



## about the cost of our services



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### 1. The Financial Services Authority (FSA)

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The FSA is the independent regulator of financial services. It requires us to give you this document when advising on some savings and investments. You may use this information to compare value for money, to shop around and to decide which firm to use.

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### 2. Our services

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As Independent Financial Advisers we provide a professional personal service. We are highly qualified with expert knowledge to select the best solution to meet with your needs from the whole of the market. We are committed to providing a personal long term relationship with our clients. The initial meeting is complimentary in order to explain our services and identify your needs.

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### 3. What are your payment options?

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Not all firms charge for advice in the same way. We will discuss your payment options with you and answer any questions you have. We will not charge you anything until you have agreed how we are to be paid. **We have ticked the payment options we offer.**



**Paying by fee.** Whether you buy a product or not, you will pay us a fee for our advice and services. If we also receive commission from the product provider when you buy a product, we will pass on the full value of that commission to you in one or more ways. For example, we could reduce our fee; or reduce your product charges; or increase your investment amount; or refund the commission to you.



**Paying by commission (or product charges).** If you buy a financial product, we will normally receive commission on the sale from the product provider. Although you pay nothing up front, that does not mean our service is free. You still pay us indirectly through product charges. Product charges pay for the product provider's own costs and any commission. These charges reduce the amount left for investment. If you buy direct, the product charges could be the same as when buying through an adviser, or they could be higher or lower. We will tell you how much the commission will be before you complete an investment, but you may ask for this information earlier.



**Paying by a combination of commission and fee.** In some circumstances, we also charge a fee on top of any commission we might receive.

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#### **4. How much might our services cost?**

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##### **If you choose the fee option**

We will agree the rate we will charge before beginning work. We will tell you if you have to pay VAT.

Our typical charges are:

To provide an initial review of your situation for a fixed fee to include:

An appraisal of your current situation, the compilation of a detailed financial report listing recommendations, a second meeting to discuss advice in detail – Charge between £250 - £500 depending upon complexity.

To implement recommendations:

A charge of 3% of any sum invested up to £1,000,000.

A negotiable fee for any sum invested in excess of £1,000,000.

In addition an annual fund portfolio fee of 0.5% will be charged.

To provide ongoing advice with a regular review of your affairs for a fixed monthly fee as follows:

An annual review of your affairs with one meeting - £25 per month.

Six monthly review incorporating two meetings - £35 per month.

A quarterly review including four meetings - £45 per month.

You may ask us for an estimate of how much in total we might charge. You may also ask us not to exceed a given amount without checking with you first.

## If you choose the combination of commission and fee option

We will charge you a combination of fees and commission. The actual amounts will depend on the service provided to you, but will not exceed the total of the maximum fees set out above and the maximum commission set out in the tables below.

| <b>Table 1 - Commission if you invest monthly</b> |                            |   |  |   |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| <b>Products</b>                                   | <b>Example term or age</b> | <b>Comparison of costs</b>  |  | <b>Example based on £100 per month</b>  |
|   |                            | <i>Our maximum</i>  | <i>Market average</i>  | <i>This shows the maximum costs of our sales and advice for a monthly investment or premium of £100, ignoring any changes in fund value</i>                                       |
| <b>Savings and investments</b>                    |                            |   |  |   |
| <b>Collective investments (eg unit trusts)</b>    | Any                        | <b>3%</b> of all payments plus <b>0.5%</b> of your fund value each year from year <b>2</b>                  | <b>0.1%</b> of all payments plus <b>1%</b> of your fund value each year from year <b>2</b>                 | <b>£36.00</b> each year plus <b>£6.00</b> in year <b>2</b> , <b>£12.00</b> in year <b>3</b> , and so on (The actual amount in later years will vary in line with your fund value) |
| <b>Endowments</b>                                 | 10 year term               | <b>46.7%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>17</b>  | <b>30.6%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>17</b> | <b>£560.40</b> initially plus <b>£30.00</b> each year from month <b>17</b>  |
| <b>Protection</b>                                 |                            |   |  |   |
| <b>Whole of life assurance</b>                    | Age 40                     | <b>126.5%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>49</b> | <b>95%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>49</b>   | <b>£1518.00</b> initially plus <b>£30.00</b> each year from month <b>49</b>   |
| <b>Saving for retirement</b>                      |                            |   |  |   |
| <b>Personal and Stakeholder pensions</b>          | 25 year term               | <b>56.2%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>28</b>  | <b>24.3%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>28</b> | <b>£674.40</b> initially plus <b>£30.00</b> each year from month <b>28</b>  |
|   | 10 year term               | <b>26.4%</b> of the first <b>12</b> months payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>13</b>   | <b>13.2%</b> of the first <b>12</b> month's payments plus <b>2.5%</b> of all payments from month <b>13</b> | <b>£316.80</b> initially plus <b>£30.00</b> each year from month <b>13</b>  |

### Personal Pension Schemes

Not all types of personal pension schemes are included in the information above about commissions. Instead only the more common types are included, and schemes such as SIPPS are not. Before we start advising you, we will inform you of how much we could be paid if we do recommend one of these products to you.

You can also ask us about commission we might receive on underlying investments we recommend you hold within a SIPP if not contained in the information above.

**Table 2 - Commission if you invest a lump sum**

| Products                                       | Example term or age | Comparison of costs   |  | Example based on £10,000 lump sum  |
|--|---------------------|---|--|--|
|  |                     | <i>Our maximum</i>  | <i>Market average</i>  |  |
|  |                     |   |  | <i>This shows the maximum costs of our sales and advice for a lump sum investment of £10 000, ignoring any changes in fund value</i> |
| <b>Savings and investments</b>                 |                     |   |  |  |
| <b>Collective investments (eg unit trusts)</b> | Any                 | 3% of the amount you invest plus 0.5% of your fund value each year from year 2    | 0.9% of your fund value each year from year 2                                    | £300.00 plus £50.00 each year from year 2 (The actual amount in later years will vary in line with your fund value)                  |
| <b>Investment bonds</b>                        | Any                 | 7.5% of the amount you invest plus 0.5% of your fund value each year from year 2  | 3% of the amount you invest plus 0.5% of your fund value each year from year 2   | £550.00 plus £50.00 each year from year 2 (The actual amount in later years will vary in line with your fund value)                  |
| <b>Saving for retirement</b>                   |                     |   |  |  |
| <b>Personal and Stakeholder pensions</b>       | Any                 | 7% of the amount you invest   | 5.3% of the amount you invest  | £700.00  |
| <b>At retirement</b>                           |                     |   |  |  |
| <b>Annuities</b>                               | Any                 | 2.5% of the amount you invest   | 1.3% of the amount you invest  | £250.00  |
| <b>Income drawdown</b>                         | Any                 | 11.4% of the amount you invest plus 0.5% of your fund value each year from year 2 | 2.2% of the amount you invest plus 0.5% of your fund value each year from year 2 | £1140.00 plus £50.00 each year from year 2 (The actual amount in later years will vary in line with your fund value)                 |

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### **Notes:**

1. The market average figures are calculated by the FSA using actual data from a representative sample of regulated firms and are shown in a way that you may compare with our own maximum rates. The market average figures will be updated by the FSA from time to time based on new data.
2. Where a firm sells its own products it must calculate its figures according to FSA guidelines.

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### **5. Further information**

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If you need any more help or information

- ask your adviser; or
- visit [www.fsa.gov.uk/consumer](http://www.fsa.gov.uk/consumer).