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## Synaptic Risk Rating Tables

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# Risk and suitability

**Suitability** is the proof of alignment of the investment recommendation to the plan, and proof that the adviser is acting in the best interests of the client. COBS 9A.2 'Assessing suitability' reflects the requirement that 'When providing investment advice or portfolio management a firm must only recommend solutions which are suitable for the client and, in particular, in accordance with the client's risk tolerance and ability to bear losses'.

## The Synaptic Risk Ratings proposition consists of:

### 1. The Attitude to Risk Questionnaire from market leaders A2R

This questionnaire has developed over the years in conjunction with Moody's Analytics, whose Asset Allocations are aligned with the responses and scoring within the questionnaire to ensure correct 'alignment of tools'.

### 2. Investment strategy provided by Moody's Analytics

Available in 1-5 or 1-10, the risk categories range through Cautious to Adventurous.

The 'Minimum gain' is the 'Value at Risk' metric that the Moody's model calculates, indicating the extent of losses that are to be expected in a bad year, defined as the worst year out of 20 year rolling term.

Risk Category	Min Gain (Loss)
Cautious	-6.50
Moderately Cautious	-11.50
Balanced	-16.50
Moderately Adventurous	-21.50
Adventurous	-24.00

When used with the A2R ATRQ, the adviser has the perfect tools to manage risk within the classic risk governance model enshrined in regulation: the 'need to take risk', understanding the client's 'risk profile' and evaluating the client's 'Capacity for Loss'.

### 3. Risk Ratings

The model forms an efficient frontier for comparison or mapping with any portfolio and provides 'risk ratings' of the kind seen here, though with a superior efficient frontier than you will find elsewhere as it predicated on loss and growth metrics that are more useful than traditional volatility measures. In addition to the 'min gain', a Synaptic

risk profile comes with an 'average gain' value which can be used in deterministic calculations and cash flow models; thirdly a 'maximum gain', a corollary to the min gain (best year in 20) and demonstrative of the asymmetrical returns available to investors.

## Strategic vs Tactical Asset Allocation

Asset Managers have the option of providing a 'strategic', a 'tactical' or both asset allocations. The former is more appropriate for financial planning and the latter a useful insight into any tilts or tactical positions a manager may be taking.

## How are the ratings calculated?

The Synaptic Risk Ratings are derived directly from the output from the Moody's Analytics stochastic engine, the Economic Scenario Generator. The metrics published are based on a quarterly updated mathematical simulation where thousands of scenarios are run, in order to identify likely investment outcomes based on the interaction of the underlying asset classes. The main advantage of this approach is that there are no 'exceptions', including severe market conditions, black swans or results ravaged by sequence risk where the 'bad years' may occur early in the term, making a disproportionate impact. All 'viable' outcomes are included in the single simulation, meaning that everything an adviser needs to understand the likely outcome and risk profile of the investment is present, including all possible variations on market inputs, including interest rates and inflation.

## Accuracy and independence of ratings

All data used to produce the Synaptic Risk Ratings is provided directly by providers and the risk ratings are approved before publication. No qualitative overlay is applied to change the risk profile that is calculated solely on the basis of projections of the underlying asset allocations.

The performance of the Moody's model has proved to be extremely reliable over many market cycles and, in our view, will continue to be the best source of investment forecasts and loss analysis available to firms.

### How to access the Synaptic Risk ratings.

The contents of these tables can also be accessed through Synaptic Product and Fund, Pathways Risk Explorer and via the Risk tab in Synaptic Suite, where range fact sheets are available, including RSMR commentary (where appropriate) and asset allocation breakdown.

Synaptic provide the Risk Ratings at our cost, so advisory firms can access them for free. If used within the advice process it important to use the correct A2RAttitude to Risk Questionnaire. This is also available online for free.

If you are an adviser or applying on behalf of a firm, simply email [hello@synaptic.co.uk](mailto:hello@synaptic.co.uk) or contact us on **0800 783 4477** and we can arrange immediate access.



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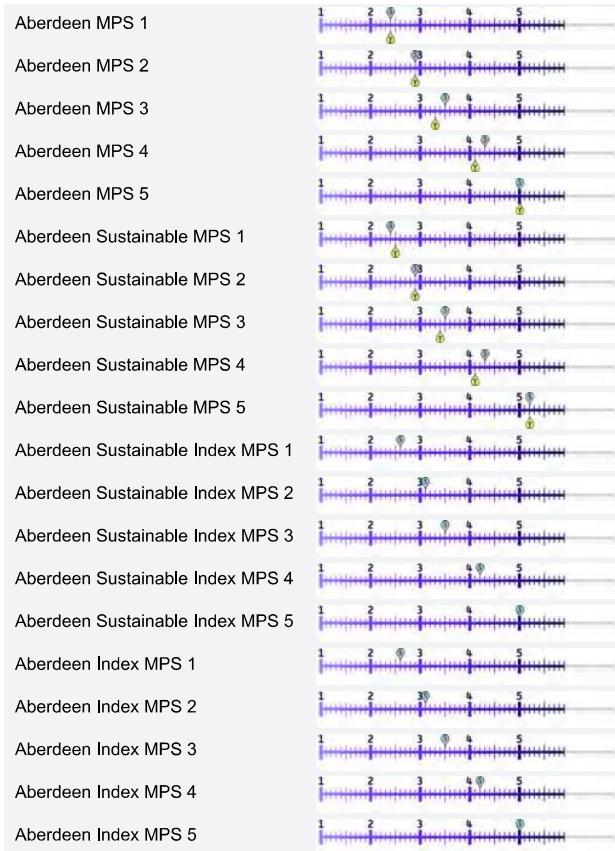


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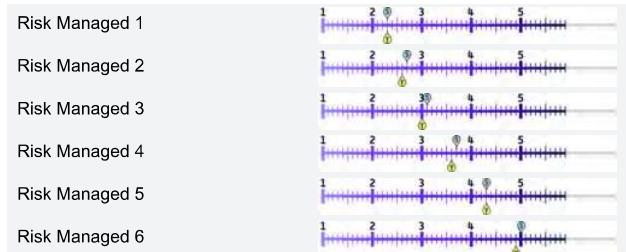
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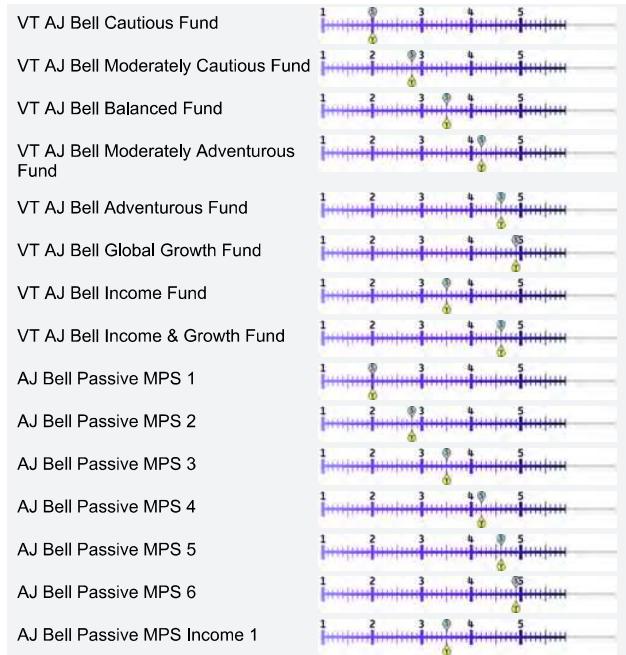
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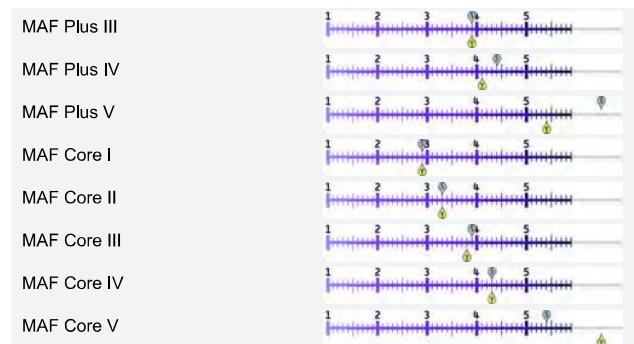
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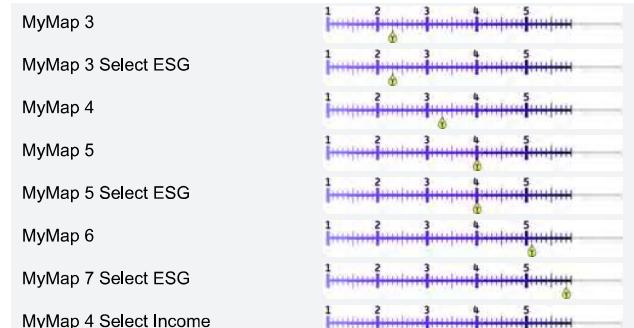
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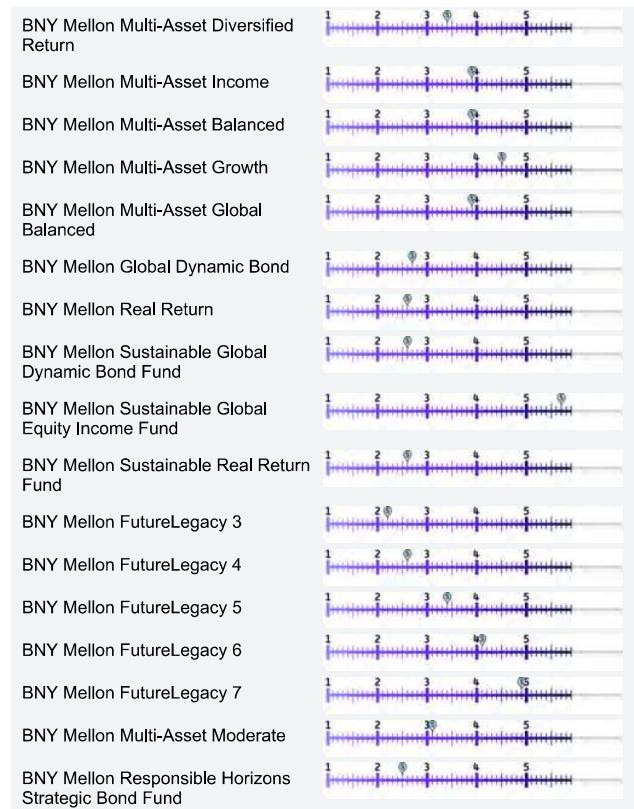
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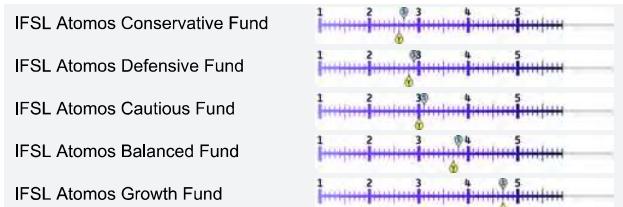
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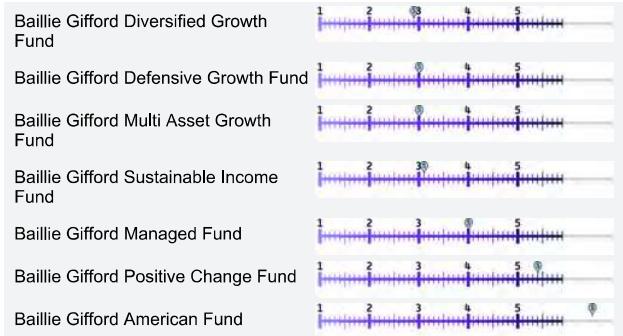
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Multi Manager Income 1



Multi Manager Income 2



Multi Manager Income 3



Multi Manager Income 4



Multi Manager Income 5



Multi Manager Total Return 1



Multi Manager Total Return 2



Multi Manager Total Return 3



Multi Manager Total Return 4



Multi Manager Total Return 5



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Responsible 2



Responsible 3



Responsible 4



Responsible 5



## COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS

CT MM Lifestyle 3 Fund



CT MM Lifestyle 4 Fund



CT MM Lifestyle 5 Fund



CT MM Lifestyle 6 Fund



CT MM Lifestyle 7 Fund



## COLUMBIA THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS

CT Universal MAP Defensive



CT Universal MAP Cautious



CT Universal MAP Balanced



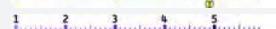
CT Universal MAP Growth



CT Universal MAP Adventurous



CT Universal MAP Income



CT Sustainable Universal MAP Defensive



# BM BROOKS MACDONALD

MPS Low Risk (Defensive Income)



MPS Low Medium Risk (Income & Growth)



MPS Low Medium Risk (Income)



MPS Low Medium Risk (Passive)



MPS Medium Risk (Income)



MPS Medium Risk (Income & Growth)



MPS Medium Risk (Passive)



MPS Medium High Risk



MPS Medium High Risk (Passive)



MPS High Risk (Growth)



SVS BM Blueprint Defensive Income



SVS BM Blueprint Cautious Growth



SVS BM Blueprint Balanced



SVS BM Blueprint Strategic Growth



MPS RIS Low Medium Risk



MPS RIS Medium Risk



MPS RIS Medium High Risk



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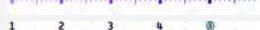
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WS Canlife Portfolio IV



WS Canlife Portfolio V



WS Canlife Portfolio VI



WS Canlife Portfolio VII



WS Canlife Diversified Monthly Income



WS Canlife Diversified Risk Managed III



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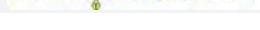


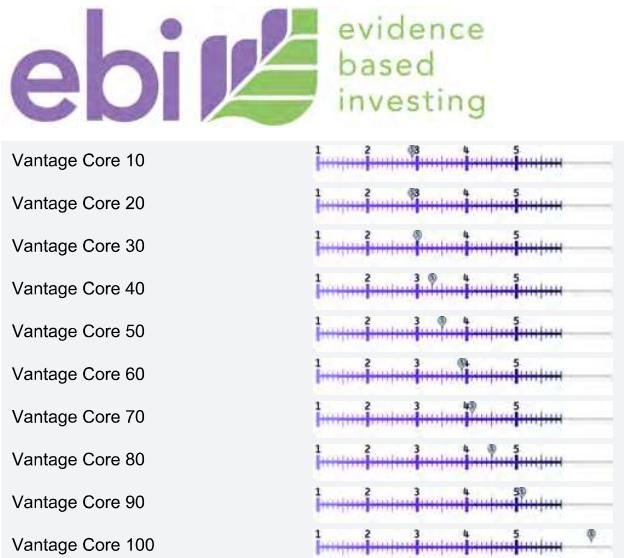
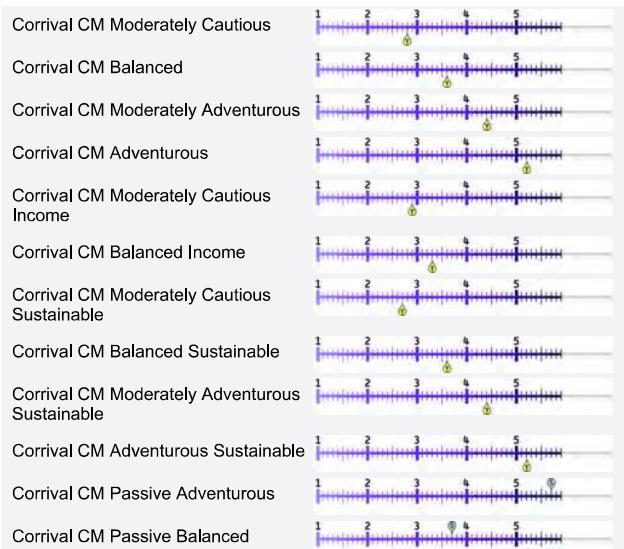
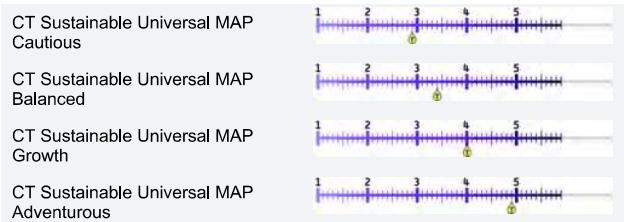
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Blended 1



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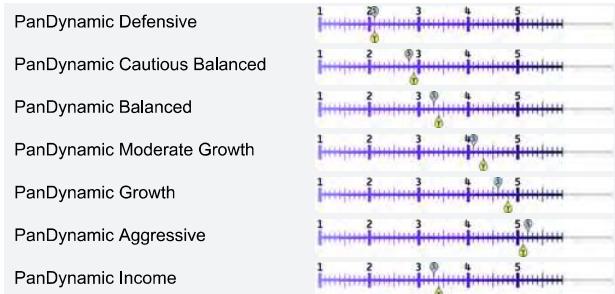




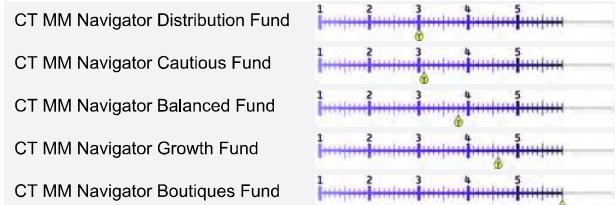
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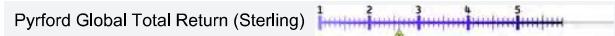
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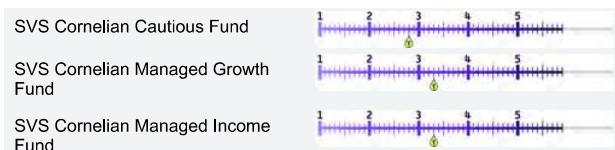


