

## **Key Information Documents – Acorn Life Investment Bond**

In accordance with EU legislation relating to Packaged Retail and Insurance-based Investment Products (PRIIPs), Acorn Life DAC are required to provide you with Key Information Documents (KIDs) in respect of the investment funds available under the Acorn Life Investment Bond.

Each investment fund has its own individual KID and contain important information in relation to the investment funds, such as fund objectives, risks, potential rewards and costs.

Please ensure that you take the time to read the KID(s) that are relevant to your fund selection before your policy begins. If you have any questions about the content please do not hesitate to contact your Acorn Life Financial Advisor.

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#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Cautious Select Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

#### What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Cautious Select Fund. This fund is managed on an index-tracking basis by investment managers selected by Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Cautious Select Fund is invested mainly in fixed income assets issued by governments, agencies, supranationals and corporates. There is generally a lower level of investment in other asset types such as equities and cash. Fixed income assets provide greater capital security than equities but may go down as well as up in value. While the Fund has lower expected returns than funds with a higher level of risk, the Fund's value should be more stable over the longer term. It is potentially suitable for investors who have low tolerance for significant falls in fund value and who are happy to accept a lower expected growth rate relative to funds invested primarily in equities.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

switch per year

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

#### **Risk Indicator**



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 2 out of 7, which is a low risk class.

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Cautious Select Fund.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a low level, and poor market conditions are very unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you the value of your investment.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		5 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your invo	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€6,060	€6,140
	Average return each year	-39.4%	-6.7%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€8,260	€8,280
	Average return each year	-17.4%	-2.7%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,510	€10,150
	Average return each year	-4.9%	0.2%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,310	€11,120
	Average return each year	3.1%	1.5%
Death Scenario	Death Scenario		5 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,600	€10,250

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2021 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2016 and 2020. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

#### What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Total costs	€654	€904
Annual cost impact (*)	6.6%	1.3%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 1.9% before costs and 0.6% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or ex	Annual cost impact if you exit after 5 years			
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€128		
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A		
Ongoing costs taken each year	Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	inistrative or operating 0.4% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.			
Transaction costs	0.01% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.   €			
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions				
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0		

#### How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 5 years

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least 5 years. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

## How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at clientservices@acornlife.ie

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

## Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Moderate Select Fund



#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Moderate Select Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

#### What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Moderate Select Fund. This fund is managed on an index-tracking basis by investment managers selected by Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Moderate Select Fund is invested mainly in both equities and fixed income assets with lower levels of investment in other assets such as cash. It seeks to add value both through asset allocation and stock selection and maintain a diversified portfolio where the return is not dependent upon any one market or sector. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a low to medium level of risk for the prospect of a higher expected medium to long-term return than that offered by fixed income assets solely or by deposits

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

## **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk class

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Moderate Select Fund.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely impact our capacity to pay vou.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period:  Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios		, ou o a = , ou	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Minimum		There is no minimum guaranteed return. You coulose some or all of your investment.	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€4,360	€3,760
	Average return each year	-56.4%	-13.1%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€8,160	€8,170
	Average return each year	-18.4%	-2.9%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,900	€15,140
	Average return each year	-1.0%	6.1%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€11,900	€19,490
	Average return each year	19.0%	10.0%
Death Scenario		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,000	€15,290

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2020. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

## What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€655	€950
Annual cost impact (*)	6.9%	1.6%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 8.5% before costs and 6.9% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exi	Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years		
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€137	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.7% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€101	
Transaction costs	0.02% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€3	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

#### How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Moderate Select Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

## How can I complain?

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- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

## Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

**Diversified Select Fund** 



#### **Purpose**

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#### Product

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Diversified Select Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

## What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Diversified Select Fund. This fund is managed on an index-tracking basis by investment managers selected by Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The largest asset holding in the Diversified Select Fund is generally a diversified mix of equities while there is also a significant level of investment in fixed income assets (e.g. corporate and government). There are lower levels of investment in other holdings such as property-related assets and alternatives. The fund may also hold a tactical temporary cash position as part of portfolio management. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a medium level of risk for the prospect of a higher expected return over the medium to long-term.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

