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International

The Premiere Account **Client Brochure**

This brochure assumes that the reader is both UK domiciled and resident



The Premiere Account

The purpose of the Premiere Account is to provide a tax efficient vehicle through which the investor can obtain capital growth. It can also supplement income by allowing tax-deferred cash withdrawals. The Premiere Account may be held by individuals, companies or trustees.

The underlying assets within the Alpha version of the Premiere Account must be pooled funds. Access is therefore available to the award winning range of Canada Life International sterling, US Dollar and Euro denominated funds as well as a wide range of unit trusts, investment trusts and other acceptable pooled funds.

The Omega version of the Premiere Account is designed for those investors resident outside the UK who wish to access a very broad range of international investments such as stocks and shares, in addition to the funds permitted through the Alpha version.

The Omega version is **not** available to UK residents.

Whichever version is selected the client may nominate his/her own suitably authorised fund adviser, or, indeed, may choose to manage the investment him/herself if he/she so wishes. All paper work and dividend income generated by the investment transactions will be processed by Canada Life International's Investment Department.

Freedom to switch your investments

Switching existing investments or redirecting new monies is simple and may be done at any time using a Dealing Instruction Form. Regular updates including valuations and full transaction details, are provided on a quarterly basis. These reports will be sent to you or your fund adviser, nominated trustee or introducing financial adviser, depending on the instruction you give us on your application form.

A contract note confirming your deal will be sent to you or your fund adviser.

Withdrawals

Many Premiere Account holders will wish to take an income from their investment. Income may be taken from the Account by means of withdrawals, which may be taken regularly or upon request.

The frequency and level of withdrawals may be changed at any time. Naturally, you or your chosen fund adviser will need to ensure that there are sufficient liquid assets within the Account to finance the withdrawals.

Taxation

The taxation position of withdrawals will, of course, normally depend upon the taxation laws of the investor's country of residence. It is important for clients to consult their own financial adviser to ascertain the consequences of acquiring, holding, withdrawing from and redeeming a Canada Life International Premiere Account under the relevant laws of their particular jurisdiction.

Information and services

Each Premiere Account investor receives a full quarterly valuation and transaction statement of his/her Account and its holdings. The statement shows all dealing transactions made over the period together with withdrawals, if appropriate. The investor is thus regularly updated on the value of his/her Account. Many transactions he/she may wish to undertake can simply and easily be accomplished by phone, fax or post. We do not accept such instructions via e-mail.

Currencies

The Premiere Account may be denominated in sterling, US Dollars or Euro, though it may deal in any freely negotiable currency and hold assets in currencies different to the Account denomination.

Tax efficient

Canada Life International does not pay tax on the capital growth or income which accrues to its funds, including Premiere Account funds (with the exception of withholding tax charged by some countries to foreign investors on investment income). This means that the returns are likely to be greater than directly held investments. However, investors should always consult their financial advisers on their personal tax position.

Life assurance

The Canada Life International Premiere Account is a life assurance policy and is available on an individual Life Assured basis or a Joint or Multiple Life Last Survivor basis

The life cover is £100 (or currency equivalent) plus the surrender value at the next valuation date following receipt of written notification of death. The maximum age at entry is 80 attained or, where it is a joint or multiple life application, the youngest age is 80 attained.

Questions and answers

What is the Premiere Account?

A life assurance policy issued by Canada Life International which offers the freedom to invest internationally.

Are there any eligibility requirements?

Yes, Canada Life International products and services are generally available to investors throughout the world. The company will also accept applications from corporate bodies and trusts.

We are, however, unable to act for residents or citizens of the United States of America, and residents of those countries where such investments are unlawful.

The investor should establish that he/she is eligible to effect a Canada Life International Account under the particular laws and regulations of the jurisdiction to which he/she is subject.

The views of a financial adviser should also be sought prior to entering into an Account, or an Account transaction.

How much can I invest?

The minimum lump sum investment is £100,000 sterling (or currency equivalent). Additional minimum investment is £5,000 sterling (or currency equivalent). There is no maximum investment.

Why are there two versions of the Premiere Account?

The simplest version of the Premiere Account, the Alpha version, is designed for those investors who wish to access a managed range of pooled investment funds offered by Canada Life International.

Many investors wish to benefit from the professional skills of investment managers and Canada Life International's own award winning range of funds are a case in point.

The Omega version of the Premiere Account is for investors resident outside the United Kingdom and is a highly personalised investment bond. Not only can you invest in pooled funds, including Canada Life International's own funds, but you can also nominate specific securities, bonds, shares etc, and a broad range of other acceptable assets. Canada Life International will create a unique fund for Omega investors within which you, or your fund adviser, control investment decisions.

Some assets are not permitted within Omega Accounts such as commodities, property, private company shares or coinage.

How do I set up a Premiere Account?

For a straightforward investment, it is simple. You complete the relevant Application Form, Fund Adviser/Fund Manager & Custodian Nomination Form (if required), and write a cheque, or transfer the money through the inter bank systems, to the favour of Canada Life International Limited.

When Canada Life International receives the relevant Application and the premium we establish the Account. If applicable, the Fund Adviser/Fund Manager & Custodian Nomination Form specifies the fund management arrangements which your chosen adviser has with you, and what sort of ongoing remuneration agreement has been established. Canada Life International will require instruction from you or your chosen fund adviser as to how the premium should be invested, if this was not given with the application.

