Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire

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Standard: Stock Market Attitude - Outcome Evaluation (1 Question)

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Standard: Intention to Behaviour / Intermittent Q.3 (3 Questions)

Standard: Closing & Re-Consent (1 Question)

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Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)						
Start of Block: Informed Consent						
Q1.1 Thank you for taking the time to participate in this research and welcome to the Research Project "Undergraduate students' intention to participate in the stock market" Please read the participant information outlined in the following section carefully and confirm your understanding and intention to participate in this survey!						
Please note that taking part in this research is entirely voluntary. You have the right to withdraw at any point during the study, for any reason, and without any prejudice.						
Q1.2 PARTICIPANT INFORMATION						
The detailed participant information was included in the invitation email and can be accessed by copying below link into your internet browser.						
https://1drv.ms/b/s!AgQ89v-hLGk6g6ENtUjUWu3DEZYGIg						
INFORMED CONSENT OF SURVEY PARTICIPANT						
In the context of my participation in this survey: 1. I confirm that I have read and understood the participant information in connection with this survey as outlined above. 2. I understand that my participation in this survey is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time and at any stage of pilot study completion without giving any reason. 3. I understand that data collected during this study will be processed in accordance with data protection law as explained in the participant information above. 4. I understand that the results of this study may be published and / or presented at meetings or academic conferences. I give my permission for my anonymous data, which does not identify me, to be disseminated in this way. PLEASE CLICK BELOW TO CONFIRM YOUR CONSENT:						

O I consent to the four informed consent statements above and I want to proceed with the survey.

Q1.3 EUR 15 Amazon Voucher:

As a **token of appreciation** for participating in the survey, the first 200 respondents to the survey will be entitled to receive a **EUR 15 Amazon voucher**. Among all other participants, there will be a random draw for another 100 vouchers of EUR 15 each. <u>Only duly completed</u> questionnaires will be considered.

If you would like to enter the draw to receive a EUR 15 Amazon voucher, please enter your **Reutlingen University Email-Address** here. Other Email-Addresses will not be accepted.

The Email-Address will solely be used to send the Amazon voucher to you, should you qualify for it. Under no circumstances, will your answers provided in the context of this survey be connected to an Email-Address provided here.

If you do not want to enter your Email-Address, simply leave the answer blank and proceed.

End of Block: Informed Consent

Start of Block: Background / Socio-Demographics

Q2.1 DEMOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

The following section contains a number of demographic background questions that are important for subsequent statistical data analysis of this research.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept completely confidential and will only be used in the context of this research study.

Q2	2.2 What is your age?
	O Under 18
	O 18 - 19
	O 20 - 21
	O 22 - 23
	O 24 - 25
	O 26 - 27
	O 28 - 29
	O 30 - 31
	○ 32 or older
-	
Q2	2.3 What is your sex?
	○ Male
	○ Female
	O Prefer not to say

Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English) Q2.4 What is your (principal) nationality? In case of multiple nationalities; please the state the nationality (country) that you associate yourself most with. O DE - Germany O AD - Andorra AE - United Arab Emirates AF - Afghanistan O AG - Antigua and Barbuda O AI - Anguilla O AL - Albania O AM - Armenia O AO - Angola O AQ - Antarctica AR - Argentina O AS - American Samoa O AT - Austria O AU - Australia O AW - Aruba AZ - Azerbaijan

BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina

BB - Barbados

O BD - Bangladesh

O BE - Belgium
O BF - Burkina Faso
O BG - Bulgaria
O BH - Bahrain
O BI - Burundi
O BJ - Benin
O BL - Saint Barthelemy
O BM - Bermuda
O BN - Brunei
O BO - Bolivia
O BR - Brazil
O BS - Bahamas, The
O BT - Bhutan
O BV - Bouvet Island
O BW - Botswana
O BY - Belarus
O BZ - Belize
O CA - Canada
CC - Cocos (Keeling) Islands
O CD - Congo, Democratic Republic of the
○ CF - Central African Republic

OG - Congo, Republic of the OH - Switzerland Ocl - Cote d'Ivoire OCK - Cook Islands OL - Chile OCM - Cameroon O CN - China O CO - Colombia OR - Costa Rica OCU - Cuba OCV - Cape Verde O CW - Curacao OCX - Christmas Island OCY - Cyprus OCZ - Czech Republic O DJ - Djibouti O DK - Denmark O DM - Dominica O DO - Dominican Republic O DZ - Algeria O EC - Ecuador