## **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Diversified Select Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding po Example Investment:	eriod:	7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your inv	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€3,040	€2,410
	Average return each year	-69.6%	-18.4%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,910	€8,480
	Average return each year	-20.9%	-2.3%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,990	€15,910
	Average return each year	-0.1%	6.9%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€13,250	€19,760
	Average return each year	32.5%	10.2%
Death Scenario		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,090	€16,070

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2014 and 2021. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

## What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€656	€959
Annual cost impact (*)	7.0%	1.6%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 9.3% before costs and 7.7% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

## **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or ex	Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years		
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€144	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	()./% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs. I		
Transaction costs	0.02% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell. €		
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

#### How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Diversified Select Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

#### How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at clientservices@acornlife.ie

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

#### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at www.acornlife.ie/key-

<u>information-documents.html</u>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Dynamic Select Fund



#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### Product

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Dynamic Select Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

## What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Dynamic Select Fund. This fund is managed on an index-tracking basis by investment managers selected by Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Dynamic Select Fund is invested mainly in a diversified mix of equities with lower levels of investment in other holdings such as property-related assets, fixed income assets (e.g. corporate and government) and alternatives. The fund may also hold a tactical, temporary cash position as part of portfolio management. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a medium to high level of risk, with associated rises and falls in value, for the prospect of a higher expected return over the medium to long-term.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at www.acornlife.ie

#### **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Dynamic Select Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level, and poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding per Example Investment:	iod:	7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guaranteed retuinvestment.	ırn. You could lose some or all of your
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€1,900	€1,330
	Average return each year	-81.0%	-25.0%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,550	€9,100
	Average return each year	-24.5%	-1.3%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,050	€16,400
	Average return each year	0.5%	7.3%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€14,640	€20,220
	Average return each year	46.4%	10.6%
Death Scenario		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,150	€16,570

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2014 and 2021. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

#### What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested.

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€657	€965
Annual cost impact (*)	7.0%	1.6%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 10.2% before costs and 8.6% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€148	
Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.		N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs  0.7% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.		€110	
Transaction costs  0.02% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.		€4	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Dynamic Select Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

## How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

## Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios

Adventurous Select Fund



#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Adventurous Select Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

## What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Adventurous Select Fund. This fund is managed on an index-tracking basis by investment managers selected by Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Adventurous Select Fund is invested primarily in a diversified mix of equities. It may also hold a tactical temporary cash position as part of portfolio management. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a medium to high level of risk, with associated rises and falls in value, for the prospect of a higher expected return over the medium to long-term.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

switch per year

**Term:** Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

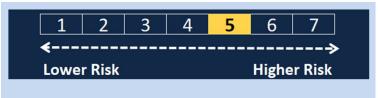
Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

#### **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Adventurous Select Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level, and poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your inve	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€1,730	€1,180
	Average return each year	-82.7%	-26.3%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,600	€10,110
	Average return each year	-24.0%	-0.2%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,070	€16,690
	Average return each year	0.7%	7.6%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€14,980	€20,500
	Average return each year	49.8%	10.8%
Death Scenario		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,170	€16,860

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2021 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2012 and 2019 A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

## What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€657	€968
Annual cost impact (*)	7.0%	1.6%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 10.6% before costs and 8.9% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€151	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.7% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€113	
Transaction costs	0.02% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€4	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Adventurous Select Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

#### How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at clientservices@acornlife.ie

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

#### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Diversified Multi-Manager Fund



### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Diversified Multi-Manager Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

#### What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Diversified Multi-Manager Fund. This fund's investment portfolio is implemented through an arrangement between Acorn Life DAC and Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. In this arrangement, third party investment managers are selected and monitored by Mercer. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The largest asset holding in the Diversified Multi-Manager Fund is generally a diversified mix of equities while there is also a significant level of investment in fixed income assets (e.g. corporate and government). There are lower levels of investment in other holdings such as property-related assets and alternatives. The fund may also hold a tactical temporary cash position as part of portfolio management. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a medium level of risk for the prospect of a higher expected return over the medium to long-term.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

switch per year

**Term:** Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

#### **Risk Indicator**



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Diversified Multi-Manager Fund.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€2,800	€2,130
	Average return each year	-72.0%	-19.8%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,980	€9,580
	Average return each year	-20.2%	-0.6%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,980	€15,960
	Average return each year	-0.2%	6.9%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€12,840	€19,930
	Average return each year	28.4%	10.4%
Death Scenario	Death Scenario		7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,080	€16,120

