

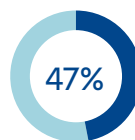
ALLIANZIM BUFFERED ETFS

# How much are cash and bonds costing you?

Consider an investment approach with built-in risk mitigation that seeks to participate in potential growth.



53% of American investors are keeping more money than they think they should out of the stock market because they are worried about loss.<sup>1</sup>



47% of American investors believe they need to accumulate more to retire, but are too nervous to invest in today's stock market.<sup>1</sup>

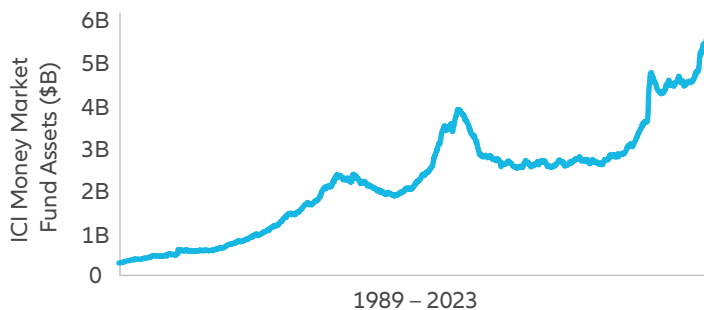
## Did you know? Inflation hit a 40-year high in 2022.<sup>2</sup>

Conservative investments like bonds may not offer the growth you need to keep up with expenses. And could keeping cash actually be causing you to lose money? Without the opportunity for a level of growth, you could risk outliving your investments.

### Cash

Money market assets have been increasing to all-time highs and, with real yields below 2%, investors aren't earning much from sitting in cash.

Money Market Assets

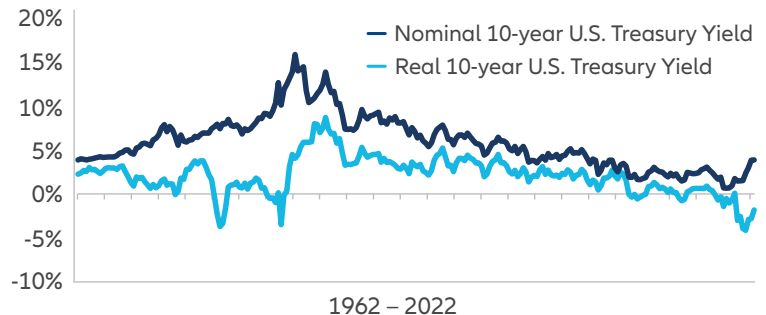


Source: Bloomberg Professional LP, Investment Company Institute as of 09/30/2023.

### Bonds

As interest rates rise, it makes existing bonds less attractive. Rising interest rates are putting downward pressure on bond pricing, which could impact your portfolio's risk/return profile.

Nominal and real U.S. 10-year Treasury yields



Source: Bloomberg Professional LP as of 12/31/2022.

## MAYBE WE CAN HELP. INTRODUCING BUFFERED ETFS.

When building your portfolio, your financial professional worked with you to determine how comfortable you are with risks, and diversified your money to help meet your needs. Now they've evaluated a new type of investment for your portfolio called a **Buffered Exchange-Traded Fund (ETF), from AllianzIM.**

<sup>1</sup>Allianz 3Q 2023 Quarterly Market Perceptions Study, an online survey with a nationally representative sample of 501 respondents age 18+ with \$200K+ in investable assets.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (2022 February 10), Consumer Price Index.

Investors may lose their entire investment, regardless of when they purchase shares, and even if they hold shares for an entire outcome period. Full extent of caps and buffers only apply if held for stated outcome period and are not guaranteed. The cap may increase or decrease and may vary significantly.

**AllianzIM 20% Buffered ETFs** seek to offer more predictability and risk mitigation against market dips from 0% to 20%.

**Our ETFs are a series of active (transparent) funds that:**

- Seek to let you participate in **potential stock market growth** (up to a limit known as a cap)
- Aim to provide **a buffer against the first 20% of losses** if the market dips
- **Reset** at the end of each outcome period with a new cap and fresh buffer
- **Can be held indefinitely in a portfolio** for a long-term strategy

## DESIGNED TO HELP YOU STOMACH MARKET DIPS – BIG AND SMALL

**AllianzIM 20% Buffered ETFs seek to buffer the first 20% of index losses.**

**Consider this:** During the past 65 years, there have only been three years in which the negative returns of the S&P 500® have exceeded 20%.

Buffered ETFs may help you feel more comfortable during market volatility and keep you invested for the long haul.

If you are retired, they also allow you to take your Required Minimum Distributions and other withdrawals confidently, knowing you have some risk mitigation during volatile market swings.

