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Invest with the business cycle and pursue  
your retirement goals

As you talk to your insurance professional about your investment options, consider the J.P. Morgan Cycle<sup>SM</sup> Index. It's exclusively available within the Nationwide Peak<sup>®</sup> 10 fixed indexed annuity and is designed to align the portfolio with economic and market conditions as they evolve.

# A powerful partnership working for you

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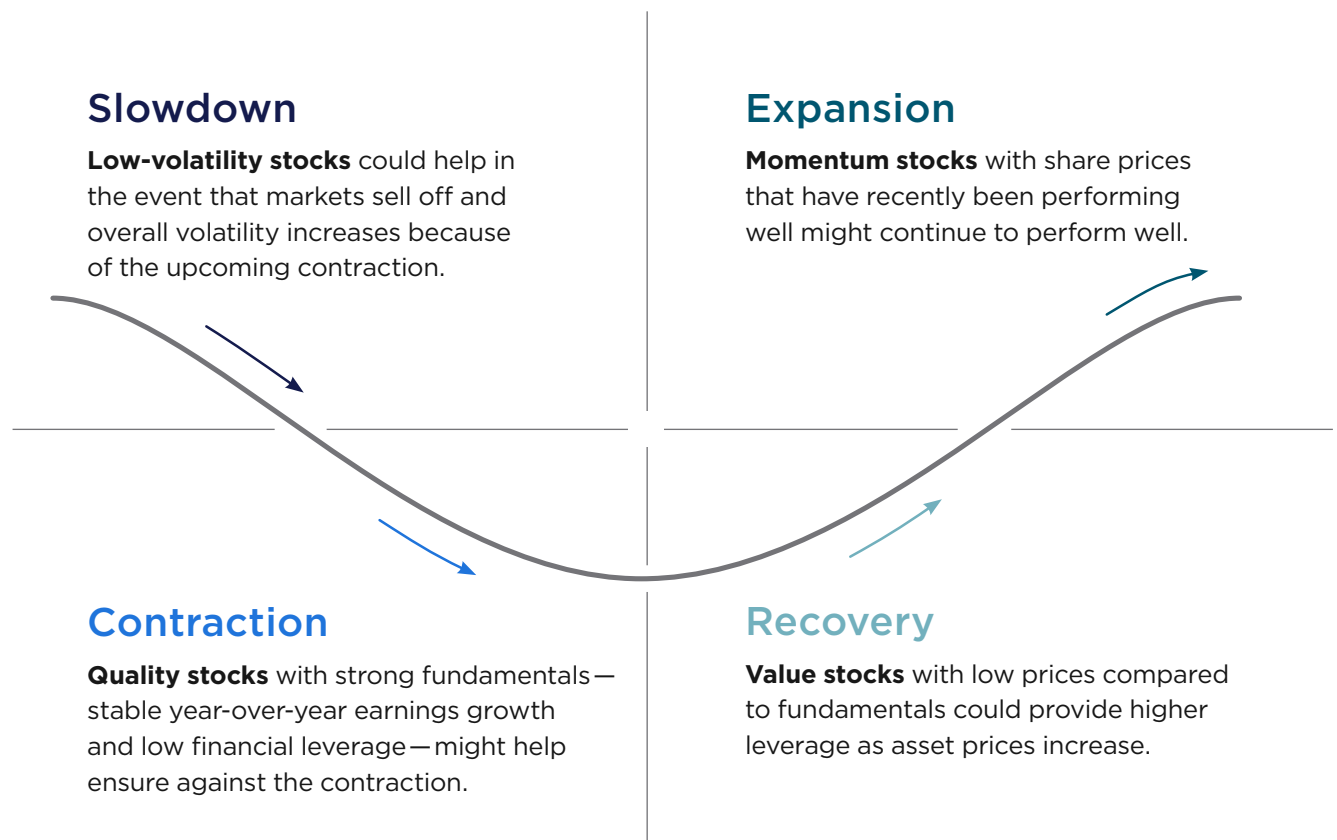
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# Equity-style rotation tailored to the business cycle

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The J.P. Morgan Cycle™ Index provides timely allocation between domestic-focused equities and bonds based on various factors, market conditions and the current phase of the business cycle. This equity-style rotation is designed to overweight the portfolio with the type of stocks that have historically performed well during each phase of the business cycle.

