The UAP Group™

AURORA UAP AFRICA PLAN

BROCHURE

www.theuapgroup.com
info@theuapgroup.com

This document outlines the key features of the Aurora UAP Africa Plan (Africa Plan) and is designed to provide you with relevant information to enable you to understand how this pension plan will work for you.
There is a section that covers frequently asked questions by people planning their retirement affairs.
The Africa Plan is classed as a Defined Contribution Retirement Benefit Plan which is written under contract and which has been approved by the Guernsey Income Tax Authority under section 157A(2) of the Income Tax (Guernsey) Law, 1975. The agreement is between the “plan manager” and the “plan member” by means of a pension contract.

The Africa Plan has been developed by UAP and administered by Concept Group Limited (CGL) who are regulated and licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission to undertake fiduciary business including the provision of services to pension plans.

Aurora Holdings PCC Limited (Aurora) is the legal owner of the assets held within the Africa Plan. Whilst deductions can be made in order to cover related expenses, it is not permissible for Aurora to benefit in any manner from the funds or assets held in the Africa Plan, which are subsequently held in a unique cell of Aurora PCC Ltd. The Africa Plan is regulated in Guernsey by The Pension Scheme and Gratuity Scheme Rules and Guidance 2020.

The member's assets are held separately in a segregated cell of a Protected Cell Company (PCC) specifically for that individual member. The contract is designed to incorporate the particular requirements of the members who join the Africa Plan. The investment strategy applied to the assets within the member's cell are as per instruction from either the member and/or the member's appointed adviser.

The investment strategy applied to the assets within the member's cell are as per instruction from either the member themselves and/or the members appointed adviser.

The contract was prepared by our appointed legal firm who are based in Guernsey. A copy of the contract is available upon request.

The Africa Plan is available to anyone and has been created to complement those people who are internationally mobile or for people who wish to save into a plan to support their existing retirement arrangements. As the Africa Plan is an international account the way in which the plan is administered, differs from those of a conventional pension plan, such as the rules that can be applied to the investment diversification and draw-down.

The Africa Plan has been specifically designed for South Africa and the greater African Continent, as a contract plan.

There is no uncertainty in comparison to trust-based plans in South Africa through the Davies report. This gives greater certainty to members of this Plan.

Due to the flexibility and tax-efficient structure that this pension vehicle provides, the Africa Plan can facilitate the transfer of existing plans held by external providers, whilst accepting additional funds which are classed as being post-tax earning or from personal savings and capital. There are no restrictions applied to the contributions permissible to the Africa Plan, whether you want to save on a regular basis, make ad hoc payments or by means of a single lump sum or transfer in specie, there is an option available.

Once you have discussed your circumstances with your financial and or tax adviser, you can apply to become a member of the Africa Plan by completing the application form, you will be required to submit either original certified documents or by electronic methods approved by the Guernsey regulator, to confirm both your identity and physical address.

On occasions, we may need to request supporting evidence for where your funds generated from etc in order to meet our local regulatory obligations.

The information that is gathered during the application process allows both the plan member and the CGL to understand the various parties to the relationship, their obligations during the ongoing administration of the pension contract in accordance to the terms and rules of the Africa Plan.

The contracting party will be Aurora Pensions Limited and Aurora Holdings PCC Limited.

Contributors to the Africa Plan are known as the “plan members” and upon acceptance of your application to join the plan, you will be issued with your unique plan member reference and opening statement.

On occasions and where the plan member meets the set criteria, this function may be undertaken by the plan member themselves. In order for this to be approved, the plan member will need to provide sufficient evidence to CGL identifying the relevant skills required to be appointed to direct the investment choices made within the plan.

The assets within the Africa Plan, as per the instructions received, are held in the name of the PCC via the member or providers chosen custodian and is dependent on the investment type.

The Africa Plan base currency is available in either GBP, EUR or USD, all fees deducted will be in GBP and the days commercial rate will be applied to any foreign exchange transaction.

Income tax relief on contributions is only available to Guernsey residents.

You are able to apply for retirement benefits from the age of 50 years as a member of this plan, as per the rules. In the case of ill health, you may be able to access funds earlier. Please contact us if you have any questions relating to ill health.

Normal retirement date under Guernsey law is from anywhere between 50 and 75 years of age for other plans of a similar nature.

Key Features

- 30% loan pre-retirement available
- 30% Pension Commencement Lump Sum available at retirement
- Able to make ad hoc or regular contributions to the Plan
- Access to professional investment management and holistic retirement planning services
- Assets are ring- fenced within the Plan for each members
- Assets held within the plan grow tax free
- Flexible options at retirement
- Greater ownership and control over your accumulated funds
- Investment flexibility which may include a full range of asset classes, and private company shares
- Multi-currency
- No limit on contributions*
- No requirement for an annuity
- Not a trust-based Pension Plan
- Plan proceeds paid out gross
- Portable pension plan should you move to a new country of residence
- Provision of residual accumulated funds to your dependents on your death
- Retirement age from 50
- Suitable for UK expatriates and or dual residents, and foreign nationals
- UK s58 (1) (d) IHTA Compliant as such settled property is not deemed ‘relevant property’ for IHT purposes

*Pre 2017 QROPS transfer may be permitted if the plan & member meets certain criteria – please contact us for additional information

Normally the returns made from the investments with in the Africa Plan are free from personal tax liability until the point in time that the plan member enters in to draw-down or receives benefits from the Africa Plan. These payments may be taxable in the member's country of residence.

