EMPIRE LIFE CLASS PLUS 2.1

Advisor Guide

Guaranteed retirement income for life™





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THE RETIREMENT LANDSCAPE

Shifting demographics and the economic realities of today mean more Canadians than ever before are looking for a solution to provide them with a secure source of retirement income. Here's a snapshot of the situation:

Aging population

 Baby boomers account for more than 30% of all Canadians¹—the largest population segment in the country. The oldest turned 65 in 2011.² Retirement income is top of mind for an ever-growing number of your clients.

Less Income Support from Government

 Canada and Quebec Pension Plans plus Old Age Security benefits may not cover the average income required by your clients in retirement. Many financial professionals believe that your clients will need 70%-80% of their pre-retirement income to maintain the standard of living to which they have become accustomed—that leaves a substantial shortfall that must be addressed.

RETIREMENT PLANNING RISKS

Longer life spans, the increasing cost of living, and market volatility present challenges when planning for retirement.

Longevity Risk

 Your clients are living longer and are concerned about outliving their retirement savings. Considering that at age 65, the average Canadian can expect to live for nearly 20 more years, the possibility of running out of money is real.³

Inflation Risk

 Inflation erodes the value of your clients' retirement savings, leaving them vulnerable to increases in basic living expenses. For example, assuming an inflation rate of 2.0%, the purchasing power of \$1 is reduced to 67 cents over a 20-year period, over 30 years, it is 55 cents.⁴

Market Risk

Studies indicate that the five years before and after retirement are a critical juncture called the retirement risk zone. During this 10-year period, short-term losses can have negative long-term consequences on retirement income because there is no time for investments to rebound.

¹ Statistics Canada, – A Portrait of Seniors in Canada, February 2007. ² Statistics Canada, – Portrait of the Canadian Population in 2006, by Age and Sex, 2006 Census, February 2007. ³ Statistics Canada, CANSIM, table 102-0512. Period 2005/2007 ⁴ Rate used is 2.0% Bank of Canada Investment Calculator 2014

RETIREMENT IS ABOUT LIVING!

The days when everyone started full retirement at 65 are gone. Between Canadians that are phasing down work hours, starting new careers or study, volunteering, and travel, there is no standard definition of retirement anymore. And there is no standard age to start retirement.

The flexibility your clients need

Class Plus 2.1 can help your clients live retirement on their own terms, by supporting them with income for life starting as early as age 55. The income start date can be earlier due to health or job situation or can be deferred till later—set in consultation with you. The flexibility of Class Plus 2.1 is enhanced by the Single and Joint Tiered LWA Options.

Single Tiered LWA Percentage	Joint Tiered LWA Percentage ¹
age 0 - 54: 0.00%	age 0 - 54: 0.00%
age 55 - 59: 3.00%	age 55 - 59: 2.50%
age 60 - 64: 3.50%	age 60 - 64: 3.00%
age 65 - 69: 4.00%	age 65 - 69: 3.50%
age 70 - 74: 4.25%	age 70 - 74: 3.75%
age 75+: 5.00%	age 75+: 4.50%

Automatic Income Reset

Unlike other guaranteed income products, Class Plus 2.1 does not tie your clients into the same payout rate for the rest of their lives. As you can see from the table below, the rate used to calculate income increases with age. Clients will always receive the greater of current LWA or the new LWA, if it is higher.⁴

There is no paperwork or phone call to make to enjoy the benefits of our Automatic Income Reset—it's all done automatically for you. Your clients' LWA will be automatically recalculated on December 31st of each year. That means peace of mind and worry-free income for life.²

CLASS PLUS 2.1 ADDRESSES RETIREMENT PLANNING RISKS

- Class Plus 2.1 offers enhanced wealth accumulation before retirement and provides guaranteed retirement income for life.
- Guaranteed retirement income for life is available starting as early as age 55, means that clients will not outlive their savings, regardless of market performance.
- Anniversary resets every three years may take advantage of higher market values and may protect against inflation.
- Annual 5% Income Base Bonus can mitigate market risk during the critical years before retirement while increasing income during retirement, which can also counteract inflation.³
- With the unique Automatic Income Reset, Class Plus 2.1 does not tie your clients into the same payout rate for the rest of their lives but increases to the next percentage tier.⁴

¹ Determined based on the age of the youngest of the Annuitant and the Joint Life ² Provided there are no Excess Withdrawals. ³ Income Base Bonus a notional amount added to the Income Base at the end of each calendar year if no withdrawals are made for that year. ⁴ Calculated based on the current Income Base and the applicable LWA percentage.