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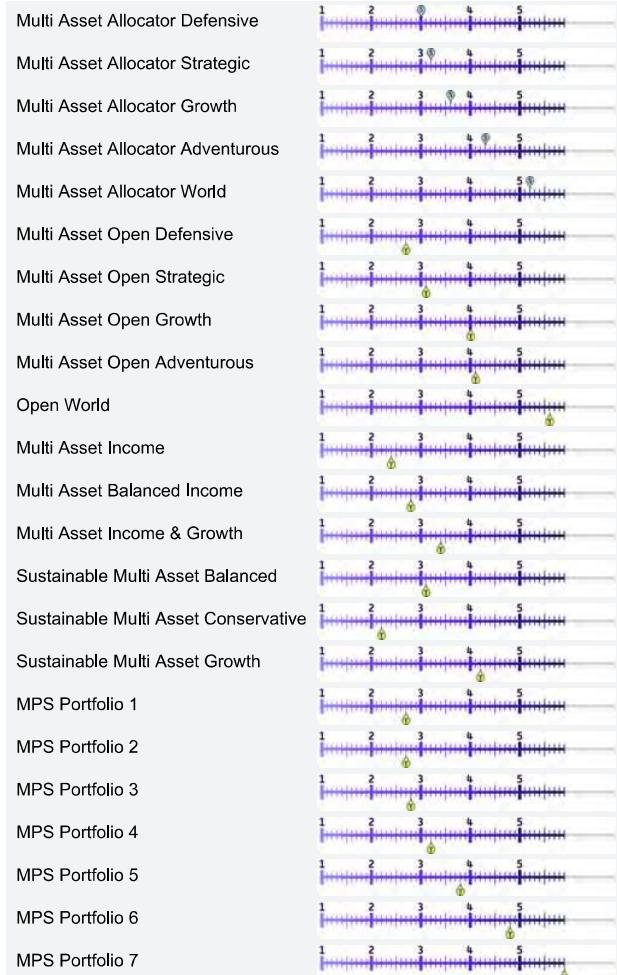
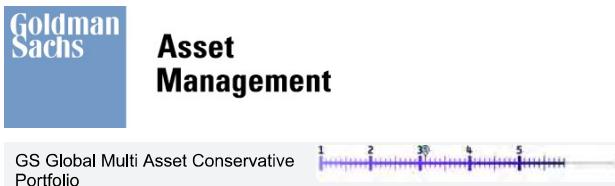
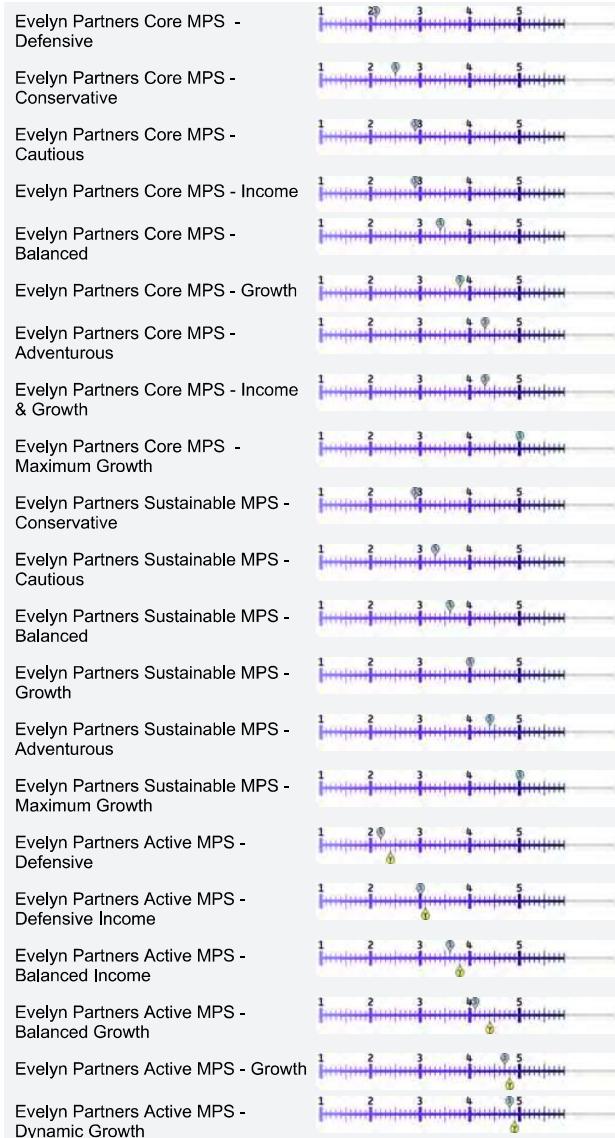
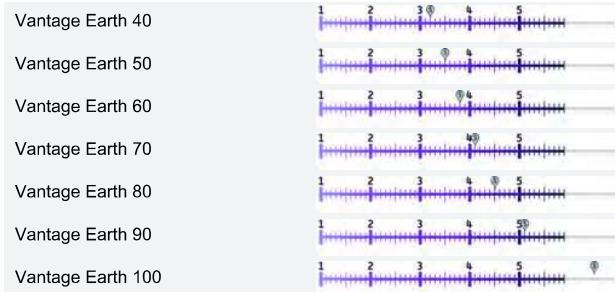


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Part of the Brooks Macdonald Group



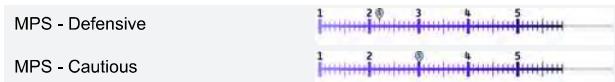
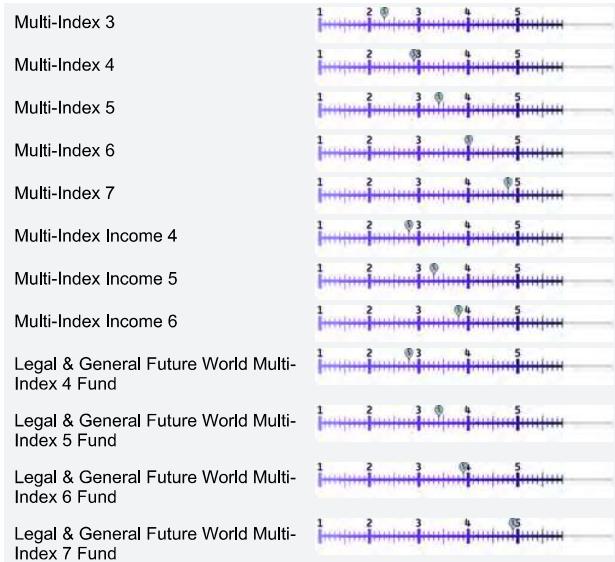
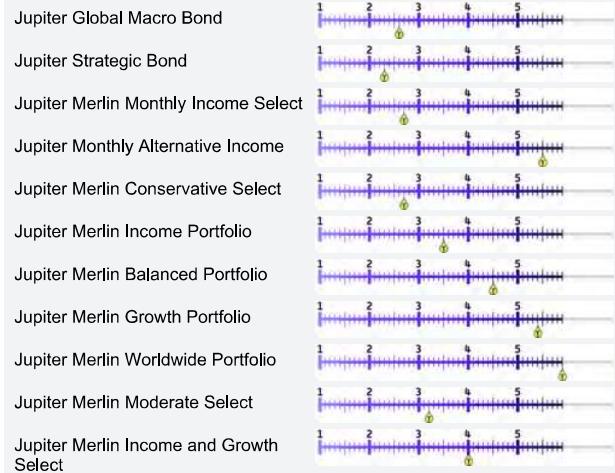
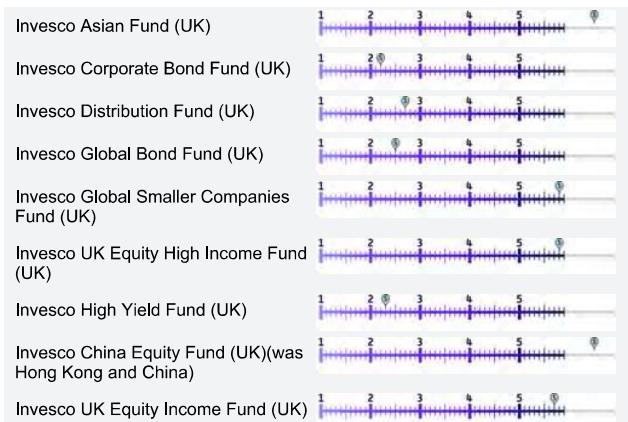
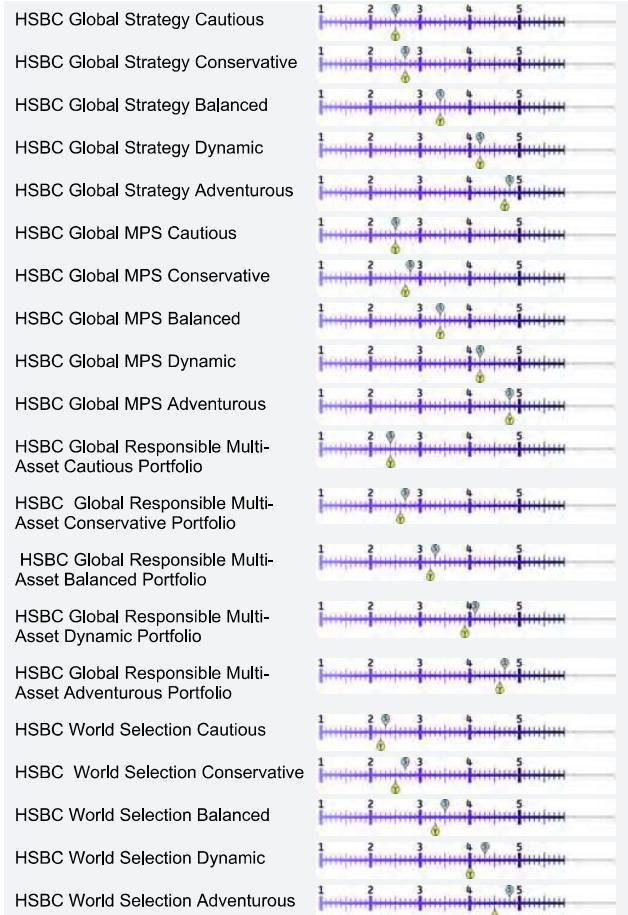
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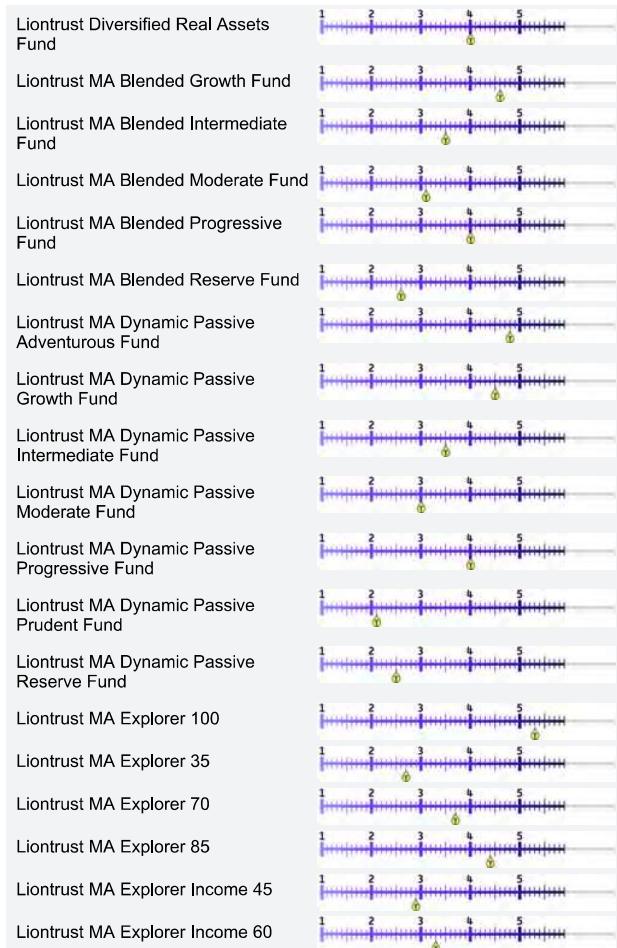
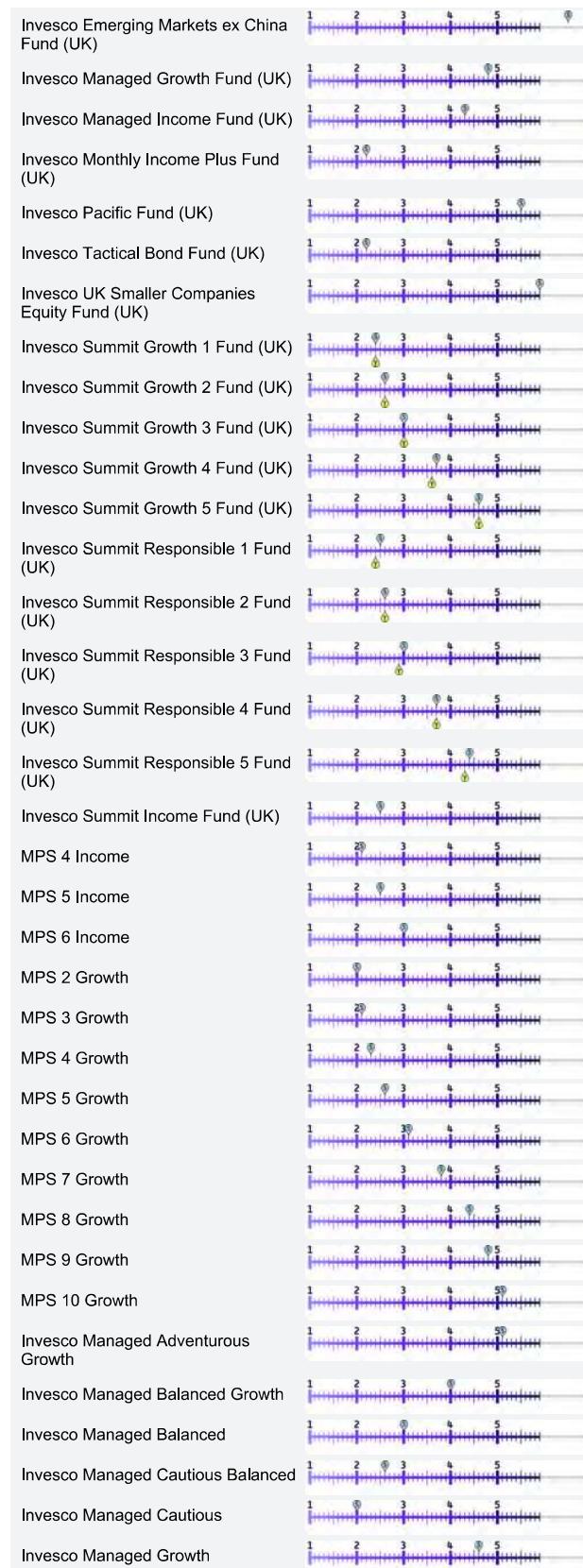


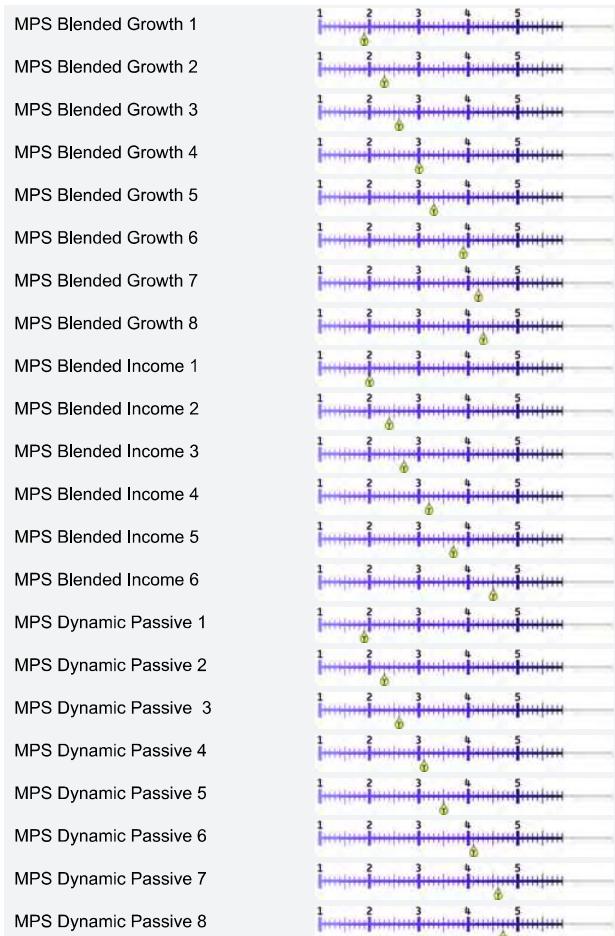
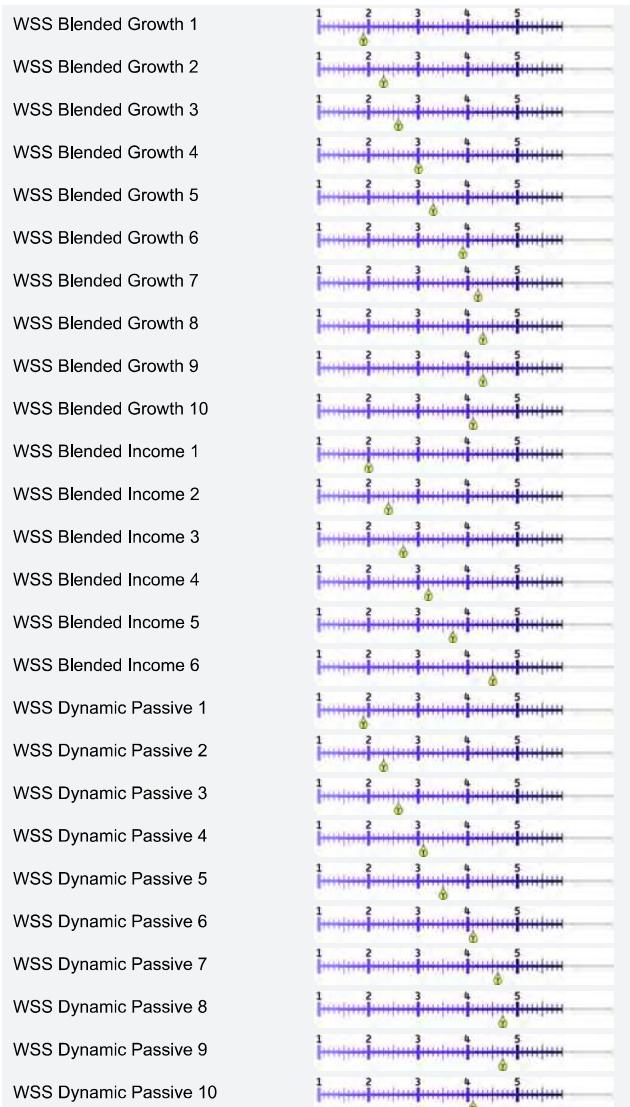
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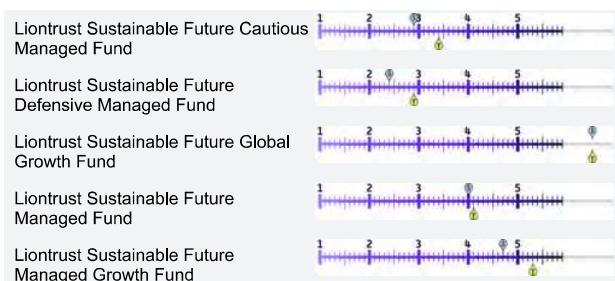
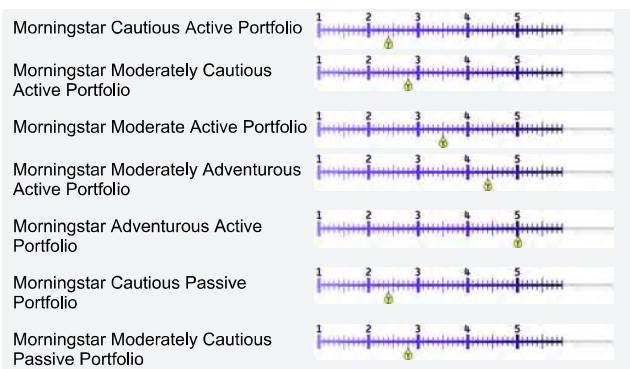


