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Preparing your investments to take you to and through retirement

Preparing for retirement success

Retirement is one of life's biggest transitions. It's important to know your money can continue supporting the lifestyle you've worked hard to build.

In your latter working years you are still building your wealth, but at the same time are becoming more focused on the risks that come with retirement. This means maintaining a dual strategy: continuing to grow your investments while preparing to draw down on them when the time is right.

Transitioning to retirement can present a range of practical and emotional challenges. What happens, for instance, if there is a major market correction between now and when you plan to retire? Will you have the peace of mind or confidence to enter and enjoy retirement if markets are weak? Will you continue to live your best life in retirement which has been a lifetime in the making?

With the right approach, you can enter retirement with confidence, knowing you're ready for the road ahead.

Introducing the Russell Investments Retirement Solution

The Russell Investments Retirement Solution is a purpose-built strategy to guide your investments as you move to and through retirement.

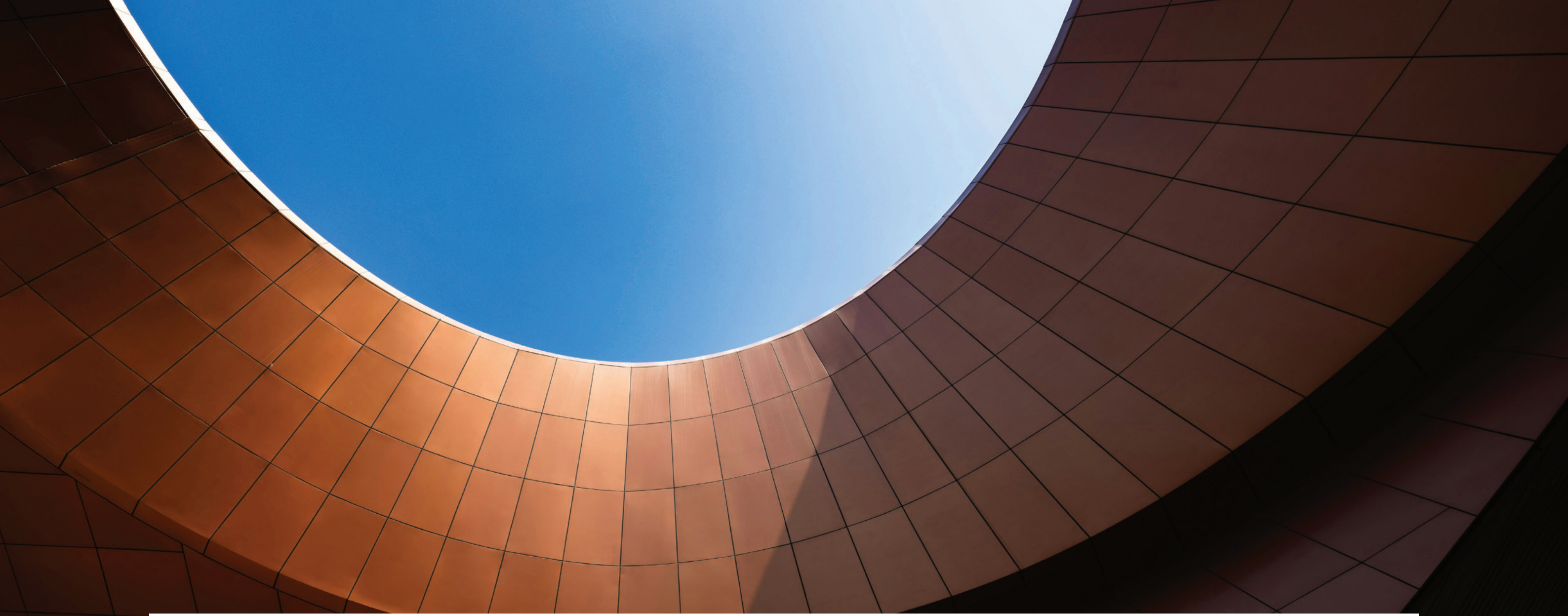
Using a structured bucketing approach, it helps align your investments to different spending horizons and retirement objectives. The framework is designed to help manage retirement risks, including market volatility and sequencing risk, while providing a clearer plan for generating retirement income.

Nearing retirement

Your adviser works with you to define your goals and determine how much money you'll need, then creates a personalised financial plan for you, incorporating an investment strategy to prepare you for retirement.

