

Traphagen Investment Advisors LLC
Form CRS - A Summary of Our Advisory Relationship
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Introduction

This document gives you a summary of the types of services we provide and how you pay. Please ask us for more information. Traphagen Investment Advisors LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an Investment Advisor. We provide advisory accounts and services rather than brokerage accounts and services. Fees may differ between brokerage services, and advisory services which we provide, and it is important for you as a retail investor to understand the difference.

Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at <https://www.investor.gov/CRS>, which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer investment advisory services to retail investors. We will discuss your investment goals, design a strategy with you 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. We will assist you in opening 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 if requested and you decide what investments to buy and sell (a “non-discretionary account”). Our investment advice will cover a diverse selection of investments, however other firms may provide advice on a different range of choices. We are held to a fiduciary standard that covers our entire investment advisory relationship with you. For example, we are required to monitor your portfolio, investment strategy, and investments on an ongoing basis.

You can find more information about our business and services from our Firm Brochures (Form ADV, Part 2A), which are available at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/107764>.

Conversation starters:

- Given my financial situation, should I choose an advisory service? Why or why not?
- How will you choose the investments to recommend to me?
- What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do those qualifications mean?

What fees will I pay?

Professional Management fees are calculated as a percentage of Assets Under Management. Fees are calculated quarterly and billed in arrears. 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. As your assets grow, so will what you pay in total fees, although the fee percentage rate declines with asset growth based on our sliding fee schedule.

Other fees and costs: As a fee-only investment adviser, we do not charge or earn commissions; however, the brokerage firm that executes the trades that we make on your behalf may charge commissions or transaction fees for the purchase or sale of securities. These commissions and transaction fees are added to (if purchase) or deducted from (if sale) transaction amounts directly by the brokerage firm. We do not earn any part of the commission or transaction fees charged by the brokerage firm. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. Please refer to our Form ADV Part 2A at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/107764> to view the more detailed disclosure on our fees and costs.

Conversation starters:

- 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 acting as my investment advisor? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

When we 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 investment advice we provide you. Here is an example to help you understand what this means: Because our Code of Ethics in some circumstances would permit our employees to invest in the same securities as clients, there is a possibility that employees might benefit from market activity by a client in a security held by an employee. Employee trading is monitored under the Code of Ethics, to reasonably prevent conflicts of interest between Traphagen Investment Advisors LLC and its clients. It is our policy that the firm will not affect any principal or agency cross-securities transactions for client accounts. Traphagen Investment Advisors LLC will also not cross trade between client accounts.

We also receive client referrals from a third party to whom we pay a referral fee. These are conflicts of interest because we have an incentive to pay referral fees so that they will refer clients to us that they otherwise might not refer to us.

Conversation starters:

- How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our financial professionals are compensated based on a combination of factors, including the performance of the individual and the firm, as well as other economic and competitive considerations. Our financial professionals receive a salary and are eligible for discretionary bonuses, based on overall firm performance and the associate's contribution to the firm's success.

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

No, we do not. We encourage you to visit <https://www.investor.gov/CRS> for a free and simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

Conversation Starters:

- As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?

Additional Information

You can find additional information about our firm's investment advisory services in our Form ADV Part 2A at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/107856> or at adviserinfo.sec.gov. This can also be found on our website at <https://www.tfgllc.com>. You can request up-to-date information and a copy of our relationship summary by contacting us at 201-262-1040.

Conversation Starters:

- Who is my primary contact? 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?