## Utilizing callable market-linked income notes

Get to know the potential benefits and risks of a market-linked income note by looking at one of its variations – the **callable contingent coupon barrier note**.

This example of a **callable contingent coupon barrier note** represents typical offering terms, as well as the potential investment benefits it can offer investors.

- Based on two underliers, this note is designed to provide a semiannual coupon payment as long as the lesser performing underlier is above the coupon contingent protection level, called a coupon barrier, on the semi-annual coupon observation dates.
- If the lesser performing underlier is below the coupon barrier on the semi-annual coupon observation date, the investor would forgo the coupon for that period.
- At maturity, assuming the note has not been called previously, the
  investor receives their principal investment as long as the lesser performing underlier is above the principal contingent protection
  level, called a principal barrier. However, if that underlier is below the principal barrier on the final observation date, the investor
  forgoes the last coupon payment and participates fully in that underlier's loss.
- On any of the semi-annual coupon observation dates, the issuer can redeem, or call, the note at its discretion. If the note is called, the investor receives principal plus the coupon payment for that period and is no longer invested in the note. Coupon payments represent the entire return potential for this type of note.

#### **PROTECTION UNDERLIER TERM PAYMENT FEATURES** LESSER OF **S&P 500 3 YEARS** 7.2% PER ANNUM PAID SEMIANNUALLY CONTINGENT COUPON CALL FEATURE: CONTINGENT **& RUSSELL 2000** LESSER PERFORMING UNDERLIER SEMIANNUAL, **BARRIER** CONTINGENCY PRICE INDEX **ABOVE 30% COUPON BARRIER** ISSUER'S DISCRETION **COUPON PAYMENTS** INVESTMENT OUTCOMES AT MATURITY IF NOT PREVIOUSLY CALLED LESSER PERFORMING COUPON FARNED WHEN I ESSER PERFORMING HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO 1: 30% UNDERLIER ABOVE COUPON BARRIER Lesser performing underlier above coupon and principal barrier = final coupon payment and return of principal INITIAL -30% **SCENARIO 2:** COUPON & Lesser performing underlier below coupon and PRINCIPAL principal barrier = forgo last coupon and 1:1 BARRIER principal loss (underlier -35% = principal -35%) ? **SEMIANNUAL** COUPON RECEIVED:

The above example is for illustrative purposes only and not intended to imply or represent a specific return on any particular investment. Available structures and terms vary from month to month. **All terms are honored on the maturity or call date. All investment features are provided by the issuer and subject to its creditworthiness**. Refer to offering prospectus for more details. Coupons for this type of income note are typically taxed as ordinary income. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged index of 500 widely held stocks generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market. The Russell 2000 is an unmanaged index of approximately 2000 U.S. small-cap companies. Keep in mind that it is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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#### WHAT IS A STRUCTURED INVESTMENT?

Structured investments can be designed to potentially achieve a wide variety of investment objectives – from capital preservation to growth or income – based on the performance of an **underlier**, such as a stock, an exchange-traded fund (ETF) or a market index. However, structured investments do not represent a direct investment in the underlier.

### **PUTTING IT TOGETHER**

Characteristics such as underlying markets, length of term and early redemption provisions, as well as protection and payment features, are all variables to consider when selecting the type of income note suitable for your investment objective. Talk with your advisor and review specific offering documents prior to investing.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Callable (issuer discretion):** A feature that allows the issuer to redeem the investment, at their discretion, on any predetermined observation date prior to maturity.

**Contingent coupon:** A periodic payment received by the investor over the life of an investment, or occasionally paid only at maturity, if a contingency or certain contingencies are satisfied, typically if the lesser performing underlier is at or above a specified level on a predetermined date.

**Coupon barrier:** A predetermined level of underlier performance that specifies whether the investor receives a coupon payment. This form of coupon contingency is associated with certain income investments.

**Observation date:** The date on which a structured investment's performance is calculated based on underlier performance and terms of the offering.

**Principal barrier:** A contingent form of protection, to a predetermined level, against an underlier's loss at maturity. However, if the underlier declines beyond the specified level on the final observation date, the contingent protection no longer applies and the investor participates fully in the underlier's

loss as though they had no protection.

Lesser performing: Some structured investment's terms are linked to the lesser performing of two or more underliers. In this chart, the focal circles indicate the lesser performing underlier on different observation dates.



# For more information, refer to the Raymond James Exploring Structured Investments brochure, specific investment offering documents, and talk with your advisor.

#### **Risk Considerations**

Structured investments are often complex and are not suitable for all investors. While each structure possesses unique risks, some general considerations include:

**Creditworthiness of the issuer:** Market-linked notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the issuing firm and are backed by its creditworthiness. Similar to traditional bonds, if an issuer were to become insolvent, you are unlikely to receive all of your investment as detailed by the investment's terms. Understanding the credit risk associated with any structured investment is important.

**Income Risk:** Under certain structures, anticipated income may not be fixed or guaranteed and may be dependent upon the performance of an underlier. Investors should understand how coupons are earned prior to investing.

**Reinvestment Risk:** Structured investments may have early redemption rights for the issuer of the security, which, if exercised, would result in a required redemption prior to maturity and loss of any remaining payments.

**Liquidity and statement value:** Structured investments are designed to be held to maturity and generally have limited liquidity. Redemptions prior to

maturity may result in a loss of principal. While a guaranteed secondary market does not exist for these products, issuing firms will often offer to buy back investments prior to maturity, typically at a discount. This discounted value is reflected in your account during the term of the investment and represents the amount you could expect to receive if you chose to sell prior to maturity.

**Fees:** Structured investments typically involve fees greater than other methods of accessing the performance of an underlier. These fees are typically stated on the front page of the investment's offering documents and should be taken into account when assessing the merits of any investment.

**Understanding note performance:** Dividend payments on underliers are typically not captured by structured investments. While some form of protection is often designed into market-linked notes, an investor can still suffer loss to their principal based on the terms and performance of the underlier. Understanding investment trade-offs and scenarios under which the note outperforms or underperforms the underlier are important when investing and setting performance expectations.

**Complexity:** Structured investments are often less familiar than traditional investments and require additional research.

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