

Important Announcement to members of the following pension scheme (“the Scheme”)

Target Source Media Pension Scheme

The purpose of this Announcement is to provide an update to members on the current position of the Scheme and to ask members to complete and return the enclosed Self Certification Form.

Update

Dalriada has received limited cooperation from the parties previously involved in the management of the Scheme.

Dalriada assumed control of the Scheme’s bank account from which, and from limited scheme related records, we were able to identify some of the payments in and out of the trustee bank account.

We confirmed that the majority of members transferred funds into the Scheme’s bank account from previous pension arrangements, with the majority of those funds (just over £690,000) then being paid out of that account.

Of the approximately £690,000 paid out, around £79,000 was paid to a bank account based in Poland. These funds were purportedly invested in a company called Black Bull Investments Ltd. Due to insufficient documentation it is not clear what then happened to those funds.

Further scheme funds of around £514,000 were paid into a bank account based in the Czech Republic. Those payments were supposedly in respect of an investment into a company called Breder Transact Ltd (now B Transact Ltd). These funds were co-mingled with other funds held in the same account, and so a full tracing of those funds beyond Breder Transact is impossible.

Lastly, a number of payments totalling just under £100,000 were paid to the UK personal savings account of an individual connected to the Scheme. We believe that those funds were then used to make direct payments to some members, with the remainder being dissipated through non pension related expenditure by the individual.

In addition to the above, a small number of members transferred their pension benefits into a bank account belonging to the Scheme’s employer - Target Source Media Ltd (“the Employer”). Dalriada has subsequently confirmed that those funds were paid on to Black Bull Investments Ltd, Breder Transact Ltd, and payments totalling £27,000 were made to a company called Music Up Ltd which, at the time of the reported investment, was a failing company.

The use of Scheme funds in the way described above is wholly inappropriate. Dalriada has concluded that the movement of monies did not constitute legitimate investments and the funds were simply misappropriated. Whilst attempts have been made to have these funds returned to the Scheme, Dalriada has been unable to recover them.

The Fraud Compensation Fund ("the FCF")

As per the Announcement issued to members in November 2020, the FCF (managed by the Protection Fund ("the PPF")) is open to claims by occupational pension schemes that have suffered a loss as a result of an act of dishonesty. Having been unable to return lost funds to the Scheme and as a matter of last resort, Dalriada submitted an application on behalf of the Scheme in February 2021 and has been in ongoing contact with the team at FCF to support their processing of the claim.

The FCF team has confirmed that the Scheme is eligible for compensation, having agreed that it has suffered losses as a result of fraud or dishonesty. This is enormously positive news for the Scheme and its members.

The total value of compensation to be paid to the Scheme is still to be calculated and agreed with the FCF. We have appointed accountants for this purpose and will continue to work closely with the FCF towards an agreed level of compensation, as well as to confirm the date of payment to the Scheme.

As soon as the Scheme has been compensated by the FCF, Dalriada will look to put the Scheme into wind up and settle members' benefits.

Our next correspondence with members will be to provide you with information on the value of your benefits within the Scheme and next steps needed in order to transfer those out of the Target Source Media Pension Scheme. Whilst we hope to progress this matter as quickly as possible, please note that this may still take some time.

What Does This Mean for Members?

As a direct result of the matters described above it is not yet possible to provide members with an indication as to what their benefits are worth. A number of factors directly affect the value of member benefits. In this case, the total value of the compensation to be paid by the FCF is one such factor.

Another factor is the amount individual members transferred into the Scheme. Unfortunately, the previous trustee retained inadequate records relating to members' individual transfers in. We have been able to reconcile some members' transfer-in payments against the previously mentioned bank accounts, but not all.

As such, we would ask all members to complete and return the enclosed Self Certification Form. Please provide copies of **all** paperwork you have retained in relation to your transfer into the Scheme. If not included in the information you share with us, please provide confirmation of the **exact** amount you transferred into the Scheme, from which previous arrangement you transferred and, if known, the exact date that your funds were transferred into the Scheme. Failure to provide us with this information is likely to negatively impact and / or delay our ability to calculate members benefits and to process transfers out of the Scheme.

Please send your information and any documentation you have to us directly via email (targetadmin@dalriadatrustees.co.uk). You can email any queries to the same address or call us on 028 9041 2891.

Previously we provided members with a contact telephone number of 0141 331 9943. We ask that members now contact us on the new telephone number provided above.

Member website

Dalriada has set up a dedicated member website for the Scheme where you can access copies of previous Announcements, as well as the Scheme’s governance documents. A link to the Scheme website can be found below:

<https://www.dalriadatrustees.co.uk/scheme/target-source-media-pension-scheme/>

What should I do if I have any further questions?

Should you have any queries in relation to this Announcement or your membership of the Scheme, please contact us.

You can contact us as follows:

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Self-Certification Form

PERSONAL DETAILS STATEMENT	
Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Gender:	
National Insurance Number:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Home Telephone Number:	
Mobile Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
TRANSFER SECTION	
Scheme:	Target Source Media Pension Scheme
Transfer Value 1:	
Date of Transfer 1:	
Transferring Scheme 1:	

TRANSFER SECTION CONT'D	
Transfer Value 2:	
Date of Transfer 2:	
Transferring Scheme 2:	
Transfer Value 3:	
Date of Transfer 3:	
Transferring Scheme 3:	

I confirm that I am the person described in this data checking document. I have reviewed the information provided and confirm that the personal details shown on my Personal Details Statement are correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed:

Name (BLOCKCAPITALS):

Date: