

# Relationship Disclosure

## Terms and Conditions Booklet

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## 1. Our agreement with you

### 1.1 Overview

This Relationship Disclosure Terms and Conditions Booklet (the “Booklet”) sets out the essential terms and conditions that govern the operation of your account. These terms and conditions are incorporated into and form a part of the contract between you and Richardson Wealth Limited (“Richardson Wealth”, “we”, “our” or “us”). When you sign your New Account Application (“NAAF”) or otherwise accept these terms and conditions, you confirm that you have read and agree to these terms and conditions and any document incorporated by reference into this Booklet, each of which may be amended by us from time to time.

### 1.2 For Clients in the United States

Richardson Wealth is not registered under any U.S. federal or state securities legislation and is thus restricted in its ability to provide services to U.S. residents. In defined circumstances, Richardson Wealth is permitted to provide certain services to U.S. residents. Clients should be aware that their Canadian RRSP, RRIF and similar retirement accounts are not regulated under U.S. securities laws. The operations of these accounts are subject to Canadian laws.

## 2. Our relationship with you

### 2.1 Overview

***This Booklet, your account opening forms and documents, including the NewAccount Application Form(“NAAF”) and other agreements that you entered into with us or provided to us with respect to your account are intended to define and document our relationship with you and set out our mutual rights, responsibilities and obligations. You should always ensure that you read, understand and agree with what is set out in those documents as they are used by us to ensure that we understand your investment objectives, risk profile which includes risk tolerance and risk capacity, personal and financial circumstances. Those documents will also be used to guide us in recommending investments that are suitable for you and the account(s) that you hold with us. Advisory (or Non-Discretionary) Account Relationships***

In all your Advisory (or Non-Discretionary) accounts our relationship with you is a non-fiduciary relationship. In this situation, you are the ultimate decision-maker and must provide your specific instructions or authorization for each transaction in your account. It is the Advisor’s responsibility to obtain from you all the necessary account opening information and forms regarding your personal circumstances, financial circumstances, your investment needs and objectives, your investment knowledge, your risk profile and your investment time horizon. This is referred to as “Know Your Client” or “KYC” information. Once we have opened an account for you then your Advisor will make investment recommendations based on the information we have gathered from you and market conditions. Your Advisor is responsible for advising you of the features and risks

of any investment they recommend, for ensuring the investments are suitable for your account, obtaining your consent and instructions for that investment. You are under no obligation to accept your Advisor's recommendations.

You are required to monitor your account to ensure that all activity in your account has been authorized by you and that it is consistent with your KYC information and your instructions. We will send you a trade confirmation for each transaction that takes place in your account on the first business day after the transaction. Upon receipt of this trade confirmation, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are aware of the transaction, that you understand the risks and features of the investment, and that you have agreed to the purchase (or sale).

After the end of each month where there has been activity in your account, we will mail you a statement of account, or, if you have online access and elected to suppress the mailing, then a copy of the statement will be posted to your online account at [MyRichardsonWealth](#). If there is cash or securities in your account but there has been no activity, we will mail or post a statement to your online account at [MyRichardsonWealth](#), as applicable, at least quarterly unless you have requested to receive a monthly statement regardless of activity. It is your responsibility to review this account statement within 30 days of date on the statement and ensure that you understand, accept, and have authorized all activity in your account. It is also your responsibility to ensure that the entire portfolio of securities in your account(s) reflects your instructions. If there are transactions that you do not recognize, securities that you do not understand, or if the portfolio does not appear to reflect your KYC information, please contact your Investment Advisor, your Investment Advisor's Branch Manager, or our Compliance Department, by calling us immediately at 1.866.263.0818 no later than 30 days from the date on the statement.

## **2.2 *Managed (or Discretionary) Account Relationships***

In your Managed (or discretionary) accounts, your Portfolio Manager ("PM") will decide what investments to purchase or sell for your account on your behalf. It is the PM's responsibility to obtain from you all the necessary account opening information and forms. Your PM will work with you to prepare an Investment Policy Statement that will provide the framework for your investment portfolio. Once you have agreed to and accepted the Investment Policy Statement, your PM will make investment decisions based on the information that you have provided in your NAAF, your Investment Policy Statement, other account opening forms, and market conditions. As such, it is imperative that you inform your PM immediately of any changes to your KYC information, including your personal and financial circumstances.

