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PILLING & CO STOCKBROKERS

Pilling & Co is proud to have offered skilled Stockbroking and Portfolio Management Services for over three centuries. Our head office is named after our founder, Henry Pilling, who launched the firm in 1893. We offer a professional and friendly service to clients from all over the EU and have also forged excellent working relationships with many Solicitors, Accountants and IFA's. We were pleased to receive numerous awards over the last decade from the Investors Chronicle voted for by their readers, the latest being for the UK's "Best Execution Only Stockbroker" for "Customer Service".

We pioneered Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) and their replacement Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs), and defined the development of this special market nationally. Our expertise in ISAs also covers "self-invested" Personal Pensions (SIPPs) of which many clients have already taken full advantage. In recent years we have added Child Trust Funds (CTFs) to the menu and more recently JISAs giving you the investment vehicles you need to look after all the family. However, we do not just give you sound information to enable you to choose your own investments, all administered by us, we also specialise in Investment Management and Discretionary Management services.



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Our aim is to help you achieve your investment goals with the minimum of fuss. This is why we offer an unrivalled telephone service where calls to Pilling & Co go directly to experienced staff.

The main number **0161 832 6581** is answered by qualified stockbrokers who have immediate access to the markets and can normally deal for you instantly. We also have a direct line **0161 819 4850** to our Administration Department for enquiries relating to your accounts and a direct line **0161 819 4808** to our Settlement Department for stock enquiries to save you annoying call transfers. This makes your phone call shorter and means your needs are dealt with more efficiently.

We find this the best way of giving you an efficient service, particularly in busy periods when rapid market movements mean a surge of calls. In volatile market conditions the ability to trade instantly is critical, which gives Pilling clients a major advantage. We pride ourselves on our ability to answer promptly, even in very busy periods.

In this brochure we give a brief description of the services we offer including ISAs, SIPP, Nominees, Discretionary Management, Investment Management and execution only dealing amongst others. There are more detailed brochures for the individual services as well as information on our website www.pilling.co.uk where the brochures can also be downloaded.

Firstly, we detail below the questions we are most often asked regarding our services and the answers for your information.

Your Questions Answered

Q. Can I buy and sell shares held in my accounts?

A. Yes. You can trade as often as you wish, simply ring our team of dealers who will be pleased to assist you on **0161 832 6581**.

Q. Do you deal "instantly?"

A. Yes. we will deal for you as soon as possible, if preferred, you can hold on the telephone while your deals are being done.

Q. How do you confirm my deals?

A. If you are registered for **Client Web Access (CWA)**, an email is sent to you informing you that a contract note is on your CWA account for you to view. Alternatively, a contract note is posted to you for every deal showing price, commission etc. If you do not have a contract note, or the contract you have received is incorrect please tell us without delay and at least **within 2 business days**. Regardless of cause, we can accept no financial liability for missing or incorrect contract notes unless brought to our attention within **10 business days** of the original deal(s).

Q. What happens to the proceeds from the shares I sell?

A. They are automatically credited to your account awaiting re-investment or, alternatively, you can ask to have the money paid to you unless your sale is made in a SIPP, CTF or JISA. Sales made in a non-nominee account (own name) will be paid out automatically.

Q. How are my investments registered?

A. You can have them registered in your own name or in our nominee "St Anns Square Nominees Limited" (SASNL) (Where unavailable, investments will be registered in Pilling & Co Client account). **Please note, certain products such as ISAs and SIPPs require the investments to be in our nominee company.**

If you choose our nominee, you are always the beneficial owner of the investments. They are never part of Pilling & Co's assets nor, indeed, of the nominee company's assets. There may be occasions when identical stocks are pooled together within Crest, or at another custodians, as one block under the title of SASNL. These cannot then be attributable to any individual client and ownership will be evidenced by an electronic bookkeeping entry at Pilling & Co instead of a physical certificate. In these circumstances you are warned, that in the unlikely event of an irreconcilable shortfall after the failure of a custodian, clients may share in that shortfall in proportion to their original share of the assets in the pool.

Q. Can I have a joint nominee account with another person(s) ?

A. Yes, each person who is party to the account must sign the nominee agreement, where the agreement is signed by more than one person, it is assumed that they are the joint owners of all cash, securities or other property held and that on the death of any one of the parties to the agreement such ownership will automatically accrue to the survivor(s) who will continue to be bound by the nominee account terms and conditions as if they had signed alone.

