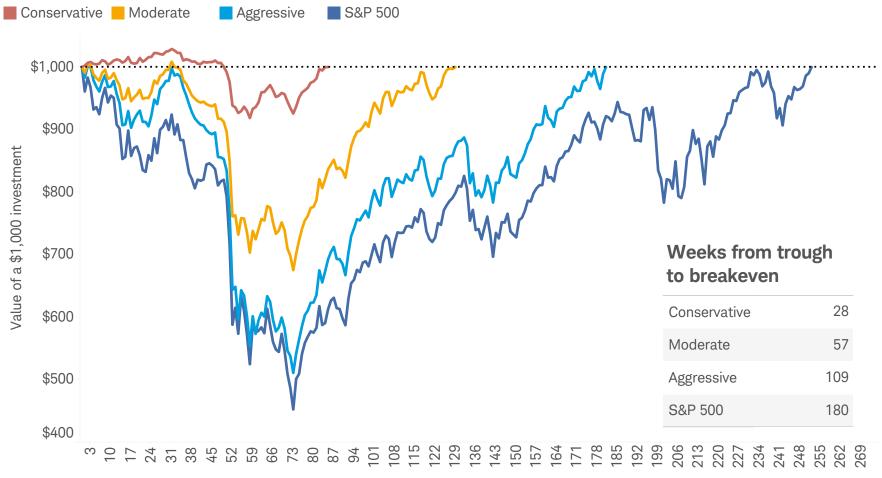
## Asset allocation helped with speed of recovery following the financial crisis

Time to breakeven starting October 13, 2007



Number of weeks since S&P 500 peak

Source: Schwab Center for Financial Research with data provided by Morningstar, Inc. The portfolios shown are Schwab 3.0 total return model portfolios with taxable bonds. The lines show the amount of weeks it took the portfolios to breakeven based on an initial \$1,000 investment, using the S&P 500 as the benchmark for the starting date. Some portfolios initially rose above \$1,000 after 10/13/2007 before dropping to their trough. Returns include reinvestment of dividends and interest. Indices are unmanaged, do not incur fees or expenses, and cannot be invested in directly. For additional information, please see Schwab.com/IndexDefinitions. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** Diversification strategies do not ensure a profit and do not protect against losses in declining markets.

## **Model Asset Allocation Disclosures**

## **Total Return with Taxable Bonds Model Allocation**

**Conservative:** 8% US stocks, 4% international stocks, 35% core bonds, 6% US inflation protected securities, 7% international developed country bonds, 7% US corporate high yield bonds, 3% international emerging markets bonds, and 30% cash investments.

**Moderate:** 24% US stocks, 21% international stocks, 25% core bonds, 1% US inflation protected securities, 5% international developed country bonds, 10% US corporate high yield bonds, 5% international emerging markets bonds, 4% commodities, and 5% cash investments.

Aggressive: 34% US stocks, 35% international stocks, 8% US corporate high yield bonds, 9% international emerging markets bonds, 9% commodities, and 5% cash investments.

The indices representing each asset class are S&P US BMI Index (US Stocks), S&P Global Ex US BMI Index (International Stocks), Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (Core Bonds), Bloomberg Inflation Protected Treasuries-TIPS (Series-L) Index (US Inflation Protected Bonds), Bloomberg Global Aggregate Ex US Index (International Developed Country Bonds), Bloomberg US VLI High Yield Index (US Corporate High Yield Bonds), Bloomberg Emerging Markets USD Aggregate Bond Index (International Emerging Market Bonds), S&P GSCI Index (Commodities), Bloomberg Short Treasury 1-3 Month Index (Cash).

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