

# Investment guide

In the world of retirement planning, Investment Edge® is a tax-deferred variable annuity. It offers flexibility to build a well-diversified portfolio with an innovative approach to investing.

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Denotes sustainable fund.

#### Individual funds

Build your own diversified portfolio with access to a broad spectrum of individual investment options, ranging from core investments, including U.S. and international equity options, to alternative investments, which are low-correlated options that can provide further opportunities for diversification and risk-adjusted return.

Fund name	Net expense	Fund name	Net expense	Fund name	Net expense
Large-Cap Blend		Small-Cap Blend		REIT	
American Funds Insurance Series®		1290 VT Microcap	1.15%	1290 VT Real Estate	0.90%
Growth-Income	0.78%	EQ/Small Company Index	0.64%	Alternative/Specialty	
EQ/500 Managed Volatility	0.81%	Invesco V.I. Small Cap Equity	1.20%	1290 VT Convertible Securities	0.90%
EQ/AB Sustainable U.S. Thematic	1.00%	Small-Cap Growth		1290 VT GAMCO Mergers & Acquisitions	1.29%
EQ/ClearBridge Select Equity		EQ/AB Small Cap Growth	0.93%	1290 VT Multi-Alternative Strategies	1.54%
Managed Volatility	1.06%	Small-Cap Value		Eaton Vance VT Floating-Rate Income	1.17%
EQ/Common Stock Index	0.67%	1290 VT GAMCO Small Company Value	1.06%	EQ/Invesco Global Real Assets	1.16%
EQ/Equity 500 Index	0.54%	1290 VT Small Cap Value	1.17%	PIMCO VIT Emerging Markets Bond	1.37%
EQ/Fidelity Institutional AM® Large Cap	0.87%	AB VPS Discovery Value	1.06%	Core Bond	
EQ/Franklin Rising Dividends	0.87%	International		1290 VT DoubleLine Opportunistic Bond	0.91%
Putnam VT Research	0.99%	American Funds Insurance Series®		EQ/Core Bond Index	0.64%
Large-Cap Growth		International Growth and Income	1.06%	EQ/Core Plus Bond	0.93%
1290 VT Socially Responsible	0.92%	EQ/International Equity Index	0.72%	EQ/Intermediate Corporate Bond	0.65%
EQ/ClearBridge Large Cap Growth ESG	1.00%	EQ/MFS International Growth	1.10%	EQ/Intermediate Government Bond	0.64%
EQ/Large Cap Growth Index	0.73%	EQ/MFS International Intrinsic Value	1.15%	EQ/Long-Term Bond	0.65%
EQ/Loomis Sayles Growth	1.05%	Global		EQ/PIMCO Total Return ESG ●	0.87%
EQ/JPMorgan Growth Stock	0.96%	1290 VT SmartBeta Equity ESG ●	1.10%	Janus Henderson Flexible Bond	0.82%
Principal VC Blue Chip Account	1.05%	AB VPS Sustainable Global Thematic ●	1.17%	High-Yield Bond	
Large-Cap Value		American Funds Insurance Series® Global Growth	0.91%	1290 VT High Yield Bond	1.03%
1290 VT Equity Income	0.95%	American Funds Insurance Series®		Federated Hermes High Income Bond	1.06%
AB VPS Relative Value	0.86%	Global Small Capitalization	1.16%	Invesco V.I. High Yield	1.15%
EQ/Invesco ComStock	1.00%	EQ/Invesco Global	1.10%	Inflation-Linked (TIPS)	
EQ/JPMorgan Value Opportunities	0.96%	Emerging Markets		EQ/PIMCO Global Real Return	2.36%
EQ/Large Cap Value Index	0.74%	American Funds Insurance Series® New World	1.07%	International Bond	
EQ/Value Equity	0.92%	EQ/Emerging Markets Equity PLUS	1.20%	PIMCO VIT Global Bond Opportunities (Unhedged)	1.11%
MFS® Value Series	0.94%	EQ/Lazard Emerging Markets Equity	1.35%	Templeton Global Bond VIP Fund	0.75%
Principal VC Equity Income Account	0.89%	Commodity		Multi-Sector Bond	
T. Rowe Price Equity Income	0.99%	1290 VT Natural Resources	0.90%	Fidelity® VIP Strategic Income	0.90%
Mid-Cap Blend		PIMCO VIT CommodityRealReturn® Strategy	1.58%	Lord Abbett Bond Debenture	0.90%
EQ/Mid Cap Index	0.65%	Sector		PIMCO VIT Income	1.13%
Fidelity® VIP Mid Cap	0.82%	EQ/MFS Technology	1.14%	Short-Term Bond	
Invesco V.I. Main Street Mid Cap Fund	1.19%	EQ/MFS Utilities Series	1.05%	EQ/AB Short Duration Government Bond	0.77%
Mid-Cap Growth		EQ/T. Rowe Price Health Sciences	1.20%	EQ/PIMCO Ultra Short Bond	0.88%
EQ/Janus Enterprise	1.05%	EQ/Wellington Energy	1.19%	Cash/Cash Equivalent	
Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund	1.80%	Invesco V.I. Health Care	1.23%	EQ/Money Market	0.69%
Mid-Cap Value		Multimanager Technology	1.24%	-	
EQ/American Century Mid Cap Value	1.00%				
EQ/Goldman Sachs Mid Cap Value	1.09%				

