

# Dual Direction Segment

## About Investment Edge®

**An innovative variable annuity that helps create an investment portfolio with greater diversification, partial protection in the market and tax-deferred growth potential.**

## How the Dual Direction Segment works<sup>1</sup>

The Dual Direction Segment is an option for putting Investment Edge® to work for you. It lets you lock in potential growth that tracks your chosen index up to a cap set up front, less any contract fee. At the same time, the built-in downside buffer offers protection against some loss. The Dual Direction Segment offers some upside potential when the benchmark index goes down. Your investment will receive a positive return of the same percentage, less any contract fee, if the benchmark index shows a loss up to and inclusive of the Segment Buffer you elected at Segment Maturity. If the benchmark index shows a loss of more than the Segment Buffer you elected, you can still stay confident because you receive protection against loss up to -15%. If the negative return is in excess of the Segment Buffer, there is a risk of substantial loss of principal.

## Let's look at a hypothetical example

**Assumptions: 1-year Segment Duration, -10% Segment Buffer, 15% Performance Cap Rate.**

\*Segment return does not reflect the contract fee. (Applicable for Series B and Select.)



**Lower portfolio costs**

There are no portfolio-level expenses for amounts invested in Segments.

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**Partial protection**

-10% | -15%

Choose the buffer that gives you confidence.

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**Growth potential**

Opportunity to make money when the index is both up and down with predictable Performance Cap Rate set when you invest.

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**Flexibility<sup>2</sup>**

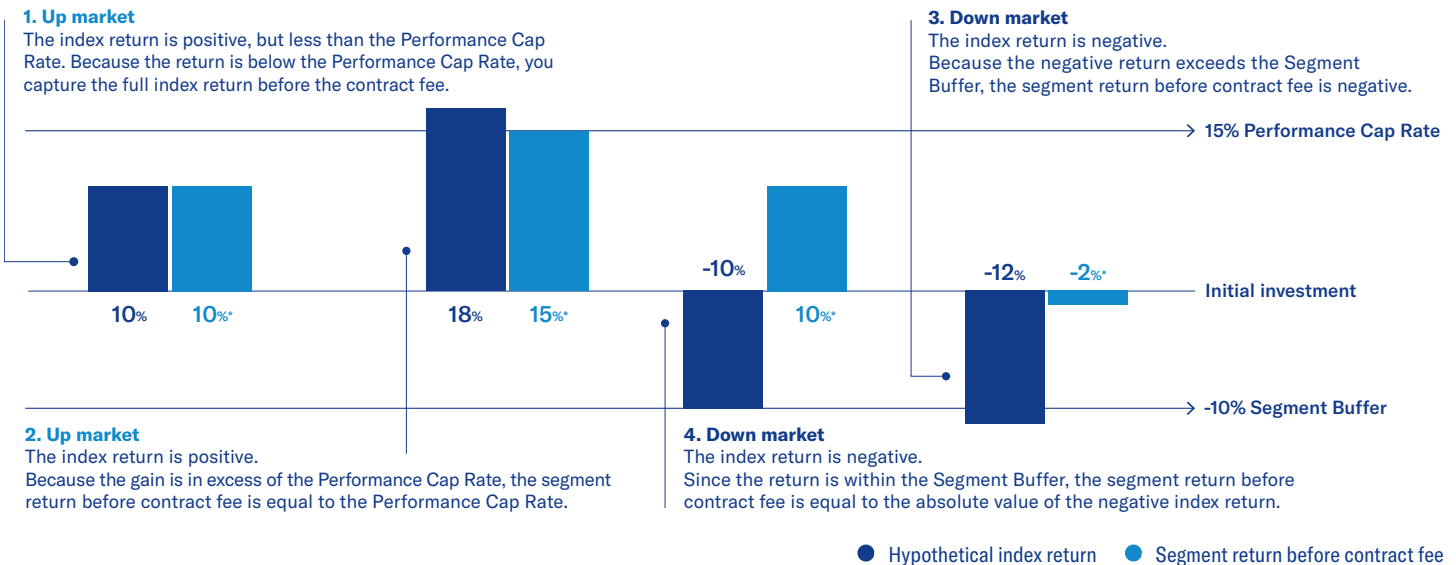
In Investment Edge®, you can transfer out of and between Segment Options prior to the Segment Maturity Date.

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**Duration**

1 and 5 years



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**For Series B and Select:** This example is intended to demonstrate how the Segment Buffer and Performance Cap Rate work and does not reflect the contract fee, which is included in the Segment Rate of Return calculation. For positive segment returns and returns within the Segment Buffer, the increase in the account value will always be less than the absolute value of the Index Performance Rate or the Performance Cap Rate, where applicable, due to the deduction of the contract fee. For negative segment returns beyond the Segment Buffer, the decrease in account value will be more than the amount by which the Index Performance Rate exceeds the Segment Buffer due to the deduction of the contract fee. If there is a return of zero, the account value will decrease due to the deduction of the contract fee.

If you're looking for a flexible investment with upside potential in down markets and a level of downside protection, the Dual Direction Segment may be the right fit for you.

**Performance Cap Rates are hypothetical. View the latest Performance Cap Rates at [equitable.com/cap-rates](https://equitable.com/cap-rates).**

- 1 May not be available in all firms and jurisdictions.
- 2 You cannot transfer into an active Segment. Any new investment into the Structured Investment Option (SIO) would be processed through the Segment Type Holding Account and transferred into a Segment at the next Segment Start Date. If you transfer out of a Segment prior to the Segment Maturity Date, you will receive the Segment Interim Value, which may be lower than your original investment in the Segment even where the index is higher at the time of withdrawal.

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**Dual Direction Segment** — Any Segment belonging to a Segment Type whose name includes "Dual Direction."

**Performance Cap Rate** — The highest index performance rate that can be used to calculate the Segment Rate of Return. We set the Performance Cap Rate for each new Segment on the Segment Start Date. We reserve the right to set the Performance Cap Rate at any time prior to the Segment Start Date. The Performance Cap Rate may vary for each Segment. In addition, for any particular Segment, we may set a Performance Cap Rate applicable to allocations under new contracts that is different than the Performance Cap Rate applicable to allocations under existing contracts.

**Segment Buffer** — The portion of any negative index performance rate that the Segment Buffer absorbs on a Segment Maturity Date for a particular Segment. Any percentage decline in the Segment's index performance rate in excess of the Segment Buffer will not be absorbed.

If you take a withdrawal from or transfer out of a Segment before the Segment Maturity Date, we calculate the Segment Interim Value (SIV) for that Segment. The SIV may be less than the Segment Investment and may be less than the Segment Maturity Value would have been on the Segment Maturity Date. Any such withdrawal or transfer will reduce the Segment Investment and the reduction may be greater than the dollar amount of the withdrawal or transfer.

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