## For a more sure-footed tomorrow

# Saving in your retirement plan is the first step



#### **Power up your retirement savings**

Start early and give your money more time to grow through compounding, where savings are reinvested and may generate their own earnings.

Save enough to receive your employer's benefits, if available, and earn the full amount of any employer match.

You'll contribute from your paycheck before paying taxes, which may lower your current taxable income.  $^{\rm 1}$ 

Choose after-tax Roth contributions, if available, to withdraw money tax-free after you stop working.  $^{\rm 2}$ 

#### **Choose and manage investments** to stay on track

Investments support different goals, from growth to stability. The greater the potential reward, the greater the risk and the potential for losses.

Choosing different investment types can help upswings in some investments offset others that under perform. Diversifying your portfolio this way won't guarantee against loss, but it can help manage risk. Learn more about risk tolerance.

Over time, some investments in your portfolio can grow more than planned, creating potential risk. Review your portfolio regularly and adjust investments as needed to stay on track to your goals.

#### Position your money to last your lifetime

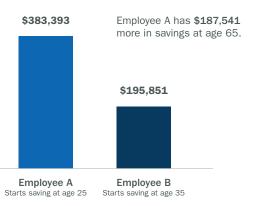
Consider including annuities in your retirement portfolio to provide income that lasts.

**Cover essential needs** 

#### Fund your lifestyle choices

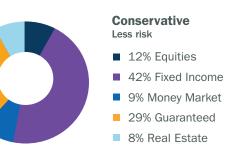
Fixed annuities<sup>3</sup> offer dependable income that isn't subject to market volatility. <u>Learn more</u> about TIAA Traditional. Variable annuities<sup>4</sup> offer growth potential and can help keep pace with inflation. <u>Learn more</u> about variable annuities.

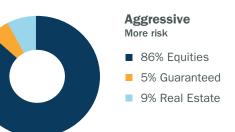
#### Earn more with compound interest



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#### Sample portfolios show range of risk





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