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2020. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

## What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€669	€1,034
Annual cost impact (*)	7.1%	1.8%

<sup>(\*)</sup>This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 9.4% before costs and 7.6% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€144	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.8% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€132	
Transaction costs	0.01% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€2	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

## Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Diversified Multi-Manager Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund. When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

#### How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

#### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Dynamic Multi-Manager Fund



#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Dynamic Multi-Manager Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

#### What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Dynamic Multi-Manager Fund. This fund's investment portfolio is implemented through an arrangement between Acorn Life DAC and Mercer Global Investments Europe Limited. In this arrangement, third party investment managers are selected and monitored by Mercer. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Dynamic Multi-Manager Fund is invested mainly in a diversified mix of equities with lower levels of investment in other holdings such as property-related assets, fixed income assets (e.g. corporate and government) and alternatives. The fund may also hold a tactical, temporary cash position as part of portfolio management. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a medium to high level of risk, with associated rises and falls in value, for the prospect of a higher expected return over the medium to long-term.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

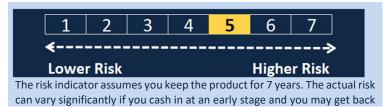
Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

#### **Risk Indicator**



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class.

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Dynamic Multi-Manager Fund.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level, and poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your invo	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€2,010	€1,400
	Average return each year	-79.9%	-24.5%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,790	€9,230
	Average return each year	-22.1%	-1.1%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,080	€17,410
	Average return each year	0.8%	8.2%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€14,000	€21,850
	Average return each year	40.0%	11.8%
Death Scenario	Death Scenario		7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,180	€17,580

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2014 and 2021. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

## What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested by Acorn Life into underlying Mercer-managed investment funds are set aside and held in trust by the independent custodian of those Mercer-managed investment funds, State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited. Those assets cannot be used by Mercer or State Street for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from Mercer in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€671	€1,058
Annual cost impact (*)	7.2%	1.8%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 11.2% before costs and 9.4% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€157	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.8% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€146	
Transaction costs	0.02% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€3	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

#### Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Dynamic Multi-Manager Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund. When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

## How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

#### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at www.acornlife.ie/key-

<u>information-documents.html</u>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Target Return Fund



#### Purpose

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Target Return Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

## What is this product?

Type: This pro

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Target Return Fund. This fund is managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Target Return Fund currently (April 2023) targets an annualised return of the Euro Short-Term Rate (ESTR) plus 4% (gross of all fund-related charges and expenses) over a rolling three-year period. There is no guarantee that the return will be achieved. The ESTR may also be negative for periods of time.

The fund invests in a broad range of global asset classes that may include shares, fixed-income and cash. It may also invest in derivatives (an asset whose value depends on the value of another underlying asset) for the purpose of meeting its investment objectives. It is potentially suitable for investors who are seeking low to medium levels of growth in their investment in all market conditions and who have a lower tolerance for falls in fund value compared to investors in a high equity fund.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

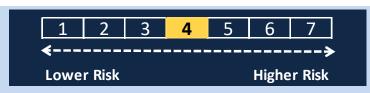
Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at www.acornlife.ie

#### **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact our capacity to pay you.

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Target Return Fund.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€6,420	€5,250
	Average return each year	-35.8%	-12.1%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€8,540	€8,270
	Average return each year	-14.6%	-3.7%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,420	€10,120
	Average return each year	-5.8%	0.2%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,510	€11,180
	Average return each year	5.1%	2.2%
Death Scenario 1 year		7 years	
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,520	€10,220

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2012 and 2019. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premiums payable for your single premium policy are liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

