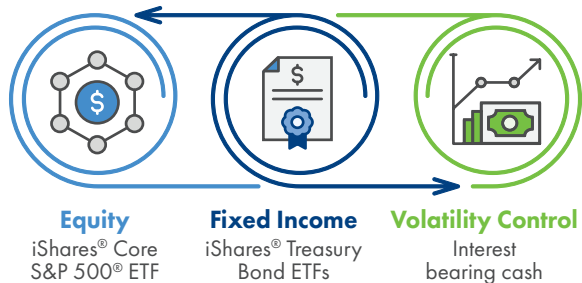


Why BlackRock® Adaptive U.S. Equity 5% Index?



PERFORMANCE

Design aims to deliver durable returns over the long-term by adapting to daily market conditions. Dynamic allocations rebalance multi-asset class weightings on a daily basis.

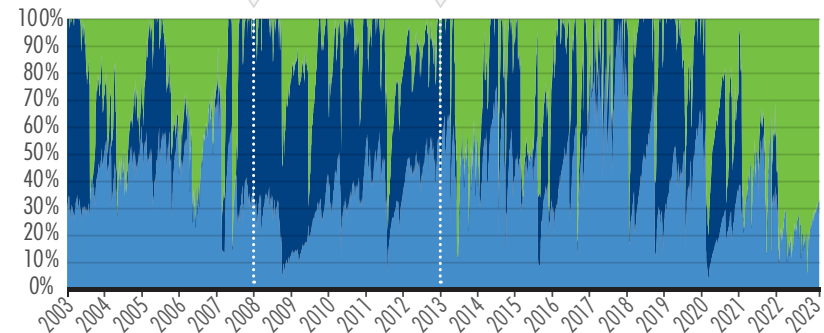


ADAPTIVE

Index has the ability to rapidly observe its own performance and macro market regimes to enhance risk targeting process.

2008 – 2013: During a strong bond market, a heavier bond allocation occurred.*

■ Equities ■ Fixed Income ■ Cash

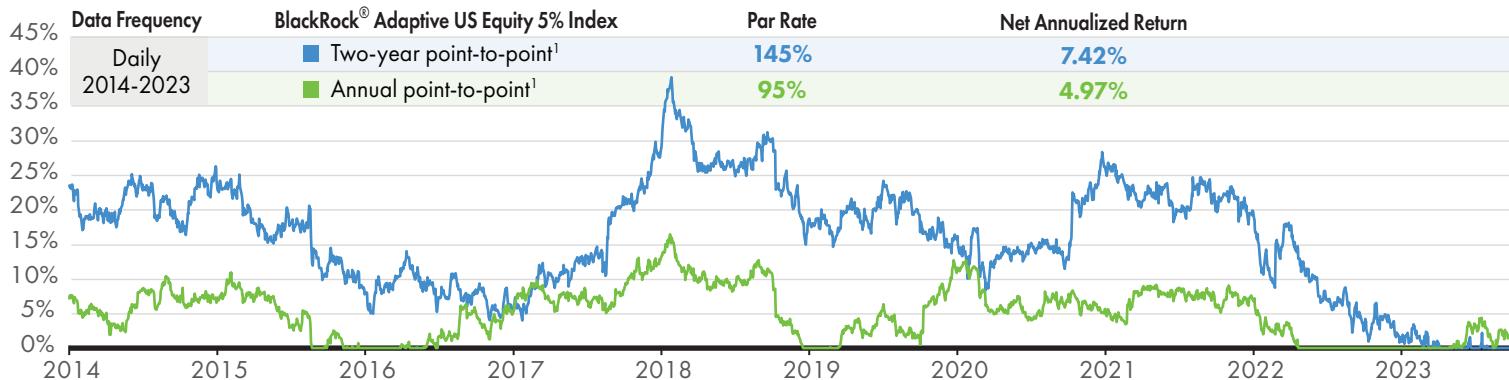


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¹ The fixed index annuity in this hypothetical example uses the annual point-to-point index method based on changes in the BlackRock® Adaptive U.S. Equity 5% Index to calculate the indexed rate for each term. For purposes of this chart a 145% and 95% participation rate is applied for all terms in the period. Assuming \$100,000 initial premium and 10% bonus. Indexed interest is credited only on amounts held for the entire term. This example assumes no money is withdrawn from the annuity. Early withdrawal charges will apply if money is withdrawn during the early withdrawal charge period. See the disclosure document for the early withdrawal charge schedule.

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