

Platform Key Information Document

Including the ISA and Investment Funds Key Features documents

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This document is intended for self-directed investors who arrange transactions through an intermediary without receiving financial advice.

It should be read alongside:

- Terms and Conditions of the Cofunds platform (self-directed)
- The relevant product Key Features Documents (included in this document)
- The relevant fund specific information, including Fund Key Investor Information Documents
- Fees and Charges Schedule.

Part 1 - Key information on the Cofunds Platform

Part 2 - Key Features of the Cofunds Investment ISA

Part 3 - Key Features of Investment Funds on Cofunds

For more information on investment platforms in general or more specific information on Cofunds, please contact your intermediary.

Part 1: Key Information on the Cofunds Platform

About the Cofunds platform

Q. What is the Cofunds platform?

The Cofunds platform is a collection of services and tools that you can use to arrange, manage and track your investments more easily. Cofunds helps to keep things simple - one administrator to handle all the paperwork and one site for viewing all your investments at the click of a mouse.

We offer a range of investment products, and enable access to over 3,400 individual investment funds from over 210 fund managers (as at 31.12.2016), that you can use to achieve whatever investment objective suits your circumstances - whether it's growing your capital or taking a regular income.

Q. How long has the platform been in operation?

Cofunds was founded in 2001. Cofunds was one of the first platforms to enter the market. As a result, we have a great deal of experience in helping people to manage investments more effectively. Cofunds was founded in direct response to the need for an independent platform provider that administered investment funds.

Q. Who uses the platform?

Cofunds is the largest investment platform for advisers and other financial institutions in the UK, with assets under administration of £83.6bn*.

We provide flexible administration and management services for advisers and their clients as well as dealing and custody services for financial institutions. Cofunds provides services to around 8,000 intermediaries and around 750,000 investors.*

Source: Cofunds Market Insight Team (BI) Figures correct as at 31/12/2016 and made up of Cofunds and the Investor Portfolio Service.

Q. What is the role of the platform in my investment?

The Cofunds platform is designed to enable intermediaries and their clients to manage their investments more easily.

Through your intermediary, you can instruct us to buy, sell and switch collective investment funds directly with the fund manager.

We're responsible for holding your investments safely on your behalf. Cofunds has a separate subsidiary company, Cofunds Nominees Ltd, which is dedicated to holding your investments separately from Cofunds' own corporate assets and prevents Cofunds from mixing investors' money with its own.

We also offer an Individual Savings Account (ISA) and act as an ISA plan manager on an investor's behalf.

We don't assess or advise on the suitability or appropriateness of your investments. We don't provide investment management services. This is the role of your nominated intermediary.

Others involved in your investment:

INTERMEDIARY: Arranges to buy and sell investments on your behalf, and may provide other ongoing services. Cofunds only operates with intermediaries authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

Your intermediary will carry out your instructions through the Cofunds platform. You accept responsibility for ensuring the investment is suitable for you.

BANK: Responsible for holding investors' money in separate accounts while the money awaits investment in, or settlement by, funds. Cofunds Nominees Ltd use these separate accounts to execute their duty to ensure the platform cannot mix investors' money with its own. As a further level of protection we use a number of banks to spread any potential risk.

FUND MANAGERS: Allow access to their funds, where investors' money is pooled together and invested in a fund according to the manager's investment strategy.

Details of the Cofunds platform service

Q. Who is this platform designed for?

Our service is designed for all UK residents who wish to invest to hopefully meet their savings goals. You need to nominate an intermediary in order to use the Cofunds service.

Q. What investments are available on the Cofunds platform?

Products: Cofunds Investment ISA (a stocks and shares ISA), Investment Funds (a unit trust investment).

Types of funds available: UK investment funds, Dublin-based open-ended investment companies (OEICs), Luxembourg SICAV (a type of OEIC based out of countries in Western Europe - in particular, Luxembourg).

The funds available to you on the Cofunds platform depend on the range available through your nominated intermediary.

Cash services: Cofunds Cash Account, ISA Cash Reserve (both designed to help you manage your funds on platform) and cash accounts within the fund range available.

Q. How much can I invest/what are the investment limits?

Investment funds: You must invest a minimum lump sum of £1,000 per fund or as a regular saver invest £100 per month.

Investment ISA: You must invest a minimum lump sum of £1,000 or as a regular saver invest £50 a month. There's a maximum limit you can invest in an ISA each year – you can find it in the ISA Key Features.

Q. Can I move existing investments onto the platform?

Yes, you can arrange, via your intermediary, to move your existing investments onto the platform providing your funds and share classes are available. This is called 're-registration'.

If your funds are not available to re-register on Cofunds you also have the option to cash transfer an ISA. Please note, as a Cash ISA is not available on the Cofunds platform, if you transfer a Cash ISA it will be converted to a Cofunds Investment ISA.