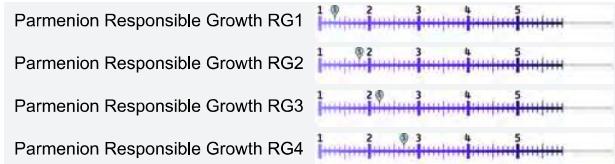
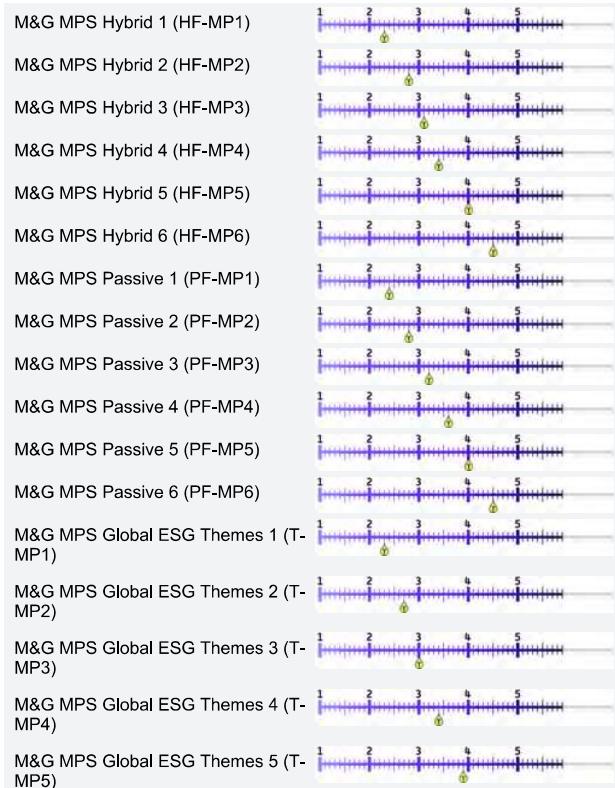
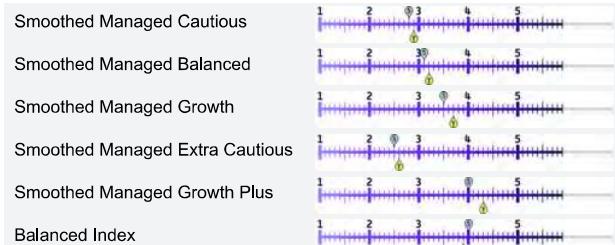
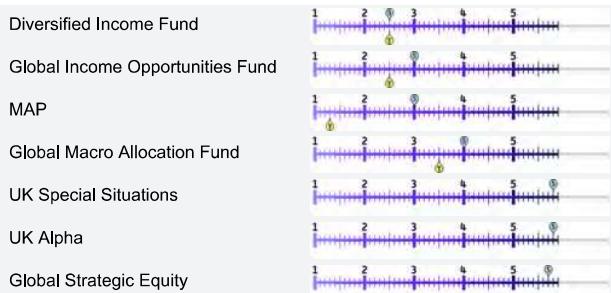
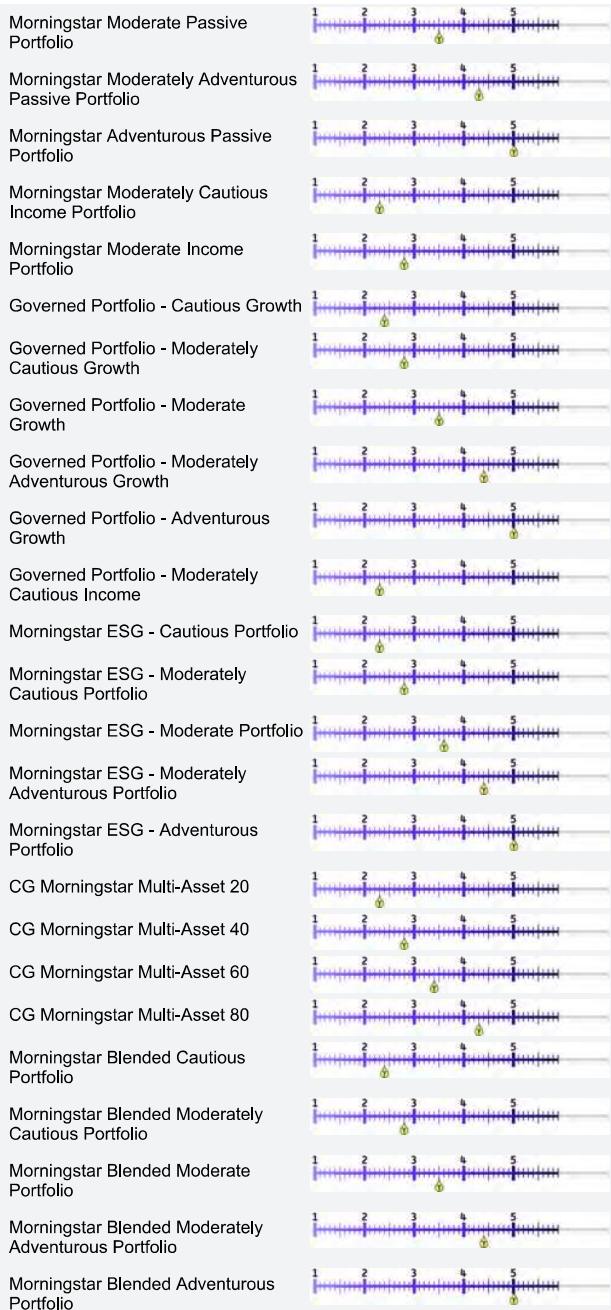




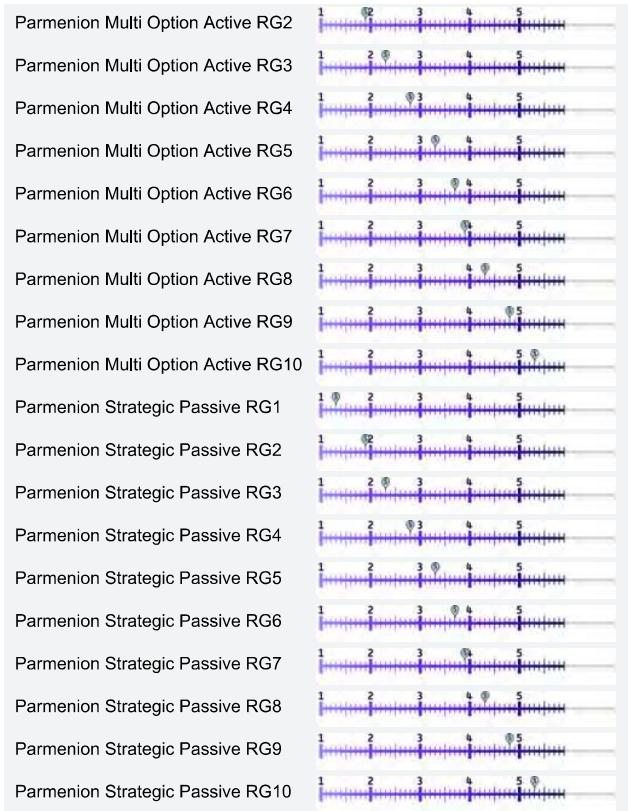


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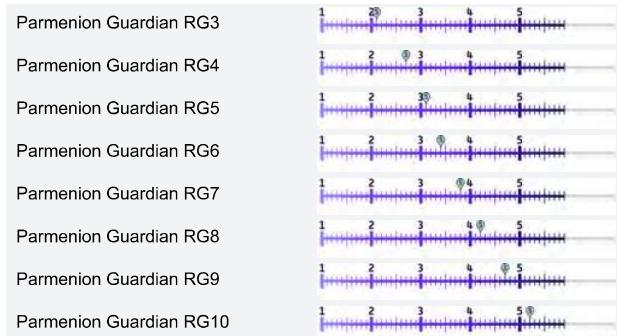
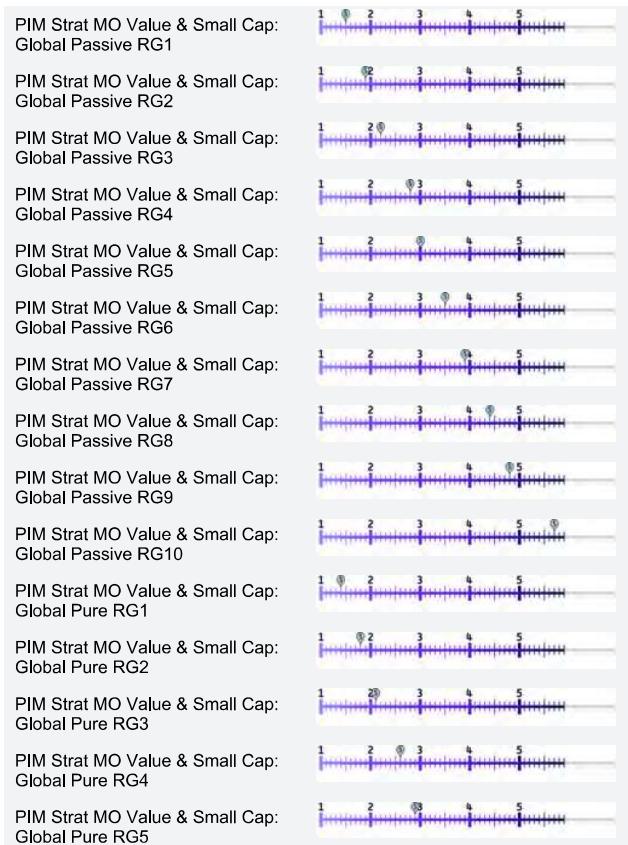




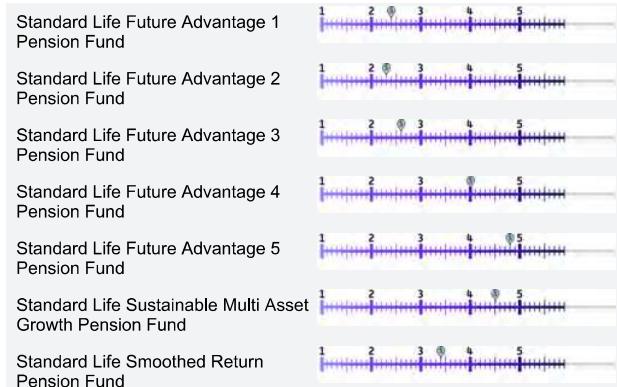




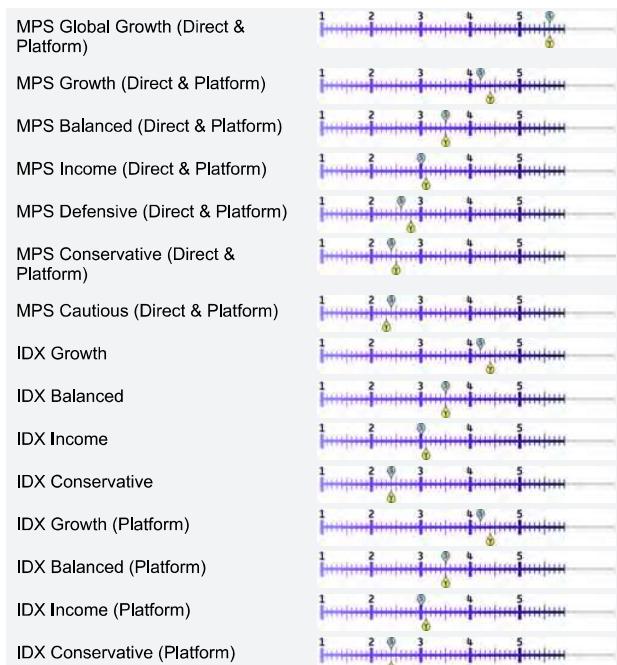
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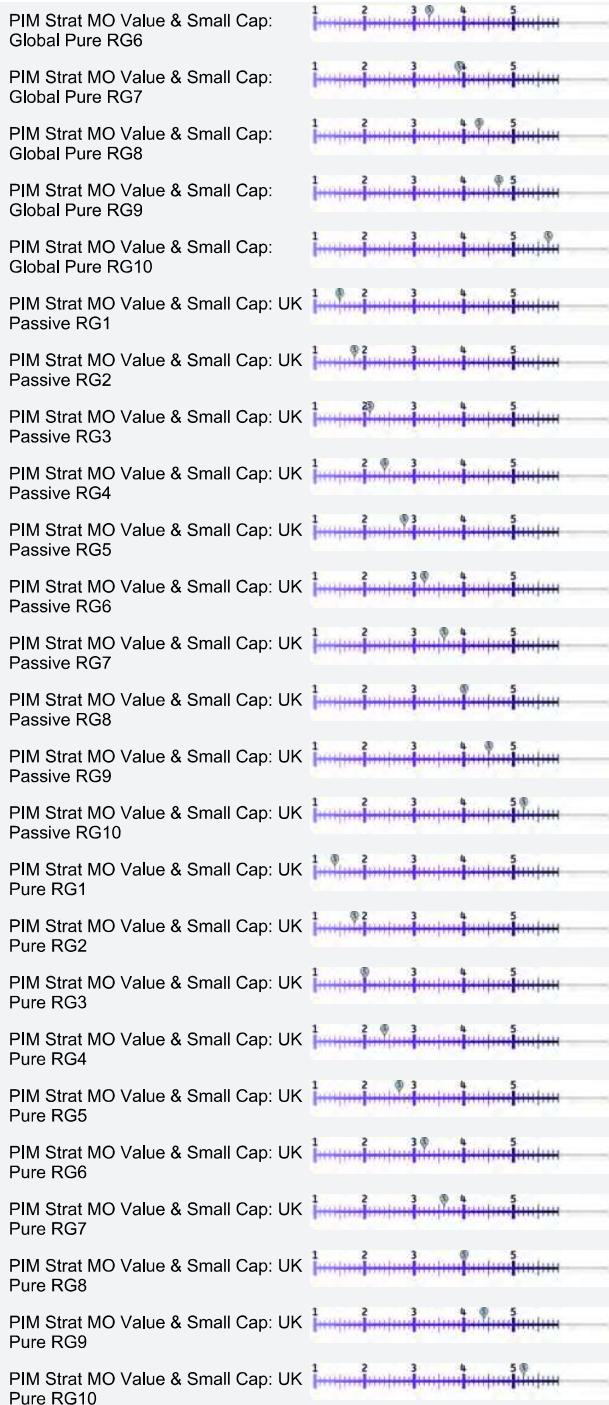
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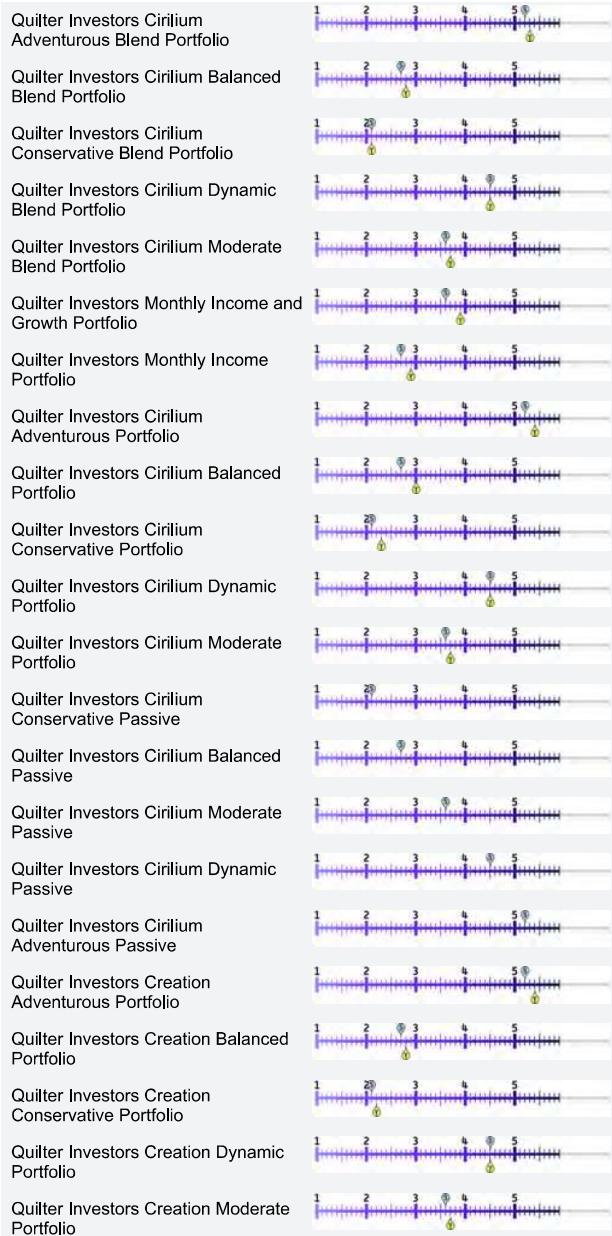
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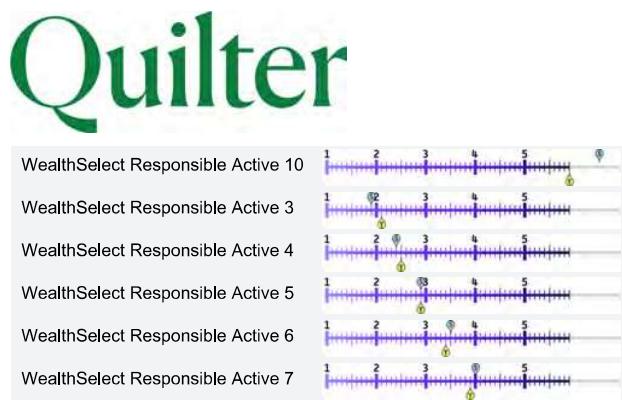
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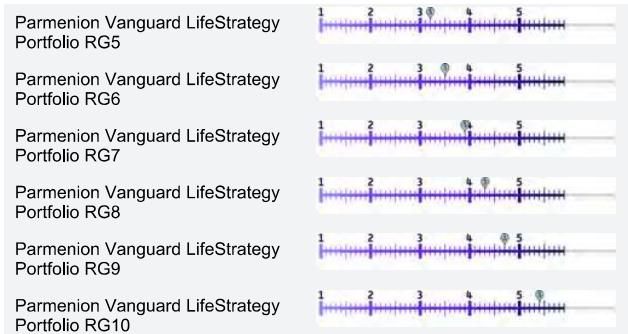
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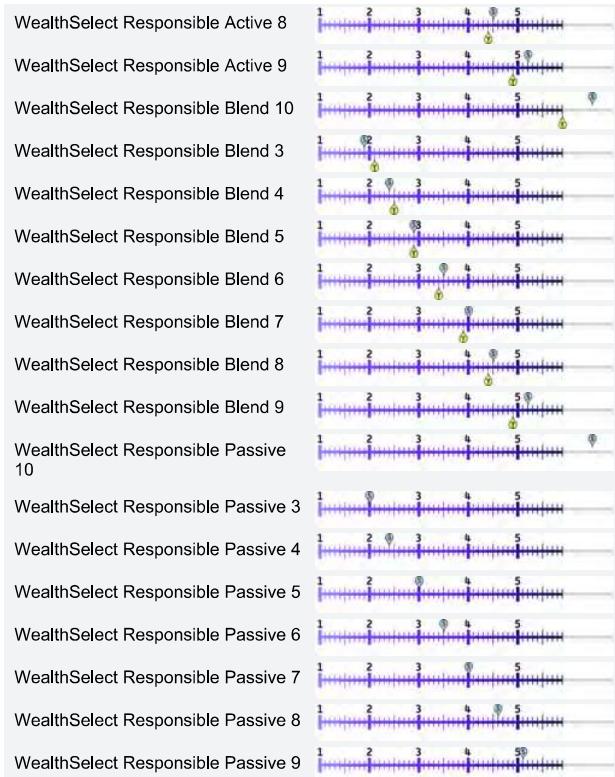
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Single Strategy - Diversified Growth Fund



