

# **Standard Segment**

#### **About Investment Edge®**

Investment Edge® is 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 Standard Segment works

The Standard Segment is an option for putting Investment Edge® to work for you. You can lock in potential growth that tracks your chosen benchmark index up to a cap, less any contract fee. At the same time, the built-in downside buffer offers protection against some loss. You choose the level of protection that gives you confidence for the 1- or 5-year period your money is invested — knowing that even when the benchmark index goes down, your initial investment is protected against that level of loss. If the negative return is in excess of the Segment Buffer, there is a risk of substantial loss of principal.

#### Let's look at a hypothetical example

Assumptions: 1-year Segment Duration; -10% Segment Buffer; 11% Performance Cap Rate.

\*Segment return does not reflect the contract fee. (Applicable for Series B and Select.)

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#### Lower portfolio costs

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



### **Level of protection**

-10% I -15% I -20% I -40% Choose the buffer that gives you confidence.



## **Growth potential**

Predictable Performance Cap Rate set when you invest.



## Flexibility<sup>1</sup>

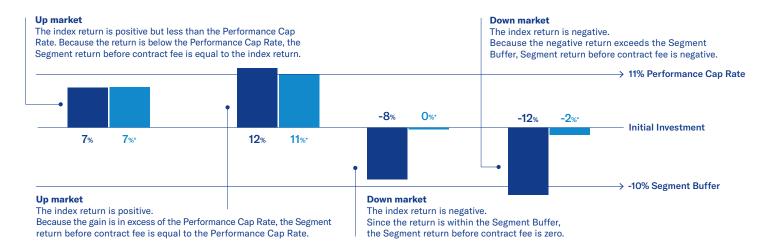
In Investment Edge®, you can transfer out of and between Segment Options prior to the Segment Maturity Date.



#### **Duration**

1 and 5 years

Hypothetical index return
Segment return before contract fee



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, the increase in the account value will always be less than the index performance rate or the Performance Cap Rate, where applicable, 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. If there is a return of zero or a return within the Segment Buffer, the account value will decrease due to the deduction of the contract fee.

This example is a hypothetical intended for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of actual market, index, investment or financial product performance. Please note that individuals cannot invest directly in an index.

The disclosure below applies to bank distribution entities.

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If you're looking for a flexible investment with upside potential and a level of downside protection, the Standard Segment may be the right fit for you.

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

1 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.

**Performance Cap Rate** — The highest index performance rate that can be used to calculate the Segment Rate of Return. We set the Performance Cap Rate for each new Segment on the Segment Start Date. We reserve the right to set the Performance Cap Rate at any time prior to the Segment Start Date. The Performance Cap Rate may vary for each Segment. In addition, for any particular Segment, we may set a Performance Cap Rate applicable to allocations under new contracts that is different than the Performance Cap Rate applicable to allocations under existing contracts.

**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 the Segment's index performance rate in excess of the Segment Buffer will not be absorbed.

**Standard Segment** — For Standard Segments, the Segment Rate of Return is equal to the index performance rate less any contract fees, subject to the Performance Cap Rate and Segment Buffer.

If you take a withdrawal from, or transfer out of, a Segment before the Segment Maturity Date, we calculate the Segment Interim Value (SIV) for that Segment. The SIV may be less than the Segment Investment and may be less than the Segment Maturity Value would have been on the Segment Maturity Date. Any such withdrawal or transfer will reduce the Segment Investment and the reduction may be greater than the dollar amount of the withdrawal or transfer.

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.

Please note that an annuity contract that is purchased to fund an individual retirement account (IRA) should be considered for the annuity's features and benefits other than tax deferral. For such cases, tax deferral is not an additional benefit for the annuity. You may also want to consider the relative features, benefits and costs of this annuity with any other investment that you may have in connection with your retirement plan or arrangement. Certain types of contracts and features may not be available in all jurisdictions.

This flyer is not a complete description of the Investment Edge® variable annuity. An annuity, such as Investment Edge®, should be considered a long-term financial product designed to help you save for retirement. It provides the opportunity for growth potential through the accumulation of assets on a tax-deferred basis by investing in selected

investment options. In essence, annuities are contractual agreements in which payment(s) are made to an insurance company, which agrees to pay out an income or a lump-sum amount at a later date. There are fees and charges associated with annuities. In addition, annuities are subject to market risk, including loss of principal in both the Variable Investment Options and Structured Investment Options. Withdrawals are subject to ordinary income and, if taken prior to age 59½, a 10% federal income tax penalty may apply.

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