Market-Linked Notes

Solutions to help you manage the what ifs of investing

Market-Linked Notes are considered complex investments and may not be suitable for all investors, so it's important to review relevant offering documents.

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What if...

You could protect some of your core portfolio against losses?[1]

Would you...

Consider investment strategies that may complement your portfolio's asset allocations during market downturns?

Gain the confidence to stay invested and continue to seek opportunities for potential growth?[1]

Seek alternate income opportunities with the potential to generate yield that is less dependent on interest rates?[1]

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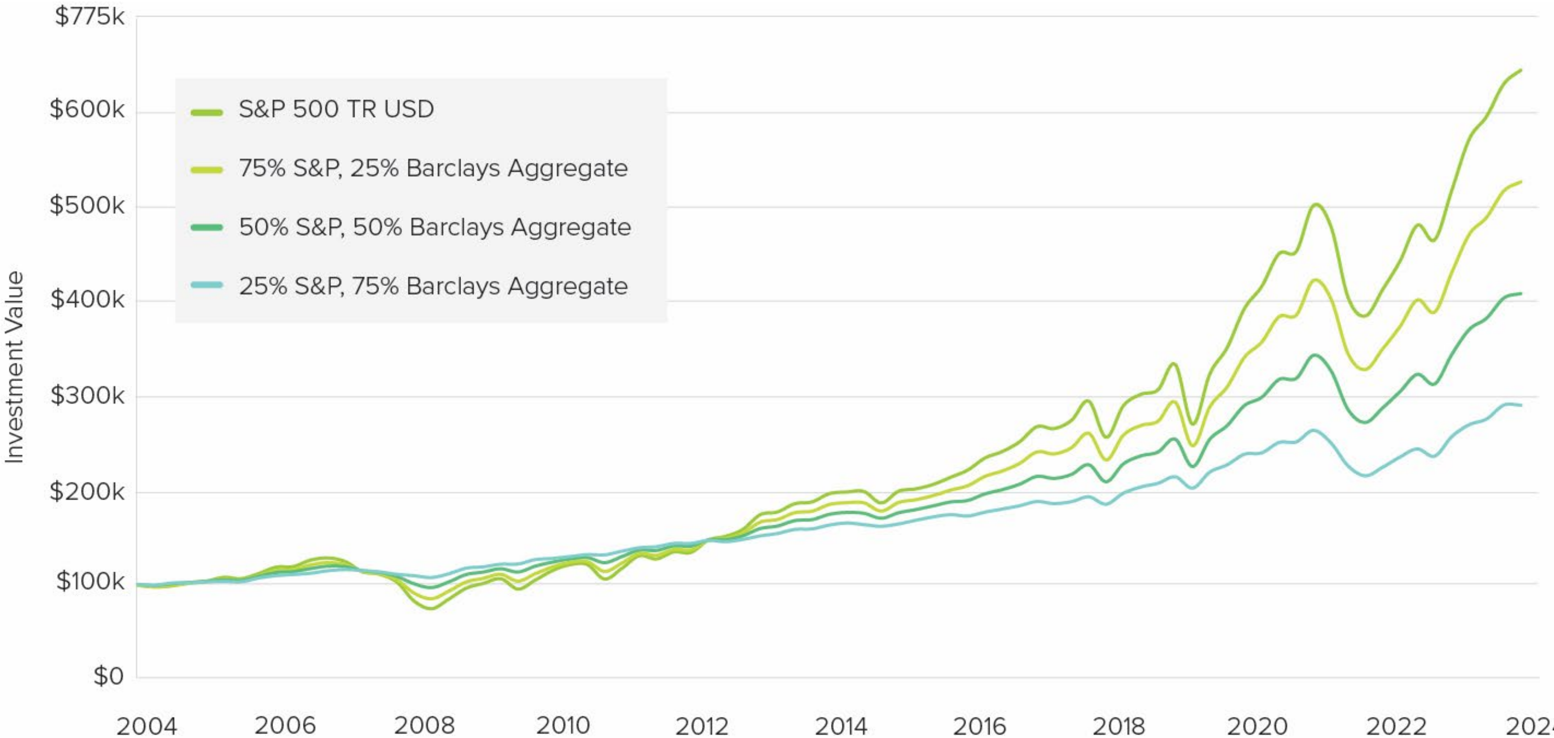
What if... you want to maintain your current asset allocation strategy, but you are also looking for ways to reduce your exposure to market downturns?

