

Module four: Strategic finance and investment insights

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In this module, we will learn the key essentials of financing and investment strategies designed to build your confidence and help beginners become confident property investors. This visual guide covers the essential topics for you to make informed decisions and gain valuable insights of property finance and investment strategies, including:

- Basics of property financing
- Different investment strategies (Long term, short term)
- Evaluating risk and return
- Tools and resources for financial analysis

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Mortgage types:

-  **Fixed rate mortgages** offer stable monthly payments with a constant interest rate throughout the loan term.
-  **Adjustable rate mortgages** feature interest rates that vary based on market conditions, offering potential savings or increased costs over time.

Tracker mortgages are tied to the Bank of England's base rate, adjusting with changes in this rate, offering flexibility for borrowers.

Discount mortgages provide a reduced interest rate for a set period, offering savings compared to the lender's standard variable rate during this time.

Important factors in property financing:

-  **Deposits:** A deposit is an upfront payment that reduces the loan amount, building equity and lowering risk for lenders.
-  **Loan to value (LTV) ratio:** The deposit influences the LTV ratio, showing loan risk. A larger deposit means a lower LTV, reducing borrowing costs and making loans less risky for lenders.

Different investment strategies

Long-term investment strategy ("buy and hold"):



- Acquire properties for extended periods, aiming for long-term capital gains.
- Provides steady rental income alongside potential capital appreciation.
- Considerations: Market fluctuations, economic uncertainties, property management and void tenancy periods and maintenance costs.
- Requires patience, careful property selection, and commitment to growth potential.

Short-term investment strategy ("value add"):

- Acquire, renovate/improve, and sell properties quickly for profit.
- Agile approach capitalises on market trends for rapid returns.
- Considerations: Accurate market analysis, effective project management, timely selling.
- Potential challenges include market volatility, unexpected renovation costs, and higher capital gains taxes.

Understanding both strategies essential for aligning with financial goals. Consider a hybrid approach for diversification. Informed investors navigate strategies to create balanced, resilient portfolios.

Deposit assistance programs:

-  **Help to buy equity loan:** Government lends up to 20% (40% in London) for new-build homes.
-  **Shared ownership:** Buy a share, pay rent on the rest, with the option to increase ownership over time.

Evaluating risk and return

- Understanding risks crucial for any decision, including investing.
- Risk-return relationship is essential in property investment.
- Identify and mitigate potential risks: market volatility, economic downturns, and unforeseen events.
- Comprehensive risk management plan includes diversification, due diligence, and market trend awareness.
- Set realistic return expectations based on thorough market analysis.
- Conservative approach advisable due to property market cyclicity and unforeseen challenges.
- Balanced approach vital for resilient portfolios. Diversify investments across different risk profiles.
- Manage risk while aiming for a stable, consistent path to financial goals.

Tools and resources for financial analysis

-  **Property purchase costs:** Total expenses including price, taxes, and closing costs.
-  **Financing terms:** Loan specifics like amount, interest rate, and repayment period.
-  **Potential rental income:** Estimated revenue from renting based on market rates.
-  **Operating expenses:** Ongoing costs like taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance.

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