

# **Child Trust Fund (CTF) Key Information Document**

Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed Fund

# **Purpose**

This document provides you with the key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

# **Product**

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# What is this product?

**Type:** The Forester Life Child Trust Fund is a unit-linked insurance based investment Plan. It is a Stocks and Shares Stakeholder CTF and complies with the Stakeholder Regulations which include capped chargers, low minimum investment and restrictions on how the money is invested.

**Objectives**: To achieve medium to long-term capital growth for when the child turns 18. Any money saved (contributions) is used to buy units in the Foresters Stakeholder (Schroders) Managed 1 Fund. The value of the investment, less the deduction of charges, determines the unit price at the end of each business day. The amount the child receives is calculated by multiplying the total units bought by the unit price.

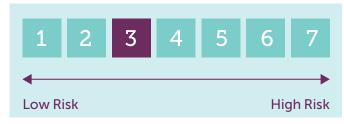
The Fund is managed by Schroders who invest in a combination of global shares (equities), fixed interest holdings and cash. A share is a part ownership of a company, whilst fixed interest holdings (often called bonds) are loans to a company or government. In the UK government bonds are known as gilts. Bonds offer a fixed date for repayment and interest paid at regular intervals. The investment into shares is limited to 60% of the fund in accordance with the Stakeholder Regulations.

**Intended retail investor:** This describes the typical investors we consider will be suitable for our CTF and therefore who we have determined to be our target market. These are parents or those with parental responsibility who wish to save on behalf of a child and who have a lump sum or spare income to invest. Our CTF is designed to enable investors to build up savings free of UK income and capital taxes using the CTF allowance. There is some risk to the investment. Our CTF is not necessarily suitable for those who have complex investment needs.

The funds are professionally managed, so customers do not need to be experienced investors or have knowledge of investing. The child will have access to the investment at age 18 and can take responsibility for the CTF from age 16.

In the event of the child's death we will pay 101% of the Plan value. The CTF will mature when the child reaches their 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday and they will have the options of withdrawing all of the CTF or reinvesting the CTF into an Adult ISA or partially withdrawing the CTF and reinvesting the remainder into an Adult ISA.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?



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The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 5 years. You or the child cannot cash in before the child's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you. We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a mediumlow risk class. This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and market conditions are unlikely to impact the capacity of Forester Life to pay you. This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some of your investment.

# **Investment Performance Information**

The fund invests in global shares, government and corporate bonds, and cash. The use of derivatives (such as equity and bond futures) is permitted for the purposes of managing and stabilising the fund. In accordance with the Stakeholder Regulations no more than 60% is invested in shares at any given time. Future returns will be determined by the performance of the equities, bonds and foreign exchange positions held in the fund. Such performance may be positive or negative and will depend on general movements in the global financial markets. General movements in the global markets could be the result of political, regulatory, market, economic or social developments at a local, regional, and global level.

In addition, certain investments in the fund are represented in their local currencies, whereas the currency of the fund is in pounds, movements in the respective exchange rates against the pound may have an impact on performance.

The funds performance is measured against a benchmark. As investments will go up and down comparison against a benchmark will give a relative view of the performance of the Fund. For example, if the fund increased in value by 10% over a certain period, but the benchmark increased by 12%, the Fund will be considered to have not performed well.

The benchmark is a combination of the following financial indices and fund performance measurement against it is adjusted for charges:

- 25% MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) Net Dividends Re-invested (NDR) unhedged in Great British Pounds (GBP or Sterling) terms
- 15% MSCI World Index NDR 100% hedged to GBP
- 10% FTSE All Share Total Return (TR)
- 5% MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) NDR in GBP terms
- 36% Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index 100% hedged to GBP
- 8% Barclays Global Aggregate Treasury Index 100% hedged to GBP
- 1% Sterling Overnight Cash Index

This benchmark has been selected because it follows the Fund's compliance with the Stakeholder Regulations, with the aim to give investors the opportunity to benefit from medium to long-term capital growth. The portfolio will be managed with an expected tracking error of up to approximately 2.5% p.a.

# What could affect my return positively?

Higher returns may be generated where global equity and bond markets rise in value. This generally occurs when such markets are stable, interest rates and inflation are low and there are no major interruptions to economic stability such as geopolitical unrest. Such conditions could therefore lead to an investment gain.

### What could affect my return negatively?

Lower returns may be generated where global equity and bond markets fall in value. This generally occurs when there is uncertainty in the markets and the demand for equities and bonds decreases. Such uncertainty may arise from increases to inflation and interest rates and major interruptions to economic stability such as pandemics and geopolitical unrest. Such conditions could therefore lead to an investment loss.

At the age of 18 the CTF will become a Matured ISA Plan and will remain invested in the Fund but no further contrbutions will be allowed. The child will have options other than leaving the Plan as a Matured ISA to re-invest the Plan into an Adult ISA or to withdraw part or all of the investment. If the investment is withdrawn during a period of economic instability, there may be an investment loss and the amount paid out could be less than paid in. However, the investor can choose when to withdraw the investment at any time.

# What happens if Forester Life is unable to pay out?

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) is the UK's compensation fund for customers of authorised financial services firms. Individual customers are covered by the FSCS which means that in the unlikely event that we cannot meet our obligations you will be entitled to make a claim for compensation from the FSCS. Forester Life's insurance and protection Plans, ISAs, Savings & Investment Plans, Pension Plans and all children's savings Plans are fully covered under the FSCS. This means you would be entitled to 100% of the value of your Plan. You can find out more about the FSCS by visiting their website www.fscs.org.uk or by calling 0800 678 1100.

#### What are the costs?

The Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs.

The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. They include potential early exit penalties. The figures assume you invest a regular premium of £1,000 per year or transfer in a single premium of £10,000. The figures are estimates and may change in the future.

#### Costs over time

#### Regular premium paid - Investment £1,000

Scenarios	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 3 years	If you cash in after 5 years
Total costs	£16	£83.40	£218
Impact on return (RIY) per	1.64%	1.64%	1.64%
year			

### Single premium paid - Investment £10,000

fter 5 years
£844
1.64%

#### Composition of costs

The table below shows the impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period, and the meaning of the different cost categories.

This table shows the impact on return per year						
One-off costs	Entry costs	0%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. The impact of the costs already include in the price. This includes the cost of distribution of your product.			
	Exit costs	0%	The impact of the costs of exiting your investment when it matures.			
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.14%	The impact of the costs of us buying and selling underlying investments for the product.			
	Other ongoing costs	1.50%*	The impact of the costs that we take each year for managing your investments and the cost presented in the tables above.			

<sup>\*</sup>This is the annual management charge.

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early? Recommended holding period: 5 years

The CTF is Government regulated and therefore a condition of the product is that the investment can only be withdrawn once the child has reached age 18. The recommended investment period allows the short-term volatility of the stocks and shares investment to even out and allow the investment potential to grow.

Once we have received your application we will issue the Plan Documents, which includes a cancellation notice. You will have 30 days from receipt of the cancellation notice in which you can change your mind.

The child will be contacted before their 18th birthday about their options at age 18. At age 18 the CTF will mature and become a Matured ISA Plan and will remain invested in the Fund. There is no charge if the child wishes to take the proceeds after age 18 or reinvest the proceeds into an Adult ISA.

# How can I complain?

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. You can view Forester Life Complaints Report and our complaints procedure at foresters.com/contact-us/complaints or phone 0333 600 0333 for a copy.

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

#### Other relevant information

You will also be provided with the Child Trust Fund brochure.

Other information is available online at foresters.com



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