

NS&I offers new guaranteed Equity Bond



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NS&I (National Savings and Investments) has announced the launch of a new issue of its Guaranteed Equity Bond (GEB)

The new [Guaranteed Equity Bond](#) will offer a gross return that matches any growth in the FTSE 100 index over a 5-year term, up to a maximum of 35%, without any risk to investors' capital. All NS&I GEBs are sold in limited issues, so investors are advised to move quickly if they want to secure a [guaranteed investment return](#) through these bonds.

While the returns paid on NS&I Guaranteed Equity Bonds are linked to the FTSE, NS&I does not invest the money in equities, so investments in the Guaranteed Equity Bond will not be eligible for dividends. Therefore investors may not get as high a return as they might through investing directly in the stock market. However, unlike investments in the stock market, any money invested is guaranteed 100% secure, backed by HM Treasury. NS&I are committed to banking and offer a great range of [equity bonds](#) including [NS&I Guaranteed Growth Bonds](#).

The launch of the 17th Issue coincides with the maturity of Issue 7 of NS&I's 5-year Guaranteed Equity Bond on 19 May 2009. Issue 7 went on sale in April 2004, offering a potential return of 110% of any FTSE growth over five years and a FTSE start level of 4435.80. NS&I has written to investors this month to inform them that their Bond is about to mature. As a consequence of market conditions and the falls in the FTSE 100, savers will receive their initial investment in Issue 7 of the Guaranteed Equity Bond back in full - in line with NS&I's commitment

to a 100% guarantee on the capital originally invested. They will also receive interest earned during the offer period - but with no further return.

NS&I Guaranteed Equity Bond offer period

Issue 17 of the Guaranteed Equity Bond goes on sale for a limited period from 21 April to 1 June 2009. It may close earlier if fully subscribed so investors are encouraged to invest early. Investments will earn interest at 0.50% pa gross until the Bond's investment term starts on 16 June 2009. This interest will be paid when the Bond matures. The minimum investment level for this Guaranteed Equity Bond remains at £1,000 and the maximum investment is £1 million per person or £2 million for a joint investment.

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Notes to Editors

1. Inflation may reduce the true value of the original capital over time.
2. NS&I has 27 million customers and over £94 billion invested. It is best known for Premium Bonds, but also offers Inflation-Beating Savings, Guaranteed Equity Bonds and Children's Bonus Bonds in its range. All products offer 100% security, because NS&I is backed by HM Treasury.
3. Further information and digital images are available from the NS&I Media Team.

About

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