

Markle Financial, LLC

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FORM CRS

Markle Financial, LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and, as such, we provide advisory services rather than brokerage services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you, our client, to understand the differences. Additionally, free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at [Investor.gov/CRS](https://investor.gov/CRS), which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing. This document is a summary of the services and fees we offer to "retail" investors, which are natural persons who seek or receive services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer the following investment advisory services to retail investors: **Financial Planning Services; Portfolio Management Services; Pension and Consulting Services; Selection of Other Advisers.**

Account Monitoring: If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service we will monitor your investments on an annual basis.

Investment Authority: We typically manage investment accounts on a **discretionary** basis whereby **we will decide** which investments to buy or sell for your account. We have discretion to select, retain or replace third-party managers to manage your accounts. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased or sold for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing. We also offer **non-discretionary** investment management services whereby we will provide advice, but **you will ultimately decide** which investments to buy and sell for your account. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.

Investment Offerings: We offer advice on equity securities, corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper), municipal securities, variable annuities, mutual fund shares, real estate, REITs, structured products and ETFs.

Account Minimums and Requirements: In general, we do not require a minimum dollar amount to open and maintain an advisory account; however, we do have a minimum fee of \$2,500 per year, subject to advisor discretion. We have the right to terminate your account if it falls below a minimum size which, in our sole opinion, is too small to manage effectively.

Detailed information regarding our services, fees and other disclosures can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Items 4, 7, and 8 and Form ADV Part 2 Appendix 1 Brochures Items 4 and 5 by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/302088>

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

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

What fees will I pay?

The following summarizes the principal fees and costs associated with engaging our firm for investment advisory services.

- **Asset Based Fees - Typically** Payable quarterly in arrears, however this is custodian dependent. Since the fees we receive are asset-based (i.e. based on the value of your account), we have an incentive to increase your account value which creates a conflict especially for those accounts holding illiquid or hard-to-value assets;
- **Hourly Fees** - Paid for consulting services are charged with a percentage of the estimated fees in advance and the remaining balance in arrears as stated in the contract.
- **Fixed Fees - For Financial Planning are** Payable with a percentage the fee in advance and the remaining balance in arrears as stated in the contract.
- **Other Advisory Fees** - In addition to our fees, advisory fees are charged by third party money managers, which are separate and apart from our fees. These fees may be charged on a different frequency as stated in the third party money managers' contract.

Examples of the most common fees and costs applicable to our clients are:

- Custodian fees;
- Account maintenance fees;
- Fees related to mutual funds and exchange-traded funds;
- Transaction charges when purchasing or selling securities; and
- Other product-level fees associated with your investments.

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.

For detailed information, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A, Items 5 and 6 and Form ADV Part 2 Appendix 1 Brochures by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/302088>.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **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 adviser? 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 are some examples to help you understand what this means.

- **Third-Party Payments:** Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed as independent insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products. Insurance commissions are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because they have an incentive to recommend insurance products to you for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs.
- **Referral agreements:** We have a referral arrangement as we act as a solicitor for Pacific Financial Group, Inc ("PFG"). Persons referring PFG, Inc may have an incentive to recommend the services of PFG based on the compensation received rather than solely based on your needs. We have a referral arrangement with StoneCastle for their cash management product for which we act as a solicitor. We have entered into a written agreement with SmartAsset Advisors, LLC, an internet advisor that facilitates introductions to Markle Financial for a fee.
- **Private Fund Affiliation:** We serve as the manager or an investment advisor for private funds (private pooled investment vehicles). Our Company, certain members of its management, and other knowledgeable employees may acquire, directly or indirectly, investment interests in our fund or have other financial interests (e.g. General Partner, Officers, Board Members, etc.) in the funds. This presents a conflict of interest because we have investments and/or are compensated by the private funds.
- Because our revenue is derived from asset-based fees, we have an incentive to grow your account as much as possible. This could cause us to take overly aggressive positions in conflict with your interests in an attempt to grow your account or could incentivize us to inflate the valuations of illiquid investments held in your account.
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Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

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

Refer to our Form ADV Part 2A and Form ADV Part 2 Appendix 1 Brochures by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/302088> to help you understand what conflicts exist.

How do your financial professionals make money?

The financial professionals servicing your account(s) receive a salary which is based on job performance.

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

No, our firm and our financial professionals currently do not have any legal or disciplinary history to disclose. Visit Investor.gov/CRS for a free and simple research tool.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

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

You can find additional information about your investment advisory services and request a copy of the relationship summary at 307-721-1725 or click the link provided <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/302088>

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **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?**

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Exhibit to Form CRS

Markle Financial, LLC is required to update its Form CRS when information in the Form CRS becomes materially inaccurate. This Exhibit summarizes the following material changes to the firm's Form CRS, implemented on March 26, 2024::

- We have entered into a written agreement with SmartAsset Advisors, LLC, an internet advisor that facilitates introductions to Markle Financial for a fee.
- Private Fund Affiliation: We serve as the manager or an investment advisor for private funds (private pooled investment vehicles). Our Company, certain members of its management, and other knowledgeable employees may acquire, directly or indirectly, investment interests in our fund or have other financial interests (e.g. General Partner, Officers, Board Members, etc.) in the funds.