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Customer Relationship Summary

Helping you make an informed decision

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Prospera Financial Services, Inc. is registered with both the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority as a broker-dealer. Free educational materials and simple tools are available at investor.gov/CRS to research firms and financial professionals.

What Type of Account is Right for You – Brokerage, Investment Advisory or Both?

There are different ways you can get help with your investments. You should carefully consider which types of accounts and services are right for you. **Depending on your needs and investment objectives, we can provide you with services in a brokerage account, investment advisory account, or both at the same time.** This document gives you a summary of the types of services we provide and how you pay. Please ask us for more information, and please note the conversation starter questions listed in this document.

What Investment Services and Advice Can You Provide Me?

Our accounts and services fall into two categories.

Broker-Dealer Services

Brokerage Services

- If you open a brokerage account, you will pay a transaction-based fee, generally referred to as a commission, every time you buy or sell an investment.
- We offer Wells Fargo Clearing Services as our sole brokerage custodian along with directly held investments such as annuities and some mutual funds.
- You may select investments, or we may recommend investments for your account, but the ultimate investment decision for your investment strategy and the purchase or sale of investments will be yours as we do not offer discretionary trading in brokerage accounts. You will receive confirmations of all transactions and monthly statements of all assets held with our custodians.
- We offer a limited selection of investments.
 Other firms could offer a wider range of choices, some of which might have lower costs.
 We also offer products where we are the sponsor, manager, or an investor, both directly and indirectly, of the product. We also offer proprietary products.
- We sell fixed income products such as bonds and certificates of deposit and structured products on a principal basis in brokerage

Investment Advisory Services

Advisory Accounts

- If you open an advisory account, you will pay an on-going asset-based fee for our services.
- We will offer you advice on a regular basis. We will discuss your investment goals, design with you a strategy to achieve your investment goals, and regularly monitor your account. We will contact you (by phone or e-mail) at least annually to discuss your portfolio.
- You can choose an account that allows us to buy and sell investments in your account without asking you in advance (a "discretionary account") or we may give you advice and you decide what investments to buy and sell (a "non-discretionary account"). This will be performed in a wrap-fee program (where you don't pay any transaction fees) with an advisory fee of no more than 2.15% annually billed on a quarterly or monthly basis depending on the program.
- We also offer financial planning (billed either as a flat fee or hourly) along with full execution investment advisory services.
- Minimum account sizes for our advisory accounts vary by program, but there is no minimum account size for our Summit advisory program.

- accounts to retail investors, which means our profit is included in your total security cost.
- We sell products and securities in initial public offerings where we receive additional compensation for acting as a manager or selling group member.
- We do not offer ongoing monitoring in brokerage accounts, and we do not have an account minimum balance for new accounts.
- We can offer you additional services to assist you in developing and executing your investment strategy, but you might pay more. We will deliver account statements to you each month in paper or electronically.

Please visit <u>ProsperaFinancial.com/Disclosures</u> for more detailed information.

 Our investment advice will cover a limited selection of investments. Other firms could provide advice on a wider range of choices, some of which might have lower costs.

Please visit <u>ProsperaFinancial.com/Disclosures</u> for a detailed description of all our advisory services and their related fees and conflicts, including a copy of our Form ADV.

Conversation starters: 1. Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Should I choose a brokerage service? Should I choose both types of services? Why or why not? 2. How will you choose investments to recommend to me? 3. What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?

What Fees Will I Pay?

Fees and costs affect the value of your account over time. Please ask your financial professional to give you personalized information on the fees and costs you will pay.

Brokerage Account Fees and Costs

- Transaction-based fees. You will pay us a fee every time you buy or sell an investment. This fee, commonly referred to as a commission, is based on the specific transaction and not the value of your account. With stocks or exchange-traded funds, this fee is usually a separate commission. With other investments, such as bonds, this fee might be part of the price you pay for the investment (called a "mark-up" or "mark down"). With mutual funds, this fee (typically called a "load") reduces the value of your investment.
- Some investments (such as mutual funds and variable annuities) impose additional internal fees that will reduce the value of your investment over time. Also, with certain investments such as variable annuities or mutual funds, you may have to pay fees such as "surrender charges" or deferred sales charges to sell the investment.
- Our fees vary and our commissions are negotiable. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on how much you buy or sell, what type of investment you buy or sell, and what kind of account you have with us.

Investment Advisory Account Fees and Costs

- Asset-based fees. You will pay an on-going fee at the end of each month or quarter (depending on the advisory program) based on the value of the cash and investments in your advisory account. The amount paid to our firm and your financial professional generally does not vary based on the type of investments we select on your behalf. The asset-based fee reduces the value of your account and will be deducted from your account. For our managed advisory accounts, called wrap fee programs, the asset-based fee will include most transaction costs, and as a result wrap fees are typically higher than non-wrap advisory fees.
- Some investments (such as mutual funds and variable annuities) impose additional fees that will reduce the value of your investment over time. Also, with certain investments such as variable annuities, you may have to pay fees such as "surrender charges" to sell the investment.
- Our investment advisory management fees vary and are negotiable. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on the services you receive and the value of your account.

