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SALVUS MASTER TRUST ADDED TO F&TRC'S WORKPLACE PENSIONS COMPARISON TOOL

• INDEPENDENT AND COMPREHENSIVE METHODOLOGY ENSURES ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF EACH PROVIDER'S COMPETITIVE POSITION

F&TRC has announced that Salvus Master Trust has been added to its workplace pensions comparison tool, Quality Analyser.

The service allows advisers to compare Salvus Master Trust side by side with eight other pension providers and create detailed reports to assist them in the provider selection process. Advisers can select from 32 areas of a workplace pension to include in their benchmarking, including:

 Product offering & administration 	Support services	
Investment & fund options	Online facilities	
Record keeping & governance	Remuneration & charges	
Scheme setup	Auto-enrolment process	
Joiners & leavers process		

F&TRC's Quality Analyser workplace pensions comparison tool is designed to offer an independent system of comparing not only the overall propositions, but to allow advisers to focus on the factors that each individual employer considers important for their own staff. This can then be used to generate employer specific reports demonstrating which pension provider most closely matches the employer priorities.

The service can be found at <u>www.advisersoftware.com</u> and is free to access for all adviser members of the Personal Finance Society (PFS).



The providers currently included in the workplace comparison service are:

1. Aegon Workplace ARC	6. Royal London
2. Aviva Designer	7. Standard Life
3. Friends Life MyMoney (part of the	8. The People's Pension
Aviva Group)	9. Salvus Master Trust
4. Legal & General	
5. NOW:Pensions	

Ian McKenna, Director of F&TRC, said: "Quality Analyser is an independent, comprehensive and robust way for advisers to compare different providers in a range of different areas of their proposition. We are pleased that Salvus Master Trust has come onboard Quality Analyser as they have a strong workplace pensions offering and advisers will be able to compare it against competitors in a range of key areas. Our comparison tool is designed to make it easier for employers and advisers to recognise the difference between various propositions."

Steve Goddard, Founder, Salvus Master Trust said: "We are pleased to have been added to Quality Analyser, and to join a growing panel of group pension providers. Choosing a workplace pension can be a complex process but the service simplifies this by giving advisers access to a comprehensive, unbiased range of metrics, ensuring advisers have confidence they are making the right choice for their clients.

"At Salvus, we are committed to providing an end-to-end service for advisers as well as calls by the regulator to make selecting a scheme as transparent as possible. Quality Analyser and F&TRC's deserved reputation for holding firms to account complements Salvus's mission perfectly."

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About F&TRC

Established in 1995, the Finance & Technology Research Centre (F&TRC) is a specialist research consultancy.

The company has four key areas of activity:

- Facilitating industry collaboration in the life assurance and long term savings industries via a range of forums which bring together leading players from manufacturing, distribution and support services to identify where working together can achieve better outcomes for consumers and the industry
- Research and benchmarking through the delivery of software and ratings to help financial advisers compare the quality of financial products, available at <u>www.advisersoftware.com</u>
- The workplace version of Quality Analyser is based on responses to over 4,000 questions on an organisations pension proposition. No charge is made to pension providers for participating in this service
- Insight reports which focus on key strategic issues such as the future of financial advice and how organisations can enhance the quality of their services to consumers
- Bespoke consultancy on any of the above

About Salvus Master Trust

Salvus Mastertrust is a workplace pension open to all employers. Designed and created by leading pension administrator and consultancy Goddard Perry Group, Salvus also has a section that is used by the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) for employers entering the PPF with money purchase benefits. Salvus was designed to be not just for employers meeting their Auto Enrolment obligations but also for employers with existing pension arrangements who want to offer their employees better Value for Money. Salvus can also be used by members to consolidate any previous pensions they might have, bringing multiple pension pots under one roof. Salvus offers a fully online integrated solution for employers including issuing statutory communications required under the Auto enrolment regulations.





Salvus Master Trust

- is a Qualifying Workplace Pension Scheme (QWPS);
- is an Occupational Pension Scheme regulated by the Pensions Regulator (tPR);
- accepts all employers that wish to use it, irrespective of size;
- is one of only a handful of Master Trusts to have been independently accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) Master Trust Assurance Framework (MAF), click here{link to the MAF document};
- governed by an entirely independent Trustee Board;
- is a full service Workplace Pension offering a default strategy and a wide range of investment options outside of the default;
- allows complete flexibility introduced by the new Pension Reforms, including Cash, Annuity and Drawdown via Salvus Retirement Bridge, <u>click here</u> for more information on Pension Freedoms.