

## Investments: Understanding the Basics

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## **Investments: Understanding the Basics**

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- Part 2: Stocks (Equities)
- Part 3: Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)
- Part 4: Building Portfolios



## Part 1: Bonds (Fixed Income)

- What is a Bond
- Types of Bonds
- Bond Maturity
- Risks of Bonds



## Many Different Kinds of Bonds

Bonds are loans to governments or corporations

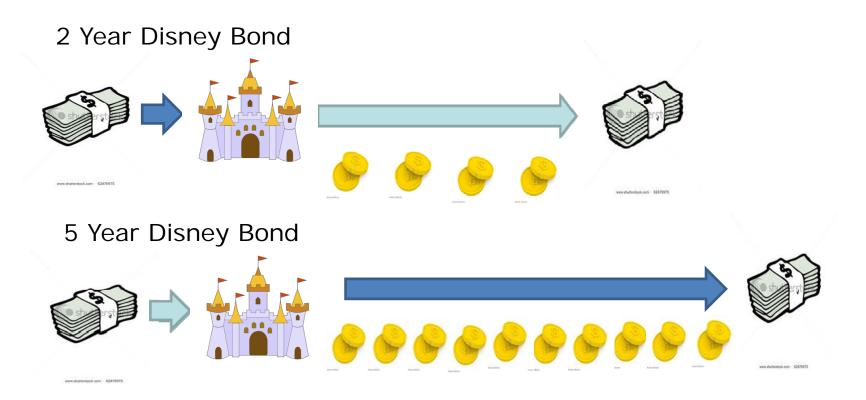


# If you purchase a 2 year Disney Bond that pays 4% annually...



At Disney, they are using the money you lent them to grow their business. Disney pays you 4% interest a year. So you receive \$200 every 6 months. At the end of 2 years, you receive the \$10,000 back.

## **Bond Maturity**



- Short Term Bonds: 1-3 Years
- Intermediate Term Bonds: 3-10 Years
- Long Term Bonds: 10+ Years

## Are Bonds Risky?

- Default Risk
- Maturity Risk
- Interest Risk
- Inflation Risk



## **Default Risk: What Happens When...**

The government or company you lent money to cannot pay:

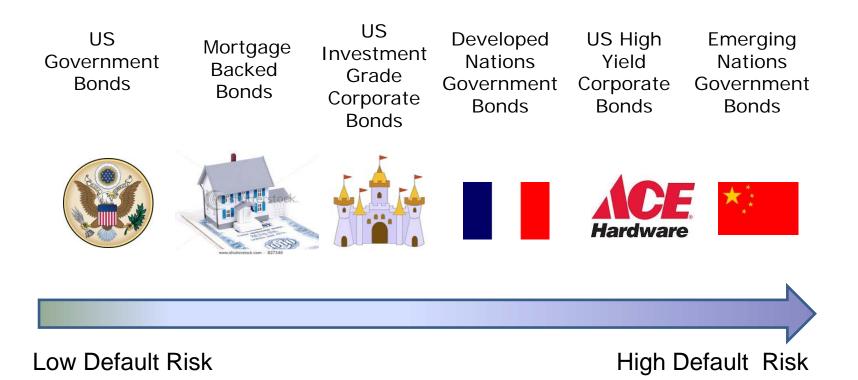
- the interest they owe you
- or even worse, the original amount your lent them!



Defaults are more likely to happen to companies and countries with:

- Large amount of existing debt
- Poor cash flow
- No or limited cash reserves
- Poor business model

## **Default Risk of Bonds**



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## **Credit Ratings**

A credit rating is a grade given to bonds that indicates the quality of the bond.

- Provided by various services such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and Fitch
- Expressed in letters from AAA (best) to D (default)

## Maturity Risk - Why are 2 year bonds less risky than 5 year bonds?



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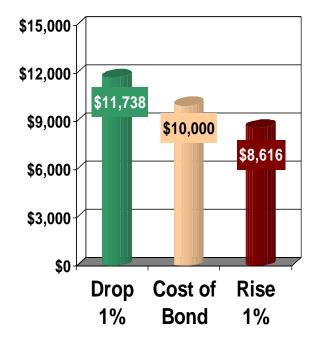


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\*If you try to sell the bond between years 3 and 5, you will receive less than \$10,000 because the interest rate on your bond is lower than the current market rate.