Parallel performance among asset allocation strategies



Source: Bloomberg. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. This chart is for illustrative purposes only and not indicative of any investment. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Equity investments are represented by the S&P 500®, which is an unmanaged group of securities and is considered to be representative of the U.S. stock market in general. Fixed income investments are represented by the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Fixed income investments, if held until maturity, provide a fixed rate of return and a fixed principal value. The data, which are quarterly observations from December 31, 2004 to December 31, 2024, assume reinvestment of income and do not account for taxes or transaction costs on an initial investment of $100,000 on December 31, 2004. Diversification does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss. There is no assurance that investing in any asset class will provide positive performance over time. The performance of a particular Market-Linked Note is dependent upon the performance of the associated underlying asset (underlier), as defined in the offering documents. If the underlier has a negative return at maturity, the Market-Linked Note could have a return of an amount that is below the initial amount invested. The value of the Market-Linked Note will fluctuate based on various factors and, if redeemed prior to maturity, may be less than the original amount invested. Investment return is not guaranteed and is subject to the credit risk of the issuer at maturity. Please review all of the risks associated with a Market-Linked Note at the end of this brochure.

You don’t have to change your exposure to certain asset classes you believe in to reduce the impact of market declines.

Market-Linked Notes, considered complex investments, may help reduce downside risk at a time when your long-term asset allocation strategy may not.[1]

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What if... your reaction to market volatility and declines is either to reallocate out of equities and into fixed income and cash, or to mistime when you buy and sell your investments?

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Don’t let an emotional reaction to market performance impact your ability to achieve your long-term investment objectives.

Market-Linked Notes allow you to stay invested to capture the potential upside moves in the equity market, while also giving you the ability to decide the amount of downside protection against losses you want in your portfolio.[1]

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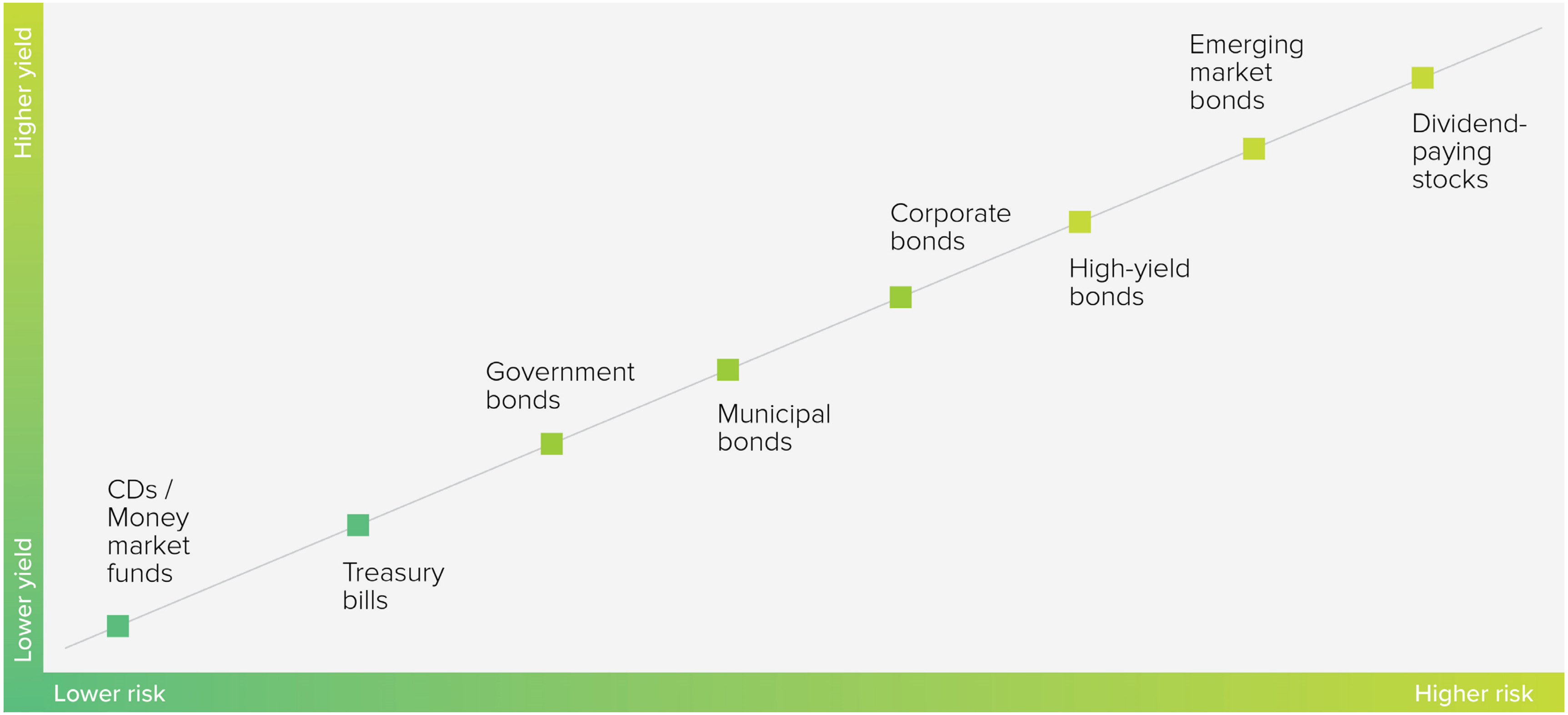
What if... your investment options for generating higher yield result in taking on higher risk?