O EE - Estonia ○ EG - Egypt O EH - Western Sahara O ER - Eritrea O ES - Spain O ET - Ethiopia O FI - Finland O FJ - Fiji FK - Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas) O FM - Micronesia, Federated States of O FO - Faroe Islands O FR - France FX - France, Metropolitan OGA - Gabon GB - United Kingdom O GD - Grenada O GE - Georgia O GF - French Guiana OGG - Guernsey OGH - Ghana OGI - Gibraltar

O GL - Greenland			
○ GM - Gambia, The			
O GN - Guinea			
○ GP - Guadeloupe			
O GQ - Equatorial Guinea			
O GR - Greece			
O GS - South Georgia and the Islands			
○ GT - Guatemala			
O GU - Guam			
○ GW - Guinea-Bissau			
○ GY - Guyana			
O HK - Hong Kong			
O HM - Heard Island and McDonald Islands			
O HN - Honduras			
O HR - Croatia			
O HT - Haiti			
O HU - Hungary			
O ID - Indonesia			
○ IE - Ireland			
O IL - Israel			
O IM - Isle of Man			

O IN - India O IO - British Indian Ocean Territory O IQ - Iraq O IR - Iran O IS - Iceland O IT - Italy O JE - Jersey O JM - Jamaica O JO - Jordan O JP - Japan O KE - Kenya O KG - Kyrgyzstan O KH - Cambodia O KI - Kiribati O KM - Comoros O KN - Saint Kitts and Nevis O KP - Korea, North O KR - Korea, South O KW - Kuwait O KY - Cayman Islands O KZ - Kazakhstan

O LA - Laos
○ LB - Lebanon
O LC - Saint Lucia
O LI - Liechtenstein
O LK - Sri Lanka
O LR - Liberia
O LS - Lesotho
O LT - Lithuania
O LU - Luxembourg
O LV - Latvia
O LY - Libya
O MA - Morocco
O MC - Monaco
O MD - Moldova
O ME - Montenegro
O MF - Saint Martin
O MG - Madagascar
O MH - Marshall Islands
O MK - Macedonia
O ML - Mali
O MM - Burma

MN - Mongolia O MO - Macau O MP - Northern Mariana Islands O MQ - Martinique MR - Mauritania MS - Montserrat O MT - Malta O MU - Mauritius MV - Maldives MW - Malawi MX - Mexico MY - Malaysia O MZ - Mozambique NA - Namibia O NC - New Caledonia O NE - Niger O NF - Norfolk Island O NG - Nigeria O NI - Nicaragua NL - Netherlands O NO - Norway

O NP - Nepal
O NR - Nauru
O NU - Niue
O NZ - New Zealand
OM - Oman
O PA - Panama
O PE - Peru
O PF - French Polynesia
O PG - Papua New Guinea
O PH - Philippines
O PK - Pakistan
O PL - Poland
O PM - Saint Pierre and Miquelon
O PN - Pitcairn Islands
O PR - Puerto Rico
O PS - Gaza Strip
O PS - West Bank
O PT - Portugal
O PW - Palau
O PY - Paraguay
O QA - Qatar

O RE - Reunion O RO - Romania ORS - Serbia O RU - Russia RW - Rwanda O SA - Saudi Arabia O SB - Solomon Islands O SC - Seychelles O SD - Sudan O SE - Sweden O SG - Singapore O SH - Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha O SI - Slovenia SJ - Svalbard SK - Slovakia O SL - Sierra Leone O SM - San Marino O SN - Senegal O SO - Somalia O SR - Suriname O SS - South Sudan

O ST - Sao Tome and Principe SV - El Salvador O SX - Sint Maarten O SY - Syria O SZ - Swaziland O TC - Turks and Caicos Islands O TD - Chad O TF - French Southern and Antarctic Lands O TG - Togo O TH - Thailand O TJ - Tajikistan O TK - Tokelau O TL - Timor-Leste O TM - Turkmenistan O TN - Tunisia O TO - Tonga OTR - Turkey TT - Trinidad and Tobago O TV - Tuvalu O TW - Taiwan TZ - Tanzania