GETTING TO KNOW CLASS PLUS 2.1

Key Features

Annual 5% Income Base Bonus ¹	75% Death Benefit Guarantee			
Single and Joint Tiered LWA options	75% Maturity Benefit Guarantee			
Triennial resets Excess Withdrawal Alert service				
Lifetime Withdrawal Amount (LWA) available as early as age 55				

Segregated Fund Investment Options

Money Market GIF, Bond GIF, Income GIF, Balanced GIF, Asset Allocation GIF, Dividend Balanced GIF, Elite Balanced GIF, Global Balanced GIF;

Emblem GIF Portfolios: Diviersified Income, Conservative, Balanced, Moderate Growth, and Growth

Income

Income can be taken monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually

Minimum Investment

Minimum initial investment of \$10,000

Automatic Income Reset

Client is not tied to same payout rate for life but moves to the next LWA percentage tier

Retirement Income Privileges

Clients can choose to discontinue their income payments and then resume at any time

¹ Income Base Bonus a notional amount added to the Income Base at the end of each calendar year if no withdrawals are made for that year.

Lifetime Withdrawal Amount (LWA)

- The Lifetime Withdrawal Amount (LWA) is the maximum amount available for withdrawal from Class Plus 2.1 each year starting as early as the year your clients reach age 55. The LWA may increase through Income Base Bonuses and resets, but it will never decrease, as long as no Excess Withdrawals are made.
- Any withdrawals over and above the annual LWA (an Excess Withdrawal) will reduce the Income Base.

Income Base

- The Income Base is used to calculate the guaranteed retirement income for life, or the LWA, and is the total of all deposits, less any withdrawals, plus any Income Base Bonuses. It is initially set to equal the amount of the initial deposit to Class Plus 2.1.
- It has no cash value and is not available for withdrawal from Class Plus 2.1.

Bonus Base

 The Bonus Base is an amount used to calculate the Income Base Bonus at the end of the calendar year. It is equal to the initial deposit and increases through additional deposits and resets. The Bonus Base may decrease with Excess Withdrawals. (Excess Withdrawal is described on the following page.)

Income Base Bonus

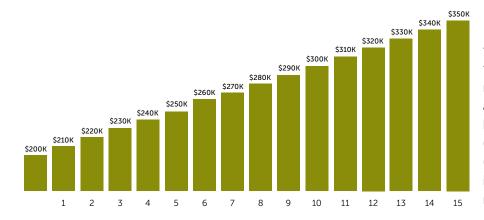
- The 5% Income Base Bonus builds income potential.1
- It is available every year for life, provided no withdrawal is made in that year.
- The Income Base Bonus, applied annually, is not pro-rated.

Income Base Reset

• On every third anniversary of the initial deposit, if the market value of Class Plus 2.1 is greater than the current Income Base, the Income Base will be reset to equal the market value of Class Plus 2.1.

How the Income Base Bonus can increase guaranteed annual income:

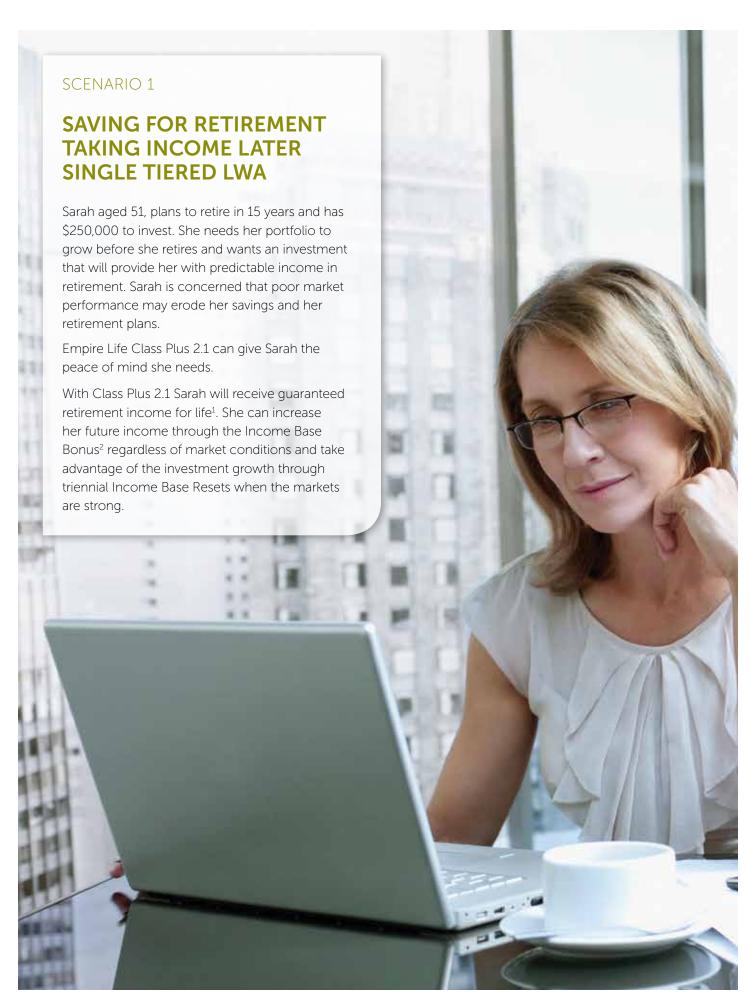
Income Base Bonus Increases a Deposit by 75% in 15 years



Income Base Bonus increases an Income Base by 75% in 15 years. In this example, the client's Income Base of \$200,000 grows to \$350,000 (provided no withdrawals are made). That means the client's guaranteed annual income (LWA) increased by \$7,500 based on the 5% Income Base Bonus alone. (\$200,000 X 5% = \$10,000 annual income (LWA), \$350,000 X 5% = \$17,500 annual income (LWA), \$17,500 - \$10,000 = \$7,500 more annual income (LWA)).

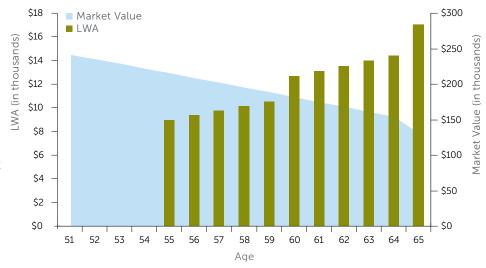
Table is for illustrative purposes only. Year 1 represents the calendar year in which the initial deposit was made. Assumes an Income Base Bonus of 5% each year. The Income Base Bonus is not pro-rated. The 5% annual Income Base Bonus is not a guaranteed rate of return, has no cash value, and is not available for withdrawal.

¹ Income Base Bonus a notional amount added to the Income Base at the end of each calendar year if no withdrawals are made for that year.



HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 CAN INCREASE SARAH'S GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME IN **DOWN MARKETS**

The Income Base Bonus contributes to Sarah's potential future income and protects her against downside market risk. Despite poor market conditions, Sarah's Income Base would grow from \$250,000 to \$425,000, assuming an Income Base Bonus of 5% for each year she did not make a withdrawal. By the time she is ready to retire and start withdrawing her money, she would have an annual income of \$17,000 (4.0% of her \$425,000 Income Base.)³