We will not send you individual trade confirmations for investments made in your managed account. You will be sent an account statement as outlined in Section 2.2.

## **2.3 *Account Types We Offer***

Richardson Wealth offers you five types of investment accounts that fall under either an Advisory relationship or a Managed relationship:

### 2.3.1 Advisory Relationship Accounts:

- (a) **Transactional Account**, where you are charged a commission for each trade.
- (b) **Investment Advice Account**, where you are charged an annual flat dollar fee and/or percentage fee of the accounts market value for providing investment account services to you, including trade execution services subject to certain limits.

### 2.3.2 Managed Relationship Accounts:

- (a) **Portfolio Managed Account and Portfolio Managed Multi-Currency Account**, where you are charged an annual flat dollar fee and/or percentage fee of the account(s) market value for providing investment account services to you, including trade execution services subject to certain limits.
- (b) **Separately Managed Account**, where you are charged an annual flat dollar fee and/or percentage fee of the account(s) market value for providing investment account services to you, including trade execution services subject to certain limits. Where Richardson Wealth has engaged a sub-advisor for the account, Richardson Wealth is responsible for any loss that arises out of the failure of the sub-adviser:
  - (i) to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of its office honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of you (the client); and
  - (ii) to exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances.
- (c) **My NexGen Portfolio Account**, where you are charged an annual flat dollar fee and/or percentage fee of the account(s) market value for providing investment account services to you, including trade execution services subject to certain limits. Where Richardson Wealth may engage a sub-advisor for the account, Richardson Wealth is responsible for any loss that arises out of the failure of the sub-adviser:
  - (i) to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of its office honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of you (the client); and
  - (ii) to exercise the degree of care, diligence, and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances.

For a more detailed description of the types of accounts, please refer to section 3.

Richardson Wealth also offers Wealth and Estate Planning services where we will prepare a wealth plan for you for a negotiated fee. A wealth plan is an advisory service.

## 2.4 Suitability

Your Advisor has an obligation under securities law to ensure that any investment action we take or recommend for you is suitable for you having regard to your KYC information and putting your interests first. Also, if you deliver securities to us or transfer your portfolio to us, we are responsible for determining whether those securities are suitable for you. If those assets are not suitable for you then your Advisor will inform you of that.

We base the suitability of investments on the information you provide to us at account opening and when you update your account information. In making a suitability assessment, we will consider the following information you have provided to us: your investment objectives, risk profile (i.e., your risk tolerance and risk capacity), investment time horizon, investment knowledge, your personal circumstances and financial circumstances, known as “Know Your Client Information” or “KYC” information.

Your Advisor is responsible to determine the suitability of an investment action in your account including assessing the concentration of the investment with your account(s), the potential and actual costs to you and the range of alternative investment actions available. Your Advisor will review your portfolio and make sure that the investments in your account continue to be suitable for you. In addition, your Advisor will undertake a suitability determination for your account:

- when a recommendation is made for you;
  - when a trade is accepted for your account;
  - when you deposit securities to your account or when a security transfers into your account from another institution;
  - when we become aware of a significant change in a security in your account that could result in your account not meeting suitability requirements;
  - when a new Advisor takes over your account;
  - when there is a material change to the KYC information you have provided to us; and
  - We will not review the investments held in your account(s) in the event of a major market correction or any other factors not described above. However, your Advisor will discuss the effect of market fluctuations on your portfolio with you at your request.
- (a) You understand and acknowledge that we have no obligation to accept your order or instruction that is deemed not suitable for you.
- (b) If you have any questions or concerns about how we assess suitability please speak to your Advisor.