O UA - Ukraine O UG - Uganda UM - United States Minor Outlying Islands US - United States O UY - Uruguay UZ - Uzbekistan ○ VA - Holy See (Vatican City) O VC - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines ○ VE - Venezuela O VG - British Virgin Islands ○ VI - Virgin Islands O VN - Vietnam O VU - Vanuatu ○ WF - Wallis and Futuna ○ WS - Samoa XK - Kosovo O YE - Yemen O YT - Mayotte O ZA - South Africa O ZM - Zambia O ZW - Zimbabwe

○ Prefer not to say
Q2.5 In which study programme (bachelor degree programme) are you a student at Reutlingen University as of the Summer Semester 2019?
O Applied Chemistry Faculty - Applied Chemistry
O Applied Chemistry Faculty - Biomedical Sciences
O ESB Business School - International Business
ESB Business School - International Management
ESB Business School - International Operations and Logistics Management
ESB Business School - Production Management
Engineering Faculty - International Project Engineering
Engineering Faculty - Mechanical Engineering
Engineering Faculty - Mechatronics
O Informatics Faculty - Media and Communication Informatics
O Informatics Faculty - Business Informatics
O Informatics Faculty - Medical Technical Informatics
O Textiles & Design Faculty - International Fashion Retail
O Textiles & Design Faculty - Textile Design / Fashion Design
O Textiles & Design Faculty - Textile Technology - Textile Management
Textiles & Design Faculty - Transportation Interior Design
Other bachelor degree programme

Display This Question:
If Q2.5 = Other bachelor degree programme
Q2.6 You selected "Other bachelor degree programme" in the previous question. Please specify:
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Q2.7 Please state in which semester of your bachelor degree programme you are studying as of Summer Semester 2019.
Please state the semester level you reached of the study programme syllabus; not the total number of semesters you are studying.
O 1. Semester
O 2. Semester
O 3. Semester
O 4. Semester
○ 5. Semester
○ 6. Semester
O 7. Semester
○ 8. Semester

Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)						
Q2.8 Did you receive personal finance education <u>prior</u> to your university studies?						
This personal finance education may have been provided by an educational institution (e.g. High School), by a financial professional (e.g. Bank Advisor) or by parents & family.						
O Yes	○ Yes					
○ No						
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Display This Qi						
Q2.9 Who provided the personal finance education prior to your university studies?						
Multiple Ansv	vers allowed.					
	Educational Institution					
	Financial Professional (Bank advisor, financial advisor)					
	Parents					
	Family other than parents					
	Other					
Display This Q	uestion:					
If Q2.9 = C						
Q2.10 You selected "Other" in the previous question. Please specify:						
Display This Q	uestion:					
If Q2.8 = Yes						
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Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)					
Q2.11 Did the personal finance education you received cover subjects like:					
 function of financial assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, mutual funds); potential risks and returns of financial assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, mutual funds); the role of the stock market. 					
○ Yes					
○ No					
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Q2.12 Did you receive personal finance education during your university studies?					
○ Yes					
○ No					
Display This Question:					
If Q2.12 = Yes					
Q2.13 Did the personal finance education you received cover subjects like:					
 function of financial assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, mutual funds); potential risks and returns of financial assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, mutual funds); the role of the stock market. 					
○ Yes					
○ No					

Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)
Q2.14 Which of your parents (or legal guardians) predominantly handles money management matters (Banks, Insurances) in your family?
Father (Male legal guardian)
O Mother (Female legal guardian)
O Both parents (legal guardians) jointly
O Not applicable
Display This Question:
If Q2.14 = Not applicable
Q2.15 You selected "Not applicable" in the previous question. Please explain briefly:
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Q2.16 How would you assess the *knowledge of financial matters* of your parents (or legal guardians)?

