# **Share Dealing**



# Service Terms & Conditions.

Self-Invested Personal Pension. Effective from 1st April 2021



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# **Bank of Scotland Share Dealing Service.**

# 1. How do these terms and conditions operate?

1.1 How does a SIPP work?

A Self Invested Personal Pension (a SIPP) is a type of pension which enables you to have control over the investments in your pension. With a traditional personal pension, your choice is limited to funds run by the insurance company. With a SIPP, as well as funds, you can also invest in the shares of any company listed on a stock exchange recognised by HM Revenue & Customs;

This is an explanation of how your SIPP works:

- AJ Bell Management Limited is the administrator of the Scheme, which is a registered pension scheme. This means that they provide the pension administration services for your SIPP. You should read the Scheme terms and conditions and key features document to understand the terms on which they provide those pension administration services for your SIPP. AJ Bell is part of the AJ Bell Group and is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).
- The assets in your SIPP are held by Sippdeal Trustees, a wholly owned subsidiary of AJ Bell. Sippdeal Trustees is the "trustee" of the assets within the SIPP. This means that they are the legal owner of the SIPP assets, but they hold these for your benefit in trust in accordance with the Scheme trust deed and rules. Your entitlement in relation to the SIPP is to the future benefits which will become payable under your SIPP in line with the scheme rules and the HM Revenue and Customs rules which apply at the time you draw benefits.
- Bank of Scotland Share Dealing provide the clearing, settlement, custody and brokerage services in relation to your SIPP. These terms and conditions set out terms which apply to this Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP Service.

Under the Scheme terms and conditions,
Sippdeal Trustees has given you the authority
to sign these terms and conditions and give us
instructions under these terms and conditions
on behalf of Sippdeal Trustees in relation to your
SIPP. This means that when you use the service
you are acting as Sippdeal Trustees' Agent in
relation to your SIPP. An Agent is someone who
has been given the authority to act on behalf
of someone else. Please see the Scheme terms
and conditions for more information

- These terms are provided to **you** to help explain how the **service** works, so that **you** can give **us** instructions in relation to the **service**.
- 1.2 These terms and conditions, together with the current Bank of Scotland Share Dealing brochure, your application and any other information or documents we give to you such as any charging schedule, govern the legal agreement in respect of the provision by us of the Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP Service for your SIPP. By making an application and using the service, you acknowledge the creation of this contractual relationship between Sippdeal Trustees and us in relation to the sharedealing service provided for your SIPP.
- 1.3 You should read these terms and conditions, the brochure and any other information or document we give to you, together with our Order Execution Policy and our Summary Conflicts of Interest Policy, carefully to understand how the service will operate before making an application and using the service.
- 1.4 You can ask us for a copy of any of these documents at any time. If there is anything that you do not understand, you should contact us. Please contact us on our Web Chat facility or telephone us using the details on the last page of these terms and conditions.
- 1.5 These terms and conditions are split into sections to make them easier to read. Conditions 1-17 will apply to every type of account. In addition:
  - Condition 18 will apply if you use a TradePlan:
  - Condition 19 will apply if you use a regular investment; and
  - Condition 20 will apply if you use a dividend reinvestment plan ("DRIP").
- 1.6 Throughout these terms and conditions, the words in bold have the meanings given to them in Condition 3.
- 1.7 We also use the words:
  - "we", "us" and "our" to mean Bank of Scotland Share Dealing the provider of the Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP Service; and
  - "you" and "your" usually means the person who has had an application to become a member of the scheme accepted by AJ Bell and who we have registered to use the service as Agent. However, in some cases we mean to refer to you (in your personal capacity and not as Agent for Sippdeal Trustees):

- when we refer to "your SIPP" or the rights and obligations you have in relation to it, including your right to take benefits from your SIPP as referred to in Condition 7.10;
- when we refer to the arrangements between you and AJ Bell including as set out in the Scheme terms and conditions and key features document, including when we refer to you meeting the eligibility requirements for the SIPP (as set out in Condition 6.25);
- when we refer to what happens on your death in Condition 16.16-16.18; and
- when we refer to you having more than one account with us, as set out in Condition 20.1

Some provisions will apply to **you** in **your** personal capacity as well as when **you** are acting as **Agent** for **Sippdeal Trustees**. We have set these out below.

- Under English contract law, you can usually only be bound by a contract if you receive some benefit from it. You confirm that as the person entitled to benefits under your SIPP, you indirectly benefit from the service.
- You must keep your security details secret at all times and not disclose them to anyone, take all reasonable care to prevent unauthorised or fraudulent use of your security details by others, and contact us as soon as possible if you know or suspect that someone knows your security details or is impersonating you.
- As this is an execution only service and as Sippdeal Trustees has appointed you as Agent to give instructions to Bank of Scotland Share Dealing, neither AJ Bell nor Sippdeal Trustees has any liability to you for any losses you or your SIPP suffer or incur (either directly or indirectly) as a result of your use of the Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP Service, unless caused by the negligence, willful default or fraud of AJ Bell or Sippdeal Trustees.
- We are not liable to you for any losses unless directly caused by our negligence, wilful default or fraud.
- We are not liable to you for:
  - any losses arising from any cause beyond our reasonable control;
  - which we could not reasonably have anticipated when we received an instruction in relation to the account for your SIPP; or
  - in relation to any loss of business, loss of goodwill, loss of opportunity or loss of profit.

- We will not be liable to you for any act or omission by us which we reasonably believe to be necessary to avoid us breaking regulatory requirements.
- Nothing in these terms and conditions excludes or restricts any liability which we may have to you under the regulatory requirements or any liability that regulatory requirements do not allow to be excluded or restricted.
- These terms and conditions are governed by English law and you and we submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.
- These terms and conditions are directly enforceable by you, notwithstanding that you are acting as Agent, so you can claim any losses your SIPP suffers directly from us, although under HM Revenue and Customs rules any compensation may be payable to your SIPP.
- ➤ You should keep a note of the date on which you post documents to us to help with any enquiries that may arise. We will use reasonable care when sending documents or confirmation to you, but we are not responsible for any loss, delay, alteration or corruption of such information or documents that is outside our reasonable control.

### 2. About us

- 2.1 The Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP Service is operated by Halifax Share Dealing Limited. Halifax Share Dealing Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Its registration number is 183332.
- 2.2 The Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA")
  maintains a register of all businesses
  that it regulates at
  www.fca.org.uk/firms/financial-services-register

# 3. Definitions

In these terms and conditions, the following words and phrases in bold type have the special meanings given below:

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Agent	refers, in these <b>terms and conditions</b> , to the ability for <b>you</b> to give <b>us</b> instructions on behalf of <b>Sippdeal Trustees</b> in respect of <b>your SIPP</b> ;
Agreement	the legal agreement under which <b>we</b> provide the <b>Bank of Scotland Sharedealing SIPP Service</b> in relation to <b>your SIPP</b> , as set out in these <b>terms and conditions</b> , the brochure, <b>your application</b> and any other document or information stated to form part of this agreement, such as any relevant charging schedule;
AJ Bell	AJ Bell Management Limited, the pension administration services provider for <b>your SIPP</b> . AJ Bell Management Limited is part of the AJ Bell Group and is authorised and regulated by the <b>Financial Conduct Authority</b> under Registration number 211468;
Application	<b>your application</b> to establish a <b>Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP</b> administered by AJ Bell;
Approved bank	a bank or other financial institution, from time to time nominated by us, where <b>we</b> may deposit <b>client money</b> in accordance with the <b>client money rules</b> ;
Account for your SIPP	the Bank of Scotland Share Dealing account we establish for your SIPP which is a sub-account under the Sippdeal Trustees account;
Assets	the portfolio of <b>investments</b> and uninvested cash held in the <b>account for your SIPP</b> and in respect of which <b>we</b> provide the <b>service</b> ;
Available funds	money in the account for your SIPP which has settled or cleared and which has not been allocated to a purchase of investments, and which is therefore (subject to the terms of your SIPP) available to withdraw as described at condition 7;
Bank of Scotland Share Dealing SIPP Service	the $\textbf{service}$ that $\textbf{we}$ provide in accordance with these conditions, as described in condition 4;
Bank of Scotland Variable Mortgage Base Rate	the variable mortgage base rate of Bank of Scotland plc as published on its <b>website</b> at <b>www.bankofscotland.co.uk</b> from time to time;
Brochure	the current version of the Bank of Scotland Share Dealing brochure is published on our website at bankofscotland.co.uk/investing/help-and-guidance/important-information and available from us on request;
Complex instrument	a financial instrument which is not a non-complex instrument, as defined in the <b>FCA rules</b> ;
Costs and charges	our charges, as generally described in Condition 13, and set out in the <b>brochure</b> and any <b>charging schedule</b> . All such charges are payable out of <b>your SIPP</b> and may be deducted from <b>your SIPP</b> in accordance with the <b>Scheme terms and conditions</b> ;
Charging schedule	any charging schedule that <b>we</b> have provided to <b>you</b> and which is published on <b>our website</b> at <b>bankofscotland.co.uk/investing/ways-to-invest/share-dealing-services/charges</b> setting out the charges applicable to the <b>service</b> or a part of the <b>service</b> ;
Client money	money that <b>we</b> receive or hold in relation to <b>your SIPP</b> , in accordance with the <b>client money rules</b> , in the course of, or in connection with, the <b>service</b> , other than money which is due and payable from <b>your SIPP</b> to <b>us</b> or a third party;
Client money rules	the FCA's regulatory requirements that concern the holding of client money;

