

GENERAL LOGIC FRAMEWORK – ARMSTRONG CAPITAL

1. Client Personal Details

Personal Information Capture

Input Fields:

- Client Name
 - Date of Birth (DOB)
 - Desired Retirement Age (*default to 55 if not provided*)
 - Spouse Name
 - Number of Children
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Investment Horizon Classification

Logic:

- Calculate years until retirement:
Retirement Age - Current Age
- For children's education goals (if age is provided), calculate:
Expected Education Age - Current Age of Child

Classification Rules:

- If time to goal is **> 5 years** → **Long-Term**
 - If time to goal is **3–5 years** → **Medium-Term**
 - If time to goal is **< 3 years** → **Short-Term**
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Risk Appetite Assessment

Step 1: Equity Exposure Check

- If current assets include **Direct Equity**, **Equity MFs**, or other equity instruments → **Equity Exposure = Yes**
- Else → **Equity Exposure = No**

Step 2: Time to Retirement

- If **Years to Retirement < 5**:
 - If **Equity Exposure = Yes** → **Risk Appetite = Medium**
 - If **Equity Exposure = No** → **Risk Appetite = Low**
- If **Years to Retirement ≥ 5**:
 - If **Equity Exposure = Yes** → **Risk Appetite = Medium to High**
 - If **Equity Exposure = No** → **Risk Appetite = Medium**

Goal Identification

Logic:

- If user has specified goals → Use **user-defined goals**
 - Else → Automatically assign:
 - **Retirement Planning** (based on retirement age or default age 55)
 - **Children's Education** (if children present and age-appropriate)
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2. Current Assets & Liabilities

1. Current Assets Summary (Visualization)

Objective: Display each current asset's proportion in a **pie chart** and show **total asset value** below.

Inputs (Sample Categories):

- Bank Balance / Cash
- Fixed Deposits
- Mutual Funds (Equity / Debt)
- Direct Equity
- Bonds
- Real Estate
- Provident Fund (PF)
- Public Provident Fund (PPF)
- National Pension Scheme (NPS)
- Gold
- Other investments

Logic:

- Calculate total asset value:
Total = Sum of all individual assets
- For each asset:
 - $\% = (\text{Asset Value} / \text{Total}) \times 100$
- Plot pie chart with:
 - Asset categories as segments
 - Percentage labels

Below Pie Chart Display:

- Total Assets: ₹<Total Value> (formatted in lakhs or crores)
- If liability is present Subtract it and show the net worth post that.

3. Current Asset Classification Sheet

Objective: Classify assets into three buckets:

A. **Liquid Assets** (*Accessible financial assets*)

Includes:

- Bank Balance / Cash
- Fixed Deposits
- Mutual Funds (Equity/Debt)
- Direct Equity
- Bonds
- Gold
- Other Market-linked Assets

B. Retirement Assets

Includes:

- Provident Fund (PF)
- Public Provident Fund (PPF)
- National Pension Scheme (NPS)

C. Fixed Assets

Includes:

- Real Estate
- Land
- Property

Logic:

- Read asset types and classify into the respective bucket
- Sum values under each category
- Display output as a table or stacked bar chart with:
 - Category Name
 - Total Value
 - % of Total Assets

4. Loan Pre-payment analysis – (If its present)

Step 1: Evaluate All Existing Loans

Before focusing on the home loan, review the client's full debt profile:

- **List all active loans:** Home loan, car loan, personal loan, credit card debt, etc.
- **Compare interest rates:**
 - Personal loans and credit cards often carry the **highest interest rates**.
 - Car loans generally come with **moderate interest rates** and no tax benefits.
 - Home loans usually have the **lowest rates**, with added **tax deductions**.

Debt Repayment Strategy:

1. **Close highest-interest loans first**, unless early closure incurs heavy penalties.
2. **If liquidity is tight**, consider refinancing high-cost loans.
3. Use **debt snowball (lowest balance first)** or **avalanche (highest interest first)** based on behavioural or financial preferences.

Example: If the client holds a personal loan at 14% and a home loan at 8%, personal loan closure should take priority unless the liquidity is specifically earmarked for home loan prepayment.

