

## Key Information Documents

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 Flexible Life Savings Plan.

Each investment fund its own individual KID and, as such, the KIDs for the following funds are included below (in the same order):

- Acorn Life Managed Equity Fund
- Acorn Life Managed Equity & Bond Fund
- Acorn Life Managed Bond Fund
- Acorn Life Global Property Fund
- Acorn Life Deposit Fund

The KIDs 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.

## 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 Flexible Savings Plan invested in the Acorn Life Managed Equity Fund**  
Insurance company: Acorn Life DAC  
Contact Details: [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie) ; call 091 535 700 for more information  
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland  
This key information document is accurate as at 01 January 2018

## What is this product?

**Type:** This product is a regular premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is primarily designed to enable you to build up a substantial sum of money in the future. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed 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:** Each month, or less regularly if you choose, you pay us the premium due under the policy. There is an initial period, during which the premium is not invested but goes to meet our costs incurred in selling, setting up and administering the policy. After the initial period, we invest the premium on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. As already stated above, this document assumes that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed Equity Fund. The Managed Equity 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. The Managed Equity Fund is for the more adventurous investor. It aims for a higher return than the Managed Equity & Bond 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. In the early years of the policy, some of the units are used to pay for the life cover benefit each month. Units are also deducted to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy each month. 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.

**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 10 years. The regular premium can be further varied if you wish and you can also make extra lump sum payments into your policy. Paying extra lump sums into your policy will enhance your fund and provide extra benefits or a higher ultimate return in due course.  
We have no right to cancel the policy, except as a result of your failure to disclose material facts at the application stage. As long as you continue to pay the premiums required under the policy, it will continue in force and the life cover benefit will remain. You may stop paying premiums at any time, although in most cases, you may subsequently reinstate the policy.

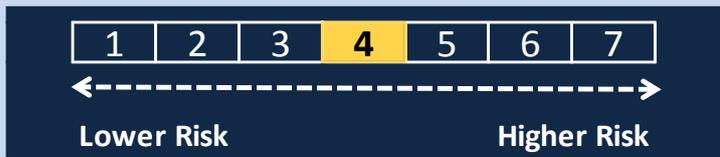
**Intended retail investor:** This is a savings product that is designed primarily for those who wish to build up a substantial sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future e.g. children’s education, house/car purchase.  
It provides a means to pay regular premiums into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits.  
This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to holding the policy for at least 10 years. It is not designed for those who need protection benefits.  
It is a long-term policy with premiums being paid throughout the term. You should not therefore enter into such a commitment unless you are fully satisfied that you can continue to pay premiums for such a period and that the policy, suitably modified as necessary to meet your changing needs, will continue to be appropriate for you.

**Insurance benefits:** This product also provides a modest level of life cover benefit. Each year, the life cover benefit and the premium will increase by 5% or the rate of inflation if greater, unless you decide you do not wish these increases to take effect.  
The amount of your benefits will be specified in your Policy Schedule and the exact terms for the benefits are provided in the Policy Provisions.  
Below we illustrate the potential benefits payable and costs of this product. The figures are based on the following details:  
Life Assured: Male, non smoker, aged 35  
Premium: €1,000 per annum increasing by 5% each year  
Life Cover Benefit: €1,000 increasing by 5% each year

## 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](http://www.acornlife.ie)

### Risk Indicator



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 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 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 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 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.

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year				
Survival Scenarios		1 year	5 years	10 years
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€386	€3,170	€6,937
	Average return each year	-87.12%	-22.04%	-13.38%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€471	€4,638	€13,618
	Average return each year	-78.85%	-6.73%	1.91%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€494	€5,447	€17,342
	Average return each year	-76.24%	-0.18%	6.96%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€519	€6,444	€22,464
	Average return each year	-73.36%	6.73%	12.21%
Accumulated Invested Amount		€1,000	€5,526	€12,578
Death Scenario		1 year	5 years	10 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€1,000	€5,447	€17,342

This table shows the money you could get back before Exit Tax over the next 10 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The performance scenarios and costs assume that the highest level of commission has been paid to the person selling this product to you.

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 savings 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, there is no liability to tax on the life cover benefit, if any, payable under this policy.

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 plan at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (January 2018) 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 Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. The figures assume you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year. The figures are estimates and may change in the future. The costs are consistent with those reflected in the moderate scenario in the table of performance scenarios.