Conflicts of interest policy (COIP)	our Policy on the management of conflicts of interest. It describes the steps <b>we</b> take to identify and manage conflicts that may arise. A summary of <b>our</b> COIP has been provided to you;
Corporate action	a rights issue, take-over, merger, capital reorganisation, conversion, subscription rights or similar event affecting any of the <b>investments</b> in <b>your SIPP</b> ;
Deal	the purchase of or sale of or subscription for specified <b>investments</b> for <b>your SIPP</b> ;
Dealing charges	our <b>dealing charges</b> , as generally described in Condition 13, and set out in the <b>brochure</b> and any <b>charging schedule</b> ;
Dealing date	each working day during which a deal can take place on the relevant market;
Dealing period	the period during which a <b>deal</b> can take place on the relevant <b>market</b> .
<b>,</b>	For UK markets the dealing period is 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on each working day, but this may change from time to time. For markets outside the UK the dealing period will follow the opening hours of the relevant market. Details of the international exchanges' dealing hours can be found on our website. Unit Trusts and Open Ended Investment Companies ("OEICs") are priced on each working day at an Assured Valuation Point ("AVP"). Further details are explained in our Order Execution Policy.
Delivery versus payment transaction	a <b>deal</b> where delivery of <b>investments</b> and payment of cash to effect <b>settlement</b> are intended to occur at the same time or within one <b>working day</b> of each other.
Dividend reinvestment plan (DRIP)	a feature of the <b>service</b> allowing for the automatic use of cash dividends on eligible <b>investments</b> in the <b>account for your SIPP</b> to buy more of the same <b>investments</b> ;
FCA	the <b>Financial Conduct Authority</b> (or its successor) in the United Kingdom;
FCA rules	the rules of the <b>FCA</b> ;
FSCS	UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme;
Income	money received in the form of dividends or distributions in relation to <b>investments</b> held in the <b>account for your SIPP</b> , or interest on <b>client money we</b> hold in relation to <b>your SIPP</b> ;
Investment plan	the timetable for the <b>scheduled investments</b> , as described in Condition 19.3;
Investments	investments (excluding cash which we hold for your SIPP) in which we can deal and/or hold in relation to your SIPP, as set out on our website. We will only hold investments which we have agreed with AJ Bell which may be fewer than the types of investment that can be held in a self-invested personal pension under relevant laws. We refer to these as our "permitted investments". Please see our website for a list of investments currently supported by this service;
Key features document	contains the key features and information about <b>your SIPP</b> ;
Lloyds Banking Group	the group of companies which has Lloyds Banking Group plc as its parent company. This includes us and a number of other companies using brands including Lloyds Bank, Bank of Scotland and Bank of Scotland plc. More information on the Lloyds Banking Group can be found at <b>lloydsbankinggroup.com</b> ;
Markets	the financial market on which <b>investments</b> can be bought or sold. This includes both regulated markets, such as the London Stock Exchange plc; <b>Multilateral Trading Facilities</b> (MTFs), which bring together buyers and sellers of securities and <b>investments</b> (including Retail Service Providers and Market Makers); and investment firms who <b>deal</b> outside regulated <b>markets</b> or MTFs. It also includes fund managers;
Market information	includes securities prices, quotations, news (both financial and non-financial), company information and other information provided via <b>our online service</b> or by other market data providers;

non-exchange based trading systems which accommodate <b>deals</b> between multiple parties;
a non-trading <b>nominee company</b> controlled by us, or any other nominee (including third parties appointed by us) from time to time;
the <b>service we</b> provide in accordance with these <b>terms and conditions</b> as described at Condition 6 and which can be accessed through an internet or mobile internet connection at <b>bankofscotland.co.uk/investing</b> or any other internet address which <b>we</b> may notify to you;
an instruction from you asking us to execute a <b>deal</b> for the <b>account for your SIPP</b> ;
our policy which sets out the arrangements that $\mathbf{we}$ have put in place to ensure that $\mathbf{we}$ meet $\mathbf{our}$ "best execution" obligations;
a. any obligation that applies under any law or regulation (including any tax legislation or rules made by an applicable regulatory body), or as the result of a decision by a court, ombudsman or similar body; or
b. any obligation under any industry guidance or codes of practice which <b>we</b> follow; or
c. any other legal or regulatory requirement,
which, in each case, is applicable to these $terms$ and $conditions$ and/or $our$ provision of the $service$ in respect of $your$ $SIPP$ ;
a feature of the <b>service</b> where <b>you</b> can instruct <b>us</b> to make <b>scheduled investments</b> as described in Condition 19;
an <b>order</b> to purchase a pre-determined value of <b>investments</b> on one or a series of defined days, as described in Condition 19;
the terms between <b>you</b> and <b>AJ Bell</b> which set out the basis on which <b>AJ Bell</b> administers <b>your SIPP</b> and <b>Sippdeal Trustees</b> acts as the trustee of <b>your SIPP</b> ;
the <b>Sippdeal e-sipp</b> self invested personal pension scheme registered with HMRC;
any password, personal identification number, or other confidential security information required in order to access the <b>account for your SIPP</b> and/or give <b>orders</b> via the <b>telephone service</b> and/or the <b>online service</b> ;
the <b>Bank of Scotland Share Dealing</b> SIPP <b>Service</b> , including the provision and administration of the <b>account for your SIPP</b> and the <b>telephone service</b> and/or the <b>online service</b> as applicable;
in relation to a <b>deal</b> , the delivery of the relevant <b>investments</b> to the buyer by the seller and delivery of the purchase price by the buyer to the seller;
the date on which the buyer and seller in relation to a <b>deal</b> are required to settle that <b>deal</b> ;
the Bank of Scotland Share dealing SIPP which is a self invested personal pension administered by AJ Bell under the scheme which includes the investments and client money held by Bank of Scotland Share Dealing in the account for your SIPP;
Sippdeal Trustees <b>Limited</b> , the trustee of <b>your SIPP</b> , which is a wholly owned subsidiary of AJ Bell;
the <b>Bank of Scotland Share Dealing account</b> established and operated by <b>us</b> for <b>Sippdeal Trustees</b> in relation to the scheme;
money in the <b>account for your SIPP</b> which is available to <b>deal</b> as described at Condition 7.2. This includes <b>available funds</b> and sale proceeds in relation to a sale of an investment which has not yet settled;

Telephone service	the <b>service we</b> provide in accordance with these <b>terms and conditions</b> as set out in Condition 6 and which can be accessed by telephone by calling <b>0345 606 1188</b> or any other telephone number which <b>we</b> may notify to you;
Trade confirmation	a written record, giving the details of a <b>deal</b> , including all charges applicable to that <b>deal</b> and the total amount payable out of or into the <b>account for your SIPP</b> in <b>settlement</b> of that <b>deal</b> ;
TradePlan	a feature of the service where you can give us TradePlan orders;
TradePlan orders	a collective name for target setting, range trading, price locking, stop loss <b>orders</b> and limit <b>orders</b> as described in Condition 18.1;
Website	<b>our website</b> at <b>www.bankofscotlandsharedealing-online.co.uk</b> or any other address <b>we</b> notify to <b>you</b> from time to time;
Working day	any day other than a Saturday Sunday or an English bank holiday

# 4. The service and the account for your SIPP

- 4.1 You can use the service to give us instructions to make deals in certain types of investments for your SIPP. You can do this by placing orders to deal through our online service or by using the telephone service.
- 4.2 Once AJ Bell has notified us that your application has been accepted, we will open an account for your SIPP. The account for your SIPP will hold the assets (that is, the investments and client money in your SIPP in relation to which we provide the service).
- 4.3 For the purposes of the **regulatory requirements**, **we** will treat **you** as a retail
  client in relation to these terms and conditions.
  Categorisation as a retail client affords **you**the highest degree of consumer protection
  under the **regulatory requirements**. However,
  this does not necessarily mean that **you** will
  automatically be eligible to bring a claim
  under any investor compensation scheme or
  ombudsman service.
- The service is an execution only service.
  This means that we will execute your orders in accordance with these terms and conditions, and we will not provide you with investment advice or discretionary management in relation to the assets. Any investment decisions will be your own. We are not required to assess the appropriateness or suitability of our service for you and the protection accorded by the FCA rules on assessing appropriateness or suitability does not apply to this service. However, we will assess appropriateness if you wish to purchase a complex instrument.
- 4.5 If you are in any doubt about using the service and making your own investment decisions, we recommend that you seek advice from a suitably qualified financial adviser.

- 4.6 We will not provide legal, tax or other advice in connection with the account for your SIPP or any types of investments.
- 4.7 There are some circumstances where investing in or receiving returns on investments in certain companies (or funds which include investments in certain companies) may be an offence under UK anti-money laundering legislation if the company's activities abroad were illegal if carried out in the UK. You should ensure you carry out careful due diligence on these types of investments before investing.
- There are risks involved with use of the service, including investment risk caused by the fact that the value of the SIPP investments will change over time. You should read 'Understanding Risk' which you will find at bankofscotland.co.uk/investing/understandinginvesting/risk-explained and 'How Safe Are My Assets' which you will find at bankofscotland.co.uk/investing/help-andquidance/important-information. The value of your SIPP investments and the level of any income from them can go down as well as up. You may not get back the full amount you have invested. You should also remember that past performance of investments is not an indication of how those investments might perform in the future.
- 4.9 There is an extra risk of losing money when shares are bought in some smaller companies, including penny shares. There may be a big difference between the buying price and the selling price of these shares. If they have to be sold immediately, you may get back much less than you have paid for them. The price may change quickly and it may go down as well as up.

- 4.10 Certain investments may not be readily realisable. You may have difficulty selling these investments at a reasonable price and in some circumstances it may be difficult to sell them at any price. Any investments should be carefully thought about, and you should consider whether you can afford them and whether they are right for you. In some circumstances, we may be unable to offer to trade a specific equity or asset.
- 4.11 Where the account for your SIPP is invested in overseas investments, there may be different settlement, legal and regulatory requirements to those applying in the UK and also different practices for the separate identification of those investments.
- 4.12 Foreign markets will involve different risks from UK markets and in some cases the risks will be greater. On request, we will provide you with an explanation of the relevant risks which will operate in any foreign markets. The potential for profit or loss from transactions on foreign markets or in foreign denominated contracts will also be affected by fluctuations in foreign exchange rates.
- 4.13 We may deal for your SIPP on your instructions in investments that may have been the subject of "Stabilisation". Stabilisation is a process that supports the price of newly issued investments. It can make the market price of the newly issued investments temporarily higher than it would otherwise be. It may also affect the market price of investments of the same class already in issue and of other investments whose price affects the price of the newly issued investments. It is undertaken to ensure that:
  - a. newly issued **investments** are introduced to the market in an orderly fashion; and
  - b. the issue price and/or price of associated investments is not artificially depressed because of the increase in supply caused by the new issue. It may only take place for a limited period. There are limits on the price at which shares and warrants may be stabilised.
- 4.14 Some products are defined as complex. These types of product carry additional risks to noncomplex **investments** such as shares and funds. You should not **deal** in these products on behalf of **your SIPP** unless **you** understand the nature and extent of **your** exposure to them. In some cases this category of investment may not be offered to some customers without undertaking further enquiries.

