# Standard Life Guaranteed Lifetime Income plan





#### Retirement income, all joined up

An easy-to-implement, straightforward solution designed to offer clients flexibility with certainty

#### Standard Life Guaranteed Lifetime Income Plan ('the Plan')

- Flexi-Access Drawdown with an integrated lifetime income guarantee.
- A contract of insurance providing an individually underwritten guaranteed monthly income, paid for life.
- Owned by the Fidelity Pension Trustee on behalf of individual clients.
- Held on-platform as an investment of the client's Pension Drawdown Account1.
- Level monthly income paid with no income tax deducted to the Drawdown Cash Account where it can be withdrawn, retained or re-invested. The income will only be liable to income tax once the client withdraws money from the Drawdown Cash Account into their chosen bank account.
- Optional **Value Protection** death benefit can be selected to protect the capital sum used to purchase the plan<sup>2</sup>.



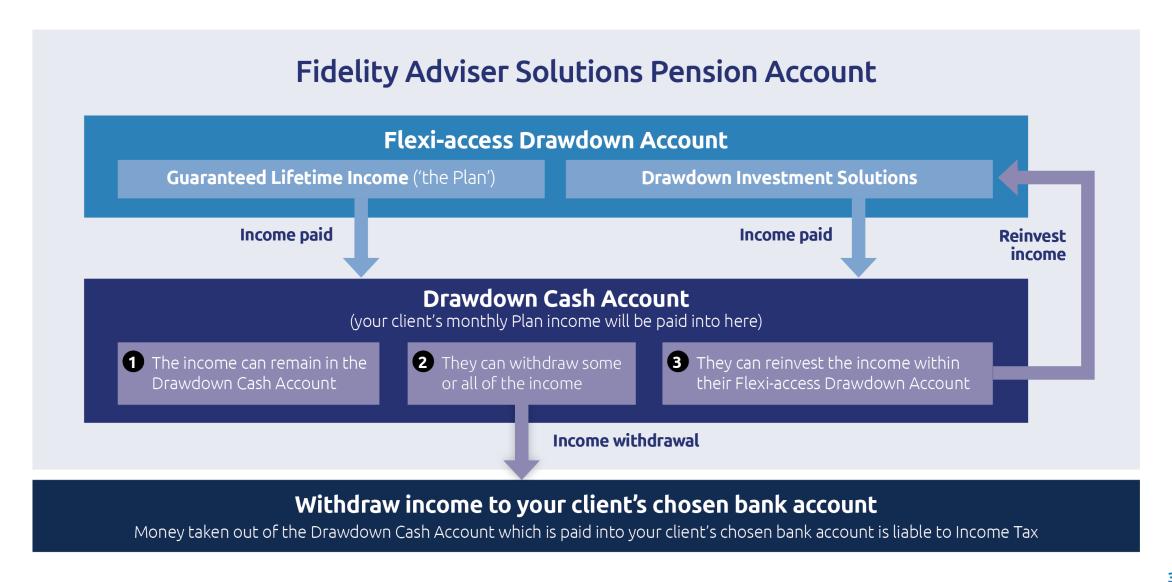
A leading investment and retirement services platform committed to building long-term relationships with advisory firms.

A proven track record, **managing over £54bn of assets**, 353k+ clients and **trusted by over 4,600 adviser firms.** 

