



Universal life combines cost-effective life insurance protection and tax-advantaged investment opportunities. Before making your investment choices, it's important to understand how comfortable you are with investment risk. Many people recommend taking a more conservative approach within an insurance policy in order to safeguard the death benefit. We offer a wide range of investment options that are well suited to not only building a conservative portfolio, but also adding long-term growth options for the more aggressive investor.

#### Designing your savings and investment portfolio

You can invest in any combination of the following:

- Daily Interest Account The Daily Interest Account is similar to a typical savings account found at various financial institutions. The interest rate credited on premiums allocated to the Daily Interest Account will be determined by Equitable from time to time but is guaranteed never to be less than 90% of the yield on 91-Day Government of Canada Treasury Bills, less 1.5%. Interest credited will never be negative.
- Guaranteed Deposit Accounts A minimum investment of \$500 is required and can be invested for terms of 1, 5, and 10 years. Premiums allocated to the Guaranteed Deposit Accounts provide you with a guaranteed rate of interest for the term selected. Interest credited will never be negative.
- Linked Interest Options Linked Interest Options provide the opportunity to have non-registered accounts that enjoy tax-advantaged earnings with performance that reflects domestic, global equity and bond markets. There are five types of Linked Interest Options available:

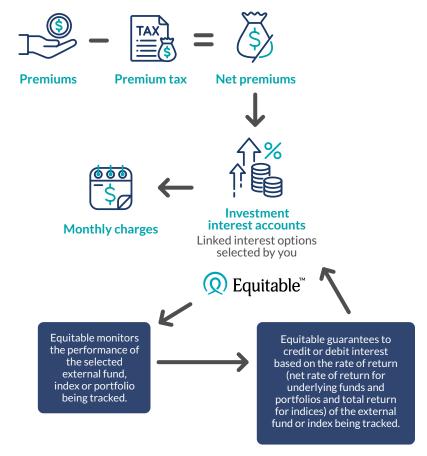
Index	ESG Index	Managed Fund	Portfolio	Target Date
Options	Options	Options	Options	Options
Interest based on the movement of some of the world leading stock market indexes.	Interest base on the movement of some stock market indexes that apply ESG principles in the securities selected.	Interest mirrors the performance of funds managed by some of the world's best professional money managers.	Interest based on the performance of portfolios that are suitable to an investor's risk tolerance and goals.	Interest based on the performance of portfolios that enables clients to grow their fund value during their earning years and enjoy stability during their retirement years.

#### How do the linked interest options work?

With Linked Interest Options, you are not investing in or buying units in the index or underlying fund being tracked. Instead, net premiums allocated to the Linked Interest Options are invested in an interest bearing account on deposit with Equitable. Charges are deducted monthly.

Equitable guarantees to credit or debit interest with an interest rate equal to:

- not less than 100% of the net rate of return of the underlying fund being tracked, including the reinvestment of dividends, and
- not less than 100% of the comparative increase or decrease of the total return of the Index being tracked, including the reinvestment of dividends.



Due to the variable nature of the market-based investments that are being tracked, the rate of interest can be either positive or negative depending on the movement of the applicable index, underlying fund or portfolio you select.

- A positive rate of return will result in a credit and will increase your account value.
- A negative rate of return will result in a debit and will decrease your account value.

Starting Account Value	Rate of return of the fund being tracked	Your New Account Value
¢2,000	2%	\$2,040
\$2,000	-3%	\$1,940

The performance you experience will depend on the amounts and timing of premiums relative to the index, underlying fund or portfolio being tracked by your Linked Interest Option(s). While Linked Interest Options may provide the potential for greater rates of return over the long term, there is an inherent risk in selecting them as investment options. Unlike investing in the Daily Interest Account or the Guaranteed Deposit Accounts where there are guarantees surrounding the credited interest rates, investments in the Linked Interest Options are NOT GUARANTEED. It is possible to receive negative interest, which will reduce your Account Value. Past performance of the indices, underlying funds or portfolios does not guarantee future results. Investment results will vary.

It is important to consider these factors and your risk tolerance when you make your Investment Interest Account selection. If you are planning to deposit a premium that is equal to or only slightly greater than the minimum premium for your policy, you should not be selecting any investment option that can have a negative return. In this case, you should limit your investment choices to the Daily Interest Account and the Guaranteed Deposit Accounts.

#### What's the right investment mix for you?

Your financial goals and objectives, time horizon, and attitudes towards risk all play a role in determining the investment mix or asset allocation that's right for you.

Completing the <u>Equitable Generations Investor Profile Questionnaire</u> (#2057) will provide you with potential portfolios. Your financial advisor can assist you with reviewing your profile and selecting your investments.

- Design a portfolio by choosing from a combination of guaranteed investments, fixed income and equities in the proportions indicated.
- Or simply select the Portfolio Option that best fits your profile.

