Intro to Investing

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Investing Can Be Complicated and Overwhelming
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When formulating an investment strategy, it’s important to have a strong understanding of three key fundamentals:

- **Major Asset Classes**
  - The four major asset classes we focus on are Cash & Cash Alternatives, Fixed Income, Equities and Alternative Investments
  - We also provide a description of major investment vehicles such as Mutual Funds and ETFs

- **Basic Tenets of Investing**
  - These include the benefits of compounding interest, the importance of staying invested, and how market timing can impact your portfolio

- **Asset Allocation and Diversification**
  - The importance of asset allocation and diversification within a portfolio to mitigate risk

We recommend that investors formulate a plan for their investments based on their goals. This requires an understanding of both time horizon and risk tolerance.
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One of the Most Important Parts of Investing Is Selecting Appropriate Asset Classes for Your Goals

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| Cash & Cash Alternatives | • Matures <1 year  
                          | • Highly liquid securities                | • Capital Preservation               |
| Fixed Income         | • Potential periodic income at regular intervals        | • Capital Preservation               
                          | • Varied maturity                         | • Stable Income Stream                  |
| Equity               | • Company ownership                                    | • Capital Appreciation               
                          |                                          | • Income                               |
| Alternatives         | • Lower correlation to the market/other asset classes   | • Capital Appreciation               
                          |                                          | • Diversification                       |

Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Investment Resources

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Mutual Funds (MFs) and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) Basics

- A **Mutual Fund** is an investment vehicle funded by shareholders for the purpose of investing in stocks, bonds, money market instruments and other assets.
- Mutual Funds are typically actively managed by professional money managers who make security selection decisions that can lead to higher fees than ETFs.
- Mutual Funds enable investment across asset classes that might otherwise be out of reach due to minimum account sizes or high cost.

- An **ETF** is an investment vehicle designed to mimic the daily movement of a market index or other benchmark.
- ETFs are typically passively managed and do not involve security selection. This tracking of the market may not offer the same level of potential dividend returns as owning the stock.
- ETFs enable you to gain market exposure at a lower cost, and with more transparency than comparable investment products.

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## Asset Class Map

### Cash
- **Cash Alternatives**
  - CDs
  - Money Market
  - US T-Bill
- **US Cash Deposits**
- **Non-USD Deposits**

### Fixed Income
- **Investment Grade**
  - Treasuries
  - Agencies
  - Corporates
  - Inflation Protected
  - Non-Us
  - Mortgages
  - Municipals
- **Non Investment Grade**
  - Floating Rates
  - US High Yield
  - Emerging Markets Debt
  - Municipal High Yield
  - Convertible Bonds

### Equities
- **US**
  - Large Cap
  - Mid Cap
  - Small Cap
- **Developed Market**
  - Large Cap
  - Mid Cap
  - Small Cap
- **Emerging Markets**
  - BRIC
  - Beyond BRIC
  - Frontier

### Alternatives
- **Real Assets**
- **Absolute Return Assets**
- **Equity Hedge Assets**
- **Equity Return Assets**
- **Private Investments**

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**Source:** Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Beyond BRIC - emerging market countries besides Brazil, Russia, India, and China. Frontier - frontier countries are typically less developed than EM nations. MSCI currently defines 32 nations as frontier markets. These markets tend to be the riskiest markets in the world.

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Cash Alternatives for Liquidity and Capital Preservation

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**Certificate of Deposit (CD)**

- A CD is a document issued by the bank to an investor who agrees to deposit their money for a set period of time for an interest rate typically higher than their savings account.

**Money Market Funds**

- Money market funds are mutual funds that invest in short-term debt securities and act like savings accounts but provide higher yield.

**US Treasury Bills**

- Treasury Bills are securities issued by the United States Department of Treasury. When issued to companies, such companies are essentially lending the government money.

