# Shariah Savings & Investment Plan



Our Savings & Investment Plan is a simple and affordable way of building up a lump sum for the future, if you would like to save above the ISA allowable limit. You can open a Plan from age 16.

To open the Shariah Savings & Investment Plan please go online.

#### Saving with us at a glance

- No limit on how much you can save, contributions start from as little as £20.
- Simple Shariah compliant investment the fund is professionally managed by Schroders.
- You can access your savings at any time you should aim to invest for at least 5 years.
- Manage your Plan online, visit foresters.com/MyPlans

#### **Contributions**

Contribute from £20 by Direct Debit for monthly contributions and by debit card for single contributions. Contributions by cheque and/or direct from your bank (direct credit) can be made via Customer Services.

You can amend your existing Direct Debits at any time. The minimum increase or decrease amount is £5 and the Direct Debit cannot be less than £20.

To keep pace with inflation, monthly contributions will automatically increase in line with the Retail Price Index (RPI), subject to a minimum of 2.5%. We will write to you each year to let you know this is happening, and if you do not wish for your contribution to increase, just let us know 14 days before this is due.

#### **Annual management charge**

The annual management charge is 1.5% of the fund value, reducing to 1% after 10 years. This single charge takes into account our distribution, administration and investment management costs.

#### **Accessing your money**

Access to your savings is simple and you can withdraw all or part of your savings when you need to, but don't forget you should aim to invest for at least 5 years.

We can arrange for you to take regular part withdrawals. These can be paid to you on a quarterly, half-yearly or yearly basis. If your withdrawals exceed the growth of your investment your capital will be eroded.

#### **Keeping you informed**

You will receive a statement showing the value of your Plan each year, however you can check the value of your Plan at any time with MyPlans - foresters.com/MyPlans

#### Other information

In the unfortunate event of your death we will pay out 101% of the value of your Shariah Savings & Investment Plan.

#### **Tax treatment**

Tax treatment depends on individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future.

Forester Life is liable to tax on the income and growth of the fund linked to the Shariah Savings & Investment Plan. Although non-taxpayers are unable to reclaim this tax, the majority of investors will have no further tax liability. However, for higher rate, additional rate and some basic rate taxpayers, there will be further tax to pay.

You are allowed to make a partial withdrawal of 5% of your original investment each year (for up to 20 years) without any immediate liability to tax and any unused 5% allowances can be carried forward to future years. However, there may be a liability to tax if your partial withdrawal is in excess of these allowances.

In order to help minimise any personal tax liability, your Shariah Savings & Investment Plan will be issued as 1,000 identical Plans. For any partial withdrawals you make, we will firstly utilise your unused 5% allowances and then, if necessary, fully withdraw some of your 1,000 Plans. When you only have one of the 1,000 Plans remaining, a partial withdrawal will be done as a withdrawal from the last Plan.

A partial or full withdrawal might affect your personal tax allowance, your married couple's allowance or an assessment to the High Income Child Benefit Tax charge. A factsheet, entitled 'Will my Plan be taxed?', is available from Customer Services on request.

If your tax position is potentially complex you should consider getting professional tax advice.

You can normally have savings of up to £6,000 without affecting your entitlement to means tested benefits.



Helping is who we are.

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#### Your investment

The Forester Life Shariah Savings & Investment Plan is a unit-linked Plan. The Foresters (Schroders) Managed Islamic Global Fund invests in the Schroder Islamic Global Equity Fund and aims to grow your investment over the medium to long-term by investing in a Shariah compliant portfolio of shares from around the world. The fund will only invest in companies included in the Dow Jones Islamic Market World (Net Total Return) Index. A Shariah Supervisory Board and Shariah Adviser have been appointed to ensure all investments in the fund meet Shariah Investment Guidelines.

Your investment will be looked after by the experts at Schroders who make the investment decisions on your behalf. Schroders is an independent, dedicated asset manager with a strong heritage and culture based on over 200 years' experience of investment markets.

Contributions will be used to purchase units in the Foresters (Schroders) Managed Islamic Global Fund 2. After 10 years the fund and future contributions will be invested in the Foresters (Schroders) Managed Islamic Global Fund 2A, this fund has the same investment approach, however it benefits from a lower charge. The fund has a medium investment risk.



