Attitude To Risk	Description
Cautious	Cautious Investors are risk averse and typically have very limited experience and understanding of investments. They often take a long time to make investment decisions and tend to be anxious about any investment decisions they have made. They tend to associate risk with potential loss rather than opportunity. They typically look for investments with lower investment risk rather than seeking higher returns. They generally prefer bank accounts and are less willing to invest in stocks, shares and investment funds. Some cautious investors will be unwilling to take any investment risk at all. Cautious investors are more risk averse than about 90% of the investing population (i.e. compared to 9 people out of 10).
Moderately Cautious	Moderately Cautious Investors have fairly limited experience and understanding of investments. They often take a long time to make investment decisions and tend to be anxious about any investment decisions they have made. They are inclined to associate risk with potential loss rather than opportunity. They may prefer bank accounts or lower risk investments to higher returning but riskier investments (such as stocks, shares and investment funds). However, they may be willing to take some risk, once the relationship between risk and higher returns has been explained to them. Moderately Cautious Investors are more risk averse than about 70% of the investing population (i.e. compared to 7 people out of 10).
Balanced	Balanced Investors have an attitude to risk in the middle 50% of the investing population and are neither very risk averse nor inclined to seek riskier investments. They often have some experience and understanding of investments. They can usually make investment decisions without too much hesitation or anxiety. They may find more comfort in banks accounts and lower risk investments than stocks, shares and investment funds, but understand that investment risk may be required to meet their investment goals.
Moderately Adventurous	Moderately Adventurous Investors usually have some experience and understanding of investments. They tend to make investment decisions fairly quickly and are not generally anxious about the investment decisions they have made. They normally view risk as a source of opportunity rather than a threat and will understand how taking investment risk can help meet their investment goals. The potentially higher returns from higher investment risk will make investing in stocks, shares and investment funds more appealing than lower risk investments and bank deposits. Moderately adventurous investors are more tolerant of risk than about 80% of the investing population (i.e. compared to 8 people in 10).
Adventurous	Adventurous Investors often have substantial experience and understanding of investments. They usually make investment decisions quickly and are not likely to be anxious about the investment decisions they have made. They typically view risk as a source of opportunity rather than a threat and will understand how taking investment risk can help meet their investment goals. They are comfortable investing in stocks, shares and investment funds and prefer riskier, but potentially higher returning, investments to keeping money in bank deposits. Adventurous Investors are more risk tolerant than about 95% of the investing population (i.e. compared to 95 people out of 100).