

Terms of Business

What to expect from your chosen advice services and the associated fees

Principal Financial Services (Nottingham) Limited is an Appointed Representative of Quilter Financial Planning Solutions Limited, who are authorised and regulated in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and are registered on the FCA Register with Firm Reference Number: 184591.

Our Contact Details:

Principal Financial Services (Nottingham) Limited

You may communicate with us at any time using the following contact details:

Email: office@principal-fs.co.uk
Tel: 0115 948 3466

Wherever you are on your financial journey, we're here to give you advice you can depend on

Our services are comprehensive, which means your Adviser can offer you professional advice across all the stages of your financial life. Whether you are looking to build wealth in preparation for retirement, preserve wealth once retired, protect your family financially, or manage property or business wealth, our advice services are designed to be flexible and to secure the best outcomes for you.

To do this, we offer a range of advisory services which are designed to meet your needs as your life evolves. You can choose to receive some or all of these services at any time. This document explains what you can expect from these services and the associated fees.

Your investment service

Recommending the best investment solutions for you

Restricted Advice - When you receive investment advice from us, our recommendations are from a curated panel of leading investment companies. This means that when we identify the most suitable investment solutions for you, we look at a range of pre-vetted investments from companies which meet our approval. We will be happy to provide you with a list of companies that we use upon request.

If you already have a product or portfolio with another company, we will first conduct an analysis of what you have. This will help us to advise you on the likelihood of achieving your long-term goals in your current position, and we may recommend that this is retained. However, should we find clear indicators that your interests will be better served by moving to our core proposition or our wider panel then we may recommend that you take action.

For new investments we will first consider whether your needs can be met with a product from Quilter's investment platform and/or a managed investment portfolio from Quilter Investors or a discretionary investment portfolio from Quilter Cheviot.

In the event that your requirements cannot be met by our core proposition we can recommend a product from a wider panel of providers researched and maintained by Quilter Financial Planning Limited. We can provide a list of these providers at your request.

Because we are part of the Quilter Group of companies, we may be able to secure preferential terms on some products, services and investment solutions within the group for our clients. This is not guaranteed and will be confirmed to you at the point of recommendation.

The advice fees associated with your investment service



You will not incur any fees for our services until we have agreed what they will be. If you have any questions about your fees or when they start, please speak to your Adviser.

This document details the fees you will incur for our financial advice services. Please remember that you may also need to pay charges related to the investment products we recommend, however these charges will be presented to you before you agree to proceed with our recommendations.

We offer different ways in which you can pay us for our services. Once we have discussed these with you, we will confirm the fee structure and method of payment.

Many clients also benefit from their Adviser regularly reviewing their financial plans to ensure they stay on track.

This can be important as many things can change over the years, including your own circumstances and plans for the future, as well as tax rules, market performance, and the availability of new products and services which could benefit you.

Where your Adviser recommends our ongoing service to you and you choose to opt in, we will charge an **ongoing fee for maintaining and monitoring your plans**.

Our fees for these services are as follows:

Advice fee

Once we have assessed your needs and circumstances, we will advise you accordingly and make a personal recommendation for you. If you wish to go ahead with our recommendations, we will implement these for you.

The fee that applies will depend on whether you are making a single payment (otherwise called a 'lump sum'), or whether you are planning to make regular contributions.

For example, a lump sum fee would apply where you seek our advice to invest a one-off inheritance, whereas a regular fee would apply where you ask us to recommend a pension plan which you choose to pay into monthly.



When you invest a lump sum, our advice fee is tiered. This means the more you invest, the lower the fee rate you pay. As well as offering financial benefits, this can give you greater clarity and peace of mind over how much you'll pay for our services, should you choose to invest any additional sums.

Our fees for this service are as follows:

How the advice fee applies to lump sums

- 3% of the first £100,000 you invest
- 2% on the next £150,000 you invest and
- 1% on amounts you invest above £250,000

Example fees

To make it clear and easy to apply to your own circumstances, we have set out below what our fees would be on different investment amounts:

- £100,000 invested, the fee would be £3,000, which represents 3% of the amount invested
- £250,000 invested, the fee would be £6,000 which represents 2.50% of the amount invested
- £300,000 invested, the fee would be £6,500 which represents 2.25% of the amount invested

If we recommend multiple products but implement these over an extended period, the total investment amount will be used to calculate any advice fees.