Shariah Compliant



Appointed Shariah Supervisory Board



Appointed Shariah Adviser



Companies in the Dow Jones
Islamic Market World Index

The fund may not invest in companies that derive more than 5% of their total income from prohibited activities or industries such as below...



Alcohol and tobacco



Entertainment inc. hotels/gambling



Pork-related products



Non-Islamic financial services



Weapons and defence

Also, any company whose financial arrangements are considered unsuitable for Shariah compliance such as an unacceptable amounts of debt, cash or interest bearing securities. As the fund is managed in line with Shariah Investment Guidelines, it may perform less well than other funds that do not strictly adhere to these criteria.

#### What happens to investments which become non-compliant?

It is the intention to observe the Shariah Investment Guidelines at all times but this may not always be possible as there may be occasions when a company becomes non-compliant. The requirement to 'purify' prohibited income (and potential investment gains where companies become non-compliant) is likely to result in payments to UK registered charities that have been approved by the Shariah Supervisory Board. These payments could reduce the fund's performance compared with other funds that do not strictly adhere to the Shariah Investment Guidelines.

As with all stock market investments the value may fall as well as rise and you may get back less than has been invested.

For more information about the fund, please refer to the Key Information Document and Investment Bulletin.

#### If you change your mind

Once your application is accepted, you will be issued your Plan Document and a notice of your right to cancel. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to cancel your application.

Should you cancel, any money returned to you may be lower, if the price of units bought, when opening the Plan has fallen during that time.

After the initial cancellation period you can partially or fully withdraw from your Plan at any time by writing to us or going online.

#### If you are unhappy with our service

We take the concerns of our customers very seriously. If you are unhappy with any aspect of the service provided by us, please write to the Customer Relations Officer, Forester Life, Foresters House, 2 Cromwell Avenue, Bromley BR2 9BF.

If we do not deal with your complaint to your satisfaction, you can complain to: The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR (telephone 0300 123 9123, email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk or visit (www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). Making a complaint will not prejudice your right to take legal action.

You can view the Forester Life customer complaints procedure at **foresters.com** or phone 0333 600 0333 for a copy.

### What your Plan could be worth

The table indicates what monthly or single contributions could be worth in years to come, assuming an annual investment growth rate of 1.5% (low), 4.5% (medium) and 7.5% (high) an annual management charge of 1.5% (reducing to 1% after 10 years). Monthly contributions are assumed to be increased each year at 2.5% for a low growth rate, 3% for medium and 5% for high.

#### Monthly contributions

Monthly amount	Low		Medium		High	
	10 years	20 years	10 years	20 years	10 years	20 years
£50.00	£6,710	£15,800	£7,920	£22,000	£9,970	£35,200
£100.00	£13,400	£31,700	£15,800	£44,100	£19,900	£70,500
£250.00	£33,500	£79,200	£39,600	£110,000	£49,800	£176,000
£500.00	£67,100	£158,000	£79,200	£220,000	£99,700	£352,000

#### Single contributions

Single amount	Low		Medium		High	
	10 years	20 years	10 years	20 years	10 years	20 years
£1,000.00	£997	£1,040	£1,330	£1,870	£1,770	£3,300
£5,000.00	£4,980	£5,230	£6,670	£9,370	£8,850	£16,500
£25,000.00	£24,900	£26,100	£33,300	£46,800	£44,200	£82,500

#### Important notes for projections

These figures are only illustrative and not guaranteed. You could get back more or less than this and you may get back less than you paid in. What you will get back depends on how your investment grows and on the tax treatment of the investment. Investments can go down as well as up.

Inflation would reduce what you could buy in the future.

Every year we will send you a statement showing the payments received, the number of units held and the value of the Shariah Savings & Investment Plan.

Monthly contributions are assumed to be increased at 2.5% for a low growth rate, 3% for medium and 5% for high.

There is an annual management charge of 1.5% of the value of the funds you accumulate. After 10 years this charge is reduced to 1%.

Charges may vary in the future.

These figures assume contributions are paid including any increase for inflation.

For more information please read the Shariah Savings & Investment Plan Key Information Document.

#### **Important information**

All Forester Life Plans are subject to the law of England and Wales. We will always communicate with you using the English language.

Forester Life fulfils the required standards for meeting financial obligations. You may view our Solvency and Financial Condition Report on our website at foresters.com/SFCR

Full details are set out in the Terms and Conditions which will be provided with your Plan Document. This will be sent to you after your application is accepted. A copy of the Terms and Conditions are available on request or online.

