

## **Volatility control + Annual reset**

## **Volatility control index design**

The S&P MARC 5% ER strives to create stable returns over time by managing to a targeted volatility ("risk control"). The index manages volatility by adjusting the allocations to certain asset classes, and by allocating to cash in certain market environments. The S&P MARC 5% ER is an excess return index, which means index performance is reported after subtracting a benchmark rate (the Federal Funds Rate).

For more information, please refer to the "About the the S&P Multi-Asset Risk Control 5% Excess Return Index" flyer (form 25538Z).



## **Annual reset**

As shown in the example on the previous page, the annual reset feature can be powerful in helping you grow and maintain your retirement nest egg. The annual reset allows for any interest credited on each contract anniversary to be "locked-in" and it can never be taken away due to market decreases. The interest credited is added to the accumulation value of your contract which then becomes the guaranteed accumulation value "floor" that will be included in the calculation of the interest that is credited going forward, 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.

Talk to your financial professional today about how to reach your long-term financial goals and how annuities can be a part of your plan.

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