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This document shows the main points about your Policy. Please read it with your personal illustration and keep it with your other documents relating to your Premiere Account. The personal illustration shows you what you might get back from your investments.

The Financial Services Authority is the independent financial services regulator. It requires us, Canada Life International Limited, to give you this important information to help you decide whether the Premiere Account is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

An explanation of some general terms used throughout this document

Death Benefit – this is an amount of money that becomes payable when the only, or the last surviving, life assured dies. The sum that becomes payable is the unit value of the Policy calculated at the next valuation date following receipt of written notification of death, less any outstanding fees and charges, plus £100 or currency equivalent.

Fund Adviser – this is the person appointed by you (subject to our consent) to make investment decisions on your behalf concerning the Policy. They must hold an appropriate authorisation or approval from their regulator to perform this role.

Life Assurance Policy – the Policy is a contract between you and us. The terms of the contract are contained in your Policy Provisions. The contract will end upon the death of the last surviving life assured.

Life or Lives Assured – this is the individual or individuals chosen by you on whose life or lives the Policy depends. You may be a life assured. On the death of the last surviving life assured, the death benefit becomes due.

One-off Withdrawals – (referred to as Partial Surrenders in the Policy Provisions). This is a sum of money that is paid to you following you asking us in writing to do so. Each one-off withdrawal is taken equally across all sub-policies.

The Policy – this is the Premiere Account. It is a single premium whole of life assurance Policy that consist of a number of identical sub-policies.

Policy Surrender – this is when you cash in all the remaining sub-policies in your Policy.

Regular Withdrawals – (referred to as Partial Surrenders in the Policy Provisions). These are sums of money that are paid to you at regular intervals following you asking us in writing to do so. Regular withdrawals are taken equally across all sub-policies.

Sub-policy – your Policy is made up of a number of individual and identical sub-policies. Each sub-policy is treated separately for taxation purposes on surrender.

Sub-policy Surrender – this is when you cash in one or more sub-policy.

Unit – when you give us a premium, you also select the fund or funds you want this to be invested into. Each fund is divided into equal parts called units. We use your premium to 'buy' as many units in your chosen fund or funds as possible. Units of different funds may cost different amounts.

Unit Value – the value of units will vary from day to day. This is called the unit value. Some funds will value their units daily; others will be valued less frequently. The value of all the units you have allocated to your Policy is the Policy value.

Valuation Date – some funds will value their units daily; others will be weekly or monthly. This is the valuation date.

We, us, our – these are references to Canada Life International Limited.

The Premiere Account

The Policy is designed for someone looking to defer the effect of direct UK taxation on their investment whilst retaining access to the investment or wishing to take a regular income from the investment.

Its aims

- To potentially increase the value of the money you invest.
- To let you invest your money in a fund or range of funds to meet your investment needs.
- To let you take money out of your Policy either as a one-off withdrawal, as a regular withdrawal, or by sub-policy surrender.

Your commitments

- To invest a single premium of at least £100,000 (or currency equivalent) into the Policy.
- The Policy has no fixed term. You can decide how long you want to invest for, but you may have to pay a charge if you fully surrender the Policy during the first five years.

Risk Factors

There are circumstances which could reduce the value of your investments. This could mean that the amount you receive is reduced.

- Future changes in legislation may affect the tax treatment of your Policy and, therefore, the amount you can receive back.
- The value of your investment can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount invested.
- How any of the funds have performed in the past is not a guide for how the funds you have invested in will perform in the future.
- Different funds carry different investment risks; some funds are riskier investments than others. Your financial adviser will be able to provide you with advice in this respect.
- If you decide to link your Policy benefits to a fund which invests in assets which are not always readily saleable, e.g. property, you should remember that in exceptional circumstances there might be a delay in liquidating the holding. This means that if you choose to link to a fund holding these assets you may not be able to get your money back for some time. In addition, some fund managers may change the basis on which funds are priced when large amounts of money are taken from the fund. This could result in an additional charge being applied to the fund (typically 5-7%), and this may mean the asset is not worth as much. When this happens we may postpone you getting your money back. Any value of property is generally a matter of a valuers opinion rather than fact unless it is sold.
- Differences in exchange rates can affect how funds perform.
- If you cancel your Policy within 30 days, you may get back less than you paid in. Please refer to "Can I change my mind" for further information.

