

## Life goals

Are you building the future you want?

Creating a financial roadmap for the future you want involves a close analysis of your personal finances and an assessment of other building blocks. Lifestyle matters look at how to balance work and leisure, how to make smart choices for the future and many other items regarding how to help you enjoy the journey.

'How do you ensure the plans you make are going to get you to where you want to be financially?' 'How can you achieve the life you want?' Your financial roadmap should provide you with clarity about your future. It should detail every aspect of your vision – your hopes, fears and goals. It should also describe exactly how your future will look and help you to know exactly where you are headed and when you are likely to arrive.

Life can change – the birth of a child, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job, a major purchase – which will readjust your financial roadmap. At these major life events, it's important to chart a new course to ensure you meet your financial, lifestyle and retirement goals.

### TAKE SOME TIME AND ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS:

- Can I sleep comfortably knowing I'll have enough money for my future?
- Do I have the security of knowing where I'm heading financially?
- Am I going to be able to maintain my current lifestyle once I stop working?
- Do I feel empowered financially to live the life I want today and tomorrow?
- Have I made sufficient financial plans to live the life I want?
- Do I have a complete understanding of my financial position?
- What is 'my number' to make my current and future lifestyle secure?

### MAKING WISE FINANCIAL DECISIONS

Part of this process is to understand 'your number' – in other words, the amount of money you'll ultimately need to ensure complete peace of mind in knowing your future lifestyle is secure and making sure you don't run out of money before you run out of life. The process starts by identifying your goals for the future and following up by setting a timeline for achieving them.

If you do not know where you are going, how will you know when you get there? This is very true about financial goals. You need to set financial goals to help you make wise financial decisions, and also as a reward for your efforts. Goals should be clear, concise, detailed and written down. Unwritten goals are just wishes.

### HOW TO MAKE SMART CHOICES FOR THE FUTURE

In order to achieve all your goals, you will need a plan. Starting from assets you already have available, you will need to determine how much more you need to accumulate and when you will need it. Don't neglect to consider that the price of your goal items might actually increase as well. ■

### WE'RE READY TO LISTEN

We're here to make this process as simple as possible for you so that you can have peace of mind knowing that everything is taken care of. When it comes to planning for your future and that of your family you'll want to be sure that you have everything covered – and that's where we can help. To discuss your future plans, please speak to us.

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