

Staying on Track with your Portfolio



An effective mid-year review takes into consideration your portfolio's performance, asset allocation, and cost-fee analysis. At VM Wealth Management Ltd., we work with you in assessing these developments and making proactive adjustments to your asset allocation. Below, we outline key focus areas for your review and how your Wealth Advisor can help you navigate them with confidence.

Asset Allocation and Risk:

Asset allocation remains one of the most critical factors in driving long-term portfolio performance and stability. In previous articles, we've

discussed the importance and benefits of portfolio diversification to manage risk and enhance overall returns. As markets fluctuate, your portfolio balance can, over time naturally shift away from your original targets and risk profile. A mid-year review provides an ideal opportunity to evaluate whether your current mix of investments such as equities, fixed income, real estate, or alternatives, still reflects your intended strategy.

For example, if stocks have significantly outperformed, your portfolio may now carry more risk than initially planned. Rebalancing

also allows you to realign by trimming overweight positions and reallocating to areas that have become underrepresented. Additionally, it's prudent to prepare for potential volatility. With ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and election-year trends, diversification across various sectors such as healthcare and energy, as well as alternative investments like real estate or private credit, can significantly enhance your portfolio's resilience. Your VM Wealth Advisor can model different market scenarios to stress-test your portfolio's durability and recommend adjustments precisely tailored to your needs.

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Staying on track with your asset allocation isn't a one-time decision; it's an ongoing process that adapts to market changes and your evolving financial landscape. By regularly reviewing and, if necessary, rebalancing your portfolio, you can ensure your investment strategy remains robust and continues to align with your long-term goals and risk tolerance.

Cost and Fee Analysis: Small Fees, Big Impact

As part of your mid-year review, it is important to carefully examine the fees associated with your investment accounts, retirement plans, and advisory services. Even seemingly small costs can add significantly over time and impact on your

portfolio's long-term growth. Your VM Wealth Advisor can help you understand these expenses in detail and assess whether they are reasonable given the value and service you receive.

Together, we can explore opportunities to optimise fees, such as consolidating accounts to potentially qualify for lower tiered rates or choosing more cost-efficient investment vehicles without compromising the quality and diversification of your portfolio management. At VM Wealth Management, we emphasise transparency and strive to ensure that your costs are aligned with your long-term financial objectives.

We encourage you to schedule your

mid-year review and take full advantage of this opportunity to strengthen your financial position. With proactive planning and informed decision-making, you can navigate the remainder of the year with clarity, purpose, and peace of mind.

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