

Overview of Costs & Charges when investing in securities



# Better overview of costs and charges when investing in securities at Arion Bank

#### Overview of estimated costs & charges before investing

When investing in securities, it is important to know the costs and charges related to the transactions and the effect on returns.

The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (known as MiFID II) introduced new obligations on investment firms to provide their clients or potential clients with adequate information on all costs and related charges.

This document contains information on aggregated estimated costs and charges when trading shares and bonds. The costs are based on examples of trades with fixed terms on e.g. ongoing costs, holding period and amounts invested.

These examples do not represent an exhaustive list of possible trades.

#### The effect of costs on returns

Costs have a negative effect on returns. The investment must generate a higher return than the cost to realize a positive return. The cost is typically higher at the beginning and end of the investment as a result of entry and exit costs, but is lower in the intervening period.

For the sake of simplicity no return is assumed during the holding period in the following examples.

#### Actual costs may differ

The costs in the following examples are based on the list of fees and charges. Please bear in mind that the costs are estimated and the costs incurred by the client may differ, due to e.g. discounts, different holding period or the amount invested.

Once a year clients receive a detailed overview of the costs and charges paid during the year.

To get an overview of cost items please refer to the Fees and Charges for Investment Services available online at <u>arion-banki.is/english/about-us/more/rates/</u>.

The client should not interpret the information given in the examples as advice to buy, sell or otherwise dispose of financial instruments or as a forecast of future returns.

The information on estimated costs and related charges does not take into account costs which may arise from general risks when investing in financial instruments. Investors are encouraged to read the overview of the main characteristics of financial instruments and risk factors at arionbanki.is/investorprotection.

If any questions arise, please contact us by phone on 444 7000, e-mail at <u>arionbanki@arionbanki.is</u> or via webchat at <u>arionbanki.is/english</u>.



# **Shares**

# **Listed domestic shares - trading via Online Banking or Arion App**

#### **Terms**

The following example provides information on aggregated costs and charges, expressed both as a cash amount and as a percentage, when investing in listed domestic shares via Online Banking or Arion App. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the costs on the return are provided.

The holding period is assumed to be 5 years and the shares are sold at the end of that time. The company pays out dividends annually. For the sake of simplicity, the growth rate is set at 0% during the holding period. The investor is assumed to be a person, i.e. not a legal entity, and this particular financial instrument the only holding in the respective custody account.

 Financial instrument:
 Listed domestic shares
 Growth:
 0.00%

 Trading venue:
 Online Banking / Arion App
 Market:
 Iceland

Holding period: 5 years Currency: Icelandic króna (ISK)

#### **Aggregated Costs & Charges over holding period**

Amount invested:		ISK 500,000	I	SK 1,000,000		ISK 5,000,000
	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment
Product costs	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Service costs <sup>1</sup>	ISK 31,100	6.22%	ISK 38,100	3.81%	ISK 98,100	1.96%
Third party product payments	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Total costs & charges:	ISK 31,100	6.22%	ISK 38,100	3.81%	ISK 98,100	1.96%

Value of investment if no charges at all	ISK 500,000	ISK 1,000,000	ISK 5,000,000
Value of investment if all costs and charges are included	ISK 468,900	ISK 961,900	ISK 4,901,900
Anticipated spikes or fluctuations in costs and charges (as a result of entry and exit costs)	ISK 8,600	ISK 15,600	ISK 75,600
Investment growth, including costs, assuming 0% return	-6.22%	-3.81%	-1.96%
Equal to decrease in return of	ISK 31,100	ISK 38,100	ISK 98,100

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This refers to entry and exit costs, transaction fees, charges relating to corporate actions (dividends) and custody fees. A minimum custody fee is payable on all portfolios, regardless of portfolio value and product. Please refer to the Fees and Charges for Investment Services at arionbanki.is/english/about-us/more/rates/

# Listed domestic shares - trading via brokerage

#### **Terms**

The following example provides information on aggregated costs and charges, expressed both as a cash amount and as a percentage, when investing in listed international shares through a securities brokerage. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the costs on the return are provided. The example is split into three according to the amount invested.

The holding period is assumed to be five years and the shares are sold at the end of that time. The company pays out dividends annually. For the sake of simplicity, the growth rate is set at 0% during the holding period. The investor is assumed to be a person, i.e. not a legal entity, and this particular financial instrument the only holding in the respective custody account.