*In Managed accounts, your Advisor will perform annual and ongoing suitability reviews and respond to any change in your personal or financial circumstances.*

## **2.5 Common Types of Risk to Consider When Making an Investment Decision**

When you are making investment decisions, it is important that you consider the risks associated with investing. The common types of investment risks may include, but are not limited to:

- **Credit Risk.** An issuer of a fixed income security may be unable to make interest payments or pay back the original investment.
- **Concentration Risk.** A high concentration of assets in a single or small number of issuers may reduce diversification and liquidity within a portfolio and increase its volatility.
- **Equity Securities Risk.** Equity securities are affected by stock market movements, and equity securities of certain companies, or companies within a particular industry sector, may fluctuate differently than the overall stock market because of changes in the outlook for those individual companies or the particular industry.
- **Liquidity Risk.** Some securities may be illiquid because of legal restrictions, the nature of the investment itself, settlement terms, a shortage of buyers or other reasons. Generally, investments with lower liquidity tend to have more dramatic price changes and may subject the investor to losses or additional costs.
- **Currency Risk.** The value of securities denominated in a foreign currency will be affected by changes in foreign currency rates or the imposition of foreign exchange controls.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** The value of a portfolio that invests in bonds, mortgages and other income producing securities is affected by changes in the general level of interest rates.
- **Foreign Investment Risk.** Investments in foreign securities may involve additional risks resulting from differing reporting standards and regulatory requirements, the amount and reliability of publicly available information, and the volume and liquidity of certain securities markets.

## **2.6 Accurate Information and Changes**

Richardson Wealth is committed to providing you with high quality advice and services aimed at assisting you in meeting your financial objectives. To achieve this, you need to provide us with accurate information regarding your KYC information which includes investment objectives, investment knowledge, investment time horizon, risks profile (i.e., your risk tolerance and risk capacity), personal circumstances and financial circumstances. You need to promptly advise us if there are any changes to any information previously provided to us. Based on your information, we will provide investment advice and recommendations intended to help you achieve your investment goals.

You are required to notify us promptly of changes to your contact information including but not limited to address, phone and email. In the event that your contact information should become stale, and we are unable to contact you with the information we have on file we will make

reasonable commercial efforts to contact you. During this period, each account you hold with us will be subject to additional reasonable administrative fees to cover the costs associated with maintaining and operating the account.

## **2.7    *Statements, Confirmations and Notices***

Your account number will appear on all account statements, trade confirmations (if applicable) and tax receipts we provide you. Account statements, trade confirmations (if applicable), notices and other communications we send you by mail are deemed to be given and received on the fifth (5th) day after we mail them.

Any notices or information we give to you in person, by fax or electronically, are deemed to be given and received on the day we send them.

Depending on the level of activity in your account, we will provide you with an account statement either monthly or quarterly, unless you have requested in writing that we provide you with a monthly statement regardless of activity. We will assume your account statements are complete and accurate, unless you tell us otherwise within 30 days of the date printed on them or the day, we deem you to have received them, whichever is earlier. Please refer to Section 2.2 for details.

Records of your statements, trade confirmations, and notices will be retained by Richardson Wealth for a period of seven years from the date of initial issuance.

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## **2.8    *Ratification***

You are responsible for checking your account statements and each trade confirmation to ensure the trade activity complies with your instructions. You must let us know if you believe there is an error, discrepancy or omission, or if you otherwise do not agree with the information shown on such records within 30 days from the date printed on the trade confirmation or account statement.

You will be deemed to have ratified/accepted as correct and valid the trade confirmation or account statement and its contents, including the transactions and holdings in your account if you do not inform us of any unauthorized transactions, errors, discrepancies or omissions in writing within 30 days from the date of the trade confirmation or account statement.

We will assume any other notices we provide to you in writing, by telephone, personal computer system, or any other electronic or telecommunication device, are complete and accurate, unless you tell us otherwise within five days of receiving them.

## **2.9    *Good Faith***

We shall discharge our duties herein honestly, fairly, in good faith and in your best interests and we shall exercise the standard of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in the circumstances.