Q. What is the Cofunds Cash Account?

The Cofunds Cash Account is the central facility for holding cash on the platform.

When you open a Cofunds account, Cofunds will open a Cash Account for you that pays interest (net of tax).

Q. How do I pay money into the Cofunds Cash Account?

You can add money to the Cofunds Cash Account by:

- Cheque – made payable to Cofunds Limited
- Bank Automated Clearing System (BACS) – you can add money from your nominated bank account into your Cash Account electronically. You can make electronic payments using your Platform Account Reference as your payment reference. Send payment to:
Sort code: 15-10-00
Account: 22563044
- Income paid from income-generating funds
- You can set up a Sale for Regular Payment or Fund Sale Instruction via your intermediary to sell your investments to supply regular cash into your Cash Account, which you can use to pay for regular withdrawals, intermediary charges and Cofunds' Platform Charge.

Q. How can I take my money off the platform?

Account linking: You can link your bank account to your Cofunds Cash Account to make moving your money on and off platform easier and to help you to manage your income.

One-off withdrawals: You can request one-off withdrawals from your investments through your intermediary or by writing directly to Cofunds.

You can receive your money:

- Into your Cofunds Cash Account
- Into the nominated bank account held in your name
- By cheque.

Money held in your Cofunds Cash Account can be withdrawn at any time by completing an instruction through your intermediary or by writing directly to Cofunds.

Regular withdrawals: You can set up regular withdrawals from your investment via a Cofunds Cash Account linked to investment products.

Details of the Cofunds platform service (continued)

Q. How do I pay for my investments?

Lump sum investments

You have a choice of ways to pay for lump sum investments:

- From your Cofunds Cash Account (via a nominated bank account)
- By cheque (payable to Cofunds Limited)
- By debit card (if you are paying online).

Regular investments

Regular investments can be paid by direct debit from any bank or building society account that your intermediary has verified belongs to you. If you want to set up a regular monthly investment online, the direct debit must be from your nominated bank account.

Q. How can I take income from my investments?

Regular withdrawals: You can set up regular withdrawals from your investment via a Cofunds Cash Account linked to investment products.

Taking income: You can tell us what you'd like to do with any income from your funds. If you ask to be paid your income on a monthly basis, we will let your income accumulate over the month as per our Consolidated Monthly Income (CMI) process. We then pay the total balance into your nominated bank account once a month.

Cashing in/withdrawal: You can cash in your investment, subject to availability from the fund manager. This can be restricted by fund/ product type – check the product key features and key investor information for details.

If you have investments of more than £100,000 on Cofunds, you can choose for income to be paid to you after it's made available rather than as a consolidated monthly payment. Please speak to your intermediary for more information.

Q. Can I change my investments at any time?

Yes, you can switch between funds within a product wrapper at any time to alter your investment strategy, respond swiftly to market conditions or take advantage of new investment opportunities. Please instruct your intermediary.

Q. What information will I receive about my investments?

Confirmation of transactions – Provided for every transaction that you instruct, on the next business day after completion of the transaction at Cofunds. Where you have arranged regular transactions, we provide a consolidated confirmation if you haven't seen confirmation within the last six months.

Statement(s) and valuation(s) – annually

Tax statement – annually (not applicable for ISAs)

Distribution tax vouchers – if requested (not applicable for ISAs)

You can access account information online 24 hours, 7 days a week if your intermediary has granted you access.

Q. Can I cancel at any time?

Your ability to cancel depends on the specific terms of the underlying product. You can find these terms in the relevant product Key Features Documents.

Q. Can I move my investments off the platform?

Yes – see below for how it works in different products.

Investment Funds – You can re-register your existing assets off the platform if the new provider offers the same share class. This means that you don't need to sell the funds in order to invest in them again off the platform – you can simply transfer them across. This can reduce the risk of exit fees and potential tax penalties for some products and make the move faster and more economical. Please check carefully with the platform/fund manager you're intending to move to as to the availability of your funds and share classes at their end.

ISA – Assets held within an ISA wrapper can be re-registered within the ISA, preserving your market holdings and the tax benefits of the ISA.

Alternatively, for the ISA you have the option to sell the assets and transfer as cash.

Q. What happens if I change intermediary?

The funds you have access to vary depending on what your intermediary has agreed with the relevant fund managers. If you move to a new intermediary, the funds and share classes they have available may be different. If the cost of a commission-free share class fund is different with your new nominated intermediary (i.e. they have a different share class available), we'll carry out a share class conversion into the new, differently-priced commission-free share class. Depending on the circumstances, this could mean you pay more, or less, for the same fund.

Charges you will pay

Q. What fund manager charges will I pay?

The Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF)

This is the amount a fund manager charges every year for the administration of their fund. It's made up of the fund manager's Annual Management Charge and any additional fund charges and expenses. The OCF may be dependent on your intermediary.

