

Investment Principles:

Conversation starters

The power of investing.



The impact of fees on returns.



The advantages of diversification.



Why adjust your portfolio?



What level of return do you need?



Understanding risk profiles.



Investing during retirement.





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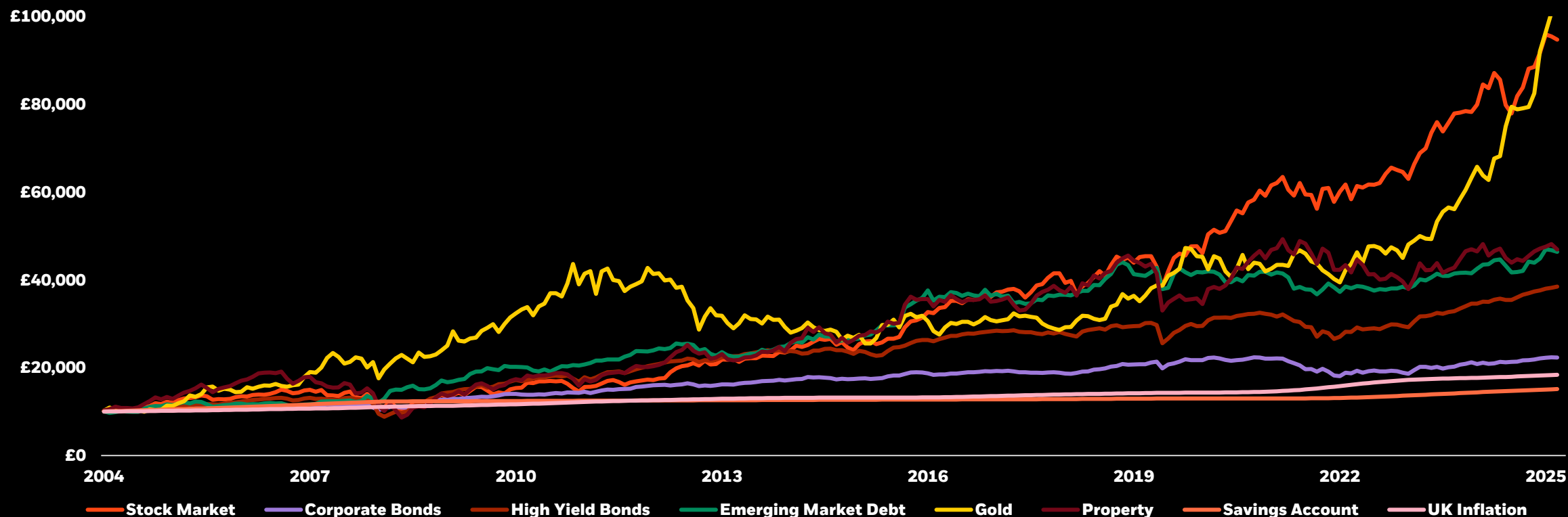
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Investing can grow your money ahead of inflation

Growth of £10,000 over the past 20 years



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The impact of fees on returns.