As mentioned previously, plan members may apply for pension benefits from the age of 50 years, however, this is not mandatory and you can defer this until the age of 75, at which time you must submit an application for retirement income. When you do start draw-down, you have the option of up to 30% of the value of your pension contract on that date as a pension commencement lump sum (PCLS). If you decide to take a partial lump sum, you must either take the balance with in twelve months or forfeit this which means that the balance available for annual income will increase by this amount for income calculation purposes. Again, depending on your country of tax residency will indicate whether the PCLS is taxable or not.

A regular income from the pension contract when calculated using the plan value and is set for a period of three years. Once this time passes, the value of the pension funds will be used to calculate the next three-year pension period. The alternative option to take a valuation calculated income draw-down is to buy either a guaranteed income annuity or a temporary annuity from an annuity provider.

You should be aware that there is no guarantee that the funds in your account will be sufficient to pay an annuity until your death. On your death the income of the balance of your pension fund (if any) can pass to your nominated beneficiaries or dependents.

The amount of income payable will depend on the value of the pension fund available at the time.
This traditional form of annuity will provide a guarantee of income for your life. Further information will be made available to you just prior to your proposed retirement date. Selection of the most appropriate retirement option is complex and will vary over time and with individual circumstances and it is therefore important to take specialists' advice prior to retirement and before taking benefit. The Provider will not be able to provide you with such advice.

Generally, investment returns made within the Plan are free of personal tax liability until such time as the Member receives benefit which may be taxable in their country of residence. However, some income may be subject to deduction of tax at source prior to distribution.

In the event of the plan member's death, the balance of the Africa Plan will be paid as per the nomination of beneficiaries or letter of wishes. The balance available for distribution will be the Africa Plan value minus any surrender or annual payments due to either the investment vehicle, asset sale(s), CGL activities, or specialist services needed to conclude the contract.

If you wish to determine how your Africa Plan funds are distributed, you may submit a letter of wishes outlining your intended instructions. This should reflect your nomination of beneficiaries as submitted to CGL. It is always beneficial to obtain advice from industry specialists before submitting instructions in relation to applying for pension benefits.

The Africa Plan accepts the assets from other external plans that permit the transfer, providing that the proceeds are not originating from a post 2017 UK pension scheme that has benefited from UK tax relief. Before starting a transfer, we suggest that you contact CGL to discuss as unregulated or unrecognised plans may need approval before CGL can accept.

CGL undertakes and completes annual Common Reporting Standards (CRS) and Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting as standard. These are less complex than those of a trust-based plan. Any external providers required in assisting with this that levy a fee, will be discussed with the plan member before the appointment is made.

You as the plan member will receive an annual statement detailing the following:

- Transfer or contributions in or out of the Africa Plan
- Income payments made to the plan member
- Charges and fees deducted and paid to all parties in relations to the management of your Africa Plan and investment of pension funds
- Africa Plan portfolio valuation Appointed adviser to your Africa Plan Plan and any changes
- Highest value of your plan for that year
- Any other regulatory information as indicated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission

The annual and establishment fees that are applied by CGL to the Africa Plan are detailed in the Africa Plan application form. These fees are paid to CGL.

The setup fee is taken upon execution of the application contract and is non-refundable. The initial annual product administration fee, which is taken annually in advance in January of each year, will be pro-rated for the year of entry.

Any reporting requirements linked to your country of residence or tax residence remains the plan members responsibility, CGL/UAP does have a panel of providers who are able to assist you with this should it be required. Please contact us for more details.

The Africa Plan can usually grow without tax being deducted until your draw-down. Upon receipt of income, tax may be applied.

Adhoc fees may be applied for additional activities undertaken, these will be discussed and agreed upon before any time is applied.

External parties to the Africa Plan may be applied and these will be communicated to you by your financial adviser or CGL relationship manager dependent on the fee type. These can include but are not limited to, investment managers, property agents, tax advisers, and lawyers. If the services of an external provider are required, we will discuss this with you in advance and prior to any appointments.

DATA PROTECTION (BAILIWICK OF GUERNSEY) LAW 2017

All the information you supply to us in connection with your membership of the UAP Plan will be held by Concept Group Limited as a data controller under the Data Protection (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2017. This information will be used by CGL and any company acting as its agent to administer your pension under the terms of the Plan. Any data protection notices, or queries should be sent to:

Concept Group Limited
Cambridge House | Le Truchot
St Peter Port | Guernsey | GY1 3HH

As a plan manager, we may disclose personal data to third parties or allow access to such personal data, where the disclosure is deemed necessary in order to provide services to and ensure the efficient operation of the UAP Plan or where CGL or administrator is compelled to do so. Information and access will be provided to you by your advisor (as appropriate).

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

A copy of our dispute resolution procedure is available on request, which you may invoke if for any reason you are dissatisfied with any matter relating to the management of the UAP Plan. If it is not possible to resolve the matter through the dispute resolution procedure, the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman may be available to consider complaints. Details of the Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman may be found at www.ci-fo.org by telephone on +44 (0)1481 722218 or in writing to:

Channel Islands Financial Ombudsman
PO Box 114 | Jersey | JE4 9QG

CGL/UAP does not give, nor approve any tax advice or opinion, you remain responsible for obtaining additional advice from industry specialists to provide you with an independent option on the product and the underlying investments prior to you becoming a member of the UAP Plan.