Neither Richardson Wealth nor any of its officers, directors or employees (referred to as “we” in this section) are responsible or liable for any losses as a result of: (a) delays in receiving or processing transactions; or (b) delays in transferring securities or account balances to a third party; or (c) trading in securities; or (d) if we do not receive your instructions except to the extent that losses are caused by our negligence,.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Booklet, we will not be responsible or liable for any delays in performing or failures to perform any of our obligations under this Booklet or any resulting losses to you or any other person, if and to the extent the delays or failures to perform result from any event or circumstance beyond our reasonable control including act of God, strike, lockout or labour disruption, war, riot, pandemic, epidemic, civil commotion, natural disaster (including fire, flood or earthquake), extraordinary weather conditions, communication or power failure, equipment, hardware or software malfunction, telecommunications problem, government restrictions, exchange or market rulings or the suspension of trading.

You are solely responsible for ensuring each instruction to us is true, accurate and complete. You acknowledge that we will rely on the truth, accuracy, and completeness of each instruction. You will be responsible and liable for all losses that you, we or any other person may incur as result of false, inaccurate, incomplete, or erroneous instructions.

We will not be responsible or liable for loss, expenses, or damages that are indirect, consequential, special, aggravated, punitive, or exemplary, regardless of the basis of the claim or for any losses arising from, connected with or relating to any of the following: (i) any fraud or unauthorized account activity by you or any person for whom you are responsible or liable under this Booklet or applicable law, (ii) your breach of the terms and conditions in this Booklet; or (iii) any improper, inaccurate or incomplete instructions.

We are also not liable for any losses, or any failure to obtain investment gains on your account, resulting from an error of judgment nor any action taken or omitted to be taken except losses sustained through our own negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith misconduct.

The foregoing limitation of liability is subject to Richardson Wealth’s regulatory obligations as a registered dealer under applicable legislation in operating your account.

All information and recommendations provided by Richardson Wealth or any of its advisors, officers, directors or agents, whatsoever, are based on sources believed to be reliable, however we do not guarantee the accuracy, nor do we assume responsibility of any kind for such information and recommendations.

## **2.10 Investment Protection**

Richardson Wealth and Fidelity Clearing Canada ULC (“**Fidelity**”), , are members of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund (“CIPF”). CIPF protects your account within specific limits. Information about the nature and limits of CIPF is available upon request from your advisor or on the CIPF website ([www.cipf.ca](http://www.cipf.ca)). Neither the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Québec Deposit

Insurance Board nor any other government deposit insurer insures any cash or securities held in your account.

## **2.11 Client Complaints**

Where you have a complaint regarding the servicing of your account(s), we ask that you promptly raise your concern with your Advisor or alternatively the Branch Manager identified on your NAAF or our Richardson Wealth website: [www.RichardsonWealth.com](http://www.RichardsonWealth.com). Where you are alleging misconduct in the handling of your account, including but not limited to theft, fraud, breach of confidentiality, misappropriation or misuse of funds or securities, forgery, unsuitable investments, misrepresentation, unauthorized trading or other inappropriate financial dealings, you or a person authorized to act on your behalf should raise your dissatisfaction directly with the Branch Manager or our Designated Complaints Officer. Richardson Wealth commits to providing an initial acknowledgement of your complaint (apart from service complaints) within five (5) business days of the receipt date of your complaint. This acknowledgment may include a request for more information or to provide your complaint in writing if you have not already done so. Where we have embarked upon an investigation of the merits of your complaint, we will provide you with a substantive response within 90 calendar days of the receipt date of your complaint, barring exceptional circumstances. Should additional time be required to investigate your concerns, we will advise you in writing and provide you with an expected date of completion. If you are not satisfied with how your complaint was handled, you can contact:

Richardson Wealth's, Designated Complaints Officer at:

Phone: toll-free number at 1.866.263.0818 or

Email: [rwcomplaints@richardsonwealth.com](mailto:rwcomplaints@richardsonwealth.com)

### *Privacy Complaints Only*

If your complaint is related to a privacy issue, we will direct your complaint to our Privacy Officer. You may also contact Richardson Wealth's Privacy Officer at:

Email: [RWLPrivacy@RichardsonWealth.com](mailto:RWLPrivacy@RichardsonWealth.com)

**If you are not satisfied with how your complaint was handled. You may escalate to an external organization.**

### **Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO)**

Richardson Wealth is a member of the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO) you may contact CIRO at:

