

# MARKETEDGE BONUS INDEX<sup>TM</sup>

20% bonus over three years to help you grow your savings and reach your accumulation goals



Like many people, you may be dreaming about retirement, considering your goals and objectives for the days ahead. Whatever you envision, it's a good idea to have a game plan — an accumulation strategy to ensure you have the resources you need to make your dreams a reality.

MarketEdge Bonus Index is an accumulation-focused solution, a fixed index annuity with bonuses designed to help accelerate your savings for the future.

# **HOW DOES A FIXED INDEX ANNUITY WORK?**

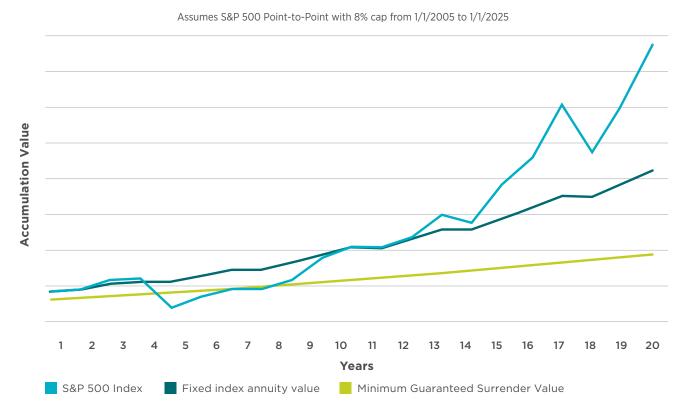
A fixed index annuity (FIA) — like MarketEdge Bonus Index — is a product designed to grow your retirement savings through bonuses and interest earned based on market indices. Your money is never exposed to downside market risk. Your annuity value increases when the index goes up, but you won't lose money when the index goes down.<sup>1</sup>

# **Building your Accumulation Value**

It starts by choosing your index accounts and crediting strategies, providing you the ability to diversify your retirement strategy. Then, on appropriate contract anniversaries — every one year or two years based on the strategy chosen — "index credits" are determined on these accounts and applied to your contract's current Accumulation Value.<sup>1</sup>

If the index value increases, your Accumulation Value grows. If the index value declines, your Accumulation Value will simply remain unchanged from the previous period's Accumulation Value. Index credits will never be less than zero.<sup>1</sup>

# 20-year hypothetical example



#### What about bonus FIAs?

The bonus isn't only in the name. With MarketEdge Bonus Index, EquiTrust immediately credits your annuity credits your annuity a 20% bonus over three years – an 8% premium bonus in year 1 and 4% Accumulation Value bonuses on the contract's first, second and third anniversaries.

# ADVANTAGES OF MARKETEDGE BONUS INDEX

Your contract is backed by the claims-paying ability of the insurance company, EquiTrust. MarketEdge Bonus Index offers several important advantages:



Protection of principal



Withdrawal privileges<sup>3</sup>



Tax-deferred earnings



20% total bonus over three years



Built-in guarantees<sup>2</sup>



A wide variety of account options to provide diversification

# YOU CONTROL YOUR MONEY — COMING IN OR GOING OUT

MarketEdge Bonus Index puts you in the driver's seat, with flexibility and options that give you control over your money.

#### **Premiums and premium bonus**

A 20% bonus is credited to your annuity over three years — an 8% premium bonus in year 1, and a 4% Accumulation Value bonus on each of the first three contract anniversaries.

After your initial premium payment, you may add subsequent premiums during the first contract year. Additional premium payments during the first year are directed to the fixed rate account until the first contract anniversary, when they can be reallocated. If you would like all initial premiums allocated to the index accounts, you may authorize EquiTrust to wait to issue the contract until all premiums are received.

#### **Bonuses compound**

Each bonus is included in the value for the subsequent Accumulation Value bonuses, which means the actual bonus amount over the first three years of your contract, with compounding, is higher than the sum of the bonus percentages.

#### **Bonuses earn interest**

You earn interest and index credits on your premium — and on the bonuses, too!
Bonuses are vested immediately when they are credited to your annuity's Accumulation
Value. In the event of your death, 100% of your total bonus is included in the death
benefit. If you surrender your contract, a surrender charge and Market Value Adjustment
(MVA)<sup>7</sup> may be applied to the full Accumulation Value, but you won't lose your bonus.

You may allocate your premiums to the fixed rate account or index accounts.

#### Fixed rate account

**1-Year Interest Account** — Interest rate is guaranteed for one contract year. May change subject to contractual Minimum Guaranteed Interest Rate on each contract anniversary. Subsequent premiums are applied to this account until the contract anniversary, then allocated per instructions.

#### **Index accounts**

A variety of index accounts offer earnings — called index credits — based on the changes of a specified index. Credits are never less than zero, and are added to accounts at the end of the one-year or two-year period. Cap, participation and trigger rates are reset annually or every two years.

