



# Triplex Lloyd Final Salary Plan

## Statement of Investment Principles

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# 01 Introduction

## Purpose

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This document constitutes the Statement of Investment Principles ('the SIP') required under Section 35 of the Pensions Act 1995 for the Triplex Lloyd Final Salary Pension Plan ('the Plan'). It describes the investment policy being pursued by the Trustee of the Plan and is in accordance with the Government's voluntary code of conduct for Institutional Investment in the UK ("the Myners Principles"). This SIP also reflects the requirements of Occupational Pension Plans (Investment) Regulations 2005.

## Plan details

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The exclusive purpose of the Plan is to provide retirement and death benefits to eligible participants and beneficiaries. It qualifies as a registered pension Plan, registered under Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 2004.

The Plan consists of two distinct sections, the Triplex Section and the Doncasters Section. This SIP covers both sections of the Plan.

## Advice and consultation

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Before preparing this Statement, the Trustee has sought advice from the Plan's Investment Consultant, XPS Investment Limited. The Trustee has also consulted the Principal Employer. The Trustee will consult the Principal Employer on any future changes in investment policy as set out in this Statement.

## Investment powers

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The Plan's Trust Deed and Rules set out the investment powers of the Trustee. This Statement is consistent with those powers. Neither this Statement nor the Trust Deed and Rules restricts the Trustee's investment powers by requiring the consent of the Principal Employer.

In accordance with the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, the Trustee sets general investment policy but delegates responsibility for the selection of the specific securities and any financial instruments in which the Plan invests to the Investment Managers.

## Review of the Statement

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The Trustee will review this Statement and their investment policy at least every three years in conjunction with each triennial valuation or immediately following any significant changes in investment policy.

The Trustee will also review this Statement in response to any material changes to any aspect of the Plan, its liabilities, finances and attitude to risk of either the Trustee or Principal Employer which it judges to have a bearing on the stated investment policy.

The Trustee will receive confirmation of the continued appropriateness of this Statement annually, or more frequently, if appropriate.

## Definitions

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Capitalised terms in this document mean the following:

*Act* - The Pensions Act 1995 (as amended by section 244 of the Pensions Act 2004);

*AVCs* - Additional Voluntary Contributions;

*Investment Manager* – An organisation appointed by the Trustee to manage investments on behalf of the Plan;

*Principal Employer* – Doncasters Limited;

*Recovery Plan* - The agreement between the Trustee and the Principal Employer to address the funding deficit;

*Plan* – The Triplex Lloyd Final Salary Plan;

*Statement* - This document, including any appendices, which is the Trustee's Statement of Investment Principles;

*Technical Provisions* - The amount required, on an actuarial calculation, to make provision for the Plan's liabilities;

*Trust Deed and Rules* - the Plan's Trust Deed and Rules dated 4 July 2018;

*Trustee* – Cranford 1040 Limited as the collective entity responsible for the investment of the Plan's assets and managing the administration of the Plan;

*Value at Risk* - a technique which uses historical correlations of asset class returns and volatilities to estimate the likely worst-case scenario loss for a given portfolio of assets.

# 02 Strategic investment policy and objectives

## Choosing investments

The Trustee relies on professional Investment Managers for the day-to-day management of the Plan's assets.

However, the Trustee retains control over some investments. In particular, the Trustee makes decisions about pooled investment vehicles in which the Plan invests and any AVC investment vehicles.

The Trustee's policy is to regularly review the investments over which they retain control and to obtain written advice about them when necessary. When deciding whether or not to make any new investments the Trustee will obtain written advice and consider whether future decisions about those investments should be delegated to the Investment Managers. The written advice will consider suitability of the investments, the need for diversification and the principles within this Statement. The adviser will have the knowledge and experience required under Section 36(6) of the Act.

## Long-term objectives

The Trustee has set the following objectives:

Doncasters Section

- To implement an investment strategy to match the movements in the estimated buyout cost.
- To acquire suitable assets to achieve the above objective whilst controlling volatility and the long term costs of the Plan.
- To adhere to the provisions contained within this SIP.

Triplex Section

The primary investment objective of the Trustee is to seek to ensure the Plan holds sufficiently liquid assets to meet any remaining costs due prior to completion of the buy-out of this Section.

## Investment Policy

The Trustee considers that the combination of the investment policy detailed in Appendix I and the specific manager mandates detailed in Appendix II (both contained in Appendix III for the Triplex Section) will ensure that the assets of the Plan include suitable investments that are appropriately diversified and provide a reasonable expectation of meeting the objectives.

