Terms and Conditions
Individual Savings Account
and Investment Account

For accounts opened after 28 April 2011
These terms and conditions cover the Sterling Individual Savings Account and Sterling Investment Account and form a legally binding agreement between you and us. In addition to the general terms and conditions please see the sections on pages 14 or 15, which are specific to your chosen Account. Please read these terms and conditions alongside the Key Features that apply to your chosen Account.

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Individual Savings Account and Investment Account Terms and Conditions

Definitions
Some words and phrases in these terms and conditions have special meanings. These special meanings are shown below and appear in bold type throughout the terms and conditions.

Account The Sterling Individual Savings Account or the Sterling Investment Account, as applicable, held under these terms and conditions.

AWE Average Weekly Earnings – The UK Government’s preferred measure of UK average earnings as published by the Office of National Statistics, or any official published measure or index that we adopt in its place.

BACS The electronic Banks Automated Clearing System run by banking institutions.

business day Any day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, on which UK clearing banks and the London Stock Exchange are open for business.

CHAPS The Clearing House Automatic Payments System, an electronic bank-to-bank same-day payments system run by CHAPS Clearing Company Limited.

funds Investments available under the Account.

FCA Financial Conduct Authority or any successors in title.

head office Sterling ISA Managers Limited, Sterling Centre, PO Box 461, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 8ZN.

ISA Sterling stocks and shares Individual Savings Account.

ISA Regulations The Individual Savings Account Regulations 1998 as amended from time to time, or any other regulations that may from time to time apply to your ISA Account.

ISIN An International Securities Identification Number (ISIN).

investment Units or shares in Sterling panel funds or wider market funds and medium-term notes (MTN) issued as security by a financial institution for MTN Protected profits funds.

Investment Account Sterling Investment Account.

investment value The value of an investment calculated by using its bid price or selling price.

Key features A document that sets out the main points of your Account.

Minimum Return A plan, provided by Zurich Assurance Ltd, that aims to protect payments into an Account in the event of death within ten years of opening an Account.

MTN Protected profits fund Those protected profits funds investing in medium-term notes (MTN), specifically the Multimanager Protected Profits fund, the Threadneedle Protected Profits fund and the Tracker Protected Profits fund.

Re-registration The transfer by you of existing units in a unit trust or shares in an open-ended investment company. The transfer will be achieved by your execution of a stock transfer form.

RPI Retail Prices Index – a government-produced index which tracks the prices of a specified set of consumer goods and services, providing a measure of inflation.

SEDOL Stock Exchange Daily Official List, used in the United Kingdom and Ireland for clearing purposes.

Sterling charges summary A document that details the current charges for the ISA and the Investment Account.

Sterling panel funds Investments to which we apply our governance process and which are listed in the Sterling panel funds guide asSterling panel funds. We may add or remove funds from time to time in line with paragraphs 110 to 115.

Sterling panel funds guide A document that gives the objectives, risks, and distribution dates of the Sterling panel funds. You can obtain the Sterling panel funds guide by contacting us at our head office or by speaking to your adviser.

subscription The payment or cash transfer you make into your ISA Account. The transfer will be achieved by your execution of a stock transfer form.

we, us, our, ourselves Sterling ISA Managers Limited, part of the Zurich Group is authorised and regulated by the FCA and approved by HM Revenue and Customs to act as an ISA manager under the Regulations.

website www.sterling-assurance.co.uk

wider market funds Investments to which we do not apply our governance process and which are not included as Sterling panel funds. These funds are listed in the Sterling charges summary and you can find out more by reading the relevant prospectus that you can obtain from your adviser. We may add or remove funds from time to time in line with paragraphs 110 to 115.

written instructions, in writing Clear written instructions by post. Please note that we currently do not accept instructions orally, by fax, email or any other method except as set out here, but reserve the right to do so in the future.

you, your The owner(s) of the Account.

Zurich Assurance Ltd Zurich Assurance Ltd, is part of the Zurich Group and is authorised and regulated by the FCA for its life assurance, pension and investment products.

Zurich Group Zurich Insurance Group Ltd, a company registered in Switzerland, company number 023.020.5108 and its direct and indirect subsidiary companies, including branches of such subsidiary companies from time to time.
General terms and conditions

Our agreement with you

1. We agree to act as the Account manager and will manage the Account in accordance with these terms and conditions and the rules of the FCA on a non-discretionary basis. Non-discretionary means we will not make any decisions concerning your investments on your behalf, unless we inform you first, nor will we undertake any review of your investments.

2. You must give us all the information we reasonably request from you to carry out our duties for the purposes of your Account and notify us if any of that information changes. You must be resident in the United Kingdom to open an Account. You may not open an Account if you are a resident outside the United Kingdom or a citizen of the United States of America. For a jointly owned Account this applies to each Account holder.

3. We may delegate any of our functions or responsibilities under these terms and conditions to another person or persons without your consent and we can give them any information about you that they may reasonably require for this purpose. We will satisfy ourselves of the competence of the other person or persons to carry out those functions or responsibilities.

4. We will remain at all times responsible for our functions under this Account and your first point of contact for any questions or concerns. Your rights and benefits under this policy will not be affected if we choose to delegate any functions.

5. We act on an execution-only basis. This means we do not provide any advice in relation to investments or your Account. The fact that a particular investment is available does not imply that it is necessarily suitable for you, and you should seek your own advice from an adviser. Our staff are not authorised to provide any such advice.

6. We will buy and sell investments on your behalf as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within two business days from the date we receive your valid written instructions and, if applicable, payment at our head office. We rely on information from third parties in order to make valuations, and where we have access to this information, Investments will be valued on each business day. Where an investment is not valued on a business day it will be valued on the next business day on which we have access to the information we need to make the valuation. The fund managers normally calculate the prices for the funds each business day. However, the time at which they are valued can vary between different funds, although the majority value at 12 noon. We can give you details of this on request.

7. In exceptional circumstances and acting reasonably we may postpone buying, selling or valuing an investment to the earliest business day we consider to be appropriate and reasonable. If we reasonably decide that buying your requested investment or investments is not possible, we will return your payment to you.

8. We may act as agent and match buying and selling investments being made on your behalf from time to time. In such cases we will be entitled to retain any profit that may arise from the difference in buying and selling prices on each investment. We will not carry out any business for you in which we have any other material interest without disclosing that interest to you and getting your consent.

9. We will not commit you to any financial obligation to add to the investments either by borrowing or by committing you to a contract whose performance may not be possible without an additional payment. We do not have authority to commit any of the investments of your Account to any obligation to underwrite any issue or offer for sale of securities.

10. If these terms and conditions conflict with the ISA Regulations or the rules of the FCA, then the ISA Regulations or the rules of the FCA (or both) will prevail.

Opening your Account

11. If you are eligible under paragraph 123 or 141 you may make an offer to open an Account. You make an offer to open an Account by sending us a properly completed application, including a signed declaration and:

a. a properly completed direct debit in the case of an application for regular monthly payments, or a valid cheque, BACS or CHAPS payment in the case of a lump sum, and/or

b. your authority for the cash value of your ISA with another ISA manager to be transferred directly to us by that manager for transfer payments, and/or

c. your authority for funds to be re-registered to Sterling ISA Managers Ltd, or a third party acting on our behalf, where you require re-registration of those funds (only available for the Investment Account).

