

# FINANCIAL SERVICES AND CREDIT GUIDE

**MANDATE FINANCIAL PLANNING**

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This Financial Services and Credit Guide (FSCG) contains information that will help you decide whether to use the financial services we offer. It sets out:

- who we are and how we can be contacted
- the advice and services we provide
- information about our licensee, Hillross Financial Services Limited (Hillross)
- our fees and how we, and Hillross are paid in connection with those services
- how we manage your private information
- how you can complain about a matter relating to us or Hillross

## Documents you may receive

We will provide you with a number of documents as you progress through our financial planning process to capture each stage of your advice journey. We may provide these documents to you electronically to your nominated email address, unless otherwise agreed.

When we provide personal advice it will normally be documented and provided to you in a Statement of Advice (SOA), known as a financial plan. The financial plan contains a summary of your goals and the strategies and any financial products we may recommend to achieve your goals. It also provides you with detailed information about product costs and the fees and other benefits we and others will receive, as a result of the advice we have provided.

If we provide further personal advice a financial plan may not be required. We will keep a record of any further personal advice we provide you for seven years. You may request a copy of such records by contacting our office during that period.

If we recommend or arrange a financial product for you we will provide a product disclosure statement (PDS) or investor directed portfolio service (IDPS) guide where relevant. These documents contain the key features of the recommended product, such as its benefits and risks as well as the costs you will pay the product provider to professionally manage that product.

You should read any warnings contained in your advice document, the PDS or IDPS guide carefully before making any decision relating to a financial strategy or product.

# About our firm

## Summary of the business

<b>Name</b>	The Mandate Finance Group Pty Ltd trading as Mandate Financial Planning
<b>Australian Business Number</b>	96 115 464 929
<b>Authorised representative number</b>	339075
<b>Credit representative number</b>	378313

## Our office contact details

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<b>Phone</b>	03 9817 7666
<b>Fax</b>	03 9888 5266
<b>Email</b>	info@mandatefp.com.au
<b>Website</b>	www.mandatefp.com.au

This guide provides information about our advisers including their contact details, qualifications, experience, the services they may offer and financial products they can provide advice on.

# Our financial advisers and credit advisers

## About Ruhan van Zyl



<b>Experience</b>	<p>Ruhan has been in the Financial Services industry since 1991 and has assisted both clients and practitioners realize their aspirations in achieving financial security.</p> <p>He has had the privilege of being involved in financial services across two continents, South Africa and Australia and has spent time in the corporate world where he was the State/Regional Manager for a number of large organizations in distribution channels. Ruhan's work ethic is based on three principles, honesty, integrity and professionalism.</p> <p>Outside of work, Ruhan is a sports fanatic; a very keen Rugby Union follower and Melbourne Rebels supporter. He is a long time member of Harlequin Rugby Club in Melbourne and enjoys a game of golf, when time allows for it.</p>
<b>Phone</b>	03 9817 7666
<b>Email</b>	ruhan@mandatefp.com.au
<b>Authorised representative number</b>	339071
<b>Credit representative number</b>	368673

### Qualifications (Finance related)

Advanced Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning)

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting)

### Professional memberships

FPA - Financial Planning Association

SMSF Association (SPAA)

## The advice and services I can provide

I am authorised to provide the services listed in the **Our advice and services** section of this guide, except for the following:

- Employer super

Should you require advice and services that extend beyond my authority I can refer you to a suitably qualified professional.

I am also a credit representative of Hillross and am authorised to provide strategic debt advice regarding how to structure debt, suitability of existing loan structures and repayment options. I am not authorised to provide credit assistance. If you require advice involving mortgages or other lending products, I can refer you to an accredited mortgage consultant.

## How I am paid

I receive the following from our firm: Salary and equity in the firm.