In retirement

Once retired, the framework continues to evolve with you. Your adviser regularly reviews and adjusts your strategy to support your income needs while maintaining exposure to long-term growth opportunities.



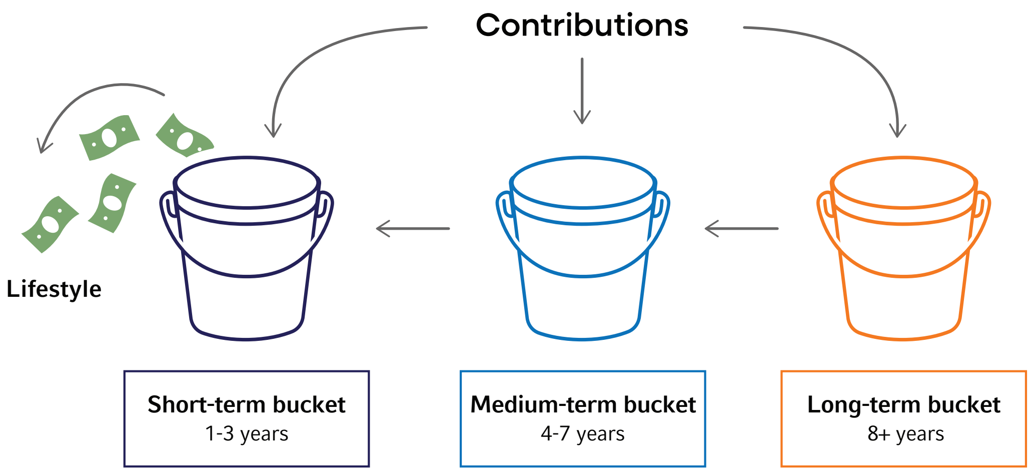
NEARING RETIREMENT

Preparing for retirement with confidence

Working with your adviser to allocate your investments into buckets is a smart way to ensure you have accessible funds, manage risk and prepare for retirement.

The Russell Investments Retirement Solution helps protect your savings by gradually shifting money into three distinct portfolios or ‘buckets’ with amounts allocated and matched to your expected income needs in retirement.

Each bucket serves a purpose based on when you’ll need the money:



The ‘short-term’ bucket is for your day-to-day spending.

This portfolio is made up of cash and low-risk investments to fund your regular retirement ‘pay cheque’. This bucket should cover the next three years’ worth of your planned spending.

The ‘medium-term’ bucket is for security.

This portfolio is designed to generate a stable income beyond the short-term (4–7 years) and to regularly top up the short-term bucket. It does this by investing in assets that deliver income primarily through dividends and interest.

The ‘long-term’ bucket is for the future.

This portfolio is designed to deliver long-term investment growth (8+ years) to ensure your money lasts through retirement. It will occasionally top up the other buckets. It is made up of growth assets such as shares that provide stronger returns over the long-term.

Your adviser will gradually shift money into the three distinct portfolios or ‘buckets’, with amounts allocated and matched to your expected income needs in retirement.

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Already in Russell Investments?

If you’re already invested in Russell Investments, this strategy builds on your existing investments. You may get to keep your existing investments, which form the basis of your long-term bucket. Your adviser then gradually adds two new portfolios – the short and medium-term buckets – to your existing investment mix.

This helps you address the cost involved with switching products and potential Capital Gains Tax (CGT) implications.

IN RETIREMENT

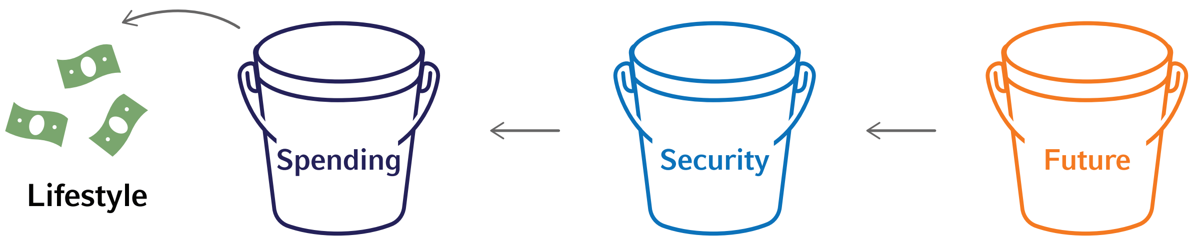
Your plan in retirement: funding your lifestyle

Your investments have an important role: to provide you with a regular income, like a 'pay cheque,' to support your spending and desired lifestyle once you stop working.

