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# Investors' Risk Absorption: A strategic tool for investors' propensity to invest

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#### Abstract

If the financial product marketers can develop a set of psychological adjustments within the individual investors belonging to middle income groups, then they will be able to take financial risk for a comparative long time period with fair level of satisfaction towards the particular financial products (proposed as risk absorption in the present study). The above said psychology of investors may propel them to purchase more and more the financial product with moderate risk with an extended risk tolerance capacity, which can be strategized by the financial product marketers for their new similar financial products. In this context the research problem is "Can the risk absorption develops a propensity to invest of the individual investors in certain financial products?" This paper aims to study the factors of financial risk absorption among middle income group and the effect of riskabsorption on the propensity to invest of the individual investors in the financial market. Causative research design is followed in this study, where stratified random sampling method is adopted with a structured questionnaire to the sample size of 112. Data is analyzed through factor analysis to find the factors which explain financial risk absorption characteristics of individual investors and multiple linear regression is used to find out the effect of financial risk-absorption on investors' propensity to invest. This study resulted in exploration of distinct factors like financial risk tolerance, information sources, patience and self-confidence, ease of investment, decision taking capacity, liquidity etc., which reflects the 'financial risk absorption characteristics' of individual investors. The risk absorption has a significant positive impact on propensity to purchase certain financial product having moderate risk. The risk tolerance some time meets the saturation position after the value receipt or after the maturity of investment resulting in lack of focus on retaining the customers of financial products with moderate risk. But this paper focused on those characters of investors that lead to such a behaviour, which end in absorption of risk for a longer period with a continuous fair level of satisfaction.

**Key words:** Risk absorption, Propensity to invest, Individual investors, financial product.