



# Dual Direction Segment

## About Structured Capital Strategies PLUS®

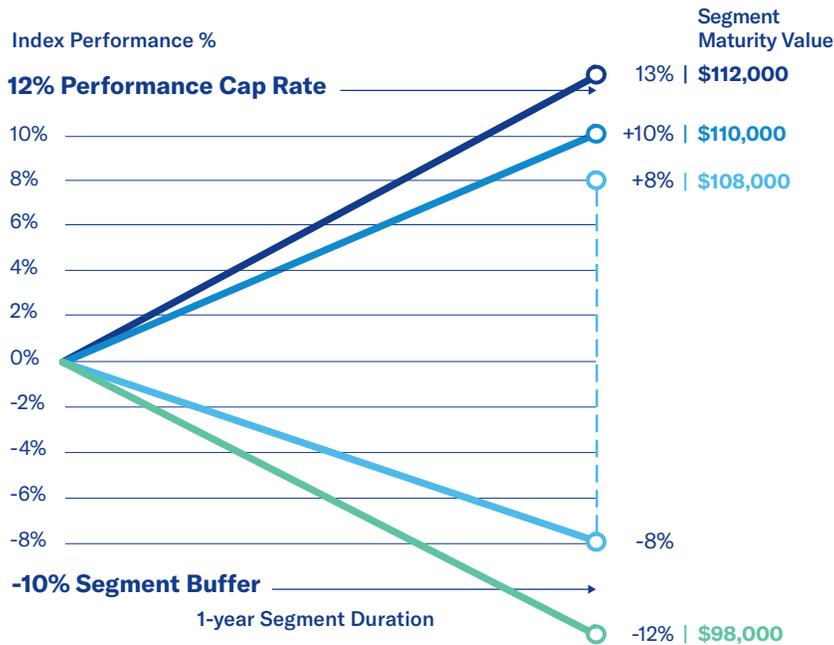
Tax-deferred variable annuity that offers you a way to save for retirement through the ups and downs of the investment world. It's designed to help you protect against some loss and take advantage of market upside that tracks well-known benchmark indices, up to a performance cap.

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

The Dual Direction Segment is an option for putting Structured Capital Strategies PLUS® to work for you. It lets you lock in potential growth that tracks your chosen benchmark index, up to a cap that's set up front. 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 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%.

## Let's look at a hypothetical example

Assumptions: -10% Buffer; 12% Performance Cap Rate; \$100,000 Initial investment



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### Level of protection

-10% | -15% (1-year Segments)

### Growth potential

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

### Zero explicit fees<sup>2</sup>

All the benefits of Structured Capital Strategies PLUS® are available to you with zero explicit fees. All costs related to administration, sales and contract are built into the way the performance cap and buffer work, so you'll never be charged an explicit fee and can keep more of your money working its hardest for you.

### Duration

1 and 6 years

#### Scenario 1: Index gain above Performance Cap

- Performance Cap Rate: 12%
- Index performance: 13%
- Result: Your gain is +12%

**Segment Maturity Value: \$112,000**

#### Scenario 2: Index gain within Performance Cap

- Performance Cap Rate: 12%
- Index performance: 10%
- Result: Your gain is +10%

**Segment Maturity Value: \$110,000**

#### Scenario 3: Index loss within Segment Buffer

- Level of protection: -10%
- Index performance: -8%
- Result: 8% Return. Since the loss is within the Segment Buffer, your investment receives a positive return of the same percentage, which is 8%.

**Segment Maturity Value: \$108,000**

#### Scenario 4: Index loss below Segment Buffer

- Level of protection: -10%
- Index performance: -12%
- Result: -2% Return. Segment Buffer absorbs first 10% of loss.

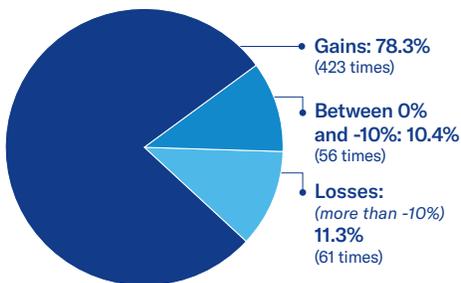
**Segment Maturity Value: \$98,000**

Depending on the Segment option(s) selected, investors absorb some or all of the loss in excess of the Segment Buffer, so there is a risk of substantial loss of principal.

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Let's check out how the S&P 500 Price Return Index has performed historically. Here, we see returns of 1-year periods on a rolling monthly basis (e.g., Jan–Jan, Feb–Feb) and how frequently losses have occurred. The protective buffer for 1-year Dual Direction Segments is available at -10% and -15% and stays at a constant level for the 1-year duration.

## Historical 1-year index returns January 1980–December 2025



Average return <sup>3</sup>	10.5%
Total gains & losses	540
Number of gains	423
Number of losses	117

% of times return was positive with Dual Direction	
-10% Segment Buffer	88.7%
-15% Segment Buffer	92.8%



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- 1 May not be available in all firms and jurisdictions.
- 2 Expenses related to administration, sales and certain risks in the contract are factored into the Performance Cap Rate. If you choose the optional Return of Premium Death Benefit, fees and charges will apply.
- 3 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** — 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.

**Performance Cap Rate** — For Dual Direction Segments, the Performance Cap Rate is the highest Segment Rate of Return that can be credited on a Segment Maturity Date.

**Segment Buffer** — Dual Direction Segments provide a positive return for losses less than or equal to the Segment Buffer elected. 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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