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BCP APPROVED RETIREMENT FUND (ARF)

ABOUT BCP

BCP Asset Management is one of Ireland's largest independently owned Investment Product Providers for the advisor market. We have been offering investment solutions since 1969, and we are privileged today to manage over €3 billion in assets (as at January 2023) and we have provided investment solutions to in excess of 30,000 investors.

WHAT IS AN APPROVED RETIREMENT FUND (ARF)?

An ARF is a post-retirement contract which is available to most people as an option on retirement. When you retire you will have a couple of options on what to do with the pension fund you have built up over your working life. Generally you will be able to take a portion of it as a once of lump sum. The balance can either be used to purchase an annuity (i.e. a guaranteed income for life) or left invested in an Approved Retirement Fund which is a contract which allows you to continue to invest your We achieved this through a conservative and disciplined investment approach, constant product innovation and a strong focus on our investors' objectives.

pension fund and draw down income as required (subject to Revenue rules).

Your Financial Broker or advisor will confirm if the ARF option is available to you and if so will be able to help you decide on the best option.

KEY FEATURES OF AN APPROVED RETIREMENT FUND (ARF)?

- Access to your pension fund : unlike purchasing an annuity, you retain access to your ARF funds and can take out cash lump sums (subject to income tax) when required.
- Investment Options : you decide how your ARF is invested. Details of investment options available through the BCP ARF are outlined later in this brochure
- Inheritance planning : you can pass your ARF on to your dependents/ next of kin on your death.
- Income : An ARF can provide you with annual income, however, you should note that if you make a high level of withdrawals from your ARF, relative to the growth achieved, there is a risk that your ARF fund could run out.

Your Financial Broker or adviser will be able to talk you through your retirement options, how an ARF may or may not be suitable for you depending on your personal circumstances, when you decide to take your benefits.

THE BCP ARF

BCP Asset Management are specialists in capital protected investing and if you are interested in accessing our products through an ARF you can do so through the Self Directed Investment Option available on Aviva Life & Pensions ARFs or a number of Self-Administered ARFs.

You can also access our products, and some additional investment options, through the BCP ARF. This brochure outlines the details of the BCP ARF contract.

Your Financial Broker or advisor will be able to advise you on which ARF and investment options are best suited to your needs.

WHAT INVESTMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BCP ARF ?

Depending on your personal circumstances you will need a range of different investment options to meet your needs. The BCP ARF gives you access to BCPs full suite of capital protected options, our property fund, Film Finance Scheme and a range of low cost Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) from a number of leading ETF providers.

- BCP Capital Secure Bonds
- BCP Kick-Out Bonds

- BCP Deposit Products
- BCP Property Value Add Fund
- BCP Film Finance Scheme unregulated, see below
- BCP Client Cash Account
- Range of ETFs

BCP PRODUCTS

BCP offer a full range of structured products which provide varying levels of capital protection and market exposure, all of which can be accessed through the BCP ARF.

Your Financial Broker or advisor will be able to explain the current range of options and how they may be suitable for you and in particular your ARF investment.

BCP Capital Secure Bonds – BCP are Ireland's leading provider of structured investments. These products allow you invest in different markets safe in the knowledge that there is a limit to how much you can lose should markets fall. We develop options which give exposure to different types of underlying investments with varying levels of capital protection.

BCP "Kick-Out" Products – these are products which have the potential to generate returns from equity markets without taking on full equity risks. They are generally linked to a particular equity index and are designed to return the initial capital, plus a fixed coupon, should the index achieve certain pre-determined metrics during the investment term.

BCP Deposit Products – BCP has relationships with a wide range of Banks and regularly offers deposit products from a variety of counterparties

BCP Property Value Add Fund - This fund is a specialist open ended fund focused on real estate opportunities in Central Dublin. It is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland as a Qualifying Investor Alternative Investment Fund (QIAIF) and has a minimum investment of €105,000.

BCP PRODUCTS CONTINUED

BCP Film Finance Scheme – BCP have been active in the specialist area of providing film finance since 2010. The BCP Film Finance Scheme provides short term finance for fully funded film and TV projects and BCP have been running this scheme since 2015. **The Film Finance Scheme is not regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.**

BCP Client Cash Account – Uninvested funds are held in the BCP Client Cash Account. The interest rate on this account is currently 0.00% per annum (as at April 2023).