At Foresters Financial we provide products, advice and service that embrace financial sense and simplicity. If there is anything in this brochure you don't understand, or you have specific requirements, please let us know.

This information is issued by Forester Life Limited, Foresters House, 2 Cromwell Avenue, Bromley BR2 9BF. This information should be read in conjunction with the Shariah Savings & Investment Plan Key Information Document for any new Savings & Investment Plans taken out with us. Information is based on our current understanding of legislation and tax practice as at April 2023, which may change in the future.

Access your member benefits

At Foresters Financial we help everyday families achieve their long-term financial goals. But we're more than a financial services provider, we give back to our members.



By saving with us, you become a member and from age 18 you can access your member benefits with MyForesters. You will have access to a range of exclusive benefits, such as volunteer grants, member discounts and will writing – just to name a few!



#### **Well-being benefits**

A wellness app where you can earn rewards for living well. Grant opportunities up to £2,000 for you to give back to your community.



#### **Financial benefits**

Discounts on retail shops, restaurants, travel and more! Online document preparation service, for legal documents such as wills.



#### **Education benefits**

Apply for our Scholarship programme, reskill, upskill or grow.

All these member benefits come at no extra cost to you - because at Foresters it's what we do.

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Details of member benefits that you may receive assume you are a Foresters member. Foresters Financial member benefits are noncontractual, and not regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority. Member benefits are subject to benefit specific eligibility requirements, definitions and limitations and may be changed or cancelled without notice or are no longer available.





# Terms and Conditions of the Forester Life Shariah Savings & Investment Plan

#### Definitions

Throughout the Terms and Conditions there are words and phrases that have special meanings and are shown in italics.

"Fund" means each separately identifiable account maintained by us.

"Fund Switch" means the cancellation of units in one Fund and their allocation instead to an alternative Fund or Funds. The Plan Value on the effective day of the Fund Switch will be the same before and after the Fund Switch.

"Plan" means the 1,000 Forester Life Savings & Investment Plans you have applied for, which are evidenced by this Plan Document, less any that have been surrendered. Each of the 1,000 Plans is a separate arrangement and those that remain from time to time are identical. These Terms and Conditions apply to all of those Plans and any reference in these Terms and Conditions to the Plan is a reference to all those 1,000 Plans, less any that have been surrendered. For the purpose of this Plan, only an insurance policy is available.

"Plan Value" effective on a given date means the sum of the units of each Fund of the Unit Account on that date multiplied by the respective unit price effective on that date.

"Planholder" means the person or persons named in the Schedule.

"Schedule" means the personal information of the Planholder relating to the Plan.

"Start Date" means the date specified in the Schedule.

"Unit Account" on a given date means the units of the Funds that remain allocated to the Plan at the end of the previous day. Any units cancelled before that time for any reason described in this document do not form part of the Unit Account.

"We" and "Us" mean Forester Life Limited. "Our" has a corresponding meaning.

"You" means the *Planholder(s)* and, where the context requires, the legal personal representatives of the surviving *Planholder*. "Your" has a corresponding meaning.

#### Contributions

You may invest monthly and/or single contributions to your Plan. The minimum contribution is £20. There is no maximum limit. Contributions must be in the currency of England.

Single contributions can be made by cheque or direct credit. Monthly contributions can be made by direct debit or standing order and are due on the *Start Date* and monthly thereafter.

#### Optional Changes to Monthly Contributions

You may increase or decrease your monthly contributions at any time subject to a minimum increase of £5. Monthly contributions may not be reduced below the minimum of £20.

You may stop your monthly contributions at any time. If monthly contributions have stopped they may be restarted at any time subject to any conditions or restrictions we may apply.

#### Automatic Increases on Monthly Contributions

Your monthly contributions will increase automatically on each anniversary of the Start Date. The increase will be equal to the proportion by which the Retail Prices Index for the month six months before the month in which the anniversary falls exceeds the Index for the month 18 months before the month in which the anniversary falls, subject to a minimum increase of

2.5%. The increase will be applied to the monthly contribution payable immediately preceding the anniversary, allowing for any contribution changes attributable to Optional Changes.

If the Retail Prices Index is replaced or discontinued we will decide which other suitable Index we should use for calculating Automatic Increases.

