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Agenda

Securities Trading: We will walk through three common types: stocks, bonds, and mutual funds/ETFs/ETPs.

Investment Goals & Risk: Defining your goals, time frame, risk tolerance, asset allocation and diversification targets.

Fees & Commissions: What to look for when you think about fees.

Buying & Selling: Strategy and procedures.

Evaluating Performance: How to handle volatility; how to assess performance of your investments.

Q&A





What is an Investment Portfolio?

- ✓ A collection of investments owned by one organization or individual.
- ✓ Managed as a collective whole with specific investment goals in mind.

Securities Investing



Stocks

Equity securities – you are a part owner in the company that issued the shares.



Bonds

Debt securities – the bond issuer pays you interest as compensation for the risk of you loaning them money.



Mutual Funds & ETPs

A mutual fund or exchange-traded product (ETP) might contain hundreds of stocks, bonds, and other securities.

Asset Allocation



Stocks

Historically stocks have offered the highest rates of return. Stocks are generally considered riskier or aggressive assets.



Bonds

Fixed income has historically provided lower rates of return than stocks. Bonds are typically considered safer or conservative assets.



Cash & Cash-like Assets

While you don't typically think of cash as an investment, cash equivalents like savings accounts, money market accounts, certificates of deposit, cash management accounts, treasury bills, and money market mutual funds are always there that investors can enjoy potential upside with very low levels of risk.

How to Get Started



1 Set Investing Goals

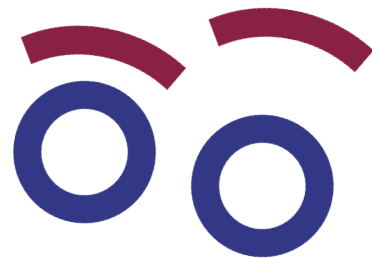
Identify your most important **short, medium, and long-term** financial goals.

Next, estimate how much each goal will likely cost. It's often a good idea to set up separate savings or investment accounts for each of your major investment goals.



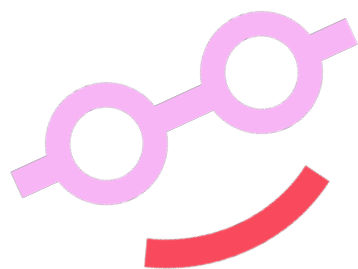
2 Know Your Timeframe

When you need your money often determines how you'll invest it. Too often, investors realize they need money sooner than expected and are forced to sell when the market is against them.