	Excellent knowledge	Good knowledge	Average knowledge	Poor knowledge	Terrible knowledge	Not applicable
Father (male guardian)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mother (female guardian)	0	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	0

Display This Question:

If Q2.4 = DE - Germany

Or Q2.4 = AT - Austria

Or Q2.4 = CH - Switzerland



Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)
Q2.17 For the parent (legal guardian) that predominantly handles money management matters (Banks Insurances) in your family:
Please state the highest level of general school (secondary-) education obtained.
If you responded prior that both parents jointly handle money management matters, please answer for the parent (legal guardian) that has obtained the highest level of formal education.
No school leaving certificate
8th / 9th class certificate of secondary education ("Hauptschulabschluss")
10th class secondary school level I certificate ("Mittlere Reife")
Limited qualification for university entrance ("Fachabitur")
General qualification for university entrance ("Abitur")
O Not applicable

Display This Question:

If Q2.4 = DE - Germany
Or Q2.4 = AT - Austria
Or Q2.4 = CH - Switzerland



Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)
Q2.18 For the parent (legal guardian) that predominantly handles money management matters (Banks, Insurances):
Please state the highest level of <i>post-secondary education</i> obtained.
If you responded prior that both parents jointly handle money management matters, please answer for the parent (legal guardian) that has obtained the highest level of formal education.
○ None
O Vocational training ("Berufsausbildung")
Bachelor degree or Diploma University of Applied Sciences
Masters degree or University Diploma
O Doctorate / PhD
O Not applicable
Display This Question:
If Q2.4 != DE - Germany
And Q2.4 != AT - Austria
And Q2.4 != CH - Switzerland
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Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English)
Q2.19 For the parent (legal guardian) that predominantly handles money management matters (Banks Insurances) in your family:
Please state the highest level of education obtained.
If you responded prior that both parents jointly handle money management matters, please answer for the parent (legal guardian) that has obtained the highest level of formal education.
O No schooling completed
O Some high school, no diploma
High school graduate, diploma or equivalent
O Some college credit, no degree
Trade/technical/vocational training
Associate degree
O Bachelor's degree
O Master's degree
O Professional degree
O Doctorate degree
O Not applicable

Q2.20 Please state the living arrangements that apply to you at the time of this survey.
I live alone (only adult in household)
I live with my spouse/partner/significant other
○ I live in my parents' home
I live with other family, friends, or roommates.
O Prefer not to say
Q2.21 Please state your principal source of financial support during your university studies.
In case you have several sources of income, please state the principal source, i.e. that contributes the most to support you financially.
Own salary / wage (employment)
O Income from own business
Supported by parents and/or other relatives
○ Scholarship
Other principal source of financial support
O Prefer not to say
Display This Question:
If Q2.21 = Other principal source of financial support
Q2.22 You selected "Other principal source of financial support" in the previous question. Please specify:
End of Block: Background / Socio-Demographics

Start of Block: Background Factors / Stock Market Experience

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Q3.1 Do yo	· ·			vesting in	the stock m	narket (eithe	er by buyi	ng stocks
O Yes								
O No								
End of Blo	ck: Backgr	ound Fac	tors / Stoc	k Market I	Experience	9		
Start of Blo	ock: Intenti	on to Beh	naviour / in	termittent	Q.1			
Q4.1 Are yo	ou currently	invested i	n stocks ar	nd/or equity	/ mutual fui	nds?		
O Yes								
○ No								
Display This								
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Q4.2 I expe			and/or equ	ity mutual	funds as so	oon as my	personal	financial
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Definitely do	0	\circ	0	0	0	0	\circ	Definitely do not
Display This If Q4.1:								
X→								

Q4.3 Going forward, I expect to continue investing in stocks and/or equity mutual funds to the extent that my personal financial circumstances allow it.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Definitely do	0	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	0	0	Definitely do not

End of Block: Intention to Behaviour / intermittent Q.1

Start of Block: Background Factors / Character-based Questions

Q5.1 INDIVIDUAL BACKGROUND QUESTIONS

The following section contains a number of background questions that ask about your personal outlook and perception in terms of social interaction, risk tolerance and general views on money.

These questions are of a general nature and not specifically limited to stocks and stock markets only.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept completely confidential and will only be used in the context of this research study.