Financial instrument:Listed domestic sharesGrowth:0.00%Trading venue:BrokerageMarket:Iceland

Holding period: 5 years Currency: Icelandic króna (ISK)

# **Aggregated Costs & Charges over holding period**

Amount invested:		ISK 500,000	I	SK 1,000,000		ISK 5,000,000
	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment
Product costs	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Service costs <sup>1</sup>	ISK 33,900	6.78%	ISK 43,900	4.39%	ISK 123,900	2.48%
Third party product payments	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Total costs and charges:	ISK 33,900	6.78%	ISK 43,900	4.39%	ISK 123,900	2.48%

Value of investment if no charges at all	ISK 500,000	ISK 1,000,000	ISK 5,000,000
Value of investment if all costs and charges are included	ISK 466,100	ISK 956,100	ISK 4,876,100
Anticipated spikes or fluctuations in costs and charges (as a result of entry and exit costs)	ISK 11,400	ISK 21,400	ISK 101,400
Investment growth, including costs, assuming 0% return	-6.78%	-4.39%	-2.48%
Equal to decrease in return of	ISK 33,900	ISK 43,900	ISK 123,900

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# Listed international shares - trading via brokerage

#### **Terms**

The following example provides information on aggregated costs and charges, expressed both as a cash amount and as a percentage, when investing in listed international shares through a securities brokerage. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the costs on the return are provided. The example is split into three according to the amount invested.

The holding period is assumed to be five years and the shares are sold at the end of that time. The company pays out dividends annually. For the sake of simplicity, the growth rate is set at 0% during the holding period. The investor is assumed to be a person, i.e. not a legal entity, and this particular financial instrument the only holding in the respective custody account.

Financial instrument: Listed shares Growth: 0.00% Trading venue: Brokerage Market: USA

Holding period: 5 years Currency: US Dollar (USD)

# **Aggregated Costs & Charges over holding period**

Amount invested:		ISK 500,000	I	SK 1,000,000		ISK 5,000,000
	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment
Product costs	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Service costs <sup>1</sup>	ISK 79,399	15.88%	ISK 79,399	7.94%	ISK 159,399	3.19%
Third party product payments	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK 0	0.00%
Total costs & charges:	ISK 79,399	15.88%	ISK 79,399	7.94%	ISK 159,399	3.19%

Value of investment if no charges at all	ISK 500,000	ISK 1,000,000	ISK 5,000,000
Value of investment if all costs and charges are included	ISK 420,601	ISK 920,601	ISK 4,840,601
Anticipated spikes or fluctuations in costs and charges (as a result of entry and exit costs)	ISK 23,582	ISK 23,582	ISK 103,582
Investment growth, including costs, assuming 0% return	-15.88%	-7.94%	-3.19%
Equal to decrease in return of	ISK 79,399	ISK 79,399	ISK 159,399

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This refers to entry and exit costs, transaction fees and custody fees. Based on official exchange rate of USD to ISK on 31 March 2022, ISK 127.9. A minimum custody fee is payable on all portfolios, regardless of portfolio value and product. Please refer to the Fees and Charges for Investment Services at arionbanki.is/english/about-us/more/rates/

# **Bonds**

# Listed treasury bills - trading via brokerage

#### **Terms**

The following example provides information on aggregated costs and charges, expressed both as a cash amount and as a percentage, when investing in listed treasury bills, with a duration of less than one year, through a securities brokerage. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the costs on the return are provided. The example is split into three according to the amount invested.

The holding period is assumed to be six months and the bills are paid at the end of that time. Treasury bills bear no interest and are paid at nominal value on the due date. The investor is assumed to be a person, i.e. not a legal entity, and this particular financial instrument the only holding in the respective custody account.

Financial instrument:Listed treasury billsGrowth:0.00%Trading venue:BrokerageMarket:Iceland

Holding period: 6 months Currency: Icelandic króna (ISK)

# **Aggregated Costs & Charges over holding period**

Amount invested:		ISK 500,000	I:	SK 1,000,000		ISK 5,000,000
	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment
Product costs	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Service costs <sup>1</sup>	ISK 9,400	1.88%	ISK 9,400	0,94%	ISK 17,900	0.36%
Third party product payments	ISK O	0.00%	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK 0	0.00%
Total costs and charges:	ISK 9,400	1.88%	ISK 9,400 kr.	0.94%	ISK 17,900	0.36%

Value of investment if no charges at all	ISK 500,000	ISK 1,000,000	ISK 5,000,000
Value of investment if all costs and charges are included	ISK 490,600	ISK 990,600	ISK 4,982,100
Anticipated spikes or fluctuations in costs and charges (as a result of entry and exit costs)	ISK 5,400	ISK 5,400	ISK 13,900
Investment growth, including costs, assuming 0% return	-1.88%	-0.94%	-0.36%
Equal to decrease in return of	ISK 9,400	ISK 9,400	ISK 17,900

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This refers to entry costs, transaction fees and custody fees. A minimum custody fee is payable on all portfolios, regardless of portfolio value and product. Please refer to the Fees and Charges for Investment Services at arionbanki.is/english/about-us/more/rates/

# Listed treasury bonds - trading via brokerage

#### **Terms**

The following example provides information on estimated costs and charges, expressed both as a cash amount and as a percentage, when investing in listed treasury bonds, with a duration of more than one year, through a securities brokerage. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the costs on the return are provided. The example is split into three according to the amount invested.

