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## Fund merger for SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest

I am writing to you because you are invested in the SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest fund, provided by Tutman Fund Solutions Limited.

Tutman has informed us that the SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest fund will merge into the Ninety One Global Total Return Credit fund on **06 March 2026**. You'll see the new fund on your valuations and statements after that date.

The merger is subject to shareholder approval. If it isn't approved, we will write to let you know.

The last date we can sell from the fund before the merger will be 11:00 am on 05 March 2026.

You may want to speak to your financial adviser about the impact of the merger. Please speak to them before making any investment decisions, or if you have any questions about this change.

**If you don't have a financial adviser**, we recommend that you consider the benefits of receiving professional financial advice, which can be especially important when you need to make investment decisions. If you would like to search for an adviser in your area you can start by visiting [quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser](https://quilter.com/financial-advice/find-an-adviser).

### How the merger will affect your account

- **The value of your fund holding** – The merger may affect the value of your fund holding, as explained below under the heading "Will the merger cost me anything?"
- **Direct Debits** – If you are paying into the fund by Direct Debit:
  - 1) payments up to and including **05 March 2026** will be allocated to the SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest fund.
  - 2) any payments which are due to be collected whilst the merger is taking place will buy units proportionally across the other assets in your Direct Debit instruction. If the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction, those payments will be allocated to cash. They will stay in cash unless you choose to switch them to another asset in future.
  - 3) payments after the merger will be allocated to the Ninety One Global Total Return Credit fund.
- **Phased investment** – Instructions using the fund will automatically continue after the merger. Unless you give us an alternative choice, future transactions will be reapportioned across the other assets in your instruction, or cash if the merging fund is the only fund in your instruction.
- **Treasured assets** – if you have treasured the fund to be excluded when deducting units to meet certain scheduled payments from your account (for example charges and ongoing adviser fees), this arrangement will stop. You can arrange to treasure different assets by providing us with a new treasured asset request form.

Cash may not be suitable for your long-term investment needs. If you're happy for the amount to stay in cash, you don't need to do anything. Alternatively, you can switch the cash into an alternative asset(s) from our extensive range. Your financial adviser can give us your switch instruction, or you can switch by logging into our online Customer Centre at [quilter.com/login](https://quilter.com/login) or by sending us a switch form in the post.

### A note about cash in your account

We don't take any product or service charges on your cash balance (although the value is still included in the total value calculation for the charge). Instead, we pay you a rate of interest on cash in your account and we are paid by retaining a proportion of the interest we receive from our banking partners.

You can find more information, including the current interest rate payable and how much interest we retain, on our website at [quilter.com/interest-on-cash](https://quilter.com/interest-on-cash).

- The merger **won't change the fund's risk profile**. You can see more information about the new fund in its Key Investor Information document, available online at [quilter.com/SVS-Sanlam-Fixed-Interest](https://quilter.com/SVS-Sanlam-Fixed-Interest) Please note, it may not reflect the charges applicable when accessing the fund through us.
- **Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF) / Total Expense Ratio (TER)\*** - The OCF/TER will change with the merger.

\* The OCF/TER represents the ongoing charges for the fund, expressed as a percentage. It is the sum of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) and all other running costs of the fund. The figure shown is normally the ongoing charges figure (OCF), which is increasingly replacing the total expense ratio (TER). You can find more information about how the merger will affect the OCF / TER and, where applicable, the Reimbursed Amount or Reimbursed Rebate on the last page of this letter.

### Will the merger cost me anything?

Prior to the merger, there will be a realignment of the merging fund's portfolio, the costs of which will be charged to the merging fund. It is estimated that these costs will be approximately 0.12% of the merging fund's value.

### Why the funds are merging

In November 2024, the Sanlam group of companies entered into a strategic partnership with the Ninety One group of companies. As a result, in June 2025, Ninety One took over from Sanlam as Investment Manager of the merging fund.

Due to the fund's relatively small size, the ongoing charges for managing the fund will increase due to the nature of fixed costs being spread over a reducing assets under management. Thus, making the fund commercially unviable.

