

Your Relationship with Your Financial Professional: Feedback on the Relationship Summary

We would like to know what you think about a proposed Relationship Summary that describes your relationship with your investment adviser or your broker-dealer (your firm) and your financial professionals. This document summarizes:

- the services the firm offers and the types of fees and costs associated with those services;
- the firm’s obligations to you;
- certain conflicts of interest;
- how to find additional information about the firm and its financial professionals and research disciplinary history for the firm or its financial professionals;
- how to report a problem with your investments, investment account or a financial professional; and
- some questions to ask your financial professional to get more information.

It is important to us at the SEC to understand what you, the investor, think so that we can make it easier for you to choose the type of investment services relationship that is right for you. We prepared sample Relationship Summaries to illustrate what they may look like.

- [Sample Relationship Summary for a broker-dealer](#)
- [Sample Relationship Summary for an investment adviser](#)
- [Sample Relationship Summary for firms that are both an investment adviser and broker-dealer](#)

Please take a few minutes to review one or more of the samples and answer any or all of these questions. Please provide your comments by [insert date 90 days after publication in the Federal Register] – and thank you for your feedback!

If you are interested in background information on the proposed Relationship Summary, or want to provide feedback on additional questions, click [here](https://www.sec.gov/rules/proposed/2018/34-83063.pdf) (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/proposed/2018/34-83063.pdf>).

Questions

1. Overall, do you find the Relationship Summary useful? If not, how would you change it?

2. How useful is each section of the Relationship Summary? Please consider explaining your responses in the comments.

	Very Useful	Useful	Not Useful	Unsure	Comments
a. Types of Relationships and Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Too long. This whole form should
b. Our Obligations to You	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	i do not understand the different
c. Fees and Costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	The form should provide the actual
d. Comparisons to different account types ¹	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	I do not understand the difference
e. Conflicts of Interest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Why do i care about conflicts if a
f. Additional Information	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
g. Key Questions to Ask	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Useful. but too many. Perhaps the

¹ Not applicable for firms that are both an investment adviser and broker-dealer.

3. Please answer the following questions. Please consider explaining your responses in the comments.

	Yes	No	Somewhat	Comments
a. Do you find the format of the Relationship Summary easy to follow?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	
b. Is the information in the appropriate order?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	its fine, but too long.
c. Is the Relationship Summary easy to read?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	too long
d. Should the Relationship Summary include additional information about different account types?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Its already too long. the form +
e. Would you seek out additional information about a firm’s disciplinary history as suggested in the Relationship Summary?	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Isn;t it true that ilf the regulat +

4. Are there topics in the Relationship Summary that are too technical or that could be improved? If so, what topics and how can they be improved?

The fees should tell me the fees I can expect to pay.

5. Is there additional information that we should require in the Relationship Summary, such as more specific information about the firm or additional information about fees? Is that because you do not receive the information now, or because you would also like to see it presented in this summary document, or both? Is there any information that should be made more prominent?

The information should let me compare firms. As long as I am getting this form, let it serve +

6. Is the Relationship Summary an appropriate length? If not, should it be longer or shorter?

No. It should be much shorter. It is funny that in some ways the SEC is trying to get rid of +

7. Do you find the ‘Key Questions to Ask’ useful? Would the questions improve the quality of your discussion with your financial professional? If not, why not?

I am sure advisers will have clever answers to all te canned questions. I am not sure they v +

8. Do you have any additional suggestions to improve the Relationship Summary? Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Make it short, more useful (so I can compare services and firms), and more clarity as to wh +

How to Provide Feedback

You can send us feedback in the following ways (include the file number S7-08-18 in your response):

Mail	Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC, 20549-1090
Email	rule-comments@sec.gov
SEC Website	https://www.sec.gov/rules/proposed.shtml

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Thank you!