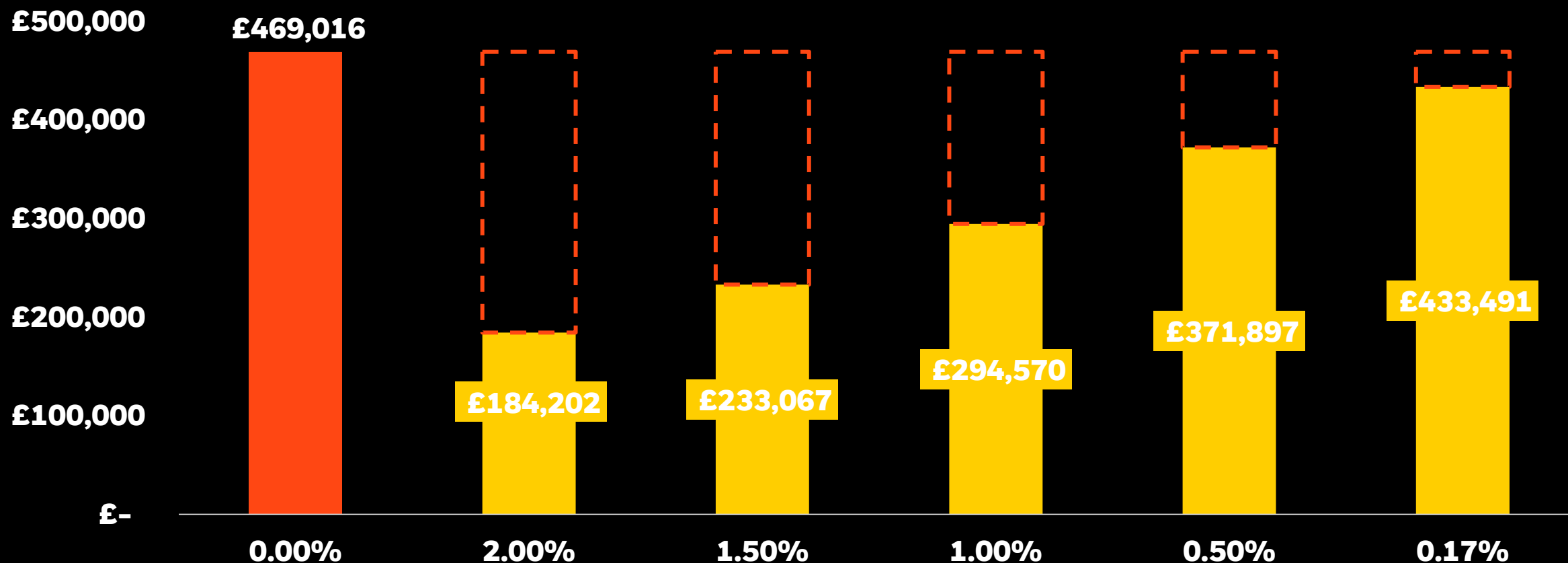
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Costs can overpower investment returns

Value of £10,000 over 50 years with different annual fees



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The advantages of diversification.

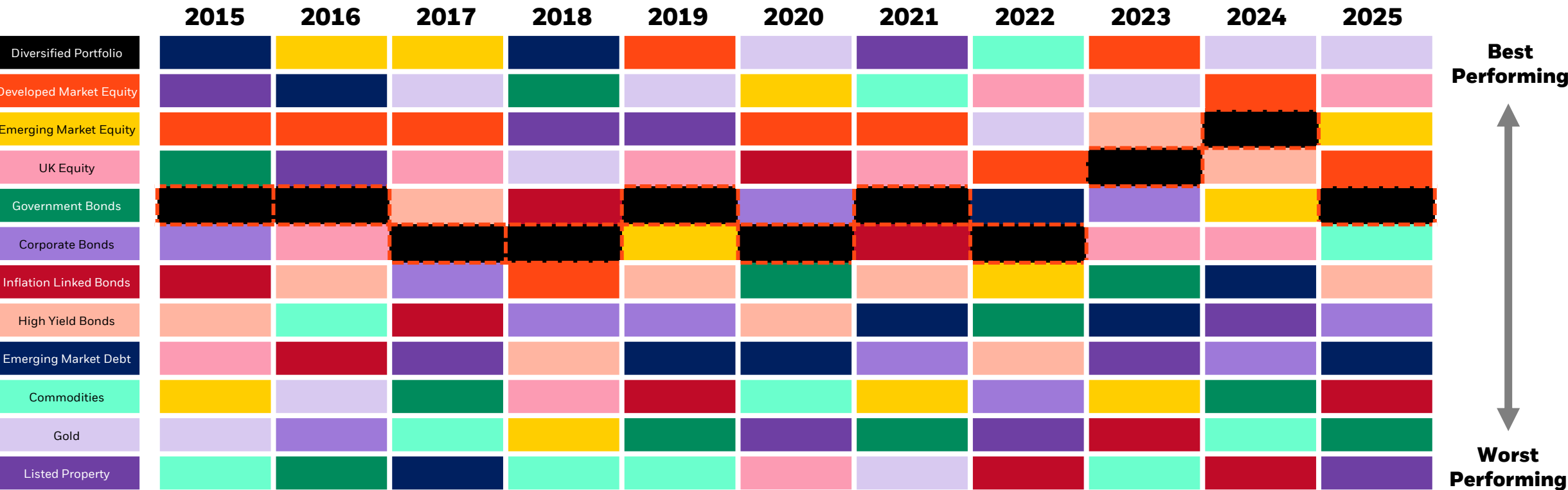
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A diversified portfolio has helped smooth the journey

