

# Why choose Zurich for Pensions?

Saving a little today could help you live an active and enjoyable retirement tomorrow

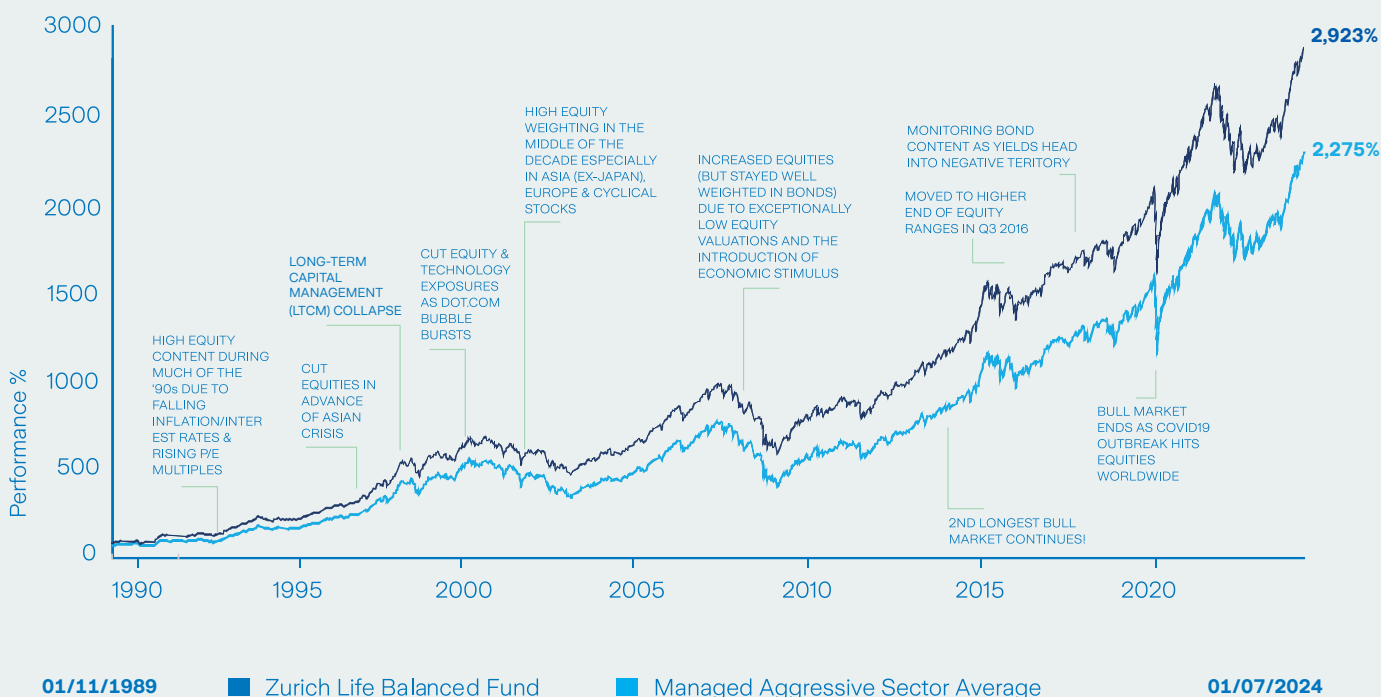




A pension is a long-term savings plan that helps you save for the future. It allows you to make regular payments and/or transfer one-off lump sums into a fund for retirement. Today, the State Pension (Contributory) in Ireland is only worth €277.30 per week (in August 2024). While we can't predict what will happen in the future, we do know that starting your own pension can give you greater ownership of your retirement, allowing you more options for your later years, whether it's moving to the country, travelling more, or simply spending time with your grandchildren.

## 1 Market leading investment performance\*

At Zurich, our Dublin based investment team have an enviable track record in delivering long term consistent fund performance. For example, our flagship balanced fund has delivered an average of 9.9% since its launch in 1989.