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#### Investment Edge® offers options from 20+ well-known money managers, with the added benefit of tax deferral:



























Janus Henderson





















The list above may not include all investment managers.

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### Packaged portfolios

Invest in preset portfolios designed for specific investment objectives, offering an easy, one-step approach to asset allocation.

#### Manager select portfolios

Well-known investment managers bring their experienced knowledge and disciplined processes to investment portfolios.

#### **Risk-based portfolios**

Asset allocation portfolios that use a diversified mix of asset classes and underlying funds to help provide consistent performance over time and may help mitigate volatility.

#### **Managed portfolio strategies**

Professionally managed strategic asset allocation portfolios with a tactical overlay, designed to help you realize your investment goals.

Fund name	Morningstar category	Net expense
American Funds Insurance Series® Asset Allocation	Moderate Allocation	0.80%
BlackRock Global Allocation V.I.	Global Allocation	1.02%
EQ/AB Dynamic Moderate Growth	Moderate Allocation	1.13%
EQ/American Century Moderate-Growth Allocation	Moderate Allocation	1.15%
EQ/Goldman Sachs Growth Allocation	Moderate Allocation	1.15%
EQ/Goldman Sachs Moderate Growth Allocation	Moderate Allocation	1.15%
EQ/JP Morgan Growth Allocation	Moderate Allocation	1.15%
First Trust/Dow Jones Dividend & Income Allocation	Moderate Allocation	1.19%
Franklin Income VIP Fund	<b>Moderately Conservative Allocation</b>	0.71%
Invesco V.I. Balanced Risk Allocation	Tactical Allocation	1.13%
Janus Henderson Balanced	Moderate Allocation	0.87%
PIMCO Global Managed Asset Allocation	Tactical Allocation	1.34%
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### **Structured Investment Options**

You can further diversify your portfolio by investing in Segments, an innovative investment option that tracks a well-known benchmark index of your choosing. Segments provide growth potential up to a Performance Cap Rate (less any contract fee) and partially protect from loss through a Segment Buffer. Segments offer potential benefits, including:



#### Lower portfolio cost



### **Level of protection**



#### **Growth potential**

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

-10% | -15% Choose the Buffer that gives you confidence. Predictable Performance Cap Rate set when you invest.

