

Investors £50 million better off

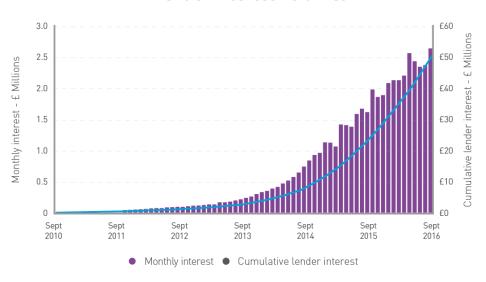
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Investors have now pocketed more than £50 million in interest with leading peer-to-peer platform RateSetter, earning an average rate of 4.7% on their money since it launched in October 2010.

Investors use RateSetter to lend money to individuals, businesses and property developers across the UK, with a total of £1.4 billion lent to date - more than half of which has been repaid.

RateSetter has reached the £50 million interest milestone without any individual investor losing a penny of their capital and interest thanks to the platform's Provision Fund. This steps in to reimburse investors if a borrower misses a repayment. The track record over the last 6 years is impressive, although it is not a guarantee for the future.

Lender interest volumes



RateSetter has seen an increase in investor numbers since the Bank of England's decision to cut interest rates in August, with over 65% more active investors registering compared to the same two month period last year. Currently, RateSetter has 45,000 registered individual investors.

Peter Behrens, RateSetter's co-founder and Chief Commercial Officer, commented: "RateSetter is all about giving individual investors direct access to the risk and return from loans - ending the exclusivity that banks and funds have tightly held onto for centuries.

Returning £50 million without dropping a penny is a great achievement - and this number is growing by around £2.5 million every month."

"The RateSetter market is unique, with interest rates set by thousands of investors and borrowers – not by the Bank of England or a faceless committee. As a result, there was never any question of us passing on a rate cut to our investors."

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RateSetter is one of the UK's largest marketplace lenders, and has lent more than £1.4bn to UK individuals, businesses and property developers, including £500m in 2015 alone.

The platform offers a ground-breaking proposition that allows retail, institutional and corporate lenders to invest at interest rates set in an open market. RateSetter's market rates can be found here. RateSetter is not covered by the FSCS and capital is at risk. RateSetter's Provision Fund has ensured that no individual investor has ever lost a penny since RateSetter launched in 2010 - a unique feat amongst the major platforms in the industry. All borrowers pay into the Provision Fund, which repays investors in the event that a borrower misses a payment.

In 2014, RateSetter became the first marketplace lender to launch with a retail license in Australia. In December 2015, the platform won Best Peer-to-Peer Lender in the FT and Investors Chronicle Wealth Management Awards for the second year running. RateSetter was the highest-rated platform by Which? readers in 2015 and 2016.

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