

# Your with profits policy

Investment performance



**Your policy is invested in the RL Open Fund within the Royal London Long-Term Fund. In this leaflet we call this ‘the with profits fund’.**

## What is the investment mix of the with profits fund?

In managing the with profits fund, we aim to optimise the investment return for with profits policyholders whilst also protecting their guaranteed benefits within the with profits fund. We hold a wide range of assets to help reduce the risk that would arise if we invested in a single type of investment.

The charts below show the types of investments that asset shares of traditional with profits policies have been invested in for the past two years. By asset share, we mean the build up of payments made into the

with profits fund after taking off expenses, charges and tax and allowing for the profits and losses earned by the investments.

The investment returns from government bonds, other bonds and cash tend to vary less from year to year than the returns from company shares and property. However, over the longer term, the investment returns from government bonds, other bonds and cash tend to be lower than those from company shares and property.

Investment mix at 31.12.2023



- 59% Company shares
- 13% Property
- 27% Government and other bonds
- 1% Cash and other investments

Investment mix at 31.12.2022



- 53% Company shares
- 16% Property
- 30% Government and other bonds
- 1% Cash and other investments





## What was the investment return for my policy for 2023?

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The total investment return applied to asset shares in the with profits fund for traditional with profits policies (before taxes and charges) for 2023 was 7.9%.

The with profits fund's investment portfolio has provided an overall positive return during 2023. The key sources of growth were from UK bonds and overseas shares.

Due to the nature of your policy being with profits, we try to smooth out variations in investment returns year on

year so that your policy is less affected by the ups and downs. Please refer to the next page to find out how your policy shares in these profits and losses.

We don't know what investment returns will be in the future; you shouldn't assume they'll be the same as they were in previous years. However, we believe that the investment mix is appropriate for the with profits fund in current economic conditions.

## Investing responsibly

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As the UK's largest mutual insurance and pension provider, we're committed to acting and investing responsibly. Visit [\*\*royallondon.com/responsiblebusiness\*\*](https://royallondon.com/responsiblebusiness) to read our latest report on our climate change commitments and the progress we've made so far in line with our requirements under the Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

## How do I share in the profits and losses of the with profits fund?

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The performance of the with profits fund is shared out to its policyholders through a system of bonuses. There are two types of bonus which we may add to your policy:

- annual bonuses, which we may add during the lifetime of your policy and which increase the guaranteed amount payable when you take your guaranteed benefits, and

- final bonuses, which we may add when your policy ends. Final bonuses aren't guaranteed and may go up or down.

We have increased the annual bonus rate, so for 2024 it is 0.6%.



## Where can I find out more information about the with profits fund?

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You can view and download the following documents from our website

**royallondon.com**:

- ‘Principles and Practices of Financial Management’ (PPFM) which is a technical document that explains the way in which we manage our with profits fund.
- ‘A guide to how we manage our with profits fund’ which is a plain English guide to the key points of the PPFM. This includes more information on asset shares and how we decide annual and final bonus rates. The version that covers your policy is ‘Guide 5’.
- The Directors’ report on compliance which is the most recent report about how we’ve complied with the PPFM.

To find these documents visit **royallondon.com/PPFM**. If you’d like braille, large print or audio versions of these documents, you can ask us to send you copies by calling us on 0345 050 2020.

### Changes made to the PPFM

No changes were made to the PPFM during 2023, but look out for our refreshed document in 2024. We’re making changes that will make it easier to understand and follow the document, but no changes will be made to the actual Principles and Practices.



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