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Wealth management is a holistic approach to financial planning that aims to help individuals and families achieve their financial goals and secure their financial future. Within this multifaceted strategy, asset management plays a pivotal role.

Asset management involves the professional management of a client's investments, including stocks, bonds, real estate, private company ownership, and other assets, to optimize returns while mitigating risks. Let's explore more the significance of asset management in the context of comprehensive wealth management and highlight its key functions, benefits, and considerations.

Achieving Diversification

One of the primary functions of asset

management in wealth management is diversification. By spreading investments across various asset classes – such as equities, fixed income, real estate, and alternative investments – asset managers aim to reduce risk. Diversification helps protect a client's wealth from market volatility as different assets may perform differently under varying economic conditions. This approach is crucial in safeguarding a client's financial well-being and ensuring that their wealth is not overly exposed to a single asset or asset class.

Asset managers also focus on risk management by selecting investments that align with a client's risk tolerance and financial objectives. This involves assessing the client's financial needs and risk profile and designing an investment

portfolio that balances need, risk, and return. Asset managers consider factors like the client's time horizon, financial goals, and risk tolerance to create a diversified portfolio that aligns with the client's unique circumstances.

Wealth managers have at their disposal a variety of investment types to effectively manage assets and help clients achieve their financial goals. These investments include:

1. **Equities (stocks):** Wealth managers invest in publicly traded companies' shares to seek capital appreciation and potential dividend income. Stocks offer long-term growth potential but come with market volatility.
2. **Fixed Income (bonds):** Bonds are debt securities issued by governments, municipalities, or corporations. They provide steady income through interest payments and offer more stability compared to stocks.
3. **Real Estate:** Investments in real estate, such as direct property ownership or real estate investment trusts (REITs), provide diversification and potential rental income and capital appreciation.
4. **Alternative:** Wealth managers may allocate to alternative investments like hedge funds, private equity, or commodities to diversify portfolios and reduce risk.
5. **Cash and Cash Equivalents:** Liquid assets like money market funds, Treasury bills, and certificates of deposit are used to maintain liquidity

and cover short-term financial needs.

6. **International Investments:** Diversifying across global markets provides exposure to different economic cycles and growth opportunities.
7. **Collectibles:** Collectible assets like art, antiques, or rare coins can be part of a diversified portfolio, although they require expertise and consideration of illiquidity.

together the best portfolio for a client's needs and wealth level. A large part of this effort includes utilizing non-traditional asset types, taking advantage of their potential to provide lower risk for equal reward. We make it a priority to understand each client as an individual or family and provide a unique asset management experience that helps them drive towards their specific goal.

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How Richard P. Slaughter Associates Can Help

At Richard P. Slaughter Associates, we examine each investment type and utilize our expertise to gain an understanding of the categories and vehicles available. There is no one-size-fits-all approach, and our role is to dig through different opportunities to put

As institutional investors, we also have access to more opportunities than retail investors do. This requires a deep understanding of how to evaluate risk and reward. Many of our clients are accredited investors or qualified purchasers, and we are adept at evaluating investments uniquely available to this group, working

ABOUT RICHARD P. SLAUGHTER ASSOCIATES, INC.

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Slaughter Associates constructs a comprehensive financial relationship with its clients by delivering expertise in financial planning and asset management while coordinating with tax, insurance and estate professionals. The result is a holistic approach—unique in the financial industry—that generates a clear path to the individual financial goals of the client. Founded in 1991 in Austin, Texas, Slaughter Associates was among the first fee-only firms in the nation, a fiduciary status that allows it the freedom to provide advice that is always in the best interests of the client. Slaughter Associates is a NABCAP Premier Advisor, recognized for its commitment to maintaining top business standards, first-class financial-management capabilities and dedication to preserving transparency in the financial services industry.

EXPERTISE

Areas of Expertise

Specialization in comprehensive wealth-management services for families with over \$1 million in net worth

Other Interesting Fact

One of the first fee-only advisor firms in the United States

them into an overall strategy. In a similar vein, we possess expertise in assets outside of those that are traditionally managed (for example, real estate or ownership of a private business), and provide guidance in their inclusion.

With this expertise and systems in place, we're able to build a

balanced, discretionary portfolio for each client. We provide robust advice on decisions that need to be made regarding various assets and consider all assets, including those that fall outside of direct management. At Richard P. Slaughter Associates we craft portfolios that balance risk/reward, and

ensure all assets are working towards meeting a client's goal and providing the best experience possible for their unique situation. 🦋



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