



**STANLIB Classic Retirement Annuity Fund**  
Information Document

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## STANLIB Classic Retirement Annuity Fund Terms and Conditions

The Classic Retirement Annuity Fund is ideal if you want to save for your retirement. You need flexibility when it comes to making a contribution but you also require discipline so that you don't spend your savings before you should. You may choose to invest in a selection of unit trust funds, model portfolios, share portfolios, and other investment portfolio options.

### Contributing to your investment

You have a lot of flexibility when it comes to investing. You may invest in any of the following ways:

- An initial once-off lump-sum investment.
- A monthly or annual recurring investment by debit order, which you can start, change, or stop at any time.
- An additional lump-sum investment.
- A transfer from another retirement fund.

Minimum investment amounts are:

- Lump-sum investment: R25 000.
- Recurring investment: R500 per month or R6 000 per annum.

A maximum of R1 000 000 may be debited from your bank account within a day.

Once-off lump-sum investments may be made by direct debit or electronic transfer.

### Vested Benefits

From 1 March 2021, the rules relating to taking a retirement benefit from **provident fund contributions** have changed.

#### Contributions made to a Provident fund on and after 1 March 2021

Any money contributed to a provident fund from this date will be subject to the same annuitisation rules applied to a pension fund or retirement annuity benefit at retirement: only one third of the benefit may be taken in cash, and the other two thirds must be used to purchase an annuity to provide you with a regular income on retirement.

#### Contributions made to a Provident fund before 1 March 2021

A provident fund benefit accumulated up to 28 February 2021, plus any future growth, is referred to as your "vested benefit" and may be taken as a cash lump sum in full at retirement.

On receipt of your investment we will record which portions of your benefit are vested and non-vested; and will manage the benefit accordingly. All contributions originating from a pension fund or retirement annuity fund are considered fully non-vested.

#### Members who were 55 or older on 1 March 2021

Provident fund members who were 55 years or older on 1 March 2021 are exempt from the new rules, in that any further contributions they make to their provident fund after 1 March 2021, along with growth, will also be considered vested benefits. This remains the case if the member transfers this benefit to another retirement fund: the full benefit plus growth after the transfer takes place remains vested.

### Withdrawing from your investment

It is important to understand that you won't be able to withdraw from your investment until you reach the minimum retirement age of 55.

The only circumstances which are an exception are if:

- You officially emigrated and 1. the emigration is recognised by the South African Reserve Bank for purposes of exchange control, if the application for such South African Reserve Bank recognition was received on or before 28 February 2021 and approved on or before 28 February 2022, or 2. has been a non-resident for at least three consecutive years on or after 1 March 2021.
- The value of your investment account is less than the legislated minimum amount of R15 000. In this instance, we can pay out the full value of your investment account to you. We will not be able to do a partial withdrawal.
- You have become permanently disabled or incapacitated and can no longer work. In this case, you may apply for an early retirement. We discuss this process in more detail later.

When you withdraw from your investment, you may be required to pay income tax on the proceeds. We will apply for a tax directive on your behalf from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) when you withdraw. SARS will inform us if tax is due and we will deduct this amount from your proceeds before we pay them over to you. From time to time, SARS may instruct us to deduct additional tax owed by

you from the withdrawal through an IT88 directive. We will let you know should this occur. By law, we are required to pay this amount to SARS and may not reverse the directive.

It is important to understand the long-term adverse implications on retirement capital and the level of income available in retirement should you withdraw from your retirement savings. We recommend that you discuss any changes to your investment account with your financial adviser before making the change.

### **Product suitability**

This product is suitable for individuals saving for their retirement. It is not intended for clients who wish to access their investment in the short to medium term, or who wish to invest in a mix of asset classes which is not compliant with the Regulation 28 limits applied to all retirement funds.

### **Key terms**

#### **Retirement fund**

A legal structure which allows members to save for retirement in a way which is regulated and tax efficient. Retirement funds include retirement annuity funds, pension funds, provident funds, and preservation funds.

