Stocks, ETFs, Mutual Funds: How do I decide which is right for me?

Stock

ETF Exchange Traded Fund

Mutual Fund

Stock



A single security that signifies ownership in one company, and represents a claim on the company's assets and earnings.

What is it?

Exchange Traded Fund



A basket of securities designed to offer exposure to a certain segment(s) of the market; most ETFs track an index.





A vehicle that pools together money from many investors to purchase a collection of stocks, bonds, or other securities - a portfolio.

What level of risk am I taking?

Stock



Concentrated risk, based on investing in a single company.

Exchange Traded Fund



Diversified exposure to an asset class. Tracking an index gives ownership in a basket of securities vs. single company.

Still carry market risk. Different ETFs carry different amounts of risks.

Mutual Fund



Diversified exposure as one fund holds securities of many different types of companies.

Still carry market risk. Different mutual funds carry different amounts of risk.

How do I know what I own?

Exchange Traded Fund

Holdings are disclosed daily.

Available online

Stock



You own the individual security you purchased.





Extended Hours

Mutual Fund

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Holdings updated per the policy of each fund company data usually **at least 1 month old.** Available online



Extended Hours

Can trade throughout the trading day and during extended hours trading.

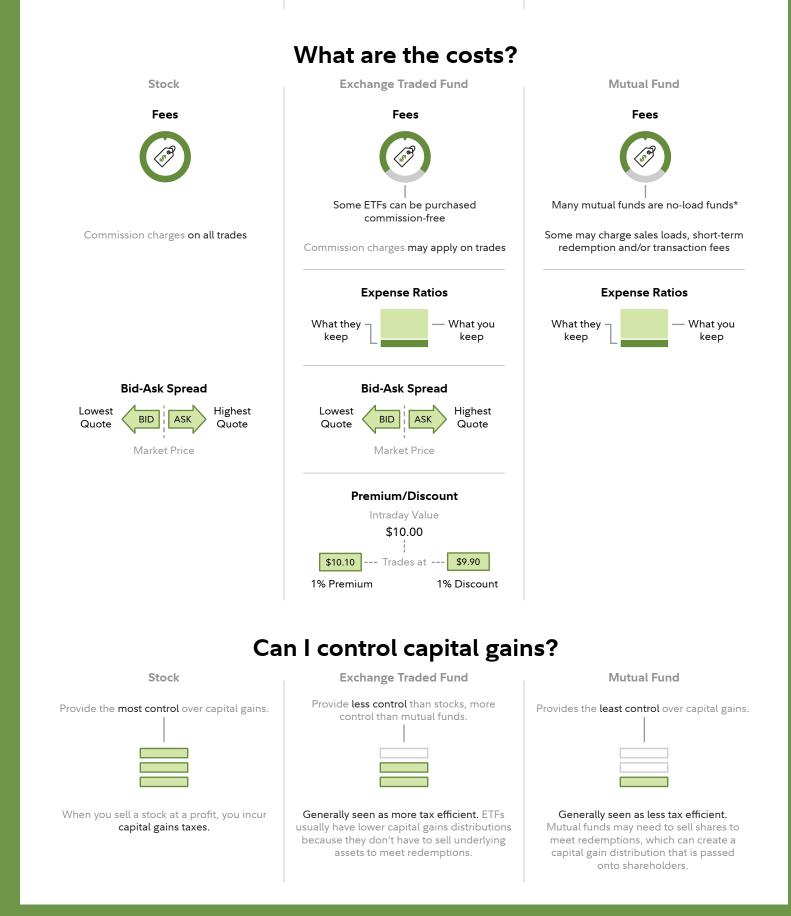
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Mutual Fund





Trades fulfilled **once per day**, after market close.



ETFs are subject to market fluctuation and the risks of their underlying investments. ETFs are subject to management fees and other expenses. Unlike mutual funds, ETF shares are bought and sold at market price, which may be higher or lower than their NAV, and are not individually redeemed from the fund.

* Other fees and expenses applicable to continued investment are described in the fund's current prospectus.

Keep in mind that investing involves risk. The value of your investment will fluctuate over time, and you may gain or lose money.

Stock markets, especially foreign markets, are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments.

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