Single Strategy - Diversified Income Fund



Risk Targeted Solutions - Premier Miton Liberation IV Fund



Risk Targeted Solutions - Premier Miton Liberation V Fund



Risk Targeted Solutions - Premier Miton Liberation VI Fund



Risk Targeted Solutions - Premier Miton Liberation VII Fund



PruFund Cautious



PruFund Protected Cautious



PruFund Growth



PruFund Protected Growth



PruFund Risk Managed 1



PruFund Risk Managed 2



PruFund Risk Managed 3



PruFund Risk Managed 4



PruFund Risk Managed 5



WP Optimum Return



Planet 1



Planet 2



Planet 3



Planet 4



Planet 5



Risk Managed Active 1



Risk Managed Active 2



Risk Managed Active 3



Risk Managed Active 4



Risk Managed Active 5



Risk Managed Passive 1



Risk Managed Passive 2



Risk Managed Passive 3



Risk Managed Passive 4



Risk Managed Passive 5



RMAP Strategic Income



RMAP Defensive Growth



RMAP Dynamic Growth



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Select Strategy 2



Select Strategy 3



Select Strategy 4 - Income



Select Strategy 4



Select Strategy 5



Select Strategy 6



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Cautious Higher Equity



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Income Higher Equity



Balanced MPS



Growth MPS



Global Equity MPS



Cautious Passive+



Cautious Higher Equity Passive+



Income Passive+



Income Higher Equity Passive +



Balanced Passive+



Growth Passive+



Global Equity Passive+



Sustainable MPS Income



Sustainable MPS Income Higher Equity



Sustainable MPS Balanced



Sustainable MPS Growth



Sustainable MPS Global Equity



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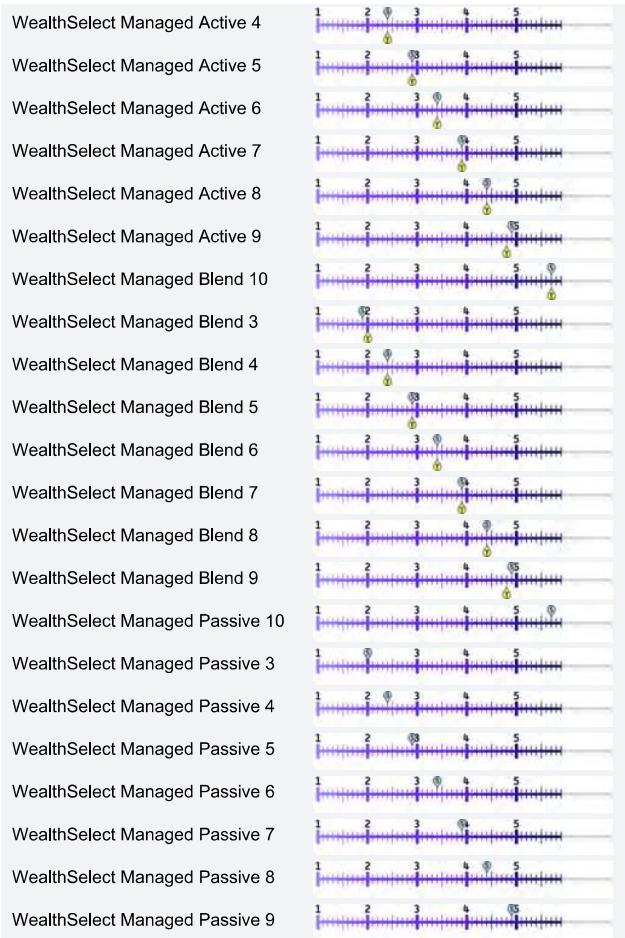
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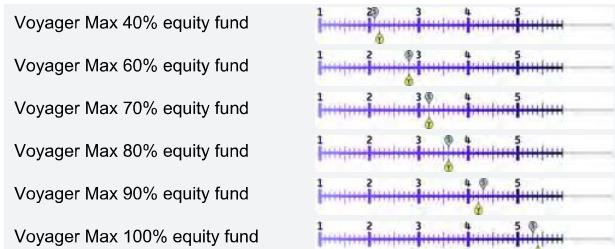
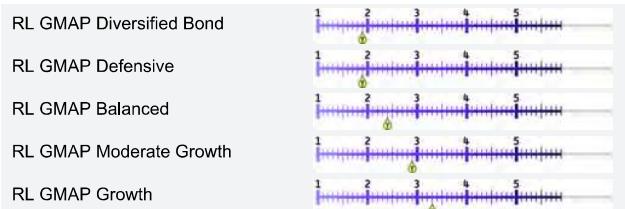
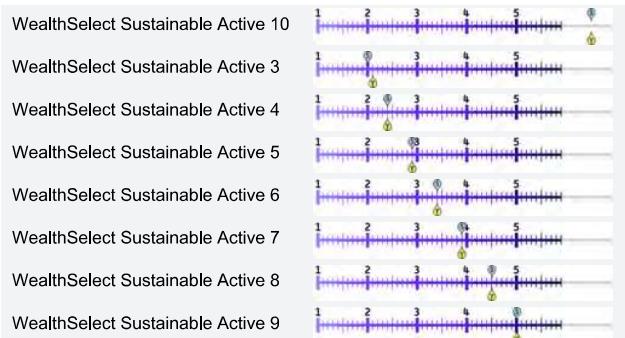


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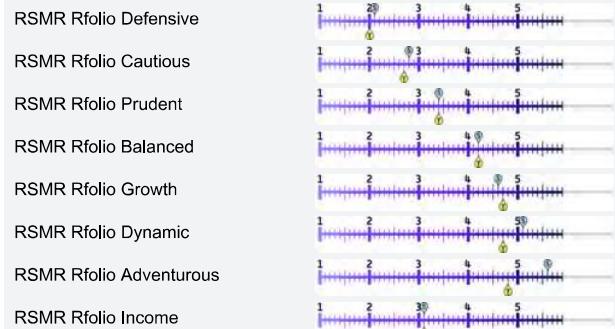




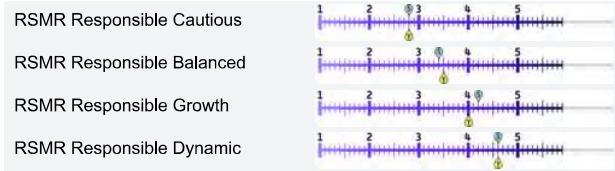
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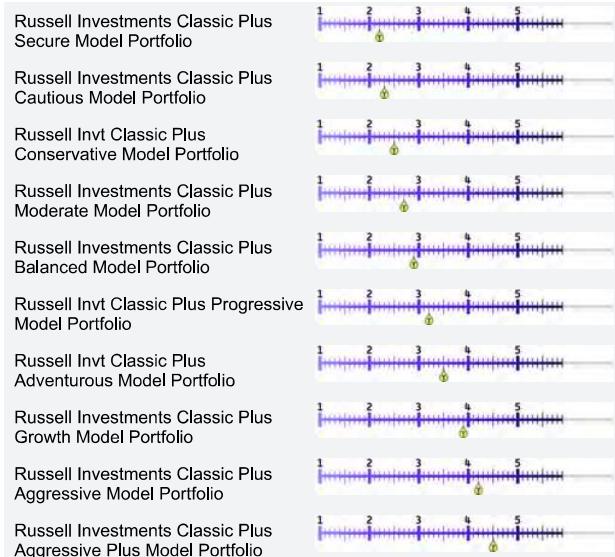
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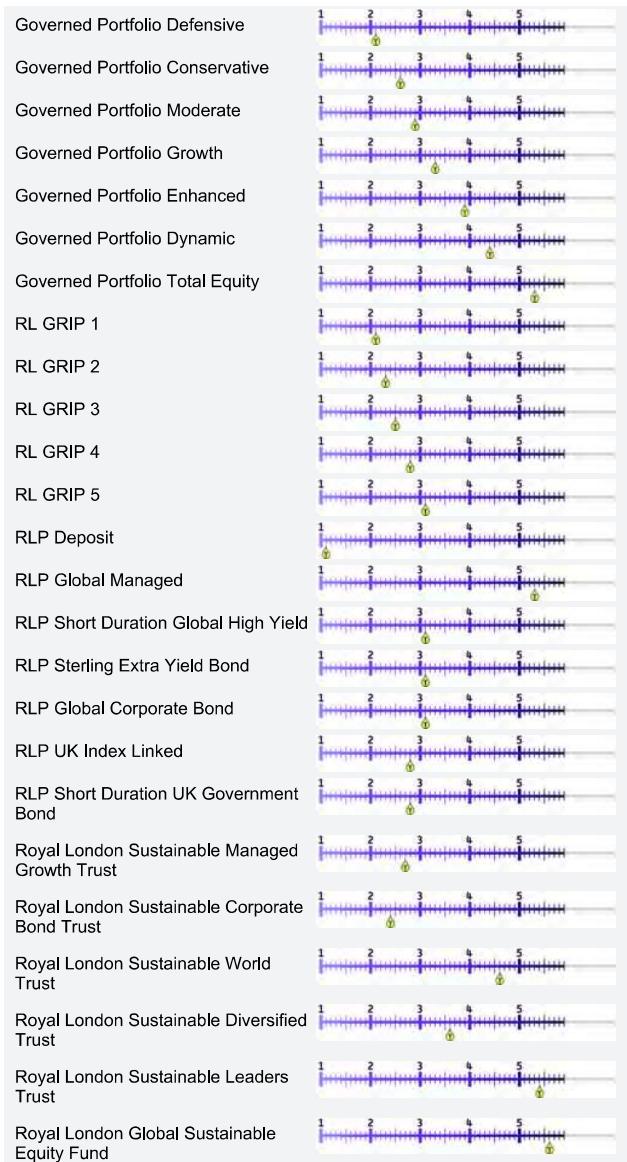
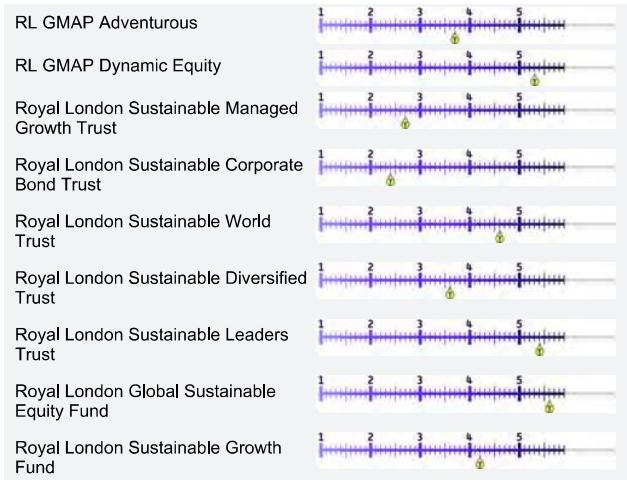


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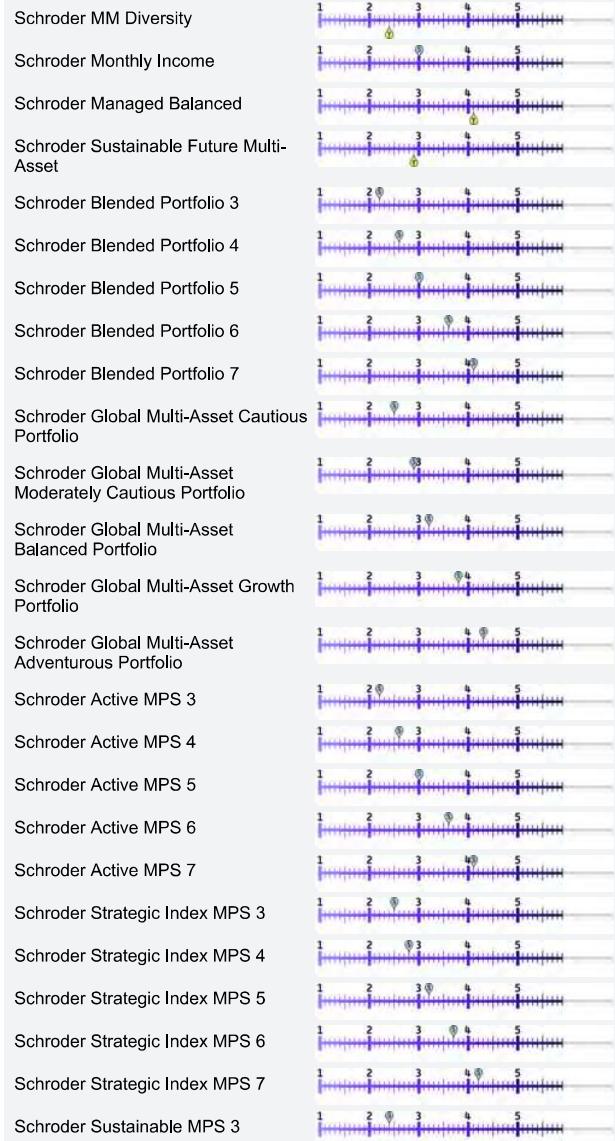


## Russell Investments





# Schroders





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Schroder Income Portfolio



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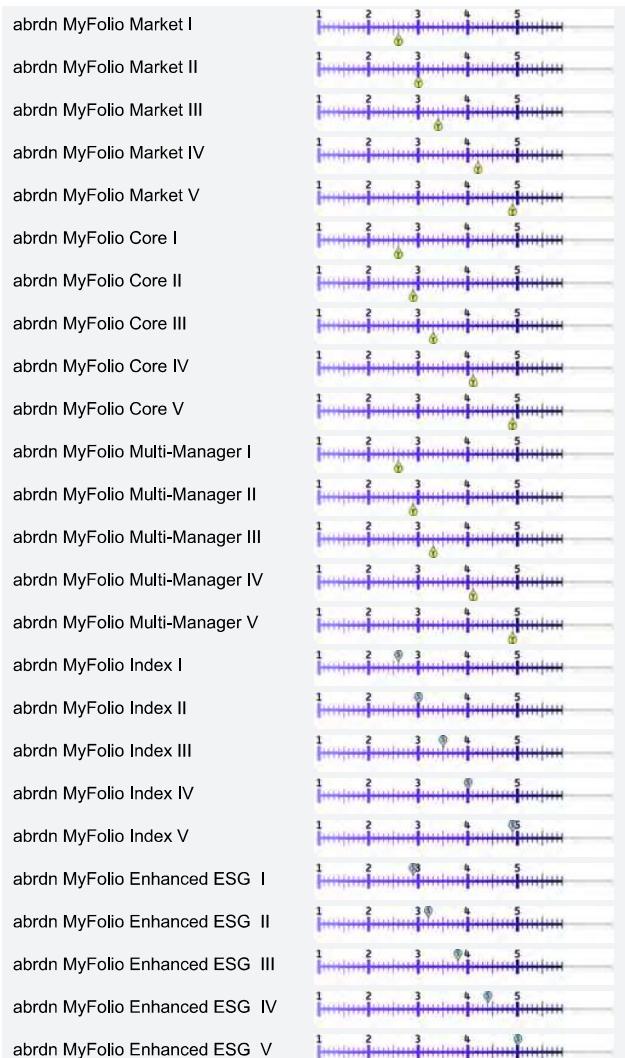
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Tatton Core Global Equity



Waverton Conservative Model Portfolio

Waverton Defensive Model Portfolio

Waverton Cautious Model Portfolio

Waverton Balanced Model Portfolio

Waverton Growth Model Portfolio

Waverton Multi-Asset Income

Waverton Strategic Equity Fund

Waverton Equity Model Portfolio

Waverton Multi-Asset Growth

Waverton Multi-Asset Balanced

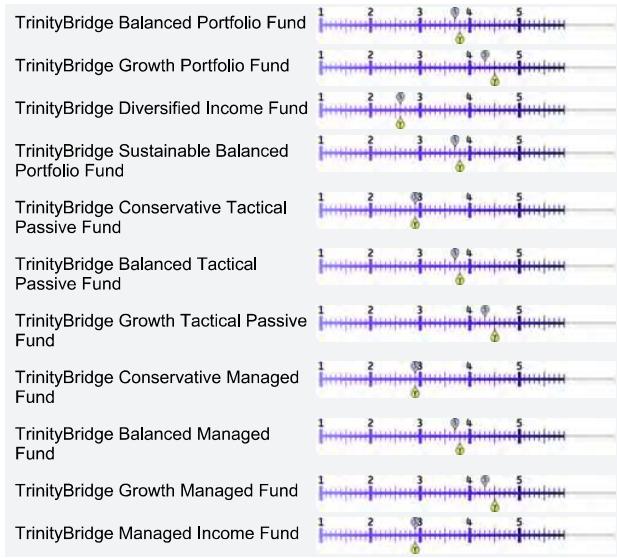
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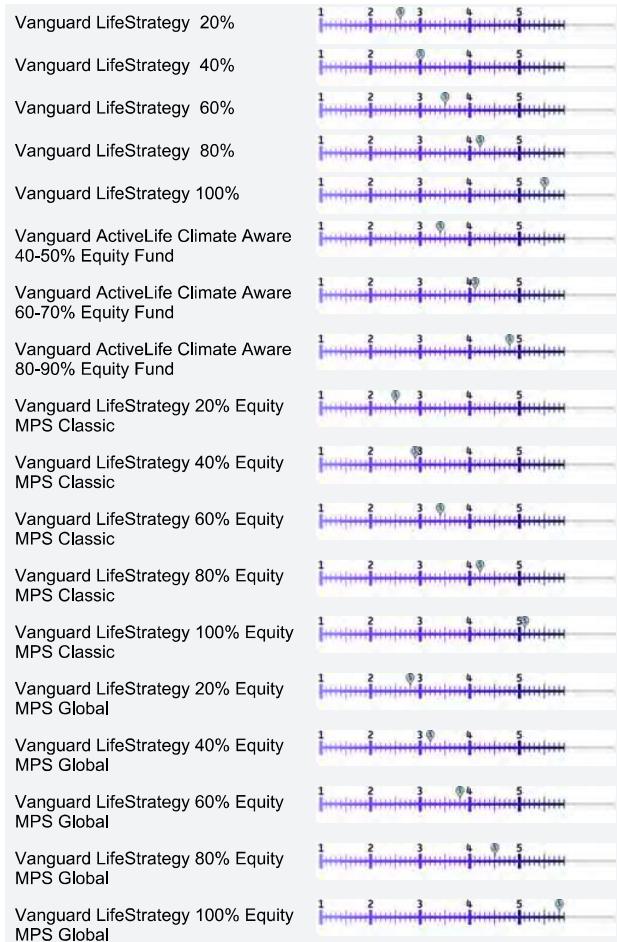