## About Den Do



<b>Experience</b>	Den Do has worked with a variety of dealer groups such as Lonsdale, AXA, Trust and Apogee and has been in the Financial Services industry since 2000. Along side Ruhan van Zyl, Den heads up Mandate's 'Investment and Research Committee' and she also manages the Mandate Portfolio Construction. As a Financial Planner Den works closely with her clients on financial strategies to help create, build protect and manage their wealth.
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<b>Authorised representative number</b>	296464
<b>Credit representative number</b>	368923

### Qualifications (Finance related)

Diploma of Financial Services (Financial Planning)

### Professional memberships

FPA - Financial Planning Association

SMSF Association (SPAA)

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## How I am paid

I receive the following from our firm: Salary only

## About Cody Mackay



### Experience

Cody's experience in the Financial Services industry includes working directly within the AMP group before advising clients in a Melbourne-based boutique firm; subsequently being headhunted to Viridian Advisory to advise in the high net worth individual and Chinese client base. His advice is based strongly on his virtues of integrity, trustworthiness and transparency to deliver sound financial advice. His experience and wealth of knowledge has assisted a broad range of clients in achieving their financial objectives and adding value to their lives.

This has led Cody to take on his personal practice in partnering with Mandate Financial Planning to continue seeking to provide the highest level of professional service to his clients.

### Phone

03 9817 7666

### Email

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### Authorised representative number

1245023

### Credit representative number

493893

### Qualifications (Finance related)

Bachelor of Commerce (Finance)

Diploma of Financial Planning

Diploma of Financial Services

### Professional memberships

FPA - Financial Planning Association

## The advice and services I can provide

I am authorised to provide the services listed in the **Our advice and services** section of this guide, except for the following:

- Employer super
- Borrowing within your SMSF
- Standard margin loans
- Various structured products, instalment warrants over managed funds and protected equity loans
- Limited selection of investment guarantees

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## How I am paid

I receive the following from our firm: Salary and equity in the firm.

## Our advice and services

We can provide you with personal and general advice about specific services and financial products listed below. We can also arrange for financial products to be issued without advice from us.

Individual advisers within our firm may not be qualified to provide advice in all of the services and products noted below. Their individual profile guides will note any limitations to the advice they are qualified to provide. At all times we will ensure the appropriate adviser is available to you to provide advice consistent with your goals.

The following table sets out the areas of advice we can help you with as well as the products and services we can arrange.

Any additional advice or services we can offer you, or limitations to the list below, will be outlined in **Our financial advisers and credit advisers** on page 4.

We can provide advice on	We can arrange the following products and services
— Investments strategies (strategic asset allocation and goals based investing)	— Superannuation, including retirement savings accounts
— Budget and cash flow management	— Self-managed superannuation funds (SMSF)
— Debt management (including borrowing for personal and investment purposes)	— Borrowing within your SMSF
— Salary packaging	— Employer superannuation
— Superannuation strategies and retirement planning	— Managed investments
— Personal insurance	— Investor directed portfolio services (for example, administration platforms)
— Centrelink and other government benefits	— Deposit and payment products (for example term deposits, cash management accounts and non-cash payment products)
— Aged care	— Standard margin loans
	— Retirement income streams, including pensions and annuities
	— Personal and group Insurance (life cover, disability, income protection and trauma)
	— Life investment products including whole of life, endowment and bonds
	— Securities (including listed securities)
	— Exchange traded funds and Listed investment companies
	— Arranging for listed securities, shares and debentures to be bought and sold via a platform and broker
	— Various structured products, instalment warrants over managed funds and protected equity loans
	— Where an administration platform is recommended, we are also authorised to provide a Limited Managed Discretionary Account service (existing MDA clients only)
	— Limited selection of investment guarantees

Hillcross maintains an approved products and services list from a diversified selection of approved Australian and International providers, including companies related to Hillcross. These have been researched by external research houses as well as our in-house research team.

Hillross periodically reviews these products to ensure that they remain competitive with similar products that address similar client needs and objectives. Generally, we recommend products that are on the approved products and services list. However, if appropriate for your needs, we may, subject to Hillross' approval, recommend other products.

A copy of the approved products and services list can be supplied to you upon request.

If we recommend a new platform or portfolio administration service, we use those approved by Hillross. These services may include those issued by companies related to Hillross.