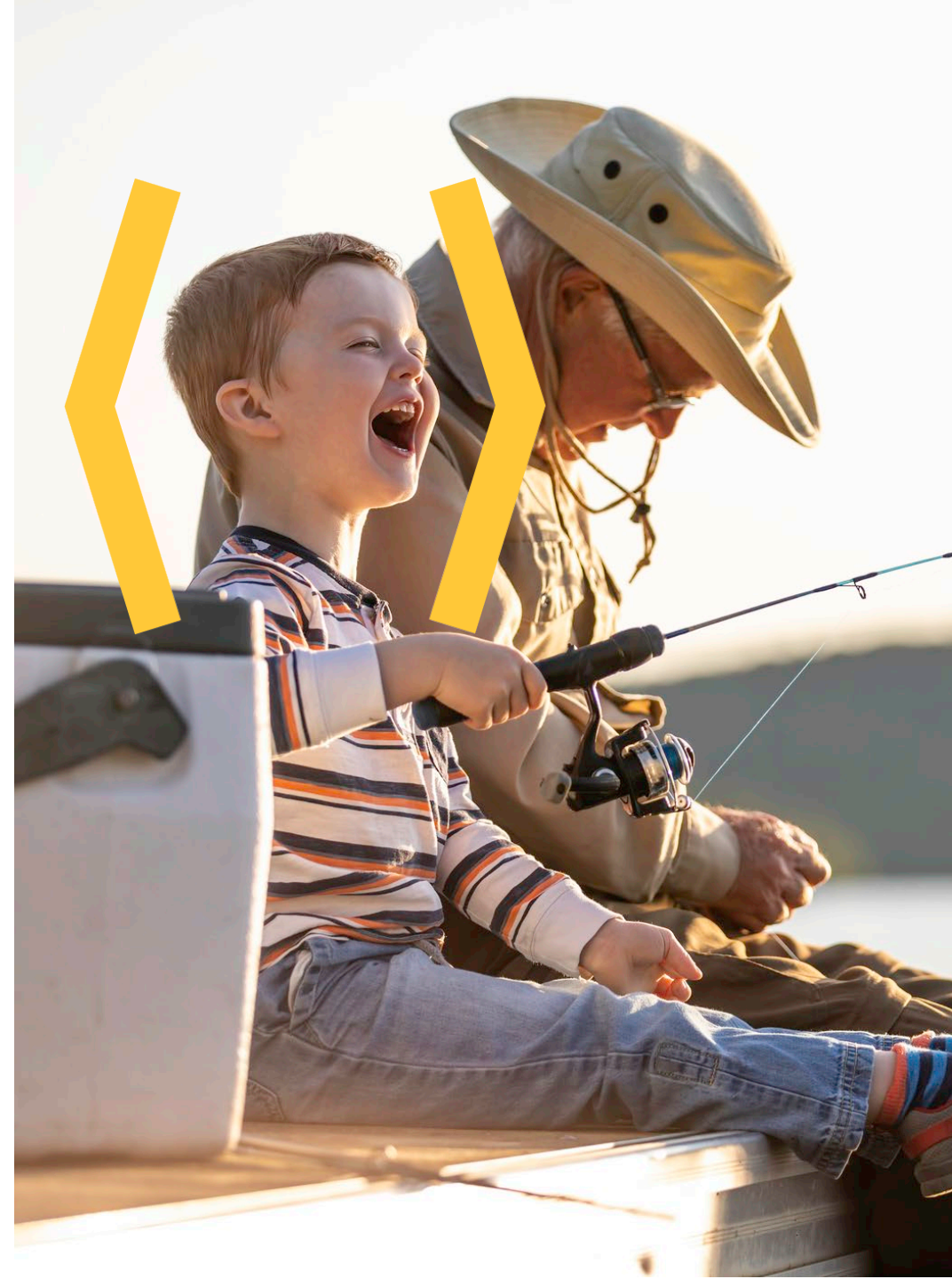
3 Be Patient

Investing for the long term (buying and holding) generally works out better than trying to make a quick score.



4 Test the Waters

If you're new to investing, wade into the experience rather than jump in head first. If you work with an investment professional, take time to build mutual trust. As you grow your portfolio, you can diversify your assets among different accounts or work with different investment professionals.



5 Monetize your Employee Retirement Benefits

If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar retirement savings program, think of it as a potential on-ramp to investing. There are often incentives to doing so, like a company match, or tax benefits.



6 Educate Yourself

Know what you're investing in, especially if it's an investment you aren't familiar with. How does it work? What fees will you pay? Understand and track the investments you own. Learn about asset allocation and diversification so you don't bet the ranch on a single investment. Avoid hunches and hot tips. And never stop educating yourself about investing!



7 Asset Allocation

Asset allocation involves dividing your investments among different assets, such as stocks, bonds, and cash. The asset allocation decision is a personal one. The allocation that works best for you changes at different times in your life, depending on how long you have to invest and your ability to tolerate risk.



8 Fees & Commissions

Ask your advisor about how they handle fees and commissions. Learn how fees can impact your growth over time.



9 Automatic Investing

Automatic investing, sometimes known as dollar cost averaging is investing the same amount of money at regular intervals over an extended period of time, regardless of the share price. By investing a fixed amount, you purchase more shares when prices are low, and fewer shares when prices are high. This may reduce your overall average cost of investing.