## What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in managed unit linked funds are set aside and held in trust by an independent custodian, HSBC Securities Services, for the policyholder's benefit at all times and cannot be used by the fund manager or custodian for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from HSBC in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

#### What are the costs?

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€774	€1,519
Annual cost impact (*)	7.9%	4.0%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 5.1% before costs and 0.8% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay when entering this investment.	€91	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	2.1% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€170	
Transaction costs	0.65% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€50	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

## How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

#### Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Target Return Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

#### How can I complain?

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- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

#### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 1 year, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Cautiously Managed Fund



## **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Cautiously Managed Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

#### What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Cautiously Managed Fund. This fund is managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Cautiously Managed Fund is invested mainly in fixed income assets issued by governments, agencies, supranationals and corporates. There is also a smaller level of investment in other asset types e.g. equities and cash. Fixed income assets provide greater capital security than equities but may go down as well as up in value. The Cautiously Managed Fund is potentially suitable for investors who have low tolerance for significant falls in fund value and who are happy to accept a lower expected growth rate relative to funds invested primarily in equities.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

## What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

#### **Risk Indicator**



The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 2 out of 7, which is a low risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a low level, and poor market conditions are very unlikely impact our capacity to pay you.

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Cautiously Managed Fund.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		5 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guaranteed return. You could lose some or all of your investment.	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,010	€6,780
	Average return each year	-29.9%	-5.4%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€8,230	€8,200
	Average return each year	-17.7%	-2.8%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,440	€9,770
	Average return each year	-5.6%	-0.3%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,540	€10,350
	Average return each year	5.4%	0.5%
Death Scenario		1 year	5 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,530	€9,870

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2016 and 2021. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

#### What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in managed unit linked funds are set aside and held in trust by an independent custodian, HSBC Securities Services, for the policyholder's benefit at all times and cannot be used by the fund manager or custodian for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from HSBC in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

Our Advisors are members of the Investor Compensation Scheme operated by the Investor Compensation Company Limited. Therefore, in the event of asset default eligible policyholders may be entitled to claim some of the money they have lost from this scheme.

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Total costs	€677	€1,016
Annual cost impact (*)	6.8%	1.5%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 1.50% before costs and 0.00% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or ex	Annual cost impact if you exit after 5 years		
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment	€123	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.		
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.6% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€88	
Transaction costs  0.04% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.		€5	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

# Recommended holding period: 5 years

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least 5 years. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

# How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

# Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 10 years, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Managed Fund



### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Managed Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

## What is this product?

Type: This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent

premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed Fund. This fund is managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. Policies are issued

under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** The Managed Fund is invested in equities, equity related and bond securities with lower levels of investment in other asset types. The Managed Fund is for the investor who is looking for a spread of investment and long term growth. Through a carefully managed

selection of equities and securities the fund aims to outperform returns from banks and building societies.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one

switch per year).

**Term:** Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value

from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any

time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment

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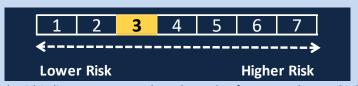
Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance

#### What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

#### **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Managed Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 3 out of 7, which is a medium-low risk

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-low level, and poor market conditions are unlikely to impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your invo	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€4,030	€3,370
	Average return each year	-59.7%	-14.4%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,860	€9,810
	Average return each year	-21.4%	-0.3%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,730	€13,040
	Average return each year	-2.7%	3.9%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€12,550	€16,100
	Average return each year	25.5%	7.0%
Death Scenario	Death Scenario		7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,830	€13,170

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2015 and 2023. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

# What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in managed unit linked funds are set aside and held in trust by an independent custodian, HSBC Securities Services, for the policyholder's benefit at all times and cannot be used by the fund manager or custodian for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from HSBC in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€677	€1,055
Annual cost impact (*)	7.0%	1.8%

<sup>(\*)</sup>This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 6.6% before costs and 4.6% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or ex	Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years		
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€118	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.9% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€118	
Transaction costs	0.05% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€7	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

# Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Managed Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

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### How can I complain?

