

"HELP ME INVEST" INVESTMENT CATEGORY (SIRSS)

CASE STUDY

PROFILE



Robert is a 38 year old accountant. He is a Zimbabwean national but has lived overseas for many years. He has a wife and 3 young children.

Although Robert and his wife Paida have enjoyed moving to various locations with the same employer, they are now intending to stay in their current location for at least 7 years so that the children can have consistent schooling.

Robert is keen that his children have the opportunity to go to university and so he wants to start saving for that as well.

RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN



Robert is fortunate as his employer has provided a Sovereign International Retirement & Savings scheme so that their expatriate accountants can move around the organisation and benefit from a consistent and portable retirement plan.

The plan is flexible and although the employer contribution is restricted for retirement only and Robert can only access this portion of his account once he reaches 50, there is also a savings element so that he can simply and easily save money via the payroll for university fees. Robert can access this when he needs to.

The plan offers members the investment choice to:

- *Let me invest:* They can build their own portfolio from a self-select range of funds
- *Help me invest:* Select a multi-asset portfolio by how much risk and volatility they want
- *Invest for me:* Select a fund by when the money is required and then leave it to the fund manager to take appropriate risk as to where they are in the timeline to the target year.

SOLUTION



Robert is quite comfortable with taking investment risk, as he plans to keep his funds invested in the market, even once he has retired so that his retirement pot can last longer.

He has decided to use the "Help me Invest" funds. He knows the level of risk that he is comfortable with and that these funds will maintain that level of risk. He can choose which fund he wants by the equity/bond split and the volatility range.

For his retirement portion of his member account he has decided to invest 50% into Blackrock Conservative and 50% into the Moderate portfolio. He is therefore taking some risk, but the funds are well diversified.

For the savings portion, he would like to build this up as quickly as possible and is willing to take more risk. He has therefore opted for the Blackrock Growth fund that has 80% invested in equity and 20% in bonds.

Robert knows that the fund manager, Blackrock, is a globally known brand and that his retirement savings are in good hands.

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