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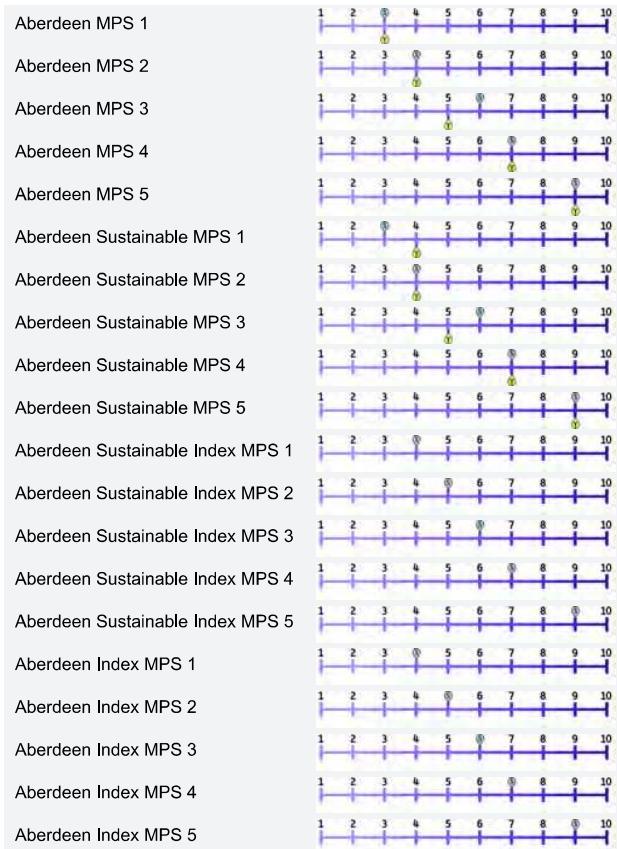
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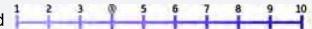
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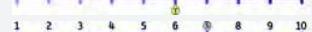
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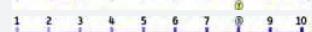
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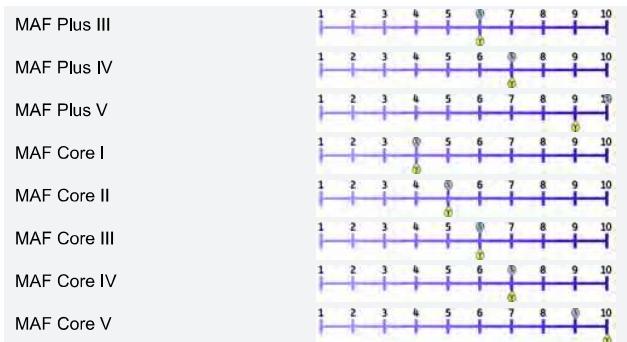


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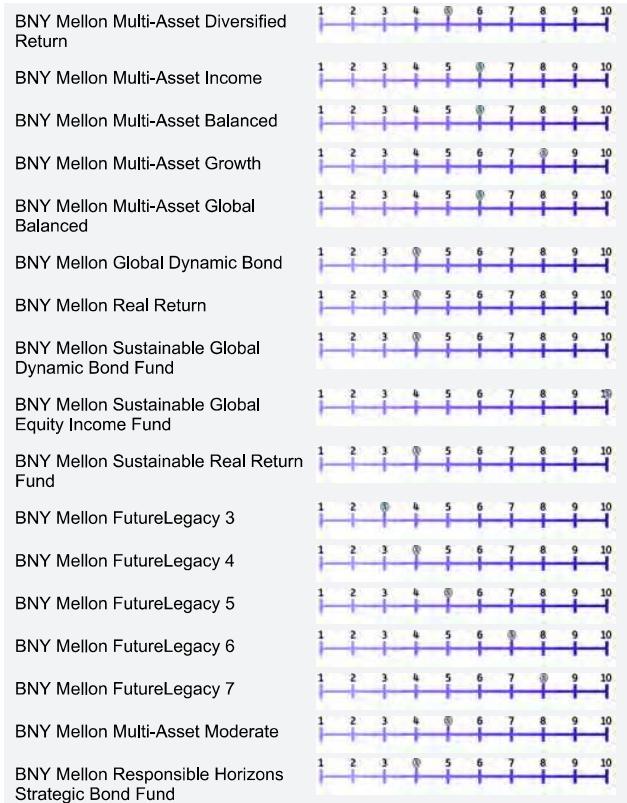




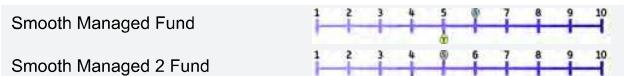
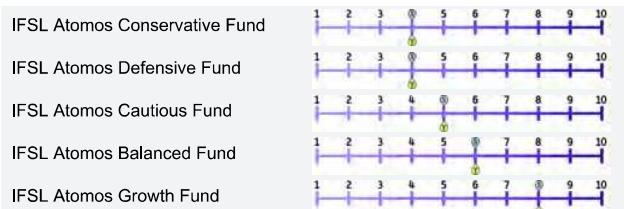
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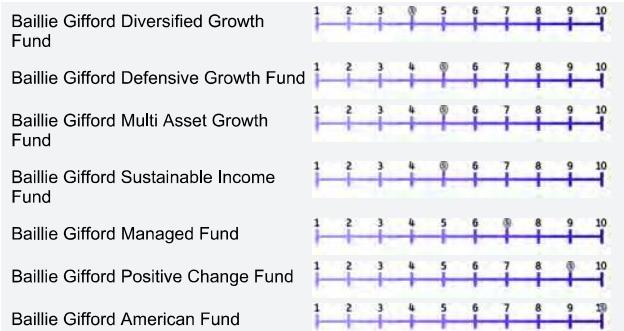
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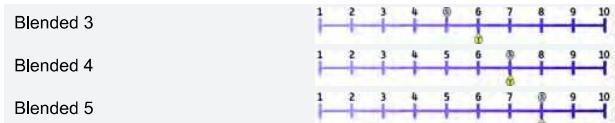
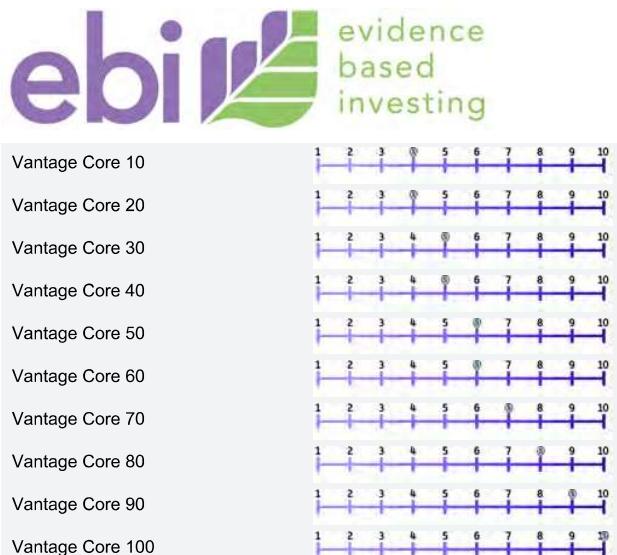
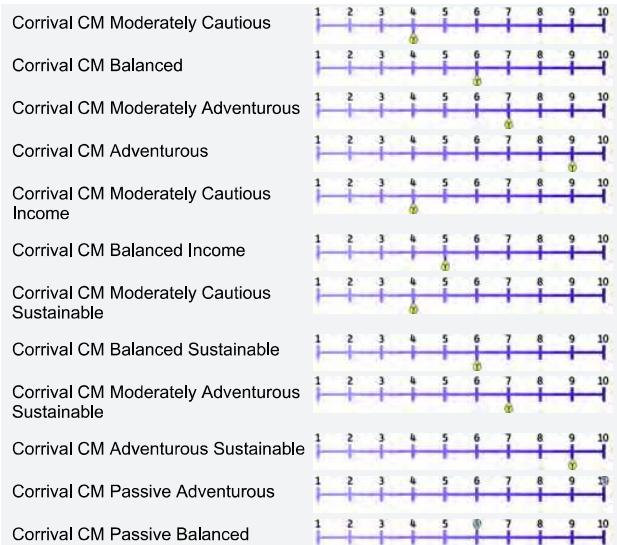


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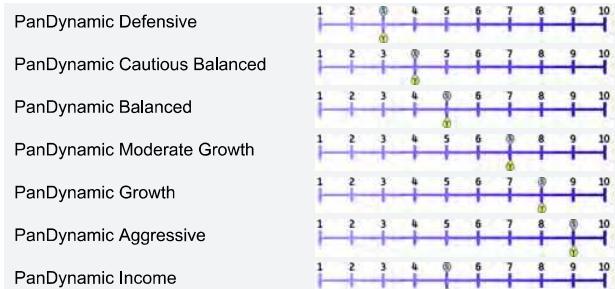




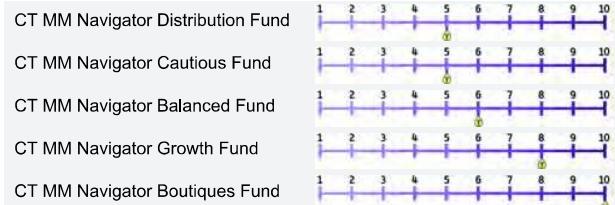
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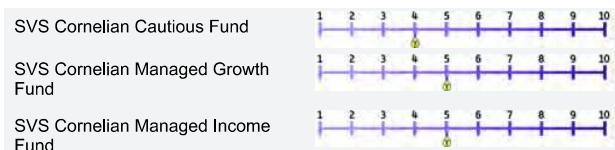


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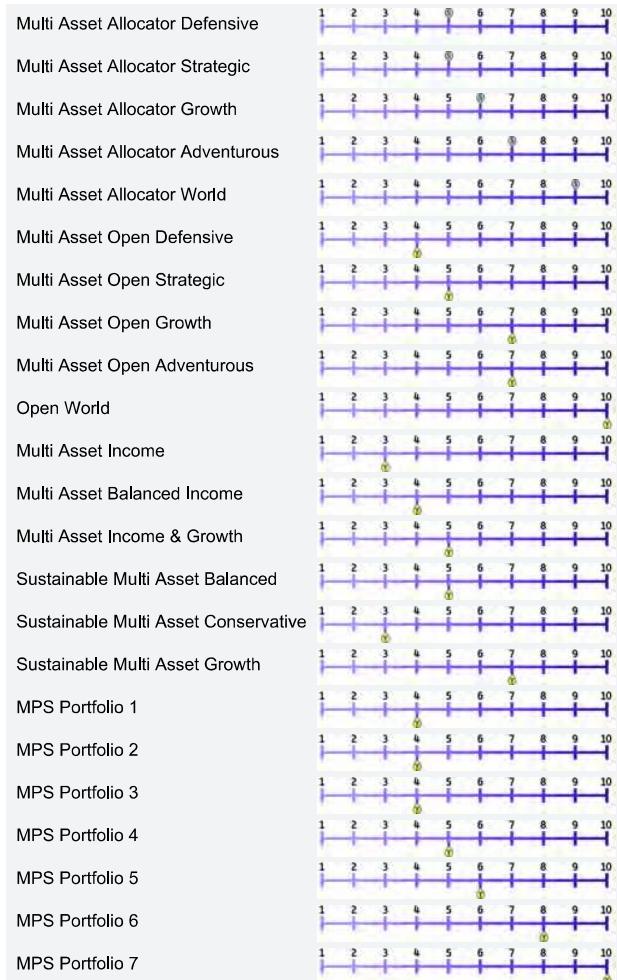
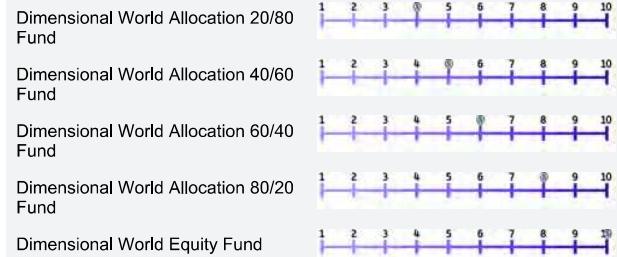
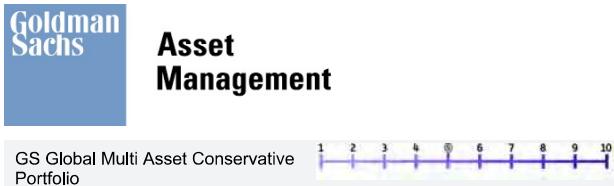
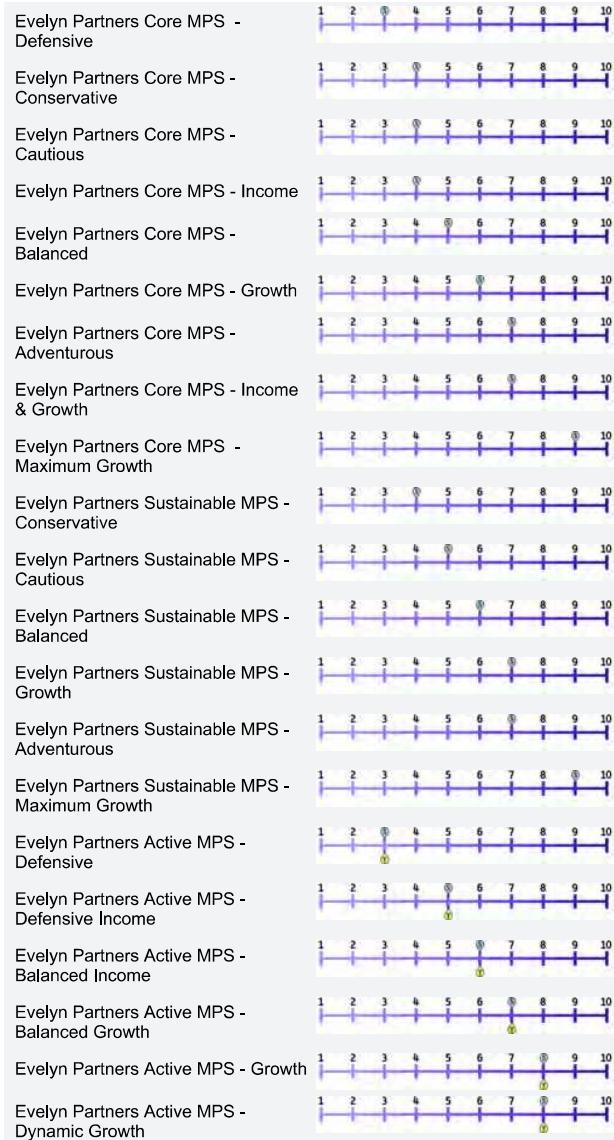


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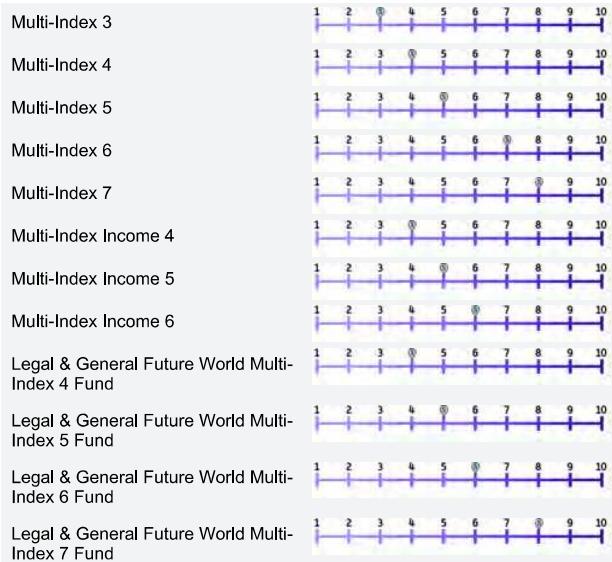
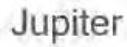
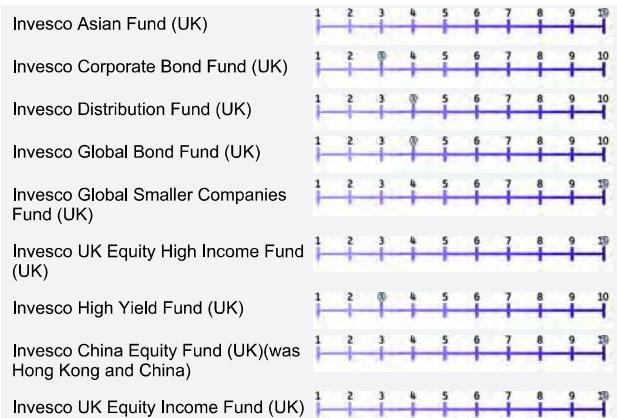
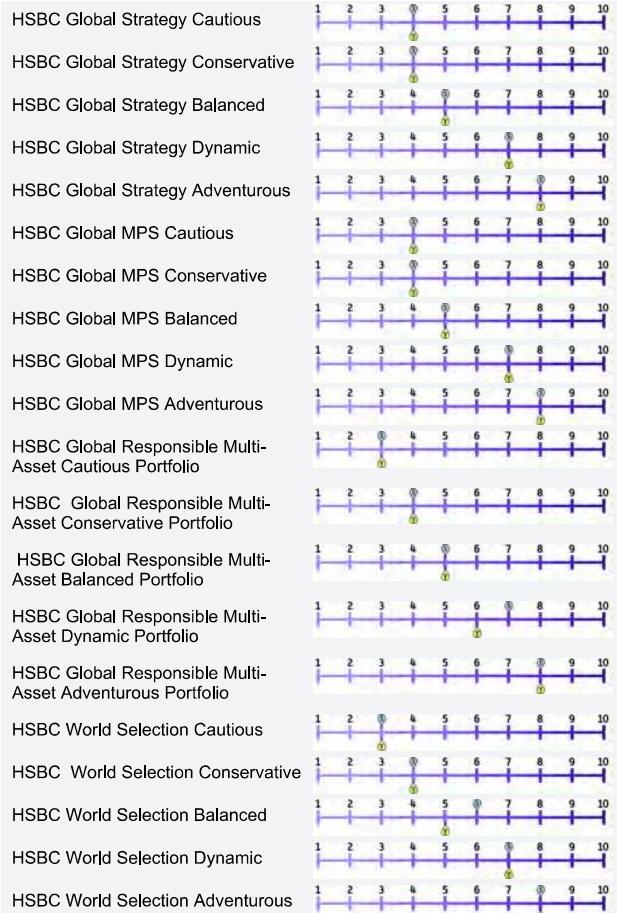