Phone: 1-877-442-4322

Email: [investorinquires@ciro.ca](mailto:investorinquires@ciro.ca)

Website: [www.ciro.ca](http://www.ciro.ca)

## **Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments (OBSI)**

OBSI seeks to resolve disputes between investment firms and their customers if they can't solve them on their own. If you have been unsuccessful in reaching a resolution with Richardson Wealth, you may contact OBSI at:

Toll-free: 1 888 451-4519  
Greater Toronto Area: 416 287-2877  
Email: [ombudsman@obsi.ca](mailto:ombudsman@obsi.ca)  
Website: [www.obsi.ca](http://www.obsi.ca)  
20 Queen Street West, Suite 2400  
P.O. Box 8  
Toronto, ON M5H 3R3

## **Québec residents**

If you are a resident of Québec and are not satisfied with the outcome or examination of your complaint, you can request us to transfer your complaint file to the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF). You may contact the AMF at:

Tel: toll-free 1-877-525-0337  
Fax: 418-525-9512  
Mail: Place de la Cité, Tour Cominar  
2640 boulevard Laurier, bureau 400  
Québec (Québec) G1V 5C1

### **2.12 Notice of Non-Residency**

We wish to inform you that our company's head office is located in Toronto, Ontario. To the extent that you are not a resident of the Province of Ontario we must inform you that in some cases your legal rights may not be enforceable in your local jurisdiction. The name and address of our agent for service of process in your jurisdiction is available on request by contacting our Risk and Compliance department. This contact information is available on our website: [www.RichardsonWealth.com](http://www.RichardsonWealth.com).

## **3. Accounts and services we offer**

### **3.1 Products and Services**

Richardson Wealth is one of Canada's foremost independent investment dealers. Our commitment to service excellence coupled with our extensive product offering provides clients with options tailored to fit their financial goals and investment interests. Richardson Wealth is regulated by the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization ("CIRO").

Our products and services include:

- Cash Accounts
- COD (Cash on Delivery) Accounts
- Fee-based Accounts
- Managed Accounts
- Retirement Savings Plan Accounts
- Tax-Free Savings Accounts
- First Home Savings Accounts
- Registered Disability Savings Plan Accounts
- Registered Education Savings Plan Accounts
- Retirement Income Plan Accounts
- Joint Accounts
- Margin Accounts
- Options Accounts
- Foreign Exchange

### **3.2 Cash Accounts**

When you open a regular cash account, you are expected to make full payment for purchases with full delivery of securities for sale on or before the regular settlement date (unless mutually agreed). The regular settlement date is prescribed as the following number of business days after the transaction date:

- Government of Canada treasury bills – same day as the transaction;
- Other Government of Canada loans maturing up to three years – 2 business days after the transaction;
- Options – next business day after the transaction;
- New Issues – the contracted settlement date as specified for that issue;
- Certain Mutual Funds may have a different settlement period, as set out in the fund prospectus; and
- All other securities – 1 business day after the transaction.

In the event that you do not make full payment on or before the settlement date in your cash account, we will charge you interest on the overdue balance and take other remedial action as we see fit without further notice to you.

### **3.3 COD Accounts**

The term COD refers to Cash on Delivery. When you open a COD account, you must have an existing arrangement with a financial institution that is acceptable to us, to act as your single custodian and clearing agent. You must arrange with your custodian to make full payment and to take delivery for your security purchases, and to make full delivery of securities to us for any sales, on or before the settlement date. In the event that you do not make full payment on or before the settlement date in your COD accounts, we will charge you interest on the overdue balance and take other remedial action as we see fit without further notice to you.

### **3.4 Fee-based Accounts**

In selecting this type of account, you should consider the size and trading volume of your account, the types of securities you may purchase, the type of advice and service you may desire and other factors, including potential costs. Fee-based accounts charge fees on a monthly or quarterly basis which are calculated as an annual flat dollar fee and/or as a percentage of the value of the assets in your account(s) (which may include cash). Advisors are paid a fee for ongoing service of the account. We may receive compensation or earn revenue in other forms which may be in addition to, or in substitution for, direct payments by you. For example, we may receive periodic trailer fees from a mutual fund company or an issuer of securities regardless of whether you pay a fee or an up-front commission. For further information on fee-based accounts and whether this type of account is suitable for you, please speak with your Advisor.