Q. Are my investments secure?

A. Yes. Pilling & Co **accepts absolute responsibility** for St Anns Square Nominees Limited. Your investments are not only protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS), but, with the security of Pilling clients in mind, we also maintain additional professional financial risks insurance to cover the changing level of turnover in our business. If your investments must be held by a third party, we will use our best endeavours to make sure that only recognised and well-respected financial institutions are used. There may be further risk with non UK based custodians because of different settlement, legal and regulatory requirements. In some cases dividend payments may be briefly held in a custodians overseas bank account before payment is made to Pilling & Co. However, we do not accept responsibility for such third party safe custody obligations.

Q. How do you look after my money?

A. We deal with your money in accordance with the client money regulations of the FCA which, amongst other things, require us to ensure that your funds are clearly segregated from our own in special trust status accounts at banks which are approved by the FCA and subject to an annual risk assessment by us.

Your money however will be held by the approved bank(s) in a pooled account with other client's money and will not therefore be separately designated with your name. In the unlikely event of the failure of the approved bank resulting in an un-reconcilable shortfall clients may share in that shortfall in proportion to their original share of the cash in the pool.

We require your written authority to hold cash in a deposit style account facility with an approved UK bank.

Should you hold non-UK investments, cash generated from these such as interest and dividends may be held temporarily in overseas banks or branches of approved banks situated outside the UK. You should be aware that client money held in such banks might not be protected as effectively as if held in banks in the UK. The legal and regulatory regime applying to banks in overseas jurisdictions will be different from that operating in the UK. In the event of failure of a bank overseas your money may be treated in a manner different from that which would apply in the UK.

Q. Do you pay interest on cash?

A. Yes. Quarterly, we pay gross interest on your cash on a tiered system at rates fixed by Pilling & Co after a variable administrative deduction. An example of the rates are on our website www.pilling.co.uk or are always available on request. Amounts of less than £1 are not credited.

Q. Who chooses the Investments?

A. That depends on what level of service you select.

If you have chosen **Execution Only, then you do**. However, our dealers are pleased to provide free investment guidance (always on a general "**Execution Only**" basis) to help you to make your investment decisions. However, you are always responsible for suitability and future investment performance.

We also specialise in bespoke **Discretionary Managed** and **Investment Managed** services as well as **model portfolios**. Our Investment Managers will be happy to provide more detailed personal analysis of your investment portfolio once you return our "**Client Agreement**." Details are available on request.

Q. Can I transfer shares in my own name into a nominee account?

A. Yes. We need your share certificate(s) and a signed CREST transfer form for each holding. However, the name on the certificate must be yours, your spouse's or joint names.

Q. Do you accept instructions from a third party?

A. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, we will only act on any instructions we reasonably believe came from you to enter transactions or deal with your assets, regardless of the circumstances and method of communication. If you wish another person or firm to deal with us as your agent you must notify us in writing, giving details of any restrictions concerning their authority to act on your behalf. We will not be liable for any loss or inconvenience suffered by you if we act on any instruction, consent or information given to us by your agent within the limits specified by you.

Q. How are dividends dealt with?

A. For **holdings in our nominee**, the dividends are collected and credited to your account in which ever service the holding is held.

Q. Can I re-invest my dividends?

A. Yes. With the Pilling Dividend Re-investment Plan ("DRIP"), where possible all your net dividends are re-invested upon receipt in the shares of the company paying the dividend. Our commission is 0.5% (with **no** minimum) as we may join your investment with other clients in the same stock. Simply elect on the application form for the "DRIP" scheme.

Q. Can I have my income paid out to me?

A. Yes. With the Pilling Income Distribution System all your income is automatically paid straight to your bank or building society account on a quarterly basis. We send you a statement showing the dividend(s) and the amount paid to your bank account. (this service does not apply to a SIPP, CTF or JISA)

Q. How is withholding tax on foreign dividends / cash proceeds dealt with ?

A. Generally we do not make provision for the receipt of gross (or withholding tax adjusted) foreign dividends / cash proceeds but will, if requested investigate the feasibility of doing so on a bespoke basis subject to charges. Claims for withholding tax already deducted will not be made by Pilling & Co without prior agreement. Any reporting of tax/gains required by overseas authorities is your responsibility.