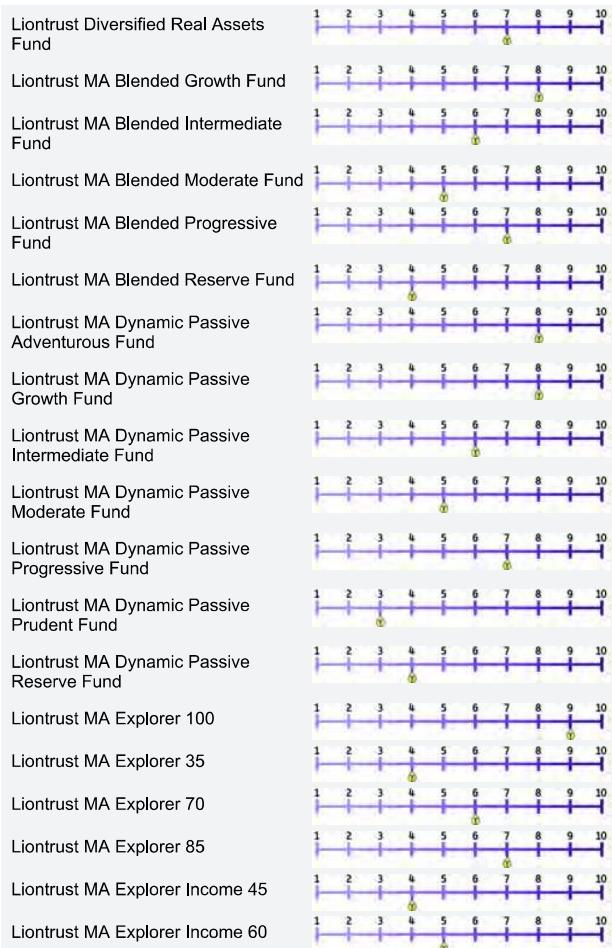
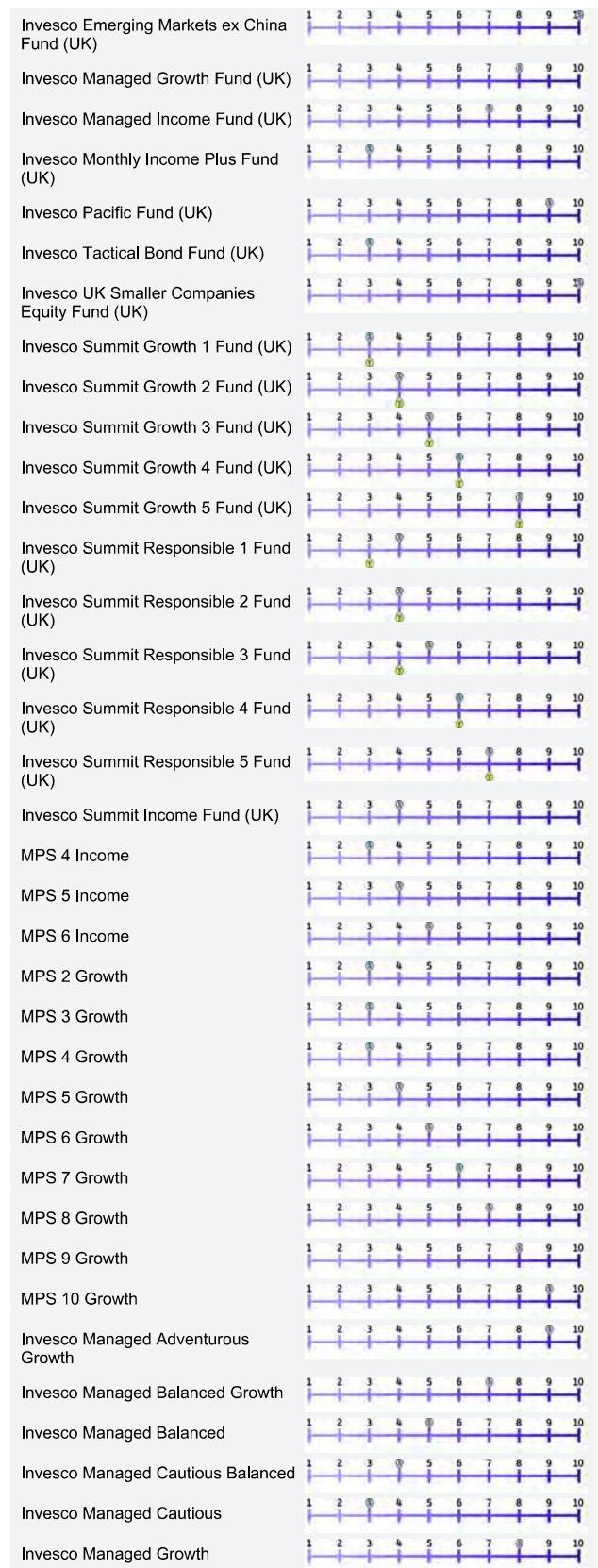
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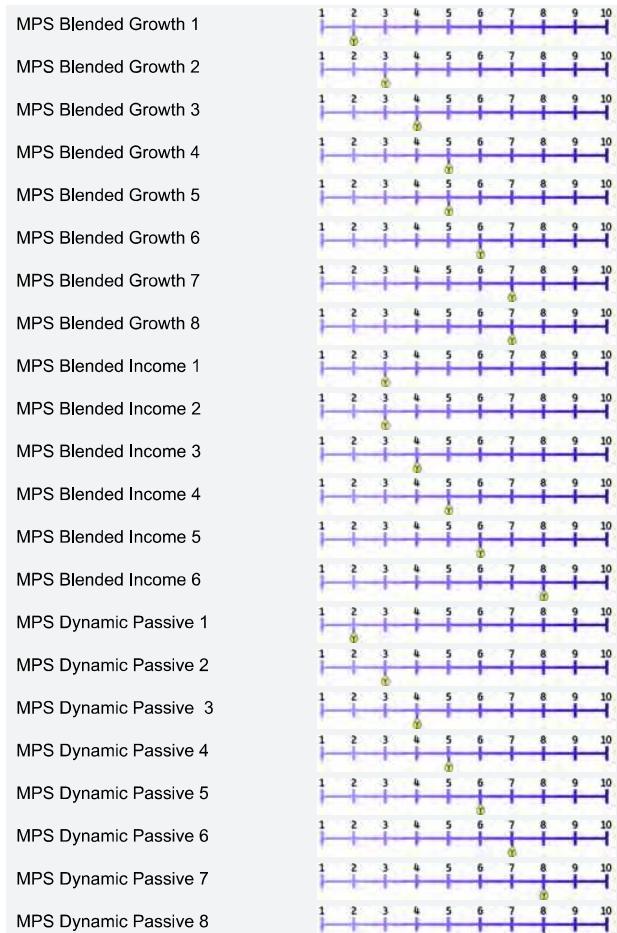
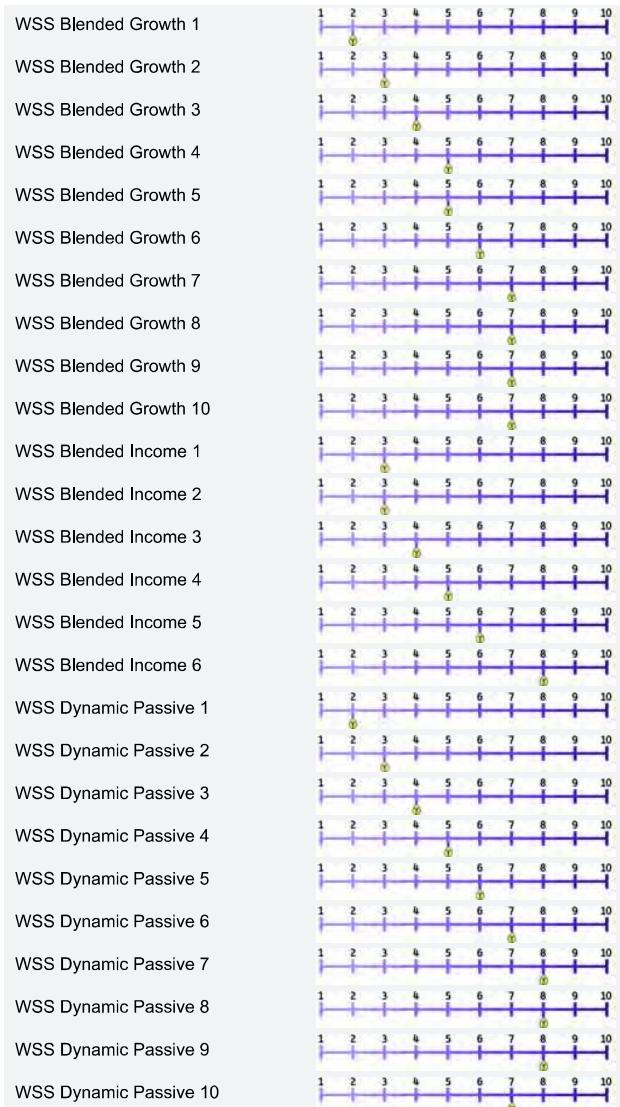


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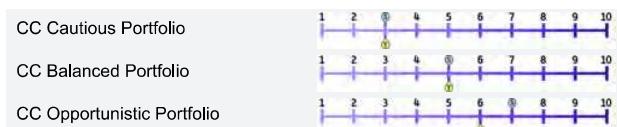
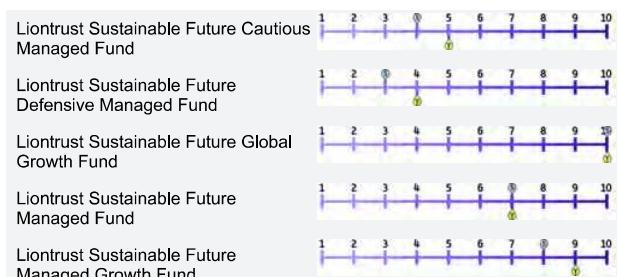
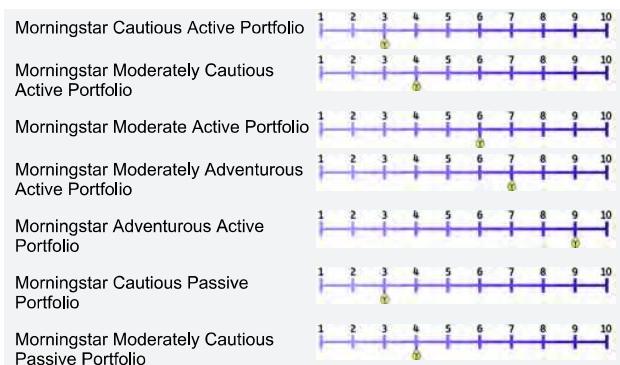


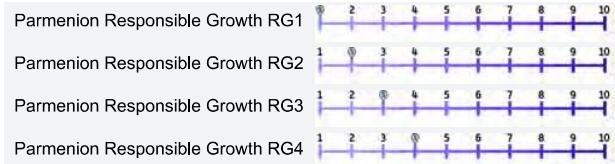
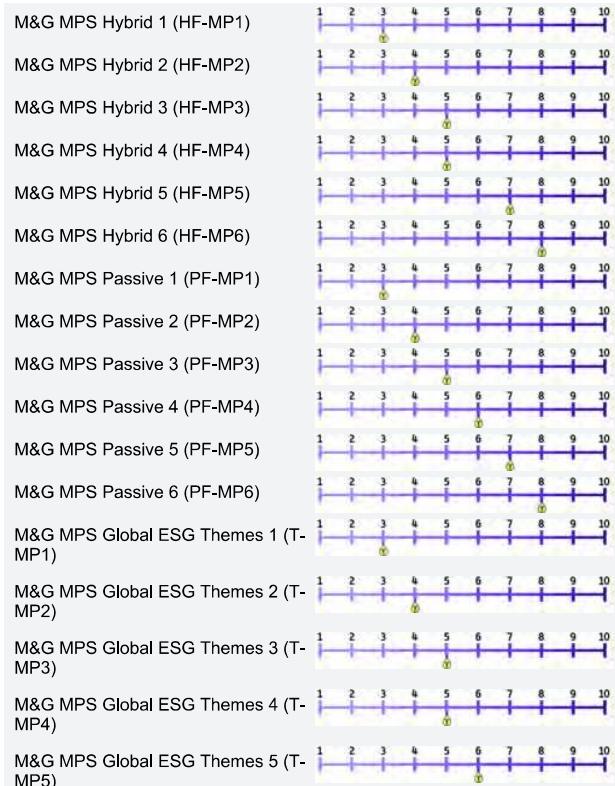
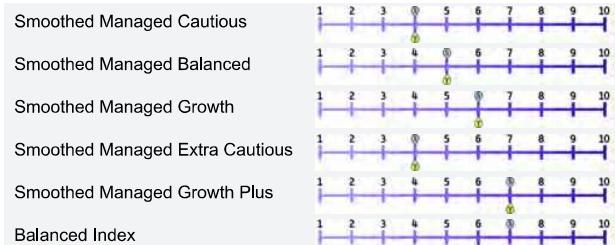
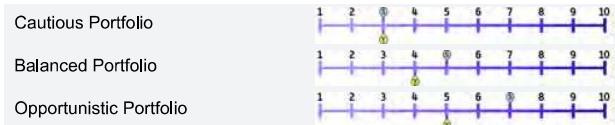
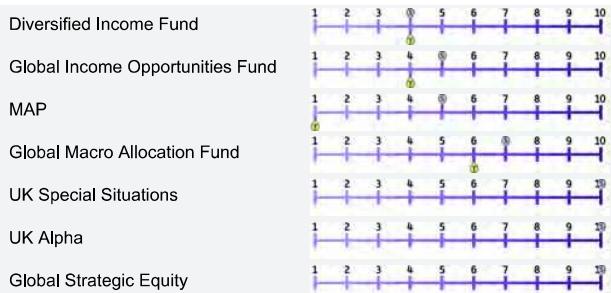
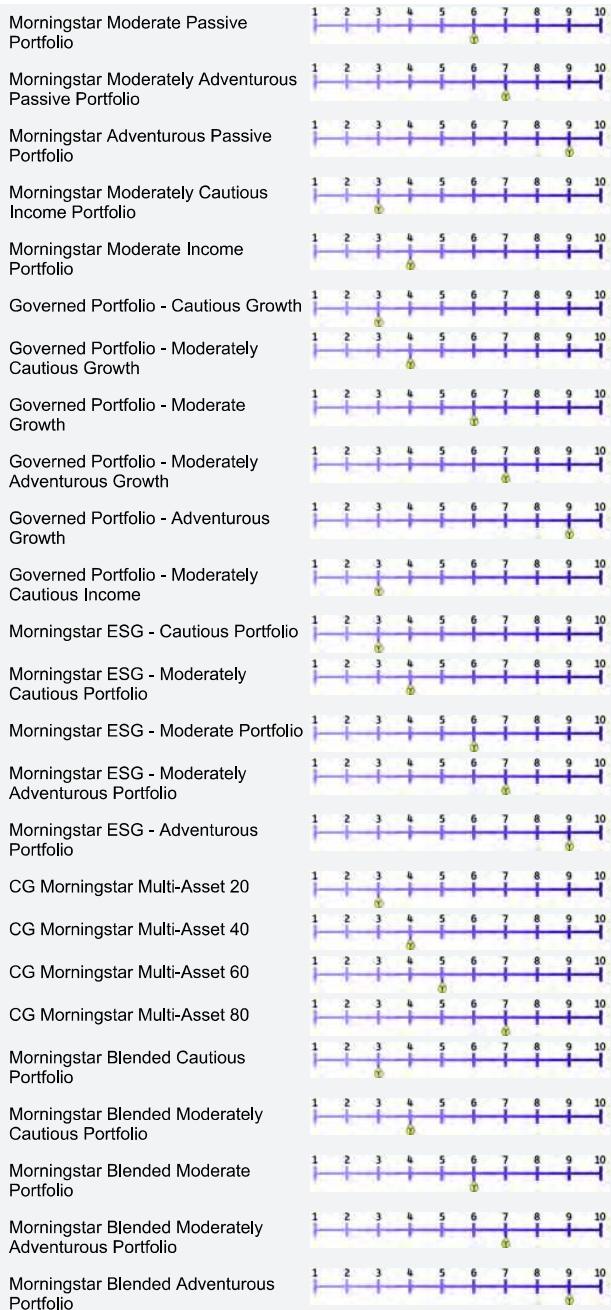




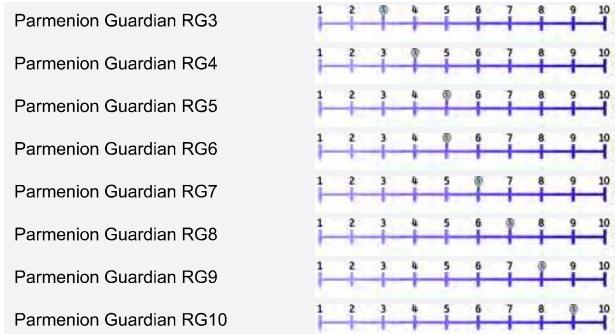
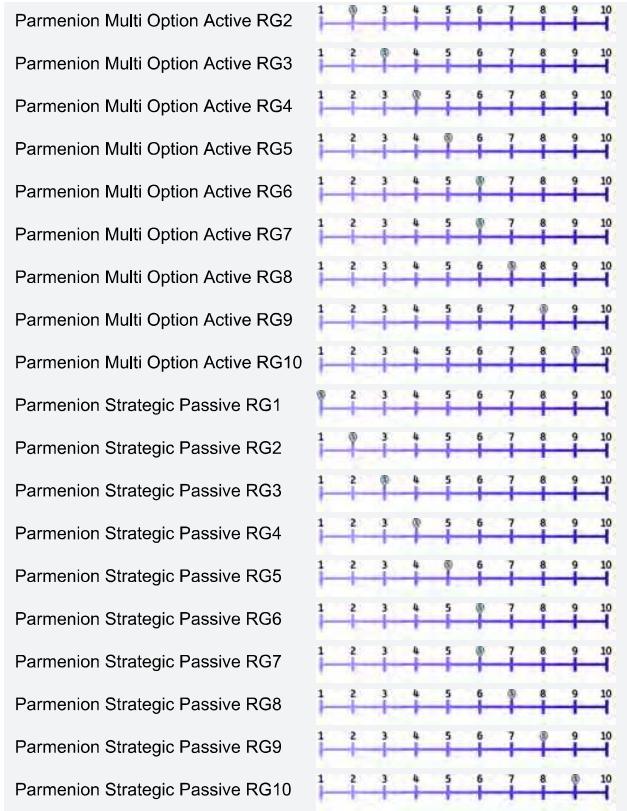


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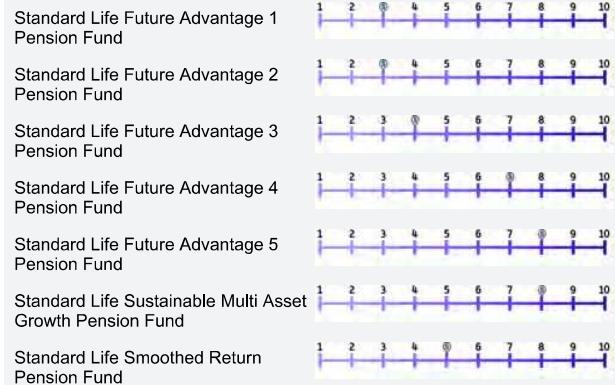