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Fixed Income for Stable Income Stream

Fixed Income Coupon

- Coupons or interest payments are the yield collected by the investor at a fixed interval, typically semi-annually
- The amount of the coupon is determined by the coupon rate or interest rate
- Coupons make up a large portion of the total return of fixed income securities

Source: Morgan Stanley Wealth Management Investment Resources. (1) Option-Adjusted Spread is the measurement of the spread of a fixed-income security rate and the risk-free rate of return, which is adjusted to take into account an embedded option. The risk-free rate represents the interest an investor would expect from an absolutely risk-free investment over a specified period of time.
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Equity for Capital Appreciation

### Equities

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**Dividend**

- An equity security that pays regular dividends, often because the firm is past the point of needing to reinvest profits
- Most have lower levels of volatility than overall stock market and offer higher-than-average market dividend yields

**Value**

- A value stock is a security that has fallen out of favor in the market place and is typically priced lower than stocks of similar companies
- Investing in a value stock attempts to capitalize on inefficiencies in the market price

**Growth**

- A growth stock is a security whose earnings are expected to grow at a higher-than-market rate
- Growth stocks typically do not pay dividends and are chosen for their potential capital gains

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Alternatives for Diversification From Traditional Markets

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**Real Assets**
- Real Assets are tangible assets that derive their value from their own intrinsic and inherent qualities.

**Absolute Return Assets**
- Absolute Return assets seek to achieve a targeted return independent of any benchmark or other standard.

**Equity Hedge Assets**
- Equity Hedge assets seek to hedge the equity exposure and are usually negatively correlated with equities.

**Equity Return Assets**
- Equity Return assets seek to return above-average equity returns through more complex strategies, i.e., equity long/short and event driven/credit strategies.

**Private Investments**
- Investments in private companies, or investment vehicles that aim to provide higher-than-market returns through a longer-term, illiquid investment strategy.

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Basic Tenets of Investing

Major Asset Classes

Asset Allocation & Diversification

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# The Value & Wonder of Compound Interest

Definition: “Compound interest is the addition of interest to the principal sum of a loan or deposit, or in other words, interest on interest. It is the result of reinvesting interest, rather than paying it out, so that interest in the next period is then earned on the principal sum plus previously accumulated interest.”

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Successful Investing Involves Patience and Fortitude

Cumulative Total Return of $1 January 31, 1926 – December 31, 2019

Annualized Total Return%
- S&P 500: 10.1%
- US Small Cap Stocks: 11.9%
- US Long-Term Government Bonds: 5.5%
- US Inflation: 2.8%
- US 30 Day Treasury Bills: 3.3%

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Over the Long Term, S&P 500 Has Grown Despite Negative Events

S&P 500: Growth of $100
January 1926 – December 2019

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Market Timing Is a Flawed and Costly Strategy

Annualized Total Returns of S&P 500 (1990-2019)
As of December 31, 2019

Stay invested

Days with Large Price Changes Tend to Cluster Together
As of December 31, 2019

Days with big swings up tend to coincide with days with big swings down

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Best days are defined as the days with the highest single-day returns in the S&P 500, Bloomberg.

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Going It Alone – Without a Plan – Can Be Costly

20-Year Annualized Returns by Asset Class (1997-2017)
Annual as of December 31, 2017

Gold: 7.75%
Oil: 6.86%
Stocks: 5.62%
Bonds: 4.55%
Homes: 3.21%
Inflation: 2.17%
Average Investor: 1.87%
International Stocks: 0.99%

Professional advice keeps you focused, taking emotions out of the equation. This may add value to your portfolio over time.

The average investor’s long-term return is only 2.11% – below the inflation rate.