Fund managers price their funds after all the sale and purchase orders of the day have been received, so you won't know in advance what price you will receive when buying units in a fund. This is called 'forward pricing'.

There are some circumstances in which you can receive a rebate – which is a payment back to you of some of the cost of investing into a fund. Please see your Terms and Conditions for details on how this process applies.

Q. What will I pay my intermediary?

You will agree the charges with your Intermediary for the services they provide. These charges will appear in your Fees and Charges Schedule. Please speak to your intermediary if you're not sure what charges apply.

Q. How can I pay my intermediary?

If you and your intermediary have agreed, their charges will be taken from your Cofunds Cash Account on a regular basis. This could be through:

- Service Charge: monthly, percentage-based;
- Subscription Charge: fixed amount, frequency determined by your intermediary;
- one-off fee;
- ongoing fees.

Q. What will I pay Cofunds?

You will pay Cofunds a Platform Charge. Our standard Platform Charge is calculated on the value of your investments held on the Cofunds platform, and will vary depending on the total value of your assets on platform, and how much you have invested. This charge is collected monthly.

Because the Platform Charge varies, your intermediary will provide you with a Fees and Charges Schedule tailored to your specific investment circumstances.

The Platform Charge you pay may increase in the future in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

Q. What happens if I don't have money in my Cofunds Cash Account to pay charges?

If you don't have enough money in your Cofunds Cash Account to cover the charges set up against it, our usual process is that we'll sell from your investments to raise the money needed to meet the shortfall. You can agree with your intermediary to set up a Sale for Regular Payment or Fund Sale Instruction to control how funds are sold to pay fees and charges in the event of a shortfall in your Cofunds Cash Account. Please check with your intermediary what arrangements apply to you. If you don't want your investments to be sold, you should ensure your Cofunds Cash Account contains enough money to cover the charges that apply to you each month.

Please see the Terms and Conditions for more information on selling investments to fund charges.

Q. What are rebates?

A rebate is a payment back to you of some of the cost of investing into a fund. Rebates could come from Cofunds, the fund manager, and/or your intermediary.

Rebates are paid on a product-by-product basis. All rebates are paid as units, which we'll invest into your highest-value fund in that product.

Q. How do you support intermediaries?

We provide intermediary firms and advisers with additional benefits that are designed to enhance the quality of their service to you. These benefits may include some or all of the following: training, software, seminars and marketing materials. Further details of any benefits received from us are available on request from your intermediary firm.

Other important information

Contacting us

If you have any questions about anything in this document, please speak to your intermediary or contact us on the details below:

Cofunds, PO Box 1103, Chelmsford CM99 2XY

Tel: **0345 604 4001**. Call charges will vary. We may record and monitor calls.

Q. How do I make a complaint?

Cofunds has a strict complaints procedure to resolve issues quickly and efficiently. If you have a complaint about our services or products, or would like a copy of our complaint handling procedures, please send a letter to the Complaints Team, Cofunds Limited, PO Box 1103, Chelmsford CM99 2XY, or by email ComplaintsTeam@cofunds.co.uk or phone as shown in our Contact details above. If you're contacting us by email please remember not to send any personal, financial or banking information because email is not a secure method of communication.

Details of our complaints policy can be found at:

www.cofunds.co.uk/docs/gpub/customercomplaints/

If you don't have online access, please ask your intermediary for a copy.

Any complaint that we can't settle can be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

The Financial Ombudsman Service, Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9SR.

Website: www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Email: complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk

Tel: 0800 023 4567

Making a complaint to Cofunds or the Financial Ombudsman Service won't affect your legal rights.

Please note that if you have a complaint relating to an investment fund, you should initially speak to your intermediary or the fund manager in question.

Q. How does Cofunds keep my money safe?

Cofunds is committed to ensuring that money and investments held on the Cofunds platform are as secure as possible. In line with Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) rules, all client money or investments held with Cofunds are completely segregated ('ring-fenced') from Cofunds' own money and assets. This means they can't be accessed by Cofunds should the company fall into financial difficulties.

Money – Money held on the Cofunds platform is held securely in a client money account at selected banks.

Investments – Once money is invested with a fund manager, units and shares in the funds are registered in the name of Cofunds Nominees Ltd – a fully-owned subsidiary of Cofunds. This ensures that assets are segregated from Cofunds' own assets. Holding all clients assets with a nominee also streamlines administration and enables Cofunds to transact efficiently on behalf of clients.

Cofunds keeps a record of your individual holdings. You remain the beneficial owner of these assets. Cofunds Nominees Ltd is not authorised by the FCA, but Cofunds Limited accepts full responsibility for its subsidiary.

Q. If Cofunds loses my money, can I get compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme?

You may be able to seek compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme for up to £50,000 if we become unable to repay a loss we have caused you. See this factsheet for more information:

www.cofunds.co.uk/docs/gpub/assetprotect/

If you don't have online access, please ask your intermediary for a copy.

Q. Are there any risks?

Platform risk: As you're investing through a platform there is a risk that a fund manager's systems and ours may show that you hold differing amounts while transactions are being processed. If the systems weren't aligned and Cofunds went out of business at the same time, you may not get back the full value of your investment.

Investment risk: The value of investments, and any income taken from them, can fall as well as rise and you may get back less than you invest. In addition, there's the potential for reduction of your investment as a result of a Sale for Regular Payment.

Fund risks: There are specific risks relating to the funds you can invest in. Fund risks can be found in the relevant Key Investor Information Document.

Q. What is my customer category?

There are various categories of client set out in the financial regulations. If you buy one of the Cofunds products referred to in this document, we will treat you as a 'retail client'. Being a retail client gives you the greatest level of protection under the regulations and ensures you get full information about any products you buy.

You can choose to be categorised as a professional client or an eligible counterparty, but this means you receive less information about our products and services. Also, you would not be entitled to receive a suitability report or appropriateness assessment where these would be required for retail clients.

If, under the regulations, you are a professional client or eligible counterparty, we will still treat you as a retail client although this would not necessarily mean that you would be eligible to refer any complaints to the Financial Ombudsman Service or to make a claim under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Other important information (continued)

Q. Are there any potential conflicts of interest?

During your investment conflicts of interest may arise between you and us, our employees, our associated companies and our representatives. To ensure we treat investors consistently and fairly, we are required to have a policy on how to identify and manage these conflicts.

A summary of our policy is detailed below. A copy of the full policy is available on request from Customer Services. We:

- a) will consider the interests of all our customers and treat them fairly;
- b) will manage conflicts of interest fairly to ensure that all customers are treated consistently and to prevent any conflicts of interest from giving rise to a material risk of damage to the interests of our customers;
- c) have in place procedures to ensure that staff identify and report any new conflicts;
- d) will keep a written record of any conflicts or potential conflicts;
- e) if appropriate, we will disclose any relevant conflict to a customer before undertaking business with that customer;
- f) will carry out an annual review to identify any new conflicts;
- g) will ensure new business developments identify any new conflicts of interest.

Further details can be found at www.cofunds.co.uk/docs/gbub/coi/.

If you don't have online access, please ask your intermediary for details.

Beneficial corrections

Sometimes intermediaries send us instructions that are unclear, open to interpretation or incorrect. If, as a result, a transaction is processed incorrectly, we may consider correcting an investor's holdings – and in some cases Cofunds will bear the cost of the correction. We'll provide details of beneficial corrections that have been made on request – please speak to your intermediary for details.

Our regulator

Cofunds is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Cofunds is on the Financial Services Register under number 194734.

You can check this at www.fca.org.uk/firms/systems-reporting/register or you can call 0800 111 6768.

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Law and language

All correspondence will be made in English. All communications from us will normally be by letter or telephone. The law of England and Wales will apply to any legal dispute and the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any such dispute. Full details of the legally binding contract between you and Cofunds are contained or referred to in the Terms and Conditions.

Part 2: Key Features of the Cofunds Investment ISA

This section provides you with information about the Cofunds Investment ISA (Individual Savings Account). This is a Stocks and Shares ISA that can be used to hold funds available on the Cofunds platform tax-efficiently.

The Financial Conduct Authority is a financial services regulator. It requires us, Cofunds Limited, to give you this important information to help you to decide whether our Cofunds Investment ISA is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

This document is important as it governs your rights as an investor.

If you're unsure about any of the information provided, or have any questions, please speak to your intermediary who will be able to help you.

Its aims

The Cofunds Investment ISA is a Stocks and Shares ISA, enabling you to hold funds in a tax efficient way to provide the potential for capital growth and income over the medium to long term.

Within the ISA, you can invest in the wide range of funds available on the Cofunds platform, with access to a broad range of underlying investments.

Your commitment

You need to invest a lump sum, or make a regular payment every month. The minimum investments you can make are as follows:

Minimum investments in the Cofunds Investment ISA

Lump sum (further top-ups)	£1,000 per fund (£500)
Regular investments	£50 per fund a month

You can keep your investment for as long as you want but you should consider it as a medium to long-term investment. You should be prepared to invest for at least five years, and ideally not tie yourself to a particular end date.

Risks

When you use the Cofunds Investment ISA your main risk is that the value of your investment and the income from it can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested.

For risks specific to each fund, please see the relevant fund specific information, including Fund Key Investor Information Documents or fund prospectuses.

The tax treatment of ISAs may change so that investing in funds through the Cofunds Investment ISA is no longer a tax efficient option.



Full details of the fund aims and objectives are available in your chosen investment fund's simplified prospectus/ KIID.

Questions and Answers

Types of ISA

Q. What type of ISA is the Cofunds Investment ISA?

There are four types of ISA you can invest in – a Stocks and Shares ISA, a Cash ISA, an Innovative Finance ISA and a Lifetime ISA. The Cofunds Investment ISA is a Stocks and Shares ISA.

Stocks and Shares ISAs invest in stock market-based investments so the value of your investment can go down as well as up which means you could lose your investment. You can hold a wide range of the collective investments available on the Cofunds platform – giving you a choice of more than 3,400 funds from over 210 fund groups within your ISA (as at 31/12/2016). However, within the Cofunds Investment ISA you also have access to a range of lower risk cash investments, and the Cash Reserve that has no investment risk.

For risks relating to stock market-based funds, please see relevant **Fund Key Investor Information Documents**. If you don't have online access, please ask your intermediary for a copy.

Q. Does Cofunds offer a Cash, Innovative Finance, or Lifetime ISA?

No. Cofunds doesn't offer a Cash, Innovative Finance, or Lifetime ISA.

Making contributions

Who can invest in an ISA?

To invest in the Cofunds Investment ISA you need to meet certain requirements as set out by HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC):

- You must be aged 18 or over
- You must be resident in the UK for tax purposes, unless you are currently a Crown employee or their spouse or registered civil partner
- The amount invested must not exceed the current maximum ISA allowance (see 'What's the maximum I can invest?')
- You may not open another Stocks and Shares ISA with another provider in the same tax year.

Q. What's the maximum I can invest?

There are strict limits on how much you can invest in an ISA each tax year (6 April to 5 April the next year).

The current Stocks and Shares ISA annual allowance is £20,000 for 2017/2018.

Sale of funds to pay platform charges

Please note that if platform charges are not paid for from the Cofunds Cash Account, the selling of funds to pay them is a withdrawal from your ISA. You will only be able to pay the equivalent of this charge back into your ISA as an additional contribution provided you do not exceed your current tax year annual ISA allowance.

Q. How can I allocate my ISA allowance in the current tax year?

You can split your ISA allowance between a Cash, Stocks and Shares, Innovative Finance, and Lifetime ISA as best suits your personal circumstances.

For example, you could have £17,000 in stocks and shares and £3,000 in cash. You could transfer that £3,000 into stocks and shares and have £20,000 in stocks and shares. Or vice versa. The rule is that you mustn't have more than the annual allowance split between the different types of ISAs.

Q. How do pending trades work with ISAs and tax year end?

The pending trade service allows you to set up an instruction online to buy units in a fund or funds, and then pay for the trade within 14 days, at which point it will be processed. Please check with your nominated intermediary whether you have access to this.

For ISAs, pending trades in the current tax year are valid for 14 calendar days from the date on which they are set up, or until tax year end – whichever falls sooner. You must arrange to make payment within this time frame accordingly and you need to ensure you have sufficient monies in your Cash Account.

If we haven't received the money to pay for a current tax year pending trade by tax year end (5th April at latest) your pending trade will be cancelled. This overrides the 14 calendar day expiry period you'd usually have for the pending trade – we'd have to receive payment by tax year end in order to carry out your pending deal (subject to our usual dealing procedures).

Pending trades can't be set up in the current tax year if they're created within five business days of the end of the current tax year.

Pending trades for the current tax year are prioritised in the order in which the deals are created. You can amend the priority order of current tax year pending trades online. Once we've received sufficient money from you, we'll process the pending trades for the current tax year in the order in which you've prioritised them. You can't prioritise pending trades for the next tax year.

Pending trades can't be set up to pend into the next tax year except between 1 March and 5 April in the current tax year. During this period you can set up an instruction to buy units in a fund or funds in the next tax year.

You must pay for the pending trade by 20 April of the new tax year – if we don't receive sufficient money to fund the deal by then your pending trade will expire and we will not carry it out. You can only amend the priority order of pending trades in the current tax year – next tax year pending trades will appear in the order in which they were set up, although you can cancel them if you wish. Once the new tax year commences you'll be able to amend the priority order of your pending trades as normal.

Pending trades count towards your ISA allowance once they are paid for.

Holding cash

Q. Can I hold cash in my Cofunds Investment ISA?

Yes, the Cofunds Investment ISA includes an interest-paying ISA Cash Reserve. It isn't a Cash ISA, it's a facility that provides you with extra flexibility and control. For example, it can allow you to:

- Shelter money away from the stock market when you feel conditions are uncertain or too volatile
- Secure your ISA allowance for the tax year without having to invest it right away.

Money in the Cash Reserve earns interest - you can find the rate of interest paid on www.cofunds.co.uk/docs/gbub/cofundsiinterestrates/ If you don't have online access, please ask your intermediary for a copy.

Interest paid on the Cash Reserve is not subject to tax.

