

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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I WANT TO LEARN MORE, DO YOU RECOMMEND ANY RELIABLE SOURCES?

Yes, I recommend <https://www.investopedia.com/>. This is your place to find a reliable information about any financial concept. They also have great explanatory videos embedded on every page next to the definition.

If you would like to refresh your knowledge of economics this is a great resource <https://www.economicshelp.org/economics-a-z/>. The concepts you might want to understand:

[Bull market](#) vs [Bear market](#)

For those who are looking for financial news I recommend [Finimize](#). Their daily newsletter is a great source of information. They are very good in explaining market news in a simple language. This actually became my morning read.

WHERE DO I FIND RELIABLE MARKET INFORMATION?

[Yahoo Finance](#) is a good place to start looking for any kind of market information. Their search function allows you to find any stocks or indices. I particularly like how easy it allows you to access any historic data and even download it in excel.

DO YOU RECOMMEND AN ONLINE CALCULATOR?

This online calculator is very handy:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/tools/timevalueofmoney>

WHICH BROKER DO YOU RECOMMEND?

[DEGIRO](#) is my broker of choice in Europe outside of Scandinavia. For Scandinavia it is Nordnet.

Spain: DEGIRO has been awarded best broker in Spain by Rankia in the last 3 years.

You can read very good analysis about them in Spanish [here](#).

HOW CAN I ACCESS INVESTMENT ACCELERATOR CLASSROOM?

Go to <https://classroom.google.com> (you may want to bookmark this page on your PC or download the classroom app. It is also accessible from your google waffle if you use gmail. Log-in, if required. Your Investment Accelerator classroom will be visible as one of your classrooms.

I HAVE SOME TAX RELATED QUESTIONS ON INVESTMENT

Have a look at our Tax General section on Google classroom.
If you live in Spain - follow Tax in Spain.

GENERAL INVESTING:

Q: How can I check if the firm is legitimate?

A: Any investing firm should be registered. Check their registration [here](#)

Official guides:

[Guide to investing](#) by European Securities and Markets Authorities

PASSIVE INVESTING:

Q: How can I see the difference between an actively managed fund and a passively managed one?

A: The first indication will always be the size of the management fees. Actively managed funds tend to charge above 1,5%. In the description of the fund we will find their investment strategy. An index fund will actually say that it strives to replicate an index and give you the name of the corresponding index.

Example: "The objective of this Sub-fund is to replicate the MSCI North America Index"

Q: What is the difference between Accumulating and Distributing ETF?

A: Accumulating will be reinvesting dividends, distributing will pay them to you.

Q: Which S&P 500 ETF do you recommend?

A: Here is my analysis of commission-free ETFs on DEGIRO related to S&P 500.

ISIN number	Name	TER	Accumulating	Comments
IE00B3WJKG14	S&P 500 Capped 35/20 Information Technology Sector Index	0.15%	Accumulating	76 Technology companies out of 500.
LU1681048804	AMUNDI S&P 500 UCITS ETF - EUR (C)	0.15%	Accumulating	In EUR
IE00BRKWGL70	Invesco S&P 500 UCITS ETF EUR Hdg Acc	0.05 + 0.4	Accumulating	The exchange rate risks is hedged, so there will be less fluctuations based on currency exchange. Considerably higher cost.
IE00B5BMR087	iShares Core S&P 500 UCITS ETF USD (Acc)	0.07%	Accumulating	The classical one.

<u>IE00BZWOK18</u>	<i>iShares S&P 500 EUR Hedged UCITS ETF (Acc)</i>	0.20%	Accumulating	<i>The exchange rate risks is hedged</i>
<u>IE00BH4GPZ28</u>	<i>The S&P 500 ESG Leaders index tracks the largest US companies selected by ESG criteria.</i>	0.10%	Accumulating	<i>S&P 500 where they took out non-green and controversial companies. Contains 211 companies, not 500.</i>
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Q: Why do some S&P 500 ETFs cost 25Eur and others 400Eur?

A: Different price does not represent a better or worse value. Their returns will be affected by management fees, so an ETF with higher TER will potentially have lower returns. The price is a simple matter of convenience. If the stock is 390eur per share, you can only invest 400, 800, 1200 etc. Not useful for small investments.

ACTIVE INVESTING:

Q: How can I decide in favour of a particular actively managed fund?

A: Performance of each fund is being managed against a benchmark. Usually it is a particular index. A successfully managed fund should offer returns above the benchmark.

Q&A FINANCIAL DASHBOARD:

Watch [this video](#) on how to use the dashboard.

Q: I have money in USD and €. How should I handle that? Convert my dollars into euros to maintain consistency?

A: *I would convert dollars to eur, but write down the exchange rate you used in the comments cell. If you make a new entry each quarter your exchange rate may change.*

Q: What does column JK relate to? What is DIFF?

A: *This is the difference between Sept and Dec, or any other last quarters you will have. This percentage helps you to see if your wealth is growing.*

Q: We only have one piece of property, our home. We have a mortgage. Is this what I should put under debt?

A: *you should include the remaining part of your mortgage in the debt section (capital only, no interest). You might need to ask your bank for that info. it changes every month.*

Q: My property produces no annual income, since it is not a rental. What should I do with Column F?

A: *Put a zero in column "E". it will go to zero in "F".*

Q: How can I see the formulas behind each cell?

You can see the formula, if you click on the cell.

Financial dashboard - Excel

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Formula Bar: $= (I4) / \$I\$9$

	%	Bank	Location	Name of account	Interest	Annual income	Expires	Sep-19	Dec-19	Diff.	Owner	Cc
3	17%	Bank 1	Country 1	Current account	0.00%	- €		1,000 €	1,100 €	10.00%	Father	Mc
4	17%	Bank 1	Country 1	Child account 1	0.30%	3 €		1,000 €	1,100 €	10.00%	Son	Mc
5	17%	Bank 1	Country 1	Child account 2	0.30%	3 €		1,000 €	1,100 €	10.00%	Daughter	Mc
6	17%	Bank 1	Country 1	Saving account	0.30%	3 €		1,000 €	1,100 €	10.00%	Father & Mother	
7	17%	Bank 2	Country 2	Investment account	0.00%	- €		1,000 €	1,100 €	10.00%	Father & Mother	
8	17%	Bank 2	Country 2	Current account	0.00%	- €		1,000 €	1,100 €	10.00%	Father & Mother	
9	100%	Total				10 €		4,000 €	4,600 €	10.00%	Father & Mother	

Click on the cell, then click F2, if you use Microsoft excel.

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