Questions and Answers

What is the Premiere Account?

The Policy is a single premium offshore life assurance Policy, designed to potentially increase your investment over a period of at least 5 years.

There are two different versions of the Premiere Account:

1. The Alpha version allows you to link your investment to a wide range of funds, including our own range of funds.
2. The Omega version is designed for investors resident outside the UK. The Policy can be linked to stocks and shares which are acceptable to us, in addition to those funds permitted through the Alpha version.

The following information in this document is applicable to both versions of the Premiere Account.

- You can invest any amount in the Policy as long as you invest at least £100,000 (or currency equivalent). You can add extra amounts of £5,000 (or currency equivalent) or more at any time.
- The Policy can also be held in US Dollars or Euro. If any currency conversions are required, we will try to obtain the latest available rate.
- The Policy is issued as a number of identical sub-policies to make it more flexible for tax planning.

How does the Policy work?

- You can apply for a Policy on your own or with, for example, your spouse. This is known as a joint Policy. All applicants for the Policy must complete the application form.
- You, or both of you must be aged 18 or over when the Policy starts.
- You are not automatically a life assured. If you wish to be, you must complete the relevant section of the application form.
- If you want someone else or several other people to be lives assured you must provide their details on the application form.
- The Policy can have up to six lives assured.
- There must be at least one life assured who is no older than 79.
- By setting up the Policy on multiple lives, it could continue even after your death.
- The Policy ends on the death of the last life assured.

Where are my premiums invested?

- In addition to the fund range offered by us, you can choose from a wide range of collective investment schemes and cash deposits. The document “Your guide to investments” provides further information on the different types of funds that are available. This guide is available to download from our website; www.canadalifeint.com. You should seek advice from your Financial Adviser as to what is the most suitable investment for you.
- We offer a wide range of funds that you can invest in to suit your needs. Your money is used to buy units in the fund or funds of your choice. The units that you choose will be linked to your Policy.
- There is no maximum number of funds that you can invest in and no minimum amount that needs to be invested into any fund.
- The Omega version only can be linked to stocks and shares which are acceptable to us, in addition to those funds described above.

Who can make my investment decisions for me?

- You can make your own decision on what investments to invest into. Alternatively, you can nominate a Fund Adviser to make these decisions for you.

What are the charges and what are they for?

- We will deduct an amount from your Policy to pay for setting it up (known as an Establishment Charge) and for its ongoing administration (known as an Administration Fee).
- We may increase the Policy charges if the cost of managing your Policy increases. If we do this, we will tell you first.
- We may also make deductions from your Policy to pay your Financial Adviser for the advice that he may have given you, and to pay your Fund Adviser if appointed.

There are different charging structures available to suit your requirements. Full details of all our charges and fees are shown in the enclosed “Charges & Fees” sheet. *

Once you have decided which charging structure to use, your Financial Adviser will obtain a personal illustration for you, which will detail the charges applicable to your Policy.

***If these are not included in your pack, they are available to download on our website; www.canadalifeint.com or by contacting our office on 01624 820399.**

Can I take my money out of the Policy?

Yes, there are a number of ways that you can take your money out. But be aware that taking money out of your Policy will affect the amount you will get back in future.

There is no charge for taking money out of the Policy except if a sale of investments is required. This will incur a transaction fee.

Regular Withdrawals

- You can withdraw regular amounts from the Policy. You can do this every year, every 6 months, every 3 months or every month. The lowest amount you can withdraw is £50. You must leave at least £5,000 plus any outstanding charges in the Policy.

- You can set the amount, frequency and start date of the withdrawals in line with the limits stated above.

One-off Withdrawals

- You can take a one-off withdrawal from the Policy at any time. The lowest amount you can withdraw is £200. You must leave at least £5,000 plus any outstanding charges in the Policy.

Sub-policy surrender

- The Policy is issued as a number of identical sub-policies. You may surrender any of these sub-policies at any time, however you must leave at least £5,000, plus any outstanding charges in the Policy.

Policy surrender

- You may surrender the Policy in full at any time.
- If you surrender the Policy we will deduct any outstanding charges from the amount returned to you.

When can I receive the money?

- When all the required documentation has been received and once the investments in the Policy have been sold to meet the value of the withdrawal, sub-policy surrender or Policy surrender.

How can I receive the money?

- We can pay the proceeds by BACS or CHAPS to your bank. There will be a charge for CHAPS payments.

