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SESAME APPROVES METLIFE'S GUARANTEED INVESTMENT BOND

Sesame has approved MetLife Europe Limited's (MetLife's) Guaranteed Investment Bond in a major boost for the bond which is one of the first to offer capital, withdrawal and death benefit guarantees.

The decision to approve the Guaranteed Investment Bond (GIB) under Specialist Bonds comes just seven months after it was launched.

Sesame, the UK's biggest provider of support services to financial advisers, approved MetLife's Retirement Portfolio, which brings unit-linked guarantees into the mainstream of retirement planning, on its Third Way product panel in May this year

The approval of the Guaranteed Investment Bond for inclusion on the panel of Sesame, which has more than 7,500 network members and adviser customers, follows a rigorous analysis process by the group's research team.

Mike Phillips, Head of Distribution at MetLife, said: "Sesame's decision to approve our Guaranteed Investment Bond is a significant opportunity for MetLife and will enable us to further build upon our ongoing sales success.

"It is a real accolade to be included on Sesame's panel for the GIB and we are delighted to have further strengthened our relationship with the UK's biggest financial adviser."

The MetLife Guaranteed Investment Bond is a single premium unit-linked insurance bond providing a choice of capital, withdrawal and death benefit guarantees with a minimum investment of £10,000 and terms ranging from 7 to 20 years.

Investors in the Guaranteed Investment Bond have the potential to lock-in gains every two-and-a-half years and are guaranteed to receive back at least their initial investment minus any secure withdrawals.

MetLife's range of retirement and long-term savings products are now included on the panels of more than 14 IFA networks. Other IFA networks which have approved MetLife's Retirement Portfolio include Bluefin , SimplyBiz, Lighthouse Group, Bankhall, threesixty, Tenet Group and Positive Solutions.

The group's range of products with innovative guarantee features includes its award-winning Retirement Portfolio, the first personal pension to offer both capital and income guarantees.

The product provides unique guarantees which protect the clients fund value against markets falling, locks-in gains every three years when markets rise and guarantees income for life. For more information advisers should go to www.metlife.co.uk/rp.

It pioneers unit-linked guarantees by including an optional capital guarantee for those saving for retirement, deferred income guarantee for clients looking to delay taking an income, and an income guarantee for those seeking an immediate income. All the guarantees offer 100 per cent performance lock-ins every three years.

MetLife is an affiliate of US-based MetLife, Inc. a leading global insurance and financial services organisation which counts the U.S.'s largest life insurer among its subsidiaries. The organisation is renowned for its stability, financial strength and security, and had over approximately £358 billion of total assets at 31st March 2009.

Notes to Editors

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MetLife, Inc., through its affiliates, serves approximately 70 million customers in the Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe. Affiliated companies, outside of the U.K., including the number one life insurer in the United States, with over 140 years of experience and relationships with over 90 of the top one hundred FORTUNE 500® companies. The MetLife companies offer life insurance, annuities, automobile and home insurance, retail banking and other financial services to individuals, as well as group insurance, reinsurance and retirement and savings products and services to corporations and other institutions.

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