We have appended our Data Protection Statement to these terms and conditions under Appendix A for your reference only. This Data Protection Statement tells you how we will deal with your personal information and must be reviewed by you as part of the application process.

These terms and conditions will come into force once we have accepted your properly completed application, including a signed declaration and are in receipt of either a. and/or b. and/or c. above.

12. We reserve the right not to accept an application (i.e. your offer to open an Account). In particular we will not accept partially completed applications, telephone applications or applications sent to us by fax or email. We reserve the right to refuse subscriptions to an ISA that would contravene the ISA Regulations, that are made in a foreign currency, payments made in cash or payments made by parties other than you.

Minimum subscriptions

13. The current minimum payments to your Account are in paragraphs 142 and 143 for the ISA and paragraphs 124 and 125 for the Investment Account.

14. With our agreement you may make further lump sum subscriptions, increase or decrease your regular monthly subscriptions.

15. You must give us written instructions to change regular monthly payment amounts and we will carry out any change as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within 10 business days after receiving the written instructions at our head office.

16. You may stop or suspend your regular monthly subscriptions to your ISA or Investment Account without closing your Account, subject to paragraphs 17 and 86. You may reinstate regular monthly subscriptions with our consent and subject to us receiving all of the information that we reasonably request from you and the prevailing Regulations at the time. We may require you to complete a new direct debit instruction and application.

17. We reserve the right to close your Account if it falls below £2,000 unless you are making regular monthly subscriptions that are above the minimum limit. If your Account falls below £2,000 then we will inform you of this in your statement. If we decide to close your Account, we will write to you to tell you at least 30 days before we close your Account.
When we write to you, we will tell you about the options available to you, which you should discuss with your adviser.

18. We reserve the right to amend any of the minimum limits. If we do, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120. If you are already making regular monthly subscriptions and we increase the minimum above the value of your subscription, you can continue to pay the same amount until you stop or change your regular monthly subscriptions.

Investing in your Account

19. We will use your subscription to buy your chosen investments. You can decide how much of your subscription will be invested in any particular fund, as long as the amount of your subscription to that fund is at least the current minimum, which is 1% of your subscription. We may decide to increase the minimum subscription for each fund in the future. If we do, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120. New subscriptions can be invested in different funds to those of your original subscription.

20. We will buy investments subject to paragraphs 6, 19 and 140:
   a. in the case of lump sums and transfers – as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within two business days from the date we receive your payment at our head office with a valid application including a signed declaration, and
   b. in the case of regular monthly payments – as soon as reasonably practicable and normally on the business day we receive the direct debit payment.

21. If a direct debit payment is not honoured, or a cheque is not cleared, we will cancel the transaction to buy investments. You may be liable for any reasonable costs we reasonably incur from transactions caused by the non-payment. These costs will be met from any cash held in your Account but if there is not enough cash held in your Account it may be taken from your largest investment holding.

22. You may change your investments by a fund switch. If you change your investments by a fund switch and do not instruct us otherwise, we will change any future monthly payments or regular withdrawals from the fund(s) you are switching out of, into your new fund selection. We will sell your existing investments as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within two business days from the date we receive your written instructions at our head office, and invest the proceeds in the new fund the business day after selling the investments.

23. Currently we do not make a charge for fund switching. In the future we may decide for the reason set out in paragraph 99, to charge a fee for this service. If we do, we will give you at least 30 days’ written notice.

24. You may also ask for a change in the investments you wish to buy with regular monthly subscriptions. We will carry out your written instructions as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within 10 business days after receiving them at our head office.

25. Unless you have chosen the income distribution option under paragraphs 44 to 48, we will reinvest in your Account any dividends or tax credits received from an investment in your Account by buying additional units or shares in the applicable fund. We will purchase these from the fund manager usually within two business days from the date that the fund distributes income. Details of these dates can be found in the Sterling panel funds guide for Sterling panel funds, and in the relevant prospectus for wider market funds.

26. As different funds have different charges, the charges you are paying may change if you switch funds. We will not notify you of any change in charges that arise from you switching funds.

Ownership and custody of assets

27. All investments in your Account will be registered in our name or that of any nominee we may appoint, along with those of other investors who have an Account. However, you will at all times remain the beneficial owner of the investments in your Account.

28. We have appointed Sterling ISA Managers (Nominees) Limited as our nominee to hold some or all of the investments in Sterling Panel Funds, wider market funds and medium-term notes (MTN) issued as security by a financial institution for MTN Protected profits funds. Sterling ISA Managers (Nominees) Limited is not authorised to safeguard and administer assets under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. However, we are authorised by HM Revenue & Customs and regulated by the FCA, and accept full responsibility for Sterling ISA Managers (Nominees) Limited’s acts and omissions.

29. Your investments will either be held in a pooled Account in our name or that of Sterling ISA Managers (Nominees) Limited by a third party (a custodian or third party nominee). We will identify, record and hold all clients’ assets separately from any of our investments and other assets, and in such a manner that we can pinpoint the exact identity and location of clients’ assets at any time.

30. If a third party is unable to meet its obligations then we will not be able to step into meet those obligations as we are not responsible for the acts and omissions of our third party providers. In the event of a shortfall after the default or failure of a third party, you may share in that shortfall in proportion to your original share of the assets in the pool. We will use reasonable endeavours to recover any loss on your behalf from the third party.

Rights in investments held

31. Your Account enables you to buy shares or units in a range of collective investment schemes. These investment schemes are operated and managed by external fund managers, and not us. The fund managers are responsible for all investment decisions in respect of these schemes.

32. You have agreed that the investments in your Account will be registered in the same name as other clients. As such, as part of normal settlement procedures where investments are pooled, the investments in your Account may be used with those of other customers to settle various transactions. Your investments will not necessarily be immediately identifiable by separate certificates and, if we become insolvent, you may encounter delays in recovering your assets, and possibly an increased risk of loss if there is a shortfall.
33. All certificates where applicable and other documents of title relating to the investments will either be held by us or as we direct in safe custody. You or your appointed agent may, on giving us reasonable notice, inspect vouchers and entries in our books (whether manual or electronic) relating solely to your Account. As we treat your records as confidential, we reserve the right not to provide copies of the records if to do otherwise would allow access to records about other investors.

34. Unless we receive your written instructions, we will not exercise any of the voting rights attaching to the investments in your Account. If we receive at our head office a request in writing, we will arrange for you to attend shareholders’ meetings and exercise voting rights.

35. At your written instruction, we will arrange for you to receive a copy of the interim and annual reports and accounts of any investment in your Account, and any other information issued to shareholders, security holders or unit holders. On request we will supply copies of the prospectus or other information for any of the investments in your Account.

36. We reserve the right to make a charge to cover our reasonable administrative costs reasonably incurred in complying with paragraphs 33 to 35.