How the advice fee applies to regular contributions

We do not currently apply an initial adviser charge to regular monthly investments.

Hourly rates

Based on our experience and the information you provide to us, we will give you an estimate of the cost before starting any chargeable work for you. Our fee will be based on the amount of time we spend providing you with services, at the hourly rates below.



Where you pay an hourly rate for our advice services, we will never exceed the costs outlined in your estimate from us without your prior agreement.

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| • Work performed by a Diploma qualified Financial Adviser | £330 | • Paraplanning activity | £150 |
| • Work performed by a Chartered Financial planner | £550 | • Administration and support | £80 |

Example fees

An initial advice service using hourly rates may cost the following:

	Hours	Total
Work performed by a Diploma qualified Financial Adviser	7	£2,310
Paraplanning activity	5	£750
Administration and support	2	£160
		£3,220

Your proportionate fees if you cancel your advice service

We always aim to provide you with the highest quality service and advice to help you achieve your financial goals.

However, should a situation occur where you need to ask us to stop work after agreeing fees with us, you will be invoiced proportionately for the work completed up until that point. We will advise you of this amount when you contact us.

Ongoing advice fees for monitoring & maintaining your plans

Where recommended by their Adviser, many clients choose to opt into our ongoing advice service to ensure their financial plans remain on-track to meet their financial goals.

Where we recommend that you'd benefit from ongoing advice, the different elements of this service are outlined below.

The service levels we offer are based on the value of assets under our advice. As the value of your assets changes over time, you will have the option of considering switching to alternate service levels available to you at your next annual progress check meeting. Our ongoing advice fees will be adjusted accordingly once a new service level is agreed.

	Financial Planning	Wealth Management
Core Services*		
An annual progress check meeting to review your plans, current circumstances, and objectives to help ensure that your financial planning remains on track.	✓	✓
You'll receive a consolidated annual report of your plans and investments within the scope of our advice, so that you can see your current position and progress towards your objectives.	✓	✓
Your Adviser will recommend any switches to your investment funds where this is suitable and beneficial for you.	✓	✓
We'll confirm in writing whether your plans and investments continue to be suitable based on your stated objectives and risk appetite. *	✓	✓
Assistance with the administration of your plans and support with any third-party provider interaction, as required.	✓	✓
Telephone and e-mail access to your Adviser (and wider support team), allowing you to quickly address any questions or concerns that you might have between regular scheduled progress check meetings.	✓	✓
Additional Services (where requested by you) **		
Advice, support and facilitation on "top ups" to your investments		✓
Advice, support and facilitation on withdrawals once per tax year		✓
Meetings with your Adviser (as appropriate) in addition to your annual progress check meeting		✓
A detailed cash flow model to help you plan with confidence		✓
Engagement with your other professional Advisers (e.g., Accountants/Solicitors) on your financial affairs		✓
Typical Assets under our Advice	£150,000 - £1.5m	£1.5m +
Ongoing Advice Fee	1.0%	0.75%
Minimum fees that may apply	£1,500	£7,500

***Remember, we'll only be able to confirm whether your plans and investments continue to be suitable following your annual progress check meeting. Where you are unable to attend a meeting, we will not be able to confirm whether your plans and investments remain on track.**

** Where additional services are available to you, if you do not need them or choose not to use them in any given year, you will not be eligible for a refund of the ongoing advice fees paid for that year. If you have any questions on this at any time or want to understand in more detail what this means in practice, please do not hesitate to contact your Adviser so they can help.

Financial Planning service has an ongoing service fee of 1.0% per year of the value of your product / portfolio invested.

Example fees

We have set out below what our ongoing fees would be on different investment amounts:

- £150,000 invested, the fee would be £1,500 p.a
- £200,000 invested, the fee would be £2,000 p.a.
- £250,000 invested, the fee would be £2,500 p.a.

Wealth Management service has an ongoing service fee of 0.75% per year of the value of your product / portfolio invested.

Example fees

We have set out below what our ongoing fees would be on different investment amounts:

- £1,500,000 invested, the fee would be £11,250 p.a
- £2,000,000 invested, the fee would be £15,000 p.a.
- £2,500,000 invested, the fee would be £18,750 p.a.

Minimum fees



Where the cost of the advice you need is below our minimum fee level, your Adviser will let you know and discuss this with you so you can make an informed decision about the best option for you.

