Investors diversify their holdings because they are concerned with risk as well as return.

With this simple and powerful idea, Dr. Harry Markowitz revolutionized the world of finance and investing – and established diversification as a bedrock principle of any wise investment strategy. As the father of modern portfolio theory, Markowitz was the first to establish the importance of analyzing risk – and not just expected returns.

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