

SENTRYADVISORS

Sentry Advisors, LLC

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Sentry Advisors, 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.

Conversation Starters: It is important for you to understand your account, its terms and limitations, and the relationship you have with Sentry Advisors. Each section in this document offers a series of "Conversation Starters" that offers prompts you may want to ask to further discuss our relationship, our processes and the fees charged for our services.

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; Selection of Other Advisers; Financial Consulting Services; and Sponsor and Manager of a Wrap Fee Program.**

- **Investment Offerings:** We offer advice on the following types of investments or products: equity securities, warrants, corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper), commercial paper, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, variable life insurance, variable annuities, mutual fund shares, United States government securities, options contracts on securities, options contracts on commodities, futures contracts on tangibles, futures contracts on intangibles, money market funds, real estate, REITs, PIPEs, derivatives, structured notes, ETFs, private placements, interests in partnerships investing in real estate, interests in partnerships investing in oil and gas interests and interests in partnerships investing in Venture, Private Equity.
- **Investment Authority:** We manage investment accounts on a **discretionary and non-discretionary** basis. When managing on a discretionary basis, **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.
- **Account Monitoring:** If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service we will monitor your investments on a daily basis.
- **Account Minimums and Requirements:** In general, we do not require a minimum dollar amount to open and maintain an advisory account.

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/brochure/174042>.

Conversation Starters

- 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 various principal fees and costs you may incur by engaging in investment advisory services with our firm.

- **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;
- **Wrap Program Fees** - Payable quarterly in advance, based on the balance at end of billing period. Asset-based fees associated with a wrap fee program generally include most transaction costs and fees to a broker-dealer or bank that has custody of the assets; therefore, the asset-based fee is higher than a typical asset-based advisory fee. Since our firm pays the transaction costs associated with securities transactions in your account, we have an incentive to minimize the trading in your account;

- **Other Advisory Fees** - In addition to our fees, you may also pay:
 - Advisory fees charged by third party money managers, which are separate and apart from our fees.

In addition to our principal fees and costs, there are other common fees and costs that may be applicable to our clients that include:

- Custodian fees;
- Account maintenance fees;
- Fees related to mutual funds and exchange-traded funds;
- Custodian 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/brochure/174042>.

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- 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.

- *Compensation from Third Parties:* The firm and individuals associated with our firm receive compensation in the form of service fees from Federated Securities, Eaton Vance and Goldman Sachs Asset Management, LP for selling certain investments. For Federated this is specific to their "held away" Money Market Funds and for Eaton Vance & Goldman Sachs, this is specific to their Exchange Funds (LPs);
- *Third-Party Payments:* Certain 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.

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- 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/brochure/174042> to help you understand what conflicts exist.

How do your financial professionals make money?

The financial professionals servicing your account(s) are compensated in the in the form of salary and bonus based on their experience, skills and the time and complexity required to meet the business's needs.

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

Yes. Visit 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?

You can find additional information about your investment advisory services and request a copy of the relationship summary at 415-229-9073 or click the link provided <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/174042>.

Conversation Starters

- 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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