## Interest Rate Risk - What Happens When...

- You purchase a \$10,000 30year bond which pays interest of 5% annually.
- What happens to the value of your bond if interest rates change tomorrow?
- But if you hold on to the bond for 30 years, you will receive the \$10,000 back as long as the bond does not default.



## **Inflation Risk**

Over time, inflation can erode the value of your money Example:

Cost of gasoline in 2002 - \$1.36 per gallon \$1,000 could buy 735 gallons of gas Cost of gasoline today - \$3.00 per gallon \$1,000 can buy 333 gallons of gas



### **Bonds Summary**

- Loans to governments or corporations
- Pre-determined interest paid periodically in return for the use of money
- Range from minimal risks (US Treasury bonds) to substantial risks (high yield or "junk" bonds)
- Historically more stable than stocks but generally does not provide as much earnings

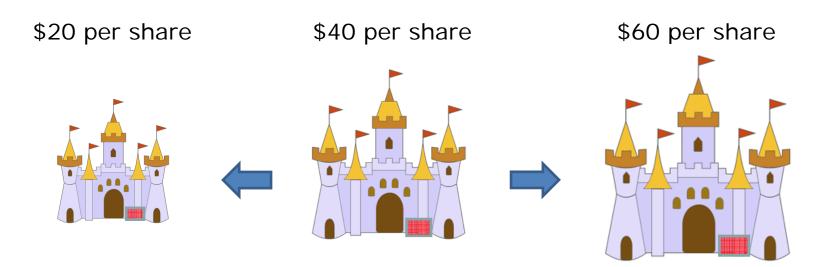
## Part 2: Stocks (Equities)

- What is a Stock



- Types of Stocks
- Risks of Stocks
- Importance of Stocks in Long Term Portfolios

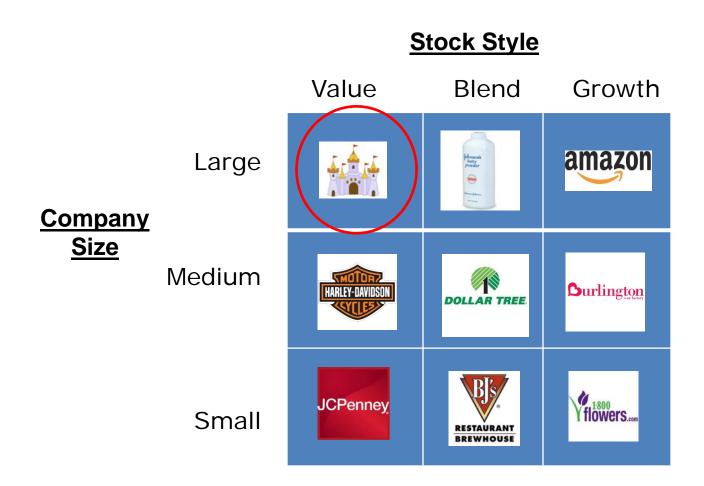
## If You Purchase Disney Stock...





Your piece of the magic increases or decreases in size depending on how well the company does.

## **Types of Stocks**



# Difference Between a Good Stock and a Good Buy

#### Good Stock:

- Strong management
- Quality products or services
- Strong competitive advantages
- Strong financial strength

#### Good Buy:

- Quality stock with **attractive valuation**: where the stock price is lower than its estimated value.

## **Risks of Stocks**

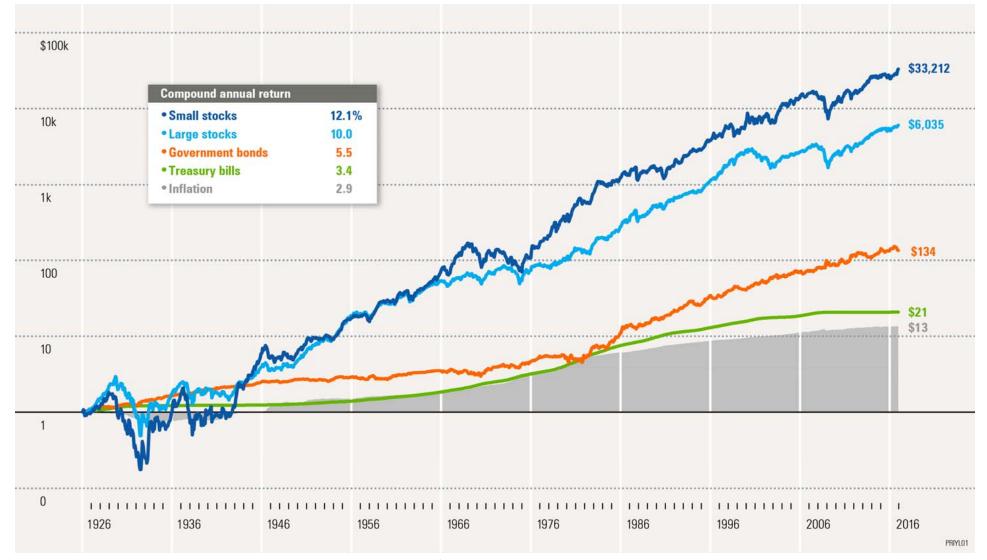
- Significant decrease in stock price
  - Why?
    - Business risk company specific issues
    - Market risk economic downturn
- Forced to sell risk
  - Significant risk of large short term losses