Annual asset class return ranking

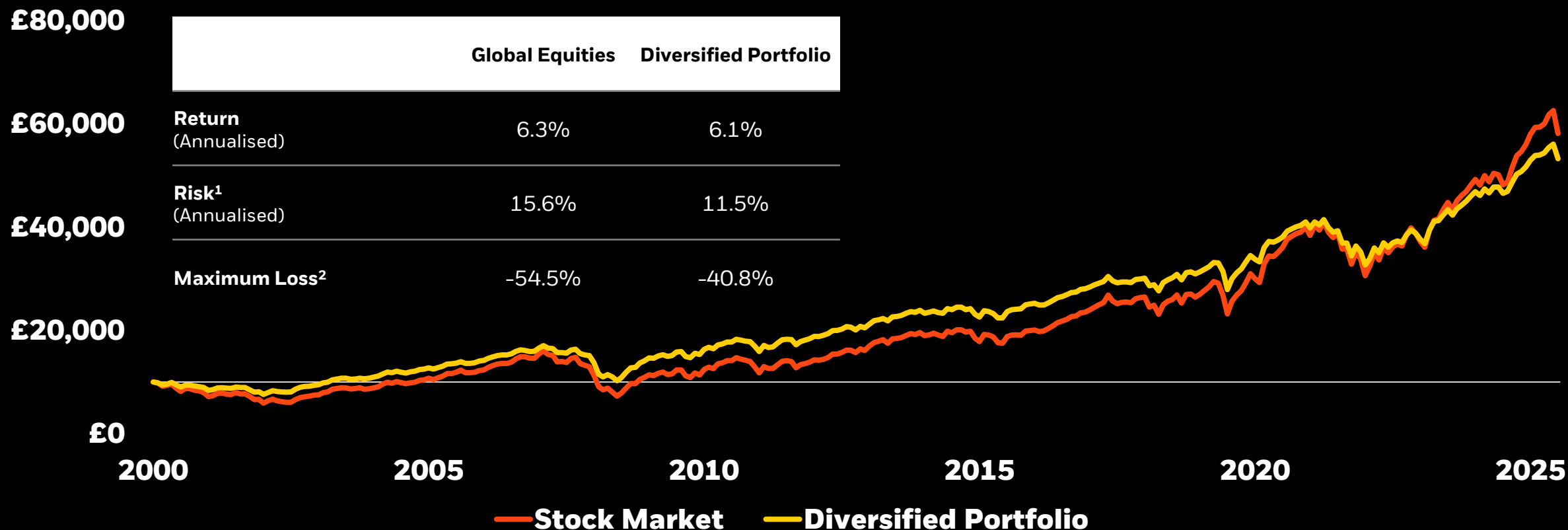


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Diversification can beat the stock market

Performance of stock market versus a diversified portfolio



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Academic research demonstrates that asset allocation is the primary driver of portfolio returns