Questions and answers (cont.)

Do I have to appoint a fund adviser?

No, you may manage the fund personally.

Do I have to invest cash only?

No, Canada Life International can also accept most types of existing investments which you may currently hold. If acceptable, these will be transferred into the name of Canada Life International Limited to constitute your premium into the Premiere Account. Any dealing expenses are borne by the Account.

Is it a simple procedure to take in existing investments?

Yes. However, it is important to note the following points:-

All assets exchanged are valued at the bid price on the day of receipt of both certificates and correctly completed and signed Stock Transfer Forms (where applicable).

This value is added to any cash transferred. This total amount becomes the premium under the Account. For securities held in non-certificated form (such as 'Investment Trusts') the valuation day is the date receipt is notified to Canada Life International by our holding agent.

It is possible that the Omega version of the Premiere Account can also accommodate other forms of assets. You should refer any such potential investments to us for review and we will advise you how to arrange transfer if these are acceptable to Canada Life International.

If you are transferring an existing portfolio into any version of the Premiere Account then this transfer constitutes a change of ownership and thus a realisation of that stock. It is possible therefore that a gains tax, or an equivalent profits tax, liability will arise. Please check with your financial adviser.

It is also possible, on the transfer of an existing portfolio, to generate a liability to stamp duty, or some other similar tax. Again, check with your financial adviser. A Stock Transfer Form or an equivalent instrument needs to be completed to transfer ownership from you to Canada Life International Limited.

How is the day to day running of the account carried out?

Canada Life International will carry out the desired fund switches or the fund adviser may entrust Canada Life International to carry out any dealing. The Company is responsible for all dealing, settlements, stock delivery, investment income receipts in fact, all financial transactions within the Account. The Account is valued quarterly by Canada Life International. This valuation, together with a full statement of all transactions since the previous valuation or inception is sent to you or your nominated fund adviser either directly or via your introducing intermediary.

Questions and answers (cont.)

What is the position with any un-invested cash within the account?

Cash is invested into the appropriate Money Fund in an Alpha account on a fortnightly basis. For Omega accounts, any un-invested cash will attract interest, credited quarterly in arrears. Similarly, any overdrawn position, (on both the Alpha & Omega accounts) whether caused by withdrawals, fees or any other reason, will incur overdraft interest which will be debited quarterly.

Canada Life International reserves the right to sell investments or match currencies should it be deemed necessary if an overdrawn position occurs.

What happens if I want to surrender early?

The surrender value of any Premiere Account at any time will be the value of the underlying assets, less any outstanding establishment fees, charges, and costs.

Are there charges in Canada Life International's own funds?

With the exception of the Money Funds, which are cash funds to which Canada Life International levies an administration fee, Canada Life International makes no charge for the administration of its internal funds. However, all unit trusts or similar funds, including those underpinning Canada Life International's non-cash internal funds, have management charges which are levied by the unit trust managers or authorised corporate directors. These charges are deducted before the calculation of the unit price is provided to Canada Life International.

What happens when I die?

On your death, or the death of the last Life Assured if the Premiere Account is on a Joint or Multiple Lives basis, the life assurance benefit payable will be £100 plus surrender value of the Account at the next valuation date following written notification of death.

Questions and answers (cont.)

How is the Account taxed within Canada Life International?

Canada Life International does not pay tax on the capital growth or income which accrues to its funds, including Premiere Account funds (with the exception of withholding tax charged by some countries to foreign investors on investment income). This means that the returns are likely to be greater than directly held investments. However, investors should always consult their financial advisers on their personal tax position.

Am I liable to tax?

The answer very much depends on your own tax jurisdiction. Please consult your financial adviser. The Premiere Account is a life assurance policy and as such can be subject to favourable tax treatment. In most cases you would only be taxed on receipt of any amounts from the Account. Please consult your financial adviser for further information.

What policyholder compensation is there?

Policyholders of Canada Life International policies will be protected by the Isle of Man Life Assurance (Compensation of Policyholders) Regulations 1991 if the company becomes unable to meet its liabilities to them. Certain policyholders may also be protected by the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Note

The information contained within this document is based on Canada Life International's understanding of applicable legislation and HM Revenue & Customs practice as at November 2007 which may be subject to change.

About Canada Life International

Canada Life International was established in 1987 and is based in the Isle of Man, a jurisdiction recognised for its stable government, strong regulatory controls and policyholder protection measures. Canada Life International continues to receive strong ratings from specialist agencies in relation to financial strength, unit-linked business and commitment to service.

Since formation, Canada Life International has continually developed expertise in providing wealth management solutions for UK and international clients alike. With assets under administration of £4.7bn (as at 30/06/2007) Canada Life International works in close partnership with some of the world's largest investment specialists.

In July 2003, Canada Life International became a subsidiary of the Great-West Life Assurance Company which is owned by Great-West Lifeco Inc. The Great-West Lifeco Inc Group of companies serve the financial security needs of individuals and organisations in Canada, the United States and Europe, providing retirement savings and income plans, as well as comprehensive protection contracts for individuals and families. With assets under administration of C\$415bn (£195bn) (as at 30/06/2007), Great-West Lifeco Inc is the largest Canadian life and health insurance company.

The Great-West Life Assurance Company has been given financial strength ratings from Fitch Ratings and Standard & Poor's of AA+ and AA respectively (as at 30/06/2007).



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