#### **Classic Retirement Annuity Fund (“the Fund”)**

An independent legal entity, Reg. No. 12/8/34304, and registered retirement fund in terms of the Pension Funds Act. When you invest in the Classic Retirement Annuity Fund, you become a member of the Fund.

#### **Board of Trustees (“Trustees”)**

An independent Board of Trustees appointed by the Fund, responsible for the management and control of the Fund and its operations, and, most importantly, the protection of Member interests, in accordance with the Rules and relevant legislation.

#### **Fund rules (“Rules”)**

A document which sets out the rights, obligations, benefits, and operating procedures of the Fund, its Members, and Board of Trustees. The Rules of the Fund are governed and approved by the Registrar of Pension Funds. A copy of the Rules is available on our website and you may also request a copy of the Rules at any time. We may change the Rules from time to time, and we will communicate these changes to you.

#### **Member (“You, Your/ Investor”)**

The individual who invests in the Fund, and becomes entitled to a Benefit from the Fund, in accordance with the Rules.

#### **Member Share**

This is your share of the assets held by the Fund on behalf of all the members.

#### **STANLIB Wealth Management (“STANLIB”)**

STANLIB Wealth Management (Pty) Limited (Reg. No. 1996/005412/07) (590) is the administrator of your investment and is an authorised financial services provider (FSP) in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002 (FAIS). The Fund has appointed STANLIB as its administrator. STANLIB and the Fund hold adequate professional indemnity and fidelity insurance cover as prescribed by legislation. The Fund has appointed STANLIB to administer investments on behalf of its members and to administer the affairs of the Fund. Any indemnity given to STANLIB in these Terms and Conditions is given in favour of the Trustees as well.

#### **Benefit**

This is the money which you are entitled to as a member of the Fund. The Fund is a defined contribution fund, meaning that the amount which is due to you as a benefit will be the total of all your contributions, plus investment growth, and less fees and costs. This benefit may become due when you retire, die, divorce, or withdraw from your investment.

#### **Vested benefit/portion**

The portion of the Benefit which originates from contributions to a provident fund prior to 1 March 2021, plus growth.

#### **Non-vested benefit/portion**

The portion of the Benefit which originates from contributions to a provident fund after 1 March 2021, plus growth, or from contributions to a pension fund or retirement annuity fund.

#### **Dependant**

Any person who depends on you for financial support at the time of your death. Your spouse and all your children are automatically classified as dependants.

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## **Nominated beneficiary**

A person who you nominate to receive a portion of the death benefit from your account should you pass away. This person does not need to be financially dependent on you.

## **Annuity**

A registered and regulated financial product designed to pay you a regular income when you retire from the Fund.

## **Unit trust portfolio/Collective investment scheme**

An investment product in which many different investors pool their money into a portfolio, which will be managed by professional investment managers, according to the mandate of the portfolio.

## **Investment manager**

The licensed and registered party who manages the investment portfolio.

## **Investment portfolio**

Unit trusts, share portfolios, and other solutions which you can choose to invest in via your investment account.

## **Investment account**

Your Classic Retirement Annuity, for which you will receive an account number.

## **Financial adviser**

The person you have appointed to provide you with financial advice and intermediary services.

## **Financial services provider (“FSP”)**

Your adviser is employed by a registered FSP, which is a separate legal entity from STANLIB. The FSP is required to be correctly licensed by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA) to provide specific services. STANLIB will check this for you.

## **Model portfolio**

Investors with a similar risk outlook, return objective, and investment timeframe have their money invested in a range of investment portfolios by a specialist manager. The manager tailors the mix and proportion of investment portfolios in a model portfolio to the needs of that group of investors. This grouping of investment portfolios is known as a model portfolio.

