

# A leading platform for your financial future



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# **Hello from Transact**

Your financial adviser, who we refer to simply as 'adviser' in this brochure, operates independently of Transact and is recommending the use of our investment platform service on your behalf. This brochure is designed to help you understand who we are and what we do, together with what you will gain by using our service. It also demonstrates why we are trusted by thousands of UK advisers as the leading platform on which to manage financial plans.

Our online platform, combined with our expert personal customer service, enables you and your adviser to manage all of your assets and tax wrappers (such as ISAs, pensions and life insurance bonds) within your investment portfolio from one, centralised place.

Launched in 2000, Transact was the first revolutionary investment technology solution known as a 'wrap service' to be introduced to advisers in the UK. To achieve this, we used our own in-depth knowledge of the UK investment market, plus a wealth of insight derived from Australia, where wraps were originally developed. The result is Transact – a highly refined, awardwinning wrap service. Since 2000, we have continued to go from strength to strength and now look after:

£64.1bn Funds under direction 235,000

**Client portfolios** 

(as at 30th September 2024).

Take control with Transact – and you will see why we are the UK's leading platform for your financial future.

# Transact is a smarter, simpler way to manage your financial future



Secure online access to your financial portfolio, daily valuations and fund information

### What is Transact, and why is your adviser recommending it?

Transact provides a smarter, more efficient and convenient way to hold your assets and manage your financial plan on one secure, integrated platform.

As a result, your adviser has more time to deal with the important matter of planning your financial future – identifying what your personal and financial goals are, and developing an appropriate strategy to help you achieve them.

## A flexible way to hold your investments

Transact gives you and your adviser access to an extensive range of assets, and enables you to allocate these assets to the most appropriate tax-efficient wrappers, including ISAs, pensions and life insurance bonds via our online platform.

You can read more about the investment options we offer on page 6 in **How Transact works**.

## Providing a wealth of information on your financial investments

Transact offers secure online access to your financial portfolio, daily valuations and fund information. You can also instruct us to make a buy, sell, withdrawal or deposit. In addition, you receive transaction confirmations and reports, generated by us or your adviser, to keep you informed and up to date.



# **How Transact works**

Once you have agreed your financial goals with your adviser, together you can use Transact to manage your investment portfolio online by implementing the investment choices and allocating these to the most tax-efficient wrappers.

You can be involved as much or as little as you like in making investment decisions.

#### ADVICE

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Your adviser determines your financial goals with you and develops a plan to meet them

#### IMPLEMENTATION

Your adviser implements the agreed plan and manages your investment portfolio using Transact

#### **INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**

Transact actions your adviser's instructions directly with the fund and investment managers

### What are tax wrappers and how can they be used?

Tax wrappers are tax-efficient vehicles that you can, subject to certain rules, 'wrap' around your assets to help minimise the tax that you pay on your returns. Your adviser can use our service to allocate your investment assets to the most appropriate and tax-efficient wrappers on your behalf.

Please note that levels of taxation and tax relief are subject to change. Your tax liability will depend on your individual circumstances and may change at any time.

The group companies which provide the Transact wrappers are fully regulated by the appropriate bodies; including the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority and the UK Prudential Regulation Authority. We treat all cash we hold on your behalf in accordance with the client money rules set by the FCA and we provide the highest levels of client data security.

#### Which wrappers does Transact offer?

GENERAL INVESTMENT ACCOUNT				
ISA	ISA	LISA		JISA
PENSIONS	Personal & Junior	SIPP & Junior		S32
BONDS	Onshore		Offshore	
All wrappers allow income withdrawal				

#### What assets can be included?

With Transact, you and your adviser have access to over 400 investment managers and can select from an extensive range of around 16,000 assets, including:

- Unit trusts
- Open-ended investment companies (OEICs)
- Exchange traded funds (ETFs)
- Investment trusts
- Venture capital trusts (VCTs)
- Structured products
- Shares
- Bank term deposits
- Cash
- Government bonds (gilts)
- Corporate bonds.