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- $\bullet \ \ \text{You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway. } \\$
- You can email our Client Services Department at clientservices@acornlife.ie

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

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Managed Growth Fund



# **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### Product

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Managed Growth Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

**Contact Details:** www.acornlife.ie; call 091 535 700 for more information Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland Competent Authority:

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

# What is this product?

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the Type:

investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed Growth Fund. This fund is managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. Policies are

issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** The Managed Growth Fund is mainly invested in equities due to the long-term growth opportunities of this strategy but there is also some investment in bond securities and other asset types. The Managed Growth Fund is for the more adventurous investor. It aims

for a higher return than the Managed Fund through investing more heavily in equities.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one

switch per year).

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value Term:

from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor: This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any

time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at www.acornlife.ie

# **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Managed Growth Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 4 out of 7, which is a medium risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium level, and poor market conditions could impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your inv	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€2,820	€2,240
	Average return each year	-71.8%	-25.8%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,480	€10,660
	Average return each year	-25.2%	1.3%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,820	€13,930
	Average return each year	-1.8%	6.9%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€13,630	€17,560
	Average return each year	36.3%	11.9%
Death Scenario 1 year		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,920	€14,070

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2020. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

# What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in managed unit linked funds are set aside and held in trust by an independent custodian, HSBC Securities Services, for the policyholder's benefit at all times and cannot be used by the fund manager or custodian for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from HSBC in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€677	€1,062
Annual cost impact (*)	7.1%	2.6%

<sup>(\*)</sup>This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 11.4% before costs and 8.4% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€126	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.2% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€125	
Transaction costs	0.07% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€6	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

# Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Managed Growth Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

# How can I complain?

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- You can email our Client Services Department at clientservices@acornlife.ie

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

### Other relevant information

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Managed High Equity Fund



#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Managed High Equity Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

# What is this product?

Type:

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed High Equity Fund. This fund is managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The Managed High Equity Fund is invested primarily in equities but it may also hold small levels of investment in other asset types e.g. fixed income assets, property, cash. It is potentially suitable for investors who are willing to accept a medium to high level of risk, with associated rises and falls in value, for the prospect of a higher expected return over the medium to long-term.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets

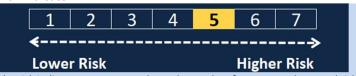
Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

#### What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

### **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Managed High Equity Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-high level, and poor market conditions will likely impact our capacity to pay you.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guara lose some or all of your inv	
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€2,140	€1,380
	Average return each year	-78.6%	-32.7%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€7,930	€10,990
	Average return each year	-20.7%	1.9%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€10,100	€17,200
	Average return each year	1.0%	11.5%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€13,510	€20,680
	Average return each year	35.1%	15.6%
Death Scenario 1 ye		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€10,200	€17,370

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2021 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2011 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

# What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in managed unit linked funds are set aside and held in trust by an independent custodian, HSBC Securities Services, for the policyholder's benefit at all times and cannot be used by the fund manager or custodian for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from HSBC in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€678	€1,097
Annual cost impact (*)	7.3%	2.7%

<sup>(\*)</sup>This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 15.1% before costs and 12.2% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€155	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.3% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€153	
Transaction costs	0.06% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€7	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

# Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Managed High Equity Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund. When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

# How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance information, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Deposit Fund



#### **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

**Product** 

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Deposit Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

# What is this product?

Type: This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent

premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Deposit Fund. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you

and us.

Objectives: The Deposit Fund is mainly invested in bank deposits but there may also be other short-term investments on international and

domestic markets. The main objective of the Deposit Fund is to achieve a steady, secure return with a high degree of security. This fund is intended to be a low risk investment but does not protect against inflation. It can also be eroded in periods of low or negative

interest rates. Therefore the fund is suitable only as a temporary home for money when markets are volatile.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one

switch per year).

Term: Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value

from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular sociators product in the future.

savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any

time.

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment

markets.

Insurance benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this insurance benefit.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

# **Risk Indicator**



can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 1 out of 7, which is the lowest risk class.

less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Deposit Fund.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a very low level, and poor market conditions are very unlikely to impact our capacity to pay vou.