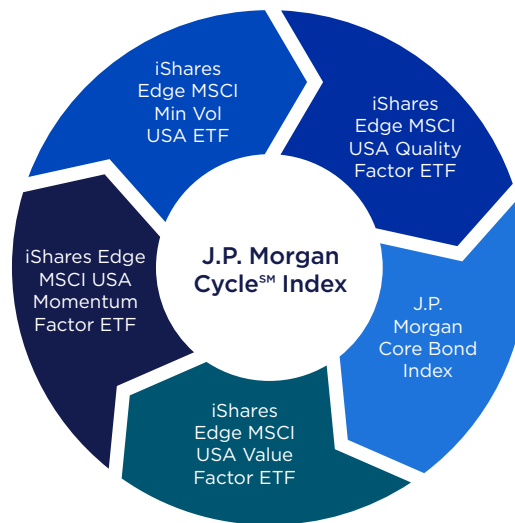


# How this investing style works

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The J.P. Morgan Cycle<sup>SM</sup> Index is composed of five portfolio components. The index regularly rebalances among them based on the specific phase of the business cycle in order to achieve the highest equity weighting and maintain a 5% volatility target.

## Investments available



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## Allocation methodology

The J.P. Morgan Cycle<sup>SM</sup> Index monitors leading and lagging economic indicators and takes the following steps each month to help generate more stable growth for the portfolio:

### STEP 1

Identify the current phase of the business cycle and choose the corresponding equity allocation.

### STEP 2

Rebalance between equities and bonds to help maintain a 5% level of volatility for the portfolio over time.

### STEP 3

Rebalance again midmonth whenever economic or market conditions change.

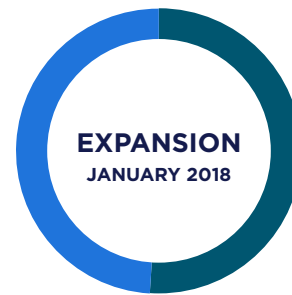
# How allocations change with conditions

Along with investing based on the business cycle, the J.P. Morgan Cycle<sup>SM</sup> Index is designed to allocate more to equities when the market is stable and more to bonds when the market becomes more volatile. Several examples of allocations during the recent cycle help to illustrate this.<sup>2</sup>



- 16% ISHARES EDGE MSCI USA VALUE FACTOR ETF
- 84% J.P. MORGAN CORE BOND INDEX

During an economic recovery with a volatile market, the index was invested in **value stocks** with a large percentage in bonds.



- 51% ISHARES EDGE MSCI USA MOMENTUM FACTOR ETF
- 49% J.P. MORGAN CORE BOND INDEX

During an economic expansion with a stable market, the index was invested pretty **evenly** between momentum stocks and bonds.



- 18% ISHARES EDGE MSCI USA QUALITY FACTOR ETF
- 82% J.P. MORGAN CORE BOND INDEX

During an economic contraction with a volatile market, the index was invested in **quality stocks** with a large percentage in bonds.



- 31% ISHARES EDGE MSCI MIN VOL USA ETF
- 69% J.P. MORGAN CORE BOND INDEX

During an economic slowdown with a volatile market, the index was invested in **low-volatility stocks** with a large percentage in bonds.