We apply minimum fees to:

- Our standard advice services – in other words, advice which includes a personal recommendation to you.
- Work we perform for you outside of our standard services. Where this is the case, we will tell you before we start.

The minimum advice fee for our **initial** advice service is £1,500.

The minimum fee for our **ongoing** advice service is £1,500 per annum (Financial Planning) or £7,500 per annum (Wealth Management).

Your protection

Complaints

We always endeavour to give the highest quality service and advice; however, there may be times when you feel you do not receive the service you expect.

If you have a complaint, please get in touch with us using the contact details below in the first instance. We will do our best to investigate your concerns, look into things properly, and respond to you as quickly as we can.

We will provide you with a summary of our complaints procedure when we acknowledge your complaint as well as on request.

Quilter Financial Planning Complaints
Department
Sunderland SR43 4JR
Email: QFPcomplaints@quilter.com
Tel: 0191 241 0700

The Financial Ombudsman

If we cannot settle your complaint, you may be entitled to refer it to the Financial Ombudsman Service using the contact details below. Please be aware that you may not be entitled to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service if your product is not regulated by the FCA (for example, a buy-to-let mortgage).

Telephone: 0800 023 4567
Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk
Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the FSCS. In the unlikely event that we cannot meet our obligations, you may be entitled to compensation from the FSCS. This depends on your type of advice/product, and the circumstances of your claim. The FSCS covers eligible claims up to the following limits:

- Investment - Up to £85,000 per eligible person, per institution for deposits
- Investment - Up to £85,000 per eligible person, per firm for investments
- Protection - 100% protection for long term insurance; 90% protection for all other kinds of insurance, including general insurance

Further information about compensation scheme arrangements including the conditions governing compensation and how to obtain compensation is available from the FSCS at www.fscs.org.uk.

Data protection and your rights

The personal information you provide will assist your Financial Adviser in offering you suitable advice. The personal data you provide will be used and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) under UK law.

Quilter Group process 'special category data' on the lawful basis of 'substantial public interest'.

For further information on how Quilter uses your personal data and your rights, please see our [Privacy Notice](#). A printable version can be provided on request.

For further information on how your Adviser uses your personal data, please see their Privacy [principal-fs.co.uk/ files/ugd/fa3a63_2a15e46fcee44d86a9cf6259019b2c08.pdf](https://www.principal-fs.co.uk/files/ugd/fa3a63_2a15e46fcee44d86a9cf6259019b2c08.pdf) on their website.

If you have any enquiries relating to the personal data that Quilter may hold about you, how your personal data is processed, or how to exercise your rights you can contact our Data Team, at QFPdataguardian@quilter.com.

From time to time, we may want to send you relevant marketing electronically from both your Adviser and Quilter. You can unsubscribe at any time.

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How we collect and use your personal information appropriately, lawfully and transparently.

Cancellations and refunds

You can cancel these Terms at any time without penalty. This will not affect any outstanding transactions being carried out on your behalf and you may still have to pay a fee to us, as outlined below. To cancel these Terms, you should notify us using the contact details shown on the front of this document.

Our cancellations policy for the different advice services that we offer is set out below:

Investments

Initial advice

Our standard policy is that if these Terms are terminated, a recommendation is not followed through to implementation, or a product that we arrange is cancelled, no refunds will be given, and all work undertaken will be billable as previously agreed.

If you cancel your investment(s) in the cooling off period or stop regular contribution payments the fee will no longer be due unless a minimum fee is stated in these Terms.

Ongoing service

You can cancel your ongoing service or our authority to act on your behalf at any time by email or post using the contact details shown on the front of these Terms. You will be responsible for cancelling any payment instructions from your bank. If the ongoing service fee is taken from your investments we will aim to instruct the provider, platform or discretionary fund manager to stop the fee within 5 working days of receiving your instructions and refund any overpayment to you.

Our ongoing advice service fee will be charged up until the date that you are no longer contractually entitled to receive our ongoing advice services, which will be the same date we receive notice that you wish to cancel these services. If you cancel your ongoing advice services because you are dissatisfied with the level of service that you have received, we will treat this as a complaint, subject to our standard complaint procedures. Please see the section above headed *Complaints*.

Our ongoing advice services are appropriate for clients who wish to keep their investments under regular review. You have the right to decline an ongoing financial review at any time. We will not refund your ongoing service fees if we have offered, but you have declined, an ongoing financial review.