Crediting strategies	Indices			
	S&P 500® Index	S&P 500 Dynamic Intraday TCA Index	S&P Marc 5% Excess Return Index	Barclays Focus50 Index
<b>1-Year Point-to-Point Cap</b> — Percentage change from previous contract anniversary, up to specified cap.	×			
1-Year Point-to-Point Cap with Buy-Up — Index credits are based on the percentage change in the S&P 500 Index from the previous contract anniversary, up to a specified cap. A higher cap rate is offered in exchange for a 1.00% annual fee.	X			
1-Year Point-to-Point Participation — Percentage change from previous contract anniversary, multiplied by participation rate.		X	X	X
1-Year Point-to-Point Participation with Buy-Up — Index credits are based on the percentage change in the S&P 500 Index from the previous contract anniversary, multiplied by the participation rate. A higher participation rate is offered in exchange for a 1.00% annual fee.	X			
1-Year Point-to-Point Performance Trigger — Percentage change from previous contract anniversary, with index credits based on a declared Performance Trigger Rate if index growth is positive. If the index decreases or has no growth, index credits are zero.	X			
1-Year Monthly Average Participation — Percentage change from previous contract anniversary to monthly index average, multiplied by participation rate.	X			
1-Year Monthly Cap — Cumulative sum of capped monthly changes from previous contract anniversary. Each monthly gain subject to a cap, but monthly declines not subject to a floor.	X			
<b>2-Year Point-to-Point Participation</b> — Percentage change from previous two-year contract anniversary, multiplied by participation rate.		X		

#### About the indices

#### S&P 500 Index4

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Ticker: SPX

Widely regarded as the best single gauge of large-cap U.S. equities. More than \$16 trillion is indexed or benchmarked to the S&P 500 Index, with indexed assets comprising approximately \$10 trillion of this total. Includes 500 leading companies and covers approximately 80% of available market capitalization.

# S&P 500 Dynamic Intraday TCA Index<sup>4</sup>

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Ticker: SPFDYNI

Seeks to provide exposure to the S&P 500 through the use of E-mini S&P 500 futures, while applying an intraday volatility control and trend-following mechanism. The index rebalances up to 13 times throughout the trading day, employing a time-weighted average price (TWAP) to adapt to changing market conditions as it seeks a more stable volatility experience compared to traditional risk control indices. Trend signals guide rebalancing to help the index respond to market movements while seeking to maintain a 15% volatility target to allow for higher potential S&P 500 exposure.

#### S&P MARC 5% Excess Return Index<sup>4</sup>

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Ticker: SPMARC5

Seeks to provide multi-asset diversification within a simple risk-weighting framework, tracking three underlying component indices that represent three asset classes: equities, commodities and fixed income. This index is dynamically rebalanced between the three indices and the cash component to target a 5% level of volatility. In low-volatility environments, the index risk-control mechanism increases market exposure to riskier assets by increasing the allocation to the index (up to a leveraged position of 150%).

#### Barclays Focus50 Index5

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Ticker: BXIIF50E

Seeks growth opportunities while limiting volatility through exposure to a dynamic combination of U.S. stocks and U.S. Treasury Indices. Low-volatility U.S. stocks are used because, historically, they have tended to outperform other, higher volatility stocks on a risk-adjusted basis. The broad universe consists of all stocks listed on the NYSE and NASDAQ issued by companies headquartered in the U.S. The addition of Treasuries adds a diversification benefit and a potential reduction in risk. To further control risk, the index aims to limit its annual volatility to a 5% target using a process called volatility control.

# EquiTrust is a name you can trust

At EquiTrust, we're committed to being a financial partner you can trust with your retirement dreams. Rest assured your annuity contract is backed by a company with conservative investment strategies, anchored by a disciplined and diversified management style. EquiTrust is supported by a history of success, experience and strength. Magic Johnson Enterprises — a diversified consortium of business entities and partnerships — owns a controlling interest in EquiTrust.



# IMPORTANT FEATURES OF MARKETEDGE BONUS INDEX

#### **Account transfers**

On each contract anniversary, you may transfer money among the various accounts offered in your contract. Transfers out of a two-year account are allowed only at the end of each two-year period.

#### Free withdrawals

You may withdraw up to 10% of the Accumulation Value each year after the first contract year without paying any charges.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Lump-sum payment option**

Your contract's cash surrender value is available as a lump sum at any time. Surrender charges are in effect during the first 10 contract years, are a percentage of the Accumulation Value, and decline annually: 16, 14.5, 13, 11.5, 9.5, 8, 6.5, 5, 3 and 1%.6 In addition, early surrenders or withdrawals over 10% may be subject to an MVA.<sup>7</sup> At the end of the surrender charge period, your cash surrender value will equal the full Accumulation Value.