As at 31 December 2024

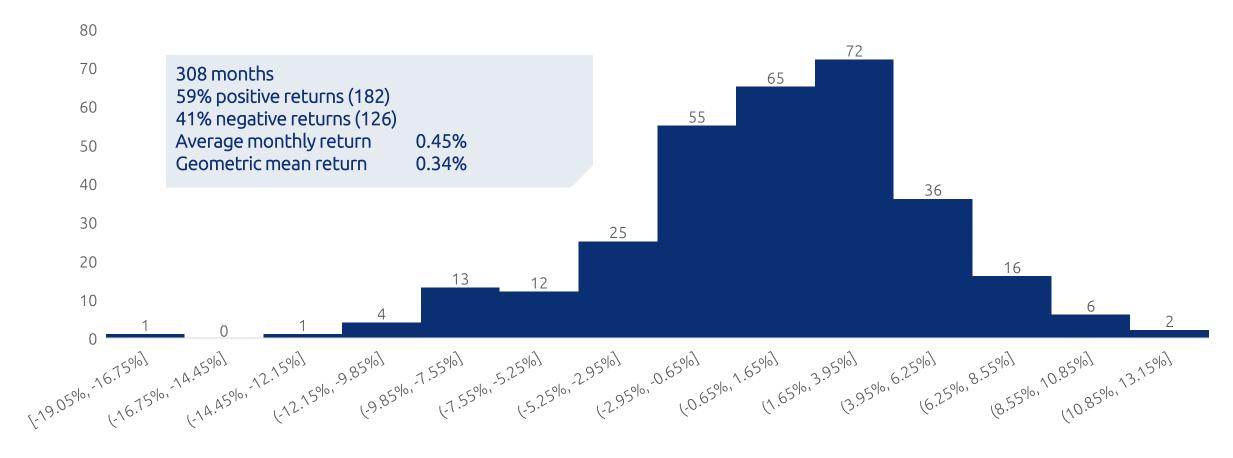
- 1. Under Flexi-Access Drawdown rules
- 2. Once we receive the death certificate, an amount equal to the original Plan purchase price less any income paid to date will be paid to the Fidelity Pension Trustee on the client's behalf and distributed in line with the rules of the Pension Account

#### How does the Guaranteed Lifetime Income plan work?



#### Global stock market price movements 31 Dec 1999 to 29 Aug 2025

Frequency distribution of monthly returns (%)



Data shows the monthly price movements of the MSCI World Index for the period 31 December 1999 through to 29 August 2025; source: <a href="https://www.msci.com/indexes/index/990100">https://www.msci.com/indexes/index/990100</a>
The MSCI World Index captures large and mid cap representation across Developed Markets countries.

#### A challenge to the longevity of the plan

#### Volatility drag



#### Sequence of returns



#### Withdrawals



#### 'Pound cost ravaging'



Take £100,000 investment:

a 15% loss in year 1 will

take 18% growth in

year 2 to return to £100,000

(ignoring withdrawals).



The order of returns can have a significant effect on outcomes – poor performance in the early years are unlikely to be offset by good returns later.



During decumulation is where the real danger can lie – withdrawals when a portfolio is suffering losses, will simply lock in losses.



about taking a lower income or even face the prospect of returning to work. Or alternatively, risk running out of money.

# Illustration of global stock market return 31 Dec 1999 to 29 Aug 2025

Cumulative index performance – price returns (USD)