As at June 2020, the lenders whose products are most commonly recommended by accredited mortgage consultants authorised by Hillross are AFG Home Loans, ANZ, Westpac, Macquarie Bank, Bank SA and Bankwest.

## Tax implications of our advice

Under the Tax Agent Services Act 2009, The Mandate Finance Group Pty Ltd, trading as Mandate Financial Planning is authorised by the Tax Practitioners Board to provide tax (financial) advice services on matters that are directly related to the nature of the financial planning advice provided to you. We will not consider any other tax matters in our advice to you. Where tax implications are discussed they are incidental to our recommendations and only included as an illustration to help you decide whether to implement our advice.

## Transaction services

We can arrange to complete transactions for you on limited types of financial products where we can take your instructions and arrange for the transaction to be completed, without providing personal advice. If you wish to proceed without our advice, we will ask you to confirm your instructions, which will be documented in writing. We will keep a record of this documentation for seven years. You may request a copy of such records by contacting our office during that period.

## Your relationship with us and using our services

You can contact us directly with any instructions relating to your financial products. This includes giving us instructions by telephone, mail or email. We can only accept your instructions via email once you have signed an authority form.

We will work with you to agree what advice and services we will provide and when and how often we will provide them.

Where you agree to annual advice and services, the details will be documented and provided to you in an advice or service agreement. This includes the frequency of contact between us, service standards that may apply, any fee arrangements and how the agreement can be terminated.

If at any time you wish to terminate your relationship with us, please contact us using the details shown in this guide.

## Providing information to us

It is important that we understand your circumstances and goals, so that we can provide you with appropriate advice and services. You have the right not to provide us with any personal information. Should you choose to withhold information, or if information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate the advice or services we provide you may not be appropriate for you.

It is also important that you keep us up to date by informing us of any changes to your circumstances so we are able to determine if our advice continues to be appropriate.



## Our fees

The actual fee charged to you will depend on the nature of the advice or service we provide. We will discuss and agree the actual fees with you before we proceed. The following section outlines the types of fees that may apply:

The fees charged for our advice and services may be based on a combination of:

- A set dollar amount; or
- A percentage based fee.

Our agreed advice and service fees may include charges for:

- Initial advice
- Ongoing or annual advice and services.

Please note that for services in relation to insurance, banking deposit products, some loan products and older investment products, commissions may be paid by the product provider as follows:

- Initial commission - a percentage of the value of your investment contributions, loan balance or insurance premiums; and
- Ongoing commission - a percentage of the value of your investment balance, outstanding loan amount or premiums, usually calculated at the end of each month in which you hold the investment or loan, or on renewal of insurance products.

### Payment methods

We offer you the following payment options for payment of our advice and service fees:

- BPAY, direct debit (savings), credit card or cheque; and
- Deduction from your investment (subject to the advice and service provided).

All fees and commissions will be paid directly to Hillross as the licensee. They retain a percentage (as a licensee fee) to cover their costs and the balance is passed on to us. The percentage is determined annually, based on a number of factors, including our business revenue over a 12 month period.

For more information on our services, please see our **Schedule of fees** available on request.

### Other costs

Where other costs are incurred in the process of providing our advice and services to you, you will be liable for these costs. However, we will agree all additional costs with you prior to incurring them.

### Other benefits we may receive

The following is a list of benefits we may receive other than those explained above. These are not additional costs to you. These benefits may be monetary or things like training, events or incentives we are eligible for.

In addition to the payments we may receive for our advice and services, we may receive other support services from the licensee. We may also be eligible to receive financial support including financing, technology and training assistance, prizes and awards or events in recognition of financial planning excellence and innovation including if we qualify under the licensee's excellence program, and business performance or business operational costs. These benefits are paid either at the licensee's discretion or depending on meeting certain qualifying criteria including the quality of our services and advice provided to our clients, business goals and ranking against other firms in Hillross. The amounts are set by the licensee from time to time (usually on an annual basis). We may also participate in business lunches or receive corporate promotional merchandise tickets to sporting or cultural events and other similar items.