We reserve the right to cancel the ongoing service or our authority to act on your behalf on reasonable notice to you. We may wish to do this if we consider that our ongoing service is no longer appropriate for you or if we are unable to provide it for any reason.

Other important information

Our regulator

Principal Financial Services (Nottingham) Limited (FCA register number 626299) is an appointed representative of Quilter Financial Planning Solutions Limited (FCA register number 184591), of Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4AB which is/are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The permitted business of Quilter Financial Planning Solutions Limited is advising on and arranging pensions, investments, mortgages, life assurance and general insurance.

You can check this on the FCA's register at <https://register.fca.org.uk/s/> or by contacting the FCA on 0300 500 8082 or 0800 111 6768.

The FCA address is: 12 Endeavour Square, London, E20 1JN.

The permitted scope of our advice

We have set out above the business that Quilter Financial Planning Solutions Limited is permitted to carry on.

We can only offer advice from certain leading investment, insurance, and mortgage companies. By restricting our business to a selected panel of product providers and a carefully chosen range of their products, Quilter Financial Planning Solutions Limited ensures it is able to meet the needs of its clients and delivers the high standards they expect. We can provide a list of the companies on our panel upon request.

The Quilter Group of companies offers a range of market leading pension and investment solutions through both a UK and international platform. Pension and investment solutions offered by Quilter form an integral part of our core investment proposition. However, we will only recommend that you invest into pension/investment solutions offered by Quilter if it is in your interests to do so.

Examples of products and services which we are prohibited from recommending include:

- Any overseas service or product (for example QROPS and QNUPS), apart from offshore bonds designed for UK-resident clients; and
- Non-mainstream pooled investments, such as unregulated collective investments schemes.

If you wish to consider a product or service which is not included in the Quilter Financial Planning Solutions Limited authorised list, and which is not offered by any other Quilter group company, we may be able to introduce you to a third party who can assist. Please note that if we introduce you to a third party in this way, any information and/or advice on the product and service will be provided by that third party. Neither we nor any Quilter group company accept any responsibility for any information and/or advice provided by any third party.

Please call us if you have any queries or concerns, using the contact details on the front of these Terms.

Client categorisation

By default, we categorise all of our individual clients as retail clients. This means that you have the highest level of protection available under the regulatory system.

In most cases these rights will also apply to the products we recommend. However, there are some exemptions for specialist products such as Enterprise Investment Schemes and Venture Capital Trusts. Your Adviser will let you know if the product recommended will not have rights under the Financial Ombudsman Service or the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

In our dealing with you, we will be representing you as client.

You may have the right to ask to be categorised as a professional client. Please let us know if you would like us to consider categorising you as a professional client. You should be aware that, if you are categorised as a professional client, you are given fewer protections under the regulatory system than you would have as a retail client. For example, you may not be eligible to complain to the Financial Ombudsman Service or bring a claim against the Financial Services Compensation Scheme if we are unable to meet our financial obligations.

If you have any questions regarding your categorisation (e.g. if you are a large company), please write to Quilter Financial Planning Ltd Compliance Department, Sunderland, SR43 4JR or use the contact details shown on the front of these Terms.

Paying for advised services

If your advice fees are paid out of the amount you pay to your product provider or platform administrator for investment, this will reduce the amount that is invested. The initial advice and ongoing advice service fees will be a percentage of contributions invested or percentage of the plan's value/funds under management as at the anniversary of the initial investment. As such, the cash amount will vary depending on the value of your investment at the time.

Product providers and platform administrators will detail the specific process they operate to facilitate an advice fee in their product documents.

If you choose instead to pay your fees directly to us, we will issue an invoice to you, which must be settled within 14 days. We reserve the right to charge interest on late payments at a rate of 3% above bank base rate.

Full details of the final advice will be provided in your Suitability Report. Details of any future service fees will be provided in the 'Confirmation of Services' section of this document.

Other costs, including taxes, related to transactions may arise that are not paid via us or imposed by us. You can pay for our services by bank transfer or cheque as we never handle cash. There are no additional fees for our services for using a means of distance communication.

VAT

In most instances, our fees are exempt from VAT. However, if VAT is payable – for example, where a discretionary fund manager forms part of our recommendation, or where a fee is charged before application – we will tell you.

The advice fee for an ongoing service may also be exempt from VAT if the initial advice fee is exempt and the ongoing fee is agreed at the time of the initial advice. Ongoing fees in relation to Discretionary Fund Manager solutions are likely to be subject to VAT.