37. Unless we receive instructions from you to the contrary we may hold investments as shares or units in collective investment schemes representing schemes that have replaced an investment by way of merger, reconstruction, closure, conversion or otherwise. If we do, we will write to you and you may change your investment by a fund switch as set out in paragraph 22.

38. We will act as your agent in arranging to buy and sell medium-term notes linked to the MTN Protected profits funds. We accordingly acknowledge and confirm that we do not act as agent on behalf of the issuing institution its affiliates and directors.

Cash held

39. The cash in your Account will be held as client money, in accordance with the FCA rules which, among other things, require your money to be held in a designated client bank account, established with statutory trust status. Cash may arise from transfers, re-registration, the sale of investments, tax credits, distributions and other rights or interests.

40. We keep client money separate from the cash that belongs to us in accordance with the requirements of the FCA rules.

41. Client money is held as part of a common pool of money, so you will not have a claim against a specific sum in a specific account. Your claim will be against our client money pool in general in the event of our insolvency, or the insolvency of any of the banks, including Lloyds Banking Group, with which we keep client money. Should there be a shortfall in the client money pool after such an insolvency, the FCA rules mean that you may share in the shortfall in proportion to your original share of the claims to the client money immediately before the insolvency. In the event of a shortfall, you may be able to claim compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Please see paragraph 118 for more details.

42. We will not pay interest on any cash held in client accounts in our name.

43. If you instruct us to sell all or part of the investments but do not instruct us to buy new investments, or if you ask us to close your Account or ask for a partial withdrawal, then we will hold any sale proceeds in cash under paragraph 41 until we pay them to you under paragraphs 61 to 84 below.

Income distributions

44. If you invest in investments that provide income or interest distributions or both, you may ask us to pay these to you quarterly. If you choose this option, you cannot choose the regular withdrawal option. The dates on which we will process the payment (the ‘payment process dates’) are 10 March, 10 June, 10 September and 10 December if they are business days. If those dates are not business days, we will process the payment on the next business day. Payment will be made to your bank or building society account by direct credit as soon as reasonably practicable.

45. When we make a payment to you, it will consist of the net distributions credited to your Account, subject to paragraph 46. If you are invested in our ISA, we undertake to pay any amounts representing the tax credit as part of the income distribution. You agree that we will retain the amount of that tax credit when we later receive it from HM Revenue & Customs.

46. Any income payments we pay you will be after any deductions or charges due or payable under these terms and conditions and the Regulations. For the Investment Account, where HMRC rules require, income tax at the applicable rate may also be deducted.

47. If your Account is closed for any reason, the value of your Account will be paid to you in accordance with paragraph 86. Residual money is income received from your Investments after your Account is closed. We will make any payment of any residual money in your Account to you within 20 business days of the next payment process date after we receive the money. Current payment process dates are 10 March, 10 June, 10 September and 10 December if they are business days, or the next business day if they are not.

48. There is a minimum payment amount of £1. If less than £1 becomes payable we reserve the right to retain it in accordance with paragraph 100.

Regular withdrawals

49. You can set up regular withdrawals at any time by asking us in writing and obtaining our written agreement. This option is not available if you are making regular monthly subscriptions, or if you have chosen the income distribution option.

50. We must receive your written instructions at least 10 business days before the first withdrawal is to be made. The minimum withdrawal you can take is currently £50 per withdrawal. We may change this minimum. If we do, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120.

51. You can take withdrawals proportionately across all your funds, or from one or a selection of funds that you have specified. If you don’t select a preference, withdrawals will be made proportionately across all your funds.

52. We set a maximum amount for regular withdrawals. This is currently 7.5% of the value of your Account each year. However, if you set up regular withdrawals when you start your Account, we will initially allow up to a maximum of, currently, 7.5% of your payment to us. We may change this maximum limit, and if we do we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120.
53. Regular withdrawals may be taken monthly, quarterly, four-monthly, half-yearly, or yearly, starting in any month. **Investments in your Account** will be sold to generate your withdrawals on the tenth day of the month, or if this is not a **business day**, on the previous **business day**. The investment value referred to in paragraph 54 will be calculated on the tenth day of the month or, if this is not a **business day**, on the previous **business day**.

54. If you choose to take withdrawals proportionately across all funds, you can take them as a percentage of the investment value, which will give a payment that fluctuates with the investment value, or as a monetary amount that will be based on your investment at outset and will result in a set payment. If you choose to take withdrawals from a specified fund or funds, you will need to inform us of the percentage or amount that you wish to withdraw from each fund.

55. If you ask to take a monetary amount, you can ask for it to automatically increase each year by a given percentage (up to a maximum of 10%), or in line with the RPI or AWE each year, as long as it does not exceed the limits explained in paragraph 51. The rate of increase will apply on the anniversary of your first regular withdrawal following the request for the automatic increase.

56. If you choose not to automatically increase regular withdrawals when you start your Account, you can do so at a later date by giving us your written instructions. If you no longer require your regular withdrawals to automatically increase, you can stop the automatic increase at any time by giving us your written instructions. You can change the rate of the increase applied to your regular withdrawals by giving us your written instructions detailing the change required.

57. We will pay regular withdrawals direct to your bank or building society account by direct credit as soon as reasonably practicable – usually within six **business days** of your chosen withdrawal date.

58. You may cancel regular withdrawals by telling us in writing. We may stop your regular withdrawals if your Account value falls below our current minimum of £2,000. We will write and tell you if regular withdrawals are stopped. We may change the minimum Account value. If we do, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120.

59. If you have chosen regular withdrawals from a specified fund or funds and the value of the fund or funds isn’t enough to continue with the regular withdrawal, we will stop withdrawals from the fund affected. If this happens we will not take the withdrawal from another fund until we have received your written instructions.

**Partial withdrawal**

60. You can take a partial withdrawal from your Account in the form of a cash lump sum, but you must leave at least £2,000 in your Account unless you are making regular monthly subscriptions. If this minimum changes, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120.

61. We will sell your investments as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within two **business days** from the date we receive your written instructions at our head office. We will pay the proceeds to you as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within four **business days** following the sale of your investments. You may choose a specific date that you wish us to make payment. This can be between six and 30 days from the date we receive your written instructions.

62. We will either make these sales proportionately from each fund in your Account, or as you specify under paragraph 63.

63. You may specify in writing the amount or percentage to be taken from each fund in your Account.

64. The minimum partial withdrawal amount is £50. We may change this amount. If we do, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120.

65. We will pay the cash proceeds of any partial withdrawal by cheque or by any other method we agree with you, as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within the following four **business days**, less any deductions and charges due under these terms and conditions.

**Re-registration**

**Re-registering investments to your Account**

66. If you ask, we will help with the re-registration of your units in a unit trust or shares in an open-ended investment company to your Account. Please note this may not be possible in all cases. You are responsible for getting the consent and cooperation of your original account manager, where relevant. Re-registration to your Account is dependant on the fund manager your investments are with, and may take up to eight weeks to complete.

67. We will not be liable for any charge made by your original account manager.

68. We can only re-register funds listed in the latest **Sterling charges summary**, which are held in an individual or individuals’ name(s).

69. Paragraphs 49 to 59 will not apply to funds re-registered to us until the re-registration process has been completed.