### **3.5 Managed Accounts**

In selecting this type of account, your investments will be managed by a Portfolio Manager, on a discretionary basis. You will not be asked to authorize the purchase or sale of individual securities in your account. Instead, at account opening you will be asked to complete an Investment Policy Statement that sets out, in detail, how you want your money to be invested and then we will select investments that are appropriate for your account, based on the information you provide us. Managed accounts charge fees on a monthly or quarterly basis, which are calculated as an annual flat dollar fee and/or as a percentage of the value of the assets in your account(s) (which may include cash). Advisors are paid a fee for ongoing service of the account. For further information on managed accounts and whether this type of account is suitable for you, please speak with your Advisor.

### **3.6 Retirement Savings Plan Accounts**

A Retirement Savings Plan ("RSP") is a type of investment account that allows you to save for retirement, on a tax deferred basis. It allows you to invest in a wide variety of investments. With this plan, your investments are tax-deferred. You will receive monthly statement reporting plus complete administration and safekeeping. We also offer you the ability to open a U.S. currency component of an RSP plan, which will allow you to hold U.S. securities and settle trades in U.S. dollars.

### **3.7 Tax Free Savings Accounts**

A Tax-Free Savings Account ("TFSA") is another type of registered plan investment account, with additional advantages. A TFSA has lower annual contribution limits than an RSP account, but you are not taxed on capital gains or income, even when you withdraw money from the account. We also offer you the ability to open a U.S. currency component of a TFSA plan which will allow you to hold U.S. securities and settle trades in U.S.

### **3.8 First Home Saving Account**

The FHSA is a registered plan that can help you save for your first home tax-free. If you are at least 18 (and no less than the age of majority in your province), have a social insurance number and have not owned a home where you lived this year or at anytime in the proceeding four years you may be eligible to open a FHSA. Please talk to your advisor about opening a FSHA.

### **3.9 Registered Disability Savings Plan Accounts**

A Registered Disability Savings Plan ("RDSP") is a savings plan that is intended to help parents and others save for the long-term financial security of a person who is eligible for the disability tax credit. Contributions to an RDSP are not tax deductible and can be made until the end of the year in which the beneficiary turns 59. Contributions that are withdrawn are not included as income to the beneficiary when they are paid out of an RDSP. However, the Canada disability savings grant, the Canada disability savings bond, investment income earned in the plan, and the proceeds from rollovers are included in the beneficiary's income for tax purposes when they are paid out of the RDSP.

### **3.10 Registered Education Savings Plan Accounts**

A Registered Education Savings Plan ("RESP") is a contract between a subscriber and a promoter (banks, trust companies and scholarship funds) and is a tax-deferred way to save for a beneficiary's post-secondary education. Contributions made by the subscriber are not tax deductible but earnings on such contributions are held in a tax-exempt trust. Contributions may be eligible for Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG) payments. Investment earnings on contributions and CESG payments grow tax-free until they are distributed and included in the recipient's income and taxed accordingly.

### **3.11 Retirement Income Plan Accounts**

A Retirement Income Plan ("RIF") is a type of investment account that is opened when an investor with an RSP account turns 71 years old. This type of account has certain restrictions such as limits on how much you can withdraw in any year. For RIF accounts that have a market value of five thousand dollars or less, we are authorized to issue a cheque for the balance of the account and then close the account. You acknowledge that this payment may be greater than the minimum and applicable withholding taxes will apply.



### 3.12 *Joint Accounts*

Except for residents of Québec, each account holder of a joint account is jointly and severally liable with each other account holder, in his or her individual capacity, for the performance of all obligations of the account holders as though each were the individual account holder of the account. We are entitled, but not obligated, to act on the instructions of any single account holder without inquiring as to the purpose or propriety of the instructions or the rights or interests of any other account holder of the joint account, even if the instructions involve the delivery of any or all securities and monies held in the account to one account holder personally. Specifically, each account holder severally, in his or her individual capacity:

- authorizes us to act on the instructions issued by any one account holder from time to time in respect of the joint account as though such instructions had been issued jointly by all account holders of the joint account;
- releases us from any obligation to give separate notice to all account holders of the joint account before or after acting on instructions issued by any one of them;
- agrees to confirm and ratify the instructions received by us from any one account holder; and
- to indemnify us against and promptly pay on demand all debit account balances, fees, commissions and expenses, and all losses arising from any transaction in the account as a result of us acting on those instructions.

