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Title: Investment Basics – Target-date funds

Keeping investments simple. What you need to know about target-date funds Ready to invest in your retirement plan? Having a mix of investments can help you balance your risk and potential reward. That's why your retirement plan offers many investment options. If you're a do-it-yourself person and want hands-on involvement managing your investments, you can create your own mix. Not diversified - only equities. Still not diversified - only large equities and Canadian fixed income. That's more like it. Neither asset allocation nor diversification guarantees a profit or ensure against a loss. There is no guarantee any investment strategy will achieve its objectives. But if you want a lower level of involvement managing your investments, a target-date fund may be right for you. A target-date fund is a professionally managed investment that's already diversified. It's made up of less risky investments, such as guaranteed and fixed income and more risky investments, such as equities. Professional fund managers adjust it over time to become more conservative as the fund's target date approaches. Target-date funds are a one-step investment approach based on your retirement date so there's no need to select other investments. Just choose the fund based on the year you plan to retire. You should check back from time to time to be sure the risk and investment strategy are still in line with your goals. Log in to Manulifeim.ca/retirement, use Manulife Mobile app, or speak to a licensed financial advisor.

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