# 5. Opening an account for your SIPP

- 5.1 In order to open an account for your SIPP you must complete an application and provide such information as reasonably requested to enable us to open an account for your SIPP and provide the service in respect of your SIPP. This may include evidence of your identity, and any authorised persons, in line with regulatory requirements to prevent money laundering, fraud and market abuse. If you do not provide this information, we may delay or refuse to accept your application to use the service for your SIPP.
- 5.2 On the instruction of AJ Bell, we may accept a transfer of eligible investments direct from another provider.
- 5.3 We will accept orders and instructions in relation to the account for your SIPP from you, Sippdeal Trustees (and from a person who has a legal right to give us instructions (for example, your personal representative, or a person with a legally enforceable power of attorney granted by you)). We may not be able to provide online access or accept online instruction(s) from anyone other than the main account holder.
- 5.4 We may also agree to accept instructions from a person whom you have authorised us in writing to accept instructions from and where that person has accepted such authority. We may not be able to provide online access or accept online instruction(s) from anyone other than the main account holder.
- 5.5 At all times during the course of these terms and conditions **you** must:
  - a. promptly provide us with any information that we reasonably request in order to provide the service in respect of your SIPP in line with regulatory requirements;
  - b. as set out in Condition 6, keep your security details secret at all times and not disclose them to anyone, take all reasonable care to prevent unauthorised or fraudulent use of your security details by others, and contact us as soon as possible if you know or suspect that someone knows your security details or is impersonating you;
  - tell us whenever your contact details change, including your email address, because we will use the most recent contact details on our records whenever we send you correspondence;
  - d. tell us as soon as possible of any material change to the information you have given us as this may affect the service we provide;

- check any confirmation of transactions or statements that we send you when you receive it and contact us without undue delay if you think it is inconsistent with your instructions or where there is any inaccuracy; and
- f. otherwise comply with the terms of the agreement and the law.
- 5.6 If you do not comply with these obligations, this may affect the way we can provide the service for your SIPP and we may:
  - a. refuse to open an account in relation to your SIPP or accept assets for the account for your SIPP;
  - apply a restriction to your SIPP preventing all trading activity;
  - refuse to make payments or transfer investments from the account for your SIPP;
  - d. close the account for your SIPP; and/or
  - take any other responsible step necessary to comply with regulatory requirements.
- 5.7 If you instruct us to deal or hold U.S. listed investments we may require you to complete certain documents in order to satisfy U.S. tax authority requirements. If you do not provide the appropriate documents within the appropriate deadline, which will not be set unreasonably, or we are not satisfied that they have been fully and accurately completed, we may:
  - a. refuse to buy or subscribe for U.S. investments:
  - b. apply a higher rate of withholding tax to any U.S. sourced **income**; and/or
  - c. sell any U.S. **investments** held in the **account for your SIPP**.
- If you wish to buy U.S. listed shares that may 5.8 pay U.S. sourced income, such as dividends, we require you to complete certain documents in order to satisfy U.S. tax authority requirements. Once we have these documents we can apply a reduced withholding tax rate instead of the usual rate applied to your U.S. sourced income, depending on your circumstances. For details of the prevailing withholding tax rates see our website. For UK listed shares paying U.S. sourced income, no reduced withholding tax rate is applied even if you have certain documents in place. The document is valid for three calendar years following the year in which you sign it, unless your personal circumstances change. You must let us know within 30 days if this happens. We may contact you when your form is due to expire.

# 6. Using the Service

- 6.1 Except as otherwise set out in these terms and conditions you can access the account for your SIPP and use the service either online through our online service or over the telephone using our telephone service. If you use the online service you must select which of your accounts you wish to transact on, if you have more than one account.
- 6.2 When we open the account for your SIPP, we will send you security details so that you can access the account for your SIPP using the online service and/or the telephone service.
- 6.3 We will not accept any instructions from you unless you satisfy our security verification procedures by using your security details when using the online service or the telephone service. We may require you to provide one or more of your other security details and/or enter your password or give us your PIN before we accept instructions about the account for your SIPP.
- 6.4 For administration or security reasons, we can require you to use new security details before you use (or carry on using) our online service or telephone service.
- 6.5 When you use our online service or telephone service you must follow any reasonable instructions that we give you from time to time.
- 6.6 You must not let anyone else know your security details or the fact that they are for use with the account for your SIPP and you must use reasonable care to keep your security details secure.
- 6.7 If you think that someone else knows your password or any of your additional security details or has used any of them to use our online service or telephone service, you must:
  - a. tell us and AJ Bell and change your security details as soon as you can by phoning the Helpdesk on 0345 606 1188; and
  - b. in relation to your password for the online service, change it online as soon as possible. If you have difficulty changing your password the Helpdesk will be able to assist you.
- 6.8 We may give the police or any other relevant authority any information they need if we think that it will help them find out if someone else is using your security details.
- 6.9 We may stop your use of our service if we reasonably believe that:

- a. your identity details are being used by someone else or we are otherwise concerned about the security of the account for your SIPP;
- b. we suspect the account for your SIPP is being used in breach of these terms and conditions or in an unauthorised or fraudulent manner; or
- you are not complying with your obligations under these terms and conditions.
- 6.10 Where we stop your use of the service under Condition 6.9 we will, if practical, notify you immediately before or, where we cannot notify you immediately before, after stopping the use of the service. We will inform you of our reasons for doing so unless it is unlawful for us to do so or it would compromise our reasonable security measures.

# Unauthorised use of the account for your SIPP

6.11 Provided that you have complied with this Condition 6, we will reimburse your SIPP for the losses that your SIPP suffers as a result of your security details being used fraudulently.

### The online service

- 6.12 Where you have applied for our online service, when we open the account for your SIPP we will send you a username and temporary password for accessing the account for your SIPP through the online service. You will be required to change the temporary password to a password of your choosing. You can change your username or password online by following the instructions on the screen. You may also be required to provide other memorable information and/or additional security details for the purposes of identifying yourself.
- 6.13 When we need to contact you we normally do so by sending an email to the email address registered against the account for your SIPP or by posting the communication onto our website or both. If we send messages or information to you by posting them onto our website we won't change them after we have sent them.
- 6.14 Our online service is provided via secure internet sites. Disconnecting from the internet or leaving our secure sites will not automatically sign you off. You must always use the sign off facility when you are finished and never leave your computer/device unattended while you are signed in. As a security measure, if you have not used the online service for some time, we will ask you to sign in again.

- 6.15 You are responsible for ensuring that your computer, mobile device, software and other equipment are capable of being used with our online service and for carrying out your own regular virus checks and security updates. We cannot guarantee that the Bank of Scotland Share Dealing website will support all browser types and be fully compatible with your communications equipment.
- 6.16 We will take reasonable care to ensure the security of, and prevent unauthorised access to, our online service.
- 6.17 When using the **online service you** must comply with any instructions and procedures that **we** give **you** from time to time.
- 6.18 We will not be liable for any losses that you or Sippdeal Trustees suffer due to any failure of the online service to the extent that the failure is beyond our reasonable control.
- 6.19 We will take reasonable efforts to provide the online service, but we may suspend all or part of the online service where we reasonably consider it necessary, including for maintenance, technical problems, regulatory reasons, for our protection or to ensure that we can continue to make the online service available.
- 6.20 If, at any point, the flow of information between us on the online service is interrupted (for example, your computer or mobile device crashes, you lose network connection or you receive an error message), and you are not certain whether **your** instructions have been accepted or not, do not try to enter your instructions again. Instead, please try to log on to our online service again and check the account for your SIPP details. If you cannot log on, or you are still uncertain about whether we have received your instructions, please telephone **us** and **we** will confirm the position. We will not be responsible if you give us repeated instructions, incorrect instructions or mistaken instructions.
- 6.21 Unless we tell you otherwise, any software, hardware or device we provide to you in connection with the online service is licensed to you. The copyright and all other rights in it and any other information we provide to you remains owned by us or the person who licenses it to us. You must use it exclusively in connection with these terms and conditions. You will obtain no rights, title or interest in any such materials or intellectual property rights relating to them.

#### Telephone service

6.22 When we open the account for your SIPP, we will send you a personal reference/account number and a personal identification number (PIN) to allow you to access the account for your SIPP through the telephone service.

#### Using the service outside the UK

- 6.23 To apply for our service you must be resident in the UK (or Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man). Our service is designed to be used by persons situated in those countries only.
- 6.24 If you move away from the UK (or Jersey,
  Guernsey or the Isle of Man) you can continue
  to use our **service** but you do so at your own
  risk and it is your responsibility to check local
  laws and regulations to make sure it is legal
  for you to do so.
- 6.25 You must tell **us** immediately if **you** cease to meet the residency and eligibility requirements set out in the **Scheme terms and conditions**. In such circumstances **we** may have to close **your account** and terminate this **agreement**, sell any **investments** or limit **your** ability to **deal**, for example to ensure that **we** do not breach **regulatory requirements** in the UK or in the country you have moved to.

# 7. Funding and withdrawing amounts from the account for your SIPP

# Funding the account for your SIPP

- 7.1 Before you place an order to purchase investments, you must ensure that there are sufficient tradable funds in the account to settle that deal and to pay any associated charges.
- 7.2 Tradable funds are the money held in the account for your SIPP, minus any amounts that will be required to settle any buy order that has been executed but not yet settled, plus amounts that will be received in respect of any sell order that has been executed but not yet settled.
- 7.3 In order to fund the account for your SIPP please refer to the key features document for full details of how to make contributions to your SIPP and/or arrange for transfers to be made to your SIPP from other registered pension schemes.
- 7.4 We will not be liable for any loss arising directly or indirectly from the late collection of a payment that is outside **our** reasonable control, including any loss of investment opportunity or loss of tax relief.

#### Income

- 7.5 All income received by us will be paid into the account for your SIPP within 10 working days of receipt, unless you instruct us to take part in a DRIP scheme. Where we are required by regulatory requirements to do so, you authorise us to deduct income tax at the appropriate rate from any dividends, interest payments and cash entitlements which are paid gross before paying the net amount into the account for your SIPP, and to account for any tax deducted to the relevant authorities.
- 7.6 We will only accept dividends in cash unless we agree otherwise.
- 7.7 Any cash that is due to be paid into the account for your SIPP will be rounded down to the nearest penny.
- 7.8 We will not provide relief at source or support reclaims for withholding tax on foreign securities. However, for US securities, a reduced rate of withholding tax on dividends or other **income** may be possible where we have received completed documentation and a valid treaty claim is made.
- 7.9 Interest is calculated daily and paid on an annual basis. On termination, interest due to you will be paid pro rata to the date of termination.
- 7.10 If you wish to take benefits from your SIPP (in accordance with the Scheme terms and conditions and the scheme rules for the SIPP), you can instruct us to make payment of available funds held in the account for your SIPP to AJ Bell so long as enough tradable funds remain to settle any outstanding buy orders and pay any charges due but not yet paid, subject to Condition 11.
  - For more information on withdrawing benefits from your SIPP, please refer to the **key features document**.
- 7.11 AJ Bell instruct us to sell investments held in the account for your SIPP and transfer the proceeds to Sippdeal Trustees we will do so, as long as there are sufficient assets remaining in the account for your SIPP to settle any outstanding charges and subject to Condition 11. We will also transfer investments direct to another service provider upon instructions from AJ Bell.
- 7.12 We cannot transfer investments from the account for your SIPP until the investments have settled in the account for your SIPP.