Interest paid is unlikely to match the potential returns available on stock market-based investments over the long term, and may not outpace inflation.

A variety of cash funds are also available to invest in through the Cofunds Investment ISA.

Please speak to your intermediary about what type of cash investment is best for your circumstances.

Transferring ISAs

Q. Can I transfer other ISAs into my Cofunds Investment ISA?

Yes, you can transfer existing Stocks and Shares ISAs and Cash ISAs held with other providers into the Cofunds Investment ISA. Cofunds does not make a direct charge to you for ISA transfers.

Please note, should you transfer from a Lifetime ISA to this Cofunds Investment ISA (Stocks and Shares), your Lifetime ISA status will be lost along with any other benefits specific to that ISA.

Transferring ISAs to the Cofunds Investment ISA can give you the convenience of having all your ISA investments in one account. This can make it easier to follow your investment performance and to make changes to your portfolio as required. Also, all your ISA investments will be detailed on one consolidated statement.



Ask your intermediary about the costs of transferring an ISA. Your existing ISA manager may charge an exit fee.



Please note you won't have access to your ISA until the re-registration is complete.

You can transfer ISAs set up both in previous tax years and the current tax year:

1. Transferring ISAs from previous tax years

You can transfer ISAs set up in previous tax years to the Cofunds Investment ISA without affecting your current ISA allowance. You can transfer as many ISAs as you wish to Cofunds.

2. Transferring ISAs from the current tax year

Stocks and Shares ISA – If you have set up a Stocks and Shares ISA with another provider in the current tax year and then decide you would prefer to hold it with Cofunds, you must transfer the full amount, as you can only have one Stocks and Shares ISA in the current tax year. The amount subscribed will be treated as part of your current tax year ISA allowance.

Cash ISA – You can transfer a Cash ISA opened in the current tax year to the Cofunds Investment ISA. Again, the amount subscribed will be treated as part of your current tax year ISA allowance. A Cash ISA will be converted into a Stocks and Shares ISA with Cofunds.

Q. How do I transfer my existing ISA to Cofunds?

ISA transfers can take place by re-registering funds or as cash. Cash funds formerly held within a Cash ISA can be re-registered into the Cofunds Investment ISA. If you wish to transfer an ISA, you need to make a formal ISA transfer through Cofunds. Do not attempt to cash in your ISA yourself. If you do, your investment will lose its tax-exempt status.

- **Re-registration of funds:** If you wish to keep the same choice of funds when you transfer your ISA, it may be possible for you to re-register them. This means that the funds will simply be moved to sit within your new Cofunds Investment ISA. To do this the funds will need to be available on the Cofunds platform and your existing ISA manager must support fund re-registration. Your money will remain fully invested in the funds.

If we receive commission-included funds we will convert these to commission-free funds if there is an equivalent available to your intermediary. If there's no commission-free share class fund equivalent available this transfer will be rejected - however, you also have the option to transfer as cash.

- **Cash transfers:** If the existing ISA manager doesn't support fund re-registration or you want to have a different choice of funds, the funds you currently hold in your ISA will be sold. The cash proceeds will then be transferred directly to Cofunds to purchase the funds of your choice.

A 'cash transfer' requires your investments to be sold then reinvested. Please be aware that:

- You may lose out on income or investment growth while your money is not invested during the transfer period
- You won't have access to the transferred assets in your ISA until the cash transfer is complete.

Questions and Answers

Q. Can I transfer to another provider?

Yes, you can transfer out of the Cofunds Investment ISA into other ISA products. Assets held within an ISA wrapper can be re-registered within the ISA, preserving your market holdings and the tax benefits of the ISA.

You can re-register commission-free share class funds off the platform if the new provider offers the same share class. Please check carefully with the platform/fund manager you're intending to move to as to the availability of your funds at their end.

Managing your ISA

Q. Can I take money out of my ISA?

Yes, you can make withdrawals at any time that can be paid into your bank account, sent to you by cheque or transferred into your Cofunds Cash Account.

You can request a withdrawal from your Cofunds Investment ISA through your intermediary or by writing directly to Cofunds.

Please note: Our ISA does not currently support 'Flexible ISA' withdrawals. This doesn't mean you have any less ability to withdraw money when you wish, however, any money withdrawn cannot be added back on top of your annual allowance. Please speak to your intermediary for more information on whether taking withdrawals from your ISA would be appropriate for your situation.

Q. Do I need to complete an application for my existing Cofunds Investment ISA every new tax year?

No, your existing ISA will continue to be invested until you provide Cofunds with alternative instructions.

Q. Can ISAs be held jointly?

No, ISAs can only be held in a single name. However, each eligible investor has their own ISA allowance – see 'What's the maximum I can invest?'

