

# THE SUFFOLK LIFE SIPP

## Schedule of Allowable Investments February 2024



This document is part of a set,  
all of which should be read together:

- Key Features
- Your Personal Illustration
- Schedule of Fees
- **Schedule of Allowable Investments**
- Terms and Conditions

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In addition to these you will need to read:

- Your chosen investment firm(s)' terms and conditions and schedule of fees

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## Introduction

This document sets out the types of investments which may be held in your Suffolk Life SIPP.

We've highlighted the technical terms and included explanations of these in the Terms explained section on page 6.

If you are unsure if an investment is allowed then please contact our Investment Operations team; their contact details are on the back page.

If you hold any other SIPP with Curtis Banks or Suffolk Life, please refer to the separate schedule issued for your SIPP.

## Accessing our services

If you experience difficulties accessing any of our services due to personal circumstances, we may be able to make some adjustments to help you. Please contact our SIPP Support Team on 01473 296969 or [sippsupportteam@curtisbanks.co.uk](mailto:sippsupportteam@curtisbanks.co.uk) to discuss any support adjustments that may be available to you.

## Allowable investments

The following types of investments are allowable. All investments must meet the General Conditions.

	Standard/Non-standard Investment (note 2)
<b>Stocks and shares (notes 3)</b>	
Company shares (including ordinary and preference shares) listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE), the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) or any overseas HMRC recognised stock exchange	Standard
Fixed interest securities and loan notes listed on the LSE, AIM or any overseas HMRC recognised stock exchange	Standard
UK Government treasury bills and other government fixed interest securities	Standard
Depository interests/receipts (including CREST depository interests)	Standard
<b>Collective investment schemes</b>	
OEICs, unit trusts and other similar collective investment schemes (including UCITS schemes) that are authorised or recognised by the FCA	Standard
Exchange traded funds listed on the LSE, AIM or any overseas HMRC recognised stock exchange	Standard
Exchange traded investments (including exchange traded notes)	Non-standard
Investment trust (but not other closed ended investment companies) shares listed on any stock exchange (note 3)	Standard
Real estate investment trusts listed on the LSE, AIM or any overseas HMRC recognised stock exchange (note 3)	Standard
Unregulated collective investment schemes (note 4)	Non-standard
<b>Structured products</b>	
Where the product structure is an EEA deposit account	Standard
Where the product structure is a company share, investment trust, bond or loan note. These must all be listed on a HMRC recognised stock exchange	Standard
<b>Insurance company funds (note 5)</b>	
Insurance company funds or policies (excluding with profit contracts)	Standard
<b>Commodities</b>	
Exchange traded commodities listed on any HMRC recognised stock exchange	Standard

## Allowable investments (continued)

	Standard/Non-standard Investment (note 1)
<b>Deposit accounts</b>	
Bank accounts:	
- Pooled bank account	Standard
- Fixed term, fixed rate deposits (note 6)	Non-standard
- US Dollar and Euro currency deposits at Barclays Bank	Standard
- Deposit accounts in any currency with an EEA authorised deposit taker opened by an appointed investment firm	Standard
- Notice accounts (note 6)	Non-standard

### Direct property

UK direct commercial property (note 7)	Standard
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## General conditions

### A Liquidity requirements

Investments (with the exception of direct property investments) must be:

- a. freely transferable to another person or entity eligible to invest in that investment; or
- b. able to be sold for cash within 30 days (except for the following investments).  
These investments must be able to be sold or redeemed within one year:
  - unregulated collective investments schemes; and
  - fixed term deposits held directly by us.

These liquidity requirements are for the benefit of your SIPP and exist to provide liquidity where we are required to sell assets, for example, to pay death benefits, outstanding loan repayments, fees and charges.

The above requirements do not guarantee liquidity if you want to sell the investment.

### B Valuation requirement

Investments must be capable of being accurately and fairly valued on an ongoing basis.

### C Indirect holding of taxable property

Your plan must not buy or hold an investment if it holds an interest in taxable property. In some cases, an investment may not currently hold taxable property but may not rule out doing so at some point in the future. We will consider such investments on a case by case basis (without any obligation to accept them). We may need you to sign a letter before proceeding to confirm that you will be responsible for all tax liabilities that may arise in the future.

### D Connected party transactions

If any transaction is to be carried out between your SIPP and you or a connected party, the transaction must take place at market value.

### E Foreign exchange transactions

Where foreign currency transactions require conversion from Sterling to an alternative currency, we may be able to provide you with a Foreign Currency spot rate from a preferred Foreign Currency exchange provider. If you require a rate to be fixed or specialist currency conversion service to be used, this may be possible with prior arrangement.

### F Non-allowable investments

Please see page 6 for examples of investments which are not permitted.

## Notes

### Note 1 FCA Handbook – linked insurance contract

A Suffolk Life SIPP issued by Suffolk Life Annuities Limited is an insurance contract. The FCA sets out certain restrictions on what investments can be held in insurance contracts.

This document is based on our interpretation of those restrictions at October 2019.