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Q5.2 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. In general, people can't be trusted.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. When dealing with strangers, it is better to be cautious before trusting them.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Nowadays you can't rely on anybody.	0	0	0		0		0

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Q5.3 During the past 12 months how often have you have engaged in:

	Almost every day	Several times a week	Several times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Once a year or less	Never
1. Giving or attending a party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. Entertaining people in your home	0	0	0	0	0	0	\circ
3. Visiting with friends	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
4. Doing volunteer work	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
5. Talking with or visiting your neighbors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Q5.4 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. I rarely count on good things happening to me.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2. I'm always optimistic about my future.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. In uncertain times, I usually expect the best.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4. If something can go wrong for me, it will.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Overall, I count on more good things to happen to me than bad things.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
6. I hardly ever count on things to go my way.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Q5.5 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not understand/ Do not want to answer
I find it more satisfying to spend money than to save it for the long term	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I tend to live for today and let tomorrow take care of itself	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Money is there to be spent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

End of Block: Background Factors / Character-based Questions

Start of Block: Background Factors / Risk-Aversion



Appendix C – Self-Completion Questionnaire (English) Q6.1 Suppose that you are the only income earner in the family, and you have a good job guaranteed to give your current (family) income every year for life. You are given the opportunity to take a new, equally good job, with a 50% chance it will double your (family) income and a 50% chance that it will cut your (family) income by a third. Would you take the new job? O Yes O No O Do not know Display This Question: If Q6.1 = Yes Q6.2 Suppose the chances were 50% that it would double your (family) income, and 50% that it would cut it in half. Would you take the new job? O Yes O No O Do not know Display This Question:

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If Q6.1 = No

Or Q6.1 = Do not know

Q6.3 Suppose the chances were 50% that it would double your (family) income and 50% that it would cut it by 20 percent.

Would you then take the new job?

Yes

No

Do not know

End of Block: Background Factors / Risk-Aversion

Start of Block: Perceived Behavioural Control / Subjective Financial Literacy

Q7.1 SELF ASSESSMENT OF FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

The following section contains a number of questions that ask you to assess you own financial knowledge and how you perceive your own ability to manage your personal finances as well as participate in the stock market.

Please read each question carefully and answer it to the best of your ability. There are no correct or incorrect responses; we are merely interested in your personal point of view.

Q7.2 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I believe that I currently possess the required knowledge and skills to succesfully invest in the stock market.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
If I really wanted to, I could successfully invest in the stock market.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
My investing in the stock market successfully is mainly up to me.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Q7.3 How would you assess your own financial knowledge concerning the following items:

	Excellent knowledge	Very Good knowledge	Good knowledge	Average knowledge	Poor knowledge	Terrible knowledge	No knowledge
overall financial knowledge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
required knowledge to manage your personal finances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
financial knowledge concerning investing in stock markets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
financial knowledge as it relates to financial products (bank products, insurances, financial markets products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)	0						

X→

Q7.4 How comfortable do you feel, to...

	Extremely comfortable	Moderately comfortable	Slightly comfortable	Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable	Slightly uncomfortable	Moderately uncomfortable	E und
manage your personal finances	0	0	0	0	0	0	
invest in the stock market	0	0	0	\circ	\circ	0	
choose and buy financial products (bank products, insurances, financial markets products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc.)							

Q7.5 How sure are you t	that:
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	Absolutely sure	Fairly sure	More or less sure	Not very sure	Not at all sure
success in investing in the stock market is in your control?	0	0	0	0	0
you have the required ability to invest successfully in the stock market?	0	0	0	0	

End of Block: Perceived Behavioural Control / Subjective Financial Literacy

Start of Block: Intention to Behaviour / intermittent Q.2

Display This Question:

If Q4.1 = No



Q8.1 I want to invest in stocks and/or equity mutual funds as soon as my personal financial circumstances allow it.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Extremely Likely	0	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	Extremely Unlikely

Display This Question:

If Q4.1 = Yes



Q8.2 I will continue to invest in stocks and/or equity mutual funds to the extent that my personal financial circumstances allow it.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Extremely Likely	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	0	Extremely Unlikely

End of Block: Intention to Behaviour / intermittent Q.2

Start of Block: Stock Market Attitude - Belief Strength

Q9.1 STOCK MARKET IMAGE AND STOCK MARKET ATTITUDE

The following section contains a number of questions and opinion statements that ask you to evaluate how you perceive the stock market and what your attitude to investing in the stock market is.

Some of the questions may appear to be similar but they do address somewhat different issues.

Please read each question carefully and answer it to the best of your ability. There are no correct or incorrect responses; we are merely interested in your personal point of view.

Q9.2 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

In case you do not understand a statement, please select "Do not understand the statement".

