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AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond (Gross) – fund closure

Account number: <<Account_Number>>

Your financial adviser: <<BRKName>>

The AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond (Gross) fund that you invest in as part of a model portfolio set up by your financial adviser is due to be closed from 22 February 2024.

We have been unable to accept new investments into the fund since 04 December 2023.

Your financial adviser will take any action that needs to be taken and, if necessary, help to address any questions you may have.

How the fund closing will affect your account

- **Phasing and Rebalancing** – Any **phased investment** or **rebalancing** instructions using the fund will automatically continue. These will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit future payments will either buy units in your other assets proportionally, or go into cash, depending on how your adviser set up the model portfolio. Alternatively, we will update the instruction if your financial adviser provides a revised asset choice.

Cash may not be suitable for your longer-term investment needs and could be used to pay your financial adviser's fees and/or our charges leaving less to invest. We recommend you speak to your financial adviser about your investments before making any investment decisions.

Capital gains tax – Collective Investment Account only

If you choose to sell or switch your holdings, this is a disposal for capital gains tax purposes. Please speak to your financial adviser to understand how this may affect you.

The cost of the closure

AXA has advised that there will be transaction costs associated with liquidating the portfolio holdings prior to closure which will be borne by the fund.

Why the fund manager is closing the fund

Over the past three years the fund has experienced significant annual outflows, and due to the continuing reduction in the size of the fund AXA believes that it is no longer viable, and that investors will cease to receive the benefit and value of investing in the fund.

In light of this, and to avoid the remaining shareholders being unduly disadvantaged, AXA has decided to close the fund.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Callum Earl". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Callum Earl

Head of Customer Operations