In setting out the mandates for the Investment Managers, the Trustee will ensure that the Plan holds a suitably diversified range of securities in each category, avoiding an undue concentration of assets.

Based on the structure set out in the Appendices, the Trustee considers the arrangements with the Investment Managers to be aligned with the Plan's overall strategic objectives for each Section. Details of each specific mandate are set out in agreements and pooled fund documentation with the Investment Manager (LGIM).

The amounts allocated to any individual category or security will be influenced by the overall benchmark and objectives, varied through the Investment Managers' tactical asset allocation preferences at any time, within any scope given to them through asset allocation parameters set by the Trustee or governing the pooled funds in which the Plan is invested.

The Trustee will ensure that the Plan's assets are invested in regulated markets to maximise their security.

## Investment manager alignment

Investment Managers are incentivised to perform in line with expectations for their specific mandate as their continued involvement as Investment Managers as part of the Plan's investment strategy – and hence the fees they receive – are dependent upon them doing so. They are therefore subject to performance monitoring and reviews based on a number of factors linked to the Trustee's expectations, including the selection / deselection criteria set out in Section 6

The Trustee encourages Investment Managers to make decisions in the long-term interests of the Plan. The Trustee expects engagement with management of the underlying issuers of debt or equity and the exercising of voting rights. This expectation is based on the belief that such engagement can be expected to help Investment Managers to mitigate risk and improve long term returns. The Trustee therefore makes decisions about the retention of Investment Managers, accordingly.

## 03 Responsible investment

The Trustee has considered their approach to environmental, social and corporate governance (“ESG”) factors for the long term time horizon of the Plan and believe there can be financially material risks relating to them. The Trustee has delegated the ongoing monitoring and management of ESG risks and those related to climate change to the Plan’s Investment Managers.

The Trustee requires the Plan’s Investment Managers to take ESG and climate change risks into consideration within their decision-making, in relation to the selection, retention or realisation of investments, recognising that how they do this will be dependent on factors including the characteristics of the asset classes in which they invest.

The Trustee will seek advice from the Investment Consultant on the extent to which their views on ESG and climate change risks may be taken into account in any future Investment Manager selection exercises.

Furthermore, the Trustee, with the assistance of the Investment Consultant, will monitor the processes and operational behaviour of the Investment Managers from time to time, to ensure they remain appropriate and in line with the Trustee’s requirements as set out in this Statement.

As the Plan invests in pooled funds, the Trustee acknowledges that it cannot directly influence the policies and practices of the companies in which the pooled funds invest. They have therefore delegated responsibility for the exercise of rights (including voting rights) attached to the Plan’s investments to the Investment Managers.

The Trustee encourages them to engage with investee companies and vote whenever it is practical to do so on financially material matters such as strategy, capital structure, conflicts of interest policies, risks, social and environmental impact and corporate governance as part of their decision-making processes. The Trustee requires the Investment Managers to report on significant votes made on behalf of the Trustee.

If the Trustee become aware of an Investment Manager engaging with the underlying issuers of debt or equity in ways that they deem inadequate or that the results of such engagement are mis-aligned with the Trustee’s expectation then the Trustee may consider terminating the relationship with that Investment Manager.

When considering the selection, retention or realisation of investments, the Trustee has a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the Plan, although they have neither sought, nor taken into account, the beneficiaries’ views on matters including (but not limited to) ethical issues and social and environmental impact. The Trustee will review this policy if any beneficiary views are raised in future.

# 04 Risk measurement and management

The Trustee recognises a number of risks involved in the investment of the assets of the Plan. The Trustee measures and manages these risks as follows:

**Solvency risk and mismatching risk** - The risk that the assets do not respond to market changes in the same way as the liabilities, resulting in volatility in the funding position, is addressed through the strategic asset allocation and through ongoing triennial actuarial valuations. In setting the investment strategy, the Trustee will consider (for example) the Value at Risk.

**Strategy risk** - The risk that the Investment Managers' asset allocation deviates from the Trustee's investment policy is addressed through regular review of the asset allocation. In reviewing the investment strategy on a periodic basis, the Trustee will consider the current economic factors affecting the asset classes in which they have invested and the short to medium term outlook for performance by reference to e.g. current and historic yields, GDP growth forecasts and other relevant factors. The Trustee will also consider how far the actual asset allocation has drifted from the strategic asset allocation and take action to rebalance if necessary.