# 8. Dealing

# **Asset Eligibility**

8.1 Any stocks proposed to be added to **our** platform will be subject to eligibility checks to ensure they meet **our trading** criteria.

# Placing orders

- 8.2 Except as otherwise set out in these terms and conditions, **you** can place **orders** to **deal**:
  - a. using the **online service** at any time when it is available; or
  - b. the **telephone service** during the stated business hours for the **telephone service**.

If the **online service** is unavailable or if **you** receive an error message, **you** should use the **telephone service** to place or confirm an **order**.

8.3 When you place an order you must tell us the exact name and number or value of investments, whether you want to buy or sell those investments, and any other information that we may reasonably require.

# Accepting or refusing orders

- 8.4 Where we have accepted your order we will confirm this by giving you an order or bargain reference. Your order will not bind us until we have accepted it.
- 8.5 Once we have accepted your order you cannot change your mind afterwards, unless they are TradePlan orders, in which case Condition 18.14 will apply, or scheduled investments, in which case Condition 19.4 will apply.
- 8.6 Once we have accepted an order in relation to your SIPP we may, at our discretion, delay execution of that order until we can contact you to clarify or check your order, if we reasonably believe that it is in your interests to do so. This may include, but is not limited to, any occasions where your deal is outside the normal market size for that investment. We will not be liable for any actual or potential financial loss or expense that your SIPP incurs as a result of a delay, provided that we have taken all reasonable steps to contact you promptly.
- 8.7 We may reject **your order** where:
  - a. the account for your SIPP does not contain sufficient tradable funds for the relevant deal or any other orders to purchase investments that you have placed but that have not yet settled. If tradable funds are insufficient at the point of execution to cover the whole amount of the deal, we reserve the right to either:
    - i. not carry out any part of the **deal**;

- ii. adjust your deal to match the tradable funds in the account for your SIPP; or
- iii. where the deal is a purchase of investments which are listed on international markets, we may proceed in accordance with Condition 8.22:
- b. the account for your SIPP does not contain sufficient investments for the relevant deal and for any other orders to sell investments that you have placed but that have not yet settled;
- by carrying out your order, we reasonably believe that we might breach regulatory requirements or the rules of any market or become exposed to action or censure from any government, regulator or law enforcement agency;
- d. we are not reasonably satisfied that you have the right to deal in investments in relation to which you have given us an order, in which case we will not accept your order until you have provided us with proof that is reasonably satisfactory to us;
- e. your order is unclear or we have reasonable grounds to believe that it is incorrect, given in error or is not given by you or a person authorised by you;
- f. we have not received any information that we have requested and which is reasonably necessary for us to carry out the deal; or
- g. your order is to sell investments and we are owed any money in relation to the account for your SIPP.
- 8.8 If we reject an order we will take reasonable steps to tell you about that rejected order and the reason for our rejection, provided that we are permitted to do so under the regulatory requirements.

### **Executing orders**

- 8.9 If we accept an order inside a dealing period, we will carry it out as soon as reasonably practicable. If we accept an order outside a dealing period, we will carry it out as soon as reasonably practicable after the start of the next dealing period.
- 8.10 Once we have accepted your order we cannot accept any responsibility for any actual or potential financial loss or expense that your SIPP incurs if, for any reason (other than our negligence), there is a delay or change in market conditions before the execution of your order is complete.
- 8.11 If we negligently fail to carry out an order that we have accepted, we will take all reasonable steps to return the account for your SIPP to the

- position that it should have been in had **we** not so failed
- 8.12 We will execute each order in accordance with the regulatory requirements and the rules of any market on which the deal is effected.
- 8.13 We will publish on **our website** on an annual basis the top five execution venues in terms of trading volumes per asset class where **we** executed customer **orders** in the preceding year.
- 8.14 We carry out **orders** in accordance with "best execution". "Best execution" is our obligation under the **regulatory requirements** to take all sufficient steps to obtain, when executing **orders**, the best possible results for **our** clients on a consistent basis in accordance with our **Order Execution Policy (OEP)**.
- 8.15 We will carry out your orders in accordance with our OEP which sets out the arrangements that we have put in place to ensure that we meet our "best execution" obligations. Our current OEP has been provided to you, and we will provide you with any updated OEP from time to time, including by publishing this on our website at bankofscotland.co.uk/investing/help-and-quidance/important-information
- 8.16 If you give us specific dealing instructions in relation to an order and we agree to execute your order in accordance with those instructions rather than in accordance with our OEP, it may not be possible for us to obtain the best result that would otherwise be available to you at the time of the deal, and the dealing terms you receive may be adversely affected.
- 8.17 You authorise us to execute deals on your SIPP's behalf outside of a regulated market or MTF when we believe it is in your best interests to transact in this way.
- 8.18 When we carry out a deal, we may combine your order with those of other clients. This is called "order aggregation". We will only aggregate your order where we reasonably believe at the time we deal that the aggregation is unlikely to work overall to your SIPP's disadvantage. However, the result of the aggregation may be to your SIPP's disadvantage in relation to a particular order compared to if we had bought or sold your SIPP Investments separately.
- 8.19 We may treat each **order** in more than one type of investment, or each **order** to **deal** at different times in the same type of investment, as separate **orders**, in which case charges will apply separately to each **deal**.
- 8.20 If, after an order is placed on **your SIPP's** behalf on a market **we** cancel any **deal**ings in the

- relevant investment where **we** are asked by that market to do so, **we** will not be liable for any actual or potential financial loss **your SIPP** incurs as a result. In particular, **we** reserve the right to cancel any duplicate or repeated **deals** that **you** give to **us** where the circumstances indicate that the **deal** has been split into a number of smaller **deals** to take advantage of any market limitations or restrictions.
- 8.21 We may carry out a deal as the other party to that deal rather than arrange the deal for your SIPP with somebody else. If we do this, we will tell you after we carry out the deal.

### Dealing on international markets

When purchasing investments which are listed on international markets we will, acting reasonably, notionally limit your order to 90% of the tradable funds in the account for your SIPP. We do this to limit the risk that a sudden adverse change in market conditions or exchange rates means that your SIPP's obligation to settle exceeds your SIPP's tradable funds. However, should such a change occur and your SIPP's obligation to settle exceeds your SIPP's tradable funds, SippDeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) will remain liable to settle the deal in full out of the assets and monies in your SIPP. These amounts are payable by, and will be deducted from, your SIPP.

## **Deal confirmations**

- 8.23 We will send you a trade confirmation for each deal no later than the working day following that on which we carried out your order, or, where that order was carried out by a third party on our behalf, no later than the working day after that on which we receive the relevant confirmation from that third party.
- 8.24 You can ask **us** at any time for an update on the status of any **order you** have placed.
- 8.25 Our deal records are conclusive. This means that, in the absence of any obvious error, the information held on our computer systems and the trade confirmation for that deal are the only valid evidence of the deal. In particular, the screen message may not be used as evidence of a deal.
- 8.26 If you become aware or believe that information in a trade confirmation or on our systems is incomplete or incorrect, you must tell us as soon as possible so that we can rectify any missing or incomplete information.

### **Appropriateness**

8.27 Before you can place an order to deal in certain investments, such as complex instruments (for example, certain Exchange Traded Products),

- we may be required under the regulatory requirements to assess the appropriateness of such transactions for your SIPP by reference to your knowledge, experience and understanding of the risks involved.
- 8.28 If we assess that a certain investment, such as a complex instrument, that you are attempting to place an order for is not appropriate for your SIPP, you will not be permitted to place the order. We will not be able to assess your SIPP's suitability for the same investment again until the next time you log in to the account for your SIPP.

### 9. Settlement

- 9.1 The account for your SIPP will be denominated in Pounds Sterling. We will carry out deals and settle them with and for you in Pounds Sterling.
- 9.2 Where we are required to settle any transaction in a currency other than Pounds Sterling, we shall convert the relevant amounts into or out of that currency at the available exchange rate based on the prevailing currency market at the time we carry out the deal and will include a charge. We will give you an indicative exchange rate when you place your order although you should be aware that the actual exchange rate applied to your deal may change from the indicative rate provided. The rate applied to each deal will be confirmed on the trade confirmation once the deal has been completed.
- 9.3 Where we carry out a deal for you, so long as you have complied with your obligations, the account for your SIPP balance will reflect the cash proceeds and the investments relating to that deal on the dealing date, although the cash proceeds of a sale order will only become available funds on the settlement date.

# Receipt of proceeds on the sale of investments

- 9.4 If you instruct us to sell investments the net sale proceeds received by us will be credited to the account for your SIPP on the dealing date stated on the trade confirmation. For your convenience, sales proceeds from sales of investments held in the account for your SIPP will count as tradable funds from the date of your order for the purposes of buying other investments only. Sales proceeds will not become available funds until the settlement date
- 9.5 If we are owed any amounts in relation to your SIPP, we may use the sale proceeds to meet such outstanding amounts.

### Payment on the purchase of investments

- 9.6 If you use the account for your SIPP to purchase investments through TradePlan or scheduled investments, the price for those investments will be deducted from the account for your SIPP and cease to be tradable funds and available funds on the dealing date.
- 9.7 Save as set out in Condition 9.6, once you have placed an order for a deal, the relevant amount of tradable funds in the account for your SIPP required to settle that deal will be committed to that deal and will cease to be available funds or tradable funds for any other deal.

#### Investments

- 9.8 When we carry out a deal for your SIPP we will credit or debit the relevant investments to or from the account for your SIPP on the settlement date. The account for your SIPP will be updated automatically at the time of such deal to reflect the investments that have been bought or sold, although it will not be possible to withdraw investments from the account for your SIPP until the settlement date. Please see the Scheme terms and conditions for further information on withdrawing assets or amounts from your SIPP.
- 9.9 If a corporate action results in investments being due to or from your SIPP, the account for your SIPP will be updated in line with the terms of such corporate action, as notified to you at the time.

