

THE SOVEREIGN RETIREMENT ANNUITY TRUST SCHEME

The Sovereign Retirement Annuity Trust Scheme (“the Scheme”) is a Guernsey income tax-approved multi-member retirement annuity trust open solely to Guernsey residents.

The Scheme has four fee levels which ensure the Scheme is appropriate and accessible for individuals at all stages of their retirement saving life cycle, including those at an ‘accumulation’ stage who are still saving for their retirement and those who have already built up a pot of retirement savings.

The Scheme has also been developed and is managed in such a way so as to meet the UK prescribed conditions to be a Qualifying Recognised Overseas Pension Scheme (‘QROPS’) and as such the Scheme is able to accept authorised transfers from UK registered pension schemes.

The Trustee and Administrator of the Scheme is Sovereign Trust (Guernsey) Limited, which is licensed and regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

Sovereign Group also has licensed and regulated pension trustees in a number of other jurisdictions, including the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Gibraltar and Malta. As such, should an individual move from Guernsey to another country, where another pension scheme may be more suitable for their requirements, there is the ability to transfer between Group products free of charge.

FOUR FEE LEVELS BASIC/BUILDER/CLASSIC/PRO

CONTRIBUTIONS/TRANSFERS

- Can receive one-off (*ad hoc*) or regular contributions
- Can accept pension transfers, including from UK registered pension schemes
- Contributions are uncapped, but tax relieved limits will apply
- Can receive cash or existing assets *in specie*

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- Available from age 50 and before age 75
- Pension commencement lump sum of up to 30 per cent (optional)
- Regular income stream payable, based on UK Government Actuary’s Department limits

INVESTMENTS

- Very flexible and accepts most assets including:
- Cash, quoted shares and unquoted shares and fixed interest securities
 - Commercial and residential property*
 - Loans to Members

TAX POSITION

- Approved by the Guernsey Income Tax Office
- Tax relief available on contributions up to prescribed local limits
- Pension commencement lump sum payable tax-free up to prescribed local limit
- Capped drawdown (income) paid subject to 20% withholding tax deducted at source

*Non-standard investments, including property, will only be permitted within the ‘Pro’ fee level option

The Scheme starts at £200 to establish and has annual Trustee fees starting from £100.

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