### Stocks as Long Term Investments

Stocks have been historically, the best investment to outpace inflation over long investment horizons.

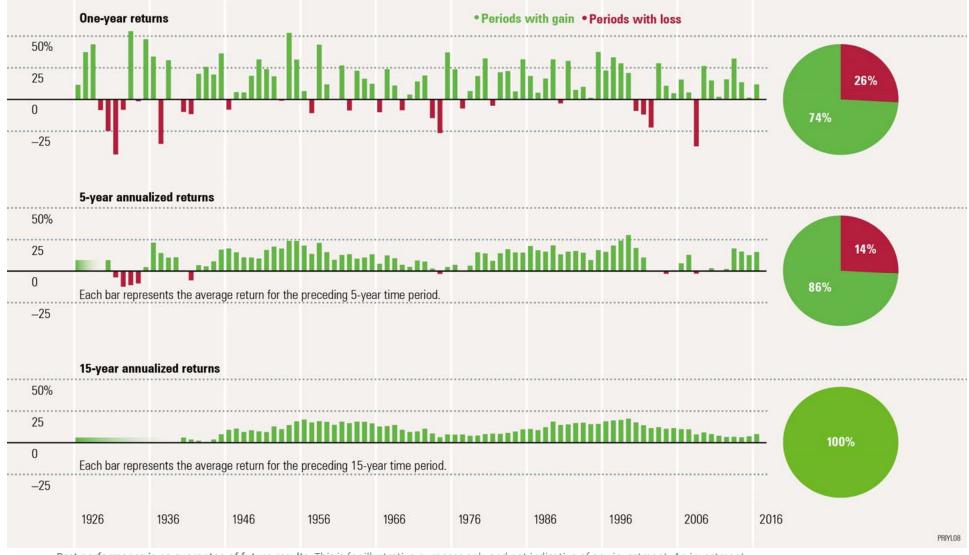
## Return of Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation 1926–2016



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## Risk of Stock Market Loss Over Time (1926–2016)



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## **Stocks Summary**

- Equity ownership in companies
- As many different types of stocks as there are different types of companies
- Historically more risky than bonds but generally outpace inflation over long investment periods.

## Part 3: Mutual Funds

#### A mutual fund is

- a company that brings together a group of people and invests their money in stocks, bonds, or other securities.

Each investor owns shares, which represent a portion of the holdings of the fund.

