

# 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 -20%, 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>

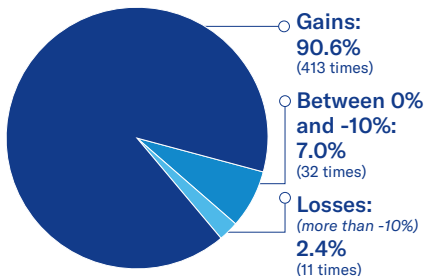
### About Structured Capital Strategies PLUS<sup>®</sup>

Structured Capital Strategies PLUS<sup>®</sup> is a tax-deferred variable annuity that offers you a way to save for retirement 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 2023

Performance between 0% and -10%

#### S&P 500



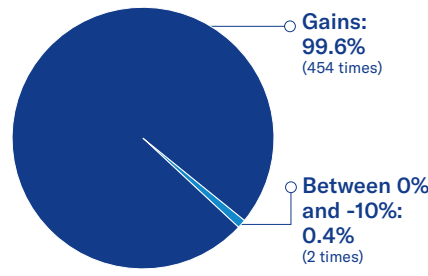
**Average return<sup>2</sup>** **75.1%**

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Total gains & losses | 456 |
| Number of gains      | 413 |
| Number of losses     | 43  |

#### % of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| -10% Segment Buffer | 97.6% |
| -15% Segment Buffer | 99.8% |
| -20% Segment Buffer | 100%  |

#### Russell 2000<sup>®</sup>



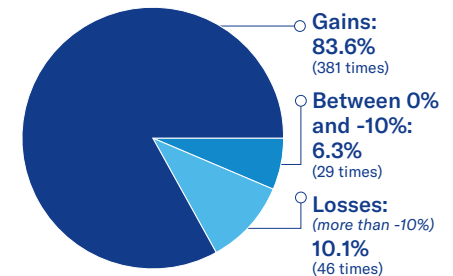
**Average return<sup>2</sup>** **65.0%**

|                      |     |
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| Total gains & losses | 456 |
| Number of gains      | 454 |
| Number of losses     | 2   |

#### % of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| -10% Segment Buffer | 100% |
| -15% Segment Buffer | 100% |
| -20% Segment Buffer | 100% |

#### MSCI EAFE



**Average return<sup>2</sup>** **62.7%**

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| Total gains & losses | 456 |
| Number of gains      | 381 |
| Number of losses     | 75  |

#### % of times return was greater than Segment Buffer

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| -10% Segment Buffer | 89.9% |
| -15% Segment Buffer | 92.1% |
| -20% Segment Buffer | 95.0% |

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<sup>®</sup> Index dating back to 1980 was -3.54% (month ending September 2011).
- The largest 6-year loss in the MSCI EAFE dating back to 1980 was -27.55% (month ending June 2013).

Please see the back page for additional important information and footnote references.

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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

You are protected against some downside risk, but if the negative return is in excess of the Segment Buffer, there could be substantial loss of principal because you agree to absorb all losses to the extent they exceed the protection provided.

Performance of Structured Capital Strategies PLUS® will differ from that of the performance shown due to the Performance Cap Rate, level of downside protection, fees and expenses.

**2 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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Dual Direction Segments will generally have lower Performance Cap Rates than Standard Segments with the same index, Segment Duration and Segment Buffer.

When making the decision between selecting a Dual Direction Segment and a Standard Segment, you should carefully consider whether you place a greater value on maximizing the potential for gains, or whether you are willing to accept potentially lower gains (because of a lower cap) in exchange for the potential to receive a positive return when the index performs negatively, but within the buffer.

Selecting a Dual Direction Segment means you place a greater value on receiving a positive return if the index performs negatively, but within the buffer. Selecting a Standard Segment means you place a greater value on the opportunity for increased upside potential provided by the higher cap typically associated with a Standard Segment. In general, the greater the difference between the Standard and Dual Direction Segment caps rates, the greater the trade-off between the two segment options.

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