## **Important rules which apply to this investment**

### **Guarantees and risk**

STANLIB, the Fund, and the investment manager do not guarantee the value of your investment or the performance of the investment portfolios in your investment account. The market value of your investment may fluctuate and go down as well as up, and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. You bear the investment and market risk, which includes the possibility of losing capital. The investment portfolios which you select may expose you to risks such as political, currency, regulatory, settlement, market, credit, liquidity, taxation, or premium risk. It is your responsibility, in conjunction with your financial adviser, to understand the risks in your investment.

### **Protecting your investment through diversification**

Your retirement savings are vital to your long-term planning and well-being. The Pension Funds Registrar recognises this and has put steps in place to limit the risk which you may take in your retirement fund investments. These are called Regulation 28 of the Prudential Investment Guidelines (“Regulation (Reg) 28”), and they regulate the extent to which a member may invest in certain asset classes and equity and debt issuers. We are required to ensure that your investment does not exceed these limits, and we will do so when you invest with us and through quarterly checks. If your investment breaches the limits due to a transaction you have done, we are required to request you to correct this immediately by amending your investment portfolio selection. If your investment exceeds the limits as a result of market movement, you have 12 months in which to bring it back in line with the requirements. We will communicate this to you on a quarterly basis. If we don't hear back from you in the required timelines, we will change the affected portion of your investment portfolio selection on your behalf through a switch into a Money Market Fund, so please do get back to us.

Broadly speaking, the limits are a cap of:

- 75% exposure to equities
- 50% exposure to non-government debt instruments
- 45% exposure to offshore assets
- 45% to infrastructure
- 25% exposure to property
- 15% to private equity funds

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- 10% to commodities
- 10% to hedge funds
- 2.5% to any other asset not specifically mentioned aggregated together

We encourage you to make use of the tools on our secure online system and our website to check how your intended transaction will affect your Regulation 28 compliance. Your financial adviser will also be able to assist you with this.

### **Claiming a tax deduction on your contributions**

The contributions which you make to your Retirement Annuity Fund are tax deductible. We will provide you with an annual contributions certificate reflecting the contributions which you have made during the tax year. You need to provide this information to SARS on your tax return and SARS will deduct the contribution amount from your taxable income. The maximum tax-deductible amount which you are able to contribute towards your retirement savings across all of your retirement products, including any employer pension and provident funds, is 27.5% of the greater of your remuneration and taxable income, up to a maximum amount of R350 000 per annum. This is a legislated amount which may change from time to time.

### **Transferring your membership to STANLIB from another retirement fund**

You may transfer your full benefit to us from another retirement fund. It is important that you understand the actual and possible implications and costs before you do this. We allow transfers from other retirement annuity, pension fund, provident and preservation fund. Please check that the retirement fund you want to transfer from will allow the transfer. To give your investment the best chance to grow, no financial adviser initial fees, initial administration fees, or initial management fees may be charged on the transfer if it originates from another retirement annuity.

### **Transferring your membership from the Classic Retirement Annuity Fund to another retirement fund**

You may transfer your full benefit to another retirement fund if the rules of the fund permit the transfer. It is important that you understand the implications and costs before you do this. Before you initiate the transfer, please check that the retirement fund you want to transfer to can accept your transfer from the Fund.

### **Taxes applicable when you take money from the investment**

Income tax will be deducted from any benefit taken in cash before it is paid out to you, in accordance with income tax legislation. You will be provided with an income tax certificate to reflect any tax paid to SARS on your behalf.

### **Taxes applicable to your investment returns**

The returns on your investment are exempt from capital gains tax, income tax on interest, dividends tax, and Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) tax.

### **Voting in ballots**

When the Manager of a unit trust fund in your investment account wishes to change a unit trust fund mandate, close, or merge a unit trust fund with another unit trust fund. The Fund will participate on your behalf in a ballot vote for the proposed changes. The Trustees always consider the best interests of the members when voting. STANLIB will publish the results of the various ballots on our website. Once a ballot has been approved, a change will take place for your affected investment portfolio(s). These details will appear on your quarterly investment statement.