Transact also links with a wide range of third-party providers, including discretionary investment mangers (DIMs) and self-invested personal pension (SIPP) providers, to deal with the complexity of real-world financial plans.

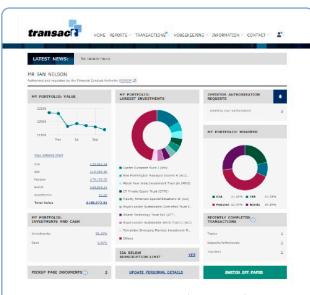
# **Benefits of using Transact**

### An award-winning platform solution

As an independent wrap platform, we offer an enviable combination of value, service and experience. We pride ourselves on our high levels of personal customer service, and constantly look for ways to further enhance the service we provide.

#### Features and benefits

 Investor Dashboard – a complete picture of your current portfolio in one place, however complex your investment position.



Sample Investor Dashboard (desktop view)

- Ability to buy, sell, withdraw and deposit as regular or one-off transactions – be as involved as much as you like, or leave everything to your adviser.
- Notify us of a forthcoming bank transfer and tee-up any buys at the same time, if you wish, using Expected Deposits.
- Ability to view all your linked family members' portfolios using 'Family View'.
- A clear, transparent charging structure.
- A choice of around 8,000 funds, plus assets listed on major stock markets.
- Access to a wide range of tax-efficient wrappers.
- Ability to open sub-wrappers and set fee payment wrappers with just a few clicks via 'Housekeeping'.
- Access to details of your various assets and investment plans at any time.

We offer an enviable combination of value, service and experience



- Confirmation of all purchases, sales, deposits and withdrawals.
- Peace of mind, as we only make withdrawal payments to your nominated bank account.
- A comprehensive audit trail of all activity on your portfolio.
- Enhanced security with multi-factor authentication – an optional additional platform log in credential which can be received via email, SMS or authentication app.
- Investor Authorisation you can review and authorise transactions recommended by your adviser via the platform in a secure, timely and convenient way.
- Regular reporting, including comprehensive quarterly statements.

- An annual consolidated income tax report to help you, or your accountant, complete your tax return at the end of the financial year.
- Capital gains analysis, available for the current year and the previous four years.
- Minimal paper documents are available online via your 'Pickup Page'.
- Proprietary software as we own and develop our platform technology, we constantly develop our platform and make improvements to benefit you and your adviser.
- Access to Transact Online
   via mobile (to view your
   portfolio valuation and
   access documents in
   your Pick Up page), and
   desktop (for full platform
   functionality including reports,
   transactions, and more).

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#### Looking after you and your money

In this rapidly changing world, we work hard to ensure your money is protected from the threat of cyber crime. We stay up to date with best practice in the industry and the standards established by the National Cyber Security Centre.

All data is stored securely and we employ mutli-factor authentication technology to ensure your investments are strongly guarded at all times.

# **Our charges**

The charges you pay depend on the amount you have invested as well as the investments and wrappers you choose. We apply an annual charge for using Transact, which operates on a sliding scale where the rate reduces as your portfolio grows. We do not charge on the initial deposit of cash, or the movement of assets onto Transact.

We allow you to consolidate the value of your portfolio with those of your immediate family members, to create a higher portfolio value which can enable you to benefit from lower overall charges.

We periodically review our charges and have implemented price reductions every year since 2008, benefiting new and existing clients.



Transact offers outstanding value with clear and transparent charges

#### 1 Annual charge

Single or consolidated portfolios of less than £100,000				
£0-£60,000	0.50%			
>£60,000 and <£100,000	0.26%			

Single or consolidated portfolios of £100,000 and above			
£0-£60,000	0.26%		
>£60,000 and <£100,000	0.17%		
>£1,200,000 - £5,000,000	0.07%		
On the remaining balance	0.05%		

#### 2 Wrapper charges

We only charge once per wrapper type, regardless of how many secondary wrappers (of the same type) you wish to open.