#### Failure to settle

- 9.10 If **your SIPP** fails to:
  - a. pay amounts due from the account for your SIPP in settlement;
  - b. pay, when due, a charge notified to you in accordance with these terms and conditions or any other amount properly due to us under these terms and conditions:
  - c. make investments available in the account for your SIPP in order to complete a deal;

#### we may:

- d. treat any outstanding **deal** as having been cancelled;
- e. apply all relevant charges for carrying out that **deal**;
- f. require SippDeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) to reimburse us for the cost of buying in investments in order to settle a deal, together with any associated costs and fees which we incur. These amounts are payable from your SIPP and will be deducted from your SIPP;

- g. claim from your SIPP the total amount that you owe us in relation to your SIPP together with interest on that amount at a rate of 2% above the Bank of Scotland Variable Mortgage Base Rate from time to time in force (calculated on a daily basis) from that date until payment in full has been received: and/ or
- h. to the extent permitted by regulatory requirements, retain, transfer or sell any of the investments or connected rights that the nominee company holds in relation to your SIPP and any tradable funds, and apply the proceeds towards settling the total amount owed by your SIPP. Any shortfall will still be due from your SIPP. These amounts are payable from your SIPP, and will be deducted from your SIPP.
- 9.11 There may be circumstances beyond our control which mean that we are unable to settle the transactions undertaken for the account for your SIPP. If this occurs we will use our reasonable endeavours to settle the trade. However:
  - There may be circumstances in which
     settlement is impossible or prevented by
     a third party or an exchange or irregular
     market conditions:
  - b. Where the trade has to be settled through a settlement system, this may also mean that there is a significant delay in settlement or that settlement does not occur, and
  - c. You and Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) will be liable for the obligations incurred in relation to your SIPP in relation to the transaction until settlement or other conclusion of the transaction occurs.

If settlement failure occurs we will notify you as soon as reasonably practicable and discuss with you the options for settlement.

# 10. Holding investments and cash in your account for your SIPP

Holding your SIPP investments

- 10.1 Investments in the account for your SIPP will be held for your SIPP in "safe custody". This means that they may be kept separate from our own investments and we will register ownership of your SIPP investments in the name of either:
  - a. a nominee company (which may or may not be controlled by us). The nominee company will have legal title to the investments; or
  - in the name of a sub-custodian located outside the UK, where the relevant investments are subject to the law or

market practice of a jurisdiction outside the UK and where **we** have taken reasonable steps to determine that it is in **your** best interests having due regard to the fact that the **investments** are held within **your SIPP** to do so, or that it is not feasible to do otherwise, because of the nature of the applicable law or market practice.

- 10.2 If we register your SIPP's investments in the name of a sub-custodian located in a jurisdiction outside of the UK:
  - a. different settlement, legal and regulatory requirements may apply from those in the UK: and
  - there may be different practices for the separate identification of safe custody investments.

This means that the protection of **your SIPP's investments** may be different depending on the jurisdiction in which the subcustodian operates.

10.3 You agree the investments in the account for your SIPP will be pooled with investments held by the nominee company or subcustodian for other clients. This means that the investments of the account for your SIPP will not be separately identified from those of other clients except within our records. We have controls in place to ensure that the investments are not used to settle trades of another client.

Regardless of the controls and measures in place there can be instances when shortfalls in money or **investments** can occur, sometimes just during the **working day** or sometimes for a longer period. If there is a shortfall in any of the holdings of the **nominee company** or sub-custodian **you** may share proportionally in such losses

Where **we** identify a discrepancy that results from or reveals a shortfall, or during an investigation where **we** deem it appropriate to do so, **we** will allocate a sufficient amount of **our** own money to cover the value of the shortfall, which **we** will hold as **client money**.

- 10.4 We will hold your SIPP's investments in accordance with regulatory requirements.
- 10.5 We will accept full responsibility for the acts and omissions of the nominee companies as if they were our own.
- 10.6 Where we appoint a third party to act as subcustodian, we will exercise all due skill, care and diligence in the selection and appointment and periodic monitoring of that third party. However, we accept no responsibility for the default or other failure to perform by a third party sub-custodian except to the extent that we have failed to exercise such due skill, care

and diligence.

- Where the investments in the account for your 10.7 SIPP are held by a third party custodian, we cannot ensure that the account for your SIPP would not lose any investments if the entity fails. In order to show that the investments are not available to that entity's creditors. we will take reasonable steps to ensure that their records show that the investments are held for your SIPP and that they do not belong to us, the nominee company or the third party sub-custodian. In the event that a nominee company or third party custodian becomes insolvent we will seek to recover the investments through all means reasonably available to us, including from the administrator or insolvency practitioner appointed to deal with that entity's affairs. During such period you may not be able to place an order to deal in the affected investments.
- 10.8 You authorise us, and the nominee companies and third party sub-custodians which we appoint, to hold or transfer investments (or entitlements to them) with or to: securities depositaries, clearing or settlement systems, account controllers or other participants in the relevant systems in the course of providing the service. These investments or entitlements will be separately identifiable from any investments or entitlements held in the same system for our account. These entities may be located in or outside the UK.
- 10.9 We will not lend or deposit by way of collateral any investments in the account for your SIPP to a third party.
- 10.10 You must not use the **investments** and cash in the **account for your SIPP** as security for a loan.
- 10.11 You agree that we may, in accordance with the regulatory requirements, not treat investments as client assets where we receive them from the trustee of your SIPP in relation to a delivery versus payment transaction to sell those investments which is settled through a commercial settlement system. We will treat the relevant investments as our own property and not as client assets for the shortest of:
  - a. the period of time between when we deduct the relevant investments from the account for your SIPP and when the deal settles; and
  - b. 3 working days from when we deduct the relevant investments from the account for your SIPP.

Cash proceeds in respect of the sale will be held as **client money** for the **SIPP** from the **settlement date** specified in the **trade confirmation**.

### Holding cash in your SIPP as client money

- 10.12 Where we hold cash in the account for your SIPP we will hold it as client money in accordance with the client money rules.
- 10.13 This means that we will keep money that we hold in the account for your SIPP in the Sippdeal Trustees account separate from our own money. The money in the Sippdeal Trustees account will be placed, along with money belonging to other clients of ours, in a pooled client money bank account with an approved bank in accordance with the client money rules.
- As client money relating to the account for your SIPP in the Sippdeal Trustees account will be pooled with client money held for other members of the scheme and other clients of ours, your SIPP's client money will not be separately identified from that of other members of the scheme and clients of ours and if there is a shortfall in the amount held by the approved bank you may share proportionally in such losses. We may also place client money in notice or unbreakable term deposit accounts. Client money may be placed in accounts with notice periods of, or on deposit for fixed terms of, up to 95 days. Placing client money in notice or term deposit accounts does not in itself affect your ability to deal with or withdraw funds from your accounts. However, such amounts may not be immediately available for distribution to you in the event of default by us or by one of the institutions with whom your money is held. In the event that an approved bank becomes insolvent we will seek to recover your SIPP's money through all means reasonably available to us, including from the administrator or insolvency practitioner appointed to deal with that entity's affairs.
- 10.15 We will exercise all due skill, care and diligence in the selection, appointment and periodic review of any approved bank to whom we transfer client money.
- 10.16 You authorise us to allow another person, such as an exchange, clearing house or intermediate broker, to hold or control the client money in the account for your SIPP for the purposes of deals for the SIPP through or with that other person.
- 10.17 We may place the client money held in the account for your SIPP with an approved bank outside the UK and where we effect a deal on your behalf, or income is paid on investments, outside the UK the client money might have to pass through a third party such as an exchange, clearing house or intermediate broker located outside the UK. In these circumstances the applicable legal and regulatory regime will be

different from that in the UK and if that person fails, and is thereby unable to repay all of its creditors, the **client money** may be treated differently than if it were held in the UK. In the event of such a person being declared in default **we** will make a claim on **your SIPP's** behalf, including, where applicable, through any available compensation scheme.

- 10.18 If we hold at least £1 in cash in the account for your SIPP, we will pay interest on it providing the Bank of England Base Rate remains higher than 0%. Interest is accrued daily and paid gross annually in March. The current rate(s) can be found on our website or by calling us.
- 10.19 You agree that we may, in accordance with the client money rules, not treat money as client money in respect of a delivery versus payment transaction to buy investments settled through a commercial settlement system. We will treat the relevant funds as our own money and not as client money for the shortest of:
  - a. the period of time between when we deduct tradable funds from the account for your SIPP and when the deal settles; and
  - b. 3 working days from when we deduct tradable funds from the account for your SIPP.

When **we** receive the **investments you** have instructed **us** to purchase, **we** will hold them as client **assets**.

### Transfers of business

- 10.20 If we transfer to a third party the business to which these terms and conditions, the client money and/or investments relate, you agree that we may transfer the client money and/or investments to that third party as part of the transfer of business, provided that:
  - a. the client money and/or investments are transferred on terms which require the third party to whom they are transferred to return the client money and/or investments to Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) as soon as practicable at your request; and
  - if the amount of client money and/or investments transferred is not less than £25, either:
    - the client money and investments transferred will be held in accordance with the client money rules and the UK regulatory requirements relating to the holding of investments; or
    - ii. we have exercised due skill and care in the selection of the third party to whom the client money and/or investments are transferred

- 10.21 If we transfer the client money and/or investments under Condition 10.20, we will give you notice no later than seven days after the transfer, informing you:
  - a. whether or not the client money and/or investments will be held by the person to whom they have been transferred in accordance with the client money rules and the UK regulatory requirements applying to the holding of investments and, if not, how the client money and/or investments being transferred will be held by that person;
  - b. the extent to which the **client money** and/or **investments** transferred will be protected under a compensation scheme; and
  - c. that you may opt to have the transferred client money and/or investments returned to Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) as soon as practicable at your request.

# 11. Our right to use your SIPP assets

- 11.1 If we reasonably believe that your SIPP will be unable to make payments under these terms and conditions when due, we may, where regulatory requirements allow, retain, transfer or sell any of the assets in the account for your SIPP so far as is reasonably necessary:
  - a. to settle any transactions entered into for your SIPP; or
  - to pay any outstanding liabilities of your SIPP, arising under these terms and conditions.

