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## **Transact - BlackRock MPS**

**The Transact platform is further enhanced through the provision of the Transact - BlackRock MPS**

We are pleased to share that Transact has selected BlackRock\* to provide and manage the Transact - BlackRock Model Portfolio Service (MPS) via the Transact platform to its UK financial adviser community.

This service is being launched to extend the choice of Discretionary Investment Managers (DIMs) even further to Transact's financial advisers. It also marks the first time that BlackRock will manage an MPS range on a UK advisory platform.

Advisers are increasingly outsourcing investment management, via DIM models and multi-asset funds hosted on platforms. This is driven by a desire to reduce cost and risk, with assets managed by third party DIMs on the Transact platform more than doubling in recent years.

The Transact - BlackRock MPS range will consist of seven discretionary risk managed model portfolios with varying volatility and asset allocation ranges comprised of index mutual funds, exchange traded funds (ETFs) and cash. These models draw on BlackRock's market-leading investment management and asset allocation capabilities. There will be a target allocation of between 60-80% in iShares index mutual funds and ETFs (managed by BlackRock) and up to 40% index products from other asset managers. The use of low-cost index products within the MPS facilitates a competitive pricing structure and enables advisers to save money for their clients.

BlackRock's Multi-Asset Strategies & Solutions team, will manage the seven model portfolios. Their investment approach looks to balance risk, return and cost considerations, adjusting asset allocation over time to keep risk bands stable. The team is supported by BlackRock's industry-leading Aladdin® investment management system.

**Jonathan Gunby, Transact Chief Executive Officer, said:**

"Advisers have told us that third-party DIMs help to reduce cost and risk in their businesses, whilst allowing them to spend more time with clients. Hence we saw an opportunity to offer an additional DIM service offering value for money via BlackRock, recognised by clients and one of the world's largest discretionary managers and leading risk managers."

**Heather Christie, Head of UK Advisers and Platforms at BlackRock, said:**

"We are excited to have been selected by Transact to design and manage the Transact - BlackRock MPS range. The UK savings and investments market is evolving rapidly with advisers increasingly adopting discretionary investment management services. The Transact - BlackRock MPS range, supported by BlackRock's global asset management capabilities, brings a truly differentiated proposition to the IFA market."

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**Notes for editors**

Transact has been rated the UK's top platform for 13 consecutive years (2010-2022 inclusive) in the Investment Trends Adviser Technology & Business Report. Investment Trends is an international market research firm.

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