Transact investment wrapper type	Quarterly fee
General Investment Account	£0
ISA, JISA	£3
Onshore Bond	£18
SIPP	£20
Personal Pension Plan	£20
Section 32 Buy-Out Bond	£20
Offshore Bond	£60

#### Additional charges

Transact facilitates the payment of fees from your portfolio for the advice you receive from your adviser.

We also levy dealing charges when investments listed on or admitted to a stock exchange are traded on your behalf.

You can access full details of all our charges by visiting www.transact-online.co.uk and downloading our Charges Schedule. Your adviser can also provide you with full information concerning our charges, and will be able to assist you in determining whether Transact is right for you.

#### Cash interest

We'll pay you the full rate of interest on any cash you hold in your portfolio - unlike some of our competitors, who may retain a portion of the interest.

#### The risk factors

We offer a wide range of investments on our platform. As with any cash put into investments there are risks - i.e. the value of these investments can fall as well as rise and you may get back less than your original investment. Please note that past performance is not a guide to the returns you will receive in the future.

Charges made by us, your adviser, and the managers of the underlying investments will have an impact upon the value of your investments. We make our charges clear to you from the outset, but they are subject to change.

#### Notes on wrapper charges

ISA includes the Cash ISA, Stocks and Shares ISA and Lifetime ISA.

There is no quarterly fee for the children's SIPP, Personal Pension Plan and JISA wrappers in a linked family group until they reach age 18.

A single quarterly Personal Pension Plan or SIPP wrapper fee applies for clients in a linked family group. The fee is split equally among the number of members within the family group that hold an applicable wrapper. This discount applies to Personal Pension and SIPP wrappers separately.

# What happens if I no longer have an adviser?

Transact is designed to work in conjunction with the advice provided by professional advisers.

If for any reason you no longer have an adviser in place, we recommend that you appoint another as soon as possible. Non-advised investors are charged additional fees, to cover the additional costs required to service your portfolio, after a notice period of 12 months. These additional charges can be found in the Terms and Conditions of our Wrap Service.

For help finding another adviser visit www.vouchedfor.co.uk or the FCA regulator's website www.register.fca.org.uk.

# What our clients say...

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Client testimonials from our Client Survey speak for themselves:

# "

Compared to other providers I have previously used I find Transact to be excellent and a superior service.



Service is excellent, easy to use and navigate. Report selection is great as allows flexibility to produce own report and help with own knowledge too. I was nervous moving to such a platform on early retirement, but this has given me the opportunity to be included in managing my funds.

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I especially like the fact that you pay interest on cash in my accounts at a good rate.

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# **Our awards**

Thanks to our advisers' continued support and the hard work of our teams, we've picked up many awards over the years