#### Our rights of "set off"

- 11.2 If:
  - a. we owe money to **your SIPP**, under these terms and conditions; and
  - b. Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) has failed to pay us any amount that we are owed from your SIPP under these terms and conditions; we may, where regulatory requirements allow, use the money that we owe your SIPP to reduce or repay the amount owed to us from your SIPP. This is called a "set off right".
- 11.3 We may use our set off right even if the amount owed to us from your SIPP under these terms and conditions is dependent on another event or has not yet become due, if we reasonably think that Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) will be unable to pay us when the amount does become due.
- 11.4 We may use our set off right without telling you in advance if we reasonably think that Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) or you will

do something to prevent **us** from obtaining repayment by set off, or if **we** have otherwise agreed with **AJ Bell** that **we** can do so.

## Our security interest over your assets

- 11.5 As long as your SIPP owes us any money under these terms and conditions, we may retain possession of the investments in the account for your SIPP as security (this right is known as a "lien").
- 11.6 Where the investments in the account for your SIPP are held outside of the UK, the investments may also be subject to a similar lien in respect of charges relating to the administration and safekeeping of such investments or of any depositary or settlement system in favour of:
  - a. any sub-custodian, company or agent appointed by us in accordance with these terms and conditions; or
  - b. the sub-custodian, company or agent of any sub-custodian appointed by us.

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11.7 Nothing in this clause limits any other rights that we may have over the investments in the account for your SIPP, however such rights arise.

# 12. Corporate actions

- 12.1 If you ask and where available, we will arrange for you to:
  - a. attend shareholders', securities holders' or unit holders' meetings (subject to any restrictions on attendance imposed by the company); and
  - vote by proxy (by telling us how you want the votes to be exercised by the nominee company). We will only use any rights we have to vote for Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) when you tell us to do so.
- 12.2 If your SIPP is entitled to extra investments (for example, through a bonus or other capitalisation issue), we will automatically arrange to hold the new investments in the account for your SIPP.
- 12.3 Subject to the rest of this Condition 12, if a corporate action happens in relation to investments held in the account for your SIPP we will use reasonable endeavours to tell you about any rights attaching to your investments, unless we consider it impractical to do so. If you wish your SIPP to participate in the corporate action, you must give us your instructions, by a method that we request, by the end of that given date. We will use reasonable endeavours to give effect to your instructions but only on

- such terms as you advise and as are reasonably acceptable to us. If we become aware of a corporate action at short notice, and we do not have time to obtain your instructions, or if we do not receive your instructions in time, we will select the default option that is specified by the company. Otherwise, we will take such action, or refrain from taking any action, as we, in our reasonable discretion, determine.
- 12.4 We may delay writing to you until the corporate action has been declared ex-entitlement or, in the case of a mandatory corporate action, until the corporate action has become effective and we have received the benefits to which your SIPP is entitled. With the exception of a compulsory acquisition, we will not accept any such offer on your SIPP's behalf without your specific instructions and we will not accept instructions to accept only part of such an offer. This could mean any benefits that your SIPP was entitled to could lapse.
- 12.5 If we do not receive any instructions from you by a given date in respect of a compulsory acquisition, we will accept the basic terms of the acquisition on your SIPP's behalf. We will write to you when this has occurred.
- 12.6 Where applicable, you must have available funds in the account for your SIPP by the given date that we notify to you before we can carry out an instruction in respect of a corporate action. If available funds are not available Condition 9.10 will apply.
- 12.7 The terms of a **corporate action** may require **us** to make a single election on behalf of the **nominee company** holding in the company. If it does, **we** may not be able to offer clients the same choices that would have been available if the shares in that company were held directly. Where possible **we** will use reasonable efforts to give **your SIPP** an option which best approximates the offer available to shareholders but **we** cannot guarantee that this will match the option given by the company.
- 12.8 Where you have indicated a wish to participate in a corporate action and our nominee company receives a distribution of entitlement to shares and any other benefits due to your SIPP arising from that corporate action, we will allocate the entitlement to the account for your SIPP promptly and in accordance with the regulatory requirements. Any entitlements will be rounded down to the nearest whole share or to at least two decimal places for Unit Trusts.
- 12.9 If, after acting for your SIPP and our other clients for any transaction, we are left with fractions of investments or cash, and it is impractical to credit those fractions of investments or cash to the account for your

- **SIPP**, we may add these together, sell them (in the case of **investments**) and keep the proceeds to set against our operating costs.
- 12.10 If the investments held in the account for your SIPP are subject to a corporate action which includes an offer to purchase additional shares and you decide not to take up that offer, we may instruct the nominee company (as legal owner of the shares) to purchase those shares on our behalf. We will retain any profit (and be liable for any loss) on any future sale of those shares.
- 12.11 If the investments held in the account for your SIPP are subject to a corporate action which causes your investment to become ineligible for our service we will not be liable for any loss incurred.
- 12.12 Under the rules of any market, if your SIPP is selling investments through us and your SIPP receives a related benefit to which your SIPP is not entitled, your SIPP must give up this benefit to us and we will collect it and pass it on to the person entitled to it. Equally, if your SIPP is buying investments and does not receive a related benefit to which your SIPP is entitled we will claim that benefit for your SIPP. Entitlement is established by reference to the market's "ex-date" (that is, the date on which an investment is traded without that entitlement) and not the "record date" (that is, the date on which it is determined that all holders shown on the register will receive a benefit). If you make a corporate action election and subsequently sell the relevant investments, any costs associated with **us** having to buy back those **investments** to honour your election may be deducted from your SIPP. Any loss arising from adverse movements in the share price may also be deducted from your SIPP.
- 12.13 Where we are required to make a corporate action call payment on your SIPP's behalf, or we need to pay into your SIPP a dividend, interest or a cash entitlement in a currency other than Pounds Sterling, we will make the appropriate currency conversion in accordance with Condition 9.2 and will inform you of the Pounds Sterling equivalent and when we are to transfer this from or to the account for your SIPP. We may charge you for the currency conversion. Please see our website for details.
- 12.14 If you ask us we may, but are not obliged to, instruct our nominee company on your behalf to request a company calls a general meeting provided our nominee company holds the requisite amount of investments on your behalf. You must provide us with such confirmation as we reasonably request that you have fulfilled any regulatory requirements relating to the disclosure of your interest in the investments.

# 13. Costs and Charges

- 13.1 We apply costs and charges for the service. Details of our current costs and charges are listed in our brochure and website and are available on request. These costs and charges apply to your SIPP and will be deducted from your SIPP.
- 13.2 You must retain a sufficient cash balance in your SIPP to cover ongoing costs and charges. If any ongoing costs and charges are outstanding, we reserve the right to arrange the sale of investments held in your SIPP to provide funds to cover any outstanding amount. If we sell any investments held in the account for your SIPP to cover any outstanding amount we may charge for doing so. Please see our website for details. We may change our latest published costs and charges at any time in accordance with condition 16.
- 13.3 We may restrict your SIPP and prevent any further transaction on your SIPP while any amounts due to us remain unpaid.
- 13.4 Any costs which we properly incur under these terms and conditions, including reasonable nominations, transfers and registration fees, stamp duties, any other taxes or fiscal liabilities and any losses which we suffer if you fail to comply with your obligations under these terms and conditions, will be deducted from your SIPP.
- 13.5 The Panel on Takeovers and Mergers ("PTM") levy will be payable from your SIPP on real-time trades or any planned purchases over £10,000 (where applicable).
- 13.6 We will collect dealing charges by adding them to the cost of buying investments, or by taking them from the sale proceeds. Additional charges may be levied by the fund manager in relation to orders placed in Unit Trusts and OEICs. Any applicable charges will be included within the amount payable from your SIPP or from the amount your SIPP receives in respect of these investments.
- 13.7 We will deduct any Stamp Duty, Stamp Duty Reserve Tax, Value Added Tax or any other taxes or levies, including any overseas transaction taxes, which apply when you buy or sell investments or incur costs and charges. We will account to the appropriate authorities, including foreign authorities, for all such taxes and levies either directly or through a third party. Any applicable charges will be passed onto you. Sippdeal Trustees (as trustee of your SIPP) may be liable for any other taxes that arise in connection with a deal, for example Capital Gains Tax. Other costs and taxes may exist that are not paid or imposed by us. You have a responsibility to ensure you understand

- and adhere to personal tax obligations resulting from engaging with our products or services.
- 13.8 All costs and charges and any other payments due from your SIPP to us for any supply made by us are inclusive of VAT (where applicable).
- 13.9 When we calculate our costs and charges, we round up fractions of a penny to the nearest penny.
- 13.10 We may charge debit interest on unpaid amounts due to us as set out on our website from time to time.
- 13.11 We or other members of the Lloyds Banking
  Group may, where regulatory requirements
  allow, receive or retain rebates, commissions or
  other benefits relating to investments and you
  consent to us recovering such amounts. We
  will provide you with further details about such
  arrangements as they relate to a particular deal
  or service before providing your SIPP with such
  deal or service and afterwards on request.

# 14. Information about the account for your SIPP

#### Market information

- 14.1 We may send you market information and market analysis but where we do so this will not constitute investment advice and any decision to deal in investments rests with you.
- 14.2 We may make market information available to you as part of the services provided through our online service. Such market information is for your own use. You must not pass the market information on to anyone else or use it for any commercial or unlawful purpose. If you think that someone has used market information without our permission, you must notify us straight away.
- 14.3 If we provide market information, we use sources we believe to be reliable. If we use an independent information provider to provide market information, we will use all reasonable care and skill to choose that provider. But, because we and any provider may have limited or no control over the information sources, we cannot promise that the market information is accurate, complete, timely or in the right order. You must satisfy yourself that market information is reliable before you make any decisions or take any actions based upon it.
- 14.4 We are not responsible for any decision or action that you take or any loss that you or anybody else may suffer as a result of a decision or action taken on the basis of market information provided by us.
- 14.5 We cannot promise that the market information will always be available to you.

#### Trade confirmations, valuations and statements

- 14.6 If you have registered to use our online service:
  - a. as soon as is reasonably practicable following a deal, we will send you an email stating that an online trade confirmation is available on the secure area of our online service. If you do not receive an email from us, you should not repeat your order, instead you should check the details of your deal through our secure online service: clicking on the deal reference number will display the trade confirmation details. You can also contact us for further information;
  - b. details of the investments and client money we hold in the account for your SIPP will be available on the secure area of our online service. This will show the value of the investments and client money in the account for your SIPP and the basis on which that value has been calculated. The valuation of the investments in the account for your SIPP during the dealing period will be the current market price, delayed by 15 minutes. If you are viewing a valuation after the end of one dealing period and before the next dealing period has begun, it will be based on the market prices taken as at the close of business on the preceding dealing period;
  - c. all information relating to your SIPP's deal(s) such as any investment plan will be available on the secure area of our online service
  - d. We will provide you with a statement and valuation of investments and client money held in the account for your SIPP at least quarterly within the secure area of our online service. We will send an email to the email address registered with the account to tell you the statement is available. The statement will show the value of investments and the basis on which that value has been calculated. If you would like an additional statement at any time, please contact us to arrange this. We may make a charge to cover the costs to us of providing additional statements: and
  - e. we will provide you with a statement of all costs and charges paid by your SIPP on an annual basis, within the secure area of our online service.
- 14.7 If you wish to receive paper trade confirmations and or paper valuations and statements after you have registered to use our online service you will need to contact us to arrange this. We may make a charge to cover the costs to us of providing this.

