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S&P MARC 5% Index

A Dynamic Multi-Asset Strategy

Global capital markets are constantly fluctuating, so it’s crucial to mitigate the impact of unexpected dips. S&P Dow Jones Indices, the leading provider of market indices for use in insurance products, has created a diversified multi-asset index that uses an innovative design to manage market volatility.

The S&P MARC 5% (Multi-Asset Risk Control) Index seeks to provide multi-asset diversification within a simple risk weighting framework, tracking three underlying component indices that represent:

- Equities: S&P 500®
- Commodities: S&P GSCI Gold
- Fixed Income: S&P 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures

How Does the S&P MARC 5% Index Work?

Volatility-Based Weighting

Risk Control: Index Allocation is Rebalanced Daily Based on Market Conditions

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Low-Volatility Environments

High-Volatility Environments

Multi-Asset Benefits

1. Volatility Reduction
2. Diversification
3. Inflation Protection
4. Rising Rate Protection
5. Downside Protection

Daily Asset Mix of the S&P MARC 5% Index

The strategy is rebalanced daily to maintain a target volatility of 5% through a dynamic allocation to cash.

Source: S&P Dow Jones Indices, LLC. Data as of March 29, 2019. Index performance based on USD Excess Returns. Charts and graphs are provided for illustrative purposes. Past performance is not an indication or guarantee of future results. These charts and graphs may reflect hypothetical historical performance. Please see the Performance Disclosure at the end of this document for more information regarding the inherent limitations associated with back-tested performance.

In low-volatility environments, the S&P MARC 5% Index risk control mechanism increases market exposure to riskier assets by increasing the allocation to the Index (up to a leveraged position of 150%).
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