**Liquidity risk** - The risk that assets cannot be sold quickly enough to enable benefits to be paid or that the Trustee cannot exit a particular investment is addressed through the process by which the administrator estimates the benefit outgo and ensures that sufficient cash balances are available, and through the Trustee's policy on realisation of assets (see below).

**Inappropriate investments** - The risk that an Investment Manager invests in assets or instruments that are not considered to be appropriate by the Trustee is addressed through the Trustee's policy on the range of assets in which the Plan can invest (see section 2).

**Counterparty risk** - The risk that a third party fails to deliver cash or other assets owed to the Plan is addressed

through the Investment Managers' guidelines with respect to cash and counterparty management.

**Political risk** - The risk of an adverse influence on investment values from political intervention is reduced by diversification of the assets across many countries.

**Custodian risk** - The risk that the custodian fails to provide the services expected is addressed through the agreement with the third party custodian and ongoing monitoring of the custodial arrangements. In pooled arrangements this is invariably delegated to the Investment Managers.

**Manager risk** - The risk that an Investment Manager fails to meet their stated objective is addressed through the performance objectives set out in Appendix II and through the monitoring of the Investment Managers as set out in section 6. In monitoring the performance of the Investment Managers, the Trustee measures the returns relative to the benchmark, objective and the volatility of returns. In addition, the Trustee will regularly review each Investment Manager's approach to risk within each fund in order to highlight any unintended risk being taken. For example:

- For liability driven investment (LDI) funds, the Trustee will review risk through the type of instruments held and the risks associated with these investments.

**Fraud/Dishonesty** - The risk that the Plan assets are reduced by illegal actions is addressed through restrictions applied as to who can authorise transfer of cash and the account to which transfers can be made.

**Currency risk** - The risk of losses through depreciation of non-sterling currencies is measured by reference to the exposure of the Plan to pooled funds with unhedged currency risk and is managed by investing predominantly in sterling assets and only taking currency risk where it increases the level of diversification.

# 05 Realisation of assets and investment restrictions

## Realisation of investments

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In recognition of the fact that funds may need to be realised for a number of unanticipated reasons at any time, and the desirability of retaining as high a degree of flexibility as possible to cater for unexpected changes in circumstances, the Trustee will closely monitor the extent to which any assets not readily realisable are held by the Investment Managers and will limit such assets to a level where they are not expected to prejudice the proper operation of the Plan.

The Trustee has considered how easily investments can be realised for the types of assets in which the Plan is currently invested. As such, the Trustee believes that the Plan currently holds an acceptable level of readily realisable assets. The Trustee will also take into account how easily investments can be realised for any new investment classes it considers investing in, to ensure that this position is maintained in the future.

The Trustee will hold cash to the extent that it considers necessary to meet impending anticipated liability outflows. A bank account is used to facilitate the holding of cash awaiting investment or payment.

## Investment restrictions

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The Trustee has established the following investment restrictions:

- The Trustee or the investment managers may not hold in excess of 5% of the Plan's assets in investments related to the Principal Employer;
- Whilst the Trustee recognises that borrowing on a temporary basis is permitted, this option will only be utilised where it is deemed absolutely necessary or where the Trustee has received advice from the Investment Consultant that the Plan's overall exposure to risk can be reduced through temporary borrowing, e.g. during an asset transfer;
- Investment in derivative instruments may be made only insofar as they contribute to the reduction in risk or facilitate efficient portfolio management.

The Investment Managers impose internal restrictions that are consistent with their house style. In some instances, the Trustee may impose additional restrictions and any such restrictions are specified in Appendices II and III.

# 06 Investment Manager Arrangements and fee structure

## Delegation to Investment Manager(s)

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In accordance with the Act, the Trustee has appointed one or more Investment Managers and delegated to them the responsibility for investing the Plan's assets in a manner consistent with this Statement.

The Investment Managers are authorised and regulated to provide investment management services to the Plan. Within the UK, the authorisation and regulation of the Investment Managers falls under the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). Specific products in which the Plan invests may also be regulated by the Prudential Regulatory Authority (PRA). For non-UK Investment Managers, authorisation and regulation is undertaken by the home state regulator.

