



# Key Features of the Select SIPP

Important information you need to read  
and understand before you invest

**The Financial Conduct Authority is a financial services regulator. It requires us, James Hay Partnership, to give you this important information to help you to decide whether our Select SIPP is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safely for future reference.**

# What you should know before you invest

## What is the purpose of this Key Features Document?

This document along with your Key Features Illustration, gives you a summary of information to help you decide:

- if you want to invest in the Select SIPP
- whether the Select SIPP is right for you.

## What is the Select SIPP?

The Select SIPP is a type of registered pension scheme known as a Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPP). It is a long-term, tax efficient savings plan designed to help you invest for your retirement. It offers a wide choice of investments and a variety of options for taking retirement benefits.

You can open a Select SIPP if you have a financial adviser who is advising you and who we have an agreement with, permitting the Select SIPP to be recommended.

## Is the Select SIPP a Stakeholder Pension?

No. The Select SIPP is not a Stakeholder Pension. Stakeholder Pensions are low cost pension plans with limited investment options. The Government sets minimum standards, for example, in relation to costs and contribution levels, which Stakeholder Pensions are required to meet. A Stakeholder Pension may meet your needs at least as well as the Select SIPP.

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## Its Aims

The aim of a pension product is to build up a pension fund in a tax efficient way for your retirement.

The aim of the Select SIPP is to provide a flexible pension arrangement, which can be tailored to suit changes to your lifestyle such as your employment status, your income and your family circumstances.

The Select SIPP offers you, in conjunction with your financial adviser, complete control over where and when you invest.

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## Your Commitment

Before buying the Select SIPP, in conjunction with your financial adviser, you should consider whether you have sufficient investment experience and are prepared to be responsible for making decisions about how your money is invested during the time that your Select SIPP is open.

You will need to:

- make at least one payment into your Select SIPP which could be a transfer from an existing pension you hold or a contribution from you or your employer
- be prepared to keep your money invested and not have access to it, normally until at least age 55
- pay the charges set out in the Select SIPP Charges Schedule
- regularly review your investments and the amount you contribute.

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## Understanding the risks

There are risks associated with investing your money via a Select SIPP which, depending on how they are managed, could affect the level of benefits (income and cash lump sums) you will be able to take in the future. These are detailed below. You may be able to reduce the impact of some of the risks, as you are able to control:

- the amount you put in
- the investments you select
- when you choose to take benefits
- the way in which you take benefits.

However, other factors that contribute to the different risks involved in having a Select SIPP may be outside of your control. For example, the Government may change the tax rules applicable to SIPPs and this could affect:

- the level of tax relief you receive on your contributions
- the amount of tax you pay on your investments
- the taxation on the benefits you take from your Select SIPP.

**To understand the risks associated with investing via a Select SIPP and how the level of benefits you will eventually receive may be affected, we strongly suggest you read on.**

### Applying for the Select SIPP

If you open a Select SIPP and later change your mind and choose to cancel it, you may get back less than you paid in. Please refer to the Select SIPP Terms and Conditions for further information, which is available on our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk).

### Transferring investments in

If you sell your assets in an existing pension and transfer cash into your Select SIPP, you will be 'out of the market' and not get the benefit of any investment increases whilst the transfer is being processed.

If you transfer existing pension funds into your Select SIPP from another registered pension scheme:

- you may give up valuable pension rights or guarantees that are not offered by the Select SIPP
- the existing pension provider may apply a penalty charge which could reduce the value of your pension fund.

### Investing your money in your Select SIPP

The value of your investment can fluctuate up and down and it's possible that you may get back less than the amount you originally invested.

Depending on the type of investments you choose to invest in, there will be different risks that will affect the value of your investment. For example:

- foreign investments will be affected by changes in the rate of currency exchange
- investments in stocks and shares will be affected by fluctuations in the stock market
- cash deposits will be affected by changes in interest rates.

**For further information on the risks that are specific to a particular investment, please read the Guide to Investment Risk available on our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk) or speak to your financial adviser.**

If the returns on your Select SIPP investments are poor, they may not cover the level of charges applied and the value of your Select SIPP could significantly reduce in value over time. You should regularly review the performance of your chosen investments to check that they remain suitable for providing you with the benefits you require in the future.

Not all your investments may be protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The FSCS provides financial compensation to investors in the event of the failure of a financial institution. To understand how this may affect your Select SIPP, please see the 'Other Information' section on page 9 of this Key Features Document.