Q. Can I inherit an ISA?

You can inherit assets that were held in an ISA. You can also inherit the ability to make investments into an additional ISA allowance (also known as an Additional Permitted Subscription or APS) on the death of your spouse or registered civil partner if they hold an ISA at the time of their death. Whether you inherit assets or not, you'd be entitled to an additional ISA allowance equal to the amount your spouse/registered civil partner had in their ISA(s). Please see the Terms and Conditions or speak to your intermediary for more information on inheritable ISA allowances.

Charges

Q. What are the charges?

For information on your specific charges please refer to the Fees and Charges Schedule.

Tax treatment

Q. What is the tax treatment of ISAs?

All income and growth generated by your ISA investments is free of personal liability to UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax. There is also no requirement to declare ISA income or gains on your tax return. Any losses made in an ISA cannot be set against gains elsewhere in your portfolio for tax purposes. The tax treatment of ISAs may change so that investing in funds through the Cofunds Investment ISA is no longer a tax efficient option. The tax benefits depend on the individual circumstances of the investor.

Please note, ISAs don't offer protection from inheritance tax. On death, ISAs cease but the value of the investment may still be included in an estate for tax purposes.



You can withdraw money from your ISA, however it will lose its tax efficient status, meaning you may end up paying more tax than you would have if it remained in the ISA. Remember that once money is withdrawn from an ISA it can only be reinvested in an ISA as part of your current ISA allowance.

Changing your mind

Q. What happens if I change my mind about setting up an ISA?

If you wish to cancel your ISA, you must inform Cofunds in writing within 14 days of receipt of your confirmation notice. Please send your cancellation request to:



Cofunds, PO Box 1103, Chelmsford CM99 2XY

Provided you cancel within the 14-day period, your cash, any intermediary fees or charges and any Cofunds Platform Charge will be returned to you – subject to the conditions below – and your ISA allowance will be unaffected.

Please note:

- If the value of your investment falls between the date your money was invested and the date Cofunds receives your instruction to cancel, you may receive back less than you invested.
- If the value of your investment rises between these two dates, you'll only receive back the amount invested.
- Interest will not be paid on money held in the Cash Reserve.
- One-off intermediary fees requested at or around the time of the original investment will not be returned to you – please contact your intermediary to arrange refund of one-off fees.

Before sending you your money, Cofunds may need to carry out additional security checks and ensure all payments have been cleared, which may delay payment to you.

Withdrawing after 14 days

You won't be able to cancel your ISA outside of the 14-day period, and will be subject to the risks detailed in this document and the KIID(s) for the fund(s) you have chosen to invest in. If you wish to withdraw after this period, your original amount invested will count towards your ISA allowance for the current tax year, and fund management charges will apply.

Cancelling an ISA transfer

The 14-day period also applies to ISA transfer requests. Provided you cancel within the 14-day period, you will be given the option of transferring the ISA back to your previous ISA manager or receiving the value of your ISA as cash – which means it will lose its tax-exempt ISA status.

Complaints

If you wish to complain about any aspects of the service you've received, please contact us at the address in the 'Contacting us' section on page 7. Further details regarding the complaints procedure are summarised on page 7.

Making a complaint to Cofunds or the Financial Ombudsman Service won't affect your legal rights.

Q. Can I get compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme?

If you meet the eligibility criteria of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme you'll be able to seek compensation from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme for up to £50,000 should we become unable to meet our liabilities to you. See this factsheet for more information:

www.cofunds.co.uk/docs/gbub/assetprotect/

If you don't have online access, please ask your intermediary for a copy.

Part 3: Key Features of Investment Funds on Cofunds

This section provides you with information about investing into investment funds.

The Financial Conduct Authority is a financial services regulator. It requires us, Cofunds Limited, to give you this important information to help you to decide whether our Cofunds Investment Funds is right for you. You should read this document carefully so that you understand what you are buying, and then keep it safe for future reference.

This document is important as it governs your rights as an investor.

If you are unsure about any of the information provided, or have any questions, please speak to your intermediary, who will be able to help you.

Its aims

To allow you to invest directly into a wide range of funds with access to a broad range of underlying investments - providing you with the potential for capital growth and income over the medium to long term.

Your commitment

You need to invest a lump sum, or make a regular payment every month. The minimum investments you can make are as follows:

Minimum investments in Cofunds Investment Funds

Lump sum (further top-ups)	£1,000 per fund (£500)
Regular investments	£100 per fund a month

You can keep your investment for as long as you want but you should consider it as a medium to long-term investment. You should be prepared to invest for at least five years, and ideally not tie yourself to a particular end date.

Risks

When you use our Investment Funds product your main risk is that the value of your investment and the income from it can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested.

For risks specific to each fund, please see the relevant fund specific information, including Fund Key Investor Information Documents or fund prospectuses.



Applications from overseas for some funds may be refused. Please contact your intermediary to confirm your eligibility for your chosen investment.