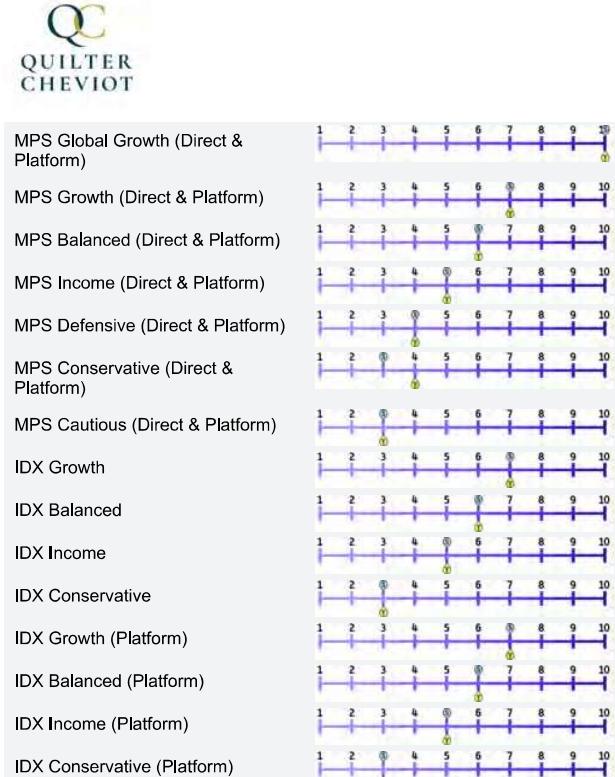
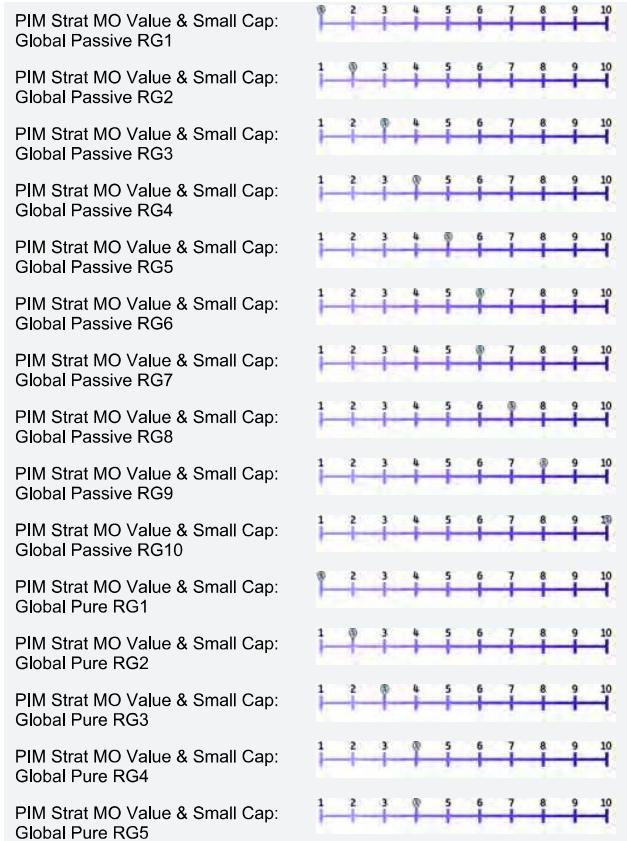


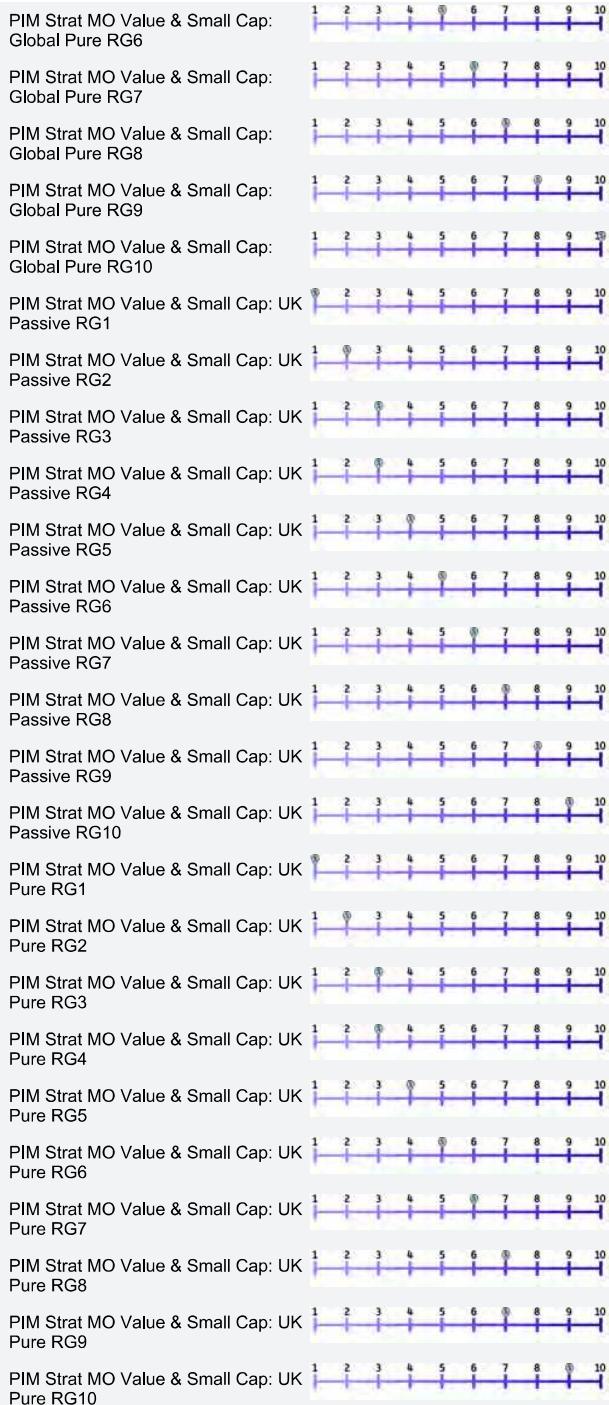


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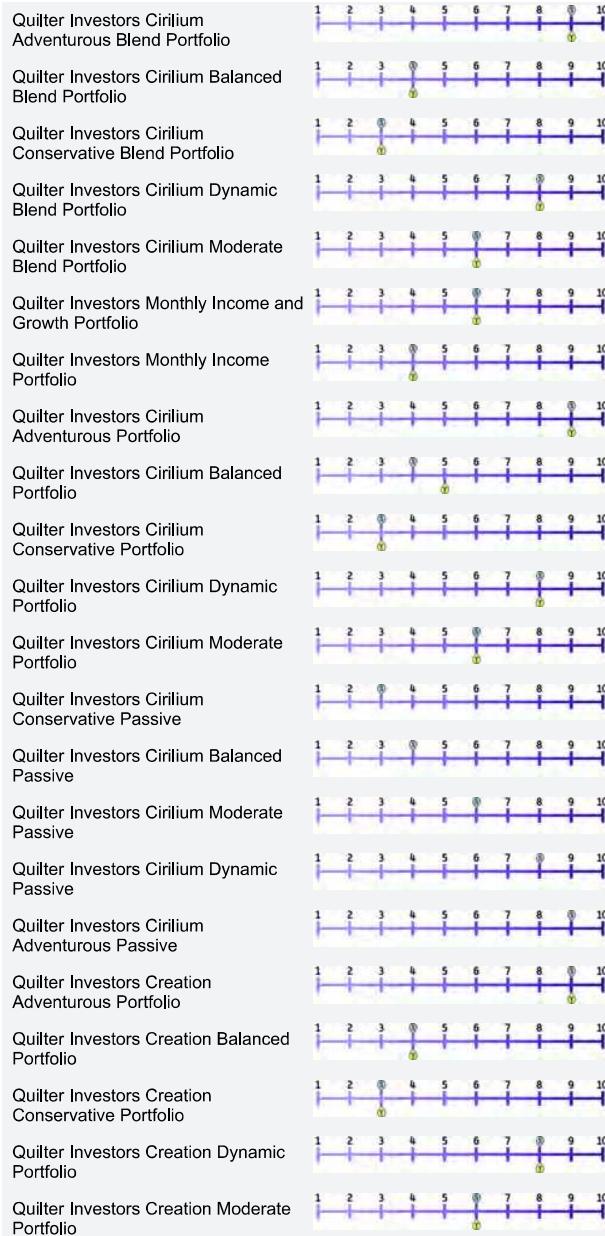


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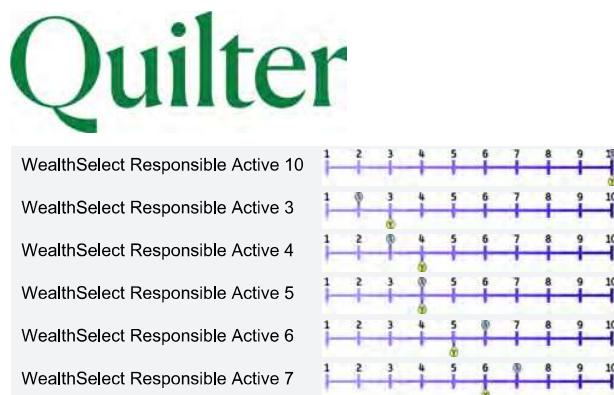
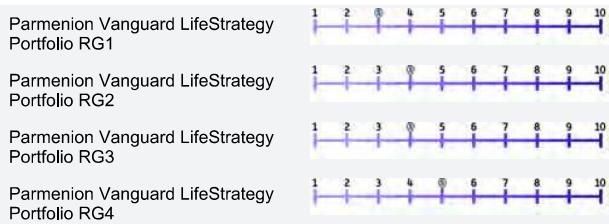




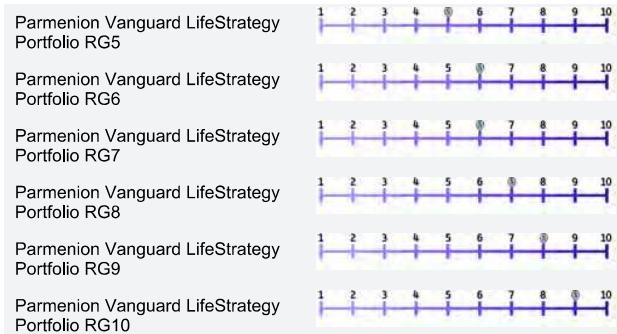
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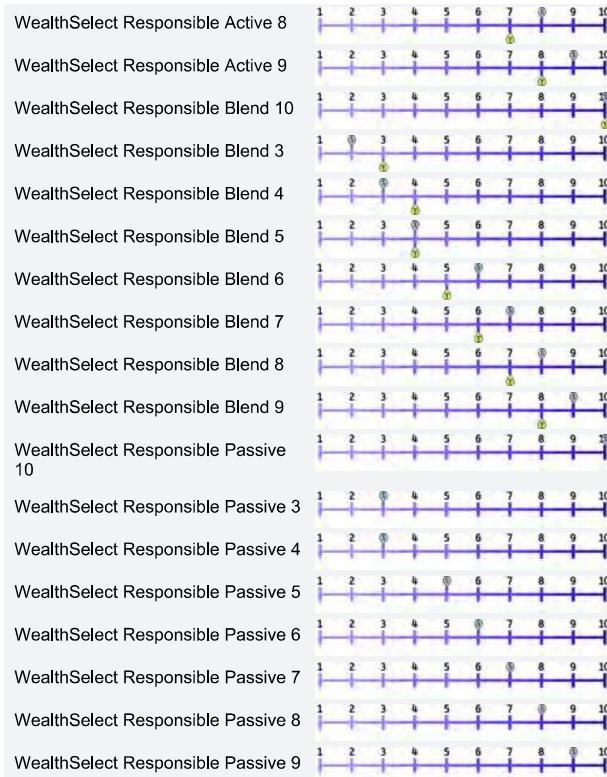
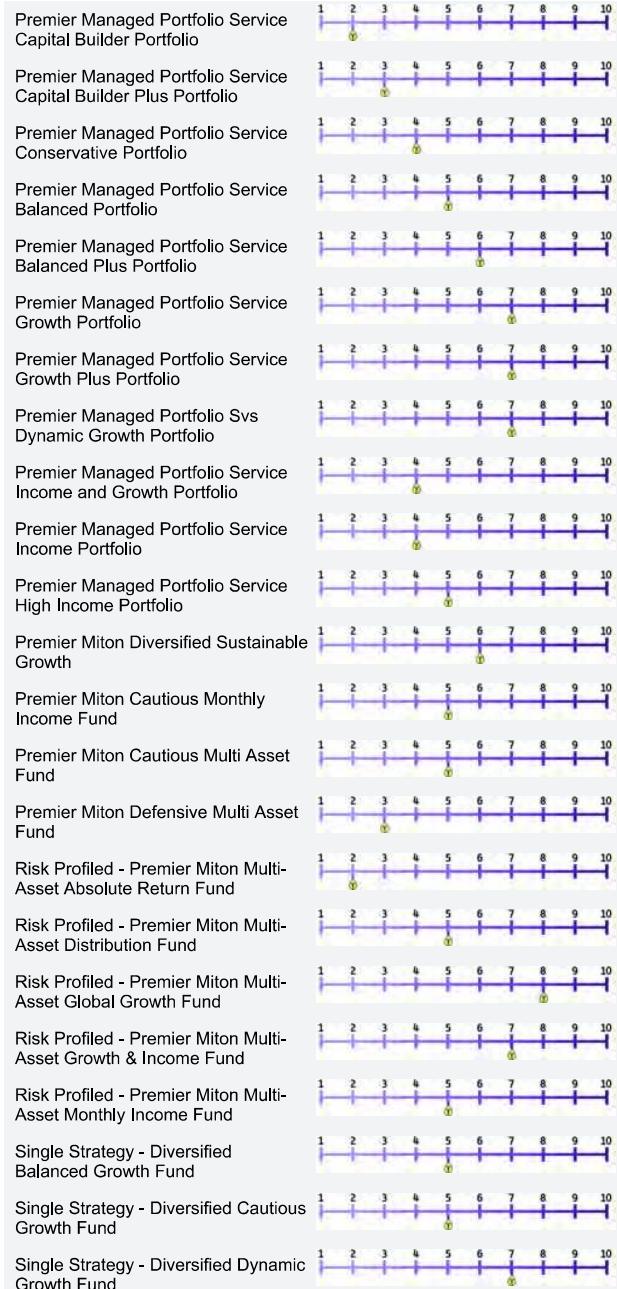
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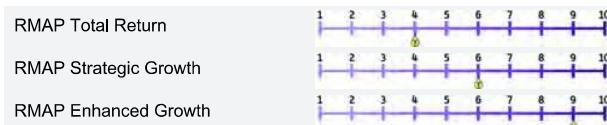
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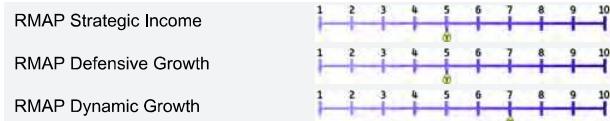
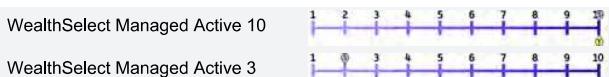
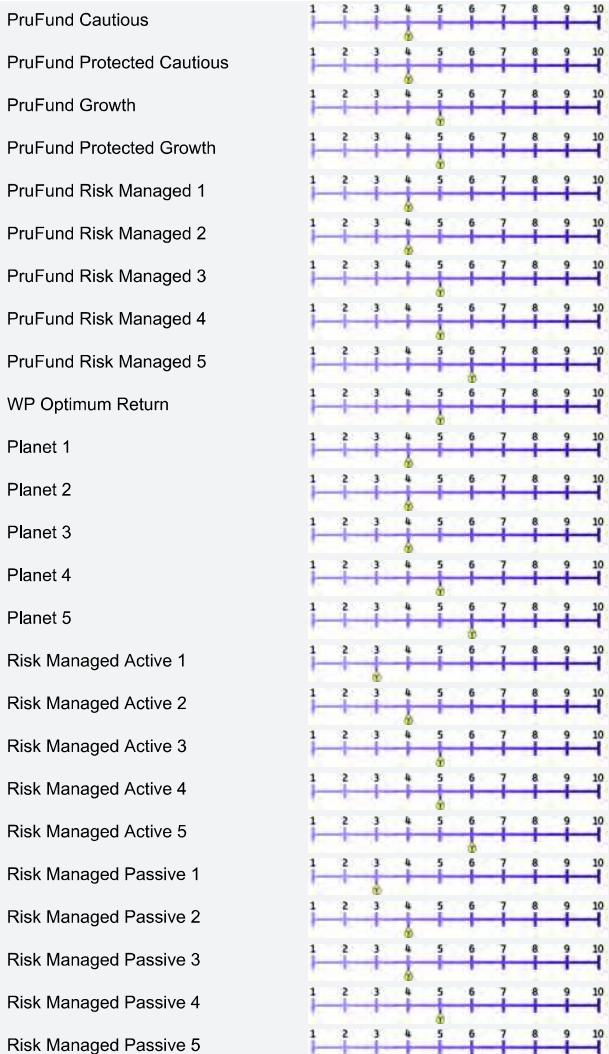
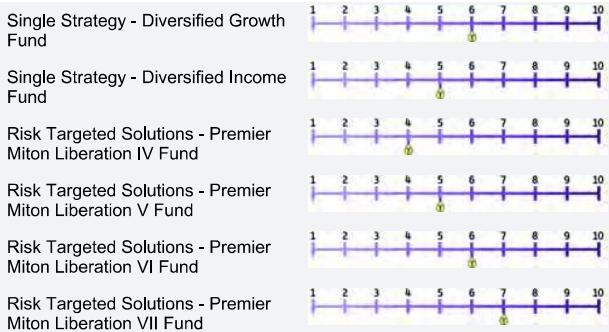