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not understand the statement
The stock market is corrupt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The stock market is rigged	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
The stock market is under- regulated	0	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	0	0
The stock market is harmful to society as a whole.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investing in the stock market is for suckers.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In their ongoing publicity efforts, publicly traded corporations commonly mislead investors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Use of insider information is common in the stock market	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Losses and gains in the stock	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\circ

market are just a matter of chance

Q9.3 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

In case you do not understand a statement, please select "Do not understand the statement".

m case you do r	Strongly	Agree	Somewhat	Neither agree	Somewhat	Disagree	Strongly	Do not understand
	agree	Agree	agree	nor disagree	disagree	Disagree	disagree	the statement
In general, financial services professionals (for example, bank advisors, financial planners, stock brokers) are trustworthy and honest to their clients	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In general, financial services professionals (for example, bank advisors, financial planners, stock brokers) have the best interests of clients in mind.	0	0			0	0	0	
In general, financial services professionals (for example, bank advisors, financial planners, stock brokers) provide good information to help make stock market investment decisions.	0	0						

Stock market regulators do a good job of safeguarding investor interests.	0	0	\circ	0	0	0	0	0
The financial information that publicly traded companies disclose is straightforward and honest.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Regulation of insider trading is effective.	0	\circ						
The stock market is fair for all investors	0	0	0	\circ	\circ	0	0	0
Stock market investors are adequately protected by antifraud and mandatory disclosure rules.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Q9.4 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

In case you do not understand a statement, please select "Do not understand the statement".

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not understand the statement
The stock market plays an important role in supporting the growth of the economy.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The stock market is a measuring stick of the health of the economy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The stock market has little relevance to real economic activity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
There are enough good quality investment opportunities in the stock market	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Q9.5 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

In case you do not understand a statement, please select "Do not understand the statement".

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not understand the statement
The greater financial risk is being out of the stock market rather than being in it.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The benefits of investing in the stock market outweigh the costs.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investing in the stock market is one of the safest investments an investor can make.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The stock market is sound.	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
The odds are in favor of the individual investor making money in the stock market.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
If one is serious about	0	0	0	0	\circ	0	0	\circ

building wealth, the stock market as an investment vehicle cannot be ignored.

Q9.6 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

In case you do not understand a statement, please select "Do not understand the statement".

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not understand the statement
The key to successful stock market investing is hot tips.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investing in the stock market is a way to make money easily and quickly.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
If you are smart, it is easy to pick individual stocks that will have better than average returns	0							

Q9.7 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

In case you do not understand a statement, please select "Do not understand the statement".

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Do not understand the statement
The stock market is controlled by large (institutional) investors.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Only highly skilled investors can consistently make money in the stock market	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
It is difficult for small investors to make money in the stock market.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

End of Block: Stock Market Attitude - Belief Strength

Start of Block: Stock Market Attitude - Outcome Evaluation



Q10.1 When thinking about the *following aspects of the stock market*, I consider **personally investing** in the stock market to be:

	Extremely desirable	Desirable	Somewhat desirable	Neither desirable nor undesirable	Somewhat undesirable	Undesirable	Strongly undesirable
Morality of the Stock Market	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stock Market Regulation	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Professional Financial Advice available to me	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stock Market Wealth Creation Potential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Possibility to quickly make or lose money	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Risk and Rewards	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Fairness of the stock market towards small investors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

End of Block: Stock Market Attitude - Outcome Evaluation

Start of Block: Stock Market Attitude - Semantic Differential



Q11.1 I personally consider the stock market to be:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Wealth creating	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Wealth destroying
an opportunity for private investors	0	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	0	a money- losing trap for private investors
moral	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	immoral
regulated	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	unregulated
fair	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	unfair
beneficial to the economy	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	0	0	0	harmful to the economy
beneficial to society	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	harmful to society
promoting wealth equality in society	0	\circ	0	0	\circ	\circ	0	promoting wealth inequality in society

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
simple	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	complex (Knowledge- intensive)
long- term	0	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	0	short-term
ethical	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	unethical
investing	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	gambling
Rewards outweigh Risks	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	Risks outweigh Rewards

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Q11.3 I consider investing in the stock market for *my future* to be:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
opportunity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	bad luck
valuable	\circ	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	\circ	worthless
beneficial	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	harmful
risky	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	safe

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Q11.4 I personally consider financial services professionals - and the advice that they offer - to
be:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
honest	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	dishonest
competent	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	incompetent
selfless (focused on my best interests)	0	0	0	0	0	0	\circ	self-serving

End of Block: Stock Market Attitude - Semantic Differential

Start of Block: Perceived Norm

Q12.1 CONSIDERATION OF SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

The following section contains a number of questions and opinion statements enquiring your beliefs about *how other people in your social environment view the stock market*.

