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BestMix for Investment Advisors



On time, on the mark

BestMix is an Asset Allocation and Portfolio Optimization tool designed by investment counselors for professional advisors.

The *BestMix* Investment Policy System enables a financial institution to provide consistent and compliant investment advice, across all channels in the organization.

BestMix is designed to help advisors develop an investment policy (i.e. a strategic asset mix) for clients by focusing on a business relationship over the next 5 years (the planning horizon).

BestMix aligns the client's financial goals and risk tolerance, and presents suitable asset allocation recommendations, with a customized investment policy statement (IPS).

BestMix can integrate with multiple portfolio management, dealer and other brokerage systems (including CGI's *MPower* and *MVest*).



Keeping ahead of the industry

BestMix is a front-office tool that can be used interactively by advisors with clients. With a focus on asset consolidation to ensure a well-diversified and tax-efficient portfolio, the tool enables advisors to acquire, retain and increase assets under management.

The screenshots display the BestMix software interface, which includes several key components:

- Recommended Securities - Model Series:** A table listing various asset classes and their target allocations.

Asset Class	Target Alloc.	Outlets	%	EIF	Remove Security
Money Market - 0.00%					
MM - Money Market (Cash)	20,000		0.00	10	
Canadian Fixed Income - 15.00%					
ISB - iShares Canadian Bond Broad Market Index Fund	60,000		15.00	10	
Foreign Fixed Income - 0.00%					
Income Trusts - 15.00%					
C-IF - Canadian Income Trust Manager	60,000		15.00	10	
Canadian Equities - 65.00%					
CLOTRC - Canada Life Gen Can Eqy Fund (OTM)	5,000		1.25	10	
ISU - iShares S&P 500 Index Fund	40,000		10.00	10	
ISND - iShares S&P 500 MicroCap Index Fund	15,000		3.75	10	
- Frontier Curve - Return Histories:** A chart showing the performance of different investment strategies over time.
- Frontier Curve - Comparison Worksheet:** A chart comparing different investment strategies based on risk and return.

Risk	Return (%)	Strategy
6.5	7.5	Income
7.0	8.0	Conservative
7.5	8.5	Conservative Balance
8.0	9.0	Growth
8.5	9.5	Aggressive Growth
9.0	10.0	Equity

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Architecture

- Browser Based, J2EE WEB Application and Java Standalone
- Offline/Online capability
- Central Database Server for shared information access
- Single Sign On with Authentication System
- PDF/RTF Report
- Web Services Integration
- Fund Data/Configuration Update Utilities

Features

- Sales process driven
- *BestMix* asset allocation software is based on Markowitz's principles of mean-variance optimization
- Efficient Frontier curve and model curve graphically display portfolio selection choices
- *BestMix* asset allocation software is based on a 6-step investment planning process:
 - i. Investor Details
 - ii. Current Asset Mix
 - iii. Assess Investor's Profile: CGI recommended questionnaire or Licensee specified
 - iv. Assess Portfolio's Proposed Asset Mix
 - v. Assess Financial Goals: allows the advisor to assess the future financial consequences of the investor's investment policy (IPS)
 - vi. Investment Reports: The *BestMix* software generates word processor documents which can incorporate all of the charts and graphs. Licensee can develop standardized reports and graphs for advisors, such as an investment proposal and investment policy statement for the respective portfolios (e.g., income, balanced, growth, etc.).

Technical considerations

Connection

- Internet/Intranet/Extranet (VPN) Browser Version IE 5.0+, Netscape 4.7+

Minimum Desktop Computer Requirements for Standalone Version

- Pentium III 550Mhz, Windows 98/Me/NT 4.0 (SP5)/2000/XP, 128 Mb (Windows 2000), 800 by 600 resolution, 16 bit colour, MS Word 97 or higher for report generation, Acrobat Reader 4.0

Application Server Operation System

- Windows and Unix

Database supported

- MS SQL Server 2000 (SP2)
- Sybase 12.5
- Oracle 8

Corporate profile

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