

# **Dual Direction**

## Turning losses into positive returns

#### A closer look at down markets

With the Dual Direction Segment, you have an opportunity to make money when the S&P 500 is both up and down because your investment will receive a positive return of the same percentage if the benchmark index shows a loss up to, and inclusive of, the Segment Buffer you elected at Segment Maturity. At the same time, you can still stay confident because you receive a level of protection against loss up to -20%. The benefits are all available to you at zero explicit fee.\*

The charts below use actual index performance history between 1980–2024 with current Structured Capital Strategies PLUS® parameters placed on it to produce hypothetical Dual Direction Segment performance. For the years the product did not exist, the performance of the Segment is hypothetical. The illustrations do not project future performance of the product, and various factors may change the performance significantly at any time. The illustration assumes Segment Buffers of -10%, -15% and -20%.

A total of 43 losses turned into positive returns
Historical 6-year S&P 500 losses January 1980-December 2024



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.

### Historical probability of 6-year positive returns January 1980–December 2024

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

The largest 6-year loss in the S&P 500 Index dating back to 1980 was 15.04% (month ending December 2005).

\*Expenses related to administration, sales and certain risks in the contract are factored into the Performance Cap Rate. As long as your money is invested in the Structured Investment Option to take advantage of the buffer against some loss and potential for growth up to the cap, you will not be charged additional fees. If you choose the optional Return of Premium Death Benefit, or invest your money in a Variable Investment Option, fees and charges will apply.

#### **Important information**

**Dual Direction Segment** — Measures the performance of the index from Segment Start Date to Segment Maturity Date. If the corresponding index performance rate exceeds the Performance Cap Rate during this time period, you receive the Performance Cap Rate. If the index performance rate is between the Performance Cap Rate and Segment Buffer (inclusive of both), you receive the absolute value of the index performance. If the index performance rate is less than the Segment Buffer, the Segment Buffer will absorb up to the first 20% of the loss, depending on the Segment Buffer you elect.

**Performance Cap Rate** — For Standard and Dual Direction Segments, the Performance Cap Rate is the highest Segment Rate of Return that can be credited on a Segment Maturity Date. For Annual Lock Segments, the Performance Cap Rate is the highest Annual Lock Yearly Rate of Return that can be applied on an Annual Lock Anniversary. For Step Up Segments, the Performance Cap Rate is the Segment Rate of Return if the index performance rate for that Segment is greater than or equal to zero. The Performance Cap Rate is not an Annual Rate of Return.

**Segment Buffer** — The portion of any negative index performance rate the Segment Buffer absorbs on a Segment Maturity Date. Any percentage decline in a Segment's index performance rate in excess of the Segment Buffer reduces your Segment Maturity Value.

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**Transfers or withdrawals during a Segment:** The Segment Interim Value is the value of your investment prior to the Segment Maturity Date, and it may be lower than your original investment in the Segment even where the index is higher at the time of the transfer or withdrawal prior to maturity. A transfer or withdrawal from the Segment Interim Value may be lower than your Segment Investment and may be less than the amount you would have received had you held the investment until the Segment Maturity Date.

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