Some of the questions may appear to be similar but they do address somewhat different issues.

Please read each question carefully and answer it to the best of your ability. There are no correct or incorrect responses; we are merely interested in your personal point of view.



Q12.2 Please indicate whether you believe that the following persons would approve or disapprove that *you personally invest* in stocks and/or mutual funds. (left section of below table)

Please indicate also to what degree *you value their opinion in this specific matter*. (middle section of below table)

If a person listed is NOT applicable to you; please mark "NOT Applicable" (e.g. if you do not have a brother or sister; mark "NOT Applicable" to the category "Siblings")

What people think about you personally investing in the

Your consideration of the person's

		stock mark	opinion in the context of stock market investments:					
Strongly approve	Approve	Neither approve nor disapprove	Disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Highly value	Value	Somewhat value	Do not value

0	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	\circ
0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
0	0	\circ	\circ	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	0	\circ
0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Q12.3 Indicate to what extent you believe that the following persons invest *themselves* in stocks and/or mutual funds.

If a person listed is NOT applicable to you; please mark "NOT Applicable" (e.g. if you do not have a brother or sister; mark "NOT Applicable" to the category "Siblings")

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Might or might not	Probably not	Definitely not	NOT Applicable
Parents (legal guardians)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siblings (e.g. brothers or sisters)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partner (e.g. spouse; boy- or girlfriend)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educators (e.g. teachers or professors)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Best friend	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Social peers (colleagues / fellow students / friends)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial services professional (e.g. bank advisor)	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Q12.4 During the last 12 months, how frequently did you discuss financial topics in general (not only restricted to stocks and stock market investments) with the following persons?

If a person listed is NOT applicable to you; please mark "NOT Applicable" (e.g. if you do not have a brother or sister; mark "NOT Applicable" to the category "Siblings")

	Almost daily	Several times a week	Several times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Once a year or less	Never	NOT Applicable
Father (male guardian)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mother (female guardian)	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ
Siblings (e.g. brothers or sisters)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partner (e.g. spouse; boy- or girlfriend)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Best friend	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Social peers (colleagues / fellow students / friends)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial services professional (e.g. bank advisor)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Q12.5 During the last 12 months, how frequently did you discuss financial topics specifically relating to stocks, mutual funds and/or stock markets with the following persons?

If a person listed is NOT applicable to you; please mark "NOT Applicable" (e.g. if you do not have a brother or sister; mark "NOT Applicable" to the category "Siblings")

	Almost daily	Several times a week	Several times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Once a year or less	Never	NOT Applicable
Father (male guardian)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mother (female guardian)	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ
Siblings (e.g. brothers or sisters)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Partner (e.g. spouse; boy- or girlfriend)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Best friend	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Social peers (colleagues / fellow students / friends)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial services professional (e.g. bank advisor)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

End of Block: Perceived Norm

Start of Block: Actual Control / Objective Financial Literacy

Q13.1 FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

The following section contains a number of multiple-choice knowledge questions of general

Appendix C – Seil-Completion Questionnaire (English)
finance concepts as well as more specific stock market concepts.
Please read each question carefully and answer it to the best of your ability.
Please do not guess : if you do not know the answer; please select "Do not know" or "Do not want to answer".
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Q13.2 Suppose you had EUR 100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?
O More than EUR 102
O Exactly EUR 102
O Less than EUR 102
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
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Q13.3 Suppose you had EUR 100 in a savings account and the interest rate is 20% per year and you never withdraw money or interest payments. After 5 years, how much would you have on this account in total?
○ More than EUR 200
O Exactly EUR 200
O Less than EUR 200
O Do not know / Do not want to answer

