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45 ACRES \$187,000

Ravine lot plus 2 bedroom house and detached garage. Custom kitchen, super oak trim, whirlpool 93-2-322



CALEDON EHS SOUTH OF KING ST.

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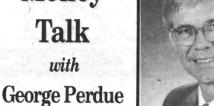
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Money Talk with



Switch or Stay?

By George Perdue, B. Sc. P. Eng.

It sure is tempting to chase the high returns published for last year's winners. After all, a resource fund reported a 202% return for a 12 month period ending in July. History shows that patient investors sticking to a quality fund end up with more money.

· A case in point shows the hot resource fund is now showing a one year gain of 167% for the last 12 months. This is a result of the recent correction (a significant loss during the last month).

One study MacKenzie Financial comparing a strategy of switching to the hot fund of the last year over the last 20 years would have made an \$82,000 gain on \$10,000. Staying with a conservative equity fund for the same period would have produced \$117,000 to \$133,000 gain during the same period.

One of the problems with the chasing method is that it is too late to catch the primary wave of growth.

A second problem is that the high performers tend to be small funds. The high performance attracts more money and the fund manager must dilute the investments in the fund across a wider range of investments thereby making it much more difficult to match the recent performance.

The third problem is that the high performers tend to be in one sector of the economy. Most recently this has been in the resource sector (oil, gas, gold) which typically booms for a portion of the economic cycle and then they perform poorly. This means that those investing in specialized funds must pay attention to

timing and move in early and out early in order to succeed. We all know that market timing is the most difficult approach to investing.

Does this mean that all investment transferring is bad? No, the basic asset mix in a portfolio should constantly be adjusted. The fund manager is doing this to some degree on a continuous basis. It is up to the investor to do the rest, but not by chasing the latest historical performer. Often this is best achieved in conjunction with a financial advisor. The high performers can often be identified before the results attract the average person and some profits can be realized before the bust cycle.

The three asset classes are: money (as in money markets and T-Bills), debt (as in government bonds, but not Canada Savings Bonds) and equity. Each asset class serves to compliment the other in terms of performance in the business cycle and in terms of inflation, tax performance, and volatility.

The asset allocation mix can be different if the money is inside an RRSP. Here the investment can be more conservative and still yield a result better than inflation since tax is sheltered.

This may all sound complex, however, a good financial planner and a good financial plan can help you maintain an even keel and provide education along the way. For those who wish less complexity, stay put in a good asset allocation investment.

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