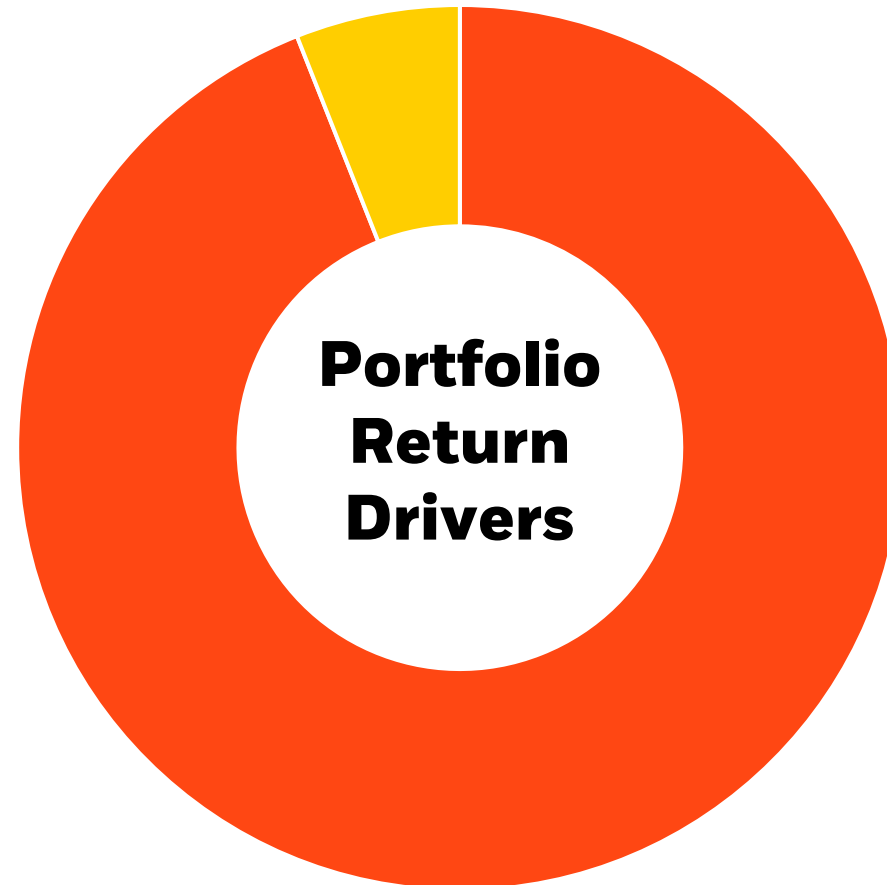


94% Asset Allocation¹

The mix of different investments within a portfolio is the primary determinant of returns

6% Other

All other decisions, in aggregate, account for just 6% of the investment outcome



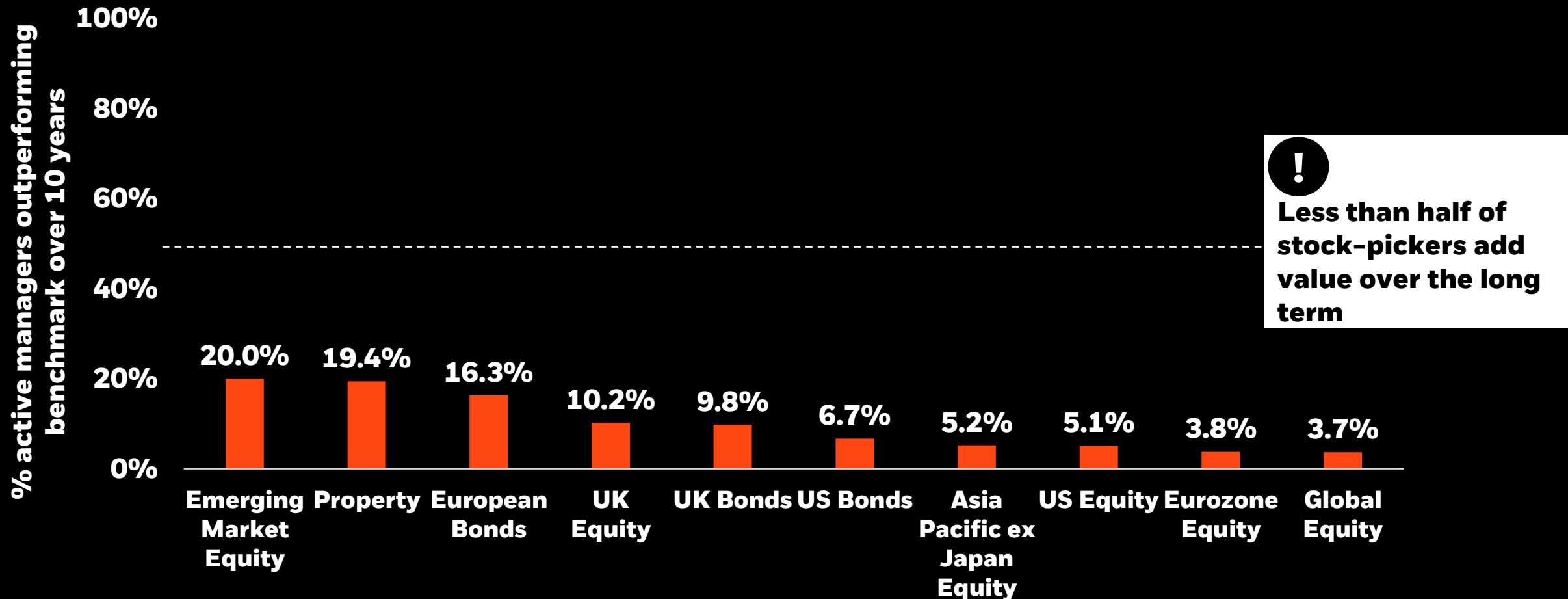
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Stock pickers have struggled to deliver value

