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Our Approach to Developing Value Assessments

We're currently rebranding from Novia to Wealthtime. You'll notice that some of our products and services still use the name Novia while we're transitioning over to the new name. So don't worry if you see both Wealthtime and Novia names in our documents. Wealthtime is a trading name of Novia Financial plc.

Delivering Good Customer Outcomes

Wealthtime was created to help Financial Advisers provide their clients with an online investment platform that delivers good customer outcomes and helps them to meet their personal financial goals.

The platform is supported by a wide range of products and services designed to help meet these financial goals and to help customers better understand and have greater confidence in their finances. We believe that ensuring the platform's products and services offering value for money is essential to achieving good customer outcomes.

As part of the FCA's new Consumer Duty, all platforms are required to perform a value assessment of their products and services. In determining this, we have established a framework

and methodology for assessing whether our products and services offer value for money for customers in each of our defined target markets.

We will undertake a value assessment of each of our products and platform service on an annual basis to ensure that we continue to deliver good customer outcomes.

Value Assessment

We have assessed our platform proposition, service, and actively marketed product wrappers, and determined them all as offering value for money.

Product	Value for Money Outcome
Novia SIPP	Offers value for money
Novia GIA	Offers value for money
Novia Offshore Bond	Offers value for money
Novia Stocks and Shares ISA	Offers value for money

Value Assessment Framework

The value assessment framework defines the approach to conducting the value assessment and is reliant upon the value assessment methodology, product governance process, annual product review, and target market statements.

Value Assessment Methodology

In developing a methodology to assess value for money a range of assessment criteria was used, which included:

- Financial and non-financial product and service benefits.
- The competitiveness of these benefits.
- The price paid by the end customer.
- The correlation between the price paid and benefits received.

To ensure a robust methodology, the above criteria was assessed using a combination of internal justification, supporting evidence and validation from external sources as well as the cost to the platform, and a relative comparison against similar competitor platforms.

Product/service Benefits

In assessing the product and service benefits a wide range of propositional features and benefits were assessed. Examples of these included potential financial benefits such as the pre-funding of tax relief on pension contributions, the ability to add shielded share classes, and fractional share trading. Non-financial benefits examples included features such as flexi-access drawdown, drip feed drawdown, the provision of a Bed and ISA service, as well as a flexi-ISA capability.

Price

The assessment sought to establish whether the price paid by customers is reasonable in relation to the benefits offered. In establishing this, the assessment considered the full range of potential charges paid by customers and compared them against similar competitors. The assessment was last undertaken in April 2024.

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