Full details of the fund aims and objectives are available in your chosen investment fund's simplified prospectus/KIID.

Questions and Answers

Your investment

Q. What are the main features of investing directly into Investment Funds?

- You're not subject to limits on how much you can invest
- You're not usually subject to restrictions on when you can access your money
- Investment Funds can be held in a legal trust on behalf of the beneficiaries
- Companies and joint holders can invest, as well as individuals.

Q. What's the maximum I can invest?

There isn't a maximum on how much you can invest directly into funds on Cofunds. Cofunds gives you the freedom to invest lump sums, regular monthly amounts or a combination of both.

Q. Can I use my Cofunds Cash Account to pay for my investment?

Yes, money held in your Cofunds Cash Account can be used to pay for investments in directly-held funds.

Types of investors

Q. Can Investment Funds only be held by individuals?

No, Investment Funds can also be held by other types of investors, for example:

- **Corporate investors:** Companies, looking for investment opportunities
- **Trustees:** Managing a portfolio within a legal trust arrangement
- **Pension investors:** Using small self-administered schemes (SSAS) or self-invested personal pensions (SIPPs) other than those SIPPs directly available via the Cofunds platform.

Q. Can investments be held jointly by individuals?

Yes, up to four individuals can hold investment funds on Cofunds as long as they share the same Investment Service.

Charges

Q. What are the charges?

For information on your specific charges please refer to the Fees and Charges Schedule.



There are risks associated with investing into funds. Please see relevant investment funds' **Fund Key Investor Information Documents**.

Questions and Answers

Taxation

Q. How will I be taxed on my investment?

1. Income Tax

The tax treatment on Investment Funds will depend on the type of fund you hold.

Unit trusts and OEICs

The treatment of income will depend on whether a fund is dividend-paying or interest-paying:

- **Income from dividend-paying funds** is currently tax free up to the £5,000 dividend allowance.
- **Income from interest-paying funds**, as of 6 April 2017, will no longer pay income tax.

Your Personal Savings Allowance means that if you're a basic-rate taxpayer you'll be able to earn up to £1,000 in savings income tax free. Higher-rate taxpayers will be able to earn up to £500 and if you are a non-taxpayer you are entitled to reclaim any tax deducted. You can find more information at www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-savings-allowance-factsheet or by speaking with a tax adviser.

2. Capital Gains Tax

If you sell your investment, any growth may be subject to Capital Gains Tax if you exceed your annual Capital Gains Tax allowance. Please speak to your intermediary about your annual allowance.

Sale of funds to pay platform charges

Please note that if platform charges are not paid for from the Cash Account, the selling of funds to pay them is a withdrawal from your investment and will create a potential Capital Gains Tax liability.

3. Non-personal tax

Different taxation rules apply when investments are held by other types of investors, for example trusts and corporate investors. Please speak to your intermediary for further information.



By investing directly into Investment Funds, you may have a greater tax liability than if you invest through a tax wrapper such as an ISA or pension.

To help you complete your tax return, Cofunds will send you a consolidated tax voucher with your annual statement, detailing all relevant income and tax deductions over the year.

4. Tax on rebates

Rebates in investment funds are taxed at the basic rate of tax.

You may be able to reclaim this tax from HMRC or be liable for additional tax depending on your individual circumstances. Please speak to your intermediary for more information.

Transfers

Q. Can I transfer (re-register) funds that I hold elsewhere to Cofunds?

Yes, funds held elsewhere can be transferred to Cofunds provided they're also available on Cofunds. Your money will remain invested and will simply be re-registered in the name of Cofunds Nominees Ltd. This should not incur an initial charge (i.e. the charge that is normally payable to the fund manager when arranging a new fund investment).

If we receive commission-included share class funds we'll convert these to commission-free share class funds if there is an equivalent available to your intermediary. If there is no commission-free share class equivalent available, then the instruction will be rejected.

Your existing manager may charge an exit fee. Ask your intermediary about the costs of transferring investment funds.

Q. Can I transfer (re-register) my funds out of Cofunds?

Yes, you can re-register your investment funds out of Cofunds to another provider in the case that they offer these funds.



Tax treatment depends on the individual circumstances of each client and may change in the future.

Changing your mind

Q. What happens if I change my mind?

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Please note:

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- If the value of your chosen investment rises between these two dates, you'll only receive back the amount invested.
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Cancelling a fund transfer

The 14-day period also applies to re-registration requests. Provided you cancel within the 14-day period, you'll be given the following options:

- **Transfer your investment back to the previous fund manager**
Cofunds will require confirmation of your client account number with the fund manager in question. If you don't supply your account number Cofunds may not be able to re-register your investment
- **Cancel the contract and return your money to you**
If you choose this option you may be subject to Capital Gains Tax.

Please indicate in your cancellation letter which of these options you would like to follow.

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