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**THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.
IF IN DOUBT PLEASE SEEK PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.**

Dear Policyholder

**Policy Number: «Policy_No»
Your Financial Adviser: «AgentName»**

Notification regarding the underlying fund of R185 Barings Eastern Europe Side-Pocket (USD) (the “Affected ILP sub-fund”)

We are writing to you as your policy holds units in the Friends Provident International Limited (“FPIL”) investment-linked policy sub-fund (“ILP sub-fund”) named above. We have received notification from the board of directors (the “Directors”) of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “Underlying Fund Manager”) regarding a distribution from the underlying fund of the Affected ILP sub-fund (the “Underlying Fund”).

Background

The Underlying Fund has been suspended since 1 March 2022, following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the subsequent imposition of international sanctions on Russian companies and individuals. **As we advised in our notification of 2 March 2022, your units in the Affected ILP sub-fund were therefore also suspended.**

Our further communication in June 2023 advised that with effect from 21 July 2023, the Underlying Fund undertook a side-pocket transaction (the “Transaction”) whereby the liquid assets held at that time were transferred into a new fund, *Barings Eastern Europe Fund* (the “New Underlying Fund”). In addition, the Underlying Fund was renamed as *Barings Eastern Europe Side-Pocket Fund* retaining only the illiquid assets (the “Impacted Assets”); namely assets that are directly and/or indirectly impacted by the Russian invasion into Ukraine and/or impacted by sanctions that have been imposed as a result of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and have become illiquid or untradeable and/or are difficult to value accurately.

In line with the Transaction, the Affected ILP sub-fund was renamed to its present name, *R185 Barings Eastern Europe Side-Pocket (USD)*, and a new FPIL investment-linked policy sub-fund, **R247 Barings Eastern Europe (USD)** (the “New ILP sub-fund”), was created, linked to the New Underlying Fund. Policyholders received an allocation of units in the New ILP sub-fund, equivalent to their holding in the Affected ILP sub-fund as of 21 July 2023, on a 1:1 basis. The New ILP sub-fund was open to subscriptions, switching in, switching out and surrender from 24 July 2023.

The Underlying Fund ceased operations on the first business day after the Transaction, subject to the remaining Impacted Assets being realised when possible, with any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of outstanding liabilities being distributed to unitholders of the Underlying Fund.

Distribution from the Underlying Fund to policyholders of the Affected ILP sub-fund

The investment manager of the Underlying Fund, Baring Asset Management Limited (the “Underlying Fund Investment Manager”), determined that certain assets of the Underlying Fund became capable of being valued and realised, taking into account the best interests of the unitholders, and these assets have been sold.

The proceeds of this sale, net of the transaction costs incurred by the Underlying Fund, have been made as a distribution payment of capital from the Underlying Fund (the “Distribution”).

Following receipt by FPIL of the Distribution, we have calculated the amount to be allocated to your policy or contract on a pro-rata basis, proportionate to your unit holding in the Affected ILP sub-fund.

This allocation has been applied to your policy by way of a unit allocation with effect 25 February 2026 (the “ILP sub-fund Distribution Date”). Because the Underlying Fund remains suspended to redemption and switch-out requests, the Affected ILP sub-fund also continues to be suspended and zero priced. The unit allocation has therefore been applied to your holding in **R247 Barings Eastern Europe (USD)** (the “Default Replacement ILP sub-fund”).

Whilst appropriate due diligence has been carried out on the Default Replacement ILP sub-fund we do not accept any liability for the future performance of this, or any other FPIL fund. This allocation has happened automatically within your policy or contract and you do not need to take any action.

You are free to switch your existing tradeable investments, including the newly allocated units, at any time, without charge, to other ILP sub-fund(s) available under your policy. This can be done online through the FPI Portal; simply log in at <https://portal.fpinternational.com>.

Factsheets for the available range of ILP sub-funds can be found via our interactive Fund Centre research tool on our website www.fpinternational.sg/fundcentre. Full information of the underlying funds are detailed in the relevant fund prospectus, which are available on the Product Highlight Sheet page of our website www.fpinternational.sg/phs.

Future of the Underlying Fund and impact on the Affected ILP sub-fund

Due to the ongoing Ukraine conflict and the sanctions remaining in place, a number of Impacted Assets remain within the Underlying Fund. These will continue to be held until such time as the sanctions are lifted and/or the Underlying Fund Investment Manager determines it is possible to value and dispose of the assets, taking into account the best interests of unitholders.

The Underlying Fund Investment Manager will seek to dispose of these assets at the next suitable opportunity, following which the Underlying Fund Manager intends to return the net proceeds to unitholders, whether by further interim distributions or otherwise, until such time as all remaining assets have been sold. FPIL will contact affected policyholders with further information as and when the Underlying Fund Manager provides such updates.

The notional units of the Affected ILP sub-fund that you hold will remain unchanged and are expected to remain unchanged until further notice. The Affected ILP sub-fund will continue to be valued at zero and suspended to redemption and switch-out requests.

We recommend that you seek the advice of your usual financial adviser before making any investment decisions.

Who should you contact if you have any questions?

If you have any questions regarding your policy with us, please get in touch by calling us on +44 1624 821212, or by email at customer.services@fpiom.com.

If you have any questions regarding the operation of the FPIL ILP mirror funds, or the underlying funds, please email our Investment Marketing team at Fundqueries.Intl@fpiom.com

Yours sincerely



Chris Corkish
Head of Investment Marketing

Important Information

Fund prices may fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Investment involves risk. Past performance should not be viewed as a reliable guide of future performance.

Please refer to the principal brochure of the scheme for details including charges and risk factors.

All policyholders will receive the protection of the Life Assurance (Compensation of Policyholders) Regulations 1991 of the Isle of Man, whatever their place of residence. Investors should be aware that specific investor protection and compensation schemes that may exist in relation to collective investments and deposit accounts are unlikely to apply in the event of failure of such an investment held within insurance contracts.