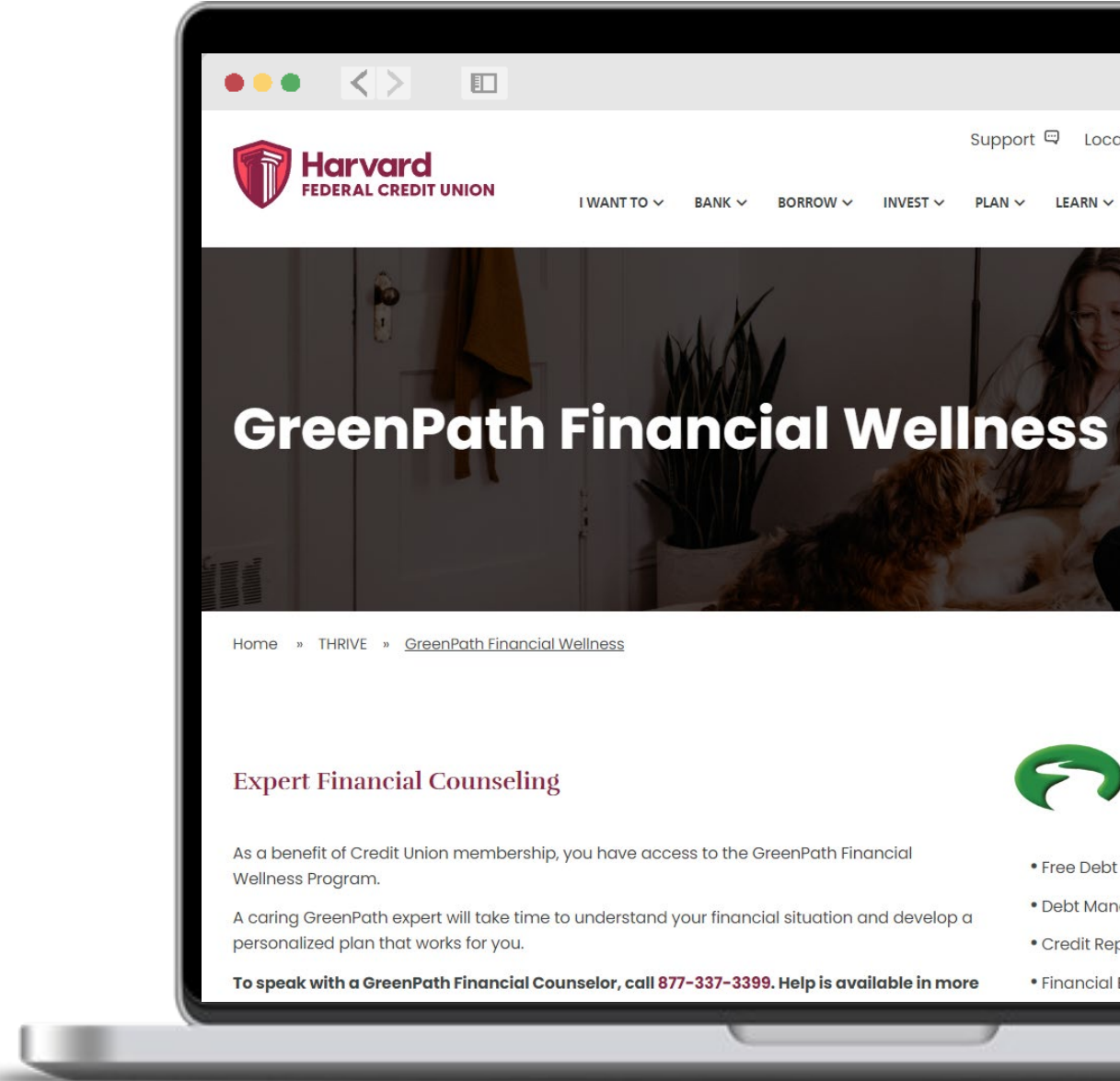
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