## Individual Bonds vs Bond Mutual Funds

US Government Bond



US High Quality Corporate Bond



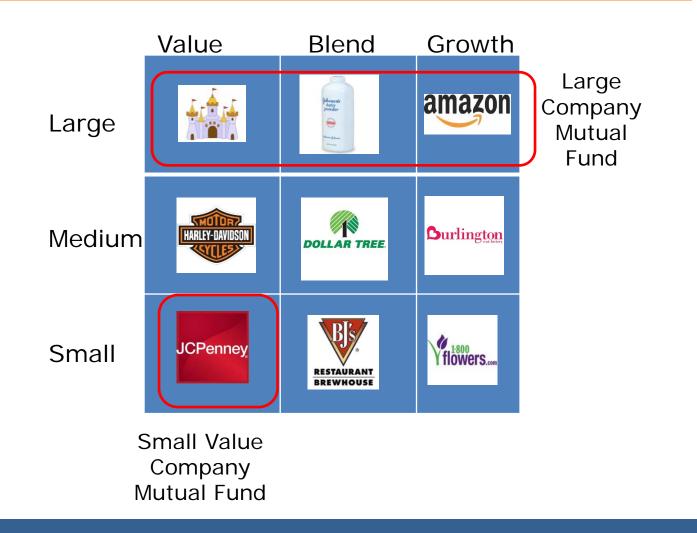
US Government Bond Mutual Fund



US Corporate **Bond** Mutual Fund



## **Individual Stocks vs Stock Mutual Funds**



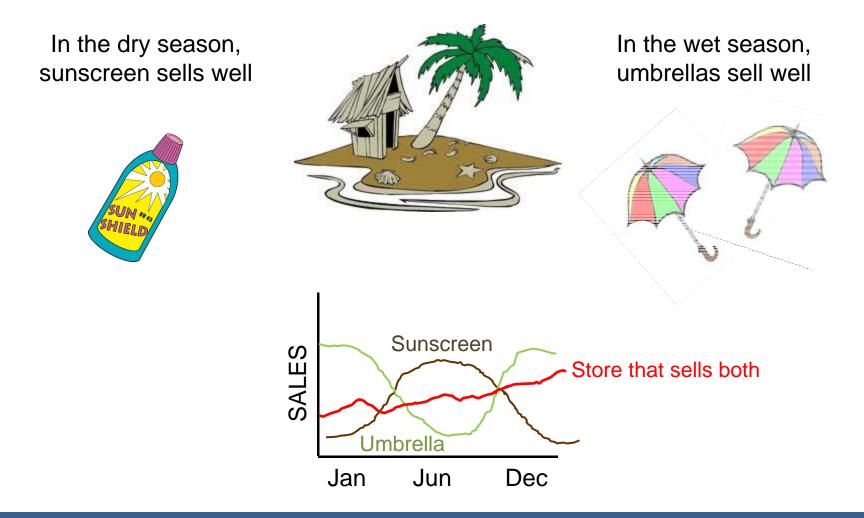
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## **Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)**



- Like mutual funds, ETFs are baskets of securities
- Like stocks, ETF can be bought and sold on a stock exchange and their prices fluctuate real-time throughout the day
- Many ETFs have low operating costs and high tax efficiency
- Many ETFs track indices.\* For example a popular ETF, "Spiders" (SPY), tracks the Standard and Poor's 500 index of large-cap stocks

## Part 4: Building Portfolios



## Return of Different Investments Over Time

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Highest return	33.4	28.6	29.8	21.5	22.8	17.8	60.7	20.7	14.0	26.9	11.6	25.9	32.5	31.3	27.1	18.2	45.1	24.7	1.4	25.6	
	22.8	20.3	27.3	5.9	3.8	1.6	39.2	18.4	7.8	16.2	9.9	1.6	28.1	15.1	2.9	17.9	32.4	13.7	0.0	12.0	
	15.9	13.1	21.0	0.1	3.7	-6.3	28.7	11.9	7.1	15.8	5.5	-17.9	26.5	13.0	2.1	16.0	23.3	7.4	-0.4	8.2	
	15.9	11.9	14.8	-3.6	-0.6	-13.3	26.2	10.9	5.7	13.0	5.3	-36.7	14.4	10.1	0.0	11.1	17.6	2.9	-0.6	1.8	
	5.3	4.9	4.7	-9.1	-11.9	-15.7	1.4	8.5	4.9	4.8	4.7	-37.0	0.1	8.2	-3.3	3.4	0.0	0.0	-0.7	1.5	
Lowest return	2.1	-7.3	-9.0	-14.0	-21.2	-22.1	1.0	1.2	3.0	1.2	-5.2	-43.1	-14.9	0.1	-11.7	0.1	-12.8	-4.5	-3.6	0.2	
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## How Much Stocks Should I Have In My Portfolio

#### 1. What are you saving for?

- House down payment
- Child's college education
- Retirement

#### 2. What is your *ability* to tolerate risk?

- Will your lifestyle change significantly if the portfolio goes down 10%? How about 20%?

#### 3. What is your *willingness* to tolerate risk?

- Will you sell all your investments if your portfolio goes down 10%? How about 20%?

#### **Probability of Meeting Income Needs**

Various withdrawal rates and portfolio allocations over a 25-year retirement

84%	97%	95%	92%	87%	4% Withdrawal rate
28%	69%	79%	79%	77%	5%
3%	26%	54%	63%	65%	6%
0%	4%	29%	46%	52%	7%
0%	0%	12%	29%	40%	8%
100% Bonds	75% B 25% S	50% B 50% S	25% B 75% S	100% Stocks	
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