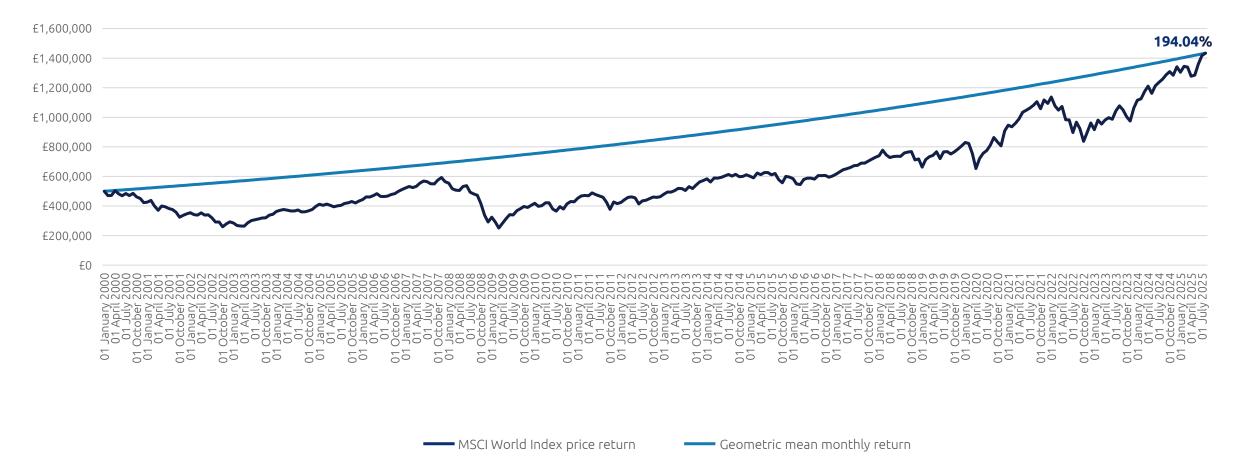
#### MSCI world index closing price



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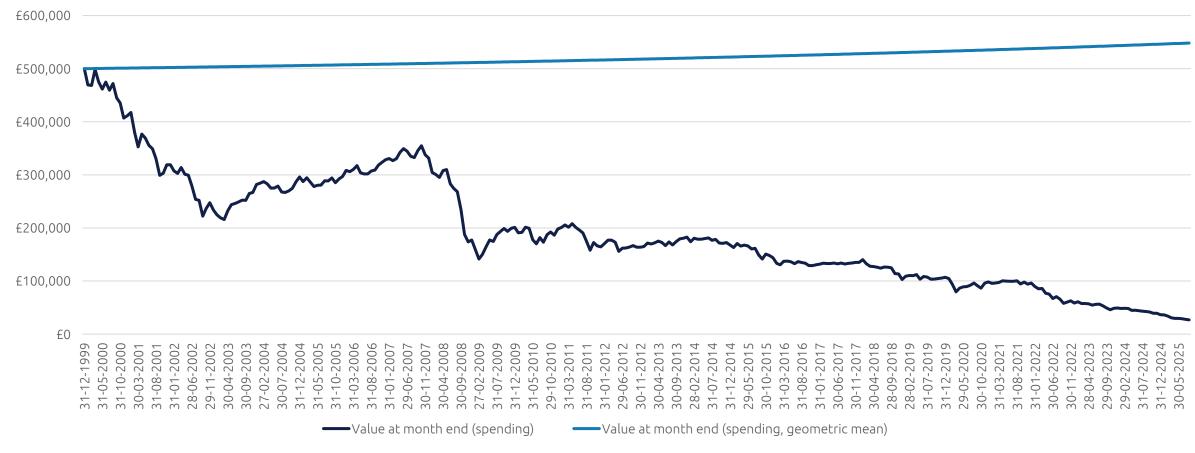
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Saving: £500,000 starting value, monthly withdrawals of £1,666.67



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# Dealing with the unknowable

Considering and mitigating the risk of outliving retirement savings and sequencing risk



#### Combining a retirement income floor with time segmentation

Addressing retirement income needs and risks

#### **Bucket 3: Future**

To support the later years of the client's retirement journey and any assets that they might want to pass on to family members or charity. Long-term growth focused and to help hedge against inflation.

Typically, can carry greater market risk as the client will have the longest amount of time before needing the money from this bucket.

Last priority

#### **Bucket 2: Tomorrow**

To support income needs in the intermediate time frame. Targets conservative growth to offset inflation and provide some shelter from the risk of plans being impacted by a market downturn at the 'wrong' time.

Typically, a low volatility portfolio would aim to provide steady growth to help generate a reliable income in the medium term and replenish Bucket 1.

#### **Bucket 1: Today**

Income floor

To support short-term living expenses and cash needs that may occur in the next year or two. Typically, includes provision for a cash reserve.

The time frame is too short to risk the downside pressure of investing in risk assets. Bucket 1 is usually filled with money market instruments (including cash) and in some cases; fixed term annuities.