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS (ETFS)

In addition to the range of specialist BCP investments, the BCP ARF provides you access to a range of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) from some of the world's leading providers. ETFs are open ended investments which are listed on Stock Exchanges and track the movements of a given market or sector in real time. They give investors the tools to invest in specific markets and achieve diversification, liquidity and relatively very low costs. The current range of ETFs available is shown below. These may change over time.

Amundi ETF IShares. Vanguard					
GENERAL EQUITY ETFs	ISIN CODE	MANAGER	SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR (SRI) RATING*	ETF ONGOING CHARGE	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR) CLASSIFICATION
Prime Global Equity	LU2089238203	Amundi	4	0.05% pa	Article 6
Prime Eurozone Equity	LU2089238112	Amundi	4	0.05% pa	Article 6
Prime USA Equity	LU2089238468	Amundi	5	0.05% pa	Article 6
iShares S&P 500 EUR hedged	IEOOB3ZWOK18	Blackrock	6	0.20% pa	Article 6
iShares NASDAQ 100	IEOOBYVQ9F29	Blackrock	6	0.36% pa	Article 6

ESG EQUITY ETFs	ISIN CODE	MANAGER	SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR (SRI) RATING*	ETF ONGOING CHARGE	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR) CLASSIFICATION
MSCI World ESG Leaders	IEOOO16PSX47	Amundi	4	0.18% pa	Article 8
iShares MSCI Europe Enhanced ESG	IEOOBHZPJ783	Blackrock	6	0.12% pa	Article 8
MSCI Emerging ESG Leaders	LU2109787551	Amundi	4	0.18% pa	Article 8

FIXED INCOME ETFs	ISIN CODE	MANAGER	SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR (SRI) RATING*	ETF ONGOING CHARGE	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR) CLASSIFICATION
Prime Global Govies	LU2089238971	Amundi	3	0.05% pa	Article 6
Prime Euro Govies	LU2089238898	Amundi	3	0.05% pa	Article 6
Prime Euro Corporates	LU2089238625	Amundi	2	0.05% pa	Article 6

ALTERNATIVE ETFs	ISIN CODE	MANAGER	SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR (SRI) RATING*	ETF ONGOING CHARGE	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR) CLASSIFICATION
Physical Gold	FR0013416716	Amundi	4	0.12% pa	Article 6

MULTI ASSET ETFs	ISIN CODE	MANAGER	SUMMARY RISK INDICATOR (SRI) RATING*	ETF ONGOING CHARGE	SUSTAINABLE FINANCE DISCLOSURE REGULATION (SFDR) CLASSIFICATION
LifeStrategy 80% Equity	IEOOBMVB5R75	Vanguard	4	0.25% pa	Article 6
LifeStrategy 60% Equity	IEOOBMVB5P51	Vanguard	3	0.25% pa	Article 6
LifeStrategy 40% Equity	IEOOBMVB5M21	Vanguard	3	0.25% pa	Article 6

Full details of BCP's ETF Service are outlined in the BCP ETF Brochure. Additional information, including Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs), on each of the ETFs can be found at <u>www.bcp.ie/investments/pensions-ETFs</u>

* the Summary Risk Indicator (SRI) rating is a 7 point risk scale and represents the risk and return profile as presented in the Key Investor Information Document (KIID). The lowest category does not imply that there is no risk. The Summary Risk Indicator (SRI) ratings are at January 2024.

Your Financial Broker or advisor will be able to advise what capital secure, kick-out, deposit and other products are currently available and which products would be suitable for your Approved Retirement Fund.

PURCHASING AND SELLING ETFS

BCP will be providing a weekly service of receipt and transmission of client orders for ETFs (the 'Service'). BCP ARF clients will apply to BCP for the Service, which allows them to invest in a specified range of ETFs provided by Amundi, Vanguard and Blackrock. Clients must receive investment advice in order to apply for the Service. Thereafter, provided the application for the Service is considered appropriate, clients will

FEES AND CHARGES

Annual Management Charge

BCP receive an Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.20% per annum based on the total value of your ARF account with BCP subject to a minimum charge of €100 per annum and a maximum charge of €2,000 per annum.