This authorization, ratification and indemnity are a continuing one. We may, at our sole discretion, insist on receiving written instructions or a letter of authorization signed by all account holders of the joint account.

#### 3.12.1 Survivorship Election

In the Province of Québec, the applicable law requires that all joint accounts be opened as Tenants In Common. In other jurisdictions, on opening a joint account all account holders of the account must elect whether the account will be:

- Joint With Rights of Survivorship (“JTWROS account”); or
- Tenants In Common.

**JTWROS account:** By opening an JTWROS account, it is assumed by Richardson Wealth that all account holders of the joint account have both legal and beneficial account holdership of the joint account. What this means is that not only are the account holders the registered legal account holders of the account, but all account holders of the joint account have beneficial account holdership of the joint account, including the assets of the joint account, as soon as the joint account is opened.

In the event of death of any of the account holders (the “deceased”) of the joint account, subject to applicable laws, as we may interpret in our sole discretion, the interest of the deceased in the joint account will pass automatically to the surviving account holders of the joint account without

releasing the deceased, or the deceased's estate, from liability provided for under this part. Once we receive evidence acceptable to us of the deceased's death, we will transfer the assets of the account to the name(s) of the surviving account holders of the joint account. Upon such transfer, we will be fully discharged respecting the deceased and the deceased's estate's interest in the joint account. All funds deposited in any joint account and all interest earned on those funds will be held jointly with the "right of survivorship", as described in this section. However, this right of survivorship does not apply if the deceased is domiciled in Québec at the time of their death.

If you are an account holder of a JTWROS account, you irrevocably direct Richardson Wealth Limited to pay the funds in the joint account to the survivors (subject to any provision in the applicable terms and conditions of the account opening form, this document and any condition in a GIC or term deposit that restricts withdrawal). Richardson Wealth may pay the survivors without inquiring whether the survivors have the beneficial right to the monies in the joint account, without inquiring as to whether the deceased was domiciled in Québec at the time of death, and without recognizing any claim of the deceased's heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or any other person. Anyone making a claim against the joint account must deal with the survivors. Each of the survivors, and the estate of the deceased, will pay Richardson Wealth for any losses that result directly or indirectly from any payment made by Richardson Wealth to the survivors, or any dispute relating to the joint account, the deceased, the survivors or any other person. If any of account holders of a joint account dies, Richardson Wealth may release any information regarding the joint account up to and including the date of death to the estate representative of the deceased. For clarity, Richardson Wealth acting on the above noted directions will not be liable for any loss, damage or legal costs incurred in any dispute between the deceased's estate, the survivors or a third party. **It is important you discuss this matter with a qualified legal advisor before opening a JTWROS account.**

**Tenants In Common:** If you elect "Tenants In Common" each owner of the joint account will have an individual ownership interest in a specific percentage of the account.

In the event of death of any of the account holders, the interests in the account as of the close of business on the date of death (or on the following business day if the date of death is not a business day) shall be valued based on the closing market value of the securities on that day without in any manner releasing any of the account holders, or their estates, from the liability provided for in the Terms and Conditions governing Joint Accounts. Any taxes, costs, expenses or other charges becoming a lien against or payable out of the account as the result of the death of the decedent, or through exercise by his or her estate or representative of any rights in the account shall, so far as possible, be deducted from the interest of such decedent.

### **3.12.2 Joint Account Communications**

We will direct all written communications to the most recent address we have on file for the client identified on the NAAF Form and such communication shall be deemed to be communication with all account holders of the joint account. If one of the account holders dies the surviving account holders must immediately notify us in writing. Until we receive such notice, we may carry out orders

and treat the account as though all account holders were living. Before or after this notice, we may ask you for certain documents and take other steps as we deem necessary.

