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Important information about the closure of the Phoenix Wealth AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond funds

Dear «Salutation»

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Your Phoenix Wealth fund is closing

We're writing to you as you're invested in the above fund through a Phoenix Wealth product.

What's changing and why?

We've been informed by AXA Investment Managers UK Limited that they are closing the **AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond Fund** on 22 February 2024 and will no longer allow any new subscriptions.

AXA explained they're closing the fund due its continuing reduction in size. The fund is no longer practical in the long term and will not deliver the required outcome for investors.

As a result of this closure, we will be closing the Phoenix Wealth AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond funds **on 20 February 2024**.

What does this mean for you?

The fund is now suspended pending closure and as such, you can no longer pay regular premiums into the fund. If you're making regular payments into the suspended fund, we'll redirect them into a default fund.

You can continue to take regular withdrawals from the fund until the fund closes. After the closure, regular withdrawals will continue as originally instructed from the default fund or the alternative fund(s) you have chosen.

What will happen to my investment?

When the Phoenix Wealth AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond funds close on 20 February 2024, your investment will be moved to a default fund. We have reviewed the range of funds available and selected the **Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index** fund as the default fund. This is because it is considered the most appropriate fund available based on its objective and investment strategy.

If you'd like to move your investment to an alternative fund(s) of your choice, you'll need to contact us **by 13 February 2024** with your fund switch request. For further details of our fund range please visit our website at www.phoenixwealth.co.uk. If you don't tell us **by 13 February 2024** what your chosen alternative fund is, your investment will be moved into the **Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index** fund.

There will be no charge for the switch into the **Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index** fund or to an alternative fund(s) of your choice. **You can still tell us at any point after 20 February 2024** if you wish to switch out of the **Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index** fund.

When we receive requests to switch funds, we process these using the unit prices at that time.

Please note the closure of the fund you are invested in and the following investment into the **Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index** fund chosen by Phoenix Wealth may impact any portfolio rebalancing strategy you have in place. This will be cancelled if the fund switched is part of a portfolio rebalancing strategy at the date of the switch. If you'd like to apply portfolio rebalancing again, please send us your instructions in writing to Phoenix Wealth, PO Box 1393, Peterborough, PE2 2TP.

How we've compared the fund that's closing and the default fund

The table below shows a comparison of the two funds, with the investment objectives, which ABI sector it's in and the charges applied.

	Phoenix Wealth AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond Fund	Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index Fund
Objective	The Phoenix Wealth AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond Fund invests in the AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond Fund. The objective of the AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond Fund is to generate an income and capital return, with the objective of reducing the negative effect of inflation over the long term. The Fund invests primarily in sterling-denominated index-linked bonds issued by the UK government (gilts). The Fund may also invest in non-index-linked gilts and corporate bonds.	The Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index Fund invests in the iShares Index Linked Gilt Index Fund. The objective of the iShares Index Linked Gilt Index Fund is to provide a return on your investment by tracking closely the performance of the FTSE Actuaries UK Index Linked Gilts Over 5 Years Index (the "Benchmark Index"). The Fund will invest in fixed income securities (i.e. bonds) in the Benchmark Index and at times in other fixed income-related investments giving exposure to such fixed income securities, or in other fixed income securities not in the Index.

ABI Sector	UK Index-linked Gilts				UK Index-linked Gilts			
		Fund Management Charge	Fund Expenses	Total Charge		Fund Management Charge	Fund Expenses	Total Charge
Charges	Bond	0.55%	0.00%	0.55%	Bond	0.65%	0.00%	0.65%
	Series 1	0.30%	0.00%	0.30%	Series 1	0.40%	0.00%	0.40%
	Series 2	0.40%	0.00%	0.40%	Series 3	0.40%	0.00%	0.40%
	Series 3	0.50%	0.00%	0.50%	Series 4	0.85%	0.00%	0.85%
	Series 4	0.95%	0.00%	0.95%				

*Customers invested in the Series 2 Phoenix Wealth AXA Sterling Index Linked Bond fund will be switched into the Series 1 Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index fund.

What do I need to do?

After talking to your financial adviser, if you're happy for us to switch your investment into our selected default fund, you don't need to do anything.

If you want an alternative fund, you'll need to contact us and let us know your alternative fund choice(s). Please note, you will need to submit your switch instruction **by 13 February 2024** for it to be applied before the switch to the default fund.

If you don't provide us with an alternative fund choice(s) before **13 February 2024**, you can still tell us at any point after that if you wish to switch out of the **Phoenix Wealth iShares Index Linked Gilt Index** fund.

There will be no charge for any fund switch. We recommend you speak to your financial adviser about the most suitable fund(s) to switch your investment into.

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If you don't have a financial adviser, you can find one by visiting www.unbiased.co.uk.

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If you require further information on your plan, and you are registered for Online Services, you can find updated values and other useful information to help you. If you haven't registered for our Online Services, you can do so by visiting www.phoenixwealth.co.uk.

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A copy of this letter has been sent to your financial adviser.

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Remember that you should regularly review your investment choice to make sure it meets your needs. You can switch investment funds at any time. **Phoenix Wealth is unable to provide you with investment advice. When making any investment decisions you should seek financial advice.**

Please remember that the value of any investment can fall as well as rise and is not guaranteed. This means that you may get back less than you invest.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser, or us on **0345 129 9993**. Our opening hours are 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. Calls to 03 numbers cost no more than a national rate call to 01 or 02 numbers and are included in inclusive minutes and discount schemes in the same way. Alternatively, you can go to the 'Contact Us' section of our website at **www.phoenixwealth.co.uk**.

Yours sincerely



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