

## Performance Summary as January 31, 2024

The RBA Select Equity Yield CIBC 5% Index (the "Index") seeks to enhance returns through a targeted set of reliable and sustainable dividend-paying equities. Sponsored by CIBC Capital Markets, the Index selects 100 of the top U.S. dividend-paying stocks through a methodology based on leading market research and fundamental analysis of financial factors. This investment strategy was developed in partnership with Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA) – a prominent provider of innovative, research-driven investment solutions.

### **Back-tested Performance Analysis**

YTD Return	1-Yr Return	Annualized Return (12/31/2006 – 1/31/2024)
-0.69%	-0.79%	2.84%

#### Back-tested Annual Returns (2007-2024)



# Retirement Stages Select<sup>SM</sup> 5 with the RBA Select Equity Yield CIBC 5% Index 1-Year Point-to-Point w/ 185% Participation (as of 1/31/2024)

YTD Return	1-Yr Return	Annualized Return (12/31/2006 – 1/31/2024)
0.57%	0.00%	7.08%

The inception date of the RBA Select Equity Yield CIBC 5% Index is March 6, 2020. Performance shown prior to the inception date is back-tested, meaning that it was derived by applying the index methodology to periods prior to the index inception date and shows how the index might have performed over that time period had the index existed. No investor did or could have achieved the backtested index performance. Unlike actual performance, the back-tested performance results are hypothetical, based on criteria applied retroactively with the benefit of hindsight and knowledge of factors that may have positively affected the performance, and cannot account for risk factors that may affect actual performance. Back-tested index performance should not be given the same consideration as live index performance. Back-tested index performance does not reflect actual investment results, nor should it be viewed as a prediction of performance in the future but reflects results for a back-tested methodology.

Actual performance will be determined by the index crediting strategy chosen by the contract owner. Index crediting strategies apply additional criteria, such as a Cap, Spread, Participation or Trigger Rate, to actual index performance after the annuity contract is issued. The hypothetical performance shown is for sample index crediting strategies that also include back-tested index performance for any periods prior to the index inception date. It does not represent the performance of a specific product and is for illustrative purposes only. The Cap, Spread, Participation and Trigger Rates used in calculating the hypothetical results may differ from the annuity contract terms if and when issued, and are subject to change by the insurer which could substantially affect the hypothetical results. It is unlikely that actual index crediting strategies will repeat either actual historical performance or back-tested hypothetical performance. Actual values will vary, perhaps materially, from those shown in the hypothetical examples. Past performance does not guarantee future results

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RBA Select Equity Yield CIBC Index Source: CIBC and Bloomberg as of 1/31/2024.

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