

An Introduction to MYGAs



The stability you need.
The growth you deserve.

When the Great Recession of 2008 hit, many people experienced significant decreases in the value of their portfolios. For those near or already in retirement, this was a particularly devastating event because they had little or no time for the markets to rebound and their assets to recover. Others who did have time responded by actively repositioning funds into safe-money assets.

Two popular examples of such safe-money assets include certificates of deposit (CDs) and multi-year guaranteed annuities (MYGAs). For some individuals, the term “annuity” has a negative connotation. They may think this requires locking up their money for long periods of time or losing access to it should they pass away early. In truth MYGA sales are skyrocketing (up 21 percent year over year in second quarter 2019¹) because they provide a unique set of features that are appealing to many individuals at or nearing retirement.

A Side-by-Side Comparison

	CDs	MYGAs
No Market Risk	X	X
Minimum Premium Requirements to Open Account	X	X
Guaranteed Interest Earnings for a Specified Time Period	X	X
Access to Full Value at Contract Maturity	X	X
Wealth Transfer Provisions	X	X
FDIC Insured	X	
Insured by the Issuing Insurance Company		X
Ability to Capitalize on Higher Interest Rates		X
Tax Deferral on Interest Earnings		X
Access to a Portion of Funds for Liquidity		X
Ability to Turn Funds into Lifetime Income Stream		X

While both CDs and MYGAs offer guaranteed interest earnings for a set period of time and complete protection from market risk, MYGAs also provide tax deferral, liquidity and lifetime income options unavailable through CDs. Furthermore, MYGAs generally feature more attractive interest rates, particularly if you’re looking for guaranteed growth for three or more years.

If you are looking to position a portion of your savings into a safe-money asset but are looking for a more growth-focused approach that what current CDs can provide, a MYGA may be the perfect solution. Contact a qualified financial professional for information on how to put one to work in your portfolio.

¹ Wink’s Sales and Market Report, Second Quarter 2019.

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