

# **Residential Property Owners (Blocks of Flats)**

Date Fair Value Outcome Completed	Quarter 4 2024
Expected Date of Next Assessment	Quarter 4 2025

# **Outcome of the Product Review and Fair Value Assessment**

As a result of the product governance activities undertaken across this product we can confirm:

- 1. The outcome of the fair value assessment found that this product provides fair value, which is based on Pen's review of information related to sales practices and services, claims, complaints and market intelligence.
- 2. There is no evidence that the product is not suitable for the customers it is intended to be distributed to.
- 3. The intended distribution strategy remains appropriate, subject to distributors not charging customers additional fees that bear no reasonable relationship to the service(s) provided, or the overall cost of the product.

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## Fair Value Outcome Statement

## Product Fair Value Outcome – Methodology

Pen has completed Fair Value Assessment work on products we manufacture. This is based on groupings of products which may be similar in features and are intended to be distributed to similar target markets. This Product Fair Value Outcome Statement is not intended to replicate our Fair Value Assessments, but sets out the approach taken and the outcome of the assessment.

## Product Information

This product provides insurance for Freeholders, Residents' Associations or Residential Management Companies who require cover for blocks of flats occupied by tenants and/or owner-occupied leaseholders.

Blocks of Flats types can include: purpose-built and converted blocks of flats occupied by leaseholders or let.

Cover is for:

- Buildings
- Communal Contents (only available when with Buildings cover)
- Property Owners Liability
- Legal Expenses

The following optional covers are also available for an additional premium:

- Contents in addition to the standard £25k communal contents
- Employers' Liability
- Rent Protection as an extension to the Legal Expenses section (both provided by ARC)

This product also includes the following additional features:

- Japanese knotweed up to £10k as standard
- Automatic Alternative accommodation and loss or rent at 30% of buildings sum insured

Product benefits:

- Property Damage
- Rent Receivable
- Property Owners Liability
- Legal Expenses (provided by ARC)
- Terrorism Cover (as an optional cover)

## Product limits:

- Property Owners Liability up to £10m
- Employers Liability up to £10m (this is an optional cover)
- Communal Contents up to £25,000 (higher sums insured can be requested, for an additional premium)
- Trace and Access cover for up to £50,000 (to locate the source of damage to the property)

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## Key exclusions:

- Existing and deliberate damage
- Wear and tear or any other gradually operating cause
- Damage caused by the removal or use of asbestos
- Faulty or defective workmanship, design or materials

# **Optional Products**

No products are sold alongside this core product by Pen.

Further details can be found in our policy wordings available to brokers/ cover holders.

## Distributor Remuneration

Pen agrees commission rates with each distributor and as part of the Fair Value Assessment process has requested details of any additional fees that may be added in the distribution chain. The fee details received have been analysed and if Pen considers these could impact the value of the product this would be raised directly with distributors.

All distributors should be able to:

- Confirm annually that the commissions and fees they charge are reasonable relative to the service(s) they provide and the total cost of the product to the customer; and
- Justify that commissions and fees they charge are fair, and support the intended value of the product.

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# How Pen Mitigates Risks to Product Fair Value

Pen's commission structure is intended to ensure that it reflects product features and benefits and the services we provide, which support product fair value. Pen does not benefit from distributors increasing or decreasing their own commissions/fees.

Pen has taken steps to validate that distributor commissions/fees charged are within a reasonable range and in line with usual market practice, in order to ensure the value of our products is not diluted.

How Pen Assesses Value

Pen's product governance and oversight process requires a full review of all product groups at least annually to determine if the product offers fair value to the customer.

These reviews consider the following areas:

<ul> <li>Target market reviewed to ensure the product meets the needs of the customer and will continue to do so for the life of the product</li> <li>Identify the impact on vulnerable customers where applicable</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Appropriateness of the distribution channel, services offered and remuneration</li> <li>Remuneration does not negatively impact the overall value offered by the product</li> </ul>
• Market scrutiny to ensure the product aligns with current market trends
<ul> <li>Pricing</li> <li>Regulatory requirements</li> <li>Fees and charges</li> <li>Product documentation</li> <li>Performance of the product</li> <li>Product changes</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Quality Assurance</li><li>Feedback from distribution</li></ul>
<ul><li>Frequency and trends</li><li>Loss ratio trends</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Feedback is reviewed to ensure the product continues to offer good benefit for customers</li> <li>Reasons for complaints and volumes</li> <li>Outcomes of complaints: whether they are upheld, not upheld</li> <li>Identification of trends and root causes</li> <li>Redress payments: volume and timescales</li> <li>Financial Ombudsman Service: volume and outcomes</li> </ul>

## Multi-Occupancy Building Insurance

Where it has been identified that this product applies to residential multi-occupancy buildings, Pen will provide the required disclosure information to the Intermediary for passing onto the policy stakeholder (Residential Leaseholders) via the insured.

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