### Costs over time

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year			
Moderate scenario	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in after 10 years
Total costs	€522	€1,233	€1,728
Impact on return (RIY) per year	87.02%	10.92%	3.77%

### Composition of costs

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period
- What the different cost categories mean.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-off costs	Entry costs	1.65%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay and you could pay less. This includes the costs of distribution of your product.
	Exit costs	0.00%	There are no exit costs on this product.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.11%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	2.01%	The impact of the costs we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	There are no performance fees on this product.
	Carried interests	0.00%	There are no carried interests on this product.

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

### Recommended holding period: 10 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 ten years.

You may cancel the policy at any time and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be low or even zero. Once units have been allocated to your policy, you may choose to withdraw some of the value at any time. This will mean of course that any future cash benefits will be reduced.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of 30 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.

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 low or even nil in the early years.

The policy will acquire a surrender value but not until premiums have been paid for at least seven months. Even after that period, the surrender value may remain below the level of premiums paid under the policy for a number of years.

## How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html/>
- 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](mailto: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 endorsements, premium reviews etc. We will contact you annually to confirm the premium due for the following year, the benefits then in force and 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 [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie).

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## Product

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**Objectives:** Each month, or less regularly if you choose, you pay us the premium due under the policy. There is an initial period, during which the premium is not invested but goes to meet our costs incurred in selling, setting up and administering the policy. After the initial period, we invest the premium on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. As already stated above, this document assumes that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed Equity & Bond Fund. The Managed Equity & Bond Fund is invested in equities, equity related and bond securities. The Managed Equity & Bond 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. In the early years of the policy, some of the units are used to pay for the life cover benefit each month. Units are also deducted to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy each month. 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.

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We have no right to cancel the policy, except as a result of your failure to disclose material facts at the application stage. As long as you continue to pay the premiums required under the policy, it will continue in force and the life cover benefit will remain. You may stop paying premiums at any time, although in most cases, you may subsequently reinstate the policy.

**Intended retail investor:** This is a savings product that is designed primarily for those who wish to build up a substantial sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future e.g. children’s education, house/car purchase.

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

This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to holding the policy for at least 10 years.

It is not designed for those who need protection benefits.

It is a long-term policy with premiums being paid throughout the term. You should not therefore enter into such a commitment unless you are fully satisfied that you can continue to pay premiums for such a period and that the policy, suitably modified as necessary to meet your changing needs, will continue to be appropriate for you.

**Insurance benefits:** This product also provides a modest level of life cover benefit. Each year, the life cover benefit and the premium will increase by 5% or the rate of inflation if greater, unless you decide you do not wish these increases to take effect.

The amount of your benefits will be specified in your Policy Schedule and the exact terms for the benefits are provided in the Policy Provisions.

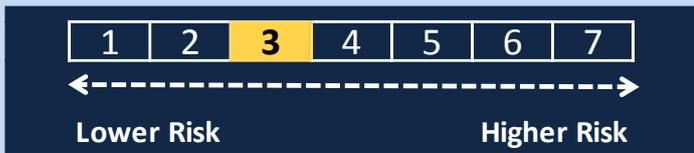
Below we illustrate the potential benefits payable and costs of this product. The figures are based on the following details:

Life Assured:	Male, non smoker, aged 35
Premium:	€1,000 per annum increasing by 5% each year
Life Cover Benefit:	€1,000 increasing by 5% each year

## 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](http://www.acornlife.ie)

### Risk Indicator



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 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 Equity & Bond 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 class.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-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.

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Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year				
Survival Scenarios		1 year	5 years	10 years
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€403	€3,385	€7,603
	Average return each year	-85.58%	-19.42%	-11.17%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€473	€4,655	€13,462
	Average return each year	-78.55%	-6.58%	1.67%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€492	€5,292	€16,302
	Average return each year	-76.46%	-1.36%	5.69%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€512	€6,043	€19,956
	Average return each year	-74.19%	4.08%	9.83%
Accumulated Invested Amount		€1,000	€5,526	€12,578
Death Scenario		1 year	5 years	10 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€1,000	€5,292	€16,302

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Under current Irish law, there is no liability to tax on the life cover benefit, if any, payable under this policy.

