

# Buffered Index Growth Strategy - Standard

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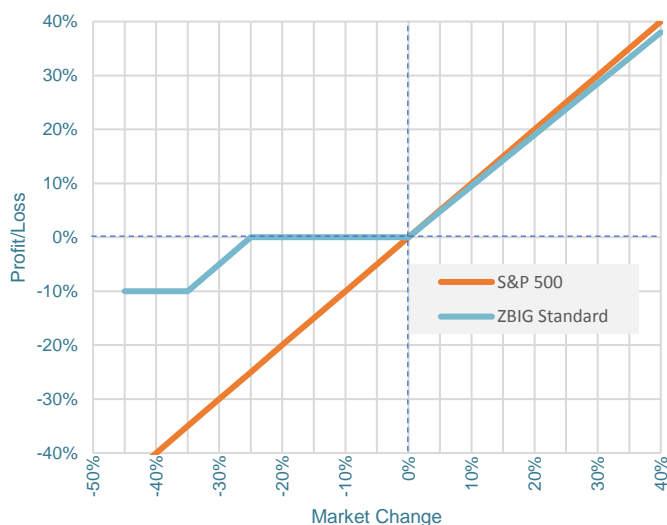
Investment Vehicle: Separately Managed Account  
 Portfolio Manager: Jay Pestrichelli

Inception Date: November 2016

## Strategy Overview

- Provides a targeted payout in 18-36 months, as the portfolio exclusively utilizes products with a maturity date
- Offers participation in the growth of the S&P 500
- "Buffered" refers to the portfolio's range of protection from negative index movements-but not all losses
- Equity losses are limited if the S&P 500 finishes with returns between 0 and -25% (actual return profile can vary at entry)
- The portfolio swaps out equity risk for a diversified high yield fixed income portfolio
- Relies on the principal return from a diversified high yield fixed income portfolio to deliver its target payout, which means that the debt markets must be functioning normally and without high default levels at maturity
- Accounts own securities that are historically very liquid meaning, unlike structured notes, the client can exit the strategy prior to maturity at a fair price. However, early exit payouts may not match the targeted returns

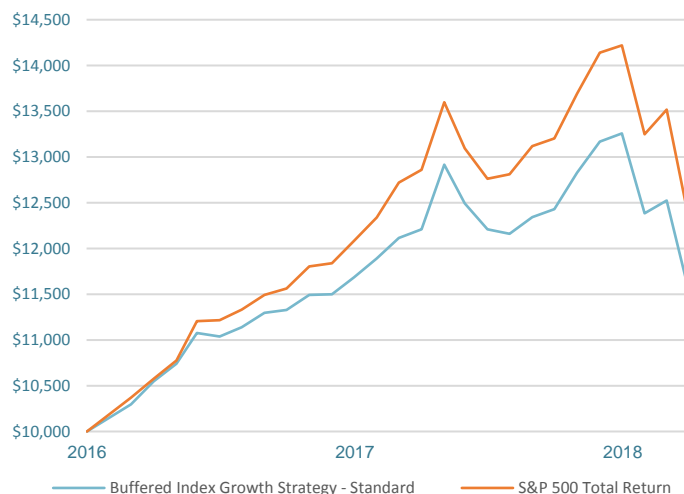
## ZBIG Standard Equity Risk Compared to SPY



## Performance Statistics

	ZEGA Financial	S&P 500 Total Return
YTD Return	-5.70%	-4.38%
Ann. Return: 1 year	-5.70%	-4.38%
Ann. Return: Inception	6.71%	10.01%
Annualized Volatility	9.96%	11.00%
Sharpe Ratio	0.51	0.64

## Cumulative Growth (since inception)



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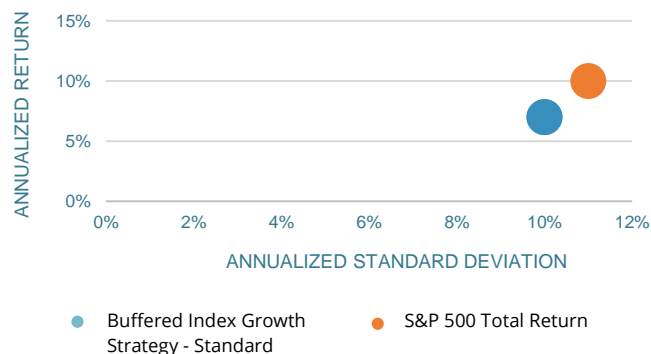
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## Recommended Usage

- Any current or prospective investor with US Large Cap equity exposure
- Investors looking for limited protection from a decline in the S&P 500
- Investors with a bullish outlook on US Large Cap equity
- Client that is comfortable with the downside risk of a highly diversified, short duration, high yield fixed income portfolio
- For implementation in a margin account only

## Risk vs. Return



## Monthly Performance

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	S&P500
2016														
2017	1.82%	3.12%	-0.33%	0.90%	1.41%	0.30%	1.43%	0.07%	1.62%	1.76%	2.95%	2.46%	5.48%	5.75%
2018	5.79%	-3.26%	-2.28%	-0.41%	1.52%	0.69%	3.21%	2.64%	0.69%	-6.58%	1.12%	-8.08%	-5.70%	-4.38%

## Strategy Risks & Disclosures

Note: Returns are expressed in US Dollars and calculated net of actual fees. Performance includes reinvestment of dividends and other earnings.

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