioritize your financial goals, including how much and what your timetable is.



## **2** Why should I invest?

Investing could be a solution to reaching your long-term financial goals. Below are some examples of some asset classes and their potential performance over time.



When you are ready to invest, be sure to pay off any high interest debts, build your emergency savings, meet with a financial advisor and develop a strategy.

## **3** Key Investing Concepts

Consider your time horizon and determine your risk tolerance when investing.

An overly aggressive approach is far more susceptible to market volatility, no guarantee or insurance and the potential to lose principle.

An overly conservative approach runs the risk of not reaching set goals and can be affected negatively by inflation.



A financial advisor can help determine asset allocation. They can also help curb emotional investing, which often results in missing ideal days of investment and subsequently in missed growth.

In addition, it's important to be aware of the fees and expenses associated with investing, including:



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