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 10 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period: Example Investment:		5 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum		There is no minimum guaranteed retu of your investment.	rn. You could lose some or all
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,230	€8,960
	Average return each year	-7.7%	-1.6%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,220	€8,650
	Average return each year	-7.8%	-2.1%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,280	€8,740
	Average return each year	-7.2%	-1.9%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,660	€9,160
	Average return each year	-3.4%	-1.2%
Death Scenario		1 year	5 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,380	€8,830

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2017 and 2022. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2015 and 2020. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2018.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premiums payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

#### What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in the Deposit Fund are placed in bank deposit accounts by Acorn Life. The value of the Deposit Fund will reflect the performance of these deposit accounts.

Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from the relevant banks in respect of your assets. However, our liability is limited to the amounts that we actually receive from the relevant banks. In the event that the relevant banks suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties and are therefore unable to meet their obligations to Acorn Life, you may lose some or all of the amount invested. It is important to be aware that Acorn Life only place policyholder assets in deposit accounts with banks that have an A-rating. In addition, in accordance with EU solvency legislation Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 5 years
Total costs	€664	€936
Annual cost impact (*)	6.6%	1.4%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be -0.5% before costs and -1.9% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

#### **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 5 years
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€110
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A
Ongoing costs taken each year		
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	0.5% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€71
Transaction costs	0% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€0
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions		
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

### Recommended holding period: 5 years

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least 5 years. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

## How can I complain?

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- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

#### Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

We review and republish this Key Information Document each year; you can find the latest version on our website at <a href="www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html">www.acornlife.ie/key-information-documents.html</a>. On the same webpage we also publish links to past performance data for 10 years, as well as performance scenarios which are based on previous performance and are updated monthly.

Global Property Fund



## **Purpose**

This document provides you with key information about this investment product. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature, risks, costs, potential gains and losses of this product and to help you compare it with other products.

#### **Product**

Product name: Acorn Life Investment Bond invested in the Acorn Life Global Property Fund

Manufacturer: Acorn Life DAC

Contact Details: <a href="www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>; call 091 535 700 for more information
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The key information document is accurate as at 1 July 2024

# What is this product?

Type: This product is a s

This product is a single premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is designed for the investment of a substantial lump sum of money for a period of at least 5 years. We invest the initial premium and any subsequent premiums on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Global Property Fund. This fund is managed by HSBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. Policies are issued under Irish law, which will govern all the terms of the contract between you and us.

**Objectives:** 

The fund predominantly invests in property securities, property related securities and collective investment schemes that, in turn, invest directly or indirectly in property, unlisted property and listed property securities. The fund does not provide capital security and investment in the fund is not guaranteed. It is suitable for investors who are willing to accept a high level of volatility (and hence risk) for the prospect of expected long term capital growth. Currency movements could also have an adverse impact on investment return. The long term nature of investment in property and the income generated tend to make this type of investment less volatile than equities although it can be difficult to buy and/or sell quickly. Where the underlying funds invest directly in property, the property in the fund may not be readily realisable, and the Fund Manager may apply a deferral on redemption requests.

The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. Each month some of the units are deducted from the fund to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy. The remaining fund is there to provide cash benefits if you choose to surrender your policy in full or in part. You can surrender the policy at any time. We will pay you the value of units less any tax due. The value will be calculated the next business day following receipt of the written request to surrender and any other documents we may require. You can make lump sum extra payments into your policy if you wish. You may also choose to switch the value of your policy in whole or in part between our different funds at any time for a nominal charge (no charge for one switch per year).

Term:

Your policy has no specific period for which it remains in force. It is designed to last for as long as you want it but to get good value from the policy, you should expect to keep it for at least five years.

We have no right to cancel the policy except with the investor's consent or on death of the relevant life assured.

Intended retail investor:

This is an investment product that is designed for those who wish to invest a substantial lump sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future.

It provides a means to pay a single premium invested into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits.