Platinum Platform

Rating

AWARDS

Provider

5 Star Investment

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
CITYWIRE SERVICE INDEX Winner of the Wrap/ Platform Award FTADVISER.COM 5 Star Winner – Investment Provider/Packager INVESTMENT ADVISER • Most Diverse Product Range • Most Transparent Platform UK PLATFORM AWARDS Best Platform for Adviser Service UK PLATFORM AWARDS Best Open Architecture Wrap	FTADVISER.COM 5 Star Winner – Online Investment Providers INVESTMENT LIFE & PENSIONS MONEYFACTS Best Online Service CITYWIRE ADVISERS' CHOICE PLATFORM AWARDS • Tools and Functionality • Charging and Service • Investment FINANCIAL ADVISER 5 Star Winner – Investment Provider/ Packager	FINANCIAL ADVISER SERVICE AWARDS 5 Star Investment Provider/Packager MONEY MARKETING Best Wrap or Platform PLATFORUM Best Adviser Platform FT ADVISER ONLINE SERVICE AWARDS 5 Star Investment Provider INVESTMENT LIFE & PENSIONS MONEYFACTS Best Online Service	FINANCIAL ADVISER SERVICE AWARDS 5 Star Investment Provider/Packager MONEY MARKETING Best Wrap or Platform PLATFORUM Best Adviser Platform FT ADVISER ONLINE SERVICE AWARDS 5 Star Investment Provider INVESTMENT LIFE & PENSIONS MONEYFACTS Best Online Service	<ul> <li>PROFESSIONAL ADVISER</li> <li>Best Adviser Platform</li> <li>FT ADVISER ONLINE SERVICE AWARDS</li> <li>5 Star Investment Provider</li> <li>MONEYFACTS</li> <li>Best Online Service Award</li> <li>PLATFORUM</li> <li>Best Adviser Platform over £10bn</li> <li>FINANCIAL ADVISER SERVICE AWARDS</li> <li>5 Star Investment Provider/Packager</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PLATFORUM</li> <li>Best Adviser Platform over £10bn</li> <li>Best Adviser Platform for Service</li> <li>Best Platform Partner Voted by DFMs</li> <li>THE LANG CAT</li> <li>Platform of the Year</li> <li>Best for Centralised Investment Proposition</li> <li>MONEYFACTS Best Wrap/Platform</li> <li>UK PLATFORM AWARDS Platform of the Decade</li> <li>FT ADVISER ONLINE INNOVATION AND SERVICE AWARDS</li> </ul>	PROFESSIONAL ADVISER Best Platform for Advisers (AUA above £15bn) PROFESSIONAL PARAPLANNER Best Overall Service for New Business MONEY MARKETING Best Platform Award FT ADVISER ONLINE INNOVATION AND SERVICE AWARDS • Investment Innovation Award • 5 Star Investment Award MONEYFACTS Best Wrap/Platform
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e-Commerce Product of the Year

### 2018

#### PLATFORUM Best Adviser Platform over £10bn

#### **PROFESSIONAL**

#### **ADVISER**

**Best Platform** for Advisers (AUA above £15bn)

**PROFESSIONAL** PARAPLANNER Best Platform

#### **PROFESSIONAL** PARAPLANNER **Best Overall Service**

- Existing Business

#### FINANCIAL **ADVISER** SERVICE AWARDS

5 Star Investment Provider

#### **ADVISER ASSET**

Platinum Platform Rating

### 2019

PROFESSIONAL **ADVISER** Best Platform for Advisers (AUA over £20bn)

PROFESSIONAL PARAPLANNER Best Platform

#### **FINANCIAL ADVISER** SERVICE AWARDS

5 Star Investment Provider

#### Platinum Platform Rating

### 2020

Platinum Platform Rating

#### FINANCIAL ADVISER SERVICE AWARDS

# ADVISER ASSET

### ADVISER ASSET

5 Star Platform

### 2021 ADVISER ASSET

**Platinum Platform** Rating

#### PROFESSIONAL PARAPLANNER Best Platform

PROFESSIONAL PARAPLANNER Best Overall Service to Paraplanners -**Existing Business** 

#### MONEYFACTS

Best Wrap/Platform

#### SCHRODERS

Best Platform Provider AUM +£40bn

### 2022

**ADVISER ASSET** Platinum Platform

#### PROFESSIONAL

**ADVISER** Best Platform for Advisers (AUM above £25bn)

Rating

#### PROFESSIONAL

**ADVISER** (Time4Advice) Best

#### Technology Provider

#### PROFESSIONAL

PARAPLANNER Best Overall Service to Paraplanners -New Business

#### PROFESSIONAL

PARAPLANNER Best Platform

**INVESTMENT LIFE & PENSIONS MONEYFACTS** Best Online Service

### 2023

ADVISER ASSET Platinum Platform Rating

#### PROFESSIONAL PARAPLANNER Best Platform

PROFESSIONAL

#### PARAPI ANNER Best Overall Service to Paraplanners -

**Existing Business** 

SCHRODERS Platform of the Year

#### SCHRODERS

Leading Platform for Discretionary

Management

2024

PROFESSIONAL ADVISER Best Platform for Advisers

#### PROFESSIONAL PARAPLANNER

Best Overall Service to Paraplanners -New Business

#### **SCHRODERS**

**Best Platform** Provider (AUM over £40bn)

#### SCHRODERS

Leading Platform for Discretionary Management



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