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# FLEXIBLE ANNUITIES



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A Global Pension Corporation Company

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# Meet London & Colonial Assurance PCC Plc

London & Colonial Assurance PCC Plc ('LCA') is a Gibraltar based life insurance company licensed to write Class I - Life and annuity, Class III - Linked long-term assurance business and VI - Capital redemption.

LCA has a long history in the UK annuity market, having transacted annuity business since its incorporation in 2001.

The business specialises in providing alternatives to conventional annuities for high-net-worth individuals, which provide greater flexibility for income and investment choices.



LCA (As at 30 September 2024)

888

ANNUITIES

VALUE IN EXCESS OF

£210m

ASSETS UNDER ADMINISTRATION



# Our Home is Gibraltar

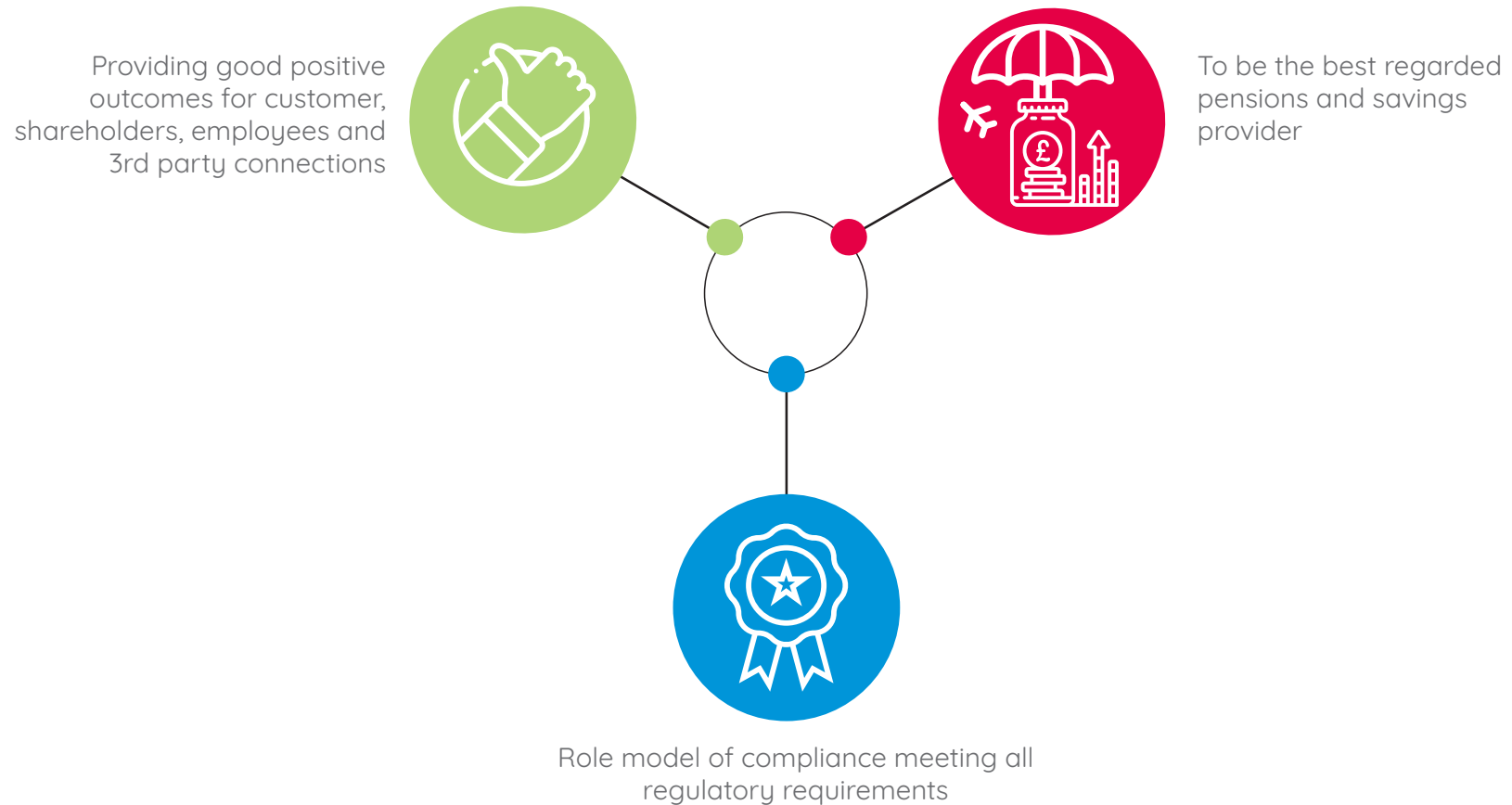


Gibraltar was chosen as it observes high standards of supervision and financial regulation and was the first EU jurisdiction to offer Protected Cell Company (PCC) legislation. The global anti-money laundering watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force, recognises Gibraltar as a responsible and transparent financial centre.

LCA is subject to continuous regulation by the Gibraltar Financial Services Commission ('GFSC'), the regulatory authority for all financial services providers operating in and from Gibraltar.

In their [country risk analysis](#) published in August 2024, AM Best categorised Gibraltar's economic, political and financial risk as a CRT-1 country with a very low level of risks in all categories. Specifically, a CRT-1 country is defined as having a "predictable and transparent legal environment, legal system and business infrastructure; sophisticated financial system regulation with deep capital markets" and a "mature insurance industry framework".

# Our Long Term Goal



# Our Annuity Products

LCA's annuity products are marketed to UK tax residents through financial advisers and our service features are designed to give maximum support to all of our intermediary partners.

## Flexible Pension Annuity and Flexible Life Annuity

LCA's Flexible Pension Annuity and Flexible Life Annuity could be the right choice for your clients if:

They are UK tax residents looking for tax efficient, regular (that is, monthly, quarterly (every three months), half-yearly (every six months), or yearly) income ('annuity') payments for life;

They have £100,000 or more to invest;

They would like to be able to vary the level of income and/or the frequency of the payments depending upon their circumstances;

They wish to retain control of their investment during their lifetime (and on death, have the remaining value of their annuity available to provide benefits for dependants and other beneficiaries). See Preference Share section on [page 7](#) of this brochure.

### Flexible Pension Annuity (FPA)

The FPA is a unit-linked lifetime annuity written on a single life basis. It is purchased using pension assets. The product allows full flexibility, providing the policyholder with the option to elect how much income to take each year in line with the lifetime annuity rules.

The product offers a great deal of investment flexibility and an in-specie transfer of existing pension scheme assets is allowed.

### Flexible Life Annuity (FLA)

The FLA is a unit-linked purchased life annuity written on a single life basis. During the lifetime of the annuity, the policyholder can ask to change the amount of the annuity payments. The annuity payments can be reduced to zero or increased to 100%.

The product offers a great deal of investment flexibility and in-specie transfers are allowed.





## Preference Share

LCA is a Protected Cell Company ('PCC') under Gibraltar Protected Cell legislation. Each LCA annuity is linked to a 'Cell' where the assets are owned by the 'Cell' and hence completely ring-fenced from all other policyholders' and shareholders' assets. Each unique Cell of the company can have at least one Preference Share issued to that 'Cell'. As a separate cash transaction, LCA's policyholders are able to purchase a Preference Share in the 'Cell' containing their annuity when the annuity commences. The Preference Share gives the holder of the share, at the time of the annuitant's death, access to the assets held in the 'Cell'.

Purchasing the Preference Share means the value of the assets held in the 'Cell' can pass to whoever holds the Preference Share on the annuitant's death. Where the annuitant held the Preference Share on their death, the value of the assets in the 'Cell' will fall into their estate.

*\*Please see Section 'Policyholder Protection' of this brochure for more details on the Protected Cell Company structure.*

# Policyholder Protection

## UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme

LCA's annuity products are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme ('FSCS'). In the unlikely event that LCA were to default on claims under its policies, sales of its products conducted in the UK to UK-residents at the time the contract commenced, are covered by the 'protected contracts of insurance' part of the FSCS. Please see the FSCS website for full details: [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk)

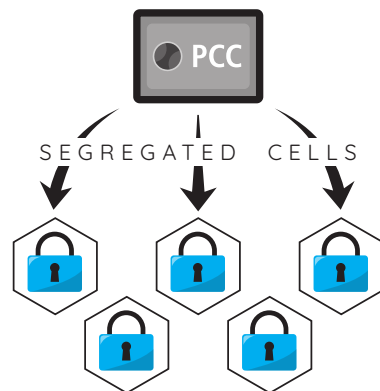




## Protected Cell Company ('PCC') Legislation

As a Protected Cell Company ('PCC'), all LCA products provide a high level of policyholder protection. A PCC structure is subject to the provisions of specific Gibraltar PCC Law which was implemented in 2001 (Protected Cell Companies Act 2001).

In a PCC, legally recognised 'Cells' are created within the company in order to segregate and protect each policyholder's assets from other policyholders and the company itself. This means that each individual policy is linked to a 'Cell'. The assets within the 'Cell', which are used to back the annuity payments, are completely legally ring-fenced from all other policyholders' and shareholders' assets. Put very simply, a PCC is a form of company comprised of individual parts, known as 'Cells'.



## What This Means For Policyholders

For each client that purchases an LCA annuity, a unique 'Cell' is opened with LCA. As well as purchasing an LCA annuity each client also has the option to buy a Preference Share in LCA. For more information on purchasing a LCA Preference Share, please see LCA's Purchase of Preference Shares document. Each 'Cell' has its own designation (the annuity number) and is completely separate from all other 'Cells' and of the company. It is the Directors' duty to keep and account for the assets and liabilities of each 'Cell' separately. The PCC legislation prohibits the assets of a 'Cell' being used to satisfy any liability not attributable to that 'Cell'.

In the unlikely event that anything should happen to LCA, as the 'Cell' is ring-fenced from the company itself the assets within the 'Cell' would remain secure and untouched by any LCA creditor. This means that each client is provided with 100% policyholder protection.

Please note: 100% policyholder protection does not apply to any losses due to the performance of the investments that LCA has purchased to provide the annuity product.

# Our Values

Our company is special because of our people. What brings us together at LCA? It's how we approach the hundreds of decisions we make every day. How we behave, our beliefs and our attitudes. In other words: **our values**.

Our values are important because they enable us to grow and develop both individually and as a company. They outline what we stand for and influence the way we interact, both with our clients and with one another and hold us accountable to do our best. They govern our actions and determine our success.



# Our Values (Continued)



## SHOWING CARE & RESPECT

- Putting the customer at the heart of everything we do
- Maintaining work/life balance
- Being aware of both internal and external stakeholders
- Thinking about your personal development
- Creating an environment of success
- Thinking about the impact on yourself, others and your environment
- Acting professionally
- Being authentic and honest
- Communicating clearly



## TAKING PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Being innovative
- Giving and receiving constructive feedback
- Being open
- Holding self and others to account
- Remembering that no one has the monopoly on new ideas
- Questioning why
- Continually challenging the status quo
- Striving for continuous improvement



## HAVING A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE

- Going above and beyond
- Delivering above expectation
- Showing commitment and dedication to deliver our purpose
- Being dependable
- Focusing on quality, not quantity



## STRIVING FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

- Considering all customers, colleagues and stakeholders
- Taking a long term commercial view to deliver our purpose
- Being conscious of the value and costs of all decisions
- Continually striving to become more efficient



## WORKING TOGETHER

- Remembering we are stronger and better together
- Asking for help and advice when you need it
- Helping each other out
- Thinking and acting collaboratively
- Working with and through all our internal and external clients and stakeholders as we strive to deliver our organisational goals



# How to Contact Us

To find out more about annuities or to arrange a personalised illustration for one of your clients, get in touch with us.



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