The policy may be surrendered for cash at any time but there are no guarantees as to the amount which would be received as this depends primarily on the performance of investment markets. There is no commitment to paying any premium under the policy, once the initial premium has been paid. You may choose to pay additional premiums at any time. This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to their investment for a period of at least 5 years. You should therefore not enter into such a commitment unless you would expect that you will not need to encash the policy in the first few years. It may be surrendered at any time but the amount payable is not guaranteed. At outset the surrender value will be less than the premium invested and subsequently it is not guaranteed and depends on the performance of investment markets.

Insurance

benefits:

Should you die while the policy is in force, we will pay 101% of the value of your policy, less any tax due, to your estate. The policy value will be based on unit prices calculated the next working day following receipt by Acorn Life of written notification of death. Where there are two lives named on the policy, the death benefit is payable on the death of the second to die of the lives assured. The value of this benefit is shown in the section 'What are the risks and what could I get in return'. We do not charge for this

insurance benefit.

# What are the risks and what could I get in return?

The risks and returns for this product depend on the choice of investment funds. Please familiarise yourself with the specific information on these and compare their risks and returns using the fund information available at <a href="https://www.acornlife.ie">www.acornlife.ie</a>

# **Risk Indicator**



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 7 years. The actual risk can vary significantly if you cash in at an early stage and you may get back less than you invested. In this Key Information Document it is assumed you have invested in the Acorn Life Global Property Fund.

The summary risk indicator is a guide to the level of risk of this product compared to other products. It shows how likely it is that the product will lose money because of movements in the markets or because we are not able to pay you.

We have classified this product as 5 out of 7, which is a medium-high risk class

This product does not include any protection from future market performance so you could lose some or all of your investment. If we are not able to pay you what is owed, you could lose your entire investment.

#### **Performance Scenarios**

The performance of the product as a whole depends on the investment funds you choose. We strongly advise you to consult the performance scenarios within the specific Key Information Documents (KIDs) for each investment fund that you consider.

The form and figures shown in the table below have been developed in compliance with the applicable regulation. All calculations are based on assumptions (age of the life assured, holding period, costs, etc). These assumptions are only a possible example among many others.

What you will get from this product depends on future market performance. Market developments in the future are uncertain and cannot be accurately predicted.

The unfavourable, moderate, and favourable scenarios shown are illustrations using the worst, average, and best performance of the product over the last 12 years. Markets could develop very differently in the future.

Recommended holding period:  Example Investment:		7 years €10,000	
		If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Survival Scenarios			
Minimum	Minimum  There is no minimum guarantee lose some or all of your investn		
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€1,840	€1,160
	Average return each year	-81.6%	-26.5%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€6,520	€3,900
	Average return each year	-34.8%	-12.6%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€9,250	€10,190
	Average return each year	-7.5%	0.3%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€12,630	€14,850
	Average return each year	26.3%	5.8%
Death Scenario		1 year	7 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€9,340	€10,290

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The figures do not take into account your personal tax situation, which may also affect how much you get back.

The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances. An unfavourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2022 and 2023. A moderate scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2020. A favourable scenario occurred for an investment between 2013 and 2020.

The performance figures do not include a deduction for Exit Tax but do include a deduction for the government levy.

The premium payable for your single premium policy is liable to a 1% government levy. This levy is collected by Acorn Life and passed to Revenue on your behalf.

Under current Irish Law, the funds in which your policy is invested will grow free of tax. Your Policy Value will be subject to a potential tax liability every eight years and upon surrender for cash at any time. The tax payable will be based on the amount by which the policy value payable exceeds the premiums which have been paid into the policy at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (July 2024) tax rate is 41%. However this can be altered by the Government and thus it is the rate applying at the date of payment of tax which determined the tax which will be payable. If you are an Irish resident, we will deduct the tax and pay it to Revenue. If you are no longer resident in Ireland, or are exempt from exit tax for any reason, and have supplied the appropriate Revenue declaration as required we will pay the full amount without deduction of tax.