## Years of negative returns

S&P 500® Price Return Index since 1957

Loss more than -20%		-20 to -10%		-10 to 0%	
Year	Index	Year	Index	Year	Index
2002	-23.37	2000	-10.14	2011	-0.003
1974	-29.72	1969	-11.36	2015	-0.73
2008	-39.49	1977	-11.50	1994	-1.54
		1962	-11.81	1960	-2.97
		2001	-13.04	2018	-6.24
		1966	-13.09	1990	-6.56
		1957	-14.31	1981	-9.73
		1973	-17.37		
		2022	-19.44		

Past performance does not guarantee future results. The referenced index is shown for informational purposes only and is not meant to represent the Funds. Investors cannot directly invest in an index.

## RISK MANAGEMENT is in our DNA

As part of one of the largest asset management and diversified insurance companies globally, Allianz Investment Management LLC maintains a long track record of developing and executing risk management strategies.

**→ TALK TO YOUR INVESTMENT PROFESSIONAL**  
to learn more about AllianzIM Buffered ETFs

## An important note about AllianzIM Buffered ETFs and bonds:

Buffered ETFs seek to track the return of a reference asset (benchmark index) to a cap while targeting a predetermined buffer against loss over an outcome period. The funds use FLEX options to gain exposure. Buffered ETFs carry equity risk, which has historically been greater than bond risk. In order to produce a positive return, buffered ETFs need equities to rise. If the equities fall more than the predetermined buffer, investors risk a loss. Unlike bonds, defined outcome ETFs cannot rise when equities fall.

Unlike equities, bonds pay coupons and their returns are not directly tied to the equity market. The price of a bond does not need to increase for an investor to profit. In addition, the price

of bonds is affected by supply and demand. As a result, bond prices have historically risen when equities have fallen as investors seek safety outside of equities. Bonds have maturity dates at which point principal must be repaid or a default occurs. Bonds are higher in the capital structure than equities and therefore carry significantly lower risk of loss.

In addition, buffered ETFs do not provide income, which is the typical investment objective of bond funds. The underlying options provide exposure to the price-return of their respective reference asset and therefore investors do not receive dividends or investment income through an investment in a buffered fund.

The Buffered ETFs' investment strategies are different from more typical investment products, and the Funds may be unsuitable for some investors. It is important that investors understand the investment strategy before making an investment. For more information regarding whether an investment in the Funds is right for you, please see the prospectus including "Investor Considerations."

Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. There is no guarantee the funds will achieve their investment objectives and may not be suitable for all investors.

**Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before investing. For a prospectus with this and other information about the fund, please call 877.429.3837 or visit [www.allianzIMetfs.com](http://www.allianzIMetfs.com) and review the prospectus. Investors should read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

To achieve the target outcomes sought by the Fund for an outcome period, an investor must hold Fund Shares for that entire outcome period. An investor who purchases Fund Shares after the outcome period has begun or sells Fund Shares prior to the end of the outcome period may experience results that are very different from the investment objective sought by the Fund for that outcome period. For example, if the outcome period has begun and the Fund has increased in value to a level near the cap, an investor purchasing at that price has little or no ability to achieve gains but remains vulnerable to downside risks. Alternatively, if the outcome period has begun and the Fund has decreased in value beyond the starting buffer, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer. Similarly, if the outcome period has begun and the Fund has increased in value, an investor purchasing shares at that price may not benefit from the buffer until the Fund's value has decreased to its value at the commencement of the outcome period.

In the event that the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust has gains in excess of the cap for the outcome period, the Fund will not participate in those gains beyond the cap. Despite the intended buffer, a shareholder could lose their entire investment. An investment

in the Fund is only appropriate for shareholders willing to bear those losses. The cap and buffer, and the Fund's position relative to each, should be considered before investing in the Fund.

**FLEX Options Risk:** The Fund will utilize FLEX Options issued and guaranteed for settlement by the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"). The Fund bears the risk that the OCC will be unable or unwilling to perform its obligations under the FLEX Options contracts. In the unlikely event that the OCC becomes insolvent or is otherwise unable to meet its settlement obligations, the Fund could suffer significant losses.

FLEX Options are customized equity or index options contracts that trade on an exchange, but provide investors with the ability to customize key contract terms like exercise prices, styles, and expiration dates. An options contract is an agreement between a buyer and seller that gives the purchaser of the option the right, but not the obligation, to buy (in the case of a call option) or to sell (in the case of a put option) a particular asset at a specified future date at an agreed-upon price (commonly known as the "strike price").

In addition to the risks listed above, the Funds also include buffered loss risk, capped upside return risk, upside participation risk, correlation risk, cap change risk, outcome period risk, downside risk, counter-party risk, valuation risk, liquidity risk, tax risk, market risk, large-cap companies risk, management risk, large-shareholder risk, active markets risk, operational risk, authorized participant concentration risk, derivatives risk, ETF risks, cash transactions risk, trading issues risk, and market maker risk.

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