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This document is provided for use by professional advisers in conjunction with products provided by Talbot & Muir. The information in this document is based on our interpretation of the relevant HMRC guidelines, which are subject to change.

## Overview

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The following table provides a comparison of the features of the Talbot & Muir SIPP products with our SSAS. Although some of the content represents general features of personal and occupational pension scheme, some of these features are particular to our pension products, and other providers may adopt their own approach.

	Talbot and Muir SIPP	SSAS
<b>Regulation</b>	Regulated by the FCA.	Regulated by the Pensions Regulator and HM Revenue & Customs.
<b>Type of Scheme</b>	Personal Pension Scheme.	Occupational Pension Scheme. The scheme must have a sponsoring employer, which may be a limited company, limited liability partnership or limited partnership.
<b>Ownership of Assets</b>	All scheme assets are legally the property of the scheme trustees i.e. TM Trustees Ltd and the scheme member with the exception that certain investments may be held in a stockbroker or DFM's nominee account.	All scheme assets are legally the property of the scheme trustees i.e. TM Trustees Ltd and the scheme member with the exception that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial properties can be purchased on the basis of a Restriction on Title.</li><li>Certain investments may be held in a stockbroker or DFM's nominee account.</li></ul>
<b>Investment Choice</b>	The assets of the scheme are invested according to the directions of the scheme member, subject to Talbot and Muir's permitted investment list.  Only property can be held between 2 or more SIPPs on a syndicated basis.	The assets of the scheme are invested according to the directions of the scheme member, subject to Talbot and Muir's permitted investment list.  All investment decisions must be agreed unanimously by the members and are pooled in accordance with their share of fund.
<b>Block Insurance</b>	A comprehensive block insurance policy is available for all new SIPP property purchases. If a client wishes to put in place their own insurance policy, an additional annual fee of £150 + VAT will apply for our work in checking the alternative policy provides adequate cover.	A comprehensive lock insurance policy is available for all new SSAS property purchases. If a client wishes to put in place their own insurance policy, an additional annual fee of £150 + VAT will apply for our work in checking the alternative policy provides adequate cover.
<b>Scheme Bank Account</b>	Scheme bank account is held with Metro Bank. Additional banks are acceptable on the proviso a rolling balance of £1,000 is retained with Metro Bank to cover fees.  TM Trustees Ltd are the sole signatory on the bank mandate.	Our default bank account provider is Metro Bank however clients may opt to use a different bank provider if they are happy to hold money within a SSAS.  The members are co-signatories with TM Trustees Ltd.

<b>Loans</b>	Will not allow loans to un-connected third parties, scheme members, their employer or any connected person.	Can make loans to Sponsoring Employer on the scheme on a commercial basis (Loanback) although not if the employer is a limited liability partnership or limited partnership.  Will not allow loans to un-connected third parties or scheme members.
<b>Borrowing</b>	Can borrow up to 50% of the net value of the fund. Can borrow from connected parties, provided this is on a commercial basis.  Talbot and Muir do not have a restrictive panel of Lenders.	Can borrow up to 50% if the net value of the fund. Can borrow from connected parties, provided this is on a commercial basis.  Talbot and Muir do not have a restrictive panel of Lenders.
<b>Legal Representation</b>	Talbot and Muir panel solicitor required in at least checking capacity.	Talbot and Muir panel solicitor not required for property purchase.
<b>Pension Income Options</b>	Capped Drawdown, Phased Drawdown, Flexi Access Drawdown and UFPLS. (Scheme Pension Transfers may be facilitated via the Flexible Retirement Account SIPP only).	Capped Drawdown, Phased Drawdown, Flexi Access Drawdown and UFPLS.
<b>Tax Relief</b>	Relief at source on personal contributions. Higher and additional rate tax relief available via Self-Assessment.	Relief at source on personal contributions. Higher and additional tax relief available via Self-Assessment.
<b>Allocation of investments</b>	All investments are allocated to each individual scheme/member.	Investments do not need to be allocated amongst the members, as a common trust principle applies.
<b>Allocation of contributions</b>	Contributions must be allocated at outset.	Contributions must be allocated to outset.
<b>Pension Commencement Lump Sum</b>	Where transitional protection does not apply, 25% of the value of the fund, subject to the Lifetime Allowance.	Where transitional protection does not apply, 25% of the value of the fund, subject to the Lifetime Allowance.
<b>Administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to provide returns to HMRC.</li> <li>• Is not required to provide an annual return to The Pension Regulator.</li> <li>• Must provide an annual SMPI statement.</li> </ul> Talbot and Muir will do this on behalf of the member as scheme administrators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to provide returns to HMRC.</li> <li>• Required to provide an annual return to The Pensions Regulator for schemes with more than one member.</li> <li>• Not required to provide an SMPI statement where all members are trustees.</li> </ul> Talbot and Muir will report this on behalf of the members as scheme administrators.
<b>VAT Services</b>	As sole Trustee it is possible to offer a VAT registration and Quarterly returns service. Although as we are not VAT experts we strongly recommend for this to be outsourced to a tax specialist.	We do not offer VAT services in SSAS.
<b>Trust Structure</b>	Master Trust	Common Trust

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