If you have made Optional Changes to your contribution within the 12 months preceding its anniversary, then we may, at our discretion, postpone the Automatic Increase by up to 12 months from the Optional Change. Future Automatic Increases will then occur at 12month intervals, subject to any further postponement from future Optional Increases.

If you ask *us* to do so, *we* will stop future Automatic Increases, subject to 14 days' written notice. *You* may request that they recommence at any time, subject to 14 days' notice. The recommencement will not take account of any Automatic Increases that would have been made previously but for their earlier cessation.

#### **Investment of Contributions**

Contributions will be invested in the *Fund(s)* selected for *your Plan*. The investment objectives of the *Fund(s)* are set out in *our* Key Information Document(s). Subject to meeting the Shariah investment Guidelines, we have discretion as to how the assets of each *Fund* are invested. Any income arising from the assets of a *Fund* will be added to the *Fund*.

Each Fund is divided into units of equal value. We will increase or reduce the number of units into which a Fund is divided at our discretion, in which case we will transfer in to or out of the Fund an amount of money so that the value of each unit is unaffected.

We will value each Fund each business day based on the closing prices of the assets for that day, or such other time as we may decide. We will calculate the value of the assets in each Fund on a fair and reasonable basis.

We will calculate the value of a unit of each Fund at a valuation by dividing the total value of the Fund calculated at that day's valuation by the total number of units of the Fund existing at that time. We will then set a price for a unit of the Fund for the purpose of allocating units to Plans and computing the benefits under Plans that are linked to the Fund. It will be equal to the value of a unit of the Fund rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a penny. Unit prices set at a valuation will be effective for unit transactions on that day.

We may open new Funds from time to time or close or combine existing Funds if we think this is appropriate. Where we open new Funds, and subject to any conditions or restrictions we may apply, you may request that we redirect future contributions and/or Fund Switch existing units, using the unit prices effective on the later of the date you select and the day we receive your written instructions. Where we close or combine Funds we will redirect future contributions and/or Fund Switch existing units, as we decide are appropriate, using the unit prices on the effective date.

#### Allocation of Units to your Plan

On each monthly due date, we will allocate to the *Plan* units of the *Fund(s)* using the unit price or prices effective on that date. The total value of the units we allocate at those prices will be equal to the monthly contribution due.

If a monthly contribution is paid after its due date then we reserve the right to allocate units of each *Fund* selected at the unit price effective on the day we receive the monthly contribution rather than at the unit price effective on the due date. If we have allocated units in respect of a monthly contribution that is not paid, those units will be cancelled.

For each single contribution received, we will allocate units to your Plan using the price or prices effective on the later of the day we receive the payment and the Start Date. The total value of the units we allocate at those prices will be equal to the payment received.

The number of units of a *Fund* allocated in respect of each payment and each *Fund Switch* will be rounded to the nearer 1/100th of a unit.

If the effective date for any unit cancellations under the *Plan* is the same day as the effective date for any unit allocations the allocations will take place first.

#### Charges

There is a maximum annual management charge of 1.5% of the value of the *Fund(s)*. This charge reduces to 1.0% or less, 10 years after the *Start Date*. A proportion of the annual charge is deducted directly from the *Fund(s)* at each valuation, based on the number of days since the last valuation, and is reflected in the unit prices.

In addition to the annual management charge the unit prices are affected by portfolio transaction costs incurred directly or indirectly in the sale or purchase of investments held in the *Fund(s)*.

#### **Annual Statements**

We will prepare and send to you, at least annually, a statement including valuation of your Plan and the amount of all monthly and single contributions made since the previous statement date.

#### Withdrawal

On receipt of your written instructions, you may request that we pay you all or a portion of the Plan Value. This will be effective on the later of the day you select and the day we receive your request. We will surrender a part of your Plan and withdraw Funds from the remainder of your Plan, at our discretion. If the Plan Value in respect of the part of the Plan that is surrendered is greater than the amount requested, we will invest the difference in the remainder of your Plan as a single contribution.

We will cancel a number of units of the *Unit Account* equal in value to the amount payable. If units of more than one *Fund* remain allocated to the *Plan* at the time, we will cancel units of each of those *Funds* equal in value to the proportionate value of the units of each *Fund*. The number of units of a *Fund* cancelled in respect of the partial withdrawal will be rounded to the nearer 1/100th of a unit.

Before we make any payment, we will require evidence satisfactory to us of the entitlement of the benefit of the person or persons claiming payment. We may also require the return of the Plan Document and any endorsements. All payments are due in the currency of England at our registered office.