Proportion of stock pickers adding value over 10 years¹

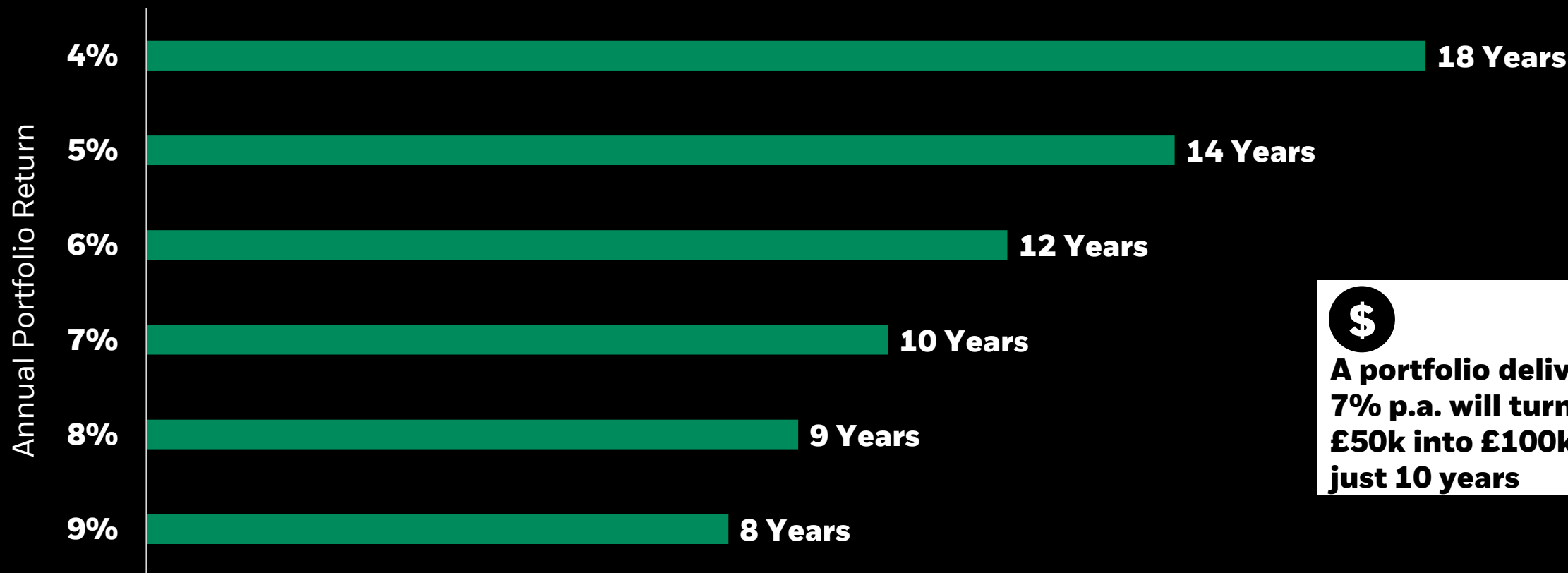


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When you invest for the long term, returns may add-up quicker than you might expect

How long does it take to double your money at different levels of return?



