## RISK TOLERANCE PROFILE



The table below defines the investment strategies into five broad categories, from Conservative to Aggressive. As can be seen by the table, the further that you move away from the Conservative portfolio, the higher the long term returns will be. However, this also increases short term volatility and the frequency of negative returns.

The following table shows the "Bucket breakdown" if you were to invest based on a selected risk profile only, rather than on consumption.

	Conservative	Cautious	Prudent	Assertive	Aggressive
% in growth assets (shares)	0% - 10%	11% - 30%	31% - 60%	61% - 85%	86%+
Likely long term return	CPI less 1%	CPI	CPI + 2%	CPI + 3%	CPI + 5%
Frequency of negative return	1 year in 10	1 year in 7	1 year in 5	1 year in 4	1 year in 3
Potential variability of returns	From -2% to +2%	From –5% to +5%	From -10% to +15%	From -20% to +35%	From -50% to +60%
Recommended investment timeframe	1 – 3 years	1 – 4 years	5 – 8 years	5 – 8 years	9+ years

Bucket	% based on Con- servative toler- ance	% based on Cau- tious tolerance	% based on Pru- dent tolerance	% based on As- sertive tolerance	% based on Ag- gressive toler- ance
1	90%	70%	40%	20%	5%
2	10%	20%	30%	25%	5%
3	0%	10%	30%	55%	90%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

## Companion documents:

## Using the BL&A 'Bucket Approach' to Investing

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