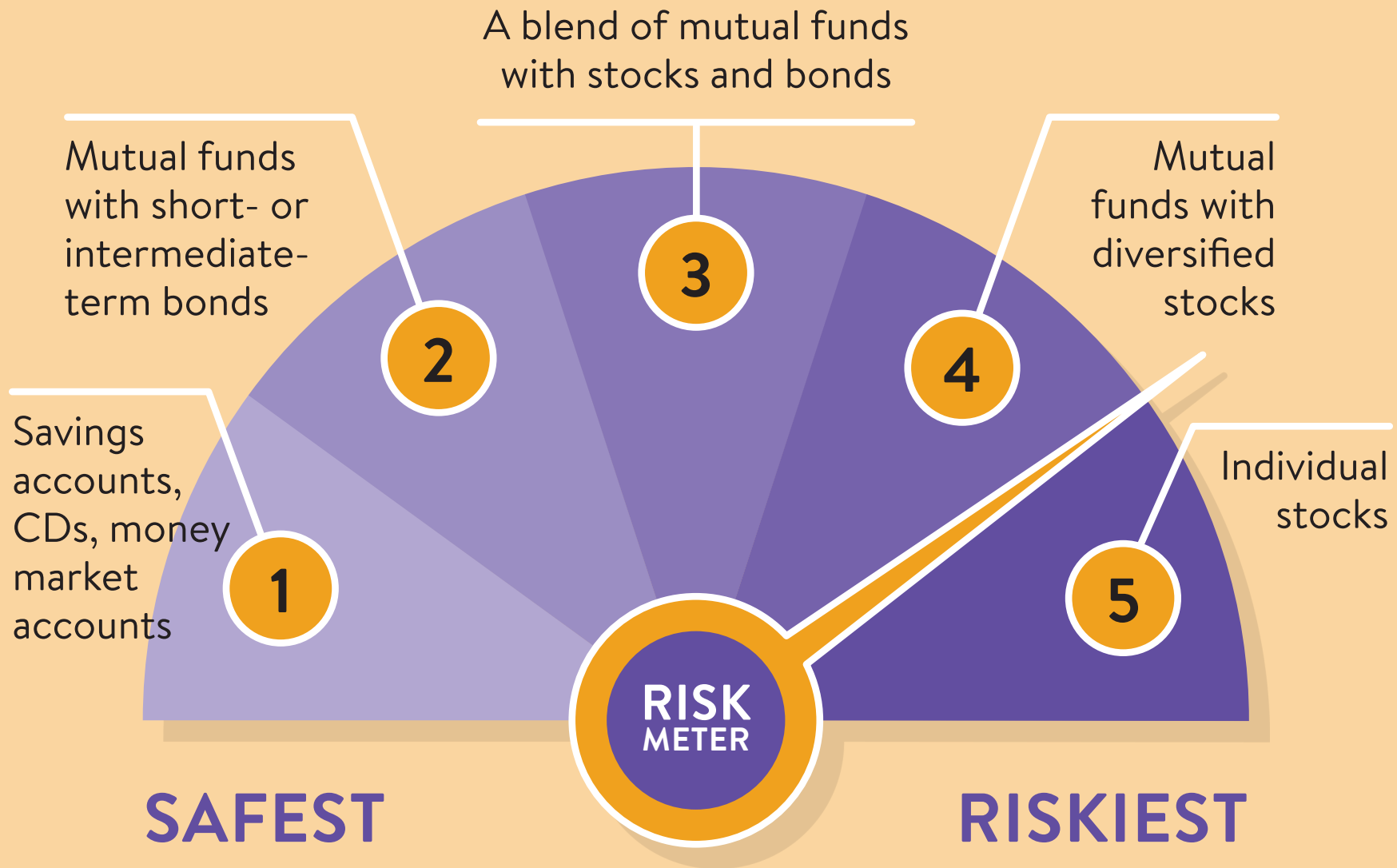


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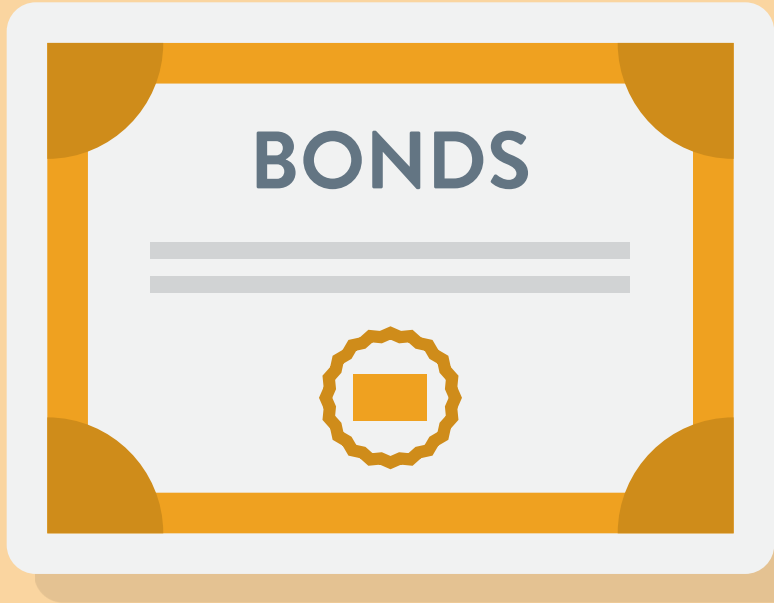
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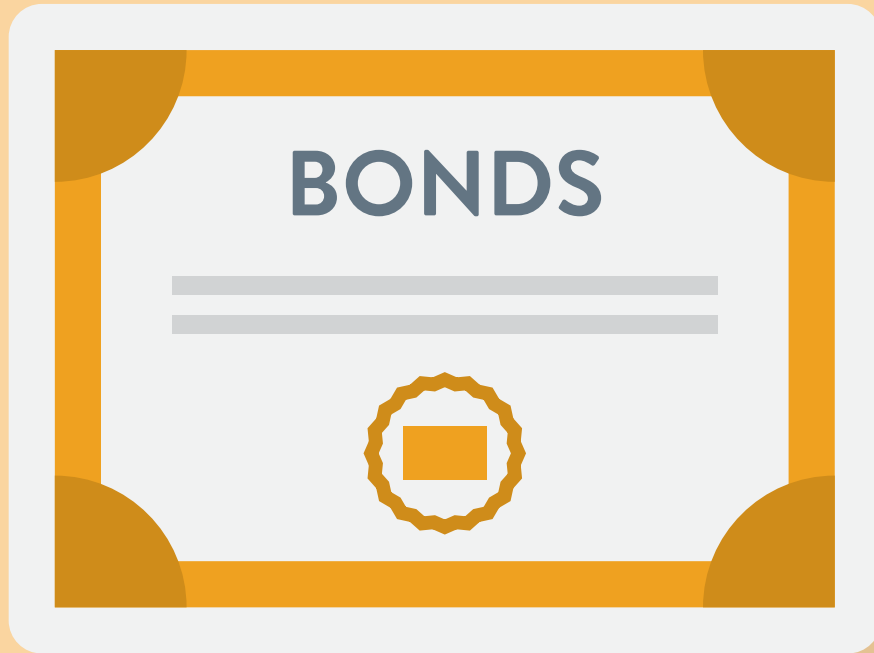


**UNDERSTAND THE
RISKS OF DIFFERENT
TYPES OF INVESTMENTS**



Stocks and bonds are the two main vehicles that you are likely to invest in





A bond is a debt security—the issuer owes the holders a debt, and is obliged to repay the principal and interest

More stable

Lower potential gain

Risk of issuer not paying you back



Stock is capital raised by a corporation through the issuance and distribution of shares through financial markets

Less stable

Higher potential gain

**Risk of
company failure**

If trading individual stocks and bonds feels too risky to you, investing in mutual funds is another option to consider



**MUTUAL
FUNDS**



MUTUAL FUNDS

A mutual fund is a collection of stocks or bonds

Your money is pooled with the money of other investors into a fund that is invested in anywhere from a few dozen to hundreds of different securities

Managed by an expert fund manager who reports to a board of directors

Provides you with professional money management as well as instant diversification