What happens if I die?

- If you are the only life assured and you die, we will pay the death benefit to your claimants.
- If there is more than one life assured, the Policy can continue until the death of the last life assured at which point the death benefit will be paid.
- The death benefit will be paid out when all the investments have been sold and all the required documentation has been received by us.

How is a death claim made?

- To make a claim for the death benefits, your claimants should contact your Financial Adviser or our claims department at the address shown on page 9. We will then let them know what information and documentation we require to process the claim.

Can I change my mind?

- We are not directly authorised by the Financial Services Authority and, therefore, the Financial Services Authority cancellation rules do not apply to our Policies.
- We do however continue to offer cancellation rights and you have the right to change your mind and cancel the Policy within 30 days of receiving the document "Notice of the right to cancel" from us.

- If you do decide to cancel the Policy, any fall in value of the investment will be deducted from the amount returned. Should a rise in investment value occur, we will retain the surplus and only the amount invested will be returned.
- You should be aware that if you choose to cancel a Policy that is either:
 - linked to a deposit which has a term of more than 30 days; or
 - linked to a fund which deals monthly, quarterly, annually or less frequently

then the following will apply:

- The Policy will be cancelled on the date we receive the cancellation notice.
- We may delay the repayment of the part of the Policy linked to the deposit or fund described above until the deposit matures or the dealing date for the fund is reached and cleared funds are received by us.
- We will return the value of the investment at the time the deposit matures or as at the dealing date less.
- Whilst we will make every effort to break a deposit or deal, this is not always possible. Where it is possible, it may incur significant charges which will reduce the amount returned to you.

What taxes are applicable?

- We are resident in the Isle of Man and pay no local taxes on the capital growth or income which accrue to our funds. However, withholding tax may be charged on certain investments, and this is not reclaimable.
- If you are UK resident for tax purposes, you can withdraw your original premium from your Policy without having to pay any Income Tax immediately providing that you do not withdraw more than 5% of your original premium paid each year.
- If you do not withdraw the full 5% in any year, the unused amount can be carried forward to be used in future years. This means, for example, that you can withdraw up to 5% of your premium each year for 20 years without paying any Income Tax at the time of the withdrawals.
- If you do withdraw more than 5% of your premium paid, including any unused amounts from previous years, the excess may be liable to Income Tax at the full rate payable (basic or higher rate, less allowances, if appropriate) irrespective of the value of the Policy at the time.
- When the Policy is fully surrendered, or when sub-policies are surrendered or on the death of the last life assured, there may be a charge to Income Tax. The amount chargeable to tax will be the surrender value of the Policy or sub-policy, plus any withdrawals taken, less the sum of the original premium and any amounts previously withdrawn that exceeded the 5% allowance.

This is based on our understanding of relevant legislation as at October 2008 and could be subject to change in the future.

If you are not resident in the UK, we recommend that you take tax advice as to the suitability of this product.

How to contact us?

- You should contact your Financial Adviser in the first instance.
- If you have any questions you can contact us in the following ways:

Phone: **01624 820399 (lines are open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm)**

Email: **Customer.services@canadalifeint.com**

Website: **www.canadalifeint.com**

Head office address: **Canada Life International Limited
St Mary's
The Parade
Castletown
Isle of Man
IM9 1RJ**

Further information

How to complain:

If you need to complain about any part of the service that we have provided, please write to us at the address on page 9.

If you are not happy with our response you can contact:

Financial Services Ombudsman Scheme for the Isle of Man
Government Buildings
Lord Street
Douglas
Isle of Man
IM1 1LE

Phone: 01624 686500
Email: ombudsman@iomoft.gov.im
Website: www.gov.im/oft

Referring a complaint to the Ombudsman may preclude you from taking legal proceedings.

What legal system applies to the Policy?

The law of the Isle of Man will apply to your Policy.

What protection is there for this Policy?

Policyholders of Canada Life International policies are protected by the Isle of Man Life Assurance (Compensation of Policyholders) Regulations 1991 if the company becomes unable to meet its liabilities to them. You should read the "Policyholder Protection" leaflet, which is available on request, or on our website; www.canadalifeint.com

Terms and conditions

This document is a brief guide to the key features of the Premiere Account. You can read the full terms and conditions in the policy provisions which, together with the application form, makes the legally binding contract between you and us.



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