- 14.8 Where you are not registered to use our online service or if we are unable to provide you with the relevant information online or by email:
  - a. we will send you a paper trade confirmation by close of business on the working day following your SIPP's deal. If you do not receive a trade confirmation you should not repeat your instruction. Instead, you should contact us for more information:
  - b. we will send you a paper statement and valuation of investments and client money held in the account for your SIPP at least quarterly. This will show the value of investments and the basis on which that value has been calculated. If you would like an additional statement at any time, please contact us to arrange this. We may make a charge to cover the costs to us of providing additional statements:
  - we will send you a statement of all costs and charges paid by your SIPP on an annual basis.

#### Correcting errors

14.9 If we make a mistake when we carry out your instructions to execute a deal we may provide you with or send you a trade confirmation that shows our mistake. When we have corrected our mistake, we will provide you with or send you a trade confirmation that will show the steps we have taken to correct the mistake. If you suspect an error has been made on the account for your SIPP you must contact us immediately in order for us to investigate.

# Communications between you and us

- 14.10 You should keep a note of the date on which you post documents to us to help with any enquiries that may arise. We will use reasonable care when sending documents or confirmation to you, but we are not responsible for any loss, delay, alteration or corruption of such information or documents that is outside our reasonable control
- 14.11 If you have registered to use our online service, we will ordinarily send all written notices and other communications to you by email to the latest email address that you have given us. Emails will be treated as arriving immediately upon sending by us. In circumstances where we have been unable to send an email we reserve the right to send such notices by post in accordance with Condition 14.12.
- 14.12 Where you have not registered to use our online service or we cannot send you an email, we will send all written notices and other communications to the postal address that you gave us when you applied for the account for

- your SIPP or the latest postal address that you have given us. Such notices and confirmations will be treated as arriving 72 hours after posting (if sent to an address in the UK) or ten days after posting (if sent abroad).
- 14.13 If you change your name, address, email address or other contact details, you must contact us by telephone or write to us straight away. If you have not told us about a change of contact details and we send a notice using the latest details that you have given us, it will be effective. If you are registered for our online service, you should make sure that the arrangements for receiving emails at your address are safe and that you can receive email from us. We may also accept changes to your contact details such as your email address and telephone number that you inform us about through our online service.
- 14.14 If we receive returned mail we may restrict the account for your SIPP which may prevent trades being placed including regular investments and dividend reinvestment.

#### Recording communications

- 14.15 We may record, retain and/or monitor telephone calls or other communications for the purposes of training, checking instructions, verifying your identity and ensuring that we are meeting our service standards and regulatory requirements. These records may be used as evidence if there is a dispute.
- 14.16 Telephone calls or conversations that result or may result in a **deal** being placed will be recorded. You may request a copy of the recording for up to five years from the date it is made or up to seven years where the **FCA** tell us to keep it for that period.

# 15. Complaints and compensation

- 15.1 If you have a complaint about the account for your SIPP or would like details of our complaints procedures, please call us, on 0345 606 1188, talk to us online at bankofscotland.co.uk/investing/help-andguidance/contact-us or write to the Customer Relations Manager, Bank of Scotland Share Dealing, Lovell Park Road, Leeds LS1 1NS.
- 15.2 We will investigate your complaint in accordance with the regulatory requirements. If we cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you may have a right to complain directly to the Financial Ombudsman Service or take civil action. Further information can be obtained by writing to The Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR or by visiting www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/consumers/how-to-complain or by telephone on 0800 023 4567.

15.3 We are a participant in the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme ("FSCS"). As you have been categorised as a retail client, you may be able to make a claim on this scheme if we default in our obligations to you. Compensation of up to 100% of the first £85,000 of assets held is available to eligible claimants. If you ask, we will send you a summary of your rights under the FSCS. Further information can also be obtained from the FSCS.

# Changing these terms and conditions and termination

- 16.1 You may terminate these terms and conditions and/or close the account for your SIPP at any time by giving us notice in writing or by telephone. Any charges or fees incurred by your SIPP before termination remain due from your SIPP.
- 16.2 We may, at our discretion, end these terms and conditions and/ or close the account for your SIPP at any time by giving one month's notice to you.
- 16.3 We can end these terms and conditions, freeze the account for your SIPP and/ or stop providing the service immediately without notice to you:
  - a. where we reasonably believe that to do otherwise could cause us to break regulatory requirements;
  - b. in the circumstances set out in Clause 6.25; or
  - where you have materially breached these terms and conditions.

We will not be responsible for any loss which **you** or **your SIPP** may suffer as a result of this.

- 16.4 Where the account for your SIPP does not hold any assets and has not been used for a period of 12 months or more, we reserve the right to treat the account for your SIPP as inactive and refrain from sending you any correspondence, documentation or marketing literature.
- 16.5 Where the account for your SIPP does not hold any assets and has not been used for a period of 12 months or more, we reserve the right to close the account for your SIPP.
- 16.6 Unless we have terminated these terms and conditions or closed the account for your SIPP or you are exercising your right to terminate under Condition 16.14, charges may apply for the transfer. Please see our website for details.
- 16.7 If we have accepted an order before termination to carry out a deal, we will carry out and settle that deal in line with these terms and conditions unless we have a valid reason not to do so, including but not limited to, being prevented under regulatory requirements or where market conditions make it impractical.

- 16.8 Notwithstanding termination, these terms and conditions will remain in place until we have transferred all assets but only in respect of our holding of any assets in the meantime or receiving any income due in respect of assets held either before or after termination.
- 16.9 On termination, charges payable from your SIPP will be applied pro rata to the date of termination and any expenses or losses necessarily incurred by us or on our behalf in order to conclude outstanding transactions shall be deducted from your SIPP. These charges apply to your SIPP and will be deducted from your SIPP.
- 16.10 If we or you terminate these terms and conditions or close the account for your SIPP, we will need instructions on how we should deal with the investments in your SIPP.

In that situation, AJ Bell may write to you to inform you of your options under the scheme rules and the HM Revenue and Customs rules, and to seek your instructions in relation to the investments in your SIPP. We can accept your instructions either directly from you or from AJ Bell (where you have given instructions to them).

If we do not receive satisfactory instructions within a reasonable time period specified by us or AJ Bell (which shall be not less than 60 working days) following any notice or letter from us or AJ Bell notifying you of the need for instructions, we will sell the investments in your SIPP and transfer the sale proceeds (less any charges or other money that your SIPP owes us) to Sippdeal Trustees.

# Our rights to change these terms and conditions

- 16.11 We may change the terms of these terms and conditions at anytime where:
  - a. we reasonably consider that the change would not be to your or your SIPP's disadvantage;
  - b. the change is as a result of a regulatory requirement;
  - the change is an increase to our charges to respond proportionately to cost increases associated with providing the service and/ or accounts;
  - d. the change is to take account of, in a proportionate manner, changes in technology, the systems we use to provide the service, or the investment and financial systems;
  - e. the change would make these terms and conditions easier to understand or fairer: or

- f. to improve the **service** or to introduce a new **service**
- 16.12 We may also change these terms and conditions at any time for any other valid reason not specified in Condition 16.11.
- 16.13 Unless regulatory requirements prevent us from doing so, we will give you prior notice of any change to this agreement. The notice will tell you what the change that we are making is, the reason for the change and the date on which the change will come into effect. Unless the change is in your favour or is neutral we will give you at least 30 days' written notice.
- 16.14 If you are not willing to accept a change we make to these terms and conditions, you may choose to terminate these terms and conditions before the change comes into effect. If the change is not for one of the reasons given in Condition 16.11, we will agree to waive any charges that would normally apply on termination. Please note that these terms and conditions only govern the provision of the service in respect of your SIPP; AJ Bell might impose a charge if you seek to terminate your relationship with them. Please see the Scheme terms and conditions.
- 16.15 If we have accepted your instructions to carry out a deal before we give this notice, we will carry out and settle that deal in line with the terms and conditions before the change is made, unless the deal is a scheduled investment or a TradePlan order.

# What happens if you die?

- 16.16 Once it has received satisfactory evidence of your death, AJ Bell will notify us. The nominee will continue to hold investments and any cash in the account for your SIPP until we receive instructions from AJ Bell to sell those investments. The account for your SIPP will then be closed and the value paid in accordance with the instructions we receive from AJ Bell. Please see the key features document for more information.
- 16.17 Until we sell the investments, they will be subject to daily price movements as normal.
- 16.18 We will stop making regular investments or DRIPs once we are notified of your death.

# 17. Our liability, governing law and regulation

17.1 We can employ agents on such terms as we reasonably think fit and we can delegate any of our functions under these terms and conditions. We will satisfy ourselves that any person to whom we delegate any functions or responsibilities under these terms and

- conditions is competent to carry out those functions and responsibilities. We remain responsible under these terms and conditions for any functions **we** delegate to another person (except for third party custodians to whom **we** delegate under Condition 10.6, in respect of which **we** are liable only as set out in Condition 10.7).
- 17.2 If we cannot perform any of our services under these terms and conditions due to circumstances beyond our reasonable control, then we will take all reasonable steps to bring those circumstances to an end, but we will not be liable for our non-performance.
- 17.3 We are not liable to you or your SIPP for any losses unless directly caused by our negligence, willful default or fraud.
- 17.4 We are not liable to **you** or **your SIPP** for any losses:
  - a. arising from any cause beyond our reasonable control;
  - which we could not reasonably have anticipated when you gave us an instruction; or
  - in relation to any loss of business, loss of goodwill, loss of opportunity or loss of profit.
- 17.5 We will not be liable to you or your SIPP for any act or omission by us which we reasonably believe to be necessary to avoid us breaking regulatory requirements.
- 17.6 Nothing in these terms and conditions excludes or restricts any liability which we may have to your SIPP or you under the regulatory requirements or any liability that regulatory requirements do not allow to be excluded or restricted.
- 17.7 These terms and conditions are governed by English law and you and we submit to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.
- 17.8 All communication between us in connection with these terms and conditions, either oral or written, will be in the English language.

