

Breakwater Financial, LLC

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FORM ADV PART 3/FORM CRS

Breakwater 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://www.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;**

Account Monitoring: If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service we regularly monitor your investments and formal reviews are conducted semi-annually or based upon the client needs.

Investment Authority: We manage investment accounts on a **discretionary** basis whereby **we will decide** which investments to buy or sell for your account.

Investment Offerings: Although we provide advice on various types of investments, our investment recommendation are primarily based on Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds.

Account Minimums and Requirements: In general, we do not require a minimum dollar amount to open and maintain an advisory account; however, 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. We impose the following other minimum requirements to open and maintain an advisory account: Annual minimum fee for clients who engage us for both Portfolio Management and Financial Planning Services is \$5,000; Monthly Fixed fee clients minimum fee is \$300 per month.

Detailed information regarding our services, fees and other disclosures can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Items 4, 5, 7, 8, 13 and 16 by clicking this link [Form ADV Part 2A](#).

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** - Payable quarterly in advance. 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** - Payable In arrears;
- **Fixed Fees** - Payable In advance;
- Clients may also pay additional fees and/or expenses. 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 by clicking this link [Form ADV Part 2A](#).

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.

- ☐ 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.

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our Company and the financial professional servicing your account(s) are compensated in the following ways: Salary and based upon the revenues the firm earns from the services or recommendations, administrative responsibilities and other contributions to the Firm's operations.

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 by clicking this link [Form ADV Part 2A](#) to help you understand what conflicts exist.

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 617-849-8019 or click the link provided [Form ADV Part 2A](#).

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?**