70. We currently don’t charge for re-registration and there is no initial charge on the value of your re-registered funds. In the future we may decide in accordance with paragraph 99, to charge a fee for this service. If we do, we will give you at least 30 days’ written notice. Some fund managers may charge a fee to cover administration costs. Once your investments are re-registered with us, your Account will have the same ongoing charges as detailed in the latest Sterling charges summary.

71. You cannot re-register to our ISA.

72. You cannot re-register funds to us, or a third party acting on our behalf, if you are investing as a registered UK company or charity.

**Re-registering Investments from your Account**

73. You can re-register the investments in your Account to another account manager, with the exception of any funds which are only available through us such as:

- The Threadneedle Protected Profits fund
- The Multi-Manager Protected Profits fund
- The Tracker Protected Profits fund.
These funds need to be either switched to another fund before the re-registration can take place, as described in paragraphs 22 and 23, or your investments must be sold, as described in paragraph 84.

74. If you have chosen the phased-investment facility, described in paragraphs 127 to 133, you must cancel this facility before you re-register. To cancel the phased investment facility you must give us written instructions.

75. If you instruct a re-registration during our direct debit collection cycle, your request will not be processed until the collection has been cleared and payment made to your Account. This ensures your investments are static before the re-registration process is started. The direct debit collection cycle runs for two business days before the collection is due and three afterwards. This means your re-registration will be delayed for a maximum of six business days.

76. We will stop your regular monthly payments to, and any regular withdrawals paid from, your Account once we receive your re-registration instruction.

77. If you have chosen to re-invest any dividends or tax credits received into your Account, once we have received your re-registration instruction we will pay these to you by cheque or by any other method we agree with you, as soon as reasonably practical. This will usually be within 20 business days of the next payment process date after we receive the money, less any deductions and charges due under these terms and conditions. See paragraphs 44 to 48.

78. We will not take the charges described in paragraphs 97b and 97c once the re-registration process has started, but we will take the custodian charge, accrued up to the date your re-registration instruction is processed, described in 97c, before re-registration starts.

79. We cannot stop the re-registration process once the stock transfer forms have been signed and the request is issued to the relevant Investment Manager(s). If you stop the re-registration process before this, the custodian charge, as described in 97c will continue to accrue from the date your re-registration instruction was first processed.

80. A re-registration to another provider may take up to eight weeks to complete. In the event of your death during this period, paragraphs 89 to 94 will still apply.

81. The re-registration of each fund is finalised when the fund manager has actioned the stock transfer form, registering your unit holding to your chosen provider. If re-registration of any funds is rejected in this process, we will complete the transfer by paying the remaining investment value of the fund in cash, as described in paragraphs 84 and 85.

82. We will make reasonable efforts with the receiving account manager to complete the re-registration process. If the re-registration process has not completed after eight weeks, we reserve the right to complete the transfer in cash.

83. Once re-registration is complete any residual cash in your Investment Account will be paid back to you and any residual cash in your ISA will be paid to the new provider, as described in paragraph 85.

Closing your Account

84. You can close your Account by giving us your written instructions to do so. We will sell your investments as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within two business days from the date we receive your written instructions at our head office. We can make payment as either:
   a. the cash proceeds of your investments,
   b. for the ISA, where appropriate, as a transfer of the cash proceeds to another ISA manager, or
   c. a re-registration of investments to another account manager.

You may choose a specific date that you wish us to make payment. This can be between six and 30 days from the date we receive your written instructions. We will pay the cash proceeds by cheque or by any other method we agree with you, as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within the following four business days, less any deductions and charges due under these terms and conditions or the ISA Regulations. This includes any outstanding custodian charge that has been accrued, up to the date you instruct us to close your Account, as described in paragraph 97c.

85. If any amount due to your Account is outstanding at the time we pay the cash proceeds under paragraph 84, we will collect those amounts as we receive them and hold them as cash in accordance with paragraphs 39 to 43. Once we have received the last outstanding amount we will pay the total cash to you or transfer it to another ISA manager, as appropriate, in accordance with paragraph 47.

86. On giving you at least 30 days' notice in writing, we may close your ISA if we stop being an authorised manager for any reason. You will have the option to transfer your ISA to another ISA manager or we can pay you the cash proceeds of your ISA in accordance with paragraph 84. Your ISA will close on the day specified in the notice and will be subject to deduction of any amounts and charges due under these terms and conditions. If you do not tell us that you would like your ISA transferred to another ISA manager before the notice period expires, then we will send the cash proceeds to you by cheque within four business days of your ISA closing. The amount transferred or paid to you will be the value of the investments in your ISA at the date of closure.

87. We may close your Account where regular monthly subscriptions have stopped for more than a complete tax year (6 April to 5 April) and its value is below the current minimum level shown at paragraph 17. At our discretion we may also close your Account in accordance with paragraph 17 if its value falls below the minimum limit shown in paragraph 17. We will give you at least 30 days' written notice of this. We will pay the cash proceeds to you less any deductions and charges due and payable under these terms and conditions; or where requested for the ISA, we will transfer the cash proceeds to another ISA manager in accordance with paragraph 84. We are also entitled to close your Account if we find that any information in the declaration on your application is factually incorrect.

88. The closing of your Account for whatever reason will not affect:
   a. the completion of any incomplete transactions carried out as part of your Account
b. any liabilities or obligations you have to us or we have to you before the date the Account is closed

c. any amount that is rightfully and properly due from you to us or from us to you and becomes payable on the date the Account is closed.

Death

89. If you are a trust, corporate body, pension trustee or charity, or if the Investment Account has been transferred into trust, then paragraphs 90 to 94 do not apply.

90. Your Account will end when we receive notification of either:

   a. your death, or
   b. if you are a joint investor in the Investment Account, the death of the last surviving owner of the Account.

91. The investments in your Account will be sold as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within two business days from the date we receive notification of death at our head office.

   We will hold the proceeds as cash subject to paragraphs 39 to 43 and pay them to your legal personal representatives subject to receiving all documents and information that we reasonably request from your legal personal representative to ensure that the money is paid correctly. We will send details of what we need to your legal personal representatives when we receive notification of death.

92. The amount payable on death will be the value of your Account at the date investments are sold in accordance with paragraph 91 less any outstanding custodian charge accrued up to the date your investment is sold as described in paragraph 97c.

93. An additional amount may be payable on death from the Minimum Return Life Cover Plan you have with Zurich Assurance Ltd in consideration for opening and maintaining your Account. We will liaise with them on your behalf to assess whether any benefit is due. If any benefit is due we will arrange for Zurich Assurance Ltd to make this payment to the correct person on your behalf and we will write to that person enclosing payment with a breakdown of how the payment was calculated by Zurich Assurance Ltd.

94. These terms and conditions will be binding on your legal personal representative.

Communication with you

95. We will send you written confirmation of the following transactions when you:

   a. open your Account
   b. pay further subscriptions (except further regular monthly subscriptions)
   c. increase the amount of your regular monthly subscriptions, or make changes to the amount by which they are regularly increased
   d. switch any of your investments
   e. decide to take regular or partial withdrawals, or make changes to existing withdrawals
   f. decide to take distributions.