We might receive financial and non-financial assistance including financing, badging rights or technology support to help us grow our business.

## Development, management and advice (DMA) run off payments

Eligibility to receive DMA run off payments is dependent on us continuing to be authorised by and meeting standards set by Hillcross. From 31 January 2020 we will be eligible to receive run off payments based on the amount of advice revenue we generated in 2018. Advice revenue includes revenue directly attributable to advice provided to a client for an agreed fee. It excludes commissions from investment, insurance and banking products. These payments are to assist with our cashflow over 3 years as set out in the table below. Run off payments will not be made after June 2022.

Year	Total annual amount (payable over 2 instalments)
2020	\$14,850.00
2021	\$9,900.00
2022	\$4,950.00

## Paraplanning costs subsidy

We may be eligible for a subsidy from AMP in relation to paraplanning costs, depending on the number of paraplanning requests that we make in a particular month. If our firm submits a minimum of 5 paraplanning requests per eligible authorised representative in our firm, we receive a discount of up to 25% in relation to these costs. For example, if the total cost of 5 SOAs is \$1,000 we will receive a discount of up to \$250 (25% x \$1,000 = \$250) and pay a discounted fee of minimum \$750.

## Placement fees

From time to time Hillcross will receive fees from brokers or product issuers (including AMP group companies) for arranging client participation in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) of financial products. The fee, which is generally a percentage of the fee paid to the broker, varies from offer to offer and by the level of participation by Hillcross. We may share in this fee based on the level of participation by our clients.

## Business buy back option

If we leave the financial services industry, Hillcross makes available a facility for its authorised representatives to transfer their clients. If this happens, Hillcross may buy back the servicing rights of our clients. The facility is subject to certain conditions (such as, reason for sale, time the firm has been operating with Hillcross, level of adherence to Hillcross compliance requirements and achieving a satisfactory level of customer service), and provides a minimum value for our register of clients. The minimum value is based on a multiple of firm revenue. If at some future time we should look to sell our firm, Hillcross may purchase the servicing rights of our clients in these circumstances.

At present we do not participate in the Hillcross 'Buyer of Last Resort' program.

## Personal and professional development

Hillcross offers education, personal and professional development opportunities to our firms on an annual basis. Participation in these opportunities may be based on attainment of qualifying criteria or open eligibility.

## Education and professional development

Hillcross will subsidise the cost of our participation in approved education and professional development programs if we meet specific qualification criteria. The qualifying criteria is based on a combination of factors including the quality of our services, our business goals and our ranking against other firms in Hillcross. The maximum amount of this subsidy is \$12,000 per annum per firm.

Qualification for this subsidy ceased on 31 December 2018. Any subsidy we earned in 2018 is available to us until 31 December 2020.

Provided we meet specific qualification criteria Hillcross will support the firm with up to 20% of the licensee fees payable by the firm to the licensee in 2017 to meet the training and education requirements for financial advisers as required by Financial Adviser Standards and Ethics Authority.

Both the subsidy and support mentioned above are paid by Hillcross directly to the education provider and not to us.

**Amicus program**

In addition to the above, certain firms that meet additional qualification criteria may be eligible to participate in the Amicus program, an additional personal and professional development program organised by Hillross.

# Relationships and associations

It is important that you are aware of the relationships that Hillross has with providers of financial services and products as they could be seen to influence the advice you receive.

The Mandate Finance Group Pty Ltd, T/A Mandate Financial Planning, is an independently owned and operated financial service business, which is only licensed to Hillross Financial Services (Licensee).

## About our licensee

Hillross Financial Services Limited

ABN 77 003 323 055

Australian Financial Services and Australian Credit Licensee

Licence No: 232705

Hillross has:

- Approved the distribution of this guide
- Authorised us to provide advice and other services as described in this guide
- Authorised us to provide credit assistance services to you

Hillross' registered office is located at 33 Alfred Street, Sydney, NSW 2000.