The fees set out in these terms do not include VAT unless states otherwise. If VAT does apply it will be charged on top of the stated fee. The law on which services are and are not subject to VAT may change in the future.

Client money

We do not handle client money. We never handle cash and will only accept a cheque made out to us in settlement of advice and service fees. Our preferred method of payment is bank transfer.

Your duty to disclose information

The financial advice and recommendations we provide are based on your personal financial circumstances and objectives that you disclose to us. We will confirm these and the reasons for any recommendation in our advice. It is important that the information you give us is accurate and a true reflection of your current circumstances, as that will form the basis of the advice and recommendations that we give.

You must provide complete and accurate information to product providers such as insurance, mortgage or investment companies. If you don't disclose relevant information or a change of circumstances, your policy, mortgage or investment product may be invalidated - for example, an insurance claim may not be paid. We strongly recommend that you thoroughly check the information you provide before you submit it.

Addressing financial crime

We are required to comply with laws and regulations designed to prevent money laundering and other financial crime. Our responsibilities include verifying the identity and address of our clients and anyone making payments on their behalf. If asked, you must supply proof of your address and/or identity.

Identity verification checks include electronic searches of the electoral register and the use of credit reference agencies, which will result in a soft footprint on your credit file. This footprint is not visible to other financial service providers and does not affect your credit rating in any way. Your acceptance of these Terms represents your permission for us to carry out these checks.

Changes to these Terms

We may change these Terms, including our fees and commission rates, from time to time in whole or in part.

We can change these Terms:

- to reflect changes in the costs or charges that we incur or expect to incur in providing our services, including changes in the rates of tax or how it is applied
- to reflect current or future changes in law, FCA rules or market practice, or decisions of the Financial Ombudsman Service
- to meet regulatory requirements, industry guidance or best practice, or the requirements of any of the firms whose products or services we make available to you
- to allow us to introduce new systems, products or services or to reflect changes in the way we deliver our services to you
- to reflect how our services are used and ensure the costs of our services are allocated fairly
- to make these Terms easier to understand, fairer or to correct errors.

We will give you at least 30 days' notice of any change to these Terms that may be detrimental to you, unless we are required to make the change sooner.

These Terms are based on our understanding of the law and regulations when the Terms were written. If there is a change to the law or regulations, or how they are interpreted, we will not be liable for any loss that may result.

Conflicts of interest

To ensure client interests are always put first, we operate a robust conflict of interest policy. If a potential conflict of interest arises, it will be actively managed, and we have arrangements in place to ensure all our clients are treated fairly. If we feel that our interests conflict with yours, you will be contacted, and we will obtain your consent to proceed. Our full conflicts of interest policy is available upon request.

Language

Unless agreed by us, all communication will be completed in English. We will communicate in a manner that is convenient to you; this could include face-to-face meetings, post, e-mail and by telephone using the contact details shown on the front of these Terms.

The law we operate under

These Terms are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. In relation to any dispute, if you live in England, you and we agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England. If you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you and we agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively.

All advice will be conducted in the UK. We do not have permission to give advice when either you or your Adviser is located outside the UK.

Supporting your needs

All customers can potentially face difficulties. However, these difficulties can be made worse for customers with additional needs. These needs might relate to health, life events or communication issues.

Quilter offers various services for people with additional needs. You can find more information at www.quilter.com/help-and-support/supporting-customers-with-additional-needs. If you can't find what you're looking for, please get in touch and we'll do our very best to help you.

A paper copy of this document is available on request.

If you would like this document or any other document in an alternative format e.g. Braille, Clear and Large Print or Audio documents (Cassette, CD, MP3 or Wav) or in other languages, please let us know.

Confirmation of Services

By signing this document, you are agreeing to our terms stated within and understand how we charge for our services. The specific level of fee chargeable will be detailed in the Advice Fee Authority Form.

Issued Digitally:

We typically issue this document electronically, if this is the case, could you please 'Digitally Sign' as per the instructions provided.

The date of issue and the date of your acceptance will be electronically recorded.

Issued In a Paper Form:

It is our standard practice to issue documents electronically whenever possible, however if you if it has not need possible to do so, or you have requested otherwise, could you please complete the appropriate sections below.

Date this document was issued to you	Date
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Client (1) Name	Client (2) Name
Signature (1)	Signature (2)
Date	Date