   We will also send you, or your legal personal representatives, written confirmation when your Account is closed, or when re-registration of your investments to another account manager is complete.

96. We will send you a statement every six months showing the value of your Account and a summary of the transactions in your Account since the previous statement. The statement will not include any measurement of the investment performance of your Account. If you wish to find out more about the investment performance of your Account, then you should contact your adviser.

Charges

97. We will be entitled to make the charges detailed below for our services.

Sterling charges

a. Initial charge

   We will make a charge, as shown in the Key Features, on any amount paid to us in respect of your Account. We will take this initial charge by selling investments in your Account, unless we have agreed to take the charge from your payment before any investment is made. We will not make this charge in respect of any reinvested distributions, nor if you switch between investments. This charge covers the cost of buying the funds.

b. Yearly charge

   We will take a yearly charge. This is taken in four instalments and is based on the Accounts you hold with us as at 10 March, 10 June, 10 September and 10 December. The charge is taken on the above dates (or if any of those days is not a business day, on the next business day) and is calculated separately on the value of each Account started after 31 January 2010. This charge covers portfolio management costs including administration of your Account.

   Each yearly charge is 0.5% (plus VAT) of your total Account value. The minimum charge is £25 (plus VAT) each year. The maximum charge is described in the Key Features and increases in line with AWE in December each year. If there is no increase in AWE, there will be no change in the maximum charge. We will use the AWE calculated for each 12 month period ending on 31 July each year. We will always round down to the nearest penny that is divisible by four.

   We will tell you about any changes to this charge in the statements you receive in April and October each year or you can get details of the current maximum charge from your adviser, or by contacting us directly.

c. Custodian charge

   This charge will apply to the value of the investments held under your Account. The charge is calculated and accrued on each business day and is taken in instalments on 10 March, 10 June, 10 September and 10 December. If any of those days is not a business day, we will take the charge on the next business day. If a fund manager cannot provide a correct price on a specific day we will use the last available price to calculate the accrued charge.

   The yearly custodian charge is 0.75% (no VAT) of the total value of the investments held under your Account. This charge covers the cost of dealing with your funds including dividend distributions, aggregated deals and fund switching.
98. We will take the charges explained in paragraph 97b and c and/or any tax or other deduction we must pay or repay in connection with your Account, and any administration charge we might make under paragraphs 33 to 35, from any cash held under paragraphs 39 to 43. If this is not enough to cover these charges, we will sell investments in your Account to raise the required amount.

In respect of the charges explained in paragraph 97b, we will make the sale from the largest investment (measured by its investment value) in your Account. If that is not enough, we will raise the rest by selling the next largest investment and so on until all charges are met. To realise the cash to pay the charges explained in paragraph 97c, we will make the sale proportionately from across the investments in your Account.

If, after the charges are deducted, the value of your Account falls below the minimum stated in paragraph 17, subject to the provisions of that paragraph, we reserve the right, on giving you 30 days written notice, to sell your investments and hold it as cash in your Account in accordance with paragraphs 39 to 43. We also reserve the right to sell units or shares from investments on a different basis to that described in this paragraph, on giving you 30 days written notice, if we decide that this would reduce the costs of the sale. We will report any such transaction to you in the statements described in paragraph 96.

99. We may increase the Sterling charges or introduce new Sterling charges to the extent that any increase or new charge is reasonable in amount and proportionately and reasonably required for any of the following reasons:

a. To allow us to look after your Account more effectively, or to reflect changes in technology and industry practice.

b. To take account of a decision by a court, governmental body, ombudsman, regulator, industry body or similar body; or because of changes to, or to comply with, the law, taxation, official guidance, codes of practice or the way we are regulated or the amount of capital we need to hold.

c. To take account of changes to levies or charges imposed by law or under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme or by the FCA (unless we are expressly prohibited from passing these onto our customers).

We will let you know in writing about any changes to the charges in accordance with paragraph 120.

100. If less than £1 becomes payable to you, we reserve the right to retain it and treat it as an additional miscellaneous charge. We reserve the right to increase this limit in the future. If we do, we will notify you in accordance with paragraph 120.

**Fund managers’ charge**

101. The fund managers’ charges together with the fund expenses are shown in the Sterling charges summary for Sterling panel funds and for wider market funds. The amount of charges and any changes to them are decided by the fund manager. These charges may be increased or reduced without prior notice and we will notify you of any increases for Sterling panel funds and wider market funds as soon as we reasonably can after the date of the change. A copy of the latest Sterling charges summary is available from your adviser or directly from us.

Some funds invest in a mix of underlying funds and other investments, which the fund manager alters in accordance with the fund’s investment objectives. As fund charges include the aggregate of the underlying fund charges, the total of the underlying fund charges will vary with changes to the investment mix. We will not inform you of such changes to the charges that arise from the fund manager’s decision to change the investment mix.

These charges apply in addition to the charges described in paragraphs 97 to 98.

**Exercise of due care**

102. In these terms and conditions, where we can use our discretion, make a decision, require information or evidence or use our judgement, then we will do so acting reasonably, proportionately and fairly and in accordance with law and regulation.

103. We will exercise due care and diligence in managing your Account. However, the value of your Account may increase or decrease depending on the performance of your chosen funds in the relevant market or any currency fluctuations that are outside our control. We will not be liable to you for any costs, claims, demands, losses, or expenses suffered by, or arising from, a decrease in value of your Account.

104. We have processes in place that ensure our business is conducted lawfully and with integrity, in line with current legislation. We make every effort to avoid conflicts of interest. However, where they do arise, we make sure they are fully disclosed in line with our ‘conflicts of interest’ policy, which is available on request.

105. We will act on your instructions, or instructions that we reasonably believe have come from you. If those instructions are unclear or conflict, we will seek clarification before we act on them. We will not be liable to you for any losses arising from any breach of these terms or conditions by you, or by us acting on such instructions.

**Notices**

106. Any notice, instruction or other communication given, or to be given, by us will be valid if posted to you at the address shown in the application for your Account or the last address notified to us if sent by post. We will not be responsible for any consequences arising from any failure by you to notify us of any change of address.

107. Any instructions or notices required from you under these terms and conditions must be in writing and must bear your original signature. Instructions by fax or by telephone or email will not be acceptable. We will accept your written instructions only if they are accompanied by any documents we may reasonably require. We will not treat any instructions from you as received by us until we actually receive them at our head office.

**Fund reclassification and discontinuance**

108. From time to time we may, acting reasonably, decide that:

a. certain Sterling panel funds will no longer be made available to you as Sterling panel funds and may instead be made available to you as wider market funds, or

b. certain wider market funds will no longer be made available to you as wider market funds and may instead be made available to you as Sterling panel funds, or

c. certain Sterling panel funds and/or wider market funds will no longer be made available to you for either new or current investments, or both.
109. If we decide that a fund is no longer available to you in accordance with 108c, we will write to you to ask for your instructions. We will only write to you if you hold investments in the relevant fund and our decision requires you to select a new fund, or you are making regular subscriptions and our decision requires you to select a new fund for your continuing regular subscriptions. If we do not hear from you within a reasonable time, or if it is not practical for us to write to you in advance, we will switch your current investment to, or buy new investments with your ongoing regular subscriptions in, another fund selected by us. This is currently the Threadneedle Defensive fund. If this fund is not available, we will select a suitable alternative and inform you when we write to you. You will then be able to switch to another fund at a later date and we will not make a charge for these switches. For funds invested in the Investment Account the switches will be disposals for capital gains tax purposes and may affect your tax liability.