### **Taking benefits from your Select SIPP**

The value of your Select SIPP and the benefits it provides are not guaranteed. Its value will depend on a number of factors including:

- what you have paid in
- how your investments have performed
- the charges that have been deducted.

The level of benefits you can take will depend on:

- the value of your Select SIPP
- whether you are able to sell your investments (e.g. it might take time to sell a commercial property)
- how much tax you have to pay on your income
- current annuity and interest rates if you decide to use your Select SIPP funds to buy a lifetime annuity.

High levels of inflation could reduce the value of your pension in real terms.

Withdrawing high proportions of money from your Select SIPP is unlikely to be sustainable for a long period. Therefore you should carefully plan your withdrawal strategy and regularly review the level of benefits you are taking, to ensure they remain sustainable.

Any income withdrawals you take from your Select SIPP are classed as income and therefore you may pay tax on these withdrawals. For further information on the taxation of withdrawals, please refer to the SIPP Technical Product Guide which is available on our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk).

### **Your Select SIPP on death**

In the event of your death, we can pay out the proceeds of your Select SIPP to your nominated beneficiaries. It is therefore important that you complete an Expression of Wish Form and send it to us. You may wish to regularly review it as your circumstances change. You can obtain one from our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk).

If you die before your 75th birthday, your Select SIPP will pass on to your beneficiaries tax-free. However, if you die after your 75th birthday, your Select SIPP will be taxed at your beneficiary's income tax rate.

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## Questions and Answers

### Is the Select SIPP the correct product for me?

If you:

- have a financial adviser
- are looking to build a pension fund for retirement in a tax efficient way

- want access to a variety of investment options and services that can be varied to suit your changing needs

the Select SIPP may be right for you.

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### Who can take out a Select SIPP?

You can take out a Select SIPP if you are:

- over 18
- not a US Person or resident of the US for tax purposes
- not an undischarged bankrupt and

- you have a financial adviser advising you whom we have an agreement with, permitting the Select SIPP to be recommended.

You can take out a Select SIPP for a child under the age of 18 if you are the parent or legal guardian.

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### Who can pay contributions into the Select SIPP?

You, your employer (if you have one) or another third party (for example, a parent or spouse) can pay contributions into your Select SIPP on your behalf.

The Select SIPP can also accept transfers from other pension arrangements you may have.

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### How much can I contribute?

There is no minimum or maximum contribution level although you may have to pay a tax charge on contributions over a certain limit. For further details, please refer to the SIPP Technical Product Guide.

You can pay regular or occasional contributions at any time and you can vary the amount and frequency of your contributions.

You can start contributions at any age although all contributions to your Select SIPP must cease by your 75th birthday.

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### Will I get tax relief on my contributions?

Provided you meet certain criteria set by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), you will receive tax relief at your highest marginal rate on contributions paid by you up to £3,600 or 100% of your relevant earnings (whichever is the higher). However, if you contribute more than the annual allowance (or money purchase annual allowance, if applicable), you will be subject to a personal tax charge that will

effectively cancel out the tax relief. For further details please refer to the SIPP Technical Product Guide.

We will claim basic rate tax relief on your behalf from HMRC. For example, if you pay £80, we will reclaim £20 meaning the Select SIPP has received a total of £100.

If you pay higher rate tax, you may be able to claim extra tax relief through your self-assessment tax return.

Current levels of tax relief are not guaranteed and could be subject to changes by the Government after your Select SIPP has been opened.

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## Can I transfer pension benefits from another pension scheme to the Select SIPP?

You can transfer pension benefits from other registered pension schemes or Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Schemes (QROPS) into your Select SIPP. Transfer payments in the form of assets other than cash (known as in-specie transfers) can also be accepted.

There is no guarantee that transferring another pension arrangement to your Select SIPP will increase your total retirement benefits. There could be a number of reasons why it might not be appropriate to transfer in existing pension

benefits and we strongly suggest you take financial advice if you are considering this option.

**Please note: We are unable to accept any transfer from a defined benefits (final salary) or a defined contribution (money purchase) scheme that contains safeguarded benefits, unless you have received advice in relation to the transfer from a suitably qualified financial adviser and they have recommended that you proceed with the transfer.**

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## What is the SIPP Bank Account?

Any money you pay into your Select SIPP is held in a SIPP Bank Account (your primary bank account) in the name of our trustee company, until we receive instructions to invest. Interest is paid tax free on this account, which is operated by us.