State Pension

State benefits, e.g. AA

**DB Pension** 

Lifetime annuity

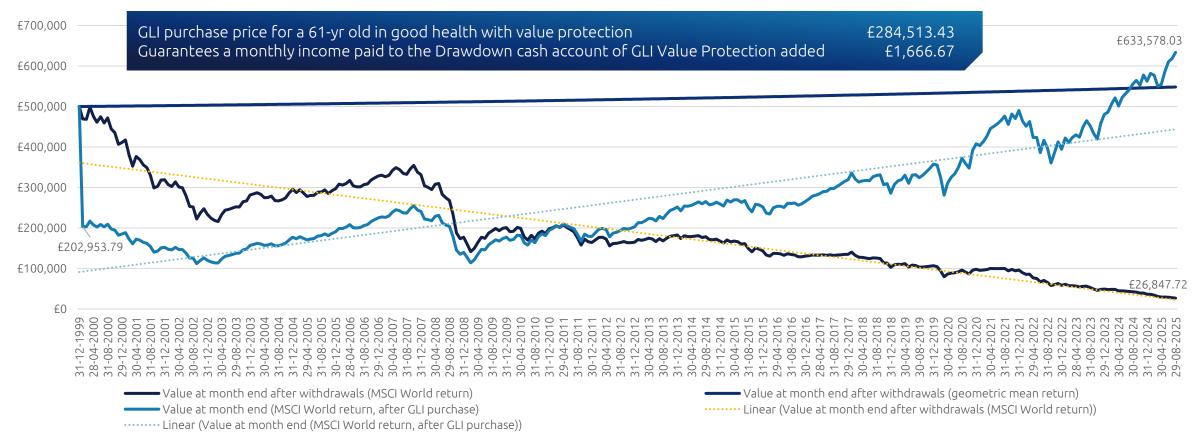
Guaranteed Lifetime Income Addresses longevity risk and primary retirement concern

Aligns to essential expenses

First priority

#### Adding resilience to the retirement plan

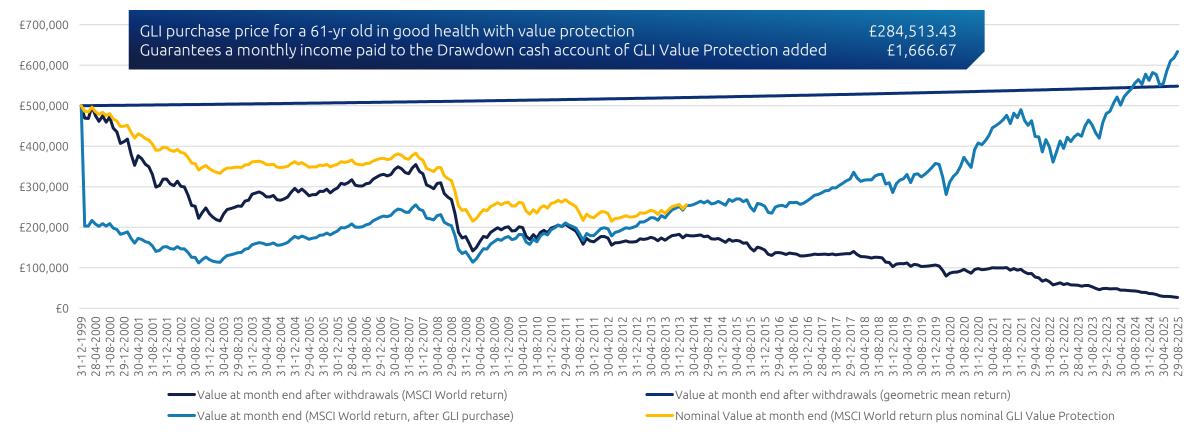
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A spotlight on the Standard Life Smoothed Return Pension Fund





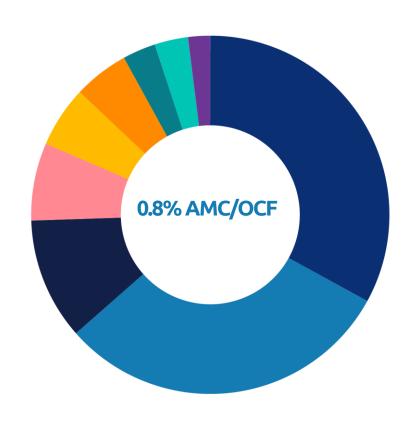
A solution that aims to deliver growth over the medium to long term

■ UK Equities 5.0%

■ Japanese Equities 3.0%

Asia Pacific Equities 2.0%

Money Market 3.0%



- North American Equities 33.0%
- Global Fixed Interest 30.5%
- UK Fixed Interest 11.0%
- European Equities 7.0%
- International Equities 5.5%



Diversified multi-asset solution, invested in global equities, bonds and money market instruments (including cash)



Actively managed, with a mix of active and passive funds



Smoothing mechanism aims to dampen volatility and deliver a steady, almost predictable return



Available exclusively through the Fidelity Adviser Solutions platform



Can be used with other funds as part of a blended investment solution

Data correct as at: 30 June 2025

#### A solution built from strength and experience

Defining our partnership with Fidelity





Set and govern the strategic asset allocation, risk corridor and mandate for the fund. Actively manage liquidity at portfolio level.