Where Investment Managers are delegated discretion under section 34 of the Pensions Act 1995, the Investment Managers will exercise their investment powers with a view to giving effect to the principles contained in this Statement so far as reasonably practicable. In particular, the Investment Managers must have regard to the suitability and diversification of the investments made on behalf of the Plan.

The Investment Managers will ensure that suitable internal operating procedures are in place to control individuals making investments for the Plan.

## Performance objectives

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The individual benchmarks and objectives against which each investment mandate is assessed are given in Appendices II and III.

## Review process

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Appointments of Investment Managers are expected to be long-term, but the Trustee will review the appointment of the Investment Managers in accordance with their responsibilities. Such reviews will include analysis of each Investment Manager's performance and processes and an assessment of the diversification of the assets held by the Investment Manager. The review will include consideration of the continued appropriateness of the mandate given to the Investment Manager within the framework of the Trustee's investment policies.

In addition, any significant changes relating to the criteria below that the Investment Consultant is aware of will be highlighted, which may lead to a change in the Investment Consultant's rating for a particular mandate. These ratings help to determine an Investment Manager's ongoing role in implementing the investment strategy. If there are concerns, the Trustee may carry out a more in-depth review of a particular Investment Manager. Investment Managers will also attend Trustee meetings as requested.

The Investment Consultant has also carried out a review of how well ESG factors are incorporated into each Investment Manager's processes and the Trustee will re-assess progress on ESG issues periodically.

Fund manager remuneration is considered as part of the manager selection process. It is also monitored regularly with the help of the Investment Consultant to ensure it is in line with the Trustee's policies and with fee levels deemed by the Investment Consultant to be appropriate for the particular asset class and fund type.

## Selection / Deselection Criteria

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The criteria by which the Trustee will select (or deselect) the Investment Managers include:

- Parent - Ownership of the business;
- People - Leadership/team managing the strategy and client service;
- Product - Key features of the investment and the role it performs in a portfolio;
- Process - Philosophy and approach to selecting underlying investments including operational risk management and systems;
- Positioning - Current and historical asset allocation of the fund;
- Performance - Past performance and track record;
- Pricing - The underlying cost structure of the strategy;
- ESG – Consistency and extent to which ESG analysis is incorporated into the process of selecting underlying investments.



# 06 Investment Manager Arrangements and fee structure (continued )

An Investment Manager may be replaced, for example (but not exclusively), for one or more of the following:

- The Investment Manager fails to meet the performance objectives set out in Appendices II and III;
- The Trustee believes that the Investment Manager is not capable of achieving the performance objectives in the future;
- The Investment Manager fails to comply with this Statement.

## **Investment Managers' fee structure**

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The Investment Managers are remunerated by receiving a percentage of the Plan's assets under management and, in some cases, through the application of a flat fee. Details of the fee arrangements are set out in Appendix II. It is felt that this method of remuneration provides appropriate incentives for the Investment Managers to target the agreed level of outperformance whilst adhering to the level of risk specified by the Trustee.

## **Portfolio turnover**

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The Trustee requires the Investment Managers to report on actual portfolio turnover at least annually, including details of the costs associated with turnover, how turnover compares with the range that the Investment Manager expects and the reasons for any divergence.

## **Investment Consultant's fee structure**

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The Investment Consultant is remunerated for work completed on a fixed fee basis, a time-cost basis or via a project fee. It is felt that this method of remuneration is appropriate because it enables the Investment Consultant to provide the necessary advice and information to facilitate the Trustee in undertaking their responsibilities.

# 07 Compliance Statement

## Confirmation of advice

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Before a Statement of Investment Principles, as required by the Pensions Act 1995, is prepared or revised by the trustees of a pension scheme, they must have consulted with the principal employer and obtained and considered the written advice of a person who is reasonably believed by it to be qualified by his ability in and practical experience of financial matters and to have the appropriate knowledge and experience of the management of the investments of such schemes.

The Investment Consultant hereby confirms to the Trustee that they have the appropriate knowledge and experience to give the advice required by the Act.

Adopted by the Trustee on 24 September 2020.

## Trustee's declaration

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The Trustee confirms that this Statement of Investment Principles reflects the Investment Strategy they have decided to implement. The Trustee acknowledges that it is their responsibility, with guidance from the Investment Consultant, to ensure the assets of the Plan are invested in accordance with these Principles.

# Appendix I: Doncasters Section Investment Strategy & Structure

## Overall strategy

The Trustee has adopted a strategy where assets are invested in liability matching assets alongside corporate bonds.