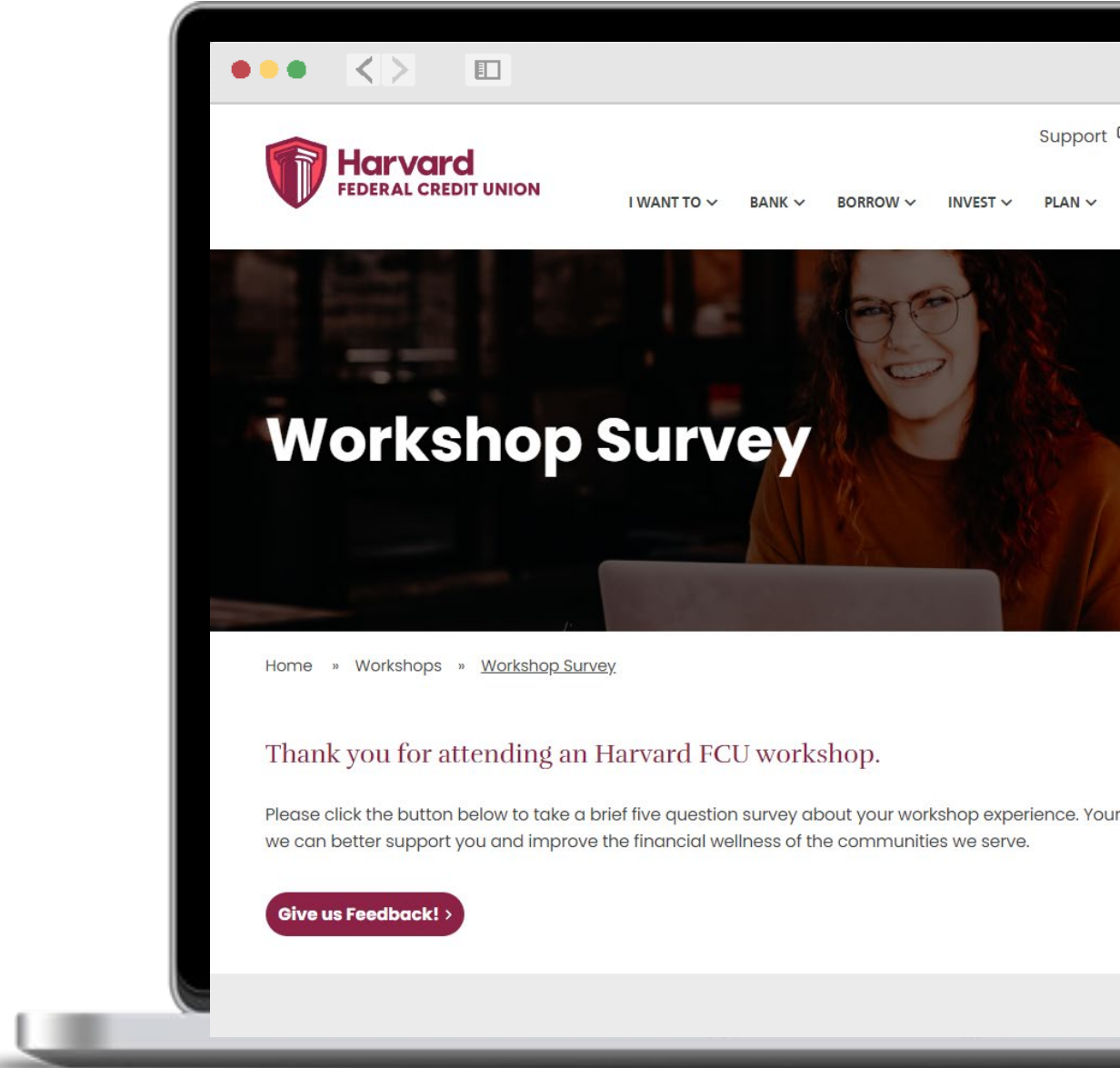
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