# Conflicts of interest

7.9 Your attention is drawn to the fact that there may be limited circumstances in which a conflict exists between your interests and those of us or our other clients. To mitigate and control these conflicts we have drawn up a conflict of interest policy. A summary of this document is provided separately, although you may request a copy of the full policy at any time by contacting us.

### Third party rights

- 17.10 As is specifically provided in Condition 17.11, nothing in these terms and conditions expressly or impliedly confers on any third party any right to enforce any of its provisions pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 and neither **your** personal consent nor that of anyone else other than **us** and **AJ Bell** is required for any variation of these terms and conditions.
- 17.11 These terms and conditions are directly enforceable by you, **us** and **Sippdeal Trustees**.

#### 18. TradePlan

- 18.1 TradePlan is a feature of the service which allows you to give us certain types of standing instructions about how to deal in relation to the account for your SIPP. These standing instructions can be "limit orders", "stop loss orders", price locking", "range trading", and/or "target setting" as explained below. These are called "TradePlan orders".
  - Whenever you give us a TradePlan order, this Condition 18 will apply to that order. TradePlan orders are executed by us in accordance with Condition 8.18.
- 18.2 Charges apply to TradePlan. These are detailed in the charging schedule.

#### Limit orders

- 18.3 A limit order is an order that you give us that sets a price above which you will not buy or below which you will not sell investments. This price is called the "limit price".
- 18.4 We will execute **your** limit **order** at the price that is available in the market when:
  - in relation to an order to buy investments, the price in the market for that order size is equal to or lower than the limit price; or
  - in relation to an order to sell investments, the price in the market for that order size is equal to or higher than the limit price.
- 18.5 When you ask us to place a limit order you agree that we will not make the details of such limit order publicly available.

### Range trading

18.6 This is where you give us two limit orders, one to buy investments at or below one limit price, and one to later sell the same investments at or above a different limit price (or vice versa).

### Stop loss orders

18.7 A stop loss order is an order to sell an investment when the price in the market is less than or equal to a price you specify (the "stop price"). The order will be executed at the best available price in the market for that order size.

# Price locking

- 18.8 This is where **you** give **us** a stop loss **order**where the stop price tracks the price in the
- 18.9 If the market price does not meet or fall below your stop price during a dealing period then the stop price will be automatically revised upwards based on the closing market price and the parameters you set with us when placing the order. If the market price does meet or fall below the stop price during a dealing period then the order will be executed.

#### Target setting

18.10 This is a limit order to sell investments at a limit price higher than the current market price and a stop loss order to sell investments at a stop price lower than the current market price. If one of these orders is executed then the other order will be cancelled.

#### "Sell all" orders

18.11 An order to "sell all" will result in all of the specified investments owned in the account for your SIPP at the time we execute the order being sold. This type of order will take into account any pending order for the same investment regardless of order type and take into account any withdrawals or deposits since the original order was placed.

### Placing and cancelling TradePlan orders

- 18.12 Subject to Condition 18.25, TradePlan orders can be placed on all CREST eligible UK investments which are quoted in Pounds Sterling.
- 18.13 A TradePlan order will remain in place until it is executed, expires, or is amended or cancelled by you or us.
- 18.14 A TradePlan order may be amended or cancelled by you, as long as the order has not been carried out or is not in the process of being executed.
- 18.15 You are able to give us a TradePlan order that will automatically expire at the close of a dealing period on any working day up to 90 calendar days in the future.
- 18.16 Placing subsequent TradePlan orders will not replace or cancel previous TradePlan orders. If multiple TradePlan orders are placed, the order will be carried out at the first available price.
- 18.17 At the end of each dealing period we may perform a check of available investments in the account for your SIPP against pending TradePlan orders. If insufficient investments are available to satisfy a future sale, we may cancel the TradePlan. Additionally, if the specified TradePlan price is met and insufficient investments are available to satisfy a sale or insufficient funds available to satisfy a purchase,

- we may cancel the TradePlan.
- 18.18 If you place a TradePlan order and the investment on the account for your SIPP is subsequently suspended from trading, we reserve the right to cancel or amend that order.

#### **Executing TradePlan orders**

- 18.19 All TradePlan orders will be treated as individual orders unless they are a range trade or a target setting order.
- 18.20 A limit order may be partially executed where the applicable limit price is met, in which case you will not be able to cancel the part of the order which has been executed.
- 18.21 It is your responsibility to verify whether a TradePlan order has been carried out and, if it has not, whether you require a new order to be placed
- 18.22 When we accept your TradePlan order, we will use all reasonable endeavours to execute that order and will generally carry out all orders in relation to that investment at the relevant price in order by reference to the time we received those orders.
- 18.23 TradePlan orders are designed to be executed when the market price of an investment meets. falls below or rises above a specified price. However, we cannot guarantee that the relevant deal will be executed at that exact price. For example, the market price of the investment may have moved in the period between the specified price being met and the order actually being executed. This may mean that the order is executed at a different price to the specified price. In certain market conditions, the price difference could be significant. In addition, specific events may cause the market price of an investment to move quickly to an unusually high or low price, which may cause your order to execute at that unusual price. You must be willing to accept these risks before giving us a TradePlan order. So long as we have carried out vour TradePlan order in accordance with these terms and conditions, we will not be liable to you or your SIPP for any loss caused by these market events.
- 18.24 If you place a TradePlan order and the investment is then subject to a corporate action, our standard practice is to execute orders when your specified price is met, even if the corporate action affects the market price either technically (for example through a restructure) or because of market movements as a result of that corporate action. However, if we think it is in your best interests and reasonably appropriate, we reserve the right to cancel, amend or otherwise intervene in such orders. We will use reasonable efforts to contact you where this is the case.

- 18.25 We reserve the right not to offer a TradePlan or to withdraw the TradePlan facility on certain types of investments or accounts.
- 18.26 We will not be liable for any failure to execute a TradePlan order for technical or operational reasons (including allowing for market stabilisation, and auction periods), except where this is caused by our negligence.

### 19. Regular investments

19.1 Regular investments are a feature of the service that allows you to place a standing instruction to purchase particular investments on one or a number of pre-defined dates each month. Regular investments are executed by us in accordance with Condition 8.18.

### Funding regular investments

19.2 It is your responsibility to ensure that there are tradeable funds available to us before each scheduled investment. If funds are insufficient to cover the whole amount of a scheduled investment(s) we reserve the right to not carry out any part of the scheduled investment(s). This will not affect subsequent scheduled investments.

# Making regular investments and your investment plan

- 19.3 A regular investment plan allows you to set up a standing order to purchase a pre-determined value of investments on one or a series of defined days (a "scheduled investment"). The timetable for your scheduled investments is called an "investment plan".
- 19.4 You can change your instructions in relation to a scheduled investment at any time before the working day on which the deal is due to take place.
- 19.5 Where your scheduled investment includes an order to invest a percentage amount rather than a specific value, such percentage will be calculated using all tradable funds within the account for your SIPP on the day we process your deal.
- 19.6 If we deal on the basis of a scheduled investment, we will begin processing your order on the day specified in your investment plan or, if it is not a working day, the next working day. However, we cannot guarantee the deal will be completed on that working day.
- 19.7 Except where Condition 19.8 applies, we will begin to process your deal on the relevant working day at a time of our choosing. Your deal will then be executed as soon as reasonably possible during the relevant dealing period.
- 19.8 If we reasonably think at the time it is in your

- best interests and appropriate (for example, because of unusual market conditions), we can delay a scheduled investment until such time as we think it is appropriate for us to deal on your SIPP's behalf. If we delay a scheduled investment, this will be disclosed on our website or in an email sent to you. Provided that we have acted reasonably, we shall not be liable to you or the SIPP for any losses that may be incurred as a result of the delay.
- 19.9 Once we know the price of the investments to be bought in accordance with your scheduled investment, we will calculate the number of investments to be allocated and allocate them to the account for your SIPP as soon as reasonably practicable after we have completed the relevant deal, in accordance with Condition 9.8.

# 20. Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRIP)

- 20.1 You can set up a DRIP by giving us your instruction using our online service or the telephone service. Once you have elected to participate in the DRIP, all future dividends on eligible investments in the account for your SIPP will be reinvested in the same investment under the DRIP until you cancel your instruction. If you (as Agent for AJ Bell) have more than one account, for example, because you have opened a SIPP on behalf of a child, you will need to give us separate instructions for each SIPP account if you want to set up a DRIP in respect of more than one SIPP account.
- 20.2 DRIPs are executed by us in accordance with Condition 8.18.

- 20.3 If the account for your SIPP has been frozen or restricted by us in accordance with these terms and conditions, your DRIP instruction will not be carried out and any related income will be placed in the account for your SIPP.
- 20.4 The number of investments you will receive for each dividend that is reinvested will depend on:
  - a. the amount of your cash dividend, which is based on the number of existing investments of that type your SIPP holds at the relevant dividend record date multiplied by the dividend payment amount;
  - b. the market price at which the new investments are bought; and
  - the dealing costs and stamp duty reserve tax for the purchase of the new investments.
- 20.5 Your SIPP will receive the maximum whole number of shares or fractions of a unit which can be bought on its behalf. We will not invest amounts less than £1 into Unit Trusts or OEICs. Any cash left over will be paid back into the account for your SIPP.
- 20.6 If the whole investment is sold before the dividend payment date, no reinvestment will take place and the whole of your dividend will be paid in cash to the account for your SIPP.
- 20.7 You can cancel the **DRIP** by giving an instruction using **our online service** or **our telephone service**.

# **How to Complain**

### Our promise

Our promise is to do our best to resolve any problem you have immediately. Where we can't, we'll ensure you know who is dealing with your complaint. To complain:

By telephone: call us on 0345 606 1188

**By textphone: 0345 604 2543**, if you have a hearing impairment.

By Web Chat: Talk to us online at bankofscotlandsharedealing-online.co.uk once you're signed into your account.

By post: write to us at Bank of Scotland Share Dealing Lovell Park Road Leeds LS1 1NS.

# If you're still not happy

If you're still not happy and we can't put things right to your satisfaction, you can ask the Financial Ombudsman Service to look at your complaint. You can contact the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR or by visiting www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/consumers/how-to-complain or by telephone on 0800 023 4567.



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