

The Stabilizing Power of Diversification

(2000–2019)

Ultra-conservative Allocation

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26.37	8.44	10.26	47.25	25.95	21.36	32.55	16.23	1.77	32.46	26.85	7.84	18.06	32.39	13.69	1.38	11.96	25.62	0.01	26.00	7.59	20.44
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7.13	2.96	3.82	37.13	18.33	12.16	18.37	7.57	-33.79	27.17	16.83	2.11	16.35	4.83	4.99	0.03	11.60	14.65	-4.38	22.66	6.06	16.27
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-9.10	-11.89	-15.66	12.46	7.11	4.55	4.80	4.78	-37.73	12.39	8.21	-11.73	4.21	-2.02	-1.82	-4.41	2.65	3.54	-11.25	8.72	3.76	4.28
-13.96	-19.51	-20.48	4.10	4.34	3.00	4.33	-1.57	-43.06	5.93	6.54	-13.32	0.08	-2.27	-4.48	-14.60	1.51	1.70	-13.36	7.69	1.69	3.40
-30.61	-21.21	-22.10	1.03	1.24	2.43	2.07	-15.69	-53.18	0.15	0.13	-18.17	-1.06	-9.52	-17.01	-24.66	0.26	0.82	-14.25	2.21	1.03	0.54

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Ultra-conservative Allocation Composition

Asset Class	Representative Index	Allocation
Cash	Bloomberg Barclays 1–3 Mo. U.S. Treasury Bill	3%
Fixed income	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond TR USD	70%
U.S. large-cap equity	S&P 500 TR USD	11%
U.S. small-cap equity	Russell 2000 TR USD	5%
International developed market equity	MSCI EAFE GR USD	5%
International emerging market equity	MSCI EM GR USD	2%
Real estate securities	FTSE NAREIT Equity REITs TR USD	-
Commodities	Bloomberg Commodity TR USD	4%

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-3.02	-2.37	-6.00	23.93	10.27	4.91	12.23	5.49	-37.00	18.91	11.47	-4.18	9.86	0.05	0.02	-1.06	6.81	5.23	-11.01	17.16	5.03	14.51
-9.10	-11.89	-15.66	20.05	9.15	4.55	4.80	4.78	-37.73	18.60	8.21	-11.73	4.21	-2.02	-1.82	-4.41	2.65	3.54	-11.25	8.72	3.76	7.22
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Fixed income	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond TR USD	47%
U.S. large-cap equity	S&P 500 TR USD	22%
U.S. small-cap equity	Russell 2000 TR USD	8%
International developed market equity	MSCI EAFE GR USD	10%
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-3.02	-3.77	-7.54	25.98	10.88	4.91	15.23	5.49	-37.00	23.57	13.37	-4.18	12.12	0.05	0.02	-1.44	8.41	5.23	-11.01	18.90	5.03	14.51
-9.10	-11.89	-15.66	23.93	9.15	4.55	4.80	4.78	-37.73	18.91	8.21	-11.73	4.21	-2.02	-1.82	-4.41	2.65	3.54	-11.25	8.72	3.76	9.86
-13.96	-19.51	-20.48	4.10	4.34	3.00	4.33	-1.57	-43.06	5.93	6.54	-13.32	0.08	-2.27	-4.48	-14.60	1.51	1.70	-13.36	7.69	1.69	3.40
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-5.06	-6.92	-12.11	28.68	10.88	4.91	15.79	5.49	-37.00	26.46	14.77	-4.18	14.14	0.05	0.02	-1.81	8.52	5.23	-11.01	18.90	5.03	14.51
-9.10	-11.89	-15.66	23.93	9.15	4.55	4.80	4.78	-37.73	18.91	8.21	-11.73	4.21	-2.02	-1.82	-4.41	2.65	3.54	-11.25	8.72	3.76	12.36
-13.96	-19.51	-20.48	4.10	4.34	3.00	4.33	-1.57	-43.06	5.93	6.54	-13.32	0.08	-2.27	-4.48	-14.60	1.51	1.70	-13.36	7.69	1.69	3.40
-30.61	-21.21	-22.10	1.03	1.24	2.43	2.07	-15.69	-53.18	0.15	0.13	-18.17	-1.06	-9.52	-17.01	-24.66	0.26	0.82	-14.25	2.21	1.03	0.54

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Growth Allocation Composition

Asset Class	Representative Index	Allocation
Cash	Bloomberg Barclays 1–3 Mo. U.S. Treasury Bill	3%
Fixed income	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond TR USD	13%
U.S. large-cap equity	S&P 500 TR USD	39%
U.S. small-cap equity	Russell 2000 TR USD	13%
International developed market equity	MSCI EAFE GR USD	17%
International emerging market equity	MSCI EM GR USD	8%
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The Stabilizing Power of Diversification

(2000–2019)

Aggressive Growth Allocation

Diversification can help you smooth out the market's ups and downs over time.

To create a well-diversified portfolio, consider spreading your equity holdings among growth, value, small-cap, large-cap and international stocks; balancing your fixed-income holdings among different types of bonds; and adding specialty holdings such as REITs and commodities. The chart shows the year-by-year returns of several broad-based asset classes. Notice how the diversified portfolio (yellow), composed using indices of all asset classes listed and rebalanced annually, was a more consistent performer than the individual asset classes.

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About the chart

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Cash
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Real estate securities
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Diversified portfolio — aggressive growth allocation

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26.37	8.44	10.26	47.25	25.95	21.36	32.55	16.23	1.77	34.17	26.85	7.84	18.06	32.39	13.69	1.38	12.45	25.62	0.01	26.00	7.59	20.44
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