Your adviser will help you determine the ideal amount of income to withdraw from your portfolio each year and then tailor a strategy to ensure money is set aside in the right buckets to provide this income. This framework provides a structured approach to funding retirement spending while continuing to manage risk and support long-term growth.

Each year, your adviser will review your buckets and in normal market conditions, will adjust the amount in each to ensure they're aligned with your income goals and risk tolerance. This 'rebalancing' keeps your portfolio on track and prepared for market uncertainty.

Retirement income to fund your lifestyle



Short-term bucket
1-3 years

Regular retirement income 'pay cheques' come out to fund your everyday expenses and lifestyle.

Medium-term bucket
4-7 years

Your adviser may move funds from here to the short-term bucket over time to replenish it.

Long-term bucket
8+ years

Your adviser may move funds from here to both the short and medium-term buckets from positive earnings to replenish them.

Your adviser will continue to adjust the amount allocated to each bucket to ensure you can continue to fund your lifestyle and minimise risks while still aiming for growth over the long-term.

IN RETIREMENT

Your plan in retirement: managing retirement risks

Every retiree faces a set of common risks, each with varying impacts. Addressing these risks can help ensure a more secure and enjoyable retirement.

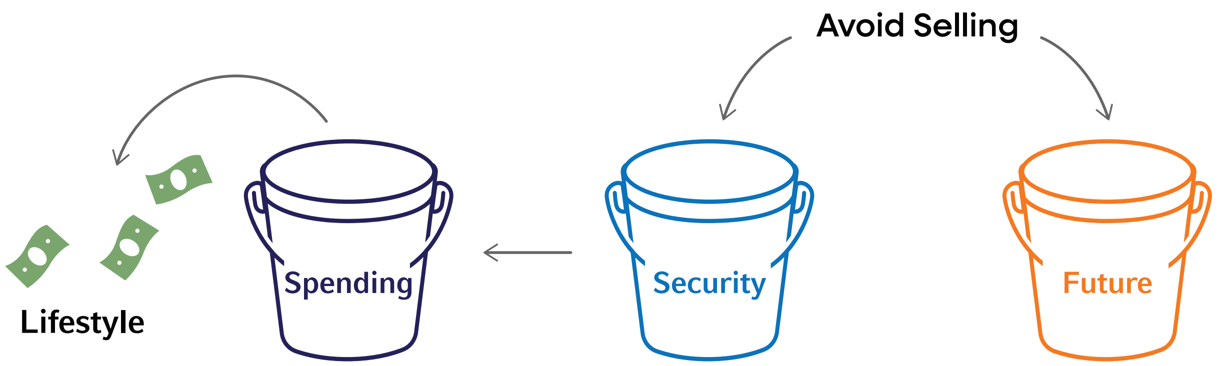
To enjoy a fulfilling retirement, it's essential to manage what are known as 'SMILE' risks - which stands for Sequencing, Market, Inflation, Longevity, and Emotional risks.

- **Sequencing risk:** the risk of a market downturn early in your retirement, which can impact how long your funds will last or how much you can safely spend in retirement.
- **Market risk:** the risk of your investments losing value due to fluctuations in market conditions.
- **Inflation risk:** the risk of inflation eroding the purchasing power of your money over time.
- **Longevity risk:** the risk of outliving your money.
- **Emotional risk:** the emotional challenges a retiree faces, which can negatively affect financial decisions, create unwanted stress and erode confidence.

All these risks are interrelated, with one often amplifying the other. It is important to work with your adviser to understand how your plan can effectively manage them.

The good news is the bucketing strategy can help mitigate these risks - particularly sequencing risk - by clearly separating your immediate and your long-term financial needs. This will help you avoid the common mistake of selling during temporary market declines, which can lock in losses that may be hard to recover from..

In times of market stress



Short-term bucket
1-3 years

Contains cash and low-risk assets that are unlikely to be affected by volatility. This ensures your spending needs for the next few years are not impacted.

Medium-term bucket
4-7 years

May be temporarily impacted by short-term volatility, however, funds remain invested to provide a buffer to the short-term bucket.

Long-term bucket
8+ years

May be temporarily impacted by short-term volatility, however, funds remain invested for growth, allowing time for markets to recover.

By keeping your short term needs secure, you can avoid selling growth assets during a period of downturn.

Speak to your financial adviser

about how a structured retirement framework can help prepare your investments for the transition to and through retirement.

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