Step 2: Check for Liquidity Constraints

- If **EMI burden > 50%** of net monthly inflows, avoid increasing EMI or committing to large lump-sum prepayments.
- Ensure surplus availability for:
 - **Essential living expenses**
 - **Emergency fund**
 - **High-priority goals** (retirement, children's education)

Consider a **SIP toward prepayment** or staggered partial payments only **after funding priority goals**.

Step 3: Evaluate Existing Liquid Assets

- If the client holds **low-yielding instruments** (e.g., FDs, liquid funds, idle savings):
 - Use part of these assets to **prepay the costliest loan** (based on Step 1).
 - Reinvest EMI savings into **higher-return investments**.
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Step 4: Prioritize Home Loan Prepayment (if applicable)

Assess Based on EMI Composition

- In **early years**, the **interest portion is higher**, making prepayment more effective.
- In **later years**, when the **principal dominates**, the benefit is limited.

Assess Based on Tax Benefits

Section	Deduction Type	Max Limit	Notes
24(b)	Interest Paid	₹2,00,000	Only for self-occupied homes
80C	Principal Repaid	₹1,50,000	Shared with other 80C items

Avoid over-prepaying if it leads to **underutilization of deductions** under 80C and 24(b).

Step 5: Prepayment Strategy Options

- **Lump Sum Prepayment:** From bonuses, maturing policies, or FDs.

- **SIP Toward Prepayment:** Invest surplus monthly in equity/hybrid funds to build a corpus for future prepayment.
 - **EMI Top-up:** Only if EMI is $\leq 30\%$ of net income and goals are well-funded.
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Final Decision Framework

Ask these key questions:

- **Is a liquidity cushion in place?**
- **Are high-cost loans already closed or being addressed?**
- **Are financial goals fully funded or at risk?**
- **What is the effective return on investments vs. interest saved by prepaying?**
- **Will prepayment reduce tax benefits significantly?**
- **Can a hybrid strategy (partial prepay + invest) optimize both risk and return?**

Recommendation: Run a **scenario analysis** comparing:

- Full prepayment
- Full investment
- Partial prepayment + continued investing
to determine the **optimal financial outcome**.

5. Goal Input Sources

Goal Types:

- **Retirement:** Based on client input or assume retirement at age **55**
 - **Education:**
 - **Undergraduate (UG)** → Default at **Child's Age 18**
 - **Postgraduate (PG)** → Default at **Child's Age 22**
 - **Other Goals:** As explicitly specified by the client (e.g., Home Purchase, Car, Vacation, Marriage, etc.)
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2. Goal Details Captured per Entry

Each goal entry should include:

- **Goal Name** (e.g., Retirement, UG for Child 1, PG for Child 2, Home Purchase)
 - **Target Year** (calculated)
 - **Time Remaining (Years)** = Target Year – Current Year
 - **Estimated Cost (optional)** – If input is available
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3. Goal Target Year Calculation

Retirement Goal:

Target Year = Current Year + (Retirement Age – Current Age)

Education Goals:

For each child:

- UG Goal Year = Current Year + (18 – Child's Age)
- PG Goal Year = Current Year + (22 – Child's Age)

Other Goals:

- Use client's provided year or calculate using time to goal.

4. Goal Sorting Logic

- Sort all goals by **Target Year (ascending order)**
- In case of same year, maintain order: **Education** → **Retirement** → **Others**

6. Current Financial Health

To assess the client's current financial health across the following dimensions:

- Liquidity
- Flexibility
- Asset Allocation (vs. ideal benchmarks)
- Goal Feasibility (based on Retirement & Education needs)
- Savings Adequacy
- Spending Behaviour

Even though this sheet comes earlier in the plan, it must **reference calculations from later sheets**, especially **retirement and education goal feasibility**.

