# ADVANTAGES of using ANNUITIES



Savvy Affluent Familiest Often Use ANNUITIES for their Financial Security and Long-Term Income.

Here are some key benefits for strategically using annuities:

#### Guaranteed Income for Life

**Predictable Payments:** Annuities can provide a steady stream of income for life, which is especially attractive for retirees who want assurance they won't outlive their savings.

Longevity Protection: As life expectancies increase, people are more concerned about having enough money to last throughout their lifetime. An annuity guarantees that the individual will receive payments as long as they live.

#### **Tax-Deferred Growth**

Funds in an annuity grow on a TAX-DEFERRED BASIS, meaning you won't pay taxes on the earnings until you start withdrawing money. This can allow the money to grow more efficiently over time.

#### **Customizable Payout Options**

Flexible Withdrawals: Annuities can be tailored to pay out in different ways, such as receiving income for a specific period (e.g., 20 years), or for the rest of one's life, providing flexibility in financial planning. (However, as a long-term investment there is limited liquidity access to the funds in a lump sum before the contracted term.)

**Spousal Benefits**: Many annuities allow for joint-life options, ensuring that income continues for a surviving spouse.

#### **Market Risk Protection**

Safety from Market Volatility: Fixed annuities provide a stable rate of return, shielding the owner from the ups and downs of the stock market, which can be especially important for those near or in retirement.

**Indexed and Variable Options:** Some annuities are linked to market performance (indexed or variable annuities), allowing for potential growth, but they often include guarantees that protect against significant losses.

## **Supplemental Retirement Income**

Fills Gaps in Income: For individuals who are concerned that their pension, Social Security, or retirement savings won't be enough, an annuity can provide supplemental income to meet their needs.

#### **Death Benefits**

Legacy Planning: Some annuities include death benefits, ensuring that any remaining funds are passed on to beneficiaries, offering a way to transfer wealth.

#### Peace of Mind

**Financial Security:** An annuity can offer a sense of security knowing that there is a guaranteed income source, regardless of economic conditions or personal circumstances.

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