#### Investment profile categories



#### 1. Minimal Risk

100% Guaranteed (Guaranteed/Term Deposit Accounts)



30% Equity, 45% Fixed Income, 25% Guaranteed OR

45% Balanced, 30% Fixed Income, 25% Guaranteed OR

Diversified Income Portfolio



40% Equity, 40% Fixed Income, 20% Guaranteed OR

60% Balanced, 20% Fixed Income, 20% Guaranteed OR

Balanced Income Portfolio Canadian Neutral Portfolio

#### 4. Balanced Growth

60% Equity and 40% Fixed Income OR

100% Balanced

OR

Balanced Growth Portfolio/Canadian Balanced Portfolio

#### 5. Growth

80% Equity and 20% Fixed Income OR

80% Balanced and 20% Equity

Growth Portfolio/Global Equity Portfolio

# 6. Aggressive Growth 100% Equity OR

**Diversified Equity Portfolio** 

# Legend Guaranteed Fixed Income Equity

#### Savings and investment options

#### **Guaranteed Investment Options**

- Daily Interest Account
- Guaranteed Deposit Accounts (terms of 1, 5 and 10 years)

#### Fixed Income Exposure

- Managed Fund Option Canadian Bond
- Managed Fund Option Global Fixed Income
- Managed Fund Option Sustainable Bond

#### **Balanced Exposure**

- Managed Fund Option Global Equity Balanced
- Managed Fund Option Sustainable Balanced
- Target Date Option Target Date 2035
- Target Date Option Target Date 2040
- Target Date Option Target Date 2045
- Target Date Option Target Date 2050
- Target Date Option Target Date 2055
- Target Date Option Target Date 2060

#### **Domestic Equity Exposure**

- Index Option Canadian Equity Index
- ESG Index Option Canadian Equity Index (ESG)
- Managed Fund Option Special Situations
- Managed Fund Option Canadian Equity
- Managed Fund Option Large Cap Canadian Equity

#### **U.S. Equity Exposure**

- Index Option American Equity Index
- ESG Index Option American Equity Index (ESG)
- Index Option US Technologies Index
- Managed Fund Option American Equity
- Managed Fund Option American Growth Equity

#### Foreign Equity Exposure

- ESG Index Option European Equity Index (ESG)
- Managed Fund Option Global Equity
- Managed Fund Option Global Innovators Equity
- Managed Fund Option International Equity
- Managed Fund Option Sustainable Equity

#### **Portfolio Interest Options**

- Portfolio Option Diversified Income Portfolio (conservative)
- Portfolio Option Balanced Income Portfolio (moderate conservative)
- Portfolio Option Canadian Neutral Portfolio (moderate conservative)
- Portfolio Option Balanced Growth Portfolio (balanced)
- Portfolio Option Canadian Balanced Portfolio (balanced)
- Portfolio Option Growth Portfolio (growth)
- Portfolio Option Global Equity Portfolio (growth)
- Portfolio Option Diversified Equity Portfolio (aggressive growth)



Access more fund performance information faster and easier on our new and improved Fund Overview & Performance website for funds held within Equitable universal life policies.

We partnered with Fundata to build a central location for fund performance, fund information (available in web and PDF) and Management Expense Ratios (MERs). This fund reporting will be available for all our universal life business (both legacy products and products currently being sold).

#### Highlights include:

- Save your favourite funds for easy access.
- Fund search and tools to filter by product, asset class and sustainability.
- Share feature allows you to easily share fund information with clients.
- Ability to compare fund performance.

Check out the new <u>Fund Overview & Performance</u> website today. See how Equitable is making fund information faster and easier to access.

## Universal Life Linked Interest Option Sheets Glossary



### Type of Linked Interest Option Name of Linked Interest Option

(External fund, index or portfolio currently being tracked)

Full legal licensed name of insurance company | Date of Information

#### **Quick Facts**

#### **Portfolio Manager:**

An individual, or firm, who controls the assets within the external fund, index or portfolio being tracked. The portfolio manager monitors and selects appropriate investments based on the investment objective of the fund or underlying fund.

#### **Date of Inception:**

The date of inception reflects the date on which the index or underlying fund was established.

#### **Asset Class:**

The category or type of investment found in the external underlying fund, index or portfolio being tracked.

#### Management Expense Ratio (MER):

The actual returns of the fund or portfolio being tracked are reduced by the MER.

#### What is the investment objective?

This section outlines the financial goal that the Portfolio Manager is working to achieve along with the type of investments they'll make and the strategy they'll follow to meet that objective.

#### Top 10 investments

The top 10 list reflects the top 10 holdings of the external mutual fund, index or portfolio being tracked.

#### How risky is it?

Low to medium	Medium	Medium to high	High
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This chart indicates the risk by measuring the amount of price change in the fund, index or portfolio over a one month period. The value of your investments can go down. The level of risk that is suitable for you will depend on a number of factors such as your investment goals and risk tolerance. Speak to your advisor to determine the appropriate funds for you in your particular circumstances.

#### How has it performed?

This section shows the index or underlying fund performance for the past 10 years.

> The portfolio advisor may, in its sole discretion, modify the optimal asset mix, change the percentage of holdings of any fund, remove any fund or add other funds managed by the Manager or by third parties. Equitable will credit or debit interest based on 100% of the net rate of return of the applicable Portfolio regardless of any changes made.

Linked Interest Options are NOT mutual funds, segregated funds, indices, or any other kind of investment fund: the policyholders are NOT investing in or acquiring units in an investment fund or other security. Funds are placed on deposit, earning interest, with the general funds of Equitable.

Policyholders may be credited positive or debited negative interest depending on the performance of the underlying fund or index being tracked. The underlying fund or index being tracked may change at any time. Linked Interest Option administration fees will apply.

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Together, with partners across Canada, we offer Individual Insurance, Group Insurance and Savings and Retirement solutions. To help our clients protect today and prepare tomorrow.

We believe the world is better when we work together to build an Equitable life for all.