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A portfolio delivering 7% p.a. will turn £50k into £100k in just 10 years

Source: BlackRock 01/01/2026. A 7% return is in line with the historic returns that investing in a moderate risk investment portfolio could have delivered.



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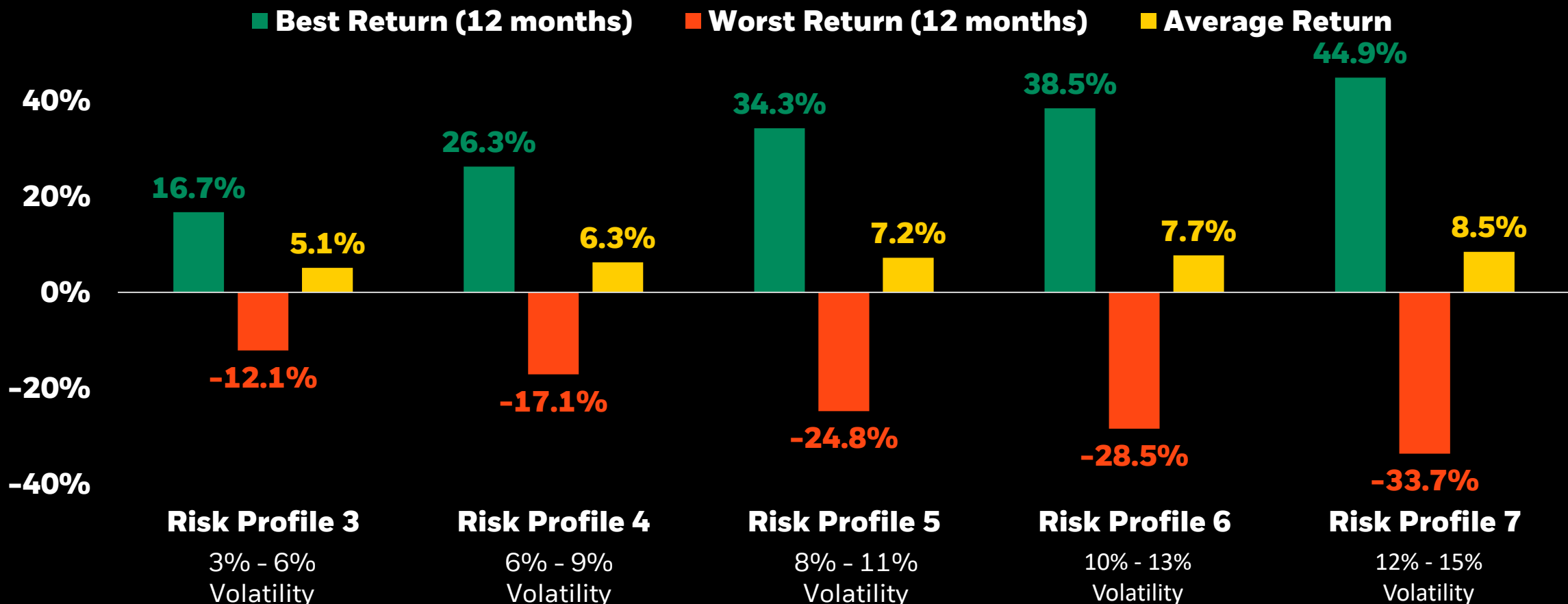
Understanding risk profiles.

