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Balanced Accumulation

Finding the right mix of growth potential and asset protection

What does risk look like to you?

The goal in accumulating retirement savings is to balance risk safely between asset growth potential and asset protection. You want to ensure what you are saving can grow and provide some level of asset protection in case of economic volatility.

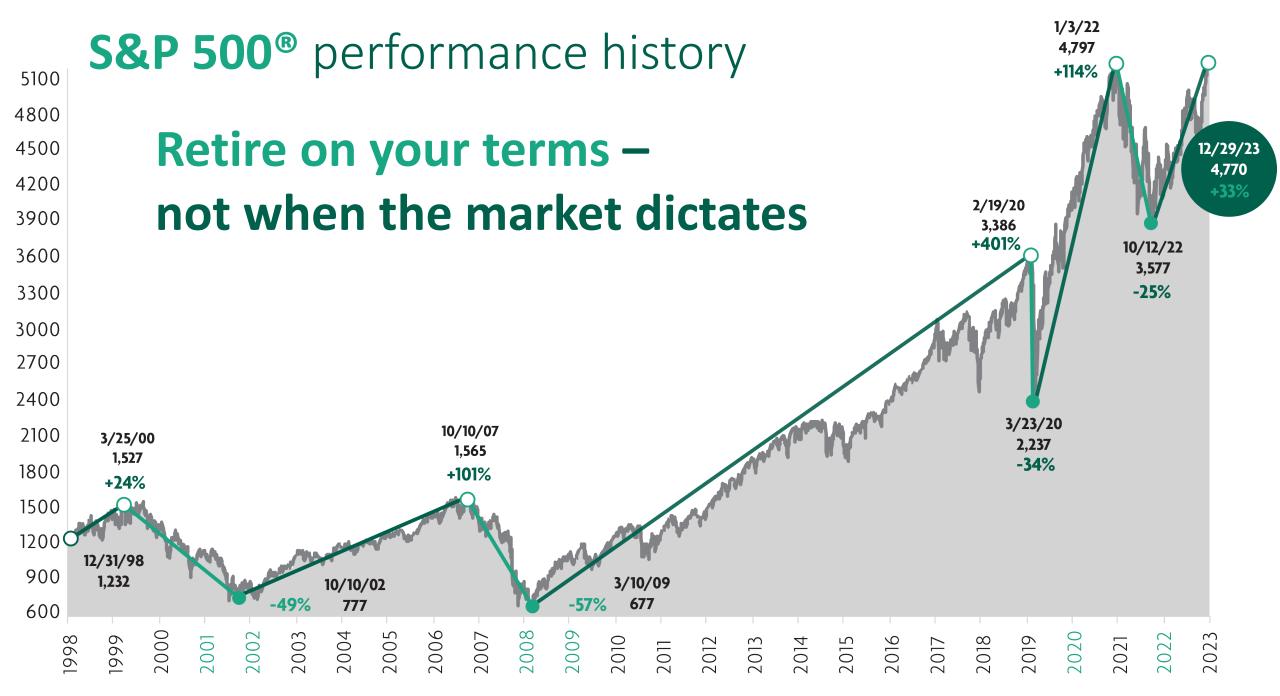
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EXPOSED to market risk



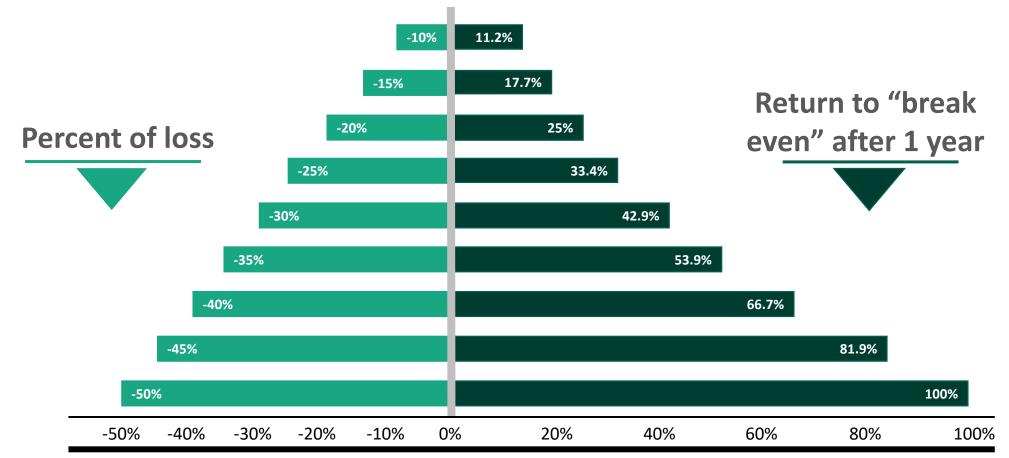
NOT EXPOSED to market risk



Volatility

Are you overexposed?