2. Key Parameters and Logic

A. *Liquidity Ratio*

- **Formula:**
 $\text{Liquid Assets} / \text{Total Assets}$
- **Red Flag if:**
< 10–15% → Suggests illiquidity

B. *Real Estate + Low Yield Exposure*

- Combine:
 - Real Estate
 - LIC Policies
 - FDs
- **Formula:**
 $(\text{Low Yield Assets} / \text{Total Assets}) \times 100$
- **Red Flag if:**
> 50% → Overweight in illiquid/low-return assets

C. *Flexibility*

- If majority of assets are in fixed income + real estate → Low flexibility
- If substantial assets in market-linked or redeemable products → Medium to High flexibility

Classification:

- **High:** >30% in market-linked/liquid
- **Medium:** 15–30%
- **Low:** <15%

D. Goal Feasibility Reference (from Retirement/Education Sheets)

- Use gap between **goal corpus required** and **corpus available + projected savings**

Logic:

- **Feasibility Rating:**
 - **Feasible:** Gap $\leq 10\%$
 - **Stretch:** Gap between 10–30%
 - **Unrealistic:** Gap $> 30\%$

E. Savings Gap Analysis

- If current savings rate is **inadequate** to meet retirement/education goals:
 - Show required increase:
Required Monthly Savings – Current Monthly Savings
 - **Red Flag if:** required increase $> 50\%$

F. Spending Behaviour

- **Savings Ratio = Savings / Income**
 - **Red Flag if:**
 - Savings $< 20\%$ for age < 40
 - Savings $< 30\%$ for age ≥ 40
 - OR if **expenses consume more than 70% of income**
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3. Output: Financial Health Summary

Parameter	Value / Diagnosis	Remark / Actionable
Liquidity Ratio	6% → Low Liquidity	Improve emergency corpus
Real Estate Allocation	65% → High	Diversify portfolio
Flexibility	Low	Switch to more flexible assets
Retirement Goal Gap	35% → Unrealistic	Increase savings or delay retirement
Education Goal Feasibility Stretch		Start SIPs in long-term funds
Savings Gap	Needs 2× current saving rate	Review expenses or income sources
Spending Behaviour	75% income spent → High Spending Track and reduce lifestyle inflation	

Combine all these parameters and draft a paragraph mentioning key areas for improvement.

Educational planning

1. Determine “Years Left” for Each Child’s Education

UG Default Age = 18

PG Default Age = 22

Years Left = UG/PG Year – Child’s Current Age

2. Define Education Type (Domestic vs International)

► *Years Left < 5 (Near-Term Goals)*

- Check if **financial assets** \geq ₹2 Cr
- If **yes**, suggest **foreign education** (US/UK)
- If **no**, suggest **domestic UG/PG**

► *Years Left \geq 5 (Long-Term Goals)*

- **Net worth** < ₹2 Cr → Default: **UG domestic, PG domestic**
- **Net worth** \geq ₹2 Cr → UG domestic, PG international (US/UK)

Exception: If there is a substantial **retirement goal gap**, even PG international is deprioritized.

3. Choose the Cost Base

◇ *International UG/PG (US/UK)*

- Use **average of top 10 engineering/MBBS colleges** (depending on input)
 - UG Engineering (default)
 - PG MBA or Masters in Tech
 - MBBS only if specifically mentioned
- Use 6–8% **annual inflation** to project **future cost**
- Example:
$$\text{Future Cost} = \text{Current Cost} \times (1 + \text{Inflation Rate})^{\text{Years Left}}$$

◇ *Domestic UG/PG*

- Use **average of top 20 Indian colleges (IITs, NITs, top private)**
 - Apply **education inflation (~9-10%)** to get future value
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4. Evaluate Existing Education Savings

If education savings exist (e.g., SIPs, Sukanya, policies):

- Net Future Value (FV) of these investments
- Subtract from estimated **future cost**
- Remainder = **Additional savings needed**

Prioritization Logic:

- **Years Left < 5** → Use **current assets first**
 - **Years Left ≥ 5** → Split across:
 - Future savings (through SIPs)
 - Step-up savings
 - Minimal draw from current corpus if flexibility is low
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5. Retirement Cross-Check

If there’s a **gap in retirement goal**:

- Deprioritize **foreign PG**
 - Focus on **UG + Retirement first**
 - Mark **PG as aspirational goal** and display gap
 - Suggest revisiting after income or savings rise
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Step-Up Savings Logic Framework

Age Group	Max Step-Up Rate	Notes
30–40	Up to 15%	High income growth potential
40–50	Up to 10%	Moderate step-up possible
>50	Up to 5%	Low flexibility due to nearing retirement