

Which Index Should You Choose?

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Which index strategy to choose depends on your objectives and tolerance risk. However, with many options to choose from, you can diversify your cash value with indexed strategies whose underlying indexes focus on different markets, assets, geographies and objectives.

| Annual Point-to-Point S&P 500 Index, Cap Focus, and Participation Focus Strategies | Tracks the S&P 500, considered to be representative of large-company stocks in general Choose a higher participation rate or higher cap depending on your outlook on the index |
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| Balanced Trend | A volatility-targeted index that seeks to provide a smoother ride than the highs and lows of the general market Follows a mix of different asset classes and global markets in the pursuit of less volatility |
| Annual Point-to-Point S&P 500 Index, 1% Floor Strategy | Guaranteed 1% annual interest crediting regardless of market performance For those willing to give up some upside for greater guaranteed interest crediting |
| U.S. Pacesetter Index | A volatility-targeted index that seeks to provide a smoother ride than the highs and lows of the general market Follows a mix of different asset classes and US Equities markets in the pursuit of less volatility |
| Fixed-Term Strategy | Guaranteed interest crediting using an annually declared fixed interest rate Upside potential is limited |

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Hypothetical Returns by Strategy

| Year | Balanced Trend Index Pt-to-Pt Growth Rate | Balanced Trend Index Pt-to-Pt No Cap Par: 225.00% | S&P 500 [®] Pt-to-Pt Growth Rate | S&P 500 [®] Pt-to-Pt Cap Focus Cap: 9.25% Par: 105.00% | S&P 500 [®] Pt-to-Pt Par Focus Cap: 6.50% Par: 140.00% | S&P 500 [®] Pt-to-Pt 1% Floor Cap: 6.75% Par: 100.00% | US Pacesetter Index Pt-to-Pt Growth Rate | US Pacesetter Index Pt-to-Pt No Cap Par: 245.00% |
|-------------|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 2005 | 3.64% | 8.19% | 3.00% | 3.15% | 4.20% | 3.00% | 10.19% | 24.97% |
| 2006 | 6.33% | 14.25% | 13.62% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 7.13% | 17.47% |
| 2007 | 1.27% | 2.85% | 3.53% | 3.71% | 4.94% | 3.53% | 7.35% | 18.00% |
| 2008 | 1.71% | 3.84% | -38.49% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.00% | -0.48% | 0.00% |
| 2009 | 4.87% | 10.97% | 23.45% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 4.41% | 10.80% |
| 2010 | 6.43% | 14.46% | 12.78% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 14.04% | 34.41% |
| 2011 | 4.69% | 10.55% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.00% | 13.09% | 32.06% |
| 2012 | 8.25% | 18.56% | 13.41% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 7.12% | 17.44% |
| 2013 | 8.42% | 18.94% | 29.60% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | -1.06% | 0.00% |
| 2014 | 12.79% | 28.79% | 11.39% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 7.66% | 18.77% |
| 2015 | -0.43% | 0.00% | -0.73% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.00% | 0.34% | 0.84% |
| 2016 | 2.45% | 5.51% | 9.54% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 3.23% | 7.91% |
| 2017 | 9.65% | 21.71% | 19.42% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 12.46% | 30.53% |
| 2018 | -2.21% | 0.00% | -6.24% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.00% | 0.86% | 2.10% |
| 2019 | 11.09% | 24.95% | 28.88% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 11.88% | 29.12% |
| 2020 | 1.16% | 2.60% | 16.26% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 14.75% | 36.14% |
| 2021 | 5.23% | 11.77% | 26.89% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 3.32% | 8.14% |
| 2022 | -11.09% | 0.00% | -19.44% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.00% | -15.26% | 0.00% |
| 2023 | 4.35% | 9.80% | 24.23% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | 1.92% | 4.71% |
| 2024 | -0.84% | 0.00% | 23.31% | 9.25% | 6.50% | 6.75% | -1.51% | 0.00% |
| 5 YEAR AVG | -0.40% | 4.72% | 12.70% | 7.33% | 5.17% | 5.57% | 0.20% | 9.04% |
| 10 YEAR AVG | 1.80% | 7.29% | 11.10% | 6.39% | 4.51% | 4.99% | 2.90% | 11.18% |
| 15 YEAR AVG | 3.80% | 10.78% | 11.70% | 6.70% | 4.73% | 5.19% | 4.60% | 14.01% |
| 20 YEAR AVG | 3.80% | 10.06% | 8.20% | 6.28% | 4.64% | 4.93% | 4.80% | 13.99% |

Numbers shown represent the hypothetical past performance of our strategies, which are based on the change in the underlying index, excluding dividends, without direct market participation and applying an assumed cap, participation rate and floor.

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- S&P 500 Cap Focus Strategy Participation Rate will always be equal to or greater than 100%. Guaranteed Minimum Cap 3.1%.
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