

# History may be a guide

### **Historical perspective**

## 6-year periods

Let's check out how these indices have performed historically. Here, we see returns of 6-year periods on a rolling monthly basis (e.g., Jan–Jan, Feb–Feb) and how frequently losses have occurred. The protective buffer is available up to -30%, and stays at a constant level for the 6-year duration.

For instance, if there's a -10% buffer and the given index declines by 8% during the time period, then the investment would be completely protected. If the index were to decline by 12%, the investment would incur only a 2% loss.<sup>1</sup>

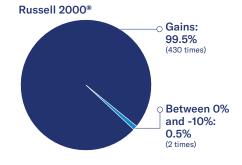
# About Structured Capital Strategies PLUS®

Structured Capital Strategies PLUS® is a tax-deferred variable annuity that offers you a way to save for retirement with a straightforward path through the ups and downs of the investment world. It's designed to help you protect against some loss and take advantage of market upside that tracks well-known benchmark indices, up to a performance cap.

#### Historical 6-year index returns January 1980-December 2021

Performance between 0% and -10%







Average return <sup>3</sup>	74.5%
Total gains & losses	432
Number of gains	389
Number of losses	43

Average return <sup>3</sup>	66.1%
Total gains & losses	432
Number of gains	430
Number of losses	2

Average return <sup>3</sup>	64.4%
Total gains & losses	432
Number of gains	349
Number of losses	83

# % of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

-10% Segment Buffer	97.5%
-20% Segment Buffer	100%
-30% Segment Buffer	100%

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-10% Segment Buffer	89.1%
-20% Segment Buffer	92.6%
-30% Segment Buffer	100%

Please note that due to spacing constraints, the index names in the chart above may have been abbreviated. For full index names, please refer to the next page.

Some things to consider

- The largest 6-year loss in the S&P 500 Index dating back to 1980 was 15.04% (month ending December 2005).
- The largest 6-year loss in the Russell 2000® Index dating back to 1980 was 3.54% (month ending September 2011).
- The largest 6-year loss in the MSCI EAFE ETF dating back to 1980 was 28.84% (month ending June 2013).

Variable Annuities: • Are Not a Deposit of Any Bank • Are Not FDIC Insured • Are Not Insured by Any Federal Government Agency • Are Not Guaranteed by Any Bank or Savings Association • May Go Down in Value

1 For Dual Direction Segments, the Segment Rate of Return is equal to the absolute value of the index performance rate for that Segment if the index performance rate is between the Performance Cap Rate and the Segment Buffer, inclusive of both.

## 1-year periods

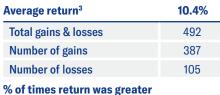
Another option available is to measure performance over a 1-year period. To see how these indices have performed historically, the charts below show returns of 1-year periods on a rolling monthly

basis (e.g., Jan-Jan, Feb-Feb) and how frequently losses have occurred during various time periods. The protective buffer is available at -10% and stays at a constant level for the 1-year period.

#### Historical 1-year index returns January 1980-December 2021

Performance between 0% and -10%





# than Segment Buffer



Average return <sup>3</sup>	11%
Total gains & losses	492
Number of gains	349
Number of losses	143
% of times return was greater	

than Segment Buffer	
-10% Segment Buffer	84.6%

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Average return <sup>3</sup>	<b>8.2</b> %
Total gains & losses	492
Number of gains	319
Number of losses	173
% of times return was greater	

than Segment Buffer	
-10% Segment Buffer	81.5%

All periods mentioned above are rolling monthly periods. A rolling monthly period is defined as month-start to month-end over the duration shown. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results. For illustrative purposes only. This data does not represent the performance of any specific investment.

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- Data based on the inception of the MSCI EAFE ETF from September 2002-December 2021. Historical data prior to 2002 is based on the underlying benchmark index MSCI EAFE Price Return Index. This reflects a typical return for Standard Segments, Annual Lock Segments and Step Up Segments linked to MSCI EAFE ETF.
- Average return A simple average of a series of returns generated over a given period of time. Returns are price return only and exclude dividends.

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