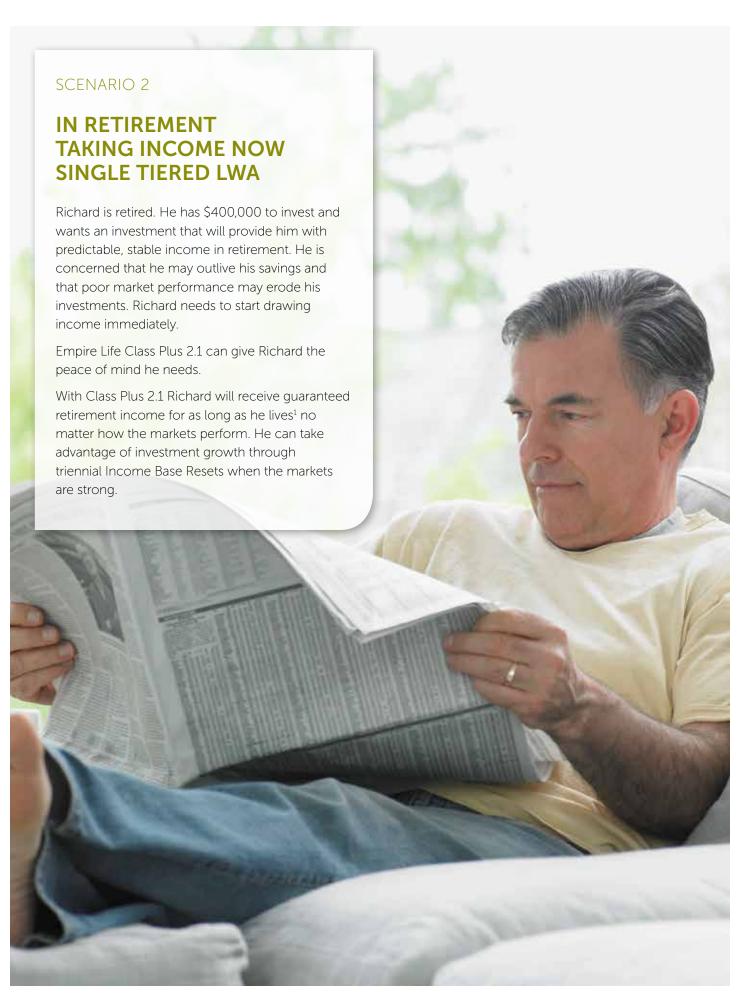
HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 CAN INCREASE SARAH'S GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME IN **UP MARKETS**

Under strong market conditions, in addition to the 5% Income Base Bonus, Sarah would also benefit from the automatic triennial reset feature. On every third Class Plus Anniversary Date an Income Base Reset may occur. The Income Base Reset occurs when the market value of the Fund Class Units at the credit of her contract is greater than the current Income Base, which results in a higher Income Base.²

When Sarah is ready to retire at age 65, her annual income would be \$31,379 (4.0% of her \$784,473 Income Base).⁴



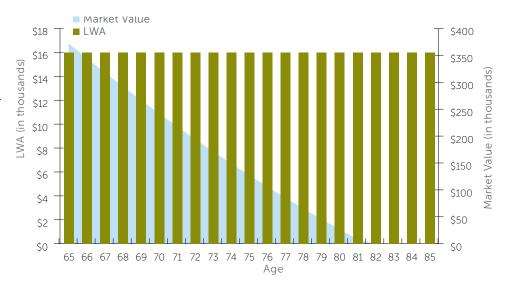
¹ Provided there are no Excess Withdrawals. ² Income Base Bonus a notional amount added to the Income Base at the end of each calendar year if no withdrawals are made for that year. ³ For illustrative purposes the fund accumulates at a rate of return of -1.5%. A monthly Class Plus Fee of 0.125% (1.50% annually) of the Income Base was charged. ⁴ The following scenario's market value is based on historical rates of return using a blend of 80% S&P/TSX and 20% DEX Universe Bond Index, from December 31, 1994 to December 31, 2013, with an average rate of return of 9.20%. The monthly Class Plus Fee is 0.125% of the Income Base. Refer to the Class Plus 2.1 Information Folder for complete details.



HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 PROTECTS RICHARD'S GUARANTEED INCOME IN **DOWN MARKETS**

Richard's investment could be depleted in 18 years if he withdrew \$16,000 every year. But with Class Plus 2.1, Richard is guaranteed an LWA of \$16,000 for his lifetime, regardless of market conditions. Richard is guaranteed an LWA of \$16,000, based on his Income Base of \$400,000 x 4.00% (Single Tiered LWA rate for his current age of 65).1

In a poor market scenario, Richard's Income Base has not benefitted from an Income Base Reset. At age 70, Richard's Single Tiered LWA rate will increase to 4.25% as a result of the Automatic Income Reset (AIR).