We may use additional banking providers to hold some of the cash that would normally be held in your SIPP Bank Account. Each additional banking provider will only ever hold up to the Financial

Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) limit, which is currently £85,000.

If alternative banking applies to your Select SIPP, you can opt out at any time using James Hay Online.

For further details of the banking providers we use and the current interest rate on your SIPP Bank Account, please visit our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk).

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## What can I invest in?

There are two options to choose from, which are the 'Select Funds Option' and the 'Self Investment Option'.

### Select Funds Option

Under this option you can invest in a range of collective investment funds within the Investment Centre (our in-house fund platform) known as the Select Funds. These funds are a mixture of institutional and pooled pension funds as well as some unit trusts and OEICs, offered by leading fund managers. By choosing this option you can also switch in and out of the various funds to change the investment mix if you wish to do so.

### Self Investment Option

Under this option you can invest in a wider range of investments including:

- Collective Investment Schemes such as unit trusts and OEICs outside of the Select Fund range
- Stocks and shares and Government Securities (Gilts)
- Commercial property.

You can change investments at any time, unless an investment has restrictions. These will be covered in the literature or terms and conditions

for the relevant investment you, in conjunction with your investment adviser, have chosen.

the Select SIPP Permitted Investments List, which is available on our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk).

For further information on the investments available to you under the Select SIPP, please see

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## What are the charges?

Full details of the charges are given in the Select SIPP Charges Schedule, which is available on our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk). You may pay charges to other parties depending on the investments you select. You may also pay charges to your financial adviser. These charges can be paid out of your Select SIPP.

Our charges are normally deducted from your SIPP Bank Account. If there is insufficient money available in your SIPP Bank Account we will ask you to either sell some investments within your Select SIPP or you can pay us directly.

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## Can I have an illustration?

Your financial adviser will provide you with an illustration before you make an application for the Select SIPP. Please contact your financial adviser for further details.

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## When can I take benefits?

You can normally start drawing retirement benefits from age 55, even if you are still working. The amount you receive will depend on the value of your Select SIPP.

a certain limit (the lifetime allowance) you may have to pay a tax charge on the excess (the lifetime allowance charge). Please see the SIPP Technical Product Guide for further information.

When you come to take retirement benefits, if the total of all your pension funds exceeds

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## What types of benefits can I take?

You can take your retirement benefits in a number of different ways.

- **Flexi-Access Drawdown**

You can take a tax free lump sum (known as a Pension Commencement Lump Sum or PCLS) of up to 25% of your pension fund. You can then draw a regular income from the remaining pension fund. The income you draw will be subject to tax at your marginal rate. You can vary the level and frequency of the income at any time.

- **Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sum (UFPLS)**

You can take lump sums (called Uncrystallised Funds Pension Lump Sums or UFPLS) out of your pension fund on an ad-hoc basis, subject to a minimum individual withdrawal level of £1,000. If you do this, 25% of the UFPLS payment will be tax free and the remaining 75% will be subject to tax at your marginal rate.

- **Lifetime Annuity**

You can take a tax free lump sum (known as a Pension Commencement Lump Sum or PCLS)

of up to 25% of your pension fund. You can then use your remaining pension fund to purchase a lifetime annuity from an insurance company. This is where the insurance company agrees to pay you a regular income until you die. The income is taxed at your marginal rate.

For further details of the options and rules for taking benefits from your Select SIPP, please refer to the SIPP Technical Product Guide.

### Pension Wise

Deciding what benefits to take from your pension is an important decision. We recommend that you seek appropriate guidance or advice to understand your options at retirement.

You are entitled to receive free and impartial guidance through the Government backed service called Pension Wise. The objective of the service is to empower you to make informed and confident decisions on how you use your pension savings in retirement. For further details of how to access this service, please see the 'Other Information' section on page 9 of this Key Features Document.

The free guidance does not replace financial advice given by regulated financial advisers.

**Please note: Current tax benefits are not guaranteed. Any changes made by the Government may impact the level of your benefits when you come to take them.**

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## What if I become ill before I retire and cannot work?

Subject to acceptable medical evidence, we may pay ill health early retirement benefits, or serious ill health benefits, in the form of a pension income or lump sum from your Select SIPP.

Full details of ill health benefits are given in the SIPP Technical Product Guide.

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## What happens when I die?

Your Select SIPP is held within a trust, which means it does not usually form part of your estate and therefore is not subject to inheritance tax.