The merger will therefore allow shareholders to remain invested in a fund with a larger fund size thereby offering economies of scale benefits. Whilst the Manager acknowledges that the merging fund and the receiving fund follow different investment strategies when investing in bonds, the receiving fund is considered an appropriate receiving fund given that they both invest in developed market debt securities, both have a similar risk profile and are both managed by the same portfolio manager.

You can find more information about the old and new funds overleaf.

### The next steps and avoiding the merger

You do not need to take any action unless you would like to choose a new asset from our extensive range. You can switch your holding in the SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest fund at any time up until **11:00 am on 05 March 2026**. If you decide to switch into a new asset(s), please note that you will also need to update your asset choice for Direct Debit payments, if applicable.

If you have any questions about this letter, please speak to your financial adviser who will be able to help you. Alternatively, you can call or email us using the details shown and we will be happy to help. Our Customer Service Centre is open 8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Yours sincerely



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## Fund information

| Current fund<br>SVS Sanlam Fixed Interest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | New fund<br>Ninety One Global Total Return Credit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>Fund objective:</b><br/>To generate income over the long term (at least 5 years) by investing at least 80% of its portfolio in investment grade corporate bonds. The issuers may be from anywhere in the world and issues may be denominated in any currency. Non-sterling exposures will normally be hedged back to Sterling.</p> <p>The Manager may, from time to time in exceptional market conditions, invest more than 35% of the property of the Trust in Government and other public securities issued by one issuer.</p> <p>The Manager may use derivatives, including hedge transactions, for efficient portfolio management.</p> | <p><b>Fund objective:</b><br/>To provide total returns comprised of income and capital growth over at least a full credit cycle (this objective may be measured over at least 5 years). The fund targets a positive return of Overnight SONIA +4% before fees over a full credit cycle (which may be measured over 5-year rolling periods). While the fund aims to achieve a positive return and its performance target, there is no guarantee that either will be achieved over the full credit cycle, or over any period of time, and there is a risk of loss.</p> <p>A credit cycle means the economic conditions over which the cost of borrowing initially increases, then decreases and then stabilises. Credit cycles can vary in length and typically last between 3 and 7 years.</p> <p>The fund invests primarily (at least two-thirds) in bonds (or similar debt-based assets) issued by borrowers around the world (including but not limited to emerging markets) and in related derivatives (financial contracts whose value is linked to the price of such bonds (or similar debt-based assets)).</p> <p>These bonds (or similar debt-based assets) may be denominated in any currency, have any credit rating or be unrated, and may be issued by any borrower e.g. governments or companies. They may also have a fixed or floating rate and/or coupon, and may be of any duration (measures the sensitivity of the value of bonds (or similar debt-based assets) to change in interest rates).</p> <p>The fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in structured credit instruments (assets whose value and level of income payments depend on the underlying assets held by/for the business that issue them).</p> <p>Derivatives may be used for investment purposes and/or managing the fund in a way that is designed to reduce risk or cost and/or generate income or growth with a low level of risk.</p> <p>The fund evaluates the sustainability of the companies it</p> |

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|  | invests in as part of its broader research process in selecting and monitoring investments, but it does not have a specific sustainability goal. Further, the fund operates under an exclusion policy, meaning it will not invest in certain business activities. |
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**Your account is currently on Charge Basis 3**

#### **AMC and OCF / TER changes for accounts on Charge Basis 3**

|         | AMC % | OCF/TER % | Reimbursed rebate %* | Effective OCF/TER % |
|---------|-------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Current | 0.55  | 0.65      | 0.05                 | 0.60                |
| New     | 0.55  | 0.64      | 0.05                 | 0.59                |

\*We receive a rebate from the fund manager in respect of this fund. This is effectively a discount on the fund manager's AMC, that we negotiate for you. We reinvest the whole rebate as a 'reimbursed rebate' into your account. You can see more details of this in the 'Customer Account Credit' section of your quarterly statements.

The AMC is the fund manager's Annual Management Charge. The AMC is not taken directly from your investment, but is reflected within the fund manager's pricing of the fund. This change will not affect any charges taken by Quilter.