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### Costs over time

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year			
Moderate scenario	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in after 10 years
Total costs	€522	€1,233	€1,765
Impact on return (RIY) per year	85.91%	10.78%	3.73%

### Composition of costs

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period
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One-off costs	Entry costs	1.60%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay and you could pay less. This includes the costs of distribution of your product.
	Exit costs	0.00%	There are no exit costs on this product.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.11%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	2.02%	The impact of the costs we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	There are no performance fees on this product.
	Carried interests	0.00%	There are no carried interests on this product.

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

### Recommended holding period: 10 years

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## What is this product?

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**Objectives:** Each month, or less regularly if you choose, you pay us the premium due under the policy. There is an initial period, during which the premium is not invested but goes to meet our costs incurred in selling, setting up and administering the policy. After the initial period, we invest the premium on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. As already stated above, this document assumes that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Managed Bond Fund. The Managed Bond Fund is invested in bonds denominated in euro, issued by governments, agencies, supranationals and corporates. All bonds have a minimum rating of at least Baa3 or BBB – from Moody’s or Standard & Poors, or are of an equivalent quality. The Managed Bond Fund is suitable for investors who are prepared to accept a low level of risk for the prospect of a more attractive return than that offered by deposit type accounts. It invests mainly in bonds denominated in euro, issued by sovereign states, agencies, supranationals and corporates. The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. In the early years of the policy, some of the units are used to pay for the life cover benefit each month. Units are also deducted to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy each month. 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.

**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 10 years. The regular premium can be further varied if you wish and you can also make extra lump sum payments into your policy. Paying extra lump sums into your policy will enhance your fund and provide extra benefits or a higher ultimate return in due course. We have no right to cancel the policy, except as a result of your failure to disclose material facts at the application stage. As long as you continue to pay the premiums required under the policy, it will continue in force and the life cover benefit will remain. You may stop paying premiums at any time, although in most cases, you may subsequently reinstate the policy.

**Intended retail investor:** This is a savings product that is designed primarily for those who wish to build up a substantial sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future e.g. children’s education, house/car purchase. It provides a means to pay regular premiums into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits. This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to holding the policy for at least 10 years. It is not designed for those who need protection benefits. It is a long-term policy with premiums being paid throughout the term. You should not therefore enter into such a commitment unless you are fully satisfied that you can continue to pay premiums for such a period and that the policy, suitably modified as necessary to meet your changing needs, will continue to be appropriate for you.

**Insurance benefits:** This product also provides a modest level of life cover benefit. Each year, the life cover benefit and the premium will increase by 5% or the rate of inflation if greater, unless you decide you do not wish these increases to take effect. The amount of your benefits will be specified in your Policy Schedule and the exact terms for the benefits are provided in the Policy Provisions. Below we illustrate the potential benefits payable and costs of this product. The figures are based on the following details:  
Life Assured: Male, non smoker, aged 35  
Premium: €1,000 per annum increasing by 5% each year  
Life Cover Benefit: €1,000 increasing by 5% each year

## 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](http://www.acornlife.ie)

### Risk Indicator



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 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 Bond 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 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 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.

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year				
Survival Scenarios		1 year	5 years	10 years
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€458	€4,030	€9,717
	Average return each year	-80.20%	-12.40%	-5.47%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€479	€4,526	€12,051
	Average return each year	-77.97%	-7.72%	-0.71%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€485	€4,699	€12,721
	Average return each year	-77.35%	-6.19%	0.46%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€490	€4,881	€13,440
	Average return each year	-76.71%	-4.66%	1.63%
Accumulated Invested Amount		€1,000	€5,526	€12,578
Death Scenario		1 year	5 years	10 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€1,000	€4,699	€12,721

This table shows the money you could get back before Exit Tax over the next 10 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The performance scenarios and costs assume that the highest level of commission has been paid to the person selling this product to you.

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 savings 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, there is no liability to tax on the life cover benefit, if any, payable under this policy.

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 plan at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (January 2018) 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 Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. The figures assume you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year. The figures are estimates and may change in the future. The costs are consistent with those reflected in the moderate scenario in the table of performance scenarios.

### Costs over time

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year			
Moderate scenario	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in after 10 years
Total costs	€522	€1,232	€1,891
Impact on return (RIY) per year	81.40%	10.23%	3.58%

### Composition of costs

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period
- What the different cost categories mean.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-off costs	Entry costs	1.40%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay and you could pay less. This includes the costs of distribution of your product.
	Exit costs	0.00%	There are no exit costs on this product.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.12%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	2.06%	The impact of the costs we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	There are no performance fees on this product.
	Carried interests	0.00%	There are no carried interests on this product.

