

# **Dual Direction Segment**

### **About Structured Capital Strategies® Premier**

A tax-deferred registered index-linked annuity designed to elevate your retirement planning, it offers growth opportunities through a broad selection of index-linked investment options, along with levels of protection to help manage market risk. You can lock in gains, adjust your strategy as your needs evolve and access legacy planning features to help support your long-term goals.

### How the Dual Direction Segment works

With the Dual Direction Segment, you can 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, less the contract fee, 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 the Segment Buffer you elect, less the contract fee.

## Let's look at a hypothetical example

Assumptions: 1-year, -10% Segment Buffer, 14% Performance Cap Rate

## **Level of protection**

-10% | -15% | -20% (1-year) -10% | -15% | -20% | -40% (6-year) Select the buffer that gives you confidence

#### **Growth potential**

**Up to a Performance Cap Rate**Set when you invest

#### **Flexibility**

With Structured Capital Strategies® Premier, you can seamlessly lock in gains and transfer between Segments, enabling personalized management without incurring fees or tax liabilities.

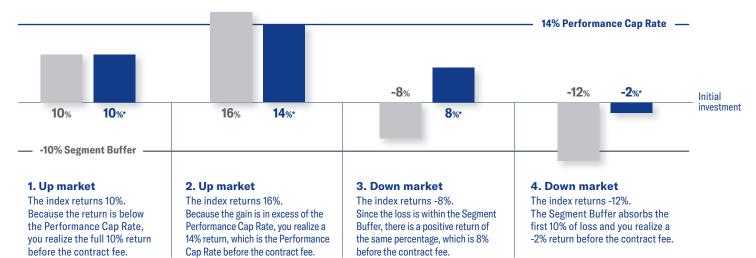
## **Duration**

1 and 6 years

O Hypothetical Index Performance Return

O Segment Return before the contract fee

\* Segment Return does not reflect the contract fee.



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You are protected 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.

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 multiplied by the Participation Rate or the Performance Cap Rate, where applicable, due to the deduction of the contract fee. For negative returns within the Segment Buffer, the increase in account value will always be less than the absolute value of the index performance 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. If there is a return of zero, the account value will decrease due to the deduction of the contract fee. For this example, we assume the optional Guaranteed Minimum Death Benefits have not been selected, and accordingly, those fees are not a part of this example.

#### 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 is available at -10%, -15%, or -20%, and stays at a constant level for the 1-year duration.

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

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<b>Positive: 77.8%</b> (411 times)	
Between 0% and -10%: 10.6% (56 times)	
Losses more than -10%: 11.6% (61 times)	



Average return <sup>2</sup>	10.4%	
Total returns	528	
Number of positive returns	411	
Number of negative returns	117	
% of times return was greater than Segment Buffer		
-10% Segment Buffer	88.4%	
-15% Segment Buffer	92.6%	
-20% Segment Buffer	95.6%	

## Performance Cap Rates are hypothetical.



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- 1 May not be available in all firms and jurisdictions.
- 2 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 Segment** — Offers the potential for positive returns in two ways: growth potential when index performance is up and growth within the Segment Buffer. Your investment will receive a positive return of the same percentage, less the contract fee, if the benchmark index shows a loss that is up to and inclusive of the chosen Segment Buffer at maturity. If the chosen benchmark index is negative and below the buffer, the Segment Buffer will absorb up to 40% of loss, depending on the Segment Buffer you elect, less the contract fee. Six-year Dual Direction Segments may include a participation rate greater than 100% for enhanced growth potential when the index performance rate is positive, up to the Performance Cap Rate.

**Performance Cap Rate** — The highest index performance rate that can be used to calculate the Segment Rate of Return on the Segment Maturity Date. The Performance Cap Rate is not an annual rate of return. The Performance Cap Rate is a limit on gains.

**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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