### Note 2 Standard and non-standard investments

The FCA classify the investments in Self-Invested Personal Pensions as either 'standard' or 'non-standard'. This is to reflect the difference in the responsibilities that SIPP operators have when they hold the different classifications of investment. The classification is not an indication of potential investment risk or reward; both standard and non-standard investments may be high risk.

Standard investments are usually easier to value and are either easily sold for cash or are freely transferable. They may also be regulated by the FCA or listed on a stock exchange that is recognised by the FCA.

Non-standard investments may be difficult to sell and may not be regularly valued. The FCA has a concern that most non-standard investments are unlikely to be suitable for ordinary clients. You should regularly review your investments to make sure they are suitable for your retirement aims and your own risk appetite.

The classifications shown in this document are based on our current interpretation of the non-standard investments guidance given by the FCA.

As cash in fixed term deposits cannot normally be accessed, we treat them as non-standard investments.

### Note 3 Listed securities

Investment trusts and real estate investment trusts can be held either:

- by an investment firm; or
- through an investment trust savings scheme.

Other listed securities must be held by an investment firm.

### Note 4 Specialist investments

We deem unregulated collective investment schemes to be specialist investments.

You should only invest in these investments if you are fully aware of the risks associated with them. You should take financial advice before making this type of investment.

These investments are not protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. If you would like further information about the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, please speak to your adviser or contact us.

These investments are allowed provided they meet our due diligence requirements.

For unregulated collective investment schemes, the total value of all investments of this type is limited to 20% of the value of the individual plan.

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**You should contact our Investment Operations team before investing to check that the investment is allowed.**

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The FCA restricts who these investments can be marketed to and who can invest in them. If you or your investment manager wishes to buy an investment, you will need to provide certain confirmations to us prior to each investment transaction.

This may delay the purchase of the investment and we reserve the right to decline a specialist investment transaction on a case by case basis.

We charge additional initial and annual fees for holding specialist investments such as these in your SIPP. We also reserve the right to clarify other complex investments as specialist investments. Please refer to the Schedule of Fees.

Before deciding to invest in specialist investments please refer to our Specialist Investment Questionnaire (UCIS).

### Note 5 Insurance company funds

We can only invest in insurance company funds or policies where:

- the other insurance company is based in the EEA;
- the funds are unit linked and are not with profits; and

- the contract has no guarantee for payment of benefits over and above the value of the funds held by the insurance company.

### Note 6 Fixed term deposits and notice accounts

Term deposit accounts are allowable where they:

- have a fixed term or notice period of 5 years or less;
- are a sterling deposit held with a UK authorised credit institution which meets our due diligence requirements;
- are able to accept pension monies by trustee application; and
- are able to be operated by post and/or fax by Curtis Banks' signatories.

Where the term or notice period is more than 12 months the accounts must contain one of the following clauses in the contract:

- be fully transferable in the name of both the legal owner of the asset and the client, and be breakable on death; or
- allow access to the deposit within 12 months.

Not all fixed term deposits will allow access prior to maturity. Where a deposit can be broken prior to maturity, the deposit taker may apply a penalty. You can obtain the details from the deposit taker about the ability to break the term and the penalties applicable.

Fixed term deposit accounts and notice accounts must either be held by us directly, or through a cash platform that is listed as an Investment Partner, that meets our due diligence requirements for holding these types of accounts. Accounts must not be held through an investment firm or other Investment Partners.

### Note 7 Commercial property

Before deciding to purchase commercial property, please refer to our:

- Property Guide;
- Property Insurance Notes;
- Property Form; and
- Group Investment Agreement (where the property is to be held for more than one client)

## Non-allowable investments

For the avoidance of doubt, below is a list of investments which are not allowed. Please note that this list is not exhaustive; it merely provides examples.

- Cryptocurrencies and bitcoin mining (these are not permitted directly or indirectly, e.g. cryptocurrency tracker funds, under any circumstances);
- Futures, options and other derivatives;
- Contracts for difference and spread betting;
- Warrants and covered warrants, whether listed or unlisted;
- Gold;
- Unlisted shares;
- Second hand endowments;
- Currency trading;
- Residential or holiday property (including residential ground rents);
- Tangible moveable property (art, antiques, wine, vintage cars etc.);
- Loans to connected or unconnected parties;
- Property limited liability partnerships;
- Wasting assets (having an expected lifespan of 50 years or less);
- Premium bonds;
- National Savings and Investments (NS&I);
- Overseas direct commercial property;
- Overseas hotel rooms or farmland;
- Unquoted 'ethical' investments (carbon credits, green oil, overseas trees etc.);
- Solar panels and wind turbines;
- Life settlement funds;
- Intellectual property (patents, trademarks etc.);
- Crowdfunding and peer to peer lending;
- Storage pods; and
- Land banking.