110. After any switches made as a result of paragraph 108c under paragraph 109, you can switch into any Sterling panel fund, or funds, or wider market fund or funds subject to the terms and conditions that then apply to switching. For funds invested in the Investment Account any switch by us under paragraph 109, and any subsequent switch by you to another fund or funds of your choice, will count as a disposal for capital gains tax purposes and may affect your tax liability.

111. We refer to the process described in paragraph 108a and b as ‘reclassification’. If you have invested in a fund that we later reclassify as set out in paragraph 108a we will write to you. We will give you a reasonable deadline by which you will need to tell us in writing if you wish to switch from the reclassified fund to an alternative fund. This can be either a Sterling panel fund or a wider market fund or both. We will not make a charge for this switch. For funds invested in the Investment Account any switch made to another fund or funds will count as a disposal for capital gains tax purposes and may affect your tax liability. If we do not receive your written instructions by the specified date, your investment will remain in the reclassified fund and we will take no further action. If you have invested in a fund that we later reclassify as set out in paragraph 108b, your investment will remain in the reclassified fund.

112. From time to time the underlying medium-term notes linked to a MTN Protected profits fund may be changed by the issuing institution. If the issuing institution withdraws the underlying security linked to a MTN Protected profits fund, we will switch your investment in that fund to another fund selected by us, currently the Threadneedle Defensive fund without giving you notice. We will then write to you to give you the opportunity to switch your investment from that fund to another fund or funds of your choice from the range of Sterling panel funds or wider market funds. We will hold any corporate investments as cash. We will not make a charge for these switches. For funds invested in the Investment Account any such switch will count as a disposal for capital gains tax purposes and may affect your tax liability.

**Taxation**

113. These terms and conditions are based on our understanding of current United Kingdom law and HM Revenue & Customs practice. Taxation law and HM Revenue & Customs practice may change from time to time and such changes cannot be foreseen. If there is any change in law and taxation (or in our interpretation or understanding of such matters) or otherwise that makes it impracticable or impossible to carry out these terms and conditions, we reserve the right to vary them in accordance with paragraphs 119 to 120. We will inform you of any such change at the first practicable opportunity.

The Account is designed for customers who are resident in the United Kingdom. We do not offer tax advice so, if you decide to live outside the United Kingdom, we recommend you obtain advice on the tax consequences of changing your country of residence in relation to your Account. We will not be held liable for any adverse tax consequences that arise in respect of you or your Account as a result of such a change in residence.

**European Monetary Union**

114. It may be that the euro will replace the pound sterling as a result of the United Kingdom’s participation in Economic and Monetary Union within the European Union. If so, the Account will continue subject to any necessary changes brought about by using the euro to state the denomination of its benefits, charges and terms.

**Third-party rights**

115. Only you can enforce the terms of your Account, unless you die during the term of this Account, in which case the person managing your affairs or who is entitled to benefit from this Account can also enforce its terms and conditions. We exclude the rights of any other persons under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

**Complaints**

116. We are regulated and bound by the FCA rules. We are authorised to deal and arrange investments in collective investment schemes and shares and to act as an ISA manager. If you are dissatisfied with the service you receive from us, you should contact us at our head office.

117. If you are dissatisfied with the way we deal with your complaint and wish to take the matter further, you can refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. Making a complaint will not affect your right to take legal proceedings. English law governs these terms and conditions. For more information, please visit http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/

**Compensation**

118. If we, or any of the providers of investments or investment services available through your Account, cannot meet any financial obligations, you may be able to claim compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The compensation you may receive will be based on the FSCS rules and whether or not you are eligible to make a claim. You could lose all or some of your money. The FSCS is a fund of ‘last resort’, only stepping in if the provider of the investment is in default. The FSCS does not cover you:

- if the provider has stopped trading but still has assets to meet its claims; and
- for poor investment performance.

If a provider is in default and you satisfy the criteria to be eligible to make a claim, the limits to your compensation would be as follows:
Sterling ISA Managers Limited
A claim for the administration of your Account may be covered up to a maximum of £50,000.

Banking partner
The FSCS may cover any claim for cash held in your Account with our banking partner, or banks within the same banking group, up to a maximum of £75,000.

This limit includes any cash held in your Account together with any other money you hold with the same bank. It may also include money you hold with other banks within the same banking group.

Fund manager
If a fund manager cannot meet its financial obligations, any claim may be covered up to a maximum of £50,000.

You can contact the FSCS for more information:
Website: www.fscs.org.uk
Telephone: 0800 678 1100 or 020 7741 4100
Write to: Financial Services Compensation Scheme
10th Floor
Beaufort House
1 S St Botolph Street
London EC3A 7QU

Variation of these terms and conditions
119. These terms and conditions, and your investment schedule set out the terms and conditions of your Account. Changes or additions to the terms and conditions of your Account and your investment schedule can only be made by us and we will confirm these changes in writing from our head office. Your adviser is not authorised by us to agree any changes or additions to these terms and conditions.

120. We may alter the terms and conditions of your Account (including your payments and benefits) to the extent that the change is proportionately and reasonably required for any of the following reasons:
   a. To allow us to look after your Account more efficiently or effectively, or to reflect changes in technology and industry practice.
   b. To take account of a decision by a court, governmental body, ombudsman, regulator or similar body, or because of changes to, or to comply with, the law, taxation, official guidance, applicable codes of practice or the way in which we are regulated or the amount of capital we need to hold.
   c. If in our reasonable opinion we are at material risk of becoming insolvent and this may be avoided by changing the terms and conditions of your Account and those of other Account holders with similar Accounts and the changes are in the interests of our Account holders as a whole.

   We will let you know in writing about any changes to these terms and conditions at least 30 days before the change, where this is reasonably possible. Otherwise we will let you know as soon as we reasonably can.

Your responsibilities
121. You are responsible for:
   a. providing us with accurate and complete information, including all material facts, when reasonably requested by us. A material fact is one that a reasonable person would consider to be relevant to us when we are considering whether to enter into this Account with you, whether to agree to any changes to the Account, and the level of your subscription
   b. contacting us if your name or address change. Please contact us as soon as possible about this, otherwise we may send confidential information about you and your Account to your old address
   c. where you move to another country outside of the UK, telling us of any change in your residency before the change happens, in line with section 122 ‘Moving abroad’.
   d. keeping secret and safe any passwords and documents about your Account. You must also contact us straight away if you know about or suspect identity theft
   e. regularly reviewing your Account and its benefits, including your choice of investments, and whether they remain appropriate for you. You may need to seek advice from an adviser about this.