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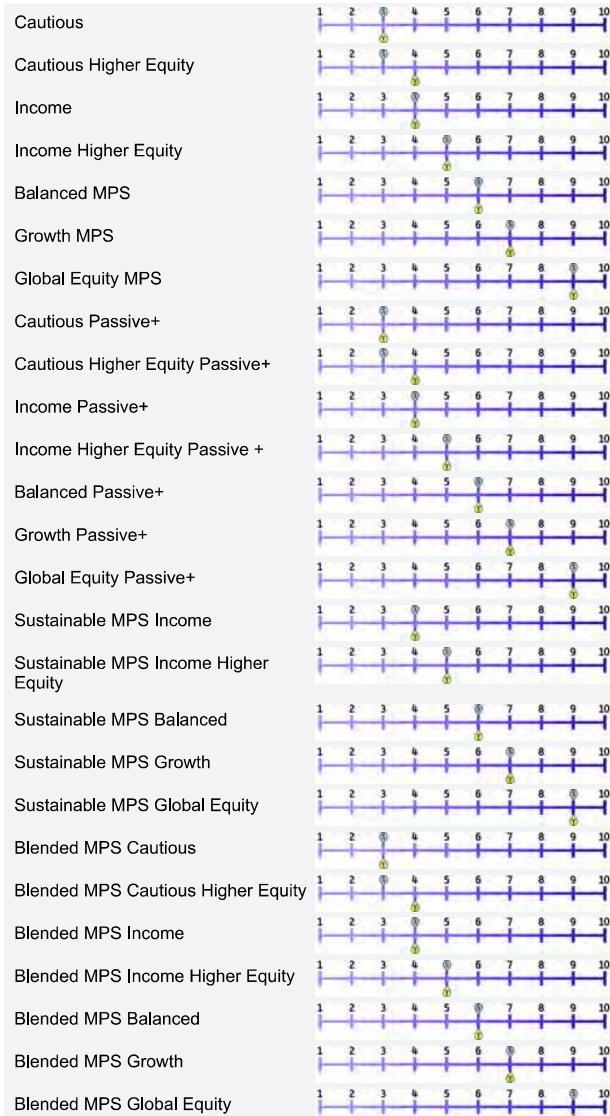


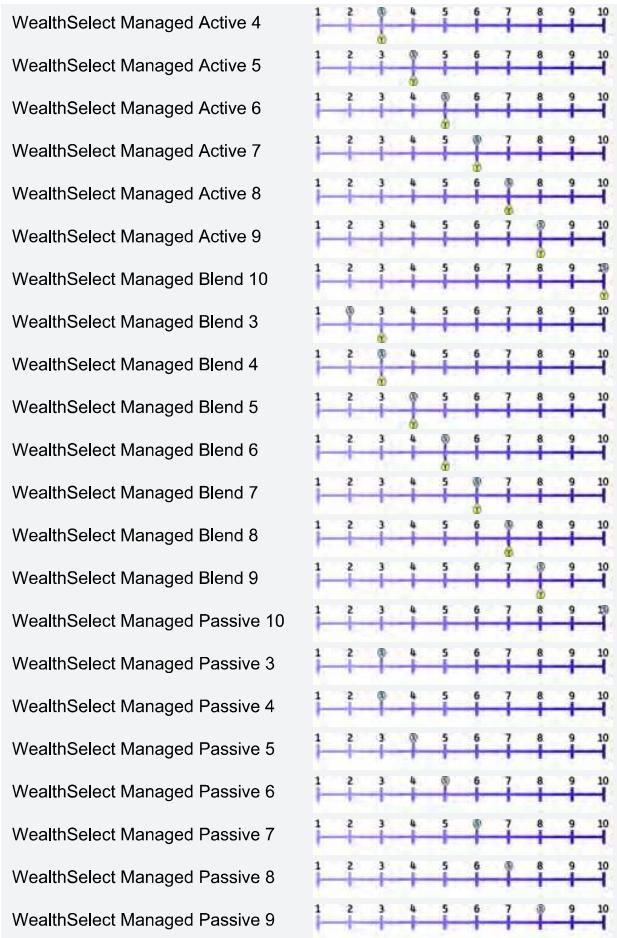
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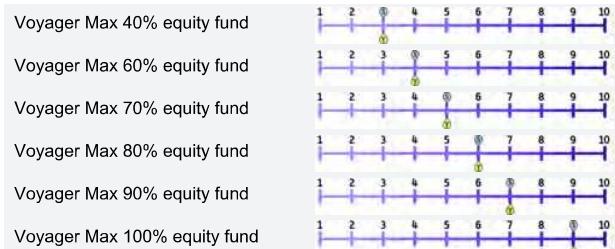
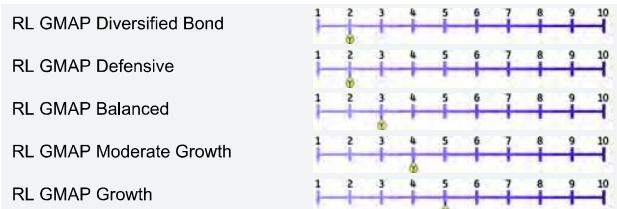
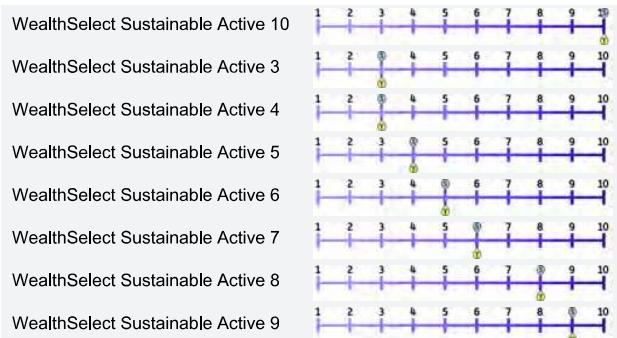


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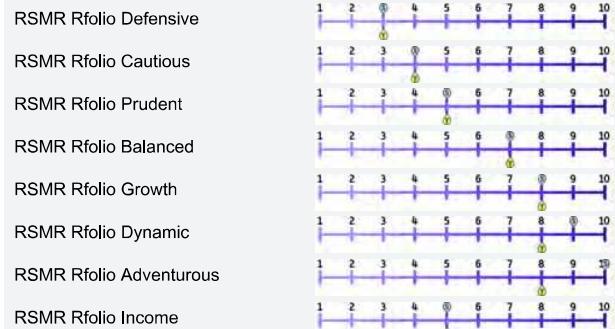




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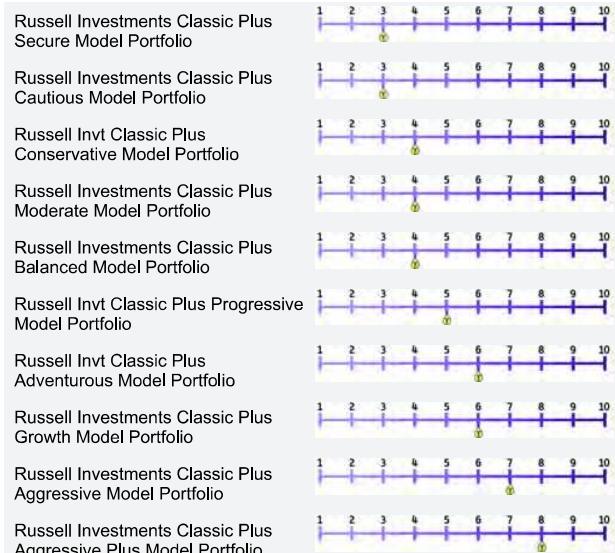
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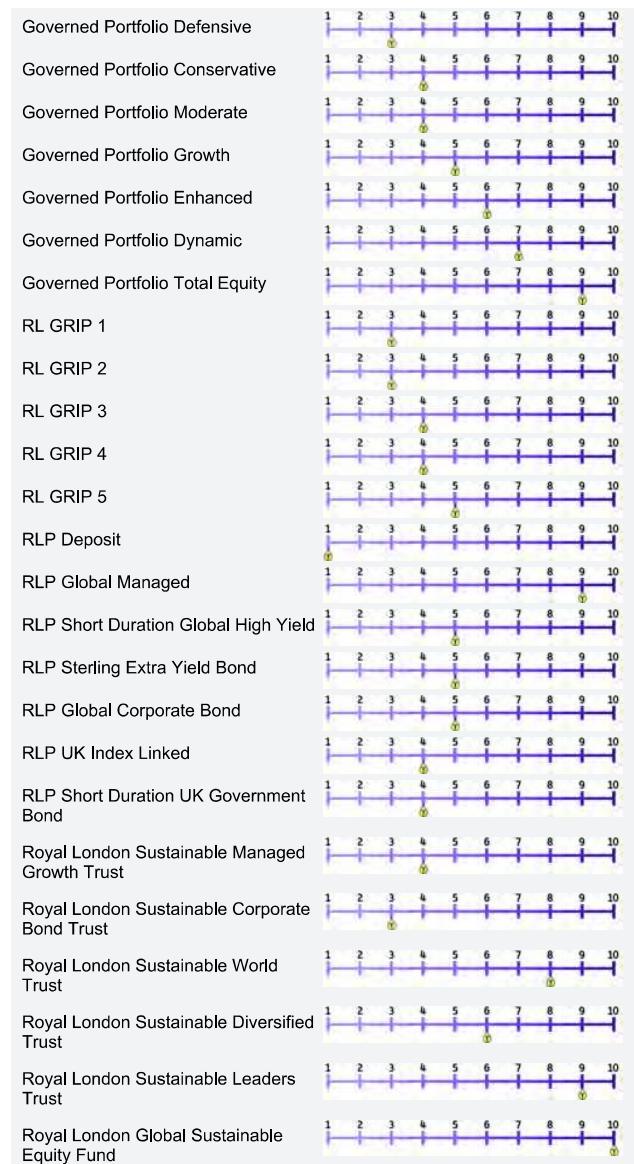
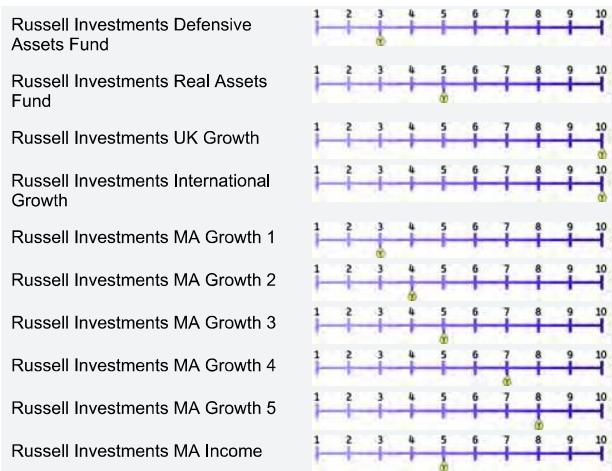
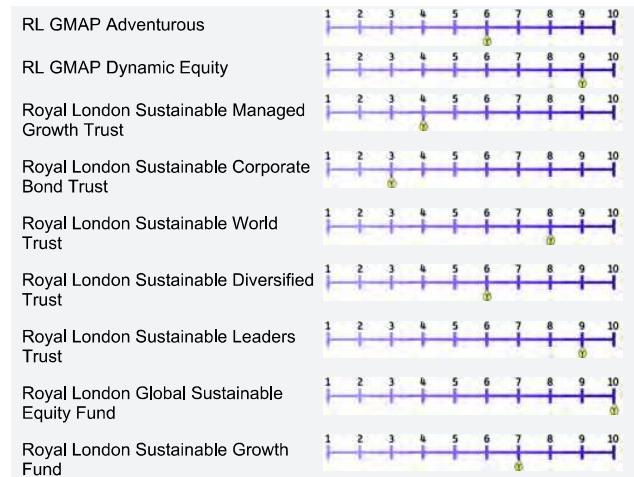


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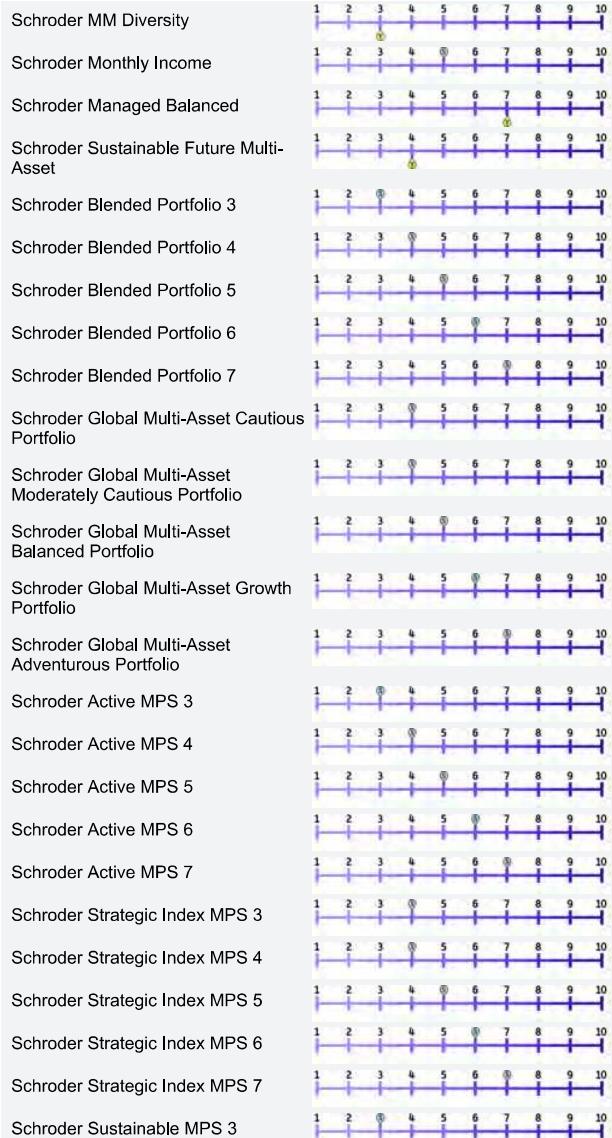


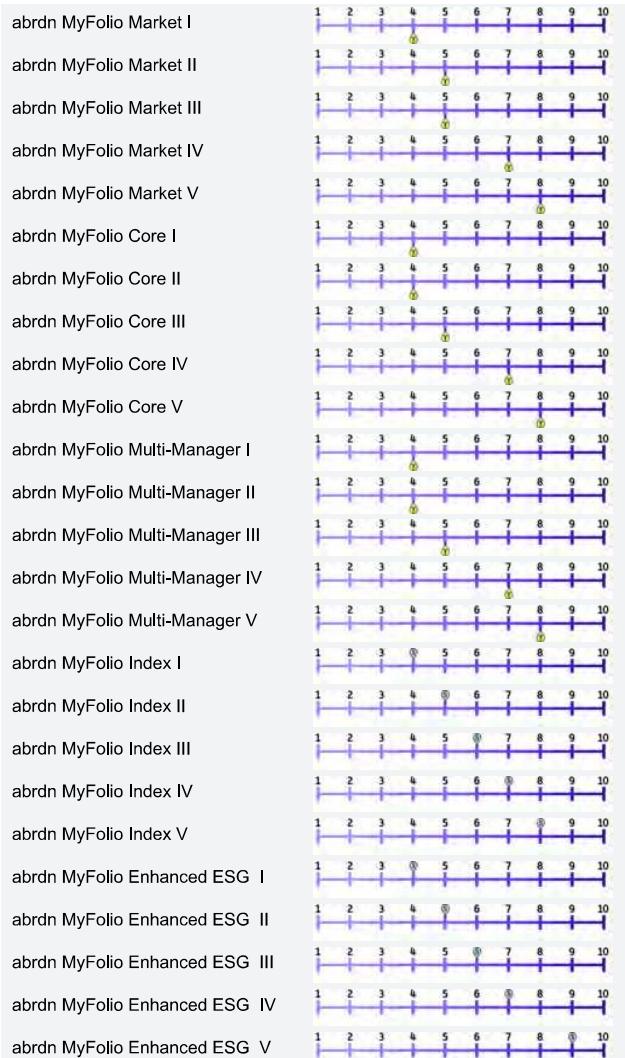
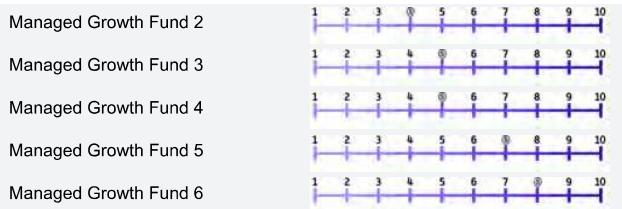
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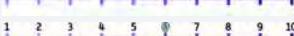
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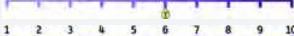
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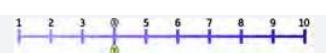
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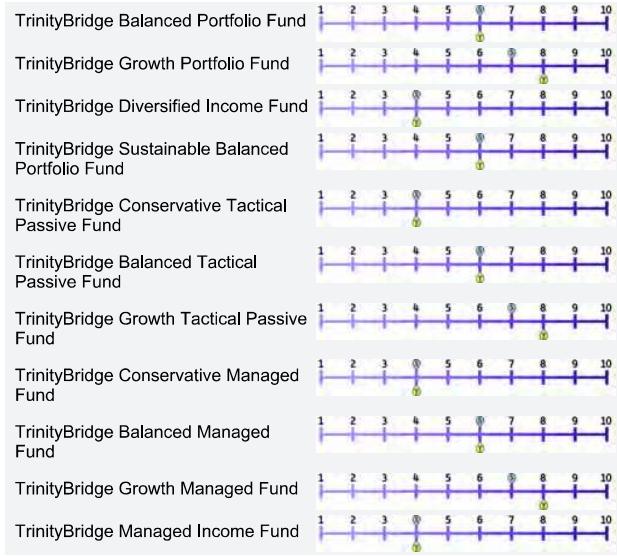


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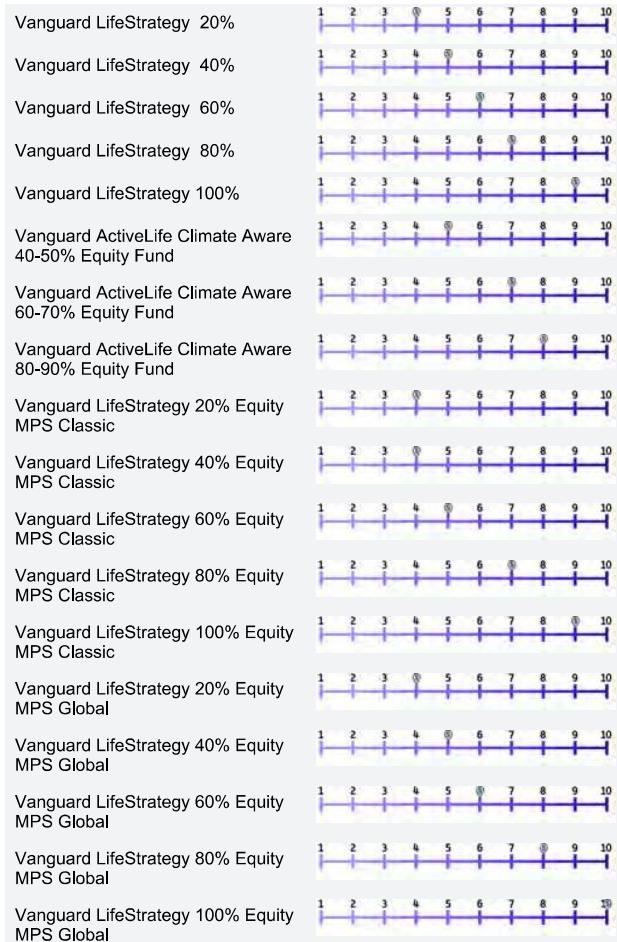


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