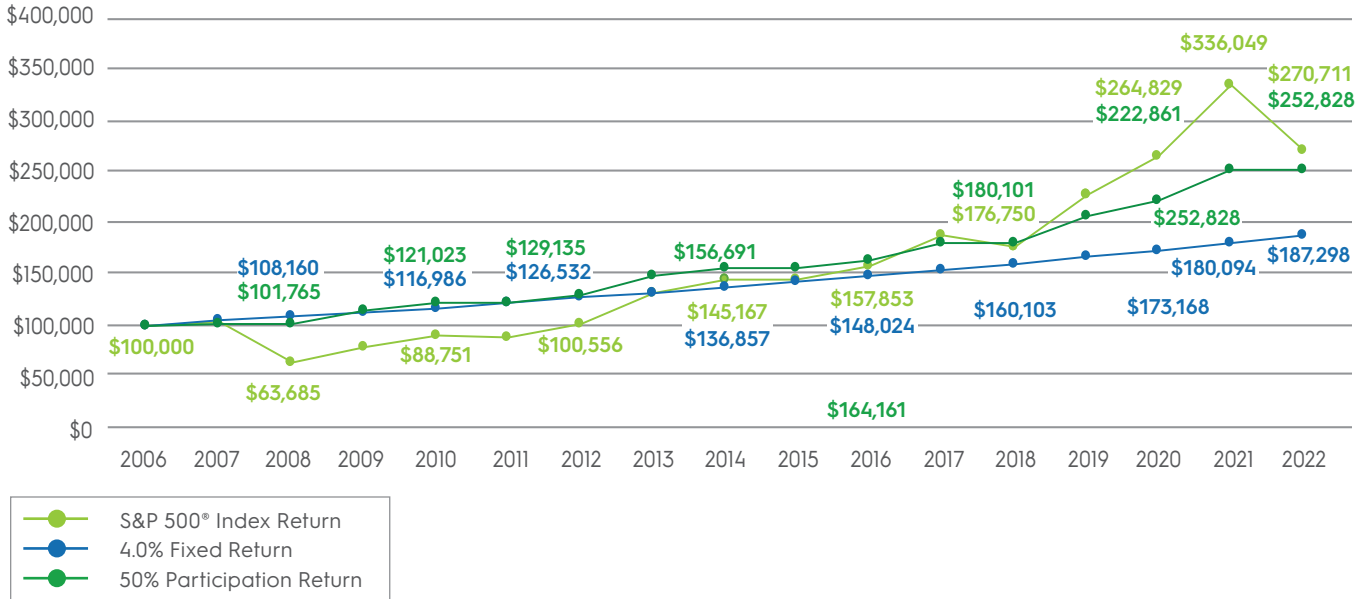


SOUND STRATEGIES

The value of downside protection



This graph is a hypothetical depiction showing the S&P 500® Index return, which represents an underlying index upon which can serve as a benchmark for interest crediting. It also shows a fixed account earning 4.0% annually. Lastly, it illustrates the return of an S&P 500 (R) indexed account option with a 50% Participation Rate (Par return).

This hypothetical demonstration assumes \$100,000 initial premium into both an indexed and fixed annuity and no withdrawals taken. Hypothetical values and returns are calculated using the last business day of each year's closing value. The graph does not account for any potential charges applicable to an annuity contract. If charges were taken into consideration, results would be lower. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Participation Rate of Return?

The participation return (par return) in this example is a hypothetical scenario showing growth if you received half of the return on the S&P 500® Index in all the years it was positive in exchange for zero growth in any year it was negative. In other words, you sacrifice some potential growth in order to prevent any market loss. Par returns are common in insurance products like fixed indexed annuities.

What is a fixed indexed annuity?

Annuities are offered by insurance companies to provide long-term financial security for retirement. With a fixed indexed annuity, your money can earn interest based on the performance of an index. It is important to note that fixed indexed annuities do not participate in the market, but credit interest based on a benchmark index.

You have options

This chart shows you results over time from three different strategies. Each has its own merit in different market conditions. Ultimately you can decide if the difference in return is worth reducing market loss.

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