Segment Option	Description	Index	Duration	Downside Segment Buffer
Standard Segment	Tracks the performance of your chosen index from the start of the Segment Duration to the end, measuring it from point to point. If the index performance is up, you can capture growth up to the Performance Cap Rate, less any contract fee. If the chosen benchmark index performance is negative, the Segment Buffer will absorb loss up to the Segment Buffer you elect.	S&P 500 Russell 2000® MSCI EAFE NASDAQ 100® MSCI Emerging Markets	1-year	-10% -15%
		S&P 500 Russell 2000® MSCI EAFE NASDAQ 100®	5-year	-10% -15%
Step Up Segment <sup>1</sup>	Offers an upside guaranteed return that is equal to the Performance Cap Rate, less any contract fee, if the index performance is equal to or greater than zero when the Segment matures. If the chosen benchmark index performance is negative, the Segment Buffer will absorb up to 10% of loss.	S&P 500 Russell 2000® MSCI EAFE NASDAQ 100®	1-year	-10%
Dual Direction Segment <sup>1</sup>	Offers the potential for returns in two ways: growth up to a cap, less any contract fee, when index performance is up, and growth within the Segment Buffer. Your investment will receive a positive return of the same percentage, less any contract fee, if the benchmark index shows a loss that is up to and inclusive of	S&P 500 Russell 2000® MSCI EAFE NASDAQ 100®	1-year	-10%
	up to 15% at maturity. When the market goes down more than the Segment Buffer, you are protected against loss down to the Segment Buffer you elect.	S&P 500	5-year	-10% -15%

## The power of Investment Edge®: Diversifying across options

With Investment Edge®, you have the flexibility to diversify among the investment strategies highlighted in this guide. Segments work alongside a diversified portfolio to offer key benefits, including:



Decrease overall portfolio costs



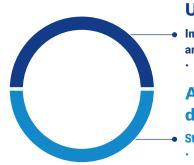
Decrease risk with Segment Buffers that provide a level of downside protection



Increase riskadjusted return

### **Flexibility**

With Investment Edge®, you have the flexibility to transfer out of and between investment options, including Segments, at any time, and doing so is cost-free and tax-free.² This can allow you to potentially lock Segment gains into a new investment.



#### **Upside potential**

Individual investment options and packaged portfolios

More than 100 options

## A level of downside protection

**Structured Investment Option** 

- Standard
- Step Up
- Dual Direction

Diversification does not guarantee a profit. Segments protect 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. There is also no guarantee that investment objectives will be achieved.

## View the latest Segment Performance Cap Rates at equitable.com/cap-rates. For more information, please visit equitable.com/ie.

- 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 would be processed through the Segment Type Holding Account and transfer 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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Current expenses as of May 1, 2024, and are subject to change.

**Segment** — An investment option we establish with the index, Segment Duration and Segment Buffer of a specific Segment Type, and for which we also specify a Segment Maturity Date and Performance Cap Rate. We currently offer Standard Segments, Step Up Segments and Dual Direction Segments.

**S&P 500 Price Return Index** — Includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing approximately 80% coverage of U.S. equities. The S&P 500 Price Return Index does not include dividends declared by any of the companies included in this index. Larger, more established companies may not be able to attain potentially higher growth rates of smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion. S&P®, Standard & Poor's®, S&P 500® and Standard & Poor's 500® are trademarks of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC (Standard & Poor's) and have been licensed for use by Equitable Financial and Equitable America. Investment Edge® is not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by Standard & Poor's, and Standard & Poor's does not make any representation regarding the advisability of investing in Investment Edge®.

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MSCI Emerging Markets Price Return Index — A free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets.

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Variable annuities are sold by prospectus only, which contains more complete information about the policy, including risks, charges, expenses and investment objectives. You should review the prospectus carefully before purchasing a policy. Contact your financial professional for a copy of the current prospectus.

The net annual expense is the current expense of the portfolio and may include a reduction in the expense amount for fee waivers or expense reimbursement. Current expenses are from the prospectus and subject to change. Please refer to the prospectus for the amount of the fee waivers and expense reimbursement for a particular portfolio. If fee waivers and expense reimbursement are not applied (gross expense), it could significantly increase the amount of operating expenses for the portfolio.

The investment options listed are available through the Investment Edge® variable annuity. Investment Edge® is a variable annuity designed for investors who want tax-deferred growth potential and a broad spectrum of investment options as they seek wealth for retirement and other life goals. The product offers diversification of investment options, including Segments, which offer partial protection and can lower overall portfolio costs and tax deferral.

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