You can provide us with details of who you would like to receive any benefits payable from your Select SIPP on your death by completing an Expression of Wish Form and sending it to us. This does not bind us, but will help us decide to whom we will pay out benefits.

These benefits can be paid either as a lump sum or as a beneficiary's pension.

The tax treatment of these benefits will vary depending on whether you died before or after age 75.

Full details of the benefits payable on death are given in the SIPP Technical Product Guide.

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## Can I change my mind?

You have the right to change your mind and cancel your Select SIPP. On receipt of your Select SIPP application form, we will send you a cancellation notice. You will have 30 days from receipt of this notice to tell us that you have changed your mind and wish to cancel your application. For

further details, please see the Select SIPP Terms and Conditions.

All decisions regarding your Select SIPP should be taken with your financial adviser.

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## What other documents should I read?

We ask that you also read the Select SIPP Key Features Illustration provided by your financial adviser. In addition, you should read the:

- Select SIPP Charges Schedule
- Select SIPP Permitted Investments List
- Select SIPP Terms and Conditions and
- SIPP Technical Product Guide.

These documents provide you with more detailed information on the Select SIPP.

If after reading the documentation you are unclear about any aspect of the Select SIPP, or you are unsure whether the Select SIPP is right for you, we strongly suggest you speak to your financial adviser.

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## What correspondence and communications will I receive?

We will issue:

- a cancellation notice that gives you the right to change your mind and cancel your Select SIPP (unless you have waived these rights in your application form)
- information to allow you to access the secure area of our website for you to view details of your Select SIPP
- an annual valuation statement for your Select SIPP including an illustration of projected future benefits
- other necessary correspondence depending on the day-to-day operation of your Select SIPP.

We will send this correspondence to your financial adviser, apart from cancellation notices which we will send to you. The only correspondence we will send to both you and your financial adviser is your annual valuation statement.

Our standard methods of communication are letter, secure electronic messaging (through our secure website James Hay Online) and by telephone. We do not consider standard email to be secure and so we will not normally communicate in this way if the communication includes personal information or instructions relating to your Select SIPP or investments.

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## Other information

### Pension Wise

The Government backed service called Pension Wise is provided by The Pensions Advisory Service and Citizens Advice. You can receive this guidance online, by telephone or face-to-face.

Please visit the Pension Wise website at [www.pensionwise.gov.uk](http://www.pensionwise.gov.uk) or call either 0800 280 8880 or 0300 330 1003 (from outside the UK +44 20 3733 3495), if you wish to use this service.

### How to complain

If you wish to complain about any aspect of the service you have received, please contact the Complaints Manager using any of the methods detailed in the 'How to contact us' section overleaf.

Complaints about this product that we cannot address may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service or the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman.

For details of our formal complaints procedure or contact information for the organisations listed above, please see the Guide to our Complaint Procedure leaflet, a copy of which can be obtained from our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk).

Making a complaint will not affect your right to take legal proceedings.

### Law

The information given in this document is based on our current understanding of pension and financial services regulations and can be subject to change as tax laws and legislation may change over time.

In the event of a dispute, the law of England and Wales will apply, and by completing a Select SIPP application you will be agreeing to this.

### Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

The FSCS provides protection to consumers when financial services firms fail (or go bust). It is the compensation scheme for customers of UK authorised financial services firms. FSCS can compensate customers if a firm has stopped trading or does not have enough assets to pay claims made against it.

The Select SIPP is covered by the FSCS in the event that we are unable to meet our obligations to you regarding administration of the Select SIPP.

Each SIPP Bank Account we open in connection with your Select SIPP is also separately covered by the FSCS in the event of the failure of the relevant bank itself. This means that individual FSCS cover applies to the primary bank account, and to each account opened with an additional banking provider.

Similarly, the underlying investments within your Select SIPP may be subject to their own protection from the FSCS in the event of the failure of the relevant investment provider. However, this will depend on the investments you select and you should seek further clarification from the investment provider or your financial adviser of the cover applicable to your chosen investments before investing.

For details on how we will hold any money and/or investments, and the level of protection available, please read the document available on our website at [www.jameshay.co.uk](http://www.jameshay.co.uk) called How your Money and Investments are held within James Hay Partnership Products.

For further information, please visit the FSCS website at [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk).

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## How to contact us

We do not provide financial advice. Your financial adviser will normally be your first point of contact. However, if you need more help or information regarding the administration or features of your Select SIPP or if you wish to exercise your right to cancel your Select SIPP, you can write to us at the following address:

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