## About the AMP Group

Hillross is a member of the AMP group of companies. We can provide advice on products from a wide range of financial product providers, some of which are related or associated with Hillross, namely:

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| — National Mutual Funds Management Limited | — AMP Capital Funds Management Limited                |
| — NMMT Limited                             | — AMP Capital Investors Limited                       |
| — N.M. Superannuation Pty Limited          | — AMP Superannuation Limited                          |
| — Multiport Pty Limited                    | — AMP Life Limited*                                   |
| — ipac asset management limited            | — Cavendish Superannuation Pty Ltd                    |
| — AMP Bank Limited                         | — Australian Securities Administration Limited (ASAL) |
| — SMSF Administration Solutions Pty Ltd    | — SuperConcepts Pty Ltd                               |

\* On completion of the sale of AMP's Australian and New Zealand wealth protection and mature businesses to Resolution Life, which is expected to occur on or around 30 June 2020, AMP Life Limited will cease to be a related body or associate of the Licensee.

If we recommend a product issued by the AMP Group or a third party product issuer, they will benefit from our recommendation by receiving product, administration and investment fees, as well as fees paid by fund managers to distribute their product. These fees are all disclosed in the relevant PDS or IDPS guide.

Authorised representatives and/or staff employed in our business may hold shares in AMP Limited, whose share price may be favourably affected by the sale of products issued by AMP Group companies.

## Hillross' relationships with other companies

AMP Services Limited (ASL) provides administration services and distribution infrastructure services to several issuers of financial products and loan products under agreements entered into prior to 1 July 2013.

In return for those services, ASL receives remuneration as set out below:

- For investment products and loan products – up to 0.33%\* p.a. of funds under administration, the balance of any relevant cash account or the total loan value outstanding.

\* includes GST

By way of example:

- If total funds under administration for a particular investment product is \$10 million, ASL would receive \$33,000.

Margin lenders may make payments to ASL of up to 0.55% pa (including GST) in respect of margin loans calculated on the outstanding balance of a loan. Payments are normally made monthly. As an example, for each \$10,000 of an interest only loan, the payment would be \$55 over a year. However, for other loans, the payments will vary as interest is charged and principal is repaid. Our firm does not receive any part of the payments received by ASL, although we may indirectly benefit from these arrangements through the Hillross recognition program referred to earlier in this Guide.

From time to time, ASL may facilitate access to Hillross and its authorised representatives for issuers to train or educate Hillross and its authorised representatives on their products.

## Arrangements with platform providers

This section of the FSCG sets out our relationships with platform providers and how these may influence the advice we give you.

### Overview

Where you invest through platform products and services (such as investor directed portfolio services or IDPS), we may receive remuneration from those platform providers. Fees, commission payments and other benefits may be calculated as a percentage of your financial interest in a product or service or on the total amount of business advised. The amount and calculation of those fees are shown in the relevant disclosure document. Some fees and commission payments we receive may relate to arrangements existing before 1 July 2013.

### Specific arrangements

We have arrangements with third parties for administration and support services in relation to the products below.

#### PortfolioCare platform

PortfolioCare products and services are issued by companies in the AMP Group and also provide administration and support services in respect of PortfolioCare. Administration services are performed by Asgard Capital management Limited (Asgard).

If you access a product in the PortfolioCare range, then administration fees and, where applicable, trustee fees, are deducted from your account. These fees, as set out in the product disclosure statement or IDPS Guide, are paid to Hillross after deduction of expenses for administration services and other services provided as mentioned above.

Further details about the fees and costs of investing in PortfolioCare are detailed in the relevant product disclosure statement or IDPS Guide. Please review the product disclosure statement you received when first investing in the product together with any correspondence from the issuer outlining changes to those fees and costs. Note that PortfolioCare is closed to new members and investors effective 20 December 2019.

#### Definitive Wrap platform

Definitive Wrap closed in 2014.

If you have accessed a product through the Definitive platform, which is operated by Macquarie Investment Management Limited (MIML), then the administration fees are deducted from your account within that platform and paid to Hillross. MIML is paid a fee by Hillross for administering this platform.