Moving abroad
122. If you move to another country outside the UK when you have an Account with us, your Account may no longer be suitable for your individual needs, and you may no longer be eligible to make payments into your Account. The local laws and regulations of the jurisdiction to which you move may impact our ability to continue to service your Account in accordance with these terms and conditions. While you have your Account with us, you must tell us of any planned change in your residency before the change happens.

   The Account is designed for customers who are resident in the UK. We do not offer tax advice so if you decide to live outside of the UK, we recommend you obtain advice on the tax consequences of changing your country of residence in relation to your Account. We will not be held liable for any adverse tax consequences that arise in respect of you or your Account as a result of such a change in residence.

Investment Account: specific information

Eligibility
123. To open an Account you must either:
   a. be an individual aged between 18 and 79 inclusive.
      This applies to the youngest Account holder in the case of joint Accounts, or
   b. be a registered UK company, trustee, pension trustee or charity.

   In addition, no Account holder must be a resident in, or a citizen of, the United States of America.

   Companies and charities can only invest in the Multimanager Protected Profits fund and/or the Tracker Protected Profits fund unless the Account started before 15 January 2007 in which case the Threadneedle Protected Profits fund is also available.
Minimum subscriptions
124. The first single payment into your Account must be at least £5,000. Any single payments you make after that must be at least £1,000.

125. You must make a minimum monthly payment of £250, or £50 a month if you also make a single payment to your Account. Any increase to your monthly payment must be at least £25. If you stop making payments before you reach the minimum of £5,000, we reserve the right to close your Account and send you the proceeds as detailed in paragraph 84.

Investing in your Account
126. You can choose to increase your regular monthly subscription each year:
   a. in line with any increase in the RPI, or
   b. in line with any increase in the AWE, or
   c. by a fixed percentage increase, from a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 20% each year.

You can ask us to automatically increase your subscription at the start of your Account or at a later date in writing to us. We will apply your chosen rate of increase in January. For fully completed applications or requests received after 15 November we will apply the increase in January of the following year. For example, for an application received on 14 November 2011, we will apply the increase in January 2012 and for an application received on 17 November 2011 we will apply the increase in January 2013.

Phased investment facility
127. If you have chosen the phased investment facility, we will initially allocate the whole of your lump sum subscription to a ‘money market’ fund. You can find details of what a ‘money market’ fund is, and which fund we currently use, in the Sterling panel funds guide. This fund may change from time to time. Each month, we will then switch a fraction of the funds bought with this subscription, as specified in paragraph 130, to the fund or funds of your choice over a specified switch period. Once you have started phased investment, the ‘money market’ fund will stay the same throughout that phased investment period. You must specify your choice of funds on your application. You cannot change the funds you have chosen to switch into during the phased investment period.

128. Switching will take place on the same date each month and we will set this. Switching counts as a disposal for capital gains tax purposes and may affect your tax liability.

129. The specified switch period referred to in paragraph 127 can be between 3 and 12 months. You must indicate the switch period on your application. If you do not, your subscription will be switched over a six-month period.

130. The fraction of the subscription referred to in paragraph 127 will depend on the switch period. For example, if you have chosen a switch period of nine months, we will switch a ninth of the investments bought by your subscription for the first eight months. In the final month we will switch all investments remaining in the ‘money market’ fund.

131. You can set up a new phased investment strategy for any additional subscriptions.

132. You can cancel phased investment by giving us written instructions. Any subscription remaining in the ‘money market’ fund will be switched to the fund or funds that you have specified on your application as soon as reasonably practicable and usually within two business days.

133. Once cancelled, a phased investment strategy cannot be restarted.

Death
134. If your Account is held in joint names, the amount in paragraphs 92 and 93, as applicable, will be paid to the legal personal representatives of the last owner to die (provided they give us satisfactory evidence of their position, such as a grant of representation).

135. If you are a trust, corporate body, pension trustee or charity, or if the Investment Account has been transferred into trust, paragraphs 90 to 94 do not apply and the Account will continue.

Communication with you
136. Each year we will send you a tax voucher giving you the information you need to complete your self-assessment tax return. If the Account is held in trust, we will send all correspondence and notifications to the first-named trustee. However, any action necessary as a result of that correspondence or notification may take place only with the agreement of all the trustees.

Notices
137. If the Account is in joint names, we will only accept written instructions that bear all your signatures.

Taxation
138. Certain actions, for example fund switches, regular or partial withdrawals from the Account or closure of the Account may give rise to a liability to capital gains tax on any gain made. This will depend on your individual circumstances so you should seek advice from an authorised adviser.

ISA: specific information

Our agreement with you
139. You authorise us to provide HM Revenue & Customs with all relevant details of your Account and the investments. In addition you authorise us to act on your behalf in respect of your Account in making any necessary claims and appeals, and agreeing any liabilities for, and relief from, tax in respect of your Account.

140. If, between 9 March and 5 April, you send us more than the maximum payment, we will invest the maximum subscription subject to paragraphs 11 and 12 and hold the rest in our client money account in accordance with paragraphs 39 to 43. As soon as reasonably practicable after the start of the following tax year, we will invest the remaining subscription in accordance with paragraph 19 up to the maximum allowable for that tax year and return any excess to you. If you send us more than the maximum payment at any other time, we will invest the maximum subscription subject to paragraphs 11 and 12, and return the excess to you in respect of your Account.
Eligibility

141. To open an Account you must be aged between 18 and 79 inclusive, and resident in the United Kingdom for tax purposes. In addition, you must not be resident in, or a citizen of, the United States of America.

Minimum subscriptions

142. The first single payment into your Account must be at least £3,000. Any single payments you make after that must be at least £1,000.

143. You must make minimum monthly payments of £100, or £50 a month if you also make a single payment. Any increase to your monthly payment must be at least £25. If you stop making payments before you reach the minimum of £3,000, we reserve the right to close your Account and send you the proceeds as detailed in paragraph 84.

Opening your Sterling ISA

144. The maximum subscriptions to a Sterling ISA are governed by the ISA Regulations and are described in the Key Features.

Ownership and custody of, and rights in, investments held

145. You agree that investments must not be used as security for a loan. We agree not to borrow against the security of your Account.

Transfer of existing subscriptions

146. Subject to the ISA Regulations, you may request that we transfer your current and/or previous tax year's subscriptions to another ISA manager able and willing to accept them.

147. The amount transferred will be the amounts attributable to previous tax years' subscriptions and/or the subscriptions made in the current tax year up to the date of the transfer. This value may be more or less than the amount of your subscriptions. We will sell the appropriate amount of your investments to meet this payment four business days before making the transfer. If you do not specify when you wish the transfer to be made, we will sell your investments as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within four business days after we have received your written instructions. We will make the transfer as soon as reasonably practicable, usually within the following four business days after selling your investments. You may choose a specific date that you wish us to make payment. This can be between 6 and 30 days from the date we receive your written instructions.

HM Revenue & Customs rules currently allow you to transfer all or part of a previous tax year’s subscriptions, but the current tax year’s subscriptions can only be transferred in full. Your ISA cannot be transferred to a cash ISA.

We will deduct any outstanding custodian charges (as described in 97c) accrued up to the date your investment is transferred, from the transfer value before we transfer your ISA.