However, this will not increase his guaranteed income as the LWA of \$13,600 (his current Income Base of $$320,000 \times 4.25\%$) is less than his current LWA. Therefore, Richard's guaranteed income will not increase despite the AIR and he will continue to receive his guaranteed income for life of $$16,000.^2$

HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 POTENTIALLY INCREASES RICHARD'S GUARANTEED INCOME IN **UP MARKETS**

With strong market conditions, Richard will be entitled to increases to the LWA from two factors:

- 1) automatic Income Base resets every third Class Plus Anniversary Date where the Income Base is set to equal the market value of the Fund Class Units at the credit of his contract, if the market value is greater than the Income Base at that time; and
- 2) an increase to the Single Tiered LWA Percentage for his age.³



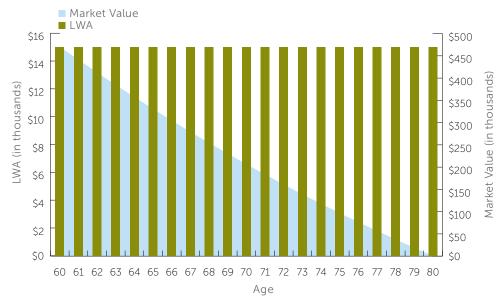
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HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 PROTECTS JOHN AND MARY'S GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME IN **DOWN MARKETS**

Assuming poor market conditions, John and Mary's investment may deplete by Mary's 81st birthday or John's 86th birthday. However, with Class Plus 2.1, John and Mary are guaranteed an annual income of \$15,000.1

In the year that Mary turns 70, their Joint Tiered LWA Percentage is 3.75%. Their guaranteed income will not increase in this down market scenario, as the Income Base will be \$350,000 with an LWA of \$13,125 (\$350,000 x 3.75%). As this amount is less then their current annual income of \$15,000, their guaranteed income will be protected and they will continue to be paid \$15,000.2

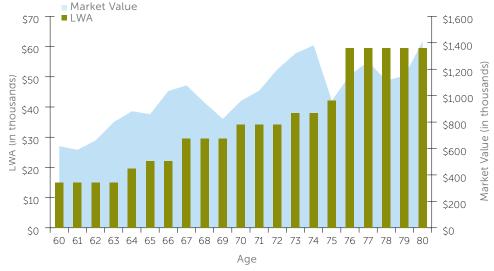


HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 CAN INCREASE JOHN AND MARY'S GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME IN **UP MARKETS**

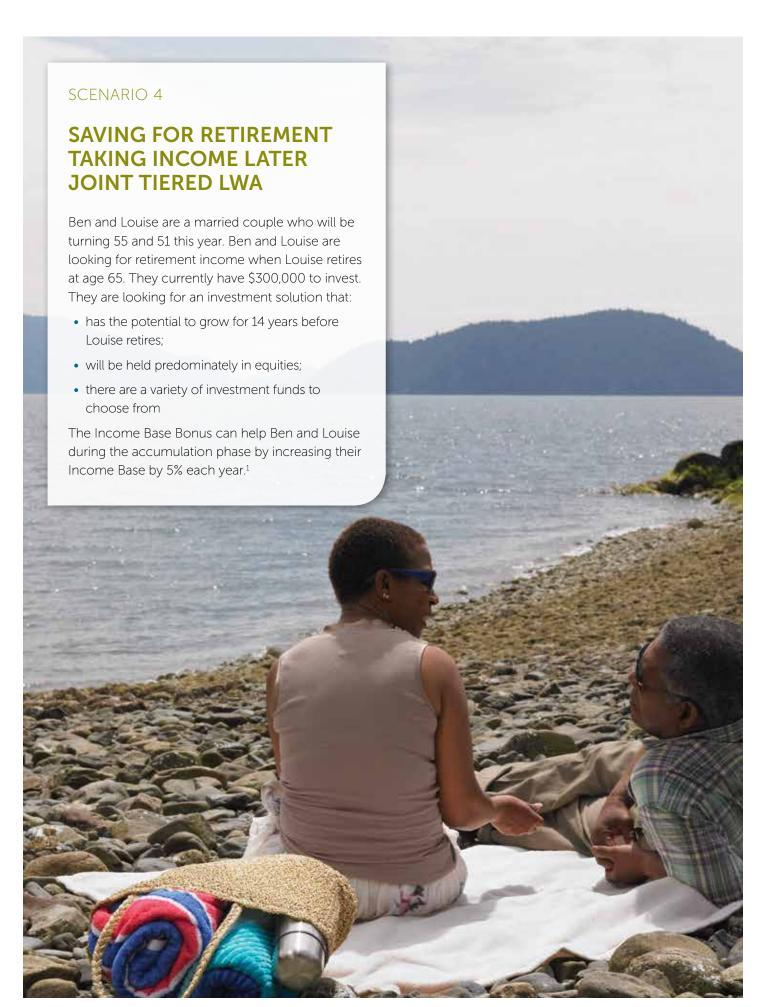
With strong market conditions John and Mary will be entitled to increases to their annual income from two factors:

- 1) automatic Income Base Resets every third Class Plus Anniversary Date where the Income Base is set to equal the market value of the Fund Class Units at the credit of their contract, if the market value is greater than the Income Base at that time; and
- 2) an increase to the Joint Tiered LWA Percentage based on Mary's age.

John and Mary's LWA increased from \$15,000 at issue to a maximum of \$59,492 as a result of an increase to the Income Base through triennial resets and an increase to the Joint Tiered LWA Percentage based on Mary's age.³

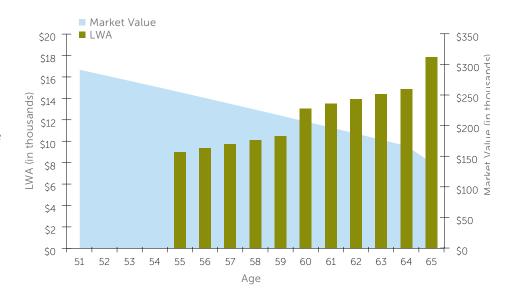


¹ Provided there are no Excess Withdrawals. ² For illustrative purposes the fund accumulates at a rate of return of -1.5%. A monthly Class Plus Fee of 0.125% (1.50% annually) of the Income Base was charged. ³ The following scenario's market value is based on historical rates of return using a blend of 80% S&P/TSX and 20% DEX Universe Bond Index, from December 31, 1994 to December 31, 2013, with an average rate of return of 9.20%. The monthly Class Plus Fee is 0.125% of the Income Base. Refer to the Class Plus 2.1 Information Folder for complete details.



HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 PROTECTS BEN AND LOUISE'S GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME IN **DOWN MARKETS**

The Income Base Bonus contributes to Ben and Louise's potential future income and protects them against downside market risk. Despite poor market conditions, their Income Base would grow from \$300,000 to \$510,000, assuming a 5% Income Base Bonus each year and no withdrawals are made. By the time Louise is ready to retire and start withdrawing money, Ben and Louise will have an annual income \$17,850 (\$510,000 Income Base x 3.50% for Joint Tiered LWA at age 65).²



HOW CLASS PLUS 2.1 POTENTIALLY INCREASES BEN AND LOUISE'S GUARANTEED RETIREMENT INCOME IN **UP MARKETS**

Under strong market conditions, and assuming a 5% Income Base Bonus each year, Ben and Louise would also benefit from the automatic triennial reset feature. On every third Class Plus Anniversary Date an Income Base Reset may occur. The Income Base Reset occurs when the market value of the Fund Class Units at the credit of their contract is greater than the current Income Base, which results in a higher Income Base.

When Louise is ready to retire at age 65, their annual income would be \$32,948 (\$941,368 Income Base x 3.50% for Joint Tiered LWA at age 65).³



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IMPORTANT DETAILS

Guaranteed Payment Phase

- Guaranteed Payment Phase is when the market value of Class Plus Funds is zero, the Income Base has a positive value, and guaranteed retirement income continues.
- The Class Plus capitalize fee is not payable and no deposits can be made.

Single and Joint Tiered LWA

 Class Plus 2.1 is available in Single or Joint Tiered LWA options, enabling you to customize your clients' retirement plans. Joint Tiered LWA option is available only as a non-registered contract.

Successor Annuitant

 By naming a Successor Annuitant under the Single Tiered LWA Option, the contract can continue to a widowed spouse on the death of the Annuitant. Successor Annuitants are only available for the Single Tiered LWA Option.

