

Form CRS (Client Relationship Summary)

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Benchmark Financial, LLC (“BF” or “Advisor”) is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you to understand the differences. 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.

Item 2: Relationship and Services

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer investment advisory services to retail investors. Our services include investment management, financial planning, and investment consulting services.

Monitoring: Under our investment management services, your investment accounts will be monitored and reviewed regularly on at least a quarterly basis by our firm. We will provide advice to you regarding the investments and allocation of your accounts to ensure they are positioned appropriately based on your goals and objectives.

If you are only engaging our firm in financial planning services, we will work with you to review your held away investment accounts that we provide advice to you on but will not be monitoring or reviewing those held away investment accounts, unless otherwise agreed upon as part of your financial planning engagement.

Investment Authority: Through our Investment Management service, we maintain **discretionary authority** where you authorize us to buy and sell investments without obtaining your consent prior to each transaction.

Limited Investment Offerings: We do not make available or offer advice with respect to proprietary products nor to a strictly limited menu of products or types of investments.

Account Minimums and other Requirements: Our minimum account size requirement is \$500,000.

For additional information, please review Item 4, 7, and 13 of our Form ADV Part 2A.

Ask your Adviser:

- **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?**

Item 3: Fees, Costs, Conflicts, and Standard of Conduct

What fees will I pay?

The amount of fees you pay to our firm and the frequency in which you are billed depends on the services being provided. For investment management service, we charge a fee based on a percentage of assets under management up to 1.10%. Fees are charged quarterly in arrears. For ongoing financial planning services, we charge an upfront fee and then a monthly fee for the ongoing implementation and advice provided on that plan. The upfront fee is \$1,500 and monthly fees is \$400. For hourly investment consulting, we charge \$500/hr.

We are paid for investment management services based on a percentage of your managed account value. Therefore, the more assets there are in your advisory account, the more you will pay in fees, and we therefore have an incentive

to encourage you to increase the assets in your account. This is a conflict of interest. However, we mitigate this by ensuring all recommendations and investment decisions we make are in your best interest.

Our fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which you may incur. Additional fees you may pay include certain charges imposed by custodians such as custodial fees, deferred sales charges, or other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual fund and exchange-traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus.

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 additional information, please review Item 5 of our Form ADV Part 2A.

Ask your Adviser: 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. For example, if your account value goes up, and while the tiered management fee percentage may stay the same, the total compensation you pay us goes up proportionately. We may recommend that you roll over or transfer assets from a retirement account to an account under our management, thus resulting in compensation paid to us for that management. This type of recommendation represents a conflict of interest for our firm. To mitigate the conflict of interest, there are various factors that we will consider before recommending a rollover that will be disclosed to you in a separate Rollover Disclosure. We will only recommend a rollover or transfer if we believe it to be in the best interest of our clients. If we make this type of recommendation, you are under no obligation to follow such advice.

Ask your Adviser: 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 through a salary, owner's draw, or a percentage of assets under management. Our financial professionals are not paid commissions or other sales-incentives.

Item 4: Disciplinary History

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

No. You can visit Investor.gov/CRS for a free and simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

Ask your Adviser: As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?

Item 5: Additional Information

You can find additional information regarding our firm and receive a copy of this relationship summary by visiting our website at www.benchmarkfg.com or by contacting (302) 635-9760.

Ask your Adviser: 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?