Q13.4 Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?
O More than today
○ Exactly the same
○ Less than today
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
X^{\rightarrow}
Q13.5 Assume a friend inherits EUR 10,000 today and his sibling inherits EUR 10,000 3 years from now. Who is richer because of the inheritance?
O My friend
O His sibling
O They are equally rich
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
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Q13.6 Suppose that in the year 2025, your income has doubled and prices of all goods have doubled too. In 2025, how much will you be able to buy with your income?
O More than today
○ The same
○ Less than today
O Do not know / Do not want to answer

Q13.7 Which of the following statements describes the main function of the stock market?	
The stock market helps to predict stock earnings	
The stock market results in an increase in the price of stocks	
 The stock market brings people who want to buy stocks together with those who want t sell stocks 	Ю
O None of the above	
O Do not know / Do not want to answer	
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Q13.8 Which of the following statements is correct?	
If somebody buys the <u>stock</u> of firm B in the stock market:	
○ He owns a part of firm B	
○ He has lent money to firm B	
○ He is liable for firm B's debts	
O None of the above	
O Do not know / Do not want to answer	

Q13.9 Which of the following statements is correct?
Once one invests in a mutual fund, one cannot withdraw the money in the first year
O Mutual funds can invest in several assets, for example invest in both stocks and bonds
O Mutual funds pay a guaranteed rate of return which depends on their past performance
O None of the above
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
$X \rightarrow$
Q13.10 Which of the following statements is correct?
If somebody buys a <u>bond</u> of firm B:
O He owns a part of firm B
○ He has lent money to firm B
O He is liable for firm B's debts
O None of the above
O Do not know / Do not want to answer

Q13.11 Considering a long time period (for example 10 or 20 years), which asset normally gives the highest return?
○ Savings account
O Bonds
○ Stocks
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
$X \rightarrow$
Q13.12 Normally, which asset displays the highest fluctuations over time?
○ Savings account
O Bonds
○ Stocks
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
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Q13.13 When an investor spreads his money among different assets, does the risk of losing money:
○ Increase
O Decrease
O Stay the same
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
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Q13.14 If you buy a 10-year bond, it means you cannot sell it after 5 years without incurring a major penalty.
True or false?
○ True
○ False
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
$X \rightarrow$
Q13.15 Stocks are normally riskier than bonds.
True or false?
○ True
○ False
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
$X \rightarrow$
Q13.16 Buying a company stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.
True or false?
○ True
○ False
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
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Q13.17 If the interest rate falls, what should happen to bond prices?
○ Rise
○ Fall
O Stay the same
O None of the above
O Do not know / Do not want to answer
Q13.18 A mutual fund combines the money of many investors to buy a variety of stocks, not a single stock.
True or false?
○ True
○ False○ Do not know / Do not want to answer
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Q13.19 If you were to invest EUR 1'000 in a stock mutual fund, it would be possible to have less than EUR 1'000 when you withdraw your money.
True or false?
○ True
○ False
O Do not know / Do not want to answer

End of Block: Actual Control / Objective Financial Literacy

Start of Block: Intention to Behaviour / Intermittent Q.3 Display This Question: If Q4.1 = No Q14.1 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: Neither Strongly Somewhat Somewhat Strongly agree Agree Disagree agree agree nor disagree disagree disagree I intend to invest in stocks and/or equity mutual funds as soon as my personal financial circumstances allow it. Display This Question:

If Q4.1 = Yes



Q14.2 Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I intend continue investing in stocks and/or equity mutual funds to the extent that my personal financial circumstances allow it.	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Q14.3 To what extent does each of the following objectives describe your motivation for investing in the stock market?

	Definitely yes	Probably yes	Might or might not	Probably not	Definitely not
Acquiring a higher expected return than on a savings account	0	0	0	0	0
Fascination with the stock market	0	\circ	0	\circ	0
Achieving financial independence (e.g. being able to stop or reduce working at an earlier age)	0	0		0	0
Trying to profit from short-term developments in the stock market	0	0		0	

End of Block: Intention to Behaviour / Intermittent Q.3

Start of Block: Closing & Re-Consent



Q15.1

You have successfully concluded the survey. Thank you very much for bearing with us!

Please confirm that you are comfortable that your **anonymised answers** will be collated for analysis and subsequent publication.

I understand that the results of this study may be published and / or presented at
meetings or academic conferences. I give my permission for my anonymous data, which
does not identify me, to be disseminated in this way.

End of Block: Closing & Re-Consent