### **What happens to your investment if you get divorced**

The court may award a portion of your benefit to your ex-spouse. We will withdraw this amount from your investment at the time of receiving the Court Order, pro rata from the vested and non-vested portions of your Benefit, if applicable. The portion withdrawn is taxed in the name of the non-member spouse. The transaction will reflect in your next quarterly statement.

### **What happens to your investment if you are required to pay maintenance**

The court will instruct us to withdraw a portion of your benefit and pay it in terms of the Maintenance Order. The withdrawal will be taxed in your name and will be deducted pro rata from the vested and non-vested portions of your Benefit, if applicable. The transaction will reflect in your next quarterly statement.

### **Cooling off**

No cooling-off period applies to this investment, and you will not be allowed to cancel your membership, so please consider carefully before you apply for membership.

### **Ceding of your investment as collateral or security**

You are not allowed to cede your membership or your rights to your benefits.

## Transferring ownership of your investment

You may not transfer your investment to another party.

## Retirement

### Eligibility

You may retire from the Fund once you have reached the age of 55. It is important to understand the long-term implications of this big decision, and we recommend that you have a discussion with your financial adviser before taking any action. If you have more than one retirement savings product, you are not required to retire from them all at once.

If you have become permanently disabled or incapacitated and can no longer work, you may apply to retire earlier. You will need to provide evidence of your permanent disability due to ill health or injury. The Trustees will review the details of your situation and, taking into account the Rules and applicable legislation, either grant or reject your request.

### Retirement benefit

Your retirement benefit is the value of your investment at the time that we process your retirement instruction.

When you retire from the Fund, we will apply the retirement rules to the vested and non-vested portions of your Benefit separately. For any vested Benefits you have a choice to receive your full Benefit in cash, or invest it to provide you with a regular income in your retirement. Non-vested Benefits are more restrictive; you can only withdraw a maximum of one third of your retirement Benefit in cash when you retire. The portion of the Benefit which you do not cash out must be used to purchase an Annuity from a registered long-term insurer. If at the date on which you retire from the Fund, the non-vested Benefit is R247 500 or less, you may withdraw the entire non-vested Benefit in cash and you are not required to purchase an Annuity. This amount is stipulated by law and can change from time to time, so when you want to retire be sure to find out the latest amount from us.

You may be required to pay income tax on the portion of your retirement benefit which you cash out. A R550 000 tax-free retirement amount applies to the combined value of all the withdrawals you make before and at retirement, from all of your retirement fund investments. Keep in mind that SARS calculates the tax applicable to your withdrawal in aggregation with all your retirement investments. This means that if you have already received the benefit of your tax-free portion from another retirement investment, your withdrawal from your Classic Retirement Annuity Fund will not be eligible for this tax-free portion again.

From time to time, SARS may instruct us to deduct additional tax owed by you from the withdrawal through an IT88 directive. We will let you know should this occur. By law, we are required to pay this amount to SARS and may not reverse the directive.

### Withdrawal payments

Withdrawal processing will only commence once a valid tax directive is received from SARS. To allow for bank clearance, contributions through recurring debit orders can only be withdrawn after 45 days.

### What happens to the investment when you pass away

If you pass away, your benefit will be switched to a Money Market fund. Your benefit will not form part of your estate and therefore will not be subject to estate duty tax or executor fees, unless the Trustees determine that the proceeds must be paid to your estate. In such an instance, the proceeds of the fund will be paid into your estate and, while no estate duty will be charged, the executor reserves the right to charge a fee on the capital value of the funds as they will form part of the winding-up process. The value of the death benefit will be the value in your investment account at the time that the benefit is distributed. The distribution of your benefit is determined by the Trustees of the Fund. This is a responsibility which our Trustees take extremely seriously and undertake with due skill and care.

In terms of Section 37C of the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956 ("the Act"), Trustees are required to:

- Identify and trace dependants and nominated beneficiaries of deceased members.
- Make death benefit allocations on a fair basis.
- Distribute the benefits.

The Trustees have discretion to pay the benefits to the deceased member's dependants or nominees in such proportions as they deem fair.