\*Source: Zurich and MoneyMate, July 2024. Performance figures quoted are from fund inception date of 01/11/1989 until 01/07/2024. Annual management fees apply; the fund growth shown above is gross of any annual management charge. Returns are based on offer to offer performance and do not represent the return achieved by individual policies linked to the fund.

## 2. Build around your own budget

How much you should save in your pension will depend on your specific circumstances. With a Zurich pension you can invest as little as €30 per month. It's always best to start your pension at a level you feel comfortable with, and then revisit this periodically to see if you have more disposable income to invest in your future.

And it doesn't cost as much as you think. Tax relief is by far the greatest advantage of saving in a pension. If you're paying tax on your salary at the highest rate, then you're entitled to get a 40% saving on any pension contributions you make.

So, for a higher rate taxpayer, a €180 contribution a month from you, along with the €120 addition in the form of tax relief from the Government could grow to over €314,000\* at age 65, for someone starting at age 25.

\*These figures assume a start date of 01 August 2024. Investment choice: Prisma 4, Gross investment return of 4.6%, 100% Allocation rate, 1% AMC, Level premium of €300 per month.

How much will it cost me per month to contribute €300?

40% Tax Rate



20% Tax Rate



## 3. Innovative Investment solutions

### Prisma Multi-Asset Funds

Equities, bonds, property, money markets, commodities... investing often comes with a bewildering array of choices. Even when you've chosen a route that matches your circumstances, needs and feelings about risk, you must keep a close eye on your portfolio to ensure your investments continue to meet your financial goals, particularly as your life can change.

If you don't have the time or desire to dive into the complex world of investments yourself, the Prisma Fund range may be the answer. The Prisma Range brings you five funds targeted to five attitudes to risk. The funds are designed to reflect a range of risk levels, so whatever your appetite for risk there is likely to be a fund to suit you.



## 4. Online access 24/7

With a Zurich Pension you'll have the opportunity to keep track of your investment at the click of a button. With 24 hr access to Zurich's client centre, whether you're interested in every market movement or would rather check in once a year – Zurich makes this easy to do.

Our online client centre also has plenty of handy tools to help you plan for your future. These include calculators to help you work out your budget, how much you can contribute into a pension, and one that works out what tax relief is available.

## 5. A trusted pension provider

Zurich is one of Ireland's most successful life insurance companies. Based in Blackrock, Co. Dublin, we have been meeting our customers' needs in Ireland for over 40 years. Pensions form a huge part of what we do, with thousands of Irish people trusting us to manage their retirement fund. In fact, our investment team is responsible for pension funds under management of approximately €32.8 billion (as at 30 June 2024).

# When is the best time to invest in my pension?

It's never too late to invest in your pension. However, investing early and often gives your savings time to grow. The below chart shows a projection of what €5,000 invested annually could amount to in retirement.

Over 40 years, someone who starts saving at age 25 will see them have over €171,000 more in their pension fund than someone who starts at age 35. And, compared to someone who starts at age 45, it's over €292,000 more - certainly a substantial amount.



Starting at age 25

€436,763



Starting at age 35

€265,622



Starting at age 45

€144,983



Starting at age 55

€59,944

**Source:** Zurich Life, August 2024. \*These figures assume a start date of 01 August 2024. Investment choice: Prisma 4. Gross investment return of 4.6%, 100% Allocation rate. 1% AMC. Level premium of €416.66 per month invested over 40/30/20/10 years.

**Note:** The projections shown above make no allowance for the effect of inflation, which will reduce the value of the projected benefits. This projection is for illustrative purposes only and is not guaranteed. Actual investment growth will depend on the performance of the underlying investments and may be more or less than illustrated.

Take the next step. For more information all you need to do is speak to your Financial Broker or Advisor or visit [zurich.ie](https://www.zurich.ie).

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**Warning:** Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

**Warning:** This product/service may be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

**Warning:** If you invest in this product you may lose some or all of the money you invest.

**Warning:** These figures are estimates only. They are not a reliable guide to the future performance of your investment.

**Warning:** Annual management fees apply. The fund growth shown above is before the full annual management charge is applied on your policy.

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