Q. How do you deal with “Corporate Actions?”

A. For holdings in nominees, we write to tell you of any action effecting your investments including conversion and subscription rights, takeovers and similar offers. We process and inform you of any capital reorganisations, demergers etc. Where investments are pooled, entitlements are allocated on a “pro rata” basis and are rounded down to the nearest whole unit.

You must give your clear instructions direct to the Administration Department by the requested date, or we can accept no responsibility whatsoever for any resulting losses or liabilities.

Q. Do I get statements or valuations?

A. Yes. As at 5th April and 5th October each year, we provide you with a statement and valuation as soon as possible after these dates on “Client Web Access” (CWA). You will be able to view your valuations on line as often as you wish once you have registered to do so. If you are not registered for CWA, simply email your account numbers to us at compliance@pilling.co.uk and we will send you instructions and a password. These are also available in paper form by request.

Q. Can I have Company Reports and Accounts?

A. Yes. We can arrange this but, to keep costs down, we suggest you get these from the Company Registrars direct. Alternatively, they are available from company websites.

Q. Do I have the same rights as an ordinary shareholder?

A. Yes. By negotiation, we can arrange for you to attend company meetings, to vote and to receive any other relevant information that is sent to share or unitholders direct.

Q. Can my investments be sold without my permission?

A. We reserve the right to sell or realise any investment which we are holding (or entitled to receive) on your behalf in order to meet any liabilities you may have incurred to us. Our right to sell any such investment will arise immediately upon default by you in making payment of any amount due to us and in that event we are entitled to sell or dispose of all or any part of such investment (whether these be investments in respect of which the default arises or any other investments for the time being held by us or which we are entitled to receive on your behalf) *after the expiry of any statutory notice period.*

We shall not be liable to you in respect of any loss arising nor in respect of any choice made by us in selecting the investments to be sold. We will apply the proceeds of sale (net of costs) in or towards discharge of your liabilities to us and will account to you for the balance. In the event that such proceeds are insufficient to cover the whole of your liabilities to us, you remain liable for the balance.

We shall be entitled, without further reference to you, to buy any investment in the market to close any short position created by you and then, *subject to any statutory notice period*, sell or dispose of any other investments held by us or which we are entitled to receive on your behalf to satisfy in whole or in part the sums due on settlement of any such purchase and its associated costs. We shall not be responsible for advising you about the investment merits of any transactions effected by us pursuant to this section which in all cases will be treated as *execution only* deals.

Q. Do you offer a probate service ?

A. Yes, we can value the shares at the date of death and send out the appropriate probate valuation, the cost is £10 per stock (subject to a minimum of £30) + vat. Additionally we can release funds to HMRC to cover tax before the probate is released subject to certain conditions. Executors can be spared a significant amount of administrative problems particularly in respect of foreign registered securities by having stock registered in a nominee name

Q. What are the dealing charges?

A. With a **minimum of only £10**, our commission per deal is 1.65% of the first £10,000 value, 0.5% of the next £90,000 and 0.4% of any excess. We must charge you Government stamp duty at 0.5% of the value when buying shares, preference stocks and convertibles.

Q. What are the custody charges?

A. 0.5% per annum charged six monthly in arrears on the total value of ALL your services with Pilling & Co. The fee has a minimum of £40 and a maximum of £140. In other words, any value over £28,000 is free so you may wish to consolidate your investments from other managers.

Q. Are there any extra charges on overseas securities?

A. Whenever possible we trade and hold overseas securities through Crest and although the handling costs are higher than UK securities, Pilling & Co absorb the fees and no extra charge is made.

However, if you choose an investment which cannot be traded or held via Crest and a third party has to be used, the cost incurred will be passed on to you. Although most overseas transactions can be accommodated within our commission rates, please enquire at time of dealing as additional charges may be applicable.

Q. What are the charges to transfer stock out to my own name or that of another broker?

A. Stocks transferred out of services that are registered in our nominee are subject to a charge of £24 per security.

Q. Do you accept new clients from outside of the EU?

A. No, due to inter- Government agreements regarding tax legislation, we are unable to take on any new clients from outside the EU.