Part of the UK's largest long-term savings and retirement business, helping **c.12m customers** with **£295bn assets under management.** 

As at 30 June 2025



Responsible for the underlying building blocks, fund selection and staying within the agreed investment mandate.

Privately owned and independent **Global Investment Business** with total client assets of **£682bn** across equities, fixed income, real estate and multi asset solutions, and **2.84m** clients worldwide.

As at 30 June 2024



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#### **Estimated Growth Rate**

#### And key holding periods



#### **Estimated Growth Rate**



The Smoothed Return Pension Fund currently has an **Estimated Growth Rate** (EGR) of 6.34%<sup>1</sup>



We use an **easy-to-understand EGR formula**, based on the long-term capital market assumptions and strategic asset allocation



The EGR is reviewed at least **every quarter** 

#### Key holding periods



All new investments are **held in our feeder fund for 10 working days** (plus a settlement period) <sup>2</sup> that uses the same EGR.

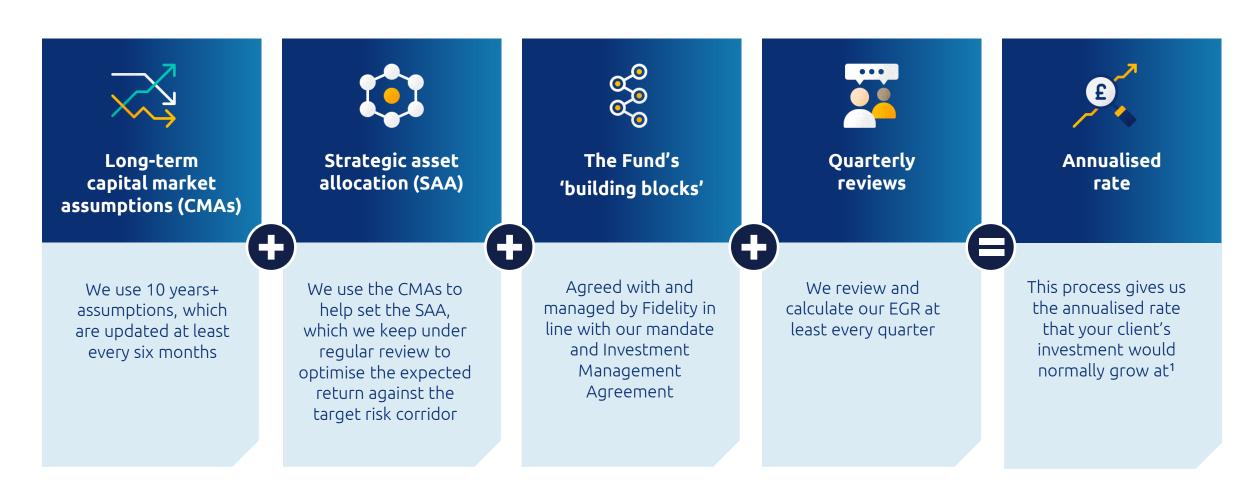
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Effective from 31st January 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The settlement period usually takes two working days.

