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**Investment Edge®**  
variable annuity

# Dual Step Up 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 Step Up Segment works<sup>1</sup>

The Dual Step Up Segment is an option for putting Investment Edge® to work for you. As long as the benchmark index is at or above your chosen Segment Buffer, you receive a guaranteed return on the Segment Maturity Date. Regardless of whether the market is up, flat (0%) or down -10%, -15% or -20%, you can stay confident knowing you'll receive a consistent return on your investment. 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 -20%.

## Let's look at a hypothetical example

Assumptions: 1-year duration, 8% Performance Cap Rate, -10% Segment Buffer

### Lower portfolio cost

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

### Level of protection

-10% | -15% | -20%

Select the buffer that gives you confidence.

### Growth potential

Opportunity to make money up to a guaranteed rate set when you invest, as long as the benchmark index is at or above the Segment Buffer.

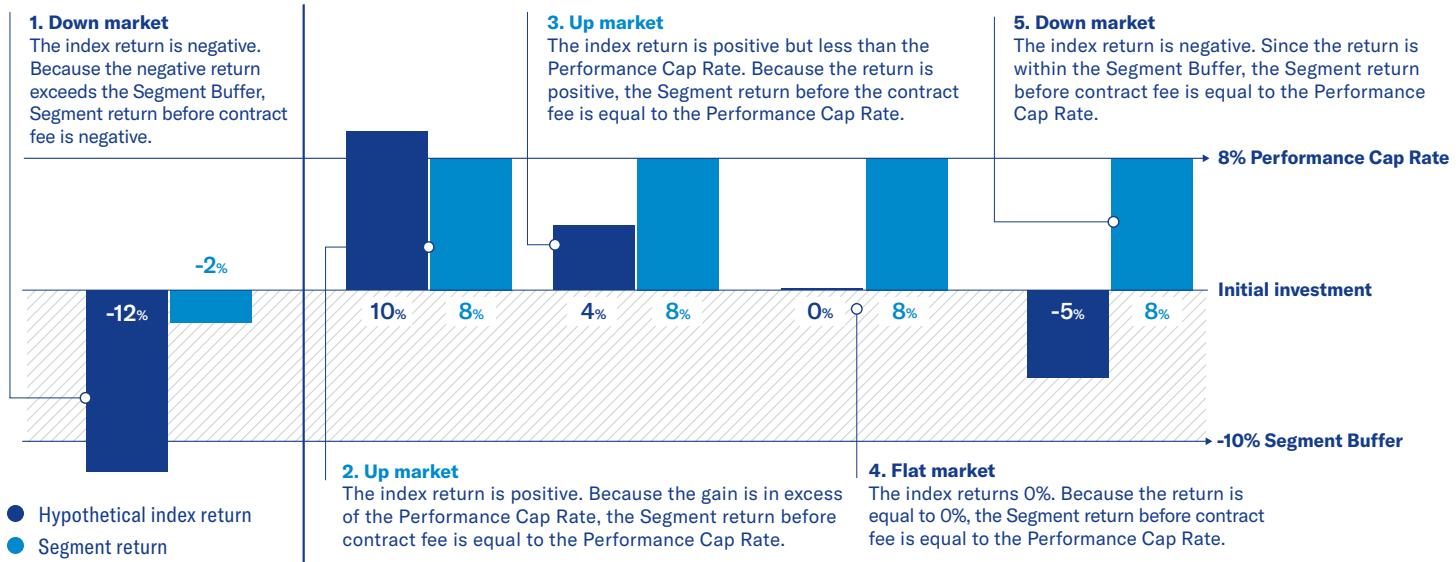
### Flexibility<sup>2</sup>

You can transfer out of and between Segment Options prior to the Segment Maturity Date.

### Duration

1 year

Lets you recalibrate every year.



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, returns within the Segment Buffer or returns of zero, the increase in the account value will always be less than the Performance Cap Rate 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.

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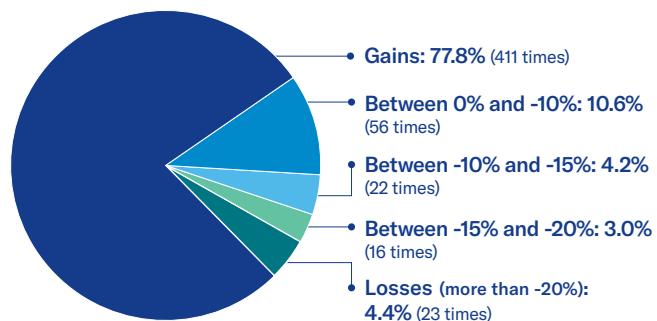
**Performance Cap Rates are hypothetical.**  
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Depending on the Segment Option(s) selected, investors absorb some or all of the loss in excess of the Segment Buffer, so there is a risk of substantial loss of principal. This example is a hypothetical intended for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of actual market, index, investment or financial product performance. Dual Step Up Segments will generally have lower Performance Cap Rates than Standard Segments of the same index. The example assumes the optional Return of Premium Death Benefit is not elected. Please note individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

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 Step Up Segments is available at -10%, -15% and -20%.

## Historical 1-year index returns January 1980–December 2024

Average return <sup>3</sup>		10.4%
Total gains & losses		528
Number of gains		411
Number of losses		117
% of times index return would have resulted in application of the guaranteed rate with Dual Step Up		
-10% Segment Buffer		88.4%
-15% Segment Buffer		92.6%
-20% Segment Buffer		95.6%



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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 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.

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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**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 a Segment's index performance rate in excess of the Segment Buffer reduces your Segment Maturity Value.

**Dual Step Up Segment** — For Dual Step Up Segments, the Segment Rate of Return is equal to the Performance Cap Rate, less any contract fees, if the index performance rate for that Segment is greater than or equal to the Segment Buffer or the index performance rate, subject to the Segment Buffer if the index performance rate is less than the Segment Buffer.

**Performance Cap Rate** — For Dual 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 the Segment Buffer. The Performance Cap Rate is not an annual rate of return.

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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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