- We charge you additional fees, such as custodian fees, transfer fees, account maintenance fees, and account inactivity fees (altogether "account fees"), which are assessed annually or at the time the triggering event occurs (such as when you transfer securities).
- The more transactions in your account, the more fees we charge you. We therefore have an incentive to encourage you to engage in transactions.
- From a cost perspective, you may prefer a transaction-based fee if you do not trade often or if you plan to buy and hold investments for longer periods of time.

Other Fees and Costs

Apart from our fees and costs described above, you will be assessed internal investment product fees on any investment product you invest in with us. The investment products include, but are not limited to, mutual funds, Unit Investment Trusts, Exchange Traded Funds, fixed and variable annuities, non-traded and direct participation investments, managed futures funds, variable life insurance products, and 529 accounts.

- You will pay account fees in both wrap and nonwrap advisory programs just as you would in a brokerage account.
- The more assets you have in the advisory account, including cash, the more you will pay us. We therefore have an incentive to increase the assets in your account in order to increase our fees. You pay our fee monthly or quarterly even if you do not buy or sell.
- Paying for a wrap fee program could cost more than separately paying for advice and for transactions if there are infrequent trades in your account.
- An asset-based fee may cost more than a transaction-based fee, but you may prefer an asset-based fee if you want continuing advice, ongoing monitoring, or want someone to make investment decisions for you. You may prefer a wrap fee program if you prefer the certainty of a periodic quarterly or monthly fee (depending on the program) regardless of the number of transactions you have.

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. Please see our Regulation Best Interest disclosure and Form ADV disclosures at *ProsperaFinancial.com/Disclosures*.

Conversation Starter: Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

What are your legal obligations to me when providing recommendations as my broker-dealer or when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

When we provide you with a recommendation as your broker- dealer or act as your investment adviser, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the recommendations and investment advice we provide you. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means.

Examples of Ways We Make Money and Conflicts of Interest

- We can buy investments from you, and sell investments to you, from our own accounts (called "acting
 as principal") in a brokerage account or with your specific approval on each transaction in an advisory
 account. We earn a profit on these trades, so we have an incentive to encourage you to trade with us.
- We have an incentive to recommend you hold cash in your accounts, because we share in cash interest revenue from those funds.
- We have an incentive to recommend the use of margin or securities-based loan programs as we share in the interest charged to you.
- We have an incentive to recommend you invest with third parties with whom we have a solicitor agreement as we share in those third-party advisory fees.
- We offer proprietary, managed, or sponsored products, which is a conflict as we make additional fees.
- We have an incentive to recommend you open accounts with Wells Fargo Clearing Services as the
 custodian, because we share in account and transaction fees and receive incentive
 compensation for opening accounts or aggregating assets with these custodians.
- Please see <u>ProsperaFinancial.com/Disclosures</u> for our Regulation Best Interest Disclosure and ADV.

Conversation Starter: How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?"

How do our financial professionals make money?

- Our financial professionals receive a percentage of the advisory fees, brokerage commissions, and
 product trailing fees generated by assets under their management or for which they are broker of
 record. This percentage increases based on their total revenue at our firm and is an incentive to
 recommend investment transactions, rollovers to our firm from your retirement account, or investment
 advisory services. Brokerage commissions and product trailing fees vary widely from product to
 product, which is an incentive for our professionals to recommend the investment products paying the
 highest commissions or trailing fees.
- Our financial professionals also receive retention bonuses or related compensation based on their assets under management or total revenue at our firm.
- Our financial professionals receive credits toward due diligence trips to conferences hosted by
 investment product sponsors, which is an incentive to sell the related products. Our firm also offers
 reward trips and travel to our annual conference for financial professionals meeting a total revenue
 threshold.
- Our financial professionals share in revenue related to loans backed by your investment account, which
 is an incentive to recommend these loans, and our financial professionals share in any solicitor
 revenue shared with third party investment advisors they refer to you.

Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?

Yes. We have legal and disciplinary events. Visit Investor.gov for a free tool to research the background and experience of us and our financial professionals.

<u>Conversation Starter: As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?</u>

Where can I find additional information?

You can always ask your financial professional for more information, request a copy of this relationship summary at 972-581-3000, visit brokercheck.finra.org for information about your financial professional, review your brokerage or advisory agreement, or visit ProsperaFinancial.com/Disclosures to review our form ADV, Regulation Best Interest Disclosure, and other information.