#### How we set our Estimated Growth Rate







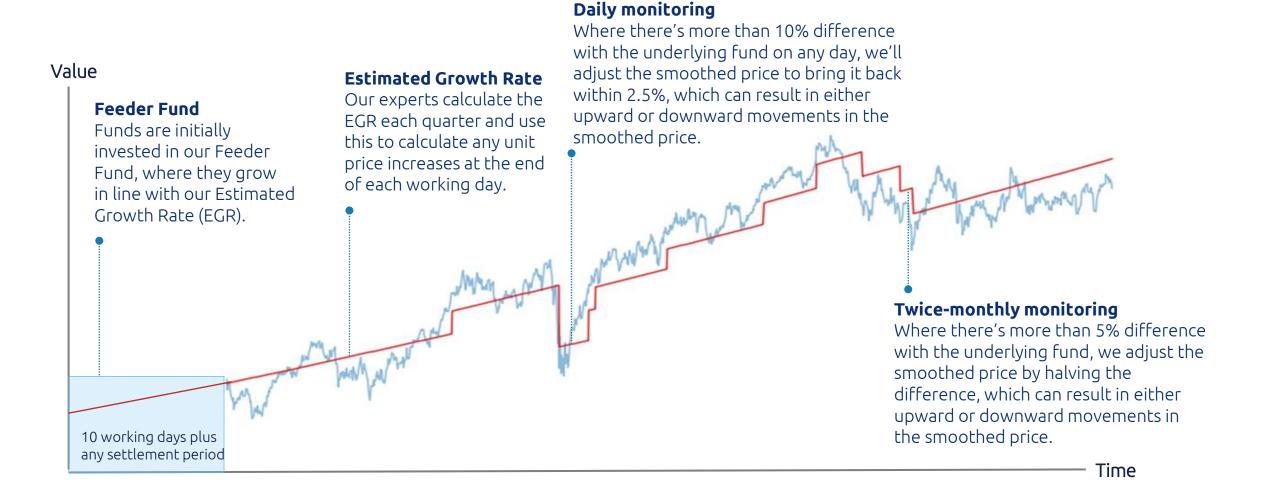
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Each day, the smoothed price of each unit in the Fund will change in line with the EGR and any smoothing adjustments less the fund charge.

#### How our smoothing process works

#### The key steps involved

Unsmoothed value





Smoothed value

# A closer look at performance

How the Standard Life Smoothed Return Pension Fund may have performed across five key simulations



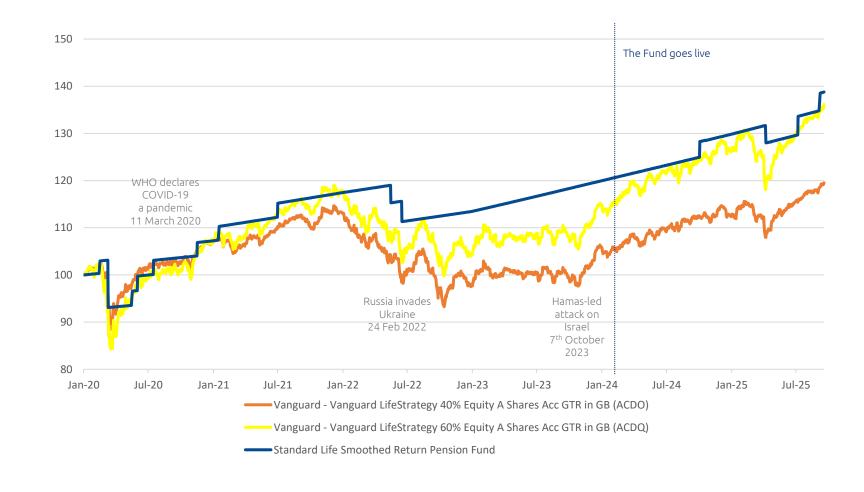
### Standard Life Part of Phoenix Group

#### In the accumulation phase

#### Smoothing with an investment engine to help target growth

#### About the data

- Comparison of back-tested plus actual performance of the Standard Life Smoothed Return Pension Fund ('the Fund') with actual performance of low-cost unsmoothed multiasset funds popular with advisers.
- The values are net of fund charges and go back over 5 years from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 through to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. We've used the following Ongoing Management Charges: Standard Life 0.80% pa, Vanguard LifeStrategy 40% Equity 0.22% pa and Vanguard LifeStrategy 60% Equity 0.22% pa.
- Performance back test for the Fund is based on historical long-term Capital Market Assumptions (CMAs) and the current Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) to model changes to the Estimate Growth Rate (EGR) and Unit Price Adjustments (UPAs).



Source: Actual performance data: FE fundinfo Limited, 5-year performance 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The Vanguard Life Strategy funds are included for comparison purposes only as a proxy for non-smoothed multi-asset funds. Data for the underlying assets for the simulated performance of the Standard Life Smoothed Return Pension Fund performance was sourced from Fidelity and Bloomberg. Past performance is not a guide to the future. The value of an investment can go down as well as up.