Dependants are a special category of persons as described in the Pension Funds Act, as persons dependant on you for financial support, along with your spouse and children. You may also nominate one or more natural persons to receive any benefits payable on your death,

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should you not have any dependants. We refer to these persons as nominated beneficiaries. It is important to keep your beneficiary nomination up to date as nominations must be considered by the Trustees when the death benefit is awarded.

Each party who has been awarded a portion of the benefit may choose how they wish to receive the benefit. The options are as follows:

- The death benefit may be used to purchase an Annuity from a registered long-term insurer.
- The death benefit may be paid out as a cash lump sum. Any cash pay-outs will be subject to income tax in the name of the deceased member.
- The death benefit may be provided as a combination of an Annuity purchase and a cash pay-out.

### Conflict of interest

We will, wherever possible, avoid situations which result in a conflict of interest for STANLIB and the Fund. Where it is not possible to avoid such conflict, we will advise you of the conflict in writing at the earliest reasonable opportunity and will mitigate the conflict in accordance with our Conflict of Interest Management Policy.

A copy of this Policy is available on our website. STANLIB is part of the Standard Bank Group of companies. Intermediaries of both the Liberty Group and Standard Bank Financial Consultancy (a division of the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited) are permitted to sell STANLIB products.

### Board of trustees (“Trustees”) details

**Trustees:** Gordon Dikomelo Moeng (Chairman), Johannes Petrus\*, Bernardus Drotschie\*, Gail Denise Le Grellier\*, Jolly Mkorosi\*, Simon Moeketsi Mohapi\* (*Independent*)

**Principal Officer:** Carlo Joao da Gama

### Unclaimed Benefits

Please ensure that STANLIB has your most up to date contact details and that you inform STANLIB of any changes in personal information. In the event that you become unreachable or any payment due to you is rejected by the receiving bank, your investment will be regarded as an unclaimed asset. We will make a concerted effort to contact any client with unclaimed assets, including appointing an external tracing company to trace and contact you. Unclaimed assets will continue to be invested in your investment Account in the Investment Portfolios you last specified until such time the assets are claimed or transferred to another Investment Portfolio with your consent.

### Complaints

If you are not satisfied with the service we have provided to you and you wish to make a formal complaint, please contact us or visit our website for the formal complaints process and forms. If your complaint concerns unfair practice by the Fund, the Principal Officer will review your complaint and bring it to the attention of the Trustees. If you are not happy with the response of the Trustees, we will then escalate it to the group Internal Adjudicator. If there is still no satisfaction, you may then refer it to the Pension Funds Adjudicator, detailing the steps you have already taken.

You should always raise your complaint directly with STANLIB before you escalate it to the relevant regulatory body.

Complaints must be submitted in writing, if possible, and must contain all the relevant information, such as your investment account number, details about the complaint, your contact details, any correspondence from us which relates to the complaint, and relevant documents.

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive from us, or if your complaint relates to the advice provided to you by a financial adviser, you can write to:

For complaints relating to the Fund:

#### The Pension Funds Adjudicator

**Postal address:** PO Box 580, Menlyn, 0063

**Tel:** 012 346 1738

**Fax:** 0866 693 7472

**Email:** enquiries@pfa.org.za

For complaints relating to STANLIB as your administrator or your financial adviser:

#### The Ombud for Financial Services Providers / The FAIS Ombud

**Postal address:** PO Box 74571, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040

**Toll-free:** 0860 324 766

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## Legislation which governs your investment

Amendments to or replacement of the legislation and directives for the following Acts, among others, may change the Terms and Conditions of your investment. Several of the below also require us to collect and retain your information in a specific manner:

- **The Pension Funds Act**
- **The Long-Term Insurance Act**
- **The Collective Investments Schemes Control Act**
- **The Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act**
- **The Financial Intelligence Centre Act**
- **The Income Tax Act**
- **The Protection of Personal Information Act**
- **Exchange Control Regulations**

## Our contact details:

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