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Risk profiles indicate how portfolio value fluctuates



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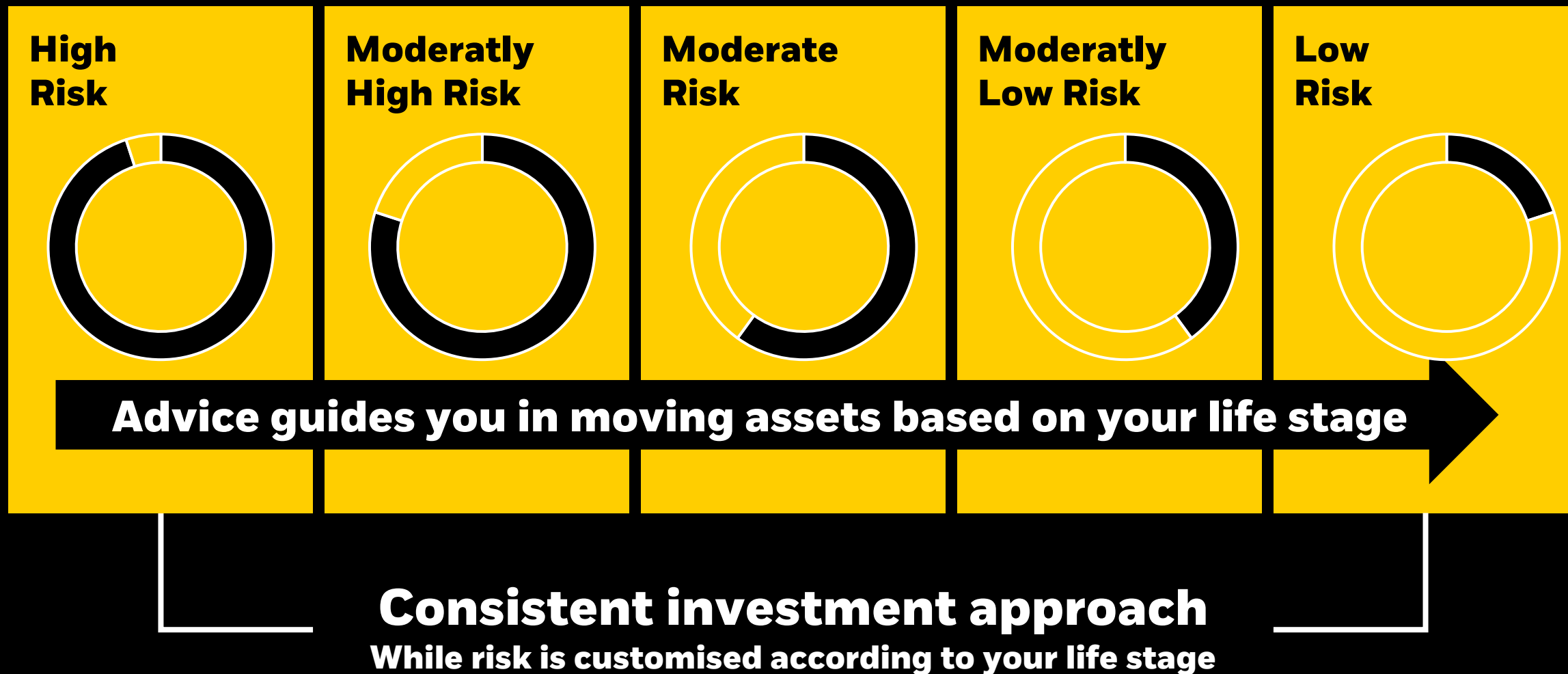
Investing during retirement.

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Adjusting investments as you approach retirement



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Annual Returns

	Stock Market	Diversified Portfolio
2021	19.1%	11.3%
2022	-17.9%	-15.5%
2023	22.9%	17.4%
2024	18.0%	13.4%
2025	22.9%	16.5%

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