Source: Factset, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. It is not possible to directly invest in an index. Oil is represented by the change in price of the NYMEX Light Sweet Crude Future contract. Contract size is 1,000 barrels with a contract price quoted in US Dollars and Cents per barrel. Delivery dates take place every month of the year. Gold is represented by the change in the spot price of gold in USD per ounce. Homes are represented by the National Association of Realtors’ (NAR) Existing One Family Home Sales Median Price Index. Stocks are represented by the S&P 500 Index, an unmanaged index that consists of the common stocks of 500 large-capitalization companies, within various industrial sectors, most of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Bonds are represented by the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index, an unmanaged market-weighted index that consists of investment-grade corporate bonds (rated BBB or better), mortgages and US Treasury and government agency issues with at least 1 year to maturity. International stocks are represented by the MSCI EAFE Index, a broad-based measure of international stock performance. Inflation is represented by the Consumer Price Index. Average Investor is represented by Dalbar’s average asset allocation investor return, which utilizes the net of aggregate mutual fund sales, redemptions and exchanges each month as a measure of investor behavior. Returns are annualized (and total return where applicable) and represent the 20-year period ending 12/31/14 to match Dalbar’s most recent analysis.

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It’s Easy to Let Emotions Get in the Way

Having a plan and sticking to it can help you avoid common mistakes such as buying and selling at the wrong time out of panic or exuberance.

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Asset Allocation – The Most Important Determinant of Risk Exposures and Investment Outcomes

Sources of Return Variation

- Asset Allocation Strategy, 91%
- Other Factors, 2%
- Market Timing, 2%
- Security Selection, 5%

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Effective Asset Allocation Depends on Understanding Both Risk and Return

Various asset classes tend to have different risk and return characteristics.

Typically, the higher the potential risk, the higher the potential return for an asset class, and the lower the risk, the lower the potential return.

### 20-Year Annualized Risk and Return
Monthly data as of December 31, 2019

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<th>Annualized Return</th>
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Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Cash is represented by 90-Day T-bills: Citigroup 3M T-Bill Index; Equity by US Large Cap Equities: S&P 500 Index; Fixed Income by US Investment Grade Bonds: Barclays US Aggregate Index; Alternatives by HFRI Fund Weighted Composite Index.

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## Diversified Portfolios Built With Uncorrelated Asset Classes

### Asset Class Correlations

Monthly Data as of December 31, 2019; Managed Futures and Hedged Strategies as of November 30, 2019

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*Investing in uncorrelated asset classes is key to risk and return management*

Source: FactSet, Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. (1) Based on monthly returns. Correlation is a statistical method of measuring the strength of a linear relationship between two variables. The correlation between two variables can assume any value from -1.00 to +1.00, inclusive. Hedged strategies consist of hedge funds and managed futures. Indices used for this analysis include: 90-Day T-bills for Cash, Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate for US Investment Grade, Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield for High Yield, Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex US for Int’l Investment Grade, S&P 500 for US Large-Cap Equities, MSCI EAFE for International Equities, MSCI EM/IMI for EM, BarclayHedge BTOP 50 for Managed Futures, HFRI Fund of Funds for Hedged Strategies, Bloomberg Commodity Index for Commodities.

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Diversification Can Positively Impact Portfolios

Diversified Portfolios Can Provide Better Risk and Return Opportunities

Example for Illustrative Purposes Only

The more diverse portfolio has the potential for lower risk and higher returns

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Global Equities: MSCI AC World Index. US Bonds: Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Index. Ultrashort Fixed Income: Citigroup 3-Month Treasury Bill Index. Alternatives consist of REITs, MLPs, Absolute Return Assets and Equity Hedge Assets as found in GIC Model 3. (1) Forecasts are based on capital market assumptions as published in the GIC’s Inputs for GIC Asset Allocation: Annual Update of Capital Market Assumptions, April 2, 2019. (2) Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Returns and Volatility are annualized numbers; GIC Forecast is a 7-year forecast based on strategic return assumptions in the Inputs for GIC Asset Allocation: Annual Update of Capital Market Assumptions, April 2019; equities represented by the Russell 1000 Index and bonds by the Bloomberg Barclays Capital US Aggregate Index. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Estimates of future performance are based on assumptions that may not be realized. This material is not a solicitation of any offer to buy or sell any security or other financial instrument or to participate in any trading strategy. Please refer to important information, disclosures and qualifications at the end of this material.
“Lost Decade” (2000-2010) Demonstrates the Importance of Global Diversification and Asset Allocation

Total Returns
January 2000-December 2009

Source: FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC. Note: Diversified Portfolio is comprised of 50% MSCI All Country World Index/45% Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index/5% Citigroup 3-Month T-Bill Index.

