NS&I - creating a closer bond with financial advisers

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The unique NS&I -Premium Bonds, Green Savings Bonds & creating a closer bond with financial advisers

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Learning objectives

- To understand NS&I's unique position in the advice market and why this is relevant to you and your clients
- To be able to distinguish Premium Bonds fact from fiction, while also being able to describe the key benefits NS&I products can have for your clients' financial plan
- To find out about the Green Savings Bonds product
- To recognise how NS&I's new online service can benefit your firm and be able to register using our five easy steps



We are proud of our heritage and history





POST OFFICE SAVINGS











Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali fought a world title fight for the record purse of £2,000,000.



PREMIUM BONDS New top monthly prize £75,000



The modern NS&I



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to check your Premium Bonds for prizes



Over 1,000 firms have registered, shouldn't you dive in too?

With many clients invested in NS&I, a record number of financial advice firms are signing up to our dedicated online service. To ensure you and your client relationships can also benefit from the service, isn't it ime your firm joined us too?

legistering for our service allows your firm faster and easier access o key information online, including current NS61 holdings, past ransactions, Premium Bonds prize history, Koed-term account aluations, and copies of communications sent to clients.

Find out more at nsandi-adviser.com

NS &I .

Who we are

An Executive Agency of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

Over 24m customers with over £200bn invested

Money invested in NS&I is used towards government spending

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Our operating framework

To balance the interests of:

- Savers
- Taxpayers
- Financial services sector

NS&I's position in the advice market

No branches or advisers of our own. We need FAs and they need us.



How does NS&I fit into holistic financial planning?



What do customers want?

- Security
- Competitive returns
- Trust
- Peace of mind
- Simplicity
- Easy access
- Tax efficiency
- Human touch

Unique to NS&I

Backed by HM Treasury Our heritage – many will remember Premium Bonds or Passbooks as a child

All funds are 100% secure - even above the FSCS limit Unique products including Premium Bonds and Green Savings Bonds

Relevance to your clients

Over 1.4 million customers have invested £50,000+ Can invest over £6 million or £12 million jointly – all 100% secure

Over 12,000 customers have invested £1 million+ Some products can be held in Trusts or SIPPs

Unique security guarantee provides peace of mind

Liquidity in a portfolio

Relevance to you

Unique security can help balance the overall risk in a portfolio Over 11,000 FA subscriptions to NS&I's news emails

Recommending NS&I products can build client trust in advice firms 's ails Nearly 5,000

visits to our Adviser Centre website every month NS&I products

included in the

CII qualification

NS&I is considered 'the default home for cash' by many advisers

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Role of Cash Deposits in a portfolio

Balance between 'retaining' and 'gaining', risk and reward. Provides liquidity.



Our products

Tax free

Premium Bonds

- Nearly 5 million prizes each month
- Two £1 million jackpots each month
- Investment limit £50k
- Provides unique fun element in a portfolio

Index-linked Savings Certificates (not currently on sale)

Fixed Interest Savings Certificates (not currently on sale)

Fixed Term Growth

Green Savings Bonds

- 3 year fixed term
- Investment limit £100k
- Contributes towards green projects

Guaranteed Growth Bonds

- 1 year fixed term
- Investment limit £1m
- Can be held in Trusts, SIPPs & SSASs

Income

Income Bonds

- Monthly income
- Variable rate
- Investment limit £1m
- Can be held in Trusts, SIPPs & SSASs

Guaranteed Income Bonds

- Guaranteed monthly income
- 1 year fixed term
- Investment limit £1m
- Can be held in Trusts, SIPPs & SSASs

Savings Accounts

Direct Saver

- Investment limit £2m
- Useful temporary home for high values

Investment Account

- Investment limit £1m
- Can be held in Trusts

Direct ISA

- Tax-free
- Investment limit £20k

Junior ISA

- Tax-free
- Investment limit £9k

Premium Bonds Myths

> Only newer numbers win

95% of Bonds bought since 2000 Need to buy them in a block

ERNIE is completely random Only win if you live in the South East

Jackpot winners from all parts of the UK Only win if maximum invested

One £1m winner only had £17 holding Green Savings Bonds

A world first!

Part of the 'UK Government Green Financing Framework', with Green Gilts Six types of green expenditure financed by the retail Green Savings Bonds & Green Gilts:

- 1) Clean Transportation
- 2) Renewable Energy
- 3) Energy Efficiency
- 4) Pollution Prevention & Control
- 5) Living & Natural Resources
- 6) Climate Change Adaptation

3 year fixed term, £100k limit, 4.2%

Evolution of Cash in client portfolios

- Cash has become an integral part of the holistic financial planning process rather than being the peripheral concern that it was in the past with FAs
- There has been a sustained period of uncertainty and low returns as a result of global events, which has encouraged a move to safety and thus Cash
- The FCA Retail Distribution Review (RDR) that took place in 2012 created two impacts related to Cash:
 - Commission was banned which led to a 'level playing field'
 - As a result of the move to transparent upfront fees, clients now want their advice firms to do everything on their behalf, not just give advice and this includes dealing with all the product providers

...and NS&I have reacted to this...



How NS&I is enhancing its service to advice firms



The need for change

- Easier access
- Faster access
- More information
- Access to all staff
- Better service to you and your clients

Enhancements delivered so far

Dedicated helpline for advice firms (0800 092 1228)

Letters of Authority retained on file

Dedicated website for advice firms (nsandiadviser.com) n file

Terms of Business Agreement Phone access to information on clients' holdings

> Online access to information on clients' holdings

Features of the new online service

View a list of clients with NS&I holdings (subject to a Letter of Authority) See copies of clients' NS&I statements and other communications

Select a client and view their NS&I portfolio View the transaction history of an account

Get a valuation of fixed term investments and see their maturity dates

View a client's Premium Bonds prize history

Reactions from financial advice firms

Over **1,600** firms have registered for the service, equating to about 1 in 4 firms in the UK!

"The NS&I online service is an essential part of our ongoing advice process. The NS&I system matches the excellent products on it. It is a must-have."

Josh Lamb, Chartered Financial Planner, Swallow Financial Planning "I highly recommend this service to all financial adviser firms"

Ken Hall, Chartered Financial Planner, Aspire Partnership

What you need to do

1. Visit nsandi-adviser.com to find out all the details

- 2. Download, complete and send in a Terms of Business Agreement (one per firm)
- 3. Download, complete and send in Letters of Authority (from all clients)
- 4. Wait 3-5 working days for registration to be completed (after which point you can access information via the NS&I Adviser Helpline)
- 5. Use automated email received to access NS&I online service



What's coming up?



Future services for advice firms

- Digitalise registration process
- Submitting app forms digitally
- Transactional access
- Platform propositions

Business transformation programme

> Digital self-service

New financial adviser digital proposition Enhanced mobile app

Assisted digital support for customers

What you should do next

Visit nsandi-adviser.com and do the following:

- Follow the steps to register your firm for the NS&I online service for advice firms
- Subscribe to NS&I news emails to stay updated

Share the above with your relevant colleagues and peers.

We always listen to your feedback! – Complete any NS&I surveys you get sent – results will help build the business case for change.



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