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# Combines the best of investment-only & insurance approaches

## Provides efficient accumulation of *inflation protected* lifetime income

- 69% consider receiving a guaranteed monthly income very important<sup>1</sup>
- Inflation protection: Assuming a constant inflation rate of 3%, a dollar will lose approximately 50% of its purchasing power over 25 years

#### While still providing opportunity for growth and flexibility

- 61% of workers believe that maintaining control of their savings is very important <sup>2</sup>
- Potential for growth of assets is essential in providing participants with the flexibility they need before and after retirement

#### Uses well-known target-date framework and is a QDIA

- A product must be easy to understand and easy to use
- Decisions for participants should be limited in number and complexity







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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TIAA-CREFF Institute Policy Brief. "Annuitization: What Individuals Say, What Individuals Do".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> TIAA-CREFF Institute Policy Brief. "Annuitization: What Individuals Say, What Individuals Do".

### How Does the Income Accumulation Fund Work?

#### **Income Accumulation Fund prior to age 65**

**Income Portfolio Investment Portfolio Fund Asset Allocation** 100% 80% Allocation **Investment Portfolic** Like a target date fund, the Income 60% Accumulation Fund gradually 40% increases allocation to less risky 20% assets over time **Income Portfolio** 0% 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 Age **Income Accumulation Fund after age 65** A Retirement Investment Portfolio continues If converted to an individual retirement to provide access to market growth through a annuity<sup>1</sup>, the assets from the Income Portfolio diversified asset allocation strategy provide lifetime inflation protected monthly payments

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<sup>1</sup> Individual retirement annuities are issued by one or more insurance companies; BGI does not assume any responsibility for the service quality or financial solvency of such issuers.

### Not a Traditional Insurance Product

Helping participants reduce costs and improve utilization

#### Price checks

Institutionally designed fairly priced annuity, with mutually agreed valuation model

#### Improved transparency

 A fixed deferred annuity during the accumulation phase, with options available at retirement (when needed most), simplifies and lowers pricing

#### Lower transactions costs

- Standardized annuity with contracts attached to fund, rather than each participant, allows for trading without surrender charges
- Lower expected costs Annuity holdings are tied to the fund, not to each participant

#### Reduction of interest rates risk

• Purchasing annuities over time diversifies participants' interest rate exposure

#### Inflation protection

 Annuity payments grow at a fixed 2.5% annual COLA adjustment helping to mitigate the impact of inflation on participants

# Why the Income Accumulation Fund Annuity Makes Sense

The annuity used in the Income Accumulation Fund effectively hedges the participant's retirement liability

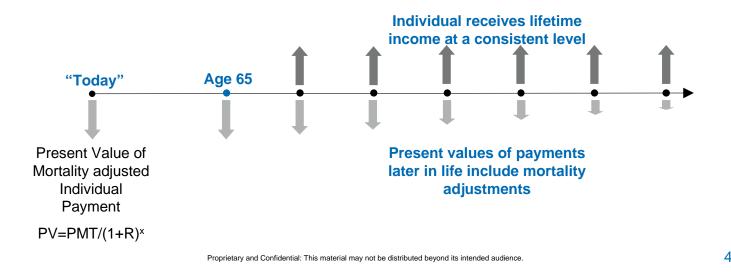
Moves discussion of problem from asset-accumulation to asset-liability

Provides institutionally priced access to a true mortality pool

Unallocated group annuity structure reduces complexity

Provides a non-zero frame of reference for annuitization

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# Where Have Current Income Products Fallen Short in Meeting Participant Needs?

#### **Flexibility**

Participants need **flexibility** to accommodate unexpected expenses in retirement

#### Security

Participants need **security** in the form of guaranteed, inflation-protected income



**Traditional Annuities** 

#### **Current Income Products**

- Traditional annuities and mutual fund pay-out strategies address either security or flexibility, not both
- Priced at retail levels
- Participants must make decisions about retirement income without the benefit of plan sponsor expertise

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### Where Does the Income Accumulation Fund Fit?



Income Accumulation Fund the flexibility and secure income through a combination of deferred fixed annuities and a liquid portfolio of investments

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## Key Income Accumulation Fund Differentiators

# Inflation-Adjusted Income

- Fund automatically allocates increasing percentage to fixed deferred annuities as participant ages
- Benefits from "dollar cost averaging" on different interest rate environments
- Can see income grow over time, allowing for better planning
- Receives embedded 2.5% COLA regardless of market value changes

# Sost and Pricing Transparency

- Single investment management fee
- Fund is valued daily, so full value of annuities is received if sold before retirement
- Can move freely in an out of fund without penalty before retirement

## Managing Credit Risk

- · Asset manager is fiduciary
- Multiple insurance companies
- · Annuities contract are held in fully collateralized separate account
- Collateralized account lowers costs of hedging for insurance provider