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## **Lump Sum Stocks & Shares ISA – Product Particulars**

We want to be comfortable that you understand how the product works. If you do not understand something in this document, please feel free to contact us. Before you decide to proceed, please read the Key Information Document for the Lump Sum ISA available on our website.

#### **Overview**

The Lump Sum ISA is a tax-efficient savings plan, invested in the Metfriendly With-Profits fund.

The minimum lump-sum investment is £2,000 (including transfers from other ISAs) and the maximum is the current ISA limit of £20,000. The limit does not apply to previous years' transfers.

It is important to note that you can only subscribe to one Stocks & Shares ISA in a tax year (6<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April) and total contributions must not exceed the maximum allowance. You can also pay regular premiums into our Monthly Savings ISA, as well as holding our Lump Sum ISA.

To be eligible, investors must be 18 and resident in the UK for tax purposes.

## **Risks**

The Lump Sum ISA is classed as medium-low risk and returns are based on investment performance. Please note that if you cash in during the early years, you may get back less than you put in.

Normally the plan value will not be less than the money paid in plus all annual bonus (and higher with the possible addition of a final bonus after three years). However, we reserve the right to apply a Market Value Reduction (MVR) so that the value when you cash in more fairly reflects our performance over the period of investment. On past experience this is only likely to affect withdrawals during the early years.

#### **Bonuses**

At the end of each calendar year, Metfriendly typically add an annual bonus to your investment. Please note that once added, annual bonuses cannot be taken away.

Bonuses are compounded, so that in subsequent years you earn bonuses on bonuses. After three years or more, a final bonus would typically be added to the value when you cash it in.

The ISA has no set term so you can leave it invested for as long as you wish. You should however consider it a medium to long term investment of at least five years.

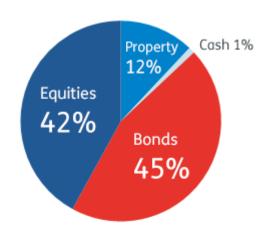
## **Metfriendly With Profits Fund**

The fund is where we invest all our members' money on their behalf. The fund is made up of a mix of assets spread across several investment funds.

All profits are eventually distributed back to our members in the form of annual bonuses and normally a final bonus.

Our assets can rise and fall with the stock-market, although investing in a range of assets does provide some protection to the fund.

Sometimes, however, adverse market conditions (or a poor long-term outlook) may mean it's necessary to lower our bonus rates.



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## Tax

There is no liability for Income or Capital Gains Tax during the life of the plan, nor on cashing it in. Your ISA should not be taken into account when completing your Tax Return. However, this could be changed by the Government at any time.

## **Transfers**

You can transfer a Cash or a Stocks & Shares ISA to us from another provider and only contributions in the current tax year (6<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April) will count towards your annual limit.

You can transfer your accumulated Metfriendly ISA to another provider, but please remember that our ISA is designed as a medium to long term investment.

## Withdrawing

You can invest for as long as you want as there is no fixed term or maximum age limit. You can contact us at any time to cash in part, or all, of your plan. Penalties will apply on cashing in within one year of investing. The minimum partial withdrawal is £500 and you must leave at least £1,000 invested.

To make a full or partial withdrawal please call us on 01689 891454. Alternatively, you can e-mail us at <a href="mailto:info@metfriendly.org.uk">info@metfriendly.org.uk</a> from your police e-mail address detailing your request and providing bank or building society account details (in your name) where the funds can be paid.

Requests received by midday Friday are normally credited to your account the following Wednesday. Where there is an intervening public holiday, different arrangements may apply. Please contact us for more details.

## **Penalties**

A 3% charge will apply when cashing in within one year of investing. However, during times of adverse market conditions, Metfriendly reserve the right to also apply a Market Value Reduction (MVR) so that the value when you cash in more fairly reflects our performance over the period of investment.

## **Insurance Benefits**

Upon death the current value of your plan will be paid to your estate. If this occurs during the first year of the plan, the 3% penalty will not apply. Also, the death benefit would not be reduced by any applicable MVR.

## **Contact Details**

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## How to complain

If you have a complaint about any aspect of the service you have received, in the first instance please contact us. A summary of our complaints handling procedure is available upon request.

If you feel your complaint is not dealt with to your satisfaction, you can then contact the Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR or visit their website www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk. Complaining to the Ombudsman will not affect your legal rights.

In the event of any complaint, we would treat you as a normal retail customer and not make any assumptions of specialist investment knowledge on your part.

## Compensation

Information on compensation arrangements is available from us.

We are a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Metfriendly is an insurance provider.

#### Law

In legal disputes the law of England and Wales will apply.

Full details of the plan are contained in the Society's Tables and Rules - which evidence the legally binding contract between you and **Metfriendly**.

On taking out any plan, you will be issued with a certificate showing your benefits. As you are then a member of the Society you are subject to our Rules, which are available on the website or on request from us.