#### The value of tax deferral

Currently, all interest earned on an annuity accumulates on a tax-deferred basis. You won't need to pay income taxes on your annuity until you receive a payment from your contract. If you're under age 59½ at the time of withdrawal, there may be an additional 10% IRS penalty.8

#### **Minimum Guaranteed Contract Rate**

You're guaranteed to receive no less than 87.5% of your premiums — less any partial withdrawals — accumulated at the Minimum Guaranteed Contract Rate (MGCR). Ask your financial professional for this rate.

# **Nursing Home Waiver**

Your contract includes the Nursing Home Waiver at no additional cost. If you're confined to a nursing home or hospital for 90 consecutive days or more, your contract's Accumulation Value will be available without surrender charges or MVA<sup>7</sup> beginning in the second contract year and during your confinement.<sup>9</sup>

#### **Terminal Illness Rider**

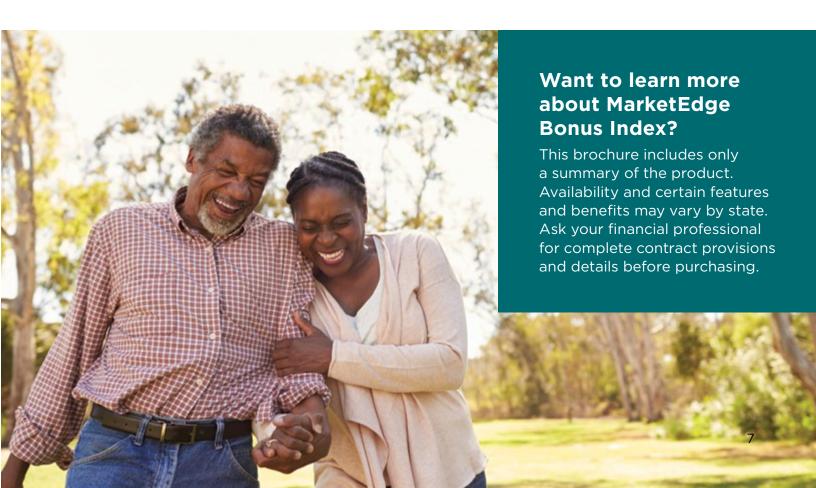
This rider, included at no additional charge on your contract, can provide you assurance that if you're diagnosed with a terminal illness, charges will be waived for a withdrawal of up to 75% of your contract's Accumulation Value.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Death benefit**

If you die, the full Accumulation Value of your contract will be paid to your beneficiary(ies) without surrender charges or MVA.<sup>7</sup>

# Free-look period

After your contract is issued, you have a specified number of days to review it; see your contract for complete details. If you're not completely satisfied with the terms, you may return the contract and receive 100% of your premiums paid, minus any prior withdrawals.



- <sup>1</sup> For any values in the rate buy-up accounts, growth must be greater than the fee for the Accumulation Value to grow. If indices decline, value in the rate buy-up accounts will decline due to the fee.
- <sup>2</sup> The guarantees expressed in this brochure are based on the claims-paying ability of EquiTrust Life Insurance Company.
- <sup>3</sup> Surrender of the contract may be subject to surrender charges or Market Value Adjustment. Withdrawals before age 59½ may result in a 10% IRS penalty tax. Withdrawals do not participate in index growth. In the event of a full surrender, charges will apply to any penalty-free amounts taken during the same contract year.
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- <sup>6</sup> The surrender charge period and surrender charges may vary by state. CA 9 years: 8.3, 7.4, 6.5, 5.6, 4.7, 3.8, 2.9, 1.9, 0.9%. FL 10 years: 10, 10, 10, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 4%.
- <sup>7</sup> Market Value Adjustment does not apply in CA.
- <sup>8</sup> EquiTrust Life Insurance Company cannot give legal, tax or accounting advice. Your personal tax advisor can provide important information with respect to the purchase of this annuity contract and its taxation.
- <sup>9</sup> You become eligible for waiver of surrender charge when you are confined to a hospital or nursing care center for at least 90 consecutive days. You remain eligible for waiver for the period you remain confined.
- 10 Terminal Illness Rider features may vary by state. The Terminal Illness Rider includes a 1-year waiting period from contract issue.

Contract issued on Contract Form Series ICC19-ET-MP10-2000(02-19) or ET-MP10-2000(05-18). Riders issued on Form Series ICC18-430-NHW(06-18) or 430-NHW(08-03); ET-AVBR(06-09); and ICC16-ET-TI(10-16) or ET-TI(10-16). Index accounts issued on Form Series ICC18-ET-P2P(05-18), ICC19-ET-P2P-F(05-19); ICC23-ET-PT(04-23); ICC18-ET-1AP(05-18); ICC18-ET-1MC(05-18); ICC24-ET-1PP(04-24); ICC19-ET-1PP-F(05-19); ICC24-ET-2PP(12-24); and ICC19-ET-1PP(05-19).

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