# What happens if Acorn Life DAC is unable to pay out?

All policyholder assets are held separately from Acorn Life's other assets and cannot be used by Acorn Life for our own purposes. Policyholder assets that are invested in managed unit linked funds are set aside and held in trust by an independent custodian, HSBC Securities Services, for the policyholder's benefit at all times and cannot be used by the fund manager or custodian for other activities.

Returns from unit linked funds will vary depending on the type of fund you choose, the geographical region the fund is investing and what type of assets the fund invests in. The value of these funds will reflect the performance of the underlying assets, which will be adversely affected in the event of asset default should any of the institutions with whom money is placed suffer insolvency issues or other financial difficulties. Acorn Life are committed to passing on to you the full value of the amount that we receive from HSBC in respect of your assets.

In accordance with EU solvency legislation, Acorn Life are required to maintain adequate levels of solvency to ensure we can meet our obligations to policyholders at all times. This is monitored internally and reported to the Central Bank of Ireland on a regular basis.

The person advising on or selling you this product may charge you other costs. If so, this person will provide you with information about these costs and how they affect your investment.

#### **Costs over time**

The tables show the amounts that are taken from your investment to cover different types of costs. These amounts depend on how much you invest, how long you hold the product and how well the product does. The amounts shown here are illustrations based on an example investment amount and different possible investment periods. We have assumed:

- The product performs as shown in the moderate scenario
- €10,000 is invested

	If you exit after 1 year	If you exit after 7 years
Total costs	€749	€1,398
Annual cost impact (*)	7.5%	2.6%

(\*)This illustrates how costs reduce your return each year over the holding period. For example it shows that if you exit at the recommended holding period your average return per year is projected to be 4.1% before costs and 1.5% after costs.

We may share part of the costs with the person selling you the product to cover the services they provide to you. They will inform you of the amount.

# **Composition of costs**

One-off costs upon entry or exit		Annual cost impact if you exit after 7 years	
Entry costs	5.9% of the amount you pay in when entering this investment.	€92	
Exit costs	Exit costs are stated as "N/A" in the next column as they do not apply if you keep the product until the recommended holding period.	N/A	
Ongoing costs taken each year			
Management fees and other administrative or operating costs	1.4% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate based on actual costs over the last year.	€155	
Transaction costs	0.33% of the value of your investment per year. This is an estimate of the costs incurred when we buy and sell the underlying investments for the product. The actual amount will vary depending on how much we buy and sell.	€36	
Incidental costs taken under specific conditions			
Performance fees [and carried interest]	There is no performance fee for this product	€0	

# How long should I hold it and can I take money out early?

### Recommended holding period: 7 years

Your policy is designed for an investment period of 5 years or more. For the Acorn Life Global Property Fund, to give your investment time to achieve its growth potential, the recommended holding period is 7 years but you can stay invested for as long as you like. At any time you may cancel the policy and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any Exit Tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be less than the premiums paid. You may choose to withdraw some of the value of your policy at any time, as long as there is a reasonable amount still remaining in your fund. When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of thirty days to decide if the policy is exactly what you want. If you have any queries during this period, please contact us at either our local or Head Office address. If you decide you do not wish to proceed with the policy, you can simply inform us of the fact in writing, returning the policy documents and you will receive a full refund of any premium you have paid, less any losses which have been incurred as a result of changes in investment markets while the policy was in force.

Subsequently, you have the right to cancel your policy at any stage, simply by informing us in writing and returning the policy documents. You will then receive the value of your fund, although note that this could be less than the premium paid in the early years, depending on investment markets.

# How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <a href="http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html">http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html</a>
- You can call us on 091-535700. We're open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
- You can write to us at Client Services Department, Acorn Life DAC, St. Augustine Street, Galway.
- You can email our Client Services Department at <a href="mailto:clientservices@acornlife.ie">clientservices@acornlife.ie</a>

To help us deal with your complaint, please tell us your policy number and contact details.

# Other relevant information

We will inform you if, at any time, we change our name, address, or our legal form. We will also inform you of any significant change to the charges made under the policy. We will confirm any change to your policy as a result of partial surrenders, additional premiums or fund switches. We will contact you annually to confirm the current surrender value under the policy.

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