

# Periodic Table of Asset Classes

Currency								Collectibles	
1 <b>Ca</b> Cash Deposits									NR <b>Art</b> Fine Art
	<b>Fixed Income</b>							<b>Commodities</b>	
1 <b>HY</b> High Yield Savings Account	5 <b>SB</b> Savings Bonds							75 <b>Au</b> Gold	NR <b>RC</b> Rare Coins
		<b>Equities</b>	<b>Structured Products</b>	<b>Private Equity</b>	<b>Real Estate</b>	<b>Infrastructure</b>			
1 <b>CD</b> Certificate of Deposit	5 <b>TB</b> Treasury Bills	74 <b>CS</b> Common Shares	NR <b>SD</b> Structured Deposits	91 <b>REF</b> Real Estate Fund	67 <b>In</b> Industrial	86 <b>Wa</b> Water	96 <b>Ag</b> Silver	NR <b>St</b> Stamps	
1 <b>MM</b> Money Market	29 <b>MB</b> Municipal Bonds	74 <b>EF</b> Equity Funds	NR <b>ILP</b> Interest-Linked Products	94 <b>LBO</b> LBO Fund	90 <b>Re</b> Residential	93 <b>En</b> Energy	98 <b>CO</b> Crude Oil	NR <b>Ti</b> Timepieces	
5 <b>StT</b> Short-term Treasuries	37 <b>CB</b> Corporate Bonds	80 <b>DpS</b> Dividend-Paying Stocks	NR <b>ELP</b> Equity-Linked Products	NR <b>VC</b> Venture Capital Fund	91 <b>Com</b> Commercial	NR <b>Ro</b> Roads	99 <b>NG</b> Natural Gas	NR <b>RW</b> Rare Wine	
NR <b>FC</b> Foreign Currency	NR <b>FA</b> Fixed Annuities	88 <b>PS</b> Preferred Shares	NR <b>CLP</b> Credit-Linked Products	NR <b>FF</b> Fund of Funds	91 <b>REIT</b> Real Estate Investment Trust	NR <b>Ai</b> Airports	99 <b>Wh</b> Wheat	NR <b>CC</b> Classic Cars	
99 <b>Cry</b> Crypto Currencies	57 <b>JB</b> Junk Bonds	NR <b>TS</b> Treasury Stock	NR <b>MLP</b> Market-Linked Products	NR <b>MC</b> Mezzanine Capital	NR <b>RL</b> Raw Land	NR <b>Rr</b> Railroads	99 <b>Cn</b> Corn	NR <b>RH</b> Race Horses	

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NR= not rated

**Liquidity**  
The darker the borders, the less liquid the financial instrument.

**Risk**  
The darker the color, the riskier the financial instrument.

**CS**  
Common Shares

There are nine asset classes grouped in columns. **From left to right, the financial instruments in columns are arrayed from most liquid to least liquid.** This trend maps to instruments having to do with financial assets and instruments having to do with real assets. The financial instruments on the left are most readily converted into cash without affecting their market price. The financial instruments on the right cannot readily be converted into cash without a substantial loss in value.

The financial instruments in each Asset Class group display similar liquidity characteristics with differing tolerances for risk. **From top to bottom, the financial instruments are arrayed from those historically identified with the least risk to those identified with the most risk.**

The Periodic Table of Asset Classes is best perceived as a general organization of financial instruments arrayed in terms of relative liquidity and risk tolerance. Taken as a whole, the organization of the table displays the general relationships between the nine asset classes. The table is not to be taken as fixed and unchanging. In any given year, the individual financial instruments within any asset class may shift up or down. The relative positions of the instruments within the asset classes display remarkable consistency.

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