<u>Conversation Starter: Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?</u>



PROSPERA PRIVACY NOTICE

Commitment to Your Private Information

Prospera Financial Services, Inc. ("Prospera") and its Financial Professionals are committed to safeguarding client confidential information, including all nonpublic personal information ("Personal Information"). Prospera holds all Personal Information provided by clients and prospective clients in the strictest confidence and our objective is to protect your privacy. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing of information we may hold about you. Please read this notice carefully to understand your rights and how we handle your information.

Why We Collect and How We Use Information

Prospera collects and provides access to customer information, including Personal Information, within the firm and to nonaffiliated companies with whom we have entered into agreements so that we may conduct regular business, administer, manage, service, and provide related services for client accounts. Prospera will collect and disclose the information below regarding customers and former customers, as necessary, to companies to perform certain services on Prospera's behalf.

- Information Prospera receives from client applications (name, social security number, address, assets, income, investment experience, etc.).
- Information about your transactions with Prospera or others (account information, payment history, parties to transactions, etc.).
- · Information concerning your account transactions.
- · Information about your financial products with Prospera.

Customer Identity Verification

Under the USA PATRIOT ACT, Prospera is obligated to verify the identity of each customer opening a new account. We will ask for your name, address, date of birth, and other Personal Information that will allow us to identify you, including asking to see your driver's license or other identifying documents. PLEASE UNDERSTAND that if we are unable to verify the identity of all the owners of any account within a reasonable time, we may, at any time, at our sole discretion, without providing advance notice, close the account.

Sharing Information with Other Companies Permitted or Required Under Law

Prospera shares Personal Information to service client accounts. Prospera may also provide customer Personal Information to service client accounts. Prospera may also provide customer Personal Information outside of the firm as permitted or required by law.

- Prospera may from time-to-time share client Personal Information with its affiliated company, Prospera Life & Annuity Services, Inc. ("PLA"). While Prospera has implemented procedures to limit its client Personal Information to only those employees that need to know such information to provide services, in the normal course of business, PLA may come into contact with client Personal Information.
- Prospera will disclose Personal Information to non-affiliated investment advisers, brokers and other agents, including Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC ("First Clearing"), Wells Fargo Advisors, investment advisor firms, firms owned and operated by Prospera Financial Professionals, and other financial firms with which Prospera has contracted to provide services, process transactions, and service client accounts. Prospera may also provide your information to vendors providing data processing; computer software maintenance and development; compliance and legal consulting; and other general business consulting services. These vendors are required to sign a nondisclosure agreement agreeing to maintain the confidentiality of all Personal Information.



- Prospera may also disclose Personal Information if we believe in good faith that such disclosure is required to comply with applicable laws, such as cooperating with regulators, consumer reporting agencies or to resolve consumer disputes.
- To limit our sharing, to the extent permitted by applicable law, please call: 972-581-3000.

Disclosure of Information to Your Financial Professional

Prospera recognizes that you have elected to open accounts with us due to the efforts of your Financial Professional. If your Financial Professional elects to leave Prospera for another registered broker-dealer or investment advisor, Prospera allows the Financial Professional to take your Personal Information to the new firm, subject to the requirements or limitations of applicable law. If your primary address is in a state that requires affirmative consent to share your Personal Information (such as Alaska, California, North Dakota or Vermont), then you must give your written consent before your Financial Professional may introduce any of your personal information to that new firm. State requirements vary and may change without notice. Your Personal Information may also be shared with entities that your Financial Professional affiliates with, owns and/or controls.

Prospera entered into the Protocol for Broker Recruiting ("Protocol") on November 17, 2008. The Protocol allows financial professionals who leave one Protocol firm to take and introduce limited information about you (name, address, phone number, e-mail address and the account title of the accounts serviced) to another Protocol firm that the financial professional joins.

In the event your Financial Professional decides to leave Prospera for another registered broker-dealer, investment advisor, or insurance company and you do not want your Personal Information introduced to the Financial Professional's new firm, please contact us at 972-581-3000.

Prospera may also disclose your Personal Information with a retiring or retired Financial Professional (or his or her estate) for confidential audit purposes to ensure the financial professional (or their estate) is paid correctly. In the event that your Financial Professional is retiring, has retired or is deceased, and you do not want your Personal Information used or disclosed in this manner, please contact us at 972-581-3000.

Former Customers

Even if we cease to provide you with financial products or services, our Privacy Policy will continue to apply to your Personal Information in accordanc with this notice.

Protection of Your Information: To protect the confidentiality and security of your Personal Information from unauthorized access or use, Prospera uses reasonable policies, practices and safeguards in compliance with applicable laws.

California: If you are a California resident, for additional information about your privacy rights please see our **California Privacy Notice**.

Questions? Please contact us at 972-581-300 or contact us via email at **prosperaclientcommunication@prosperafinancial.com.**