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

### Recommended holding period: 10 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 ten years.

You may cancel the policy at any time and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be low or even zero. Once units have been allocated to your policy, you may choose to withdraw some of the value at any time. This will mean of course that any future cash benefits will be reduced.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of 30 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.

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 low or even nil in the early years.

The policy will acquire a surrender value but not until premiums have been paid for at least seven months. Even after that period, the surrender value may remain below the level of premiums paid under the policy for a number of years.

## How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html/>
- 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](mailto: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 endorsements, premium reviews etc. We will contact you annually to confirm the premium due for the following year, the benefits then in force and 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 [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie).

## 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 Flexible Savings Plan invested in the Acorn Life Global Property Fund**  
Insurance company: Acorn Life DAC  
Contact Details: [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie) ; call 091 535 700 for more information  
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland  
This key information document is accurate as at 01 January 2018

## What is this product?

**Type:** This product is a regular premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is primarily designed to enable you to build up a substantial sum of money in the future. 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:** Each month, or less regularly if you choose, you pay us the premium due under the policy. There is an initial period, during which the premium is not invested but goes to meet our costs incurred in selling, setting up and administering the policy. After the initial period, we invest the premium on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. As already stated above, this document assumes that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Global Property Fund.  
The Global Property 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. 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. The fund is divided into a number of units of equal value, which are allocated to each policy. In the early years of the policy, some of the units are used to pay for the life cover benefit each month. Units are also deducted to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy each month. 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.

**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 10 years. The regular premium can be further varied if you wish and you can also make extra lump sum payments into your policy. Paying extra lump sums into your policy will enhance your fund and provide extra benefits or a higher ultimate return in due course.  
We have no right to cancel the policy, except as a result of your failure to disclose material facts at the application stage. As long as you continue to pay the premiums required under the policy, it will continue in force and the life cover benefit will remain. You may stop paying premiums at any time, although in most cases, you may subsequently reinstate the policy.

**Intended retail investor:** This is a savings product that is designed primarily for those who wish to build up a substantial sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future e.g. children’s education, house/car purchase.  
It provides a means to pay regular premiums into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits.  
This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to holding the policy for at least 10 years. It is not designed for those who need protection benefits.  
It is a long-term policy with premiums being paid throughout the term. You should not therefore enter into such a commitment unless you are fully satisfied that you can continue to pay premiums for such a period and that the policy, suitably modified as necessary to meet your changing needs, will continue to be appropriate for you.

**Insurance benefits:** This product also provides a modest level of life cover benefit. Each year, the life cover benefit and the premium will increase by 5% or the rate of inflation if greater, unless you decide you do not wish these increases to take effect.  
The amount of your benefits will be specified in your Policy Schedule and the exact terms for the benefits are provided in the Policy Provisions.  
Below we illustrate the potential benefits payable and costs of this product. The figures are based on the following details:  
Life Assured: Male, non smoker, aged 35  
Premium: €1,000 per annum increasing by 5% each year  
Life Cover Benefit: €1,000 increasing by 5% each year

## 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](http://www.acornlife.ie)

### Risk Indicator



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 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. You may not be able to sell this fund easily or you may have to sell at a price that significantly impacts on what you might 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.

This rates the potential losses from future performance at a medium-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.

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year				
Survival Scenarios		1 year	5 years	10 years
Stress scenario	What you might get back after costs	€411	€3,246	€7,118
	Average return each year	-84.86%	-21.10%	-12.76%
Unfavourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€467	€4,366	€11,956
	Average return each year	-79.21%	-9.17%	-0.88%
Moderate scenario	What you might get back after costs	€490	€5,069	€14,887
	Average return each year	-76.78%	-3.11%	3.79%
Favourable scenario	What you might get back after costs	€513	€5,929	€18,841
	Average return each year	-74.09%	3.30%	8.66%
Accumulated Invested Amount		€1,000	€5,526	€12,578
Death Scenario		1 year	5 years	10 years
Insured event	What might your beneficiaries get back after costs	€1,000	€5,069	€14,887

This table shows the money you could get back before Exit Tax over the next 10 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The performance scenarios and costs assume that the highest level of commission has been paid to the person selling this product to you.

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 savings 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, there is no liability to tax on the life cover benefit, if any, payable under this policy.