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The Right Asset Allocation Will Ensure a Diversified Portfolio

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A majority of Alternative Investment managers reviewed and selected by GIMA pay or cause to be paid an ongoing fee for distribution from their management fees to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management in connection with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management clients that purchase an interest in an Alternative Investment and in some instances pay these fees on the investments held by advisory clients. Morgan Stanley Wealth Management rebates such fees that are received and attributable to an investment held by an advisory client and retains the fees paid in connection with investments held by brokerage clients. Morgan Stanley Wealth Management has a conflict of interest in offering alternative investments because Morgan Stanley Wealth Management or our affiliates, in most instances, earn more money in your account from your investments in alternative investments than from other investment options.

It should be noted that the majority of hedge fund indexes are comprised of hedge fund manager returns. This is in contrast to traditional indexes, which are comprised of individual securities in the various market segments they represent and offer complete transparency as to membership and construction methodology. As such, some believe that hedge fund index returns have certain biases that are not present in traditional indexes. Some of these biases inflate index performance, while others may skew performance negatively. However, many studies indicate that overall hedge fund index performance has been biased to the upside. Some studies suggest performance has been inflated by up to 260 basis points or more annually depending on the types of biases included and the time period studied. Although there are numerous potential biases that could affect hedge fund returns, we identify some of the more common ones throughout this paper.

Self-selection bias results when certain manager returns are not included in the index returns and may result in performance being skewed up or down. Because hedge funds are private placements, hedge fund managers are able to decide which fund returns they want to report and are able to opt out of reporting to the various databases. Certain hedge fund managers may choose only to report...
returns for funds with strong returns and opt out of reporting returns for weak performers. Other hedge funds that close may decide to stop reporting in order to retain secrecy, which may cause a downward bias in returns.

Survivorship bias results when certain constituents are removed from an index. This often results from the closure of funds due to poor performance, “blow ups,” or other such events. As such, this bias typically results in performance being skewed higher. As noted, hedge fund index performance biases can result in positive or negative skew. However, it would appear that the skew is more often positive. While it is difficult to quantify the effects precisely, investors should be aware that idiosyncratic factors may be giving hedge fund index returns an artificial “lift” or upwards bias.

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Variable annuities are long-term investments designed for retirement purposes and may be subject to market fluctuations, investment risk, and possible loss of principal. All guarantees, including optional benefits, are based on the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company and do not apply to the underlying investment options. Optional riders may not be able to be purchased in combination and are available at an additional cost. Some optional riders must be elected at time of purchase. Optional riders may be subject to specific limitations, restrictions, holding periods, costs, and expenses as specified by the insurance company in the annuity contract. If you are investing in a variable annuity through a tax-advantaged retirement plan such as an IRA, you will get no additional tax advantage from the variable annuity. Under these circumstances, you should only consider buying a variable annuity because of its other features, such as lifetime income payments and death benefits protection. Taxable distributions (and certain deemed distributions) are subject to ordinary income tax and, if taken prior to age 59½, may be subject to a 10% federal income tax penalty. Early withdrawals will reduce the death benefit and cash surrender value.

Equity securities may fluctuate in response to news on companies, industries, market conditions and general economic environment. Ultrashort-term fixed income asset class is comprised of fixed income securities with high quality, very short maturities. They are therefore subject to the risks associated with debt securities such as credit and interest rate risk.