Death Benefit Guarantee (DBG)

- DBG is 75% of net deposits.
- The DBG is reset every third anniversary date of the initial deposit until age 80 of the annuitant.¹
- The DBG will reset to the higher of current DBG or 75% of the market value.
- The final DBG reset is on the annuitant's 80th birthday.¹
- The DBG is reduced proportionately for withdrawals.

Estate Planning Benefits

 When your client names a beneficiary, the Death Benefit is paid directly to the beneficiary, bypassing the costly and lengthy probate and estate settlement process.

Excess Withdrawals

 The market value of Class Plus 2.1 can be accessed at anytime. However, withdrawing more than the guaranteed amount could have a negative impact on the LWA if the market value of Class Plus 2.1 is lower than the Income Base.

Excess Withdrawal Alert Service

 The Excess Withdrawal Alert can help protect your clients' retirement income from Excess Withdrawals that could cause their future guaranteed income to decrease due to Income Base Downward Adjustments.

Investment Flexibility

- Investments can be withdrawn at any time.2
- Investments can be switched between available Funds

Competitive Fees

• Empire Life Class Plus 2.1 Funds have competitive fees.

¹ If Single Tiered LWA it is the Annuitant's 80th but if Joint Tiered it is the earliest of the Annuitant and the Joint Life's 80th birthday. ² Making a withdrawal that exceeds the LWA is considered an Excess Withdrawal.



CLASS PLUS FEES

- Class Plus Fees are in addition to the underlying fund MERs.
- The Class Plus Fee is calculated and paid on the last valuation date of each month. The Class Plus Fee is paid through the withdrawal of Fund Class Units from Class Plus 2.1.
- Fees do not reduce the Income Base, Death Benefit Guarantee, or Maturity Benefit Guarantee.
- The Class Plus Fees are not charged during the Guaranteed Payment Phase.

Segregated Funds	Annual Fund Fee Rate
Money Market GIF	0.75%
Bond GIF	0.75%
Income GIF	1.15%
Balanced GIF	1.40%
Asset Allocation GIF	1.50%
Global Balanced GIF	1.50%
Elite Balanced GIF	1.50%
Dividend Balanced GIF	1.50%
Emblem Portfolio GIF:	
Diversified Income	1.15%
Conservative	1.15%
Balanced	1.40%
Moderate Growth	1.50%
Growth	1.50%

Current Class Plus 2.1

FUND CODES (ECF)

Company Management Code: ECF

Purchase Fee Options: Front End Load (FE) Low Load (LL)

Deferred Sales Charge (DSC)

Maturity/Death Benefit ¹	75%/75%					
Minimum Initial Deposit						
Savings Plan	\$10,000					
Retirement Income Fund	\$10,000					
	FE		LL		DSC	
EMPIRE LIFE INVESTMENT OPTIONS	Single LWA	Joint LWA	Single LWA	Joint LWA	Single LWA	Joint LWA
Income						
Bond GIF	00201	00202	02201	02202	05201	05202
Money Market GIF	00101	00102	02101	02102	05101	05102
Balanced						
Asset Allocation GIF	00401	00402	02401	02402	05401	05402
Balanced GIF	00351	00352	02351	02352	05351	05352
Dividend Balanced GIF	00461	00462	02461	02462	05461	05462
Elite Balanced GIF	00511	00512	02511	02512	05511	05512
Global Balanced GIF	00301	00302	02301	02302	05301	05302
Income GIF	00251	00252	02251	02252	05251	05252
Emblem GIF Portfolios ²						
Balanced Portfolio GIF	00831	00832	02831	02832	05831	05832
Conservative Portfolio GIF	00811	00812	02811	02812	05811	05812
Diversified Income Portfolio GIF	00791	00792	02791	02792	05791	05792
Growth Portfolio GIF	00871	00872	02871	02872	05871	05872
Moderate Growth Portfolio GIF	00851	00852	02851	02852	05851	05852

¹ Reduced proportionately for withdrawals. ² Empire Life Emblem Guaranteed Portfolios invest primarily in units of the underlying Empire Life Emblem Mutual Funds.

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¹ The Globe and Mail Report on Business, June 2014, based on revenue

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Empire Life Emblem GIF Portfolios currently invest primarily in units of Empire Life Mutual Funds. The simplified prospectus and other information about each of the underlying mutual funds are available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com or at www.empirelifeinvestments.ca.

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