

FORM CRS – CLIENT RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY
INDEX FUND ADVISORS, INC.
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Index Fund Advisors, Inc. is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ, and it is important for the *retail investor* to understand the differences. Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at Investor.gov/CRS, which also provides educational material about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer discretionary investment advisory services and fiduciary wealth services to retail, institutional, and retirement plan investors that focus specifically on providing portfolios of passively managed or index funds. We tailor our investment advice to match your capacity for risk. We will help you determine your risk capacity in consideration of five dimensions of risk: time horizon and liquidity needs, net income, net savings, investment knowledge, and attitude toward risk. We also offer investment-related tax management and a systematic glide path risk reduction program on a discretionary basis. Discretionary authority allows us to decide the type and amount of securities to be bought or sold for your account and when to invest, without consulting you first. We maintain this discretion until it is revoked (e.g., by the termination of our agreement or upon written instruction from you). As part of our services, we monitor your investments at least quarterly. Clients may designate accounts or assets to be monitored on a different review cycle. Additional reviews occur for deposits or withdrawals, glide path changes, tax-loss harvesting, rebalancing, and changes to your risk capacity. We generally require a discretionary account minimum of \$100,000 but reserve the right to waive this minimum.

Ask one of our financial professionals the following questions:

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?

Our relationship with clients begins with education about investing, explaining the differences between active and passive investing, and then aligning an investor's risk capacity to a risk exposure that is comprised of a globally diversified and passively managed index portfolio. We provide advisory services utilizing passively managed funds, but we also offer advice on equity securities, U.S. government securities, corporate debt securities, municipal debt securities, other mutual funds, and exchange-traded funds. We also review and make recommendations to the sub-accounts within variable annuities and variable life insurance products. In addition to customized investment advice and portfolio strategies, we offer planning and referral services. Planning services include financial planning, retirement planning, college planning, and charitable giving. We offer referrals for insurance advice, trustee services, estate planning, banking, checking, pledged asset lines and mortgages. We have a tax division that offers tax advice &

planning, tax accounting & bookkeeping, and tax return preparation. We provide planning, referral services, and tax services on a consulting basis, which means we provide recommendations, and you make the ultimate decision of whether and with whom to implement. You are free at all times to accept or reject any of our recommendations. *For further information about our services and advice, please read Items 4, 7, and 8 of our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure brochure. For a copy, go www.adviserinfo.sec.gov or call us at (949) 502-0050.*

What fees will I pay?

For discretionary advisory services, IFA charges an annual fee that is billed quarterly and payable three months in advance. The fee is based upon the value of your account assets (including cash and equivalents) on the last trading day of the month immediately prior to the three-month period. The fee is: first \$500,000 at 0.90%, next \$500,000 at 0.75%, next \$1,000,000 at 0.60%, next \$2,000,000 at 0.45%, next \$2,000,000 at 0.30%, next \$4,000,000 at 0.25%, next \$10,000,000(+) at 0.20%. The fee schedule results in a blended fee for assets over \$500,000. For example, the blended annual fee for \$1,000,000 is 0.825% (the First \$500,000 at 0.90% and the Next \$500,000 at 0.75%). Also, fees will be prorated for additions and withdrawals in your account(s). We aggregate all assets in your managed accounts with us when calculating our discretionary advisory fee. We do not charge a separate or additional fee for our planning and referral services. Fees for our tax services, like tax return preparation and bookkeeping, range from a flat rate of \$100/month for simple bookkeeping, and complicated tax returns could result in a fee

of \$10,000 or more. All our fees are negotiable, and we do have clients with different fee structures than what is stated above. IFA does not charge a minimum annual fee. Also, you will pay additional fees to third parties in connection with your managed

Ask one of our financial professionals the following questions:

Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$100,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

account. These can include (as applicable), custodian fees, transaction charges, mutual fund 12b-1 fees, distribution fees, deferred sales charges, IRA fees, margin interest, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other account administrative fees. 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. *More detailed information about our fees and other costs associated with investing, along with applicable conflicts, can be found in Items 5, 10, and 14 of our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure brochure. For a copy, go to www.adviserinfo.sec.gov or call us*

at (949) 502-0050.

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 is an example to help you understand what this means. IFA recommends certain custodian brokers to serve as the custodian of your managed assets. IFA receives certain products and services from these custodian brokers at no cost, which benefits us but does not benefit you. Certain of these products and services assist us in managing and administering your accounts, and others help us develop our business. The receipt of such benefits creates a conflict of interest as it gives us an incentive to have our clients custody their assets with one of the recommended custodian brokers. *More detailed information about our conflicts of interest can be found in Items 4, 10, 11, 12, and 14 of our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure brochure. For a copy, go to www.adviserinfo.sec.gov or call us at (949) 502-0050.*

Ask one of our financial professionals the following questions:

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 paid a portion of the fees paid by clients, and some of our financial professionals are paid a salary in addition to a portion of the fees paid by clients. This creates a conflict of interest since it incentivizes our financial professionals to recommend our services. Additional information about the compensation received by our financial professionals and any related conflicts of interest are outlined in each professional's Form ADV Part 2B, which can be obtained by calling us at (949) 502-0050.

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

Yes. Please go to www.investor.gov/crs for a free and simple search tool to research our financial professionals and us.

Additional Information

You can obtain additional information and/or request a copy of this Form CRS by going to www.adviserinfo.sec.gov or by calling us at (949) 502-0020.

Ask one of our financial professionals the following questions:

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

Ask one of our financial professionals the following questions:

Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser?

Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how the person is treating me?