Nominee Service

Pilling & Co offer a comprehensive nominee service through our nominee company, St Ann's Square Nominees Limited (SASNL). With standard rolling settlement now just 2 days, it is impossible to guarantee meeting settlement deadlines without holding your investments in a nominee company.

The benefits of holding stock in our nominee company are:-

- **No certificates for you to keep safe**
- **minimum commission only £10**
- **optional quarterly income payments direct to your bank**
- **on-line valuations & annual statement**
- **interest on cash while you wait to invest**
- **dividends collected and annual consolidated tax voucher provided**
- **information provided about rights issues etc**
- **Dividend Re-Investment Plan "DRIP" (optional)**

To streamline your dealings with us even further we open a cash deposit account for you. Any proceeds from sales or dividends go into your deposit account. When you purchase stock we settle the transaction out of your deposit account whenever possible without having to bother you. Your money is **not** tied up, you have instant access and you can make withdrawals of capital as you wish. Income can be paid out direct to your bank on a quarterly basis, you may also elect to make use of our "DRIP" scheme. Your funds are held separately from our own in a trust status client bank account.

SASNL is a completely separate legal entity from Pilling & Co Stockbrokers Ltd. Your investments enjoy a trust status and do not form part of the assets of either St Ann's Square Nominees Limited or Pilling & Co both of which are regularly inspected by our auditors. Pilling & Co are authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority. The activities of SASNL are not reportable transactions for Company Law purposes. Since it is a dormant company whose financial failure is impossible, the only feasible risk to your investment is from fraud or negligence in handling your assets. This remote risk is well covered by a firm contract between Pilling & Co, its clients and St. Ann's Square Nominees Limited in which Pilling & Co always accepts liability for every aspect and activity of St Ann's Square Nominees Limited.

To support this commitment we maintain voluntary financial risk insurance of up to **£1.5 million per claim**. In addition to this you may also have a right to claim from the government sponsored Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). The maximum level of compensation for claims against investment firms declared in default **on or after the 1 January 2010 is £50,000** per person per firm. The maximum level of compensation for claims against firms declared in default **before 1 January 2010 is 100% of the first £30,000 and 90% of the next £20,000 up to £48,000** per person per firm.

To open a nominee account please complete our **Nominee Agreement** which is available upon request or from our website www.pilling.co.uk.

Individual Savings Account (ISAs)

Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) are tax free savings schemes in two separate components, Stocks and Shares (SAS) and Cash Account. We offer a Stocks and Shares ISA that also allows you to hold cash as part of your investment strategy. Investments in an ISA are free of capital gains tax.

Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) were introduced back in the 1980's to encourage investment in stocks and shares. PEPs were replaced by ISAs and in April 2008 they were merged into stocks and shares ISAs. You can transfer Cash or Stocks and Share ISAs that also contain your old PEPs with other managers into our ISAs.

You can subscribe up to £15,240 into ISAs in the 2016/17 tax year. This may all go into a Stocks and Shares (SAS) ISA. Only one SAS ISA and one Cash account ISA can be subscribed to in any given tax year but you can use different providers.

ISA subscription limits may increase in line with the Retail Prices Index (RPI) at the start of each tax year. The annual limits will be rounded to the nearest multiple of 120, making monthly saving easier.

Key features include:-

- **minimum commission only £10**
- **Dividend Re-Investment Plan "DRIP" (optional)**
- **free quarterly income payments direct to your bank (optional)**
- **free corporate action processing (takeovers, rights issues etc)**
- **free transfers from other managers**
- **on line valuations and statements**
- **hold cash while you wait to invest**

The annual custody charge for your Pilling ISA is 0.5% of the value and can be **as low as only £40 with a maximum of £140 per year**. However, this charge not only covers your ISA with Pilling's but any other account you have with us including SIPP, Nominee, PIPs and Own Name services. We will add the value of all your accounts with us together and apply the maximum cap.

Dealing commission is 1.65% on the first £10,000, 0.5% on the next £90,000 and 0.4% on any balance per deal, with a **minimum of only £10**.

If you would like more information about transferring to Pilling & Co, or taking out a new ISA, please visit our website www.pilling.co.uk or ask for our ISA brochure by post both of which give full terms and conditions together with application and transfer forms.

Junior Individual Savings Account (JISAs)

Junior Individual Savings Accounts (JISAs) are tax free savings schemes introduced to replace Child Trust Funds (CTFs). As with ISAs, they come in two separate components, Stocks and Shares (SAS) and Cash Account. We offer a Stocks and Shares JISA that also allows you to hold cash as part of your investment strategy.

You can subscribe up to **£4080** into JISAs in the 2016/17 tax year. This whole amount can go into a Stocks and Shares (SAS) JISA or into a Cash account JISA or any combination between the two providing you do not exceed the overall limit. You can use different providers for the two components. Only one SAS JISA and one Cash account JISA can be held for each child throughout their childhood. Therefore, if you subscribe to a JISA with Pilling & Co you cannot open another SAS JISA with an alternative provider in future tax years without transferring the JISA to them first.

Within the Stocks and Shares JISA we have an Execution Only or Managed option. You select the investments for the Execution Only JISA and we select the fund(s) for the Managed JISA (details of which are available in the full JISA brochure or on our website www.pilling.co.uk).

Anyone under the age of 18 who does not have a CTF and are resident in the UK for tax, or are Crown employees and spouse serving overseas can open a JISA. You pay **no capital gains tax** on investments in your JISA. Any dividend income received has no further tax liability and the income from the child does not count towards the parents income.

Key Features: -

- **low administration fee**
- **minimum commission only £10**
- **optional Dividend Re-Investment Plan “DRIP”**
- **half yearly statements and valuations**
- **free transfers from other managers**
- **self select plans with maximum flexibility**
- **quarterly ISA & PEPTalk with investment guidance**
- **managed option also available**

The annual cost for the **Execution Only JISA** is **0.5% of the value with a minimum of £20 and a maximum of £70 per year**. Our dealing commission per deal is 1.65% of the first £10,000 value and 0.5% thereafter on any excess, with a minimum of only £10.

For the **Managed JISA**, the annual cost is approximately 1.5%* of the value per annum. This is charged within the fund the JISA is invested in and will not show on your Pilling statement. Dealing commission of 1.65% is only charged when we are not paid commission by the fund manager or on sales to facilitate a transfer to another provider.

*** JISA annual cost is slightly more than this as it is a different class of fund to the CTF fund.**

Child Trust Fund (CTFs)

A CTF is a savings and investment account created by the government for children to encourage saving. For every child born between the 31st August 2002 and the 1st January 2011 the government would have sent a savings voucher to the registered contact.

There are two types of CTF, a non-stakeholder CTF and a Stakeholder CTF.

Pilling & Co offer both types of CTF, the non-stakeholder CTF allows the registered person to make the investment decisions for the funds in the CTF whilst the Stakeholder CTF is run on a discretionary management basis by Pilling & Co.

Family, friends, local authorities and charities can contribute up to **£4080** to the fund. The first subscription year starts on the day the CTF is opened and ends the day before the child's next birthday. Immediately after the child's birthday another £4080 can be contributed and so on in subsequent years between the child's birthdays.

Key features include: -

- **choice of non-stakeholder or stakeholder CTF**
- **low administration fees**
- **minimum commission only £10 on non-stakeholder CTF**
- **free transfers from other managers**
- **invest up to £4080**
- **optional Dividend Re-Investment Plan "DRIP" (non-stakeholder)**

The annual cost for the **non-stakeholder CTF** is **0.5% of the value with a minimum of £20 and a maximum of £70 per year**. Our dealing commission per deal is 1.65% of the first £10,000 value and 0.5% thereafter on any excess, with a minimum of only £10.

The annual cost for the **stakeholder CTF** is a maximum of 1.5% of the value per annum. This is charged within the fund the CTF is invested in and will not show on your Pilling statement. No commission is charged on the purchase in the stakeholder CTF as we are currently paid commission by the fund managers. There is no commission charged when sales are made to switch funds under the discretionary agreement.

If you would like more information please ask for our CTF brochure which gives full terms and conditions together with an application and transfer form.

Self Invested Personal Pension (SIPPs)

Self Invested Personal Pensions (SIPPs) were launched in 1989 to let independent minded investors choose and control their own investments. There is no income tax on income arising on investments in the SIPP and no capital gains tax on profits.

There are many. Here are a few examples :-

- There are no hidden bid/offer spreads, initial units, transfer or early retirement penalties.
- The full fund value is available on death before age 75 which, if unvested, can normally be paid as a lump sum **free of Inheritance Tax** (subject to lifetime allowance).
- You receive **tax relief** at your marginal rate on personal contributions (subject to HMRC limits and your tax status).
- Your pension fund accumulates **free of income tax or capital gains tax** for the chance of greater growth.
- Up to 25% of your pension fund (subject to lifetime allowance) may be taken as a tax-free cash sum at retirement. Additional lump sums may be taken subject to tax.
- You do not have to actually retire from work to take your benefits (vesting) - a pension may normally be vested at any time after your 55th birthday.
- You need not buy an annuity from an insurance company but can draw an income from your fund while, within certain limits, keeping full investment control. This is called Income Drawdown and there are different rules depending upon when payments began and how much is being drawn.
- Using Income Drawdown, you can take the maximum tax-free cash from the SIPP, while reducing the immediate pension income (to zero if you wish) until a higher level is needed. This can assist capital growth and reduce your tax bill.
- You can leave a pension fund after your death for the benefit of your spouse or, to your chosen inheritors. Depending on how you arrange your nomination of beneficiaries you may be able to leave your pension fund to your children outside of your estate and without suffering inheritance tax (IHT).

Pilling & Co offer a low cost SIPP in conjunction with A J Bell Investcentre, our pension trustees. You can deal in your SIPP as often as you wish providing there are sufficient funds in the account to do so. Our dealing charges are 1.65% on the first £10,000, 0.5% on the next £90,000 and 0.4% on any balance per deal, with a **minimum of only £10**. The administration fees payable to SIPP Centre are :-

Initial Costs	£120 plus VAT	
Annual Costs	Value up to £25,000	£120 plus VAT
	£25,000 to £50,000	£160 plus VAT
	over £50,000	£200 plus VAT
For transferred-in pensions £60 plus VAT (per scheme max £300 plus VAT)		
Drawdown pension (Charges in advance)		
up to age 75		£150 plus VAT
over age 75		£250 plus VAT
Register for flexible drawdown		£75 plus VAT

For a SIPP brochure please speak to our Pensions section on **0161 819 4836** or visit our website **www.pilling.co.uk** where a full brochure can be viewed or downloaded.

Portfolio Management

Our advice covers all areas and is not restricted to a limited range of “in-house” investments. We can advise you in depth on investments once we have details of your personal financial background and what your aims and objectives are. Indeed, it is our policy to observe this basic principle to ensure that our advice suits your needs. As there is no “set in stone” structure we can offer you a personalised “tailor made” portfolio.

Investment Management Service

There is still a need for good stockbroking advice for clients who wish to retain ultimate control over their own investments. Working hand in hand with a dedicated Stockbroker who knows the market can add considerable value.

From information that you give us we work out your requirements and consider your view of risk. In some cases we might suggest broader investment areas as well as looking at Capital Gains and Inheritance Tax Planning. Our Investment Managers have the skills to discuss specialist investments such as ISAs, Self Invested Pensions and certain other tax efficient products as well as stocks and shares.

Pilling & Co offers this service on a fee basis. The management fee is 0.75% plus VAT per annum of the value of the portfolio up to £250,000 and 0.5% plus VAT on any excess, and is charged proportionately every six months.

The minimum portfolio value for an investment managed account is **£75,000** with no maximum. You can include ISA and SIPP accounts with ordinary accounts to reach the minimum figure, as well as combining a spouse’s portfolio. We do stress however, that all these accounts must be with Pilling & Co and in our nominee company.

Our Investment Management Service gives you :-

- **Your personal Investment Manager**
- **Portfolio monitoring**
- **On line valuations**
- **Six monthly in depth portfolio reviews**
- **Regular economic report**
- **Portfolios built from “scratch”**
- **Corporate actions advice (e.g. Rights issues etc)**

Discretionary Management Service

Many Pilling & Co clients choose to have their investments managed by the firm on a discretionary basis. This is where tactical decisions are made by us and acted upon without delay. Some of our clients work abroad and are happy that their interests are being looked after when they are away. Others simply wish to rest easy knowing that their assets are receiving professional care and attention and they can make as much or as little contact as they like.