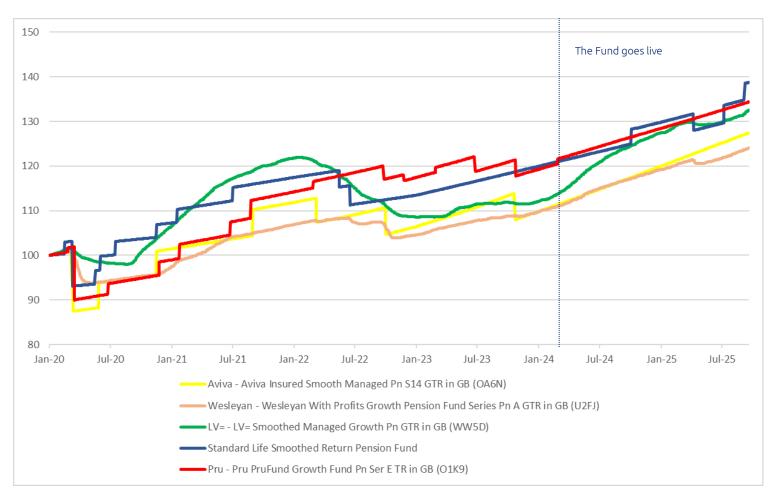
Comparison to other smoothed pension funds within the same risk profile including PruFund Series E

#### Different journeys, broadly similar outcomes to the other smoothed funds in the market

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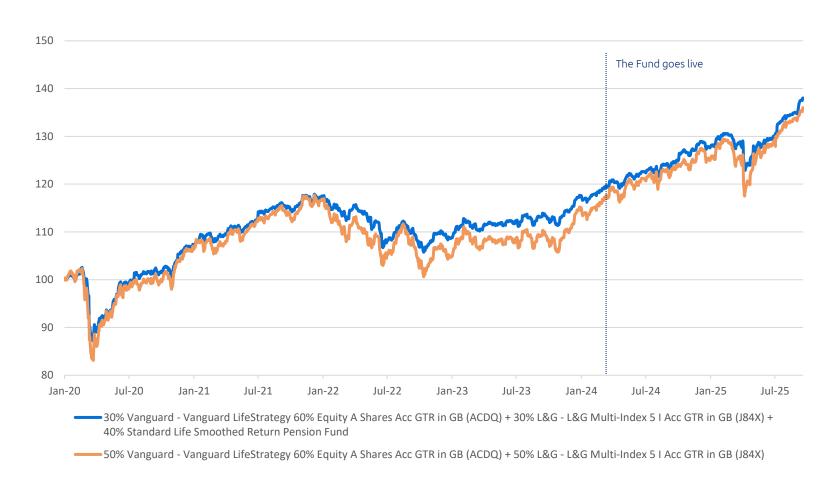


#### As part of a blended investment solution

# Aiming to add stability in the short term without sacrificing performance potential

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- Historical back test for a blend of popular multi-asset funds with and without the Fund.
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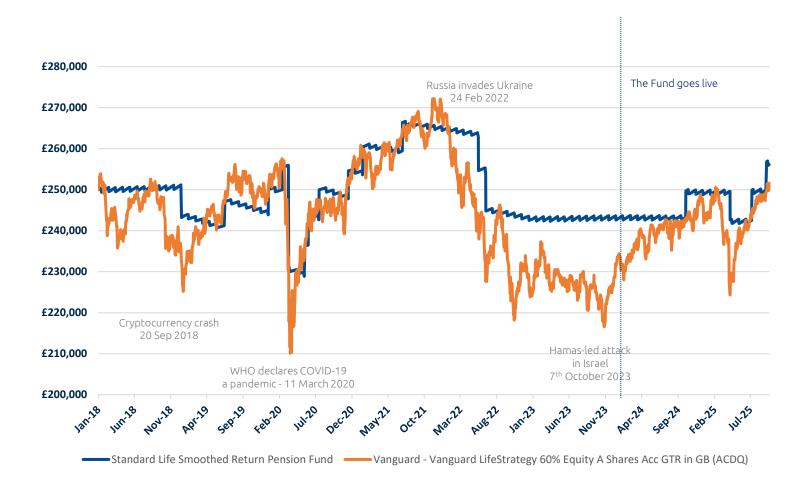