Investment yield vs. risk



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You have options to invest in alternative income sources that may also provide you with a level of principal protection.[1]

Market-Linked Notes carry similar credit risk to corporate bonds, however are typically driven more by the performance of the markets than by interest rates.[1]

Market-Linked Notes may be appropriate[2] for...

- Retirement planning
- Education savings
- IRAs
- Custodial accounts
- Businesses
- Non-profit organizations
- Growth-focused investing
- Income-focused investing

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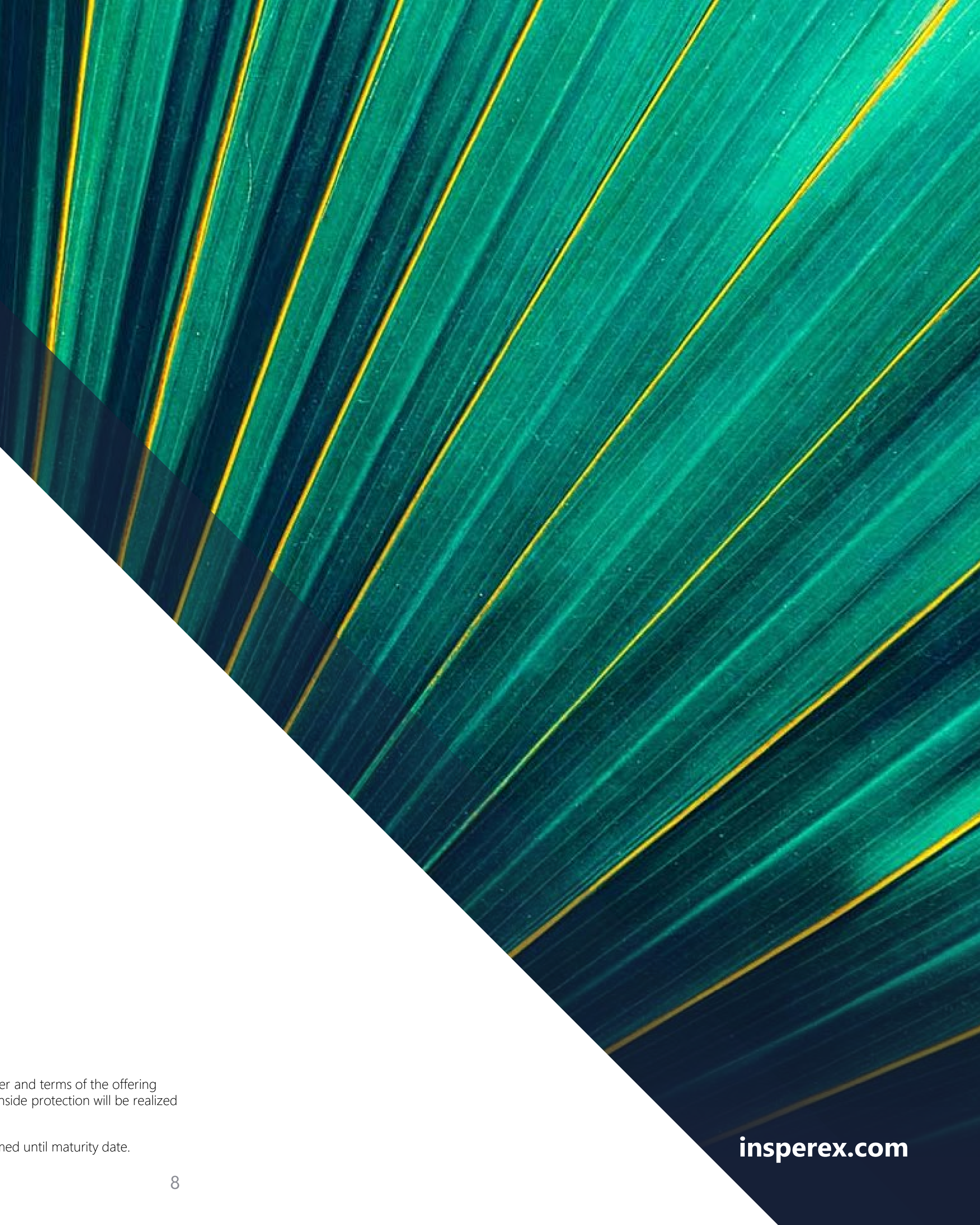
2 Must consider account liquidity needs, as Market-Linked Notes may not pay out income or be redeemed until maturity date.