The account will be managed strictly in accordance with the investment objectives agreed with you. You may have restrictions to place on the account, for example, on ethical or risk grounds. These will be recorded on your file before any investment decisions are taken and will be followed. Your situation may change in the future and your investment objectives may be different. You can change the way your account is managed at any time by simply informing your Investment Manager of your new needs. Once again ISAs and SIPP's can be combined to make up the minimum portfolio size of £75,000.

Our Discretionary Service gives you :-

- **Our highest level of service, managing investments under a "contract of care"**
- **Your personal Discretionary Manager**
- **Six monthly report including an economic and portfolio review, statement of transactions and a reconciliation of performance**
- **On line valuations**
- **Portfolios built from "scratch"**

Your discretionary manager has no restrictions on the investments for your portfolio. There is no agenda pushing us to invest your money in certain brands or products. With investment opportunities in different sectors or markets, we have the freedom, (providing your investment restrictions are not breached), to seize these opportunities for you.

Pilling & Co is pleased to offer you this service on a fee basis. The management fee is 1.0% plus VAT per annum of the value of the portfolio up to £250,000 and 0.5% plus VAT on any excess, and is charged proportionately every six months.

As a discretionary client, we still send you contract notes immediately, confirming all your dealing transactions. Every six months we send you a full report including a statement of transactions and reconciliation of performance. You also have access to on line valuations so you can always see your account position.

To open an Investment Management or Discretionary Management account, please complete the **New Client Form** at the back of this brochure and our **Client Agreement** which is available separately. When returning these documents please give us as much detail as possible including full details of your investments and personal financial circumstances which will make our advice as suitable as possible.

AIM Portfolio

All too often, inheritance tax (IHT) is something many people do not start thinking about until it is difficult to do something about it. Under current legislation bequests made to a deceased's spouse or to recognised charities escapes inheritance tax (IHT). Otherwise the first £325,000 (frozen until April 2018) of assets bequeathed on death attracts no IHT and everything over this figure attracts tax at 40%.

An exemption to this are shares in companies that qualify for Business Property Relief (Business Assets). Companies that qualify for such relief are those that are not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange. Most importantly the AIM and OFEX (now called PLUS Quoted) markets are not recognised stock exchanges for this purpose, although companies utilising these platforms are quoted and may be traded. Business assets are: -

- Exempt from IHT if the initial investments into AIM and PLUS Quoted securities were purchased at least two years before the time of death and remained in AIM or PLUS Quoted securities up to the date of death.
- Subject to capital gains tax (CGT) at 10% for basic rate taxpayers and 20% for higher rate taxpayers on gains in excess of the annual exemption (£11,100 for 2016/2017). Where a gain is large enough to take someone over the higher rate income tax threshold, the 28% rate will apply to the excess.

There are some AIM and PLUS Quoted companies that currently do not qualify for these reliefs, these include companies dealing in property, investments and general financial instruments (i.e. investment companies) and cash shells. There are over 1,000 companies listed on AIM, as at April 2016. This makes it possible for us to create and manage on a discretionary basis, a portfolio to take advantage of these far reaching tax breaks.

We do have to point out that AIM and PLUS Quoted securities are regarded as **high risk** and trading liquidity cannot be guaranteed. Investors should only contemplate investing in such equities if they can afford to lose any of the capital committed.

The discretionary account will be managed on a "contract of care" basis with the performance benchmarked against the AIM All Share Index. You will receive quarterly valuations and a comprehensive half yearly report and reconciliation. The minimum initial investment for the AIM portfolio is £30,000. The account can be liquidated and the sale proceeds paid to you at any time. In such an event, our normal dealing commission would be levied as well as the management charge on a pro rata basis.

Charges

An annual management fee of 1% plus VAT will be charged on the value of the portfolio, taken half yearly. Dealing commission and custody charges will apply at our standard rate as described later in this brochure.

If you would like to proceed with the AIM portfolio, simply complete the Client Agreement in the AIM brochure and return it to us or if you wish to talk to somebody first, our investment managers will be pleased to speak to you on **0161 819 4825**.

Pilling Ideal Portfolio (PIP)

The stockmarket can be a testing environment in which to consistently make money. With a large number of underperforming collective funds waiting to trap the unwary, the Investment Management Department at Pilling & Co launched two Pilling Ideal Portfolios (PIPs) in August 2001. These two portfolios are the **Ideal Income** and **Ideal Growth**.

