Deposits Plans vs Investments Plans

Deposit Plans

Investment Plans



- Linked to an equity index (usually the FTSE 100) and designed as a higher risk alternative to traditional cash products.
- These products sacrifice the guaranteed interest rates of Fixed Term Deposits, in order to pay a higher interest rate that is conditional on the performance of the underlying index.
- Linked to an equity index (usually the FTSE 100) and designed as a lower risk alternative to traditional equity investments such as funds.
- These products sacrifice uncapped return potential for more likely defined returns that can be paid in rising, flat or (in the case of "defensive" Investment Plans) falling markets.
- Capital is at risk if the FTSE 100 falls by a certain amount (usually 40%) over the term.



Delivery Mechanism

Equity-linked deposit

• Equity-linked corporate bond



Term

- 3 6 years
- Fixed term and "Kick-out" products available
- 6 8 years
- · Fixed term and "Kick-out" products available



Capital Protection

Yes

Partial



FSCS Eligible

- Yes (subject to £85k limit and client's eligibility)
- No



Taxation

- Growth and Income are subject to income tax
- Income is subject to income taxGrowth is subject to Capital Gains Tax



Benefits

- Higher potential interest rate than would be available from a Fixed Term Deposit
- Defensive products can pay interest even if the ETSE 100 falls
- Exposure to the stock market from a capital protected deposit
- Defined returns if the FTSE 100 rises by any amount
- Defensive products can pay returns even if the FTSE 100 falls
- Protection from the first 40% fall in the FTSE 100



Risks

- Depending on the performance of the FTSE 100, the product may pay no interest at all and only return the initial deposit at maturity.
- For deposits above the FSCS limit, clients are exposed to the credit risk of the Deposit Taker (Investec Bank plc)
- Capital is at risk if the product runs for the full term and the FTSE 100 has fallen by more than 40% from its starting level.
- A fund may outperform in rising markets.
- Clients are exposed to the credit risk of the Issuer (Investec Bank plc)



Ways to invest

- Direct investment
- ISA and ISA Transfer
- SIPP/SASS
- Charities, Corporates, Trusts and Nominees
- Offshore bonds
- WRAPs/Platforms
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