# Advice matters

Research says advisors can help build your wealth, encourage you to stay the course, and get the money conversation *flowing* the way it should.



### The bottom line

Investors who receive professional advice accumulate almost 4 times more assets after 15 years than investors without advisors.1

1.7x

2.9x

4X(\$)(\$)









## 3.9x

#### **Canadians with advisors:**

Are better prepared for retirement,2

have a better understanding of estate planning

and have more realistic expectations about the transfer of wealth 3

# Advisors do that

#### They help you keep your financial plan on track

Advisors add value by encouraging disciplined saving and investment behaviour. As a result, people who receive financial advice save more of their income.<sup>2</sup>

Investors with advisors are more likely make better portfolio choices.4

of mutual fund investors say their advisor helps them form better savings habits.5

#### They help transfer wealth to the next generation

of Canadians aren't well prepared for securing a financial future for **their loved ones** and say they don't have a formal estate plan or will.<sup>3</sup>

However, Canadians who have an advisor, written financial plan, and estate plan are more likely to have a realistic understanding of wealth transfer, and are less likely to find the topic too awkward to discuss.3

#### They are trusted partners

Overall, having trusted financial advice is associated with greater emotional and financial well-being, and confidence.6

of mutual fund investors are satisfied with the advice their advisor gives.<sup>7</sup>

#### There's a lot more to advice than meets the eye.

This is why investors who benefit from the support of an advisor often achieve better outcomes than if they were to try and do it themselves.



#### Advisors also help with things like:

Holistic financial planning and goal setting | I | Risk management Systematic rebalancing | | Tax-efficient strategies | | Retirement planning Insurance planning | Behavioural coaching | Dynamic withdrawal strategies



### Talk to your advisor to help you plan for your future.

And if you don't have an advisor, there's no better time than today to partner with one.

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