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 plan at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (January 2018) 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 Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. The figures assume you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year. The figures are estimates and may change in the future. The costs are consistent with those reflected in the moderate scenario in the table of performance scenarios.

### Costs over time

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year			
Moderate scenario	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in after 10 years
Total costs	€523	€1,314	€2,248
Impact on return (RIY) per year	85.06%	11.39%	4.48%

### Composition of costs

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period
- What the different cost categories mean.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-off costs	Entry costs	1.52%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay and you could pay less. This includes the costs of distribution of your product.
	Exit costs	0.00%	There are no exit costs on this product.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.02%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	2.94%	The impact of the costs we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	There are no performance fees on this product.
	Carried interests	0.00%	There are no carried interests on this product.

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

### Recommended holding period: 10 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 ten years.

You may cancel the policy at any time and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be low or even zero. Once units have been allocated to your policy, you may choose to withdraw some of the value at any time. This will mean of course that any future cash benefits will be reduced.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of 30 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.

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 low or even nil in the early years.

The policy will acquire a surrender value but not until premiums have been paid for at least seven months. Even after that period, the surrender value may remain below the level of premiums paid under the policy for a number of years.

## 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 [clientservices@acornlife.ie](mailto: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 endorsements, premium reviews etc. We will contact you annually to confirm the premium due for the following year, the benefits then in force and 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 [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie).

## 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 Flexible Savings Plan invested in the Acorn Life Deposit Fund**  
Insurance company: Acorn Life DAC  
Contact Details: [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie) ; call 091 535 700 for more information  
Competent Authority: Acorn Life is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland  
This key information document is accurate as at 01 January 2018

## What is this product?

**Type:** This product is a regular premium Unit Linked Life Assurance Policy issued by Acorn Life DAC. The product is primarily designed to enable you to build up a substantial sum of money in the future. In this Key Information Document it is assumed that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Deposit 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:** Each month, or less regularly if you choose, you pay us the premium due under the policy. There is an initial period, during which the premium is not invested but goes to meet our costs incurred in selling, setting up and administering the policy. After the initial period, we invest the premium on your behalf in the fund(s) of your choice. As already stated above, this document assumes that your chosen investment option is the Acorn Life Deposit Fund. The Deposit Fund is invested in bank deposits. The Deposit Fund's objective is to achieve steady, secure growth with the emphasis on security through investing in deposits. This fund is suitable 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. In the early years of the policy, some of the units are used to pay for the life cover benefit each month. Units are also deducted to cover the cost of our continuing to look after your policy each month. 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.

**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 10 years. The regular premium can be further varied if you wish and you can also make extra lump sum payments into your policy. Paying extra lump sums into your policy will enhance your fund and provide extra benefits or a higher ultimate return in due course.  
We have no right to cancel the policy, except as a result of your failure to disclose material facts at the application stage. As long as you continue to pay the premiums required under the policy, it will continue in force and the life cover benefit will remain. You may stop paying premiums at any time, although in most cases, you may subsequently reinstate the policy.

**Intended retail investor:** This is a savings product that is designed primarily for those who wish to build up a substantial sum of money to meet a particular savings need(s) in the future e.g. children's education, house/car purchase.  
It provides a means to pay regular premiums into a choice of fund or funds, which may be invested in equities, fixed-interest bonds, property-type assets and/or deposits.  
This product is aimed mainly at those in the 18-70 age group who are willing to commit to holding the policy for at least 10 years. It is not designed for those who need protection benefits.  
It is a long-term policy with premiums being paid throughout the term. You should not therefore enter into such a commitment unless you are fully satisfied that you can continue to pay premiums for such a period and that the policy, suitably modified as necessary to meet your changing needs, will continue to be appropriate for you.

**Insurance benefits:** This product also provides a modest level of life cover benefit. Each year, the life cover benefit and the premium will increase by 5% or the rate of inflation if greater, unless you decide you do not wish these increases to take effect.  
The amount of your benefits will be specified in your Policy Schedule and the exact terms for the benefits are provided in the Policy Provisions.  
Below we illustrate the potential benefits payable and costs of this product. The figures are based on the following details:  
Life Assured: Male, non smoker, aged 35  
Premium: €1,000 per annum increasing by 5% each year  
Life Cover Benefit: €1,000 increasing by 5% each year

## 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](http://www.acornlife.ie)

### Risk Indicator



The risk indicator assumes you keep the product for 10 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 Deposit 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 1 out of 7, which is the lowest risk class.