Following the success of these portfolios two more were added in August 2002, the **Ideal Higher Income** and the **Ideal Select Opportunities**. Last but not least, we added a fifth portfolio, the **Ideal Overseas Growth** which was launched on the 25th April 2005.

The “Ideal” portfolios each use a collection of Unit Trusts, OEICs and Investment Trusts carefully selected and monitored by our Investment Managers. Each portfolio is distinct in its objective. Portfolio Attributes: -

- The **Pilling Ideal Income** aims for **medium risk** equity income sector returns and is benchmarked to FTSE 350 Higher Yield Index
- The **Pilling Ideal Growth** aims for **medium risk** balanced equity growth sector returns and is benchmarked to FTSE All-Share Index
- The **Pilling Ideal Higher Income** aims for **medium risk** income return and is benchmarked to FTSE 350 & All Gilts.
- The **Pilling Ideal Select Opportunities** aims for **medium-to-high risk** equity growth returns and is benchmarked to FTSE All-Share Index.
- The **Pilling Ideal Overseas Growth** aims for **medium-to-high risk** capital growth via equity and fixed interest investments and is benchmarked to the MSCI World Index (Ex UK).

A great deal of time and research is devoted to the area of collective investment funds by our Investment Managers so our efforts and long standing expertise should and does feed through to above average medium to long term returns.

PIPs are established on a discretionary basis in ISAs, SIPP's or general nominee accounts. We automatically carry out any changes to your portfolio for you, sending you contract notes for any transactions done. Our fee for this service is lower than our normal discretionary fee at just 0.5% plus VAT per year. You will receive half-yearly reports and valuations keeping you informed of performance and changes.

For further details of our PIP management service please telephone our Investment Managers on **0161 819 4825**, or e-mail them at investmentservices@pilling.co.uk

Charges at a Glance

Commissions & Charges

1. Dealing commission per deal, UK Equities, Preference Shares, Convertibles, Investment Trusts, Overseas Transactions, UK Gilts, Debentures, Loan Stocks and Unit Trusts/OEICs

Minimum	£10
1.65% on the first	£10,000
0.50% on the next	£90,000
0.40% on the excess over	£100,000

DRIP commission is charged at 0.5% with no minimum

UK purchases add 0.5% Stamp Duty

For certificated sales or purchases there is an additional charge of £20 per bargain

Although most overseas transactions can be accommodated within these rates, please enquire at time of dealing as additional charges may be applicable.

2. Administration

Transfer-in stock	Free
Income distribution	Free
Rights issues, takeovers, open offers	Free
Half yearly statement & valuation	Free
Consolidated tax voucher	Free
Transfer stock out of nominees	£24 (per security, per transfer)
Cash withdrawal via BACs to bank	nil
Cash withdrawal by cheque	£5 plus VAT
CHAPS payments	£25 plus VAT
Probate/Certified Valuations	£10 plus VAT (per stock, min £30)
Certificated transfer of title	£20 plus VAT (per security, per transfer)
Returned cheques	£20 plus VAT
Safe Custody of Foreign Stocks	£tba enquire at time of deal

3. Custody Fee

0.5% per annum charged six monthly in arrears on the total value of ALL your accounts with Pilling & Co. The fee has a minimum of £40 and a maximum of £140 per year. In other words, any value over £28,000 is free so you may wish to consolidate your investments from other managers.

What to do next

To open an account with Pilling & Co, simply complete the relevant application form contained in the brochure of the service you wish to open or, alternatively, you can download them from our website www.pilling.co.uk. Please ensure that you complete all sections of the form to enable us to process your application as swiftly as possible.

If you are not an existing client of Pilling & Co, you will also need to provide verification of identity documentation, details of which are on the application form. For existing clients the firm may conduct an online identity verification check.

To simply deal with no advice, please send the Application Form and any required identity documentation with either a cheque payable to Pilling & Co or share certificates with signed transfers. If you wish us to contact you before dealing please indicate this with your application and our dealing department will be happy to call you and discuss your requirements.

Feel free to call us with any questions you may have on **0161 832 6581** between 8.00am and 5.15pm on any business day when there is always somebody here to help you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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A leaflet detailing our own internal Complaints Handling Procedure is available on request together with booklets describing the operation of the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) and the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) and how to get in touch with them.

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