

Platform Overview

Name

RateSetter

Summary

RateSetter allows investors to lend to a diverse range of credit-worthy borrowers including: individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises and property developers via peer-to-peer loan opportunities.

Target Investor

RateSetter is aimed at every-day investors provided they are at least 18 years of age and have a UK bank account. Lenders can earn up to 4.3% on their investment over a period of 6 months to 5 years, with a minimum investment of £10.

OFF3R's Comment on Platform

Inherent to RateSetter is the size of their provision fund, with the platform having not lost any investors' money due to the fund covering all defaults to date. Whilst past performance is no guarantee for the future this is certainly a key factor for investors looking for a stable P2P lending platform to use.

Platform Information

Founded

2010

Location

London, UK

Regulatory Status

Fully FCA Authorised

Products Available

Everyday Account

Investors choose from either a Rolling, 1 Year or 5 Year Market Market account and RateSetter take care of the process, costs and risk management.

Pension

Invest as part of your pension portfolio with RateSetter and enjoy the tax benefits through a Self-Invested Personal Pension (SIPP).

Investor Information

Who do you Lend to?

Individuals

What is the minimum investment?

£10

How are the loans secured?

Business Assets

What is the typical investment term?

6 to 60 months

What type of investment is it?

Account based – investors select an investment product and the platform lends money across a diversified portfolio of loans

Is an Innovative Finance ISA available?

No.

Are there specific investor fees?

No fees for lending money

Is early exit possible?

Yes. However, there is a 1.73% 'Sell Out' fee.

What investor protection is available?

There is no access to FSCS. However, investments with RateSetter are protected by the Provision Fund which is intended to provide a buffer against poor performance. The RateSetter Provision Fund has a 100% track record: to date, every investor received the returns they expected.

[Visit RateSetter Website](#)

Risk Warning

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Platform Registration and Investment Process

Stage 1 – Registration Process

In order to register with RateSetter you simply need to have a UK bank account and be at least 18 years of age. They will then confirm your identity, which is usually done automatically, and verify that you understand the risks involved.

Stage 2 – Making an Investment

You can transfer funds to your RateSetter account via Bank Transfer, Debit Card, Regular Lender Instruction or Standing Order by logging into the 'Lending' section of your account and following the instructions under the 'Deposit' tab. You are then able to choose between investing in the Everyday account or an ISA, or both should you prefer.

Stage 3 – Managing your Investment

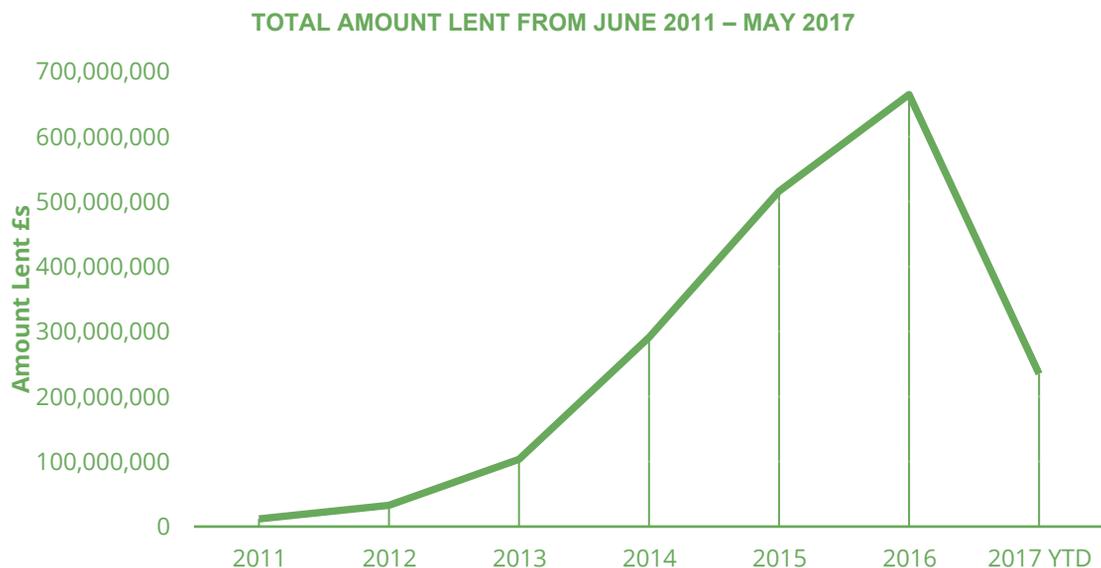
You can manage your investment through your online account. You simply need to login and click on 'Your Lending'. This allows you to view 'Your Portfolio' where you can alter the rates of any offers already on the market, and decided whether to 'unmatch' or 'change' dependent upon your preferences.

Stage 4 – Exiting your Investment

If you have money on loan, you can view this on 'Your Account' under the 'Drawdown' feature within in the 'Withdrawal' page. Here you can view any upcoming payments, and override any reinvestments and return them to your 'Holding Account' as the funds are repaid by your borrows. Once the money is in your 'Holding Account', you can withdraw it to your bank.

Platform Performance Data

RateSetter lent a total of £664.7million in 2016 with an Actual annual investor return of 4.26% after fees and bad debt.



Data based on internal records.

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