

# S&P 500 Risk Control 10% Index Strategy Analysis

## Why choose an S&P 500 Risk Control 10% Index strategy?

Allocating money to an S&P 500 Risk Control 10% Index strategy provides the opportunity for clients to participate in the positive returns of the S&P 500 Risk Control 10% Index, with no risk to principal from market fluctuations.

## Returns using rolling periods

Using one-year rolling returns from January 2, 2008 through December 31, 2017, you can see how an S&P 500 Risk Control point-to-point strategy with an 80% participation rate would have performed compared to an S&P 500® point-to-point strategy with a 7.25% cap. The following analysis includes more than 2,500 observations.

	S&P 500® Annual Point-to-Point with 7.25% Cap		S&P 500 Risk Control 10% Annual Point-to-Point with 80% Participation Rate
Maximum Return	7.25%	Maximum Return	18.94%
Average Return	4.85%	Average Return	5.28%

## Returns over last seven years

The tables below show how a \$100,000 purchase payment would have grown over the last seven years using the S&P 500® strategy compared to the S&P 500 Risk Control strategy.

Year	S&P 500® Annual Point-to-Point			Year	S&P 500 Risk Control 10% Annual Point-to-Point		
	Index Return	Strategy Return with 7.25% Cap	Account Value		Index Return	Strategy Return with 80% Par. Rate	Account Value
2011	0.00%	0.00%	\$100,000	2011	-3.49%	0.00%	\$100,000
2012	13.41%	7.25%	\$107,250	2012	6.54%	5.23%	\$105,232
2013	29.60%	7.25%	\$115,026	2013	21.91%	17.53%	\$123,677
2014	11.39%	7.25%	\$123,365	2014	4.52%	3.62%	\$128,149
2015	-0.73%	0.00%	\$123,365	2015	-4.82%	0.00%	\$128,149
2016	9.54%	7.25%	\$132,309	2016	5.47%	4.38%	\$133,757
2017	19.42%	7.25%	\$141,901	2017	19.41%	15.53%	\$154,527
<b>Avg. Return</b>	<b>11.80%</b>	<b>5.18%</b>	<b>\$141,901</b>	<b>Avg. Return</b>	<b>7.08%</b>	<b>6.61%</b>	<b>\$154,527</b>

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Maximum and average rolling returns are reflective of the data that was available to us when this filer was created. Returns for last seven years assume that, for the entire seven-year period, clients held a Great American Life® fixed-indexed annuity, allocated 100% of their funds to applicable strategy for each one year term and terms coincided with calendar years. Indexed interest rates for the strategy are based on changes in the index over one-year terms, which are not based on calendar years but begin on the 6th and 20th of a month. The information presented above reflects hypothetical participation rates and caps, which are not guaranteed rates. The actual participation rates and/or caps that we might have applied during this period would have been different and might have been significantly lower. A purchase payment greater than \$100,000 may be required to receive illustrated rates.

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