Fund eligibility

148. If you are invested in a fund that subsequently becomes ineligible under the ISA Regulations, we will switch your investment to another fund selected by us, currently the Threadneedle Defensive fund. After we have switched your investment, we will write to you to ask for your instructions.

Closing your Account

149. We will close your Account immediately if HM Revenue & Customs informs us that your Account is void under the ISA Regulations. We will make any deductions from the value of the Account as are required by HM Revenue & Customs and for any charges outstanding. We will notify you in writing, as soon as reasonably practicable, of any failure to satisfy the Regulations that has caused, or will cause, your Account to become void. You can find out more by contacting HM Revenue & Customs.

Death

150. Your Account will stop being exempt from tax from the date of your death. As a result, any distributions received after the date of your death will not qualify for tax reclaims or relief under the ISA Regulations.

151. If we have paid a tax credit in respect of any distribution payable after the date of your death, we will deduct that amount from the cash proceeds referred to in paragraphs 92 and 93, as applicable.

152. In the event of the death of your spouse or civil partner, subject to the ISA Regulations, you may make single payments into your Account up to the value of your deceased spouse’s or civil partner’s ISA at the date of their death.
Appendix A

Data Protection Statement

This statement tells you why we ask you questions, what we do with the information you give us and how we protect your privacy. It also explains your rights under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Why do you ask me questions?
Sterling offer solutions to help you secure your financial future and that of your dependants. To do this effectively, we need to know details about you and your personal situation. This helps us to recommend and design solutions which are right for you. Sometimes we have to collect and hold information about you which is very private. For instance, details about your physical or mental health or any court proceedings.

We’d like you to be a lifetime customer of Sterling, which means we need to earn your trust. You can be sure we'll keep your personal information confidential and use it with care. We’ll only share it, with your consent, in the ways we’ve explained in this statement or if the law or our regulator says we have to.

How will you protect my privacy?
We are committed to making sure we protect your privacy.

This means we will:

• collect relevant information about you fairly
• only collect information about you that we need
• tell you why we’re collecting it and how we’ll be using it
• use it only for our business operations and to comply with the law
• make sure that the information we collect and hold about you is accurate
• hold it only for so long as is necessary
• keep it secure
• make sure the companies we work with will also keep your information secure
• not send it abroad without ensuring its security
• make sure that you can exercise your rights under the Data Protection Act.

Your adviser will have access to your medical details unless you prefer to complete a medical statement of health in private. If you do this, send it to the Chief Medical Officer in a sealed envelope.

Who controls my personal information?
Under the Data Protection Act 1998, we have to tell you who’s responsible for deciding how your personal information is used. Your adviser and the companies whose products you buy are your data controllers.

This statement tells you how Sterling will deal with your personal information. Sterling is a trading name of Zurich Assurance Ltd and also refers to Sterling ISA Managers Ltd. Both companies are part of the Zurich Group. Where Sterling introduce you to a company outside the Zurich Group, that company will tell you how your data will be used. Sterling will remain a data controller for administration and marketing purposes.

How do you use my information?
We or any third parties we appoint use your information in several ways but to summarise these are:

• to help us maintain appropriate products and services
• to send your information, (including health details) to carefully selected third parties who may carry out work on our behalf and under our direction. This includes Capita Life and Pensions Regulatory Services Limited. Some of these third parties may include companies outside the European Economic Area
• to deal with administration and claims
• to contact you with details of changes to products you have bought
• for business analysis, research and testing to ensure the integrity of our systems
• to comply with the law or our regulator’s requirements, which may include sharing your information with the regulator
• to identify you when you contact us.

In some cases, you’ll have to give us details of your health.

Where relevant, we use details about your health, such as the information you give us and reports from your doctor, in setting up your plan. We may also ask for medical evidence to assess a claim. In these cases we may share your health and other details with the Chief Medical Officer, your doctor or re-insurance companies.

To speed up the time it takes to reach a decision about your insurance, we may have medical reports faxed directly from your doctor subject to the ABI’s requirements. These reports may also be faxed to the company’s re-insurers and its Chief Medical Officer.

Any relevant information obtained by Zurich during the assessment of your application, in addition to that provided in the application, may be used as part of that assessment and as part of the administration of any claim. Where the application is made on a joint life basis, information relating to either party may be considered in relation to the other.

The companies in the Zurich Group share information, with each other where it’s relevant and appropriate, including health information for underwriting and claims purposes. If you apply for insurance with more than one company in the Zurich Group, they may share your details.

Who shares my information?
The information you give us will be added to any other details the Zurich Group holds about you. Members of the Zurich Group and the companies associated with it may share your information with each other to:

• set up and administer your plan correctly
• administer claims
• make sure we give you a high standard of service
• understand your needs and preferences
• design new products and services which we think will appeal to you and people like you.
Preventing fraud
To help us prevent fraud and money laundering, your details may be passed to other companies, public bodies including the police, or to an insurers’ database. Insurance companies can search databases for any relevant information about you which has been put on the database by other insurers. On rare occasions we may share information about you directly with other insurance companies outside the Zurich Group. You can ask for more information about the databases that Sterling accesses or contributes to.

Keeping in touch
We may ask tracing agencies to help find you if you do not tell us when you move. If we can’t contact you, we may pass sufficient details to the Unclaimed Asset Register to help you trace your plan if you subsequently search the register. We might also use a credit reference agency. If we do this our search won’t affect you getting credit.
Your details may have to be passed to another adviser if for example, your adviser is ill, stops being your adviser or you need advice in an area your usual adviser doesn’t work in.

What are my data protection rights?
You have certain rights under the Data Protection Act 1998. These include the right to:
- ask for a copy of the information we hold about you.
  The charge is currently £10
- stop organisations from sending you marketing material about products and services
- have information that is wrong, put right
- prevent processing where it may cause damage or distress
- object to automatic processing
- claim compensation for damage and distress caused by our failure to comply with the terms of the Act.

We’d like everyone to find it easy to deal with us. Please let us know if you need information about our plans and services in a different format.

All our literature is available in large print or braille, or on audiotape or CD.

If you are a textphone user, we can answer any questions you have through a Typetalk operator. Please call us on 18001 0370 909 6010. Or, if you prefer, we can introduce your adviser to a sign language interpreter.

How to contact us
If you want more information about how we use your personal information or have any data protection questions or complaints, please contact:
The Data Protection Manager
Tricentre One
New Bridge Square
Swindon SN1 1HN

Other information
Where we talk about the Zurich Group in this statement, we mean Zurich Insurance Group Ltd and its subsidiaries. In line with the Association of British Insurers’ (ABI) Code of Practice, the Zurich Group has policies to ensure we keep your confidential personal information securely. You can ask us for a copy of the ABI code.
We may record telephone calls so we can check we’ve acted on your instructions correctly and to ensure we give good service. We may also monitor calls for security and training purposes.

Information Commissioner’s Office
The office of the Information Commissioner is the government appointed office with responsibility for data protection. They can assist with any complaints or questions you may have. They can be contacted on 01625 545745 or online at ico.gov.uk
Please let us know if you would like a copy of this in large print or braille, or on audiotape or CD.