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Are Market-Linked Notes right for you?

Market-Linked Notes are designed for investors who want an opportunity to participate in the upside possibilities afforded by various financial markets, but who are also mindful of risk and may want a level of downside protection on their investments.[1]

Financial institutions issue Market-Linked Notes in fixed time periods that generally range up to 10 years. Returns are linked to the performance of one or more underlying assets (underliers), such as a basket of stocks or various equity market indices that provide the exposure you desire.

They also provide different levels of protection against losses at maturity.[1] Any return of principal, as well as interest and gains generated are subject to the credit risk of the issuer.

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Market-Linked Notes may help you…

Protect your principal against losses, if applicable[1]

Increase your potential for capital growth and/or income[1]

Feel more financially prepared to meet your investment goals

Complement your traditional investments

Enhance your portfolio's diversification and better manage its risk/reward profile

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It's important to note...

Dividends paid on the underlier are not passed through to the Market-Linked Note.

Market-Linked Notes are designed as buy-and-hold investments, and there may not be a liquid secondary market. The value of the investment may be worth less than the principal amount if sold prior to maturity.

To understand the specific terms that may impact the performance of a particular Market-Linked Note, you should review the relevant offering documents.

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If you're seeking growth...

Some Market-Linked Notes provide the potential for capital appreciation at maturity based on a participation rate, which is the degree to which you can participate in the potential growth of the underlier. A participation rate can be in excess of 100% (1.0x). If you desire a higher participation rate, you must be willing to accept a longer maturity. There also may be a cap on the Market-Linked Note's maximum return, regardless of the actual return of the underlier.

If you're seeking income...

Some Market-Linked Notes provide coupon payments based on whether the underlier meets certain performance thresholds at predetermined times throughout the life of the investment.

Where do you want market exposure?

Market-Linked Products are linked to the performance of one or more underlying assets. Common underliers include individual stocks, equity indices, or indices that provide asset class diversification or exposure to popular themes.

Speak with your financial professional about the risks and suitability of Market-Linked Notes in your portfolio.

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What you should know before investing in Market-Linked Notes

Call risk

Some Market-Linked Notes (MLNs) are callable, or redeemable, solely at the option of the issuer. The issuer is not obligated to redeem a callable note and will typically call an MLN when it is most advantageous for them to do so. If the MLN is called, it is possible that you may be unable to reinvest in an MLN with similar or better terms.

Liquidity risk

MLNs are intended to be held until maturity, and there is no formal secondary market for the product, which makes early redemptions difficult and subject to a variety of market-related factors. If you are able to redeem MLNs prior to maturity, the redemption proceeds may be less than the amount you invested due to fluctuations in the underlying assets and other market-related factors.

Credit risk

An MLN represents a senior unsecured debt that is subject to the credit risk of the issuer. If the issuer goes into default, any return of principal, as well as interest and gains generated, could be at risk of loss.

Fees

MLNs are subject to fees and costs, including commission paid to your financial professional, structuring and development costs, and offering expenses. There are also trading costs, including costs to hedge the product. Any sales prior to maturity will be reduced by all associated fees and costs, which are detailed in the offering documents.

What you should know before investing in Market-Linked Notes

Market risk

MLNs are linked to the performance of specified underlying assets. The return on MLNs can be adversely impacted if the underlying assets perform poorly, and as a result, the payment you receive at maturity may be less than the principal amount invested.

Tax implications

The tax treatment of MLNs varies depending on the structure, and in some cases is uncertain. For specific terms, please refer to the offering documents, or consult a tax professional.

Principal risk

The value of the investment may be worth less than the principal amount if sold prior to maturity. Depending on the performance of the underlying asset, the payment you receive at maturity may be less than the principal amount you invested.

Performance risk

The Market-Linked Note pays a return at maturity based upon the performance of an underlying asset as outlined in the offering documents. These terms could include interim caps which represents the highest level of growth or maximum return you can receive from an investment, regardless of the actual return of the underlier, if applicable. Other terms could include rates of participation which refers to the degree or method to which an investor can participate in the potential growth or appreciation of the underlier. Market-Linked Notes do not pay dividends. If dividends are declared on the underlying asset, they will be excluded when calculating Market-Linked Note performance. There are a variety of factors that may influence the performance of the underlying asset such as volatility, interest rate moves, and time to maturity. Additionally, potential fees charged on the underlying asset may reduce or eliminate any positive return in that underlying asset, thereby reducing the return on the Market-Linked Note.

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