Recurring Advisor Fee

Your Intermediary may receive a Recurring Advisor Fee from 0% to a maximum of 0.75% per annum (subject to increments of 0.05%) based on the total value of your ARF account. If they do so they will disclose this to you.

TAKING AN INCOME FROM YOUR BCP ARF

ARFs are primarily designed to provide retirement income. You can take ad hoc lump sum withdrawals from your ARF or a regular income. All withdrawals are subject to Income Tax, PRSI and the Universal Social Charge which will be deducted by BCP and remitted to the Revenue.

The Revenue have rules as to the minimum annual withdrawals which must be made. If you do not make these we are required to deduct tax and PRSI as if you had. This is commonly referred to as an "imputed distribution" and in most cases ARF holders will take at least these minimums. provide an instruction to BCP to buy or sell ETFs and currently clients may or may not have received investment advice with respect to these instructions.

Please refer to the Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) Brochure for further details regarding the Order Execution Policy.

Product Charges

BCP and your Intermediary may also earn commission/fees on some of the BCP investment products held within the BCP ARF. The level of commission/fees payable for these products will be outlined in the product brochure for each investment.

ETF Service Fees & Charges

There are additional fees and charges for the purchase, sale and holding of ETFs within your ARF. These are outlined in the BCP ETF Brochure.

The imputed distribution minimums which currently apply are :

- 4% a year if you're 60 years of age or over for the full tax year;
- 5% a year if you're 70 years of age or over for the full tax year;
- 6% a year if you're 60 years of age or over for the full tax year AND the combined value of all your ARFs and vested PRSAs is €2 million or more.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIE?

One of the main differences between an ARF, and an annuity, is that when you die you are able to leave your ARF to your next of kin or other beneficiaries. Depending on who you leave your ARF to, they may have to pay Income Tax of Capital Acquisition Tax. The table below summaries current Revenue rules (as at April 2023). The information provided is based on BCP's understanding of Revenue rules. Revenue rules are subject to change.

ARF Inherited by	Income Tax	Capital Acquisitions Tax due
Surviving spouse or civil partner	None if transferred into an ARF in the surviving spouses or civil partners name.	No
Your children, if under 21	None	Yes, subject to usual CAT thresholds
Your children, if over 21	Yes, at a rate of 30%	No
Anyone else	Yes, at marginal rate of deceased in year of his/her death	Yes, subject to usual CAT thresholds

If on your death, your ARF is transferred to your spouse, or civil partner, the funds would be taxed on their death as follows :

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Your children, if under 21	None	Yes, subject to usual CAT thresholds		
Your children, if over 21	Yes, at a rate of 30%	No		
Anyone else	Yes, at marginal rate of deceased in year of his/her death	Yes, subject to usual CAT thresholds		

In the event of your death:

- Your ARF may be transferred into the name of your spouse, or dependant(s) subject to the legislation governing your ARF, or
- b) Your aggregate investments may be redeemed and your ARF terminated subject to normal probate regulations and legislation and Revenue practice governing your ARF. The value of your ARF will be the realisable value of the BCP Product held on the date it is, or if more than one product, they are, realised less any charges incurred in its/their realisation. The realisable value will be transferred into the Client Cash Account. For BCP Structured Bonds and Structured Deposits the realisable value will be calculated primarily by reference to the market value of the assets, the remaining term to maturity, and

the prevailing interest rates at the time. The amount redeemed may be more or less than the capital secure amount.

c) All distributions funded by BCP together with any interest due thereon and the amount of any debit balance in your Fees and Charges Account on the day prior to your ARF being terminated shall be deducted from the realisable value before the settlement is paid to the Executors of your Estate.

As Qualifying Fund Manager (QFM) BCP may be required to deduct tax and remit to Revenue where your ARF is transferred to a beneficiary other than your spouse as outlined above. The information provided is based on BCP's understanding of Revenue rules. Revenue rules are subject to change.