Further details about the fees and costs of investing in the Definitive Wrap platform are detailed in the product disclosure statement or IDPS guide you received when first investing in your product or service together with any correspondence from MIML outlining changes to those fees and costs.

## Confidence in the quality of our advice

If at any time you feel like you are not satisfied with our services, the following will help you understand your options and find a resolution.

- Contact your adviser and tell them about your complaint.
- If your complaint is not satisfactorily resolved within three business days, please contact AMP Advice Complaints:
  - Phone 1800 812 388
  - Email [advicecomplaints@amp.com.au](mailto:advicecomplaints@amp.com.au)
  - In Writing:  
**Attention: National Manager, Advice Complaints**  
33 Alfred Street  
Sydney NSW 2000
- They will try to resolve your complaint quickly and fairly. They will provide you with a decision in respect to your complaint within 90 days of us receiving it.
- We note that in some circumstances, it may not be possible for us to completely resolve a complaint within the 90 days. If you do not agree with our decision in respect of your complaint, or are otherwise unsatisfied with our response after the 90 day period, you may escalate your complaint to one of the following External Dispute Resolution Schemes listed in the following below.

<b>Any issues relating to financial advice, investments, superannuation, insurance matters, or credit matters</b>	<b>Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA)</b> GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001 1800 931 678 <a href="http://www.afca.org.au">www.afca.org.au</a> <a href="mailto:info@afca.org.au">info@afca.org.au</a>
<b>Any issue relating to your personal information</b>	<b>The Privacy Commissioner</b> GPO Box 5218 Sydney NSW 2001 1300 363 992 <a href="mailto:privacy@privacy.gov.au">privacy@privacy.gov.au</a>

You may also contact the **Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)** on 1300 300 630 (free call info line) to make a complaint and obtain information about your rights.

## Professional indemnity insurance

We maintain professional indemnity insurance to cover our advice and the recommendations provided by your adviser. Hillross is also covered by professional indemnity insurance and this satisfies the requirements imposed by the Corporations Act 2001 and National Consumer Credit Protection Act. The insurance covers claims arising from the actions of former employees or representatives of Hillross, even where subsequent to these actions they have ceased to be employed by or act for Hillross.

# Your privacy

We are committed to protecting your privacy. Below we outline how we maintain the privacy of the information we collect about you.

## Privacy collection statement

As part of the financial planning process, we need to collect information about you. Where possible we will obtain that information directly from you, but if authorised by you we may also obtain it from other sources such as your employer or accountant. If that information is incomplete or inaccurate, this could affect our ability to fully or properly analyse your needs, objectives and financial situation, so our recommendations may not be completely appropriate or suitable for you.

We are also required under the Anti-Money-Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act (AML/CTF) 2006 to implement client identification processes. We will need you to present identification documents such as passports and driver's licences in order to meet our obligations.

We keep your personal information confidential, and only use it in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Some of the ways we may use this information are set out below:

- Your adviser and Hillross may have access to this information when providing financial advice or services to you;
- Your adviser may, in the future, disclose information to other financial advisers, brokers and those who are authorised by Hillross to review customers' needs and circumstances from time to time, including other companies within the AMP group (the Group);
- Your information may be disclosed to external service suppliers both here and overseas who supply administrative, financial or other services to assist your adviser and the Group in providing financial advice and services to you. A list of countries where these service providers are located can be found in the Group Privacy Policy;
- Your information may be used to provide ongoing information about opportunities that may be useful or relevant to your financial needs through direct marketing (subject to your ability to opt-out as set out in the Group Privacy Policy);
- Your information may be disclosed as required or authorised by law and to anyone authorised by you.

Your adviser and Hillross will continue to take reasonable steps to protect your information from misuse, loss, unauthorised access, modification or improper disclosure. You can request access to the information your adviser or Hillross holds about you at any time to correct or update it as set out in the Group Privacy Policy. The Group Privacy Policy also contains information about how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles.

For a copy of the Group's Privacy Policy visit <http://www.amp.com.au/privacy> or you can contact us.