### **3.13 *Margin Accounts***

If you apply for the use of margin in your Account(s), you must agree to abide by the terms for margin accounts set out in this Booklet, the Margin Account Agreement, applicable regulatory margin requirements, Fidelity's and Richardson's margin policies. Foreign currency (non-Canadian and non-USD dollar) accounts are not margin eligible.

The margin terms are an agreement between you and both Richardson Wealth and Fidelity. The liabilities and obligations you owe in relation to your use of margin are owed both to Richardson Wealth and to Fidelity in its capacity as our Carrying Broker.

In this section and any other sections in this document which apply to the use of margin/margin terms with respect to your Account(s) and Section 10, Richardson Wealth and Fidelity shall be referred to collectively as "Brokers" and references to "we", "us" and "our" are intended to refer to both Richardson Wealth and Fidelity, as applicable. References to "we", "us", "our" and "Richardson Wealth" in the remaining sections forming part of the margin terms shall also be deemed to refer to both Richardson Wealth and Fidelity when applicable to margin accounts.

The Brokers may, in their sole discretion, grant the use of margin upon condition that they may, at any time and from time to time, at their sole discretion and without notice to you:

- require you to provide security in excess of margin required by applicable law;
- reduce or cancel any use of margin made available to you;
- refuse to grant any additional use of margin to you; or
- cancel any open order for the purchase or sale of any securities if the Brokers think the margin or deposit in any of your Accounts is inadequate.

Your "Account(s)", refers to all non-registered accounts held by us in your name. We reserve the right to immediately, and without notice to you, charge to your Account(s) the amount by which the use of margin granted to you is reduced or cancelled by us. You agree to maintain the margin levels we require in your Account(s) and to promptly meet all margin calls. You will be charged interest on any debit balance in your Account at such rates established by us from time to time and we shall not be obligated to notify you of any change in such rate. Where you fail to meet a margin call, we reserve the right to liquidate securities from your Account(s) at our discretion, without further notice to you, and to apply such proceeds to satisfy your indebtedness to us. You will remain liable to us for any remaining deficiency in your Account(s), including interest on the remaining deficiency which may be outside of the rate charged to other clients whose accounts are in good standing.

You authorize RWL to obtain credit and investigative information regarding you from others as permitted by law and to furnish other credit grantors and credit bureaus with particulars of your

credit application and subsequent credit experience, if applicable, and to retain this information for our records.

### **3.14 Options Accounts**

In this section and any other sections in this document which apply to the use of options in your Account(s), and Richardson Wealth and Fidelity shall be referred to collectively as “Brokers” and references to “we”, “us” and “our” are intended to refer to both Richardson Wealth and Fidelity, as applicable.

If you wish to trade option contracts, you will be required to indicate your request for an options account on your New Account Application Form. By doing so, you accept and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set out in this Booklet, applicable law and our policies relating to the operation of your options account, which include but are not limited to the following:

- you will provide us with a minimum of one business day notice of your instruction to exercise or close out an option position or to carry out such other action in connection with your options trading or the operation of your options account. Where you fail to provide sufficient time for us to be able to carry out your instructions, at our sole discretion we may use reasonable best efforts to act on your instructions or we may refuse to take action as we deem appropriate;
- we have the sole discretion to determine whether or not to accept any option order, and we may act as a principal on the other side of your transaction or as a part of a larger transaction for ourselves, parties related to us or for other clients;
- we will allocate exercise and assignment of exercise notices received by us on a chronological “first in / first assigned” basis in accordance with our internal procedures;
- we may set maximum limits on short positions for your account as we in our sole discretion may determine to be appropriate;
- we may, during the last ten business days prior to the expiry of an option, or such other time period as may be prescribed by applicable law or by our policies, restrict trading in such option to cash-only terms; you must comply with applicable Rules and Rulings of IIROC and any exchange, clearing corporation or other organization on or through which the option is traded or issued including, without limitation, those respecting position limits and exercise limits; and
- you specifically acknowledge receiving the Risk Disclosure Statement for Options, which is set out in full in the “Risk Disclosure Statement for Options” section