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are publicly traded partnerships that have unique risks related to their structure. These include, but are not limited to, their reliance on the capital markets to fund growth, adverse ruling on the current tax treatment of distributions (typically mostly tax deferred), and commodity volume risk. The potential tax benefits from investing in MLPs depend on their being treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes and, if the MLP is deemed to be a corporation, then its income would be subject to federal taxation at the entity level, reducing the amount of cash available for distribution to the fund which could result in a reduction of the fund’s value. MLPs carry interest rate risk and may underperform in a rising interest rate environment. MLP funds accrue deferred income taxes for future tax liabilities associated with the portion of MLP distributions considered to be a tax-deferred return of capital and for any net operating gains as well as capital appreciation of its investments; this deferred tax liability is reflected in the daily NAV, and, as a result, the MLP fund’s after-tax performance could differ significantly from the underlying assets even if the pre-tax performance is closely tracked.

Investing in commodities entails significant risks. Commodity prices may be affected by a variety of factors at any time, including but not limited to, (i) changes in supply and demand relationships, (ii) governmental programs and policies, (iii) national and international political and economic events, war and terrorist events, (iv) changes in interest and exchange rates, (v) trading activities in commodities and related contracts, (vi) pestilence, technological change and weather, and (vii) the price volatility of a commodity. In addition, the commodities markets are subject to temporary distortions or other disruptions due to various factors, including lack of liquidity, participation of speculators and government intervention. Physical precious metals are non-regulated products. Precious metals are speculative investments, which may experience short-term and long term price volatility. The value of precious metals investments may fluctuate and may appreciate or decline, depending on market conditions. Unlike bonds and stocks, precious metals do not make interest or dividend payments. Therefore, precious metals may not be suitable for investors who require current income. Precious metals are commodities that should be safely stored, which may impose additional costs on the investor.

REITs investing risks are similar to those associated with direct investments in real estate: property value fluctuations, lack of liquidity, limited diversification and sensitivity to economic factors such as interest rate changes and market recessions. Risks of private real estate include: illiquidity; a long-term investment horizon with a limited or nonexistent secondary market; lack of transparency; volatility (risk of loss); and leverage. Principal is returned on a monthly basis over the life of a mortgage-backed security. Principal prepayment can significantly affect the monthly income stream and the maturity of any type of MBS, including standard MBS, CMOs and Lottery Bonds. Asset-backed securities generally decrease in value as a result of interest rate increases, but may benefit less than other fixed-income securities from declining interest rates, principally because of prepayments.

Yields are subject to change with economic conditions. Yield is only one factor that should be considered when making an investment decision. Credit ratings are subject to change. Duration, the most commonly used measure of bond risk, quantifies the effect of changes in interest rates on the price of a bond or bond portfolio. The longer the duration, the more sensitive the bond or portfolio would be to changes in interest rates. The majority of $25 and $1000 par preferred securities are “callable” meaning that the issuer may retire the securities at specific prices and dates prior to maturity. Interest/dividend payments on certain preferred issues may be deferred by the issuer for periods of up to 5 to 10 years, depending on the particular issue. The investor would still have income tax liability even though payments would not have been received. Price quoted is per $25 or $1,000 share, unless otherwise specified. Current yield is calculated by multiplying the coupon by par value divided by the market price. The initial interest rate on a floating-rate security may be lower than that of a fixed-rate security of the same maturity because investors expect to receive additional income due to future increases in the floating security’s underlying reference rate. The reference rate could be an index or an interest rate. However, there can be no assurance that the reference rate will increase. Some floating-rate securities may be subject to call risk. The market value of convertible bonds and the underlying common stock(s) will fluctuate and after purchase may be worth more or less than original cost. If sold prior to maturity, investors may receive more or less than their original purchase price or maturity value, depending on market conditions. Callable bonds may be redeemed by the issuer prior to maturity. Additional call features may exist that could affect yield. Some $25 or $1000 par preferred securities are QDI (Qualified Dividend Income) eligible. Information on QDI eligibility is obtained from third party sources. The dividend income on QDI eligible preferreds qualifies for a reduced tax rate. Many traditional ‘dividend paying’ perpetual preferred securities (traditional preferreds with no maturity date) are QDI eligible. In order to qualify for the preferential tax treatment all qualifying preferred securities must be held by investors for a minimum period – 91 days during a 180 day window period, beginning 90 days before the ex-dividend date.

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