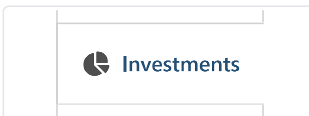
Investments

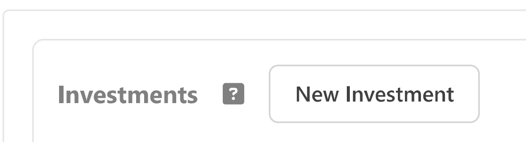
The **Investments** tab in Manager serves as a dedicated area where you can record, monitor, and manage all your financial investments. This feature provides a comprehensive view of your investment portfolio and tracks its performance over time.



Creating a New Investment

To create a new investment:

1. Navigate to the **Investments** tab.
2. Click the **New Investment** button.



Investments in the Chart of Accounts

Once you have created one or more investments, Manager automatically adds two essential accounts to your **Chart of Accounts**:

- **Investments**: This asset account appears on your *Balance Sheet* and records the value of your investments.
- **Investment gains (losses)**: This income account is added to your *Profit and Loss Statement* and captures the gains or losses on investments.

The **Investments** account represents the market value of your investments based on the market prices you enter under *Investment Market Prices*. For more information, see Investment Market Prices. The difference between the market value of your investments and their cost price is posted to the **Investment gains (losses)** account.

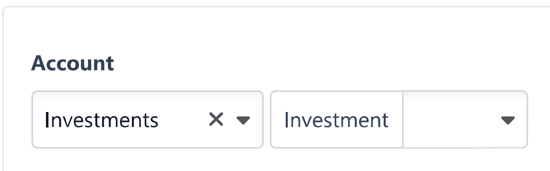
The **Investment gains (losses)** account combines both realized and unrealized gains. To view your realized and unrealized gains separately, refer to the **Realized investment gains**

(losses) report under the **Reports** tab.

Purchasing an Investment

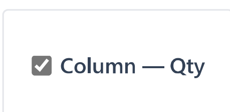
To purchase an investment:

1. Navigate to the **Payments** tab.
2. Click the **New Payment** button to record a new payment.
3. In the **Account** field, select the **Investments** account.
4. Choose the investment you have purchased from the dropdown list.
5. Enter the quantity and amount of the investment.



Note: If the **Qty** (Quantity) column is not visible:

1. Click the **Columns** button at the top-right corner of the form.
2. Ensure the **Qty** checkbox is checked to display the quantity column.



Selling an Investment

To sell an investment:

1. Record a new transaction (e.g., **New Receipt** in the **Receipts** tab).
2. In the **Account** field, select the **Investments** account.
3. Choose the investment you have sold.
4. Enter the quantity and amount accordingly.

The process for selling an investment mirrors that of purchasing one. Ensure you accurately record the quantity and value to reflect your investment activity correctly.

Investments Tab Columns

The **Investments** tab features the following columns:

Code

The unique code assigned to the investment for identification purposes.

Name

The name of the investment.

Control Account

The name of the control account to which the investment belongs. If you are not using a custom control account, this column displays **Investments** by default.

Qty

Displays the number of units you own of the investment.

Market Price

Shows the current market price per unit of the investment. For more details, see **Investment Market Prices**.

Market Value

Calculated by multiplying the **Market Price** by the **Qty**. This represents the current worth of your investment in the market.

Investments and Foreign Currencies

Many investments are traded on foreign currency markets. In Manager, all investments, regardless of the market they are traded on, are denominated in your base currency. An investment itself is not considered a foreign currency.

While an investment can be traded on a market denominated in a foreign currency, investments can also be traded on multiple markets across different currencies simultaneously (such as dual-listed companies, futures contracts, commodities, precious metals, etc.).

When a foreign currency weakens, the price of the investment typically rises to compensate for the foreign exchange loss, maintaining equilibrium. Conversely, the value of an investment could be rising in foreign currency terms but remain flat relative to your base currency. For this reason, the performance of investments is always tracked in your base currency within Manager.

By utilizing the **Investments** tab effectively, you can maintain an accurate and detailed record of your investment portfolio within Manager, ensuring you have the insights needed to make informed financial decisions.