Payment of benefit will release *us* from *our* obligations under the *Plan*.

#### Death Benefit

In the event of *your* death (the second death where the *Plan* is held on a joint life basis), *we* will pay 101% of the *Plan Value* effective on the day we receive notice and evidence satisfactory to *us*. Payment will be made to *your* legal personal representatives.

Before we make any payment, we will require evidence satisfactory to us of the entitlement of the benefit of the person or persons claiming payment. We may also require the return of the Plan Document and any endorsements. All payments are due in the currency of England at our registered office.

Payment of benefit will release *us* from *our* obligations under the *Plan*.

#### Cancellation Rights

Your Plan Document is issued together with a Notice of your right to cancel. You have 30 days from receipt of this Notice in which you can change your mind about taking out your Plan. The amount returned to you may be less than the contributions paid, if the value of units bought on your behalf has fallen.

If you wish to cancel you should complete and return the Notice to us.

#### Termination

We reserve the right to terminate your Plan by giving you 30 days' written notice after the 5th anniversary of the Start Date, if monthly contributions stop or have stopped and the Plan Value is less than £1,750.

#### Disputes

We take the concerns of our Planholders very seriously. If at anytime you do have any comments or wish to make a complaint, please write to the Customer Relations Officer at Forester Life, Foresters House, 2 Cromwell Avenue, Bromley BR2 9BF. In the unlikely event that your complaint cannot be resolved to your satisfaction, you can write to the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), Exchange Tower, London, E14 9SR (telephone 0300 123 9123 or email complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org. uk or visit www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk). Referring your complaint to FOS does not prejudice your right to take legal action.

#### Using your Personal Information

We are committed to ensuring your privacy and personal information is protected. This notice explains the information we may hold, how we obtain it and for what purposes, who we share it with and why, and the rights you have in respect to your information. This is further explained in more detail in our Privacy Policy.

Personal information is information that identifies *you*, is about *you* and is provided through *your* dealings with *us*. It includes *your* name, address, contact details, date of birth and Forester Life *Plan* details. In addition *we* hold information that *we* use to manage *our* relationship with *you* (contact, complaints and financial information) and information about how *you* interact with *our* website.

In certain circumstances we may request and receive sensitive personal information about you.

The information *you* provide to Forester Life will be used for setting up and administering *your* Forester Life *Plan*, for communicating with and keeping *you* informed and for maintaining a record of complaints. In addition it will also be used for research and analysis, for marketing of *our* products and services and for compliance monitoring and crime prevention.

We share your information with our service providers, identity verification services such as credit reference agencies, and other parts of the Foresters organisation. We will not disclose any of your information to any other body or organisation except to prevent crime or if required by regulations or any law enforcement organisation.

We will retain your information for as long as you are a Forester Life *Planholder*, and in accordance with our data retention guidelines and legal and regulatory obligations.

*Your* rights in relation to the information are set out in *our* Privacy Policy. This is available on *our* website or by request from Customer Services.

The policy provides more detailed information on how to view, correct, withdraw or otherwise change the way we use your personal information.

If we have been unable to satisfy *your* concerns regarding any aspect of the processing or handling of *your* information *you* can contact the Information Commissioners Office on telephone helpline: 0303 123 1113, email visit www.ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/ or by post at Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

#### General

This document contains the *Schedule* and all the Terms and Conditions of the *Plan. We* will not be liable for any condition, claim, statement, warranty or representation, whether express or implied, and whether collateral to this agreement or not, which differs from these Terms and Conditions.

No term or condition in this document can be modified or waived (unless this document expressly provides that it can be) except by an endorsement issued by *us* from *our* registered office and signed by one of *our* authorised officials.

We will satisfy ourselves that any person to whom we delegate any of our functions or responsibilities under these Terms and Conditions is competent to carry out those functions and responsibilities.

Any requests made in connection with these Terms and Conditions must be made in writing and delivered to *us* at *our* registered office. We will use certain procedures and forms when any change to *your Plan* or any payment is to be made. We will only make changes when all the normal procedures have been complied with.

We will retain all the charges and deductions described in this document for our own use and benefit. We are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority. We will send any notices or other correspondence to the address that you have given to us in your application form, or to a new permanent residential address provided you have advised us of it in writing. We will update our literature from time to time. We will always communicate with you using the English language.