# Our services for Managed Discretionary Accounts

We offer limited types of Managed Discretionary Account services (MDA services) within approved investment platforms. These services are only available for existing MDA clients. Through these services, you allow us to manage your investments for you, using our discretion and without obtaining your instructions before each transaction we undertake on your behalf. However, we do not (and we are not authorised to) open new accounts, withdraw funds or contribute funds to your investment.

## What are the risks associated with using the MDA service?

By authorising us to make changes to your investments, you cannot claim we were not acting on your behalf if we acted within the authority given. Therefore, our acts bind you. It is important you understand what we are authorised to do and that you carefully read and understand the activities that you are authorising us to do on your behalf.

The following risks are associated with investing through the MDA Service:

- Fair dealing: the risk of the authorised representative providing preferential treatment to some clients at the expense of other clients. For example, an attractive float is promoted to high net worth clients only and therefore other clients fail to receive an offer.
- Reasonable basis: the risk of the MDA operator not exercising diligence and thoroughness when making investment recommendations to the client.
- Failing to act responsibly and with a reasonable standard of care: where an MDA operator acts in his or her own interests before the benefit of their clients.
- An MDA service is not suitable for all clients. If you want to retain control of all investment decisions an MDA service will not be appropriate for you. However, if you are an experienced investor and understand the risks associated with having someone else make investment decisions on your behalf then it may be suitable for you.

## How can you instruct us to exercise rights relating to the financial products in your portfolio?

Generally, the financial products that we invest in on your behalf do not have any additional rights or entitlements attached to them. However, if there are, we will let you know within the necessary timeframe. You can then instruct us how you wish us to proceed. Please refer to 'Your relationship with us and using our services' in this guide. Under an MDA you may agree for us to respond on your behalf.

## Non-limited recourse products

We may recommend you invest your portfolio in a non-limited recourse product, specifically a margin loan. The amount of borrowing we recommend will be based upon your relevant personal circumstances and goals but only to a maximum of 60% of your investment.

The following risks are associated with non-limited recourse products:

- Gearing can magnify your losses as well as your gains.
- Interest cost may outweigh investment returns and this could potentially have an impact on your cash flow.
- A non-limited recourse product or facility imposes a legal obligation on you to pay an amount to another person or financial institution in the event of the occurrence or non-occurrence of something where the rights of the other person or financial institution are not limited to any property or asset that you have paid or set aside as security for the agreement.

A margin call occurs when your portfolio drops below the level of security needed to fund the loan.

As part of our ongoing service, we will manage any risks of a margin call on your behalf other than receiving notification of margin calls. The margin lender will directly give you notice of any margin calls. We are not authorised to receive those margin call notices on your behalf.

Our Statement of Advice sets out the strategy for a margin call to review the loan to value ratio back to acceptable levels. We prefer that this is managed through cash injection or lodgement of additional securities/collateral rather than a sell down of the investments or crystallising losses.

If the value of the investment is less than the value of the loan, it will be inadequate to clear the associated debt, so more assets may need to be sold. Also, you may incur capital gains tax liability on the sale of your other assets. If in the unfortunate event, that neither of these balances is sufficient, you may be left with a remaining debt that will need to be repaid on an ongoing basis via your cash flow.

In the event of you having to sell your principal residence, note that it is not subject to capital gains tax and whilst the sale would incur selling costs, there would be no additional tax liability.

For example, if you use \$10,000 of your own money and borrow \$90,000 via a margin loan to invest in \$100,000 in shares - if your shares suffer a significant decrease in value to \$80,000 and you are required to meet a margin call from the lender immediately to fully repay your margin loan, you may be forced to sell \$10,000 of your other assets and property to make up the shortfall in value due to the decrease in value of your shares which have been held as security for the margin loan.

### **Keeping you informed**

You will have access to information regarding the trading on your account. This information will set out the transactions that we have undertaken on your behalf, as well as a detailed valuation of the assets and liabilities in your portfolio.

