



# History may be a guide

## Historical perspective

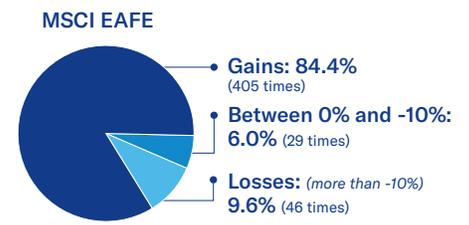
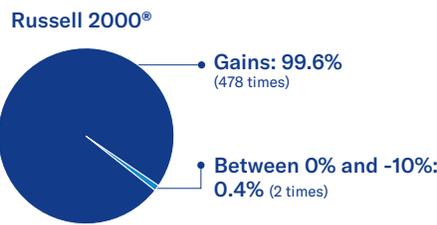
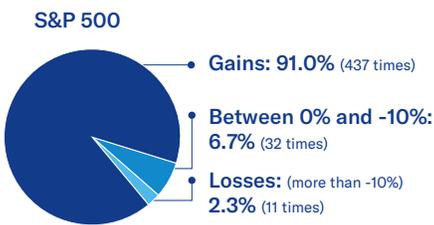
### 6-year periods

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 -40%, 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>

### Historical 6-year index returns January 1980–December 2025

Performance between 0% and -10%



**Average return<sup>2</sup>** **76.7%**

Total gains & losses	480
Number of gains	437
Number of losses	43

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

-10% Segment Buffer	97.7%
-15% Segment Buffer	99.8%
-20% Segment Buffer	100%
-40% Segment Buffer	100%

**Average return<sup>2</sup>** **63.8%**

Total gains & losses	480
Number of gains	478
Number of losses	2

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

-10% Segment Buffer	100%
-15% Segment Buffer	100%
-20% Segment Buffer	100%
-40% Segment Buffer	100%

**Average return<sup>2</sup>** **61.1%**

Total gains & losses	480
Number of gains	405
Number of losses	75

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

-10% Segment Buffer	90.4%
-15% Segment Buffer	92.5%
-20% Segment Buffer	95.2%
-40% 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 dating back to 1980 was -27.55% (month ending June 2013).

<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.

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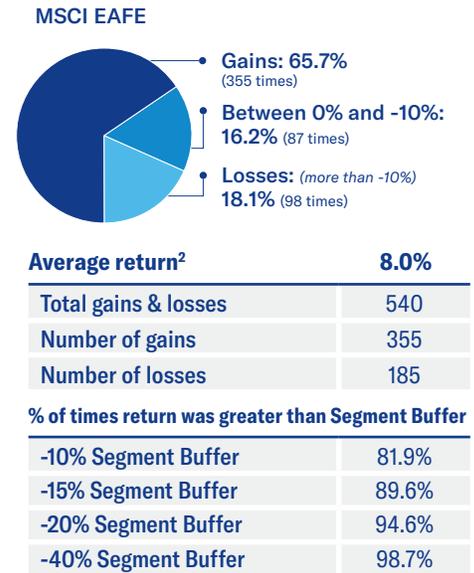
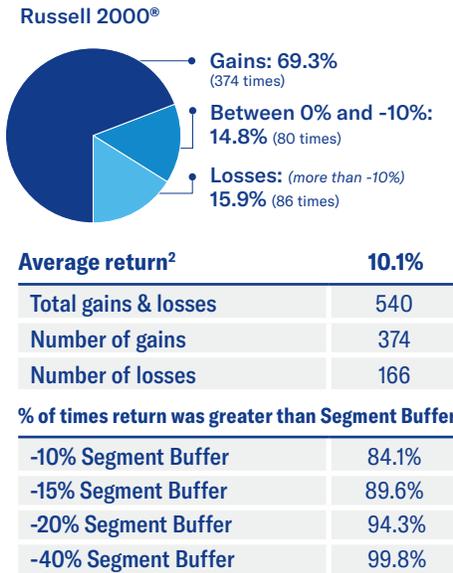
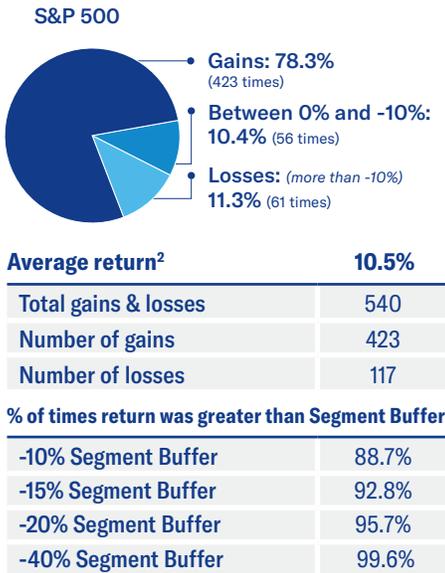
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## 1-year periods

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 up to -40% and stays at a constant level for the 1-year period.

### Historical 1-year index returns January 1980–December 2025 Performance between 0% and -10%



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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