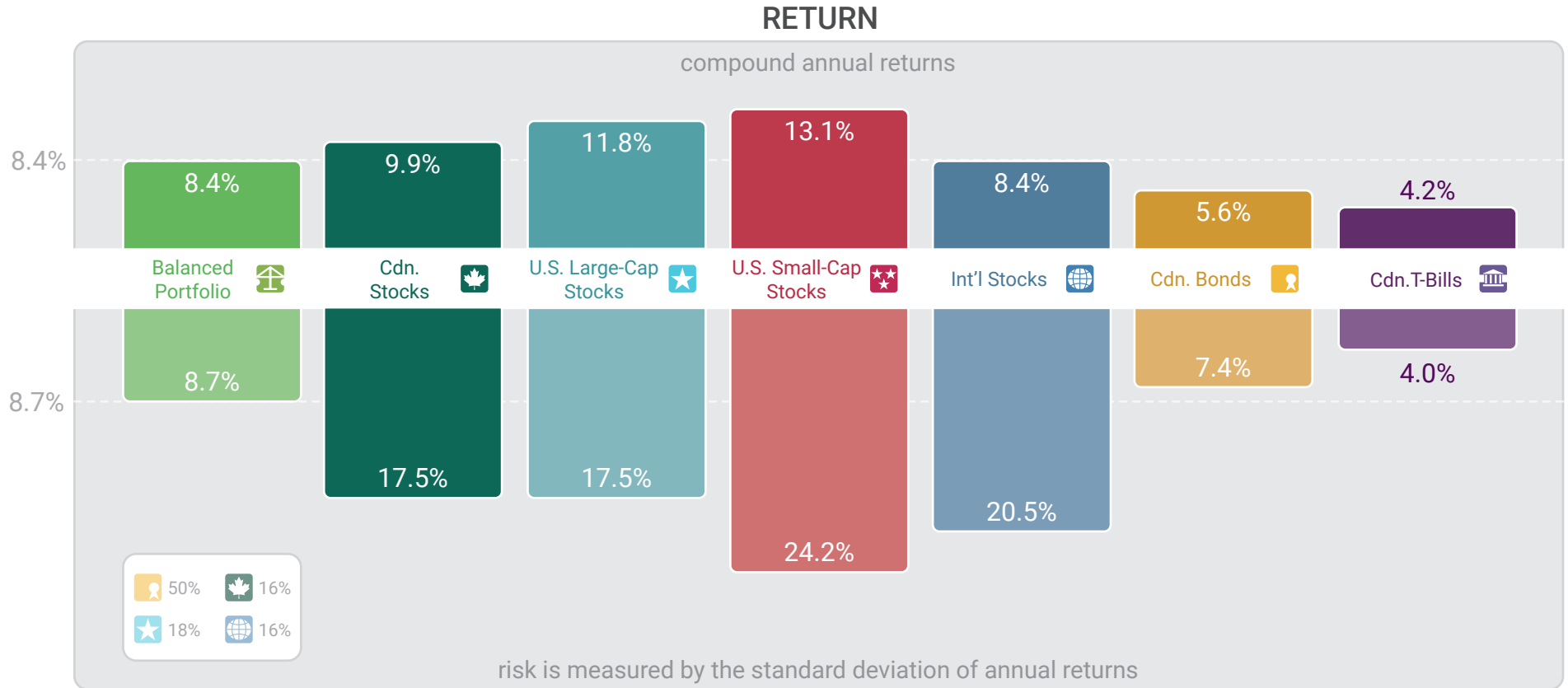


Diversification

Risk and return across asset classes, 1935 - Present



A balanced portfolio has historically offered a desirable risk-return profile.

Small stocks are more volatile than large stocks, and are thinly traded.

Int'l investments involve special risks - e.g. fluctuations in currency, foreign taxation, political & liquidity risks.

Gov. Bonds & T-Bills are guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the Cdn. government re: timely payment.

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