

Business Basics: Profits and Pitfalls of Mutual Funds
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Business Basics: Profits and Pitfalls of Mutual Funds discusses the basic mutual fund concepts related to diversification, what can be found in a prospectus, costs associated with mutual funds and different types of mutual funds.

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- I. Mutual Fund Basics
 - A. Portfolio Managers
 - B. Diversification

- II. Matching Strategies
 - A. Prospectus
 - 1. Fund's objectives
 - 2. Minimum investment amount
 - 3. Fees and charges
 - 4. Expenses
 - 5. Past performance
 - 6. Financial information
 - B. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
 - C. The Mutual Fund Fact Book

- III. Different Types of Mutual Funds
 - A. Aggressive growth funds
 - B. Value funds
 - C. Individual investor portfolios
 - D. Indexes
 - 1. Dow Jones Industrial Average
 - 2. NASDAQ Composite index
 - 3. Standard & Poor's (S &P) 5000
 - E. 401K plans
 - F. IRA's
 - G. Mutual fund companies

- IV. Costs Associated with Mutual Funds
 - A. No load funds
 - B. Front end load funds
 - C. Balanced load funds
 - D. Taxes