

Key Information Document



Purpose

This document provides you with the 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

The Scottish Bond Plus is manufactured by Scottish Friendly Assurance Society Limited ('Scottish Friendly'). The investment option is the With-Profits fund, which is manufactured by Scottish Friendly. Visit www.scottishfriendly.co.uk or call 0333 323 5433 for more information. Scottish Friendly is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. Details can be found on the Financial Services Register – Registration No. 110002. This Key Information Document was produced on 28 February 2024.

What is this product?

Type	The product is a tax-exempt with-profits plan, which means that it grows tax-efficiently and your final lump sum payout is free of tax.
Objectives	The Scottish Bond Plus is a tax-exempt with-profits plan that allows you to extend the term of your Scottish Bond for up to another 10 years, with a chosen investment option of the With-Profits fund. It aims to achieve growth from a mixed managed fund where premiums are pooled with those of other clients and investment performance is linked to a portfolio of stock market, property, cash and bond assets. Additionally, returns are smoothed to reduce some of the ups and downs of the stock market. Investment performance is reflected in your plan through the addition of bonuses. Once a bonus has been added, it cannot be taken away. ISA and tax rules may change in the future.
Maturity	This product has a maturity date of 10 years from the date of your original bond's maturity date and has no minimum holding period. Scottish Friendly cannot unilaterally terminate this product.
Intended retail investor	This product is intended for investors who are prepared to take on a medium-low level of risk, from a portfolio of mixed investments, in an arrangement of up to 10 years.
Insurance benefit	The amount payable on death is the value of the policy, which is formed of the guaranteed minimum cash sum plus any bonuses added to that date.

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



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less.



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. 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.

We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you.

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 section 'What happens if we are unable to pay you'). The indicator shown above does not consider this protection.

Performance scenarios

When money is invested, it is exposed to risk, meaning that you may get back less than was invested. The outcomes experienced will come from the returns of the investment(s) which are held by the fund. This fund invest in range of assets, which may include Equities (shares in companies), cash, Government and Corporate Bonds (loans to governments or companies) therefore the performance of each of these assets will impact the overall performance of the fund. The fund does not favour a single asset class it invests across all of these assets classes. It is expected, before charges, that the returns would be comparable to a mix of UK Government Bonds and the UK stock market. Returns are smoothed to help reduce some of the ups and downs of the stock market.

What could affect my return positively?

As the fund does not favour a single asset class and invests across a range of assets a number of factors will impact the performance of the fund. These include economic growth both globally and in the UK, good credit worthiness of the companies and governments issuing the bonds held within the fund. In these types of scenarios investors could expect positive returns.

What could affect my return negatively?

As the fund does not favour a single asset class and invests across a range of assets a number of factors will impact the performance of the fund. These include poor economic performance also known as a recession both globally and in the UK, the fall in credit worthiness of the companies and governments who bonds are held within the fund. In these types of scenarios investors could expect negative or lower returns. Under severely adverse conditions returns of the fund could be impacted negatively meaning investments in the fund could fall substantially in value. Your maximum loss would be that you lose all of your investment. However the fund offers a guaranteed capital sum on the 10 year anniversary of the start date of your investment provided you haven't made any withdrawals or switched out of the fund before your 10 year anniversary irrespective of market conditions.

What happens if Scottish Friendly is unable to pay out?

If you buy a policy with Scottish Friendly and we cannot pay the full amount due, you may be entitled to compensation under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The maximum level of compensation for claims against firms declared in default is 100% of the claim with no upper limit.

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. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest £1,000 per year. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

Table 1: Costs over time

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

£1,000	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in after 10 years
Total costs	£17	£134	£409
Reduction in Yield per year	1.2%	0.4%	0.2%

Table 2: Composition of costs

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.
- The meaning of the different cost categories.

One-off costs	Entry costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering into your investment.
	Exit costs	£0.00	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.03%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	1.65%	The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	We do not take a performance fee from your investment.
	Carried interests	0.00%	We do not take carried interests from your investment.

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

Recommended minimum holding period: Nil

This product has no minimum required holding period. It is designed to extend your term for another 10 years, however you can cash in whenever you want without charge or penalty. You are guaranteed to receive at least the value paid out from your original Scottish Bond had you let it mature, no matter when you cash in.

How can I complain?

If you wish to complain about any aspect of the service you have received you can contact us at Scottish Friendly, Galbraith House, 16 Blythswood Square, Glasgow G2 4HJ. Tel: 0333 323 5433.
www.scottishfriendly.co.uk/contact-us/email-enquiry

Other relevant information

Please note that the figures assume you invest £1,000 each year, which is the required amount we are able to show based on the regulation for this product. As such this Key Information Document should be read in conjunction with the Product Guide, which provides additional examples of what you could get back in the future based on a lower investment amount.