You can elect to either have continuous online access to your portfolio, together with the receipt of an annual statement, or receive paper statements both quarterly and annually.

### **Do you have to enter into a contract for us to provide MDA services?**

Yes. This MDA contract will set out the terms and conditions of the authority and the investment program, which sets out how your money will be invested. We will agree and prepare the investment program for you based on your relevant personal circumstances, your financial objectives and your needs and review the program every 12 months. The Investment Program will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 3 of part 7.7 of the Corporations Act 2001 (the Act) and will comply with the requirement to act in the best interest of the clients as required by Division 2, Part 7.7A of the Act. In addition, the Investment Program will include information about:

- the nature and scope of the discretions we will be authorised and required to exercise under the MDA contract
- any significant risks associated with the MDA contract
- the basis on which we consider the MDA contract to be suitable for you, and
- warnings that the MDA contract may not be suitable to you if you have provided us with limited or inaccurate information. It will also specify that the MDA service may cease to be suitable for you if your relevant personal circumstances change.

### **Do we provide custodial or depository services for your portfolio?**

We do not provide custodial or depository services. This means that you will either hold the investments in the portfolio, or the custodian nominated for that financial product will hold them.

### **Fees and costs**

The fees and costs for MDA services are disclosed in the 'Managed Discretionary Account fees and costs' section of the **Schedule of fees**.

If we recommend you an MDA service and charge you a fee for the service, these fees and costs will be provided to you at the time we provide you with personal advice (or as soon as practicable after that time).

This financial services guide complies with the conditions of ASIC's relief under ASIC Corporations (Managed Discretionary Account Services) Instrument 2016/968.

## Commissions

We do not receive commissions on investments through new superannuation, managed funds or retirement products. However, some products, particularly older products, may attract commissions.

Any commission amounts will be disclosed to you when providing our advice. The following table is a guide of commissions we may receive.

Product type	Initial commission	Ongoing commission	Example
Insurance (including those held within superannuation)	<p>Up to 66% of the first year's premium for new policies implemented from 1 January 2020.</p> <p>We may receive up to 77% of the first year's premium for new policies implemented between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019.</p> <p>We may receive commissions on increases or additions to existing policies of up to 100.00%.</p>	Up to 33.00% of the insurance premium each following year.	<p>On insurance policies implemented from 1 January 2020, if your insurance premium was \$1,000, we would receive an initial commission of up to \$660.</p> <p>We would receive an ongoing commission of up to Invalid formula pa.</p>

All fees and charges include GST.

If an agreed advice fee is charged then we may rebate all or some of the commission.

## Managed Discretionary Account fees and costs

### Did you know?

Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long-term returns. For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your account balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30-year period (for example reduce it from \$100 000 to \$80 000). You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs. You may be able to negotiate to pay lower contribution fees and management costs where applicable.

### To find out more

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) website ([www.moneysmart.gov.au](http://www.moneysmart.gov.au)) has a managed funds fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

This document shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from your assets held under our MDA service.

You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.

Type of fee or cost	Amount	How and when paid
<b>Fees when your money moves in or out of the managed investment product</b>		
<b>Establishment fee</b> The fee to open your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Contribution fee</b> The fee on each amount contributed to your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Withdrawal fee</b> The fee on each amount you take out of your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Exit fee</b> The fee to close your investment	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Management costs</b>		
<b>The fees and costs for managing your investment<sup>1</sup></b> MDA service fee	Nil	Not applicable
<b>Indirect costs</b> External managed funds fees	Varies depending on the Managed Fund. Please refer to the fund manager PDS for fee information.	The fees are deducted from the managed fund unit price by the product issuer. This fee is not directly paid by you, but does impact the portfolio performance.
<b>Service Fees<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Switching fee</b> The fee for changing investment options	Nil	Not applicable

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the Additional Explanation of Fees and Costs section for an explanation of other fees and costs.

## Additional explanation of fees and costs

### Ongoing advice fees

We provide ongoing service as part of our MDA service. The fees for ongoing service are disclosed in the above section of the 'Our fees'.