## Terms explained

<b>closed ended</b>	a type of investment with a fixed number of shares or units in issue at any one time.	<b>investment trust</b>	a type of company quoted on the London Stock Exchange that invests its shareholders' funds in the shares of other companies.
<b>collective investment scheme</b>	an investment which allows clients to pool their money together to invest. Common examples are unit trusts and OEICs.	<b>liquidity</b>	the ability to convert an asset to cash.
<b>commodities</b>	raw materials such as metal and oil and foodstuffs such as coffee, meat and grain.	<b>listed securities</b>	securities that are listed on any stock exchange.
<b>connected party</b>	this includes amongst others, your spouse, registered civil partner, children, parents, brothers, sisters and other direct descendants and ancestors of you and your spouse or registered civil partner. A connected party is defined (as a 'connected person') in Section 993 of the Income Tax Act 2007.	<b>loan note</b>	a security where the client receives repayments of a loan over a set period of time. This can include interest.
<b>CREST depositary interest</b>	a UK security representing ownership of an underlying interest in an overseas security.	<b>market value</b>	the price an investment may reasonably be expected to fetch on the open market. Market value is defined in Section 272 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.
<b>depository interest/receipt</b>	a security issued by an investment bank in one country representing ownership of an underlying interest in a security from a different country.	<b>OEIC</b>	Open Ended Investment Company. An investment that allows clients to pool their money to invest in a single fund. It can also spread their risk across a range of investments and allow them to benefit from professional fund management and reduce their dealing costs.
<b>derivative</b>	an investment whose characteristics and value depend upon the characteristics and value of one or more other assets or indices, typically a commodity, bond, equity or currency. Examples of derivatives include contracts for differences, futures and options.	<b>open ended</b>	a type of collective investment scheme that has no limit to the number of shares (or units) in issue. If demand is high, new shares are created. When selling occurs, the manager buys back shares. An OEIC is an example.
<b>EEA</b>	European Economic Area, which comprises the current members of the European Union and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.	<b>ordinary share</b>	a share of a company giving the owner a right to vote at shareholder meetings and to receive a part of the company profits as a dividend.
<b>exchange traded commodity</b>	a fund that tracks a commodity which can be traded on a stock exchange. Exchange traded commodities must only invest in allowable investments as detailed in this Schedule. Investments in cryptocurrencies are not permitted directly or indirectly under any circumstances.	<b>pooled bank account</b>	an account with a bank opened by the trustee that holds monies in respect of your SIPP and other members of the scheme.
<b>exchange traded fund</b>	a fund that tracks an index or a collection of assets but which can be traded on a stock exchange. Exchange traded funds must only invest in allowable investments as detailed in this Schedule. Investments in cryptocurrencies or crypto mining are not permitted directly or indirectly under any circumstances.	<b>preference share</b>	a share in a company that generally provides a fixed dividend that is paid prior to the payment of dividends to ordinary shareholders. Owners of preference shares usually do not have the right to vote at shareholder meetings.
<b>exchange traded investments</b>	a special purchase vehicle (SPV), debt instrument or mini-bond where funding is raised by the issue of corporate bonds or speculative illiquid securities to invest in physical illiquid assets either owned by the SPV or provided as security to the SPV. Exchange traded investments must only invest in allowable investments as detailed in this schedule. We reserve the right to classify exchange traded investments as specialist investments.	<b>property</b>	land, buildings and anything fixed to the land. This includes houses, hotels, schools, hospitals, offices, shops, warehouses, factories and any other business premises.
<b>exchange traded note</b>	A debt security whose value tracks an index. Exchange traded notes must only be linked to allowable investments as detailed in this Schedule. Investments in cryptocurrencies are not permitted directly or indirectly under any circumstances.	<b>real estate investment trust</b>	a collective investment scheme that allows tax efficient investment in property.
<b>fixed interest security</b>	type of investment that pays a set rate of interest that does not change. Such securities will often have a repayment date when the issuer repays the capital. Examples include gilts (loans to the UK Government) and corporate bonds (loans to companies).	<b>recognised stock exchange</b>	a stock exchange recognised by HMRC for the purposes of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007. Any assets listed on markets which do not meet HMRC's definition of 'listed' will be categorised as non-standard.
<b>FCA</b>	Financial Conduct Authority, our regulator.	<b>structured product</b>	a type of packaged investment linked to a particular asset, market or index.
<b>HMRC</b>	HM Revenue & Customs.	<b>taxable property</b>	assets that attract a tax charge if held by your SIPP. This includes residential property and physical assets such as cars, art or stamps. The full details are set out in Schedule 29A to the Finance Act 2004.
<b>investment firm</b>	a firm you appoint to hold the investments within your SIPP on your behalf and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to carry out your investment instructions; or</li> <li>to make investment decisions on your behalf on a discretionary basis.</li> </ul>	<b>treasury bill</b>	a type of government security with a term of up to one year.
		<b>unit trust</b>	an investment, like an OEIC, that allows clients to pool their money to invest in a single fund. It can also spread their risk across a range of investments and allow them to get the benefit of professional fund management and reduce their dealing costs.
		<b>UCITS</b>	Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities. A type of fund that can be marketed throughout the European Union.
		<b>unregulated collective investment scheme</b>	a collective investment scheme that has not been authorised or recognised by the FCA.

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