

Key Information Document



Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

Product

Investment Bond investing in the SWIS International Growth Fund

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What is this product?

It is an insurance-based investment contract. You can choose to invest in one or more funds we offer. Each fund is divided into units (like shares). Your bond's value is determined by the number of units it holds in each fund, and the price of those units.

The Fund invests via the HBOS Investment Fund Managers Limited (HIFML) International Growth OEIC Fund. The OEIC Fund aim is: to provide capital growth by investing in a diversified global portfolio of company shares. The benchmark for the Fund is the MSCI All Country World Index (the "Index"). The Fund Manager seeks to outperform the Index by 1.25% on a rolling 3 year basis, before deduction of fees. At least 80% of the Fund will be invested in shares of companies which are part of the Index. The Fund may also invest in other funds including those managed by HIFML and its associates. HIFML instructs the Fund Manager on the proportion to be allocated to companies in the Index. At least 90% will be invested in companies in developed markets and not more than 10% in companies in emerging markets. The allocation may differ through market movements or Fund Manager discretion. The extent to which the Fund's investment in various sectors* may differ to the Index is limited. The limits help to provide a balance between the spread of assets within the Fund and risk management. They also provide a balance between the amount the Fund can vary from the Index and providing the Fund Manager with flexibility to seek to outperform the Index. Because the Fund may only take limited positions away from the Index the difference between the Fund's performance and Index performance is likely to be smaller than that of funds with greater flexibility.

*A sector is a business area, industry or economy which shares the same characteristics.

The bond is designed for investors who:

- want potential capital growth or an income over the medium to long-term (at least 5 to 10 years).
- want to initially invest at least £10,000 or make additional payments of at least £1,000.
- accept their bond's value will fluctuate and they might not get back the full amount invested.

On death, we'll pay either 100% or 101% of the bond's value, depending on your age at the start of the bond (or 110% if death is caused by an accident). There is no additional cost for this cover. The bond has no fixed term and will continue until you ask us to cash it in, or you die.

What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of the Investment Bond investing in the SWIS International Growth Fund compared to other products and funds. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 years and that you remain invested in this Fund. If you change funds, the risk indicator may change.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Lower risk				Higher risk		

We have classified this Fund as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level.

The value of your investment, and any income from it, is not guaranteed and can go up and down depending on the performance of each of the assets in the Fund. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment.

If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment. However, you may benefit from a consumer protection scheme - see the section 'What happens if Scottish Widows Limited is unable to pay out'. The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

Investment performance information

The main factors likely to affect future performance are the decisions taken by the Fund manager to select individual company securities and the resulting aggregate investments characteristics such as the Fund's style, sector and country exposures. The value of the Fund's equity securities are significantly influenced by a range of economic and equity market performance factors such as economic growth, political, economic and international developments and market trends.

The Fund seeks to outperform the total return of the MSCI All Countries World Index. In seeking outperformance the Fund's investment process selects securities from the investment universe that may differ in performance outcomes and experienced volatility compared to the index. However the degree to which the Fund's composition can diverge from the of its index is subject to limitations and therefore the range of performance and volatility outcomes is smaller than that of funds with greater flexibility.

What could affect my return positively?

The Fund is likely to achieve higher returns if conditions in overall equity markets are favourable. The Fund will achieve higher returns if the securities selected by the Fund's investment process provide positive returns over time and if these securities provide superior returns than the market average. The Fund's assets values are influenced positively if the sterling currency falls in relation to other major currencies.

What could affect my return negatively?

The Fund is likely to achieve lower or negative returns if conditions in overall equity markets are unfavourable. The Fund will achieve lower returns if the securities selected by the Fund manager provide negative returns over time or if these securities provide an inferior return compared to the market average. The Fund's assets values are influenced negatively if the sterling currency rises in relation to other major currencies.

If you cash in your investment at a time of adverse market conditions, when values of equity investments are down, you could achieve lower than expected returns, including the possibility that you will make a loss on your investment.

What happens if Scottish Widows is unable to pay out?

Your Plan is fully covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. More information about compensation arrangements is available from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, who can be contacted on 0800 678 1100 or 0207 741 4100 or via their website at www.fscs.org.uk

What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. The monetary figures shown assume you invest £10000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

The person selling you or advising you about this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs, and show you the impact that all costs will have on your investment over time.

Investment £10000			
Scenarios	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in at 10 years
Total costs	£184	£865	£2159
Impact on return (RIY) per year	1.77%	1.33%	1.27%

What are the costs? (continued)

The table below shows the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period and the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year

One-off costs	Entry costs	0.06%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment.
	Exit costs	N/A	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.22%	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	1.00%	The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	N/A	There are no performance fees.
	Carried interests	N/A	There are no carried interests.

How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

As the bond is a medium to long-term investment, it's designed to be held for at least five to ten years, but can be held for as long as you want. When you cash in, or if you switch between funds, there may be a delay of up to one month for this Fund. The value of your bond can go down as well as up and you could get back less than you invested, particularly if you cash in your bond in the short term.

You can make regular and one-off withdrawals. Withdrawals could be greater than any growth achieved and could reduce your bond's value below the amount invested. You should refer to the Additional Information Document for the conditions that apply and information on tax.

For new investments, you can change your mind within 30 days of when you receive your cancellation notice. You'll need to tell us in writing and we'll return your money less any fall in its value.

How can I complain?

If you ever need to complain, please contact our Customer Relations Department at:
Scottish Widows Limited, 69 Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 1HL
Telephone: 0800 592925. E-mail: CPDRTeam.IFABond@scottishwidows.co.uk

If you're not satisfied with our response you can complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service at:
Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR
Telephone: 0800 023 4567 or via their website at: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/contact/index.html
E-mail: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Complaining to the Ombudsman won't affect your legal rights.

Other relevant information

Portfolio Transaction Costs as at 31/12/2024.

Please contact us if you require any additional information on the Investment Bond and the alternative investment choices available to you.

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