

## **REITs and Real Estate Mutual Funds Investing – Conservative Investing**

If you are considering jumping into the world of investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds and the other offerings of the stock market you want to make sure to step into these waters wisely and not make major mistakes that will cost you dearly in the long run.

### **Start Small**

The first thing you should keep in mind when entering into the world of investing is that you should start small. This is no different than getting into a new body of water or beginning a new exercise schedule. You want to warm up first or dip a toe in the water and test out how things feel before jumping in with everything you have.

In this case give yourself a small sum of money that you are comfortable parting with to begin your investing and keep in mind it is possible that it will lose value once you begin to invest.

### **Think Before You Spend**

One of the big flaws many people make when they start investing is putting money into something just because 'they like it'. Liking a name or logo of a company is not a good reason to put money into it. Instead you should get to know what you are considering investing in before you put your money on the line. Do your research, find a group of investments that you are interested in and then choose the best one(s) to buy.

If you enlist the help of a website like REITBuyer.com you will be able to find all the research on REITs and real estate mutual funds that you need in one place. They will not only be able to help you find reports and analysis of the real estate mutual funds and REITs you are considering, but you can also move forward and buy them in the same place.

### **Set a Budget and Stick to It**

Once you find the investments you want to put your money into, don't go overboard. You need to set a comfortable budget that you will not be heartbroken or strapped for cash if something happens (like a market crash) and you lose the money for a while as you wait for the market to regain ground).

Sometimes you will find yourself wanting to go overboard and spend spend spend! Hold yourself back. Make sure you keep within your budget so you don't regret it later.

### **Reinvest Any Dividends**

One way many people don't think of to make their money grow a little faster while keeping to a budget is to reinvest their dividends into the investment portfolio. Instead of cashing that dividend check put it right back into the fund and allow it to continue to add to your bottom line. The more you reinvest the more money will be pulling in higher dividends each time and the faster you will be able to enjoy watching your money grow into a nice investment portfolio that will be there when you need it.

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