In the decumulation phase – enabling longevity of retirement funds

# Smoothing can help deliver greater stability to the client's fund value when taking an income

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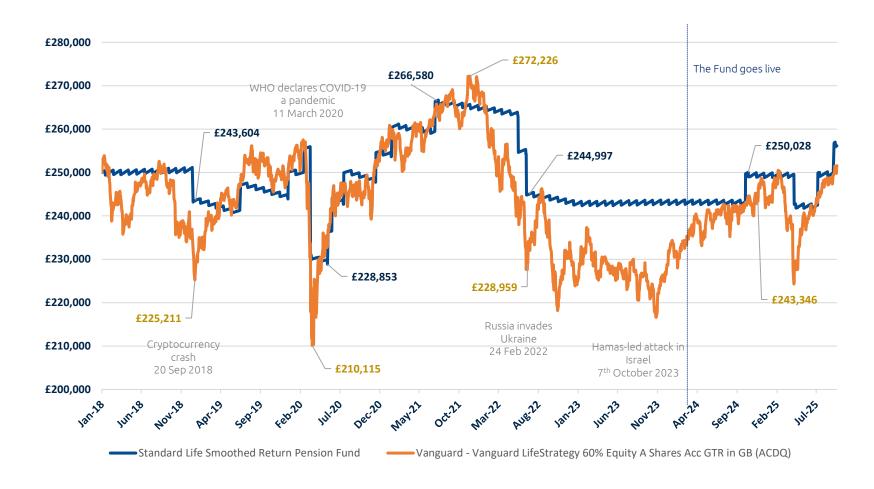


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Historical fund performance data, simulated (up to 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024) and actual (up to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025).

Cumulative Performance (%)

	Perf. CCY	1m	3m	6m	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	10yrs
Standard Life Smoothed Return Pn	GBP	3.21	7.29	5.67	11.30	23.57	33.97	98.08

Discrete Performance (%)

#### Performance data as at 19/09/25

Pe	erf. CCY	19/09/24 - 19/09/25	19/09/23 - 19/09/24	19/09/22 - 19/09/23	19/09/21 - 19/09/22	19/09/20 - 19/09/21
		19/09/23	13/03/24	13/03/23	19/09/22	13/03/21
Standard Life Smoothed Return Pn	GBP	11.30	5.59	5.14	-3.32	12.14

Calendar Performance (%)

#### Calendar performance as at 31/12/2024

	Perf. CCY	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Standard Life Smoothed Return Pn	GBP	8.27	5.70	-3.40	9.54	7.25	8.41

19/9/20 - 19/9/25

	Annualised Volatility	Annualised Performance
Standard Life Smoothed Return Pn	3.85	6.03

19/9/22 - 19/9/25

	Annualised Volatility	Annualised Performance
Standard Life Smoothed Return Pn	3.18	7.30

Source: Actual performance data: FE fundinfo Limited, 31st January 2024 to 19th September 2025. Simulated past performance 2nd March 2015 to 30th January 2024. Data for the underlying assets was sourced from Fidelity and Bloomberg. The values are net of fund charges. Performance back test for the Fund is based on historical long-term CMAs and the current SAA to model changes to the EGR and UPAs. Past performance is not a guide to the future. The value of an investment can go down as well as up.

#### Bringing it all together



Why you should consider the Standard Life Smoothed Return Pension Fund

Can help shelter clients' investments from daily market volatility	A diversified multi-asset solution with a smoothing mechanism
Suitable for low-medium/ medium client risk profiles	The Smoothed Return Pension Fund is Defaqto risk-rated 5
Transparent fund charges	Our annual management charge is 0.8%* with no additional expenses
True on-platform solution	Available exclusively on the Fidelity Adviser Solutions platform
Strong and stable partners	Benefit from the experience of Standard Life and Fidelity International

<sup>\*</sup>The annual management charge does not include any charges relating to the Fidelity pension account including, for example, a platform charge.