The Trustee has identified the following structure as appropriate to meet the objectives of the Doncasters Section of the Plan.

Asset Class	Allocation (%)
<u>Matching Assets</u> Single Stock Gilts Single Stock Index Linked Gilts Single Stock Leveraged Gilts Single Stock Leveraged Index Linked Gilts	<b>47%</b>
<u>Return Seeking Assets</u> Buy and Maintain Credit Fund	<b>48%</b>
<u>Cash</u> Sterling Liquidity Fund	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

The Plan invests in Single Stock Gilt/Index Linked Gilt Funds and leveraged LDI funds to provide a full hedge against the Plan's interest rate and inflation sensitivities.

The leveraged nature of some of these funds means that there is an expectation that additional collateral will be required to be paid into these funds from time to time (and any excess collateral repaid to the Trustee). Where any additional collateral payments are required it is the Trustee's intention that these will be met through disinvestments from the Plan's Cash Fund.

In addition, the Trustee has decided to invest in a Buy and Maintain Corporate bond fund. This fund provides interest rate hedging characteristics as well as expected returns above gilts through lending to investment grade companies. This investment is also expected to provide a degree of matching against changes in buy-out pricing as it is believed that buy-out pricing references corporate bonds prices.

## Rebalancing and cashflow

The Trustee reviews the asset allocation on a periodic basis to ensure that the Plan assets are allocated in a manner that is consistent with the objectives as detailed in this Statement.

There is no automatic rebalancing back to the target, however the Trustee will periodically review the position and take action to rebalance if considered appropriate.

# Appendix II: Doncasters Section

## Fund benchmarks, objectives & fees

### LGIM

#### Single Stock Gilt Funds

*Objective* Track the performance of the referenced year's Gilt.

*Fees* AMC: 0.10% p.a.  
OCF: 0.10% p.a.

*Execution cost* No explicit transaction costs

#### Leveraged Single Stock Gilt Funds

*Objective* Provide leveraged exposure to the referenced year's Gilt.

*Fees* AMC: 0.24% p.a.  
OCF: 0.24 p.a.

*Execution cost* No explicit transaction costs

#### Single Stock Index-Linked Gilt Funds

*Objective* Track the performance of the referenced year's Index-Linked Gilt.

*Fees* AMC: 0.10% p.a.  
OCF: 0.10% p.a.

*Execution cost* No explicit transaction costs

#### Leveraged Single Stock Index-Linked Gilt Funds

*Objective* Provide leveraged exposure to the referenced Index-Linked Gilt.

*Fees* AMC: 0.24% p.a.  
OCF: 0.24 p.a.

*Execution cost* No explicit transaction costs

#### LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund

*Benchmark* 7-Day LIBID

*Objective* Outperform 7-day LIBID

*Fees* AMC: 0.125% p.a.  
OCF: 0.125% p.a.

*Execution cost* No explicit transaction costs

#### LGIM Buy and Maintain Credit

*Objective* Achieve credit risk premium within a globally diversified portfolio and to preserve value over the course of the credit cycle

*Fees:* AMC: 0.15% p.a.  
OCF: 0.15% p.a.

*Execution cost* No explicit transaction costs

*Note:*

AMC: Annual Management Charge

OCF: Ongoing Charges Figure

ADL: Anti-Dilution Levy

Any execution costs and OCFs stated above are the latest available at the time of writing and are subject to change

# Appendix III: Triplex Section Fund allocations, objectives & fees

*Execution cost* No explicit execution costs

## Overall strategy

The Trustee has invested in a buy-in policy with Legal & General Assurance Society covering the majority of the membership of the Triplex Section (the remaining assets are held as intermediate annuities with Standard Life, Aviva and Prudential). The Trustee is in the process of finalising this arrangement before converting to a buy-out.

In order to meet any residual expenses or buy-in price adjustments, the Trustee has adopted a strategy where assets are invested in a cash fund.

*Note:*

AMC: Annual Management Charge

OCF: Ongoing Charges Figure

ADL: Anti-Dilution Levy

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Asset Class	Long term Target Allocation (%)
Cash LGIM Sterling Liquidity Fund	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## LGIM

### Sterling Liquidity Fund

*Benchmark* FTSE All World Developed Total Return (GBP Hedged) Index

*Objective* To track the performance of the benchmark

*Fees* AMC: 0.125% p.a.  
OCF: 0.125% p.a.



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