Managing risk is most important when planning investments

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cept a low target investment return rate.

Simply put, you can reduce investment risk and still achieve your financial objectives. Yes a higher return would be nice but why risk more than you have to when increased risk can increase the chance of disappointing investment returns

The key is not the high-return potential. The key is managing and reducing your investment risks, which means your desired return is more constant and with less risk of failure.

Consider our couple. They would be delighted if they earned more from their investments. However, if they took additional risk to earn extra money they did not need, how

would they feel if those risks caused them to miss their target return and therefore, not allow them to have the secure and comfortable retirement they planned.

When you hear of good investment opportunities, put those opportunities in the context of your investment objectives and target returns. You are not looking for a great return.

You want the necessary return that allows you to be comfortable, safe and able to enjoy your retirement years.

Bottom line is investing is more about you and what you want to achieve. Managing the risk is what is most important.

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