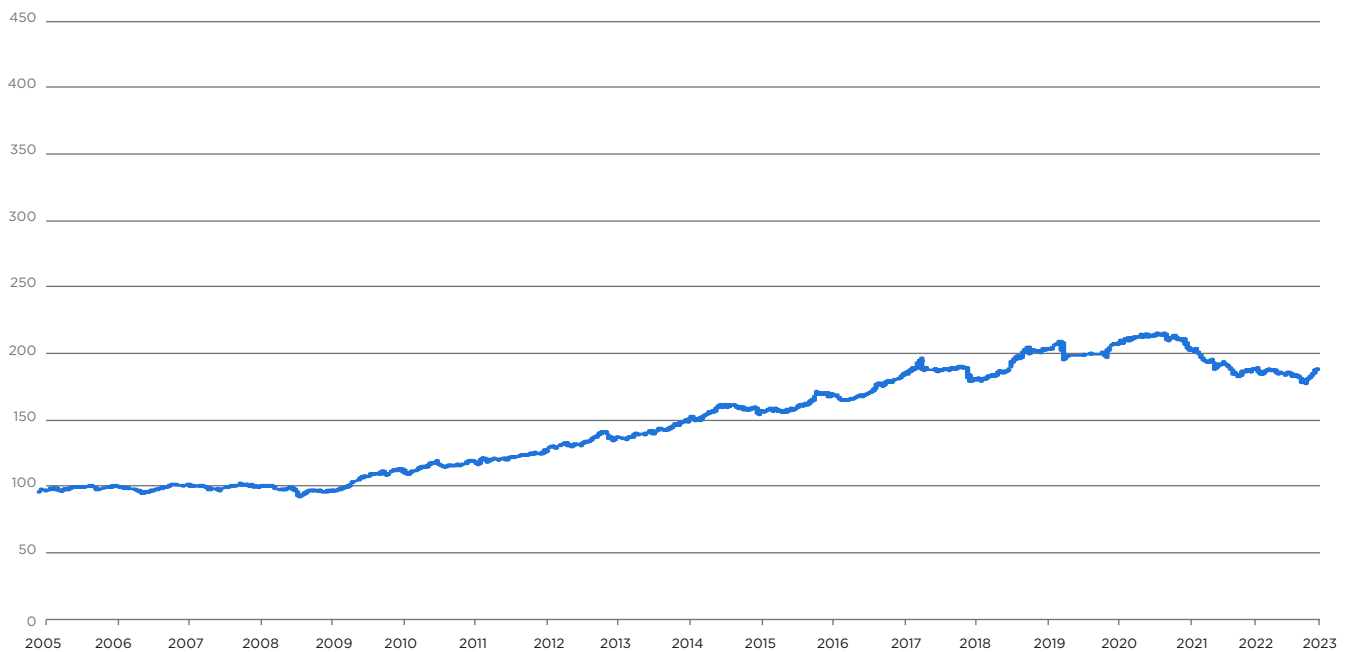
<sup>2</sup> The calculations for the performance of these underlying indexes includes back-tested performance; please see the details for these calculations that are included on the following page.

# How this investing style has performed in the past

## Historical performance

Hypothetical performance shows that the J.P. Morgan Cycle<sup>SM</sup> Index provided more consistent returns with lower levels of volatility, especially when the overall market was volatile during the financial crisis of 2008 and 2009 and the large-scale lockdowns in the United States in March 2020.

### ■ J.P. MORGAN CYCLE<sup>SM</sup> INDEX



The J.P. Morgan Cycle<sup>SM</sup> Index was established November 2, 2020. All performance shown prior to this date is backtested by applying the index strategy, which was designed with the benefit of hindsight, to historical financial data when all components became available. Historical performance for the Index represents hypothetical backtested performance using alternative performance for some basket constituents through October 7, 2016; hypothetical backtested performance using the actual performance of each basket constituent from October 10, 2016, through November 2, 2020; and actual performance through December 28, 2023. Backtested performance is hypothetical and has been provided for informational purposes only. Past performance is not indicative of, nor does it guarantee, future performance. The hypothetical data above reflects the 0.5% per annum index fee. Please refer to Nationwide Peak 10 product materials for more information.



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