The holding period is assumed to be three years and the bonds are sold at the end of that time. The bonds in this example bear interest and interest is paid once a year. For the sake of simplicity, the growth rate is set at 0% during the holding period. The investor is assumed to be a person, i.e. not a legal entity, and this particular financial instrument the only holding in the respective custody account.

Financial instrument:Listed government bondsGrowth:0,00%Trading venue:BrokerageMarket:Iceland

Holding period: 3 years Currency: Icelandic króna (ISK)

# **Aggregated Costs & Charges over holding period**

Amount invested:		ISK 500,000	ı	SK 1,000,000		ISK 5,000,000
	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment
Product costs	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK 0	0,00%
Service costs <sup>1</sup>	ISK 23,500	4.70%	ISK 25,500	2.55%	ISK 65,500	1.31%
Third party product payments	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Total costs and charges:	ISK 23,500	4.70%	ISK 25,500	2.55%	ISK 65,500	1.31%

Value of investment if no charges at all	ISK 500,000	ISK 1,000,000	ISK 5,000,000
Value of investment if all costs and charges are included	ISK 476,500	ISK 974,500	ISK 4,934,500
Anticipated spikes or fluctuations in costs and charges (as a result of entry and exit costs)	ISK 9,400	ISK 11,400	ISK 51,400
Investment growth, including costs, assuming 0% return	-4.70%	-2.55%	-1.31%
Equal to decrease in return of	ISK 23,500	ISK 25,500	ISK 65,500

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# Listed international bonds - trading via brokerage

#### **Terms**

The following example provides information on estimated costs and charges, expressed both as a cash amount and as a percentage, when investing in listed international bonds, with a duration of more than one year, through a securities brokerage. Additionally, the cumulative effect of the costs on the return are provided. The example is split into three according to the amount invested.

The holding period is assumed to be three years and the bonds are sold at the end of that time. The bonds in this example are treasury bonds which bear interest and interest is paid twice a year. For the sake of simplicity, the growth rate is set at 0% during the holding period. The investor is assumed to be a person, i.e. not a legal entity, and this particular financial instrument the only holding in the respective custody account.

Financial instrument:Listed international bondsGrowth:0.00%Trading venue:BrokerageMarket:USA

Holding period: 3 years Currency: US dollar (USD)

# **Aggregated Costs & Charges over holding period**

Amount invested:		ISK 500,000	I	SK 1,000,000		ISK 5,000,000
	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment	Amount	Percentage of investment
Product costs	ISK 0	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK 0	0.00%
Service costs <sup>1</sup>	ISK 56,327	11.27%	ISK 56,327	5.63%	ISK 76,327	1.53%
Third party product payments	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%	ISK O	0.00%
Total costs and charges:	ISK 56,327	11.27%	ISK 56,327	5.63%	ISK 76,327	1.53%

ISK 500,000	ISK 1,000,000	ISK 5,000,000
ISK 443,673	ISK 944,673	ISK 4,923,673
ISK 33,582	ISK 33,582	ISK 53,582
-11.27%	-5.63%	-1.53%
ISK 56,327	ISK 56,327	ISK 76,327
	ISK 443,673 ISK 33,582 -11.27%	ISK 443,673 ISK 944,673 ISK 33,582 ISK 33,582 -11.27% -5.63%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This refers to entry and exit costs, transaction fees and custody fees. Based on official exchange rate of USD to ISK on 31 March 2022, ISK 127.9. A minimum custody fee is payable on all portfolios, regardless of portfolio value and product. Please refer to the Fees and Charges for Investment Services at an anonbanki.is/english/about-us/more/rates/

# **Notes**

#### **Custody fees**

Custody fees are paid for the custody of securities at Arion Bank and are calculated on the portfolio value every day. Custody fees are charged and debited on asset management portfolios at the end of each month and a minimum fee is factored into calculations. Custody fees on custody accounts are collected twice a year, on 1 April and 1 October.

A minimum charge is calculated on all active portfolios, and in addition a percentage of the total value of securities subject to charges in custody and asset management, which is in excess of the minimum fee, is calculated. Custody fees for bonds issued abroad are calculated on the nominal value.

No custody fees are payable on financial instruments issued by Arion Bank or Stefnir hf. funds although a minimum charge is payable on all portfolios regardless of portfolio value and product.

#### **Brokerage fees**

Brokerage fees are paid for the brokerage of securities, e.g. for buying and selling shares and bonds.

#### **Transaction fees**

Transaction fees are charged for transactions with financial instruments and for corporate actions such as dividends, mergers etc.

#### Capital gains tax

This is a tax rather than a cost levied on capital income, i.e. interest, dividends, capital gains and rental income. Capital gains tax on interest income and dividends is withheld at the source, while capital gains tax on shares and rental income is paid afterwards.

Parties responsible for custody, collecting payment or receiving deposits should withhold interest income in the amount equivalent to the applicable capital gains rate and pay it to the treasury.





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