

Geopolitics and the BNPP Patriot Technology Index

▶ The Role of Geopolitics in Investing

Geopolitics plays a crucial role when it comes to investment decisions. Factors such as government policies, trade agreements, conflicts, and political stability directly impact the business environment and can significantly affect the performance of investments. For example, political unrest or sudden policy changes in a country can lead to market volatility, currency fluctuations, or changes in regulations that can impact the profitability of investments.

Understanding geopolitics can help navigate risk and opportunities associated with investing in different markets and industries.



▶ Geostrategic Risk

Geopolitics provides the framework for geostrategic risk to be measured by, therefore the two are closely interconnected. Geostrategic risk refers to the potential risks and uncertainties arising from geopolitical factors.

Assessing geostrategic risk involves analyzing the complex interactions between political, economic, and military factors that shape the global landscape and influence decision-making processes.



▶ BNPP Patriot Technology Index

The BNPP Patriot Technology Index (BNPP Index), exclusively available with **ANICO Strategy Indexed Annuity 10**, offers exposure to companies and with low geostrategic risk as well as companies that align with the United States' critical technologies list.

There are several advantages in investing with companies that have low geostrategic risk including:

- **Market Opportunities**
Exposure to markets that are relatively stable and predictable

- **Risk Mitigation**
Reduced exposure to potential losses caused by geopolitical events
- **Cost Efficiency**
Fewer unexpected costs related to political turmoil, legal battles, or supply chain disruptions

By integrating geopolitical analysis into its methodologies, the BNPP Index empowers clients to make informed decisions, anticipate market shifts, and strategically position themselves in an ever-evolving world.

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