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 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.

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year		1 year	5 years	10 years
<b>Survival Scenarios</b>				
<b>Stress scenario</b>	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>€478</b>	<b>€4,302</b>	<b>€10,663</b>
	Average return each year	-78.10%	-9.77%	-3.39%
<b>Unfavourable scenario</b>	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>€478</b>	<b>€4,305</b>	<b>€10,675</b>
	Average return each year	-78.01%	-9.74%	-3.37%
<b>Moderate scenario</b>	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>€479</b>	<b>€4,310</b>	<b>€10,691</b>
	Average return each year	-77.99%	-9.69%	-3.33%
<b>Favourable scenario</b>	<b>What you might get back after costs</b>	<b>€479</b>	<b>€4,315</b>	<b>€10,708</b>
	Average return each year	-77.98%	-9.65%	-3.30%
<b>Accumulated Invested Amount</b>		<b>€1,000</b>	<b>€5,526</b>	<b>€12,578</b>
<b>Death Scenario</b>		<b>1 year</b>	<b>5 years</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Insured event</b>	<b>What might your beneficiaries get back after costs</b>	<b>€1,000</b>	<b>€4,310</b>	<b>€10,691</b>

This table shows the money you could get back before Exit Tax over the next 10 years, under different scenarios, assuming that you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year.

The scenarios shown illustrate how your investment could perform. You can compare them with the scenarios of other products. The scenarios presented are an estimate of future performance based on evidence from the past, and are not an exact indicator. What you get will vary depending on how the market performs and how long you keep the product. The stress scenario shows what you might get back in extreme market circumstances, and it does not take into account the situation where we are not able to pay you.

The figures shown include all the costs of the product itself and includes the costs of your advisor or distributor. The performance scenarios and costs assume that the highest level of commission has been paid to the person selling this product to you.

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 savings 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, there is no liability to tax on the life cover benefit, if any, payable under this policy.

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 plan at that time, allowing for any tax already paid.

The current (January 2018) 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.

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 Reduction in Yield (RIY) shows what impact the total costs you pay will have on the investment return you might get. The total costs take into account one-off, ongoing and incidental costs. The amounts shown here are the cumulative costs of the product itself, for three different holding periods. The figures assume you invest €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year. The figures are estimates and may change in the future. The costs are consistent with those reflected in the moderate scenario in the table of performance scenarios.

### Costs over time

Investment €1,000 per year increasing by 5% each year			
Moderate scenario	If you cash in after 1 year	If you cash in after 5 years	If you cash in after 10 years
Total costs	€521	€1,197	€1,801
Impact on return (RIY) per year	77.81%	9.51%	3.14%

### Composition of costs

The table below shows:

- The impact each year of the different types of costs on the investment return you might get at the end of the recommended holding period
- What the different cost categories mean.

This table shows the impact on return per year			
One-off costs	Entry costs	1.27%	The impact of the costs you pay when entering your investment. This is the most you will pay and you could pay less. This includes the costs of distribution of your product.
	Exit costs	0.00%	There are no exit costs on this product.
Ongoing costs	Portfolio transaction costs	0.00%	The impact of the costs of buying and selling underlying investments for the product.
	Other ongoing costs	1.87%	The impact of the costs we take each year for managing your investments.
Incidental costs	Performance fees	0.00%	There are no performance fees on this product.
	Carried interests	0.00%	There are no carried interests on this product.

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

### Recommended holding period: 10 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 ten years.

You may cancel the policy at any time and receive the value of the units attaching to it less any tax due. The value of such units in the early years may be low or even zero. Once units have been allocated to your policy, you may choose to withdraw some of the value at any time. This will mean of course that any future cash benefits will be reduced.

When we issue you with your policy, you will have a period of 30 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.

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 low or even nil in the early years.

The policy will acquire a surrender value but not until premiums have been paid for at least seven months. Even after that period, the surrender value may remain below the level of premiums paid under the policy for a number of years.

## How can I complain?

- You can complain online through <http://www.acornlife.ie/contact-us.html/>
- 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](mailto: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 endorsements, premium reviews etc. We will contact you annually to confirm the premium due for the following year, the benefits then in force and 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 [www.acornlife.ie](http://www.acornlife.ie).