Market volatility continues to rise on both the gains and losses front. If you have all your retirement assets exposed to market volatility, you have seen both historic gains but also historic downturns. While the overall long-term value of the market is a net positive, you may have concerns about volatility impacting your assets as you approach retirement. Consider for example, what kind of gain is needed to recover from a market loss.

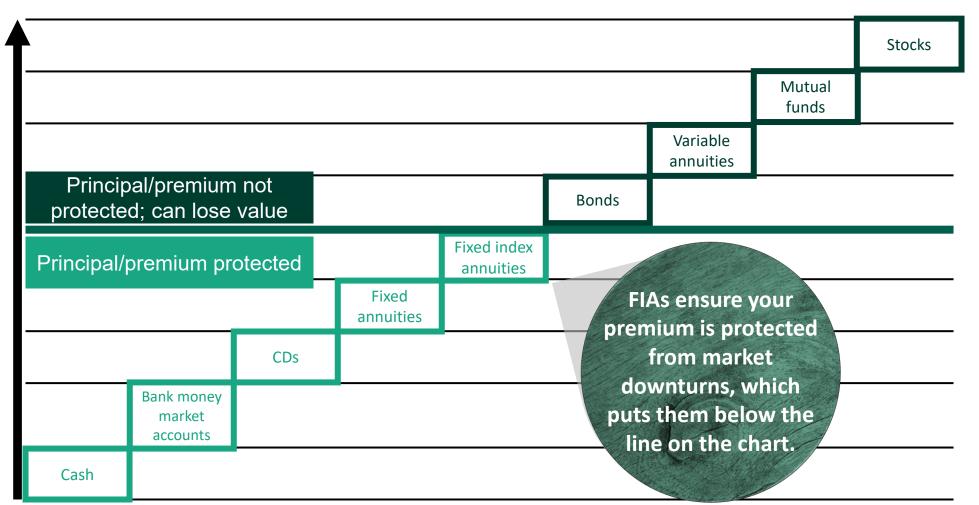


Will your gains be overwhelmed by inflation or taxes?

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			May Lose Value	Not Insu	ired By Any Fed	leral Government Ag	gency		
Year	Annualized average six- month CD rate ¹	Taxes ²	Inflation consumer price index (CPI) ³	Real return after taxes and inflation	Year	Annualized average six- month CD rate ¹	Taxes ²	Inflation consumer price index (CPI) ³	Real return after taxes and inflation
2000	6.58%	28%	3.4%	1.34%	2012	0.23%	25%	1.7%	-1.53%
2001	3.64%	27.5%	1.6%	1.04%	2013	0.20%	25%	1.5%	-1.35%
2002	1.81%	27%	2.4%	-1.08%	2014	0.13%	25%	0.8%	-0.70%
2003	1.17%	25%	1.9%	-1.02%	2015	0.13%	25%	0.7%	-0.60%
2004	1.74%	25%	3.3%	-2.00%	2016	0.14%	25%	2.1%	-2.00%
2005	3.72%	25%	3.4%	-0.61%	2017	0.16%	25%	2.1%	-1.98%
2006	5.23%	25%	2.5%	1.42%	2018	0.27%	22%	1.9%	-1.69%
2007	5.23%	25%	4.1%	-0.18%	2019	0.43%	22%	2.3%	-1.96%
2008	3.14%	25%	0.1%	2.25%	2020	0.20%	22%	1.4%	-1.24%
2009	0.87%	25%	2.7%	-2.05%-	2021	0.90%	22%	7.0%	-6.93%
2010	0.53%	25%	1.5%	-1.10%	2022	0.26%	22%	6.5%	-6.30%
2011	0.33%	25%	3.0%	-2.75%	2023	1.21%	22%	3.4%	-2.46%

The hypothetical chart shows what a "real rate" of return can be when adjusted for any applicable taxes and potential inflation rates. The CD return rates above are calculated using the six-month annualized average monthly CD rate as reported by the Federal Reserve. The tax rate used in the example is the highest marginal federal income-tax rate based on \$100,000 of taxable income for a married couple filing jointly. The tax rate assumed will not apply to every consumer, and a lower tax rate may have a more favorable impact on the real return. The use of alternate assumptions will produce different results. 1. Annualized average six-month CD rate: <u>https://www.fdic.gov/regulations/resources/rates/ previous.html</u>. 2. Highest marginal federal income-tax rates based on \$100,000 income for a married couple filing jointly: <u>https://taxfoundation.org/2023-tax-brackets/</u>. 3. Inflation rates are based on the consumer price index (CPI), a measure of change in consumer prices as measured by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The annual inflation rate shown the table above corresponds to the December 12-Month % Change in the CPI-U for each respective year: <u>https://beta.bls.gov/dataViewer/view/timeseries/CUUR0000SA0</u>. 38191Z

How can you balance financial protection with potential growth?



The above chart is meant to serve as a general guide of where FIAs may fall in the financial services spectrum of common products. It is not a guarantee of performance individually or performance correlation or safety of the above listed vehicles. Although fixed index annuities guarantee no loss of premium due to market downturns, deductions from the accumulation value for optional benefit riders or strategy fees or charges associated with allocations to enhanced crediting methods could exceed interest credited to the accumulation value, which would result in loss of premium. 381912

Fixed index annuities

How they perform in up and down markets

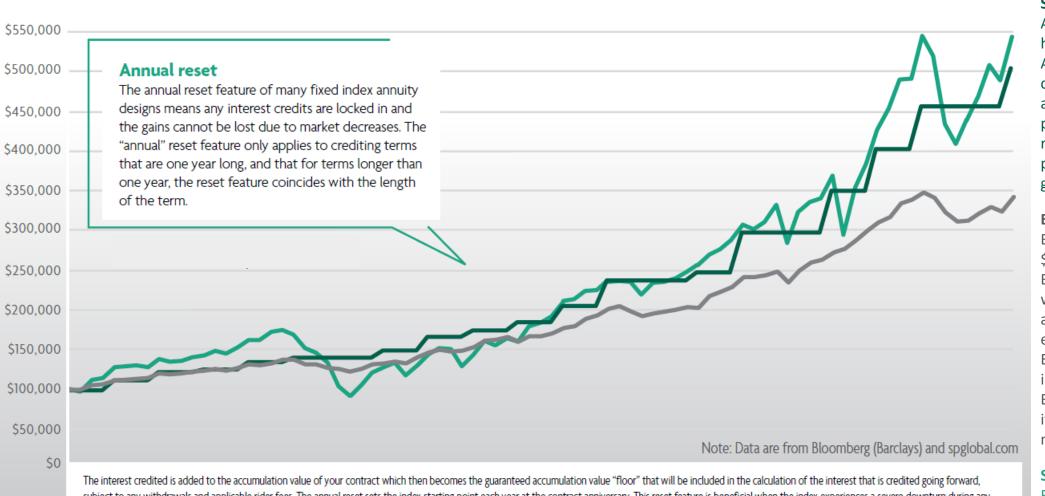
Fixed index annuities (FIAs) generally credit a portion of total index gains based on the crediting method chosen, but don't lose value due to market downturns.

Market-linked interest (subject to a cap, margin or participation rate) In a market **downturn** In an **up** market FIA Market Market FIP

0% floor

Volatility control + Annual reset

\$600.000



Fixed index annuity (100% allocation to annual point to point with participation rate crediting method based on the S&P MARC 5% ER index) Accumulation value of a

hypothetical fixed index annuity. Assumes no withdrawals. Interest credits to the accumulation value are subject to a hypothetical 75% participation rate. Does not reflect actual historical performance and is not a guarantee of future results.

Barclays Transitions 6% VC Index Based on a guarterly review of \$100,000 directly invested in the Barclays Transitions 6% VC Index without dividends taken into account. Index has been in existence since March 31, 2023. Ending values in years prior to inception are determined by Barclays Bank PLC ("BBPLC") or it's affiliates using the same methodology as used currently.

S&P 500[®]

Based on a quarterly review of \$100,000 directly invested in the S&P 500[®] without dividends taken into account.

subject to any withdrawals and applicable rider fees. The annual reset sets the index starting point each year at the contract anniversary. This reset feature is beneficial when the index experiences a severe downturn during any given year because not only do you not lose accumulation value from the downturn, but the new starting point for future growth calculations is the lower index value.



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Finding the right mix of growth potential and protection



Are you striking the right balance?

As consumers are nearing resirement, balancing financial risk in an ever-changing market can be challenging. And yet everyone has a different apported for risk. If there's rain in the forecase, some choose to bring an umbrela, while others take their chances. Consumers take a similar approach when it comes to retirement planning, some might be more conifortable with market-relaced risk, while others prefer to place their money in while'd less exposed to market risk.

No matter where you ful on the risk spectrum, a financial professional can help ensure your retirement portfolio matches both your goals and comfort level. Complete the questionnaire below to determine your current balance with risk. Risk split enal

Not exposed/less exposed to	market risk (0-100%)	Exposed to market risk (0-100%)							
Enter the value for each of the following investment categories.									
No/less market	: risk	Exposed to market risk							
Category	Dollar amount	Category							
Cash/cash alternatives		Bonds							
CDs		Mutual funds							
Fixed annuities		Stocks							
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Prefer to fill out digitally? Visit our online risk assessment calculator at NACriskprofile.com, or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



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The break-even burden

What is the "break-even"

point after a market loss?

Return to break

even after 1 year



Over 1.7 million³

Life and annuity policy holders



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A.M. Best (Superior)^{A,B}– (Second category out of 15)

Superior ability to meet ongoing obligations to policyholders

S&P Global Ratings (Strong)^{B,C} – (Fifth category out of 22)

Very strong financial security characteristics

Fitch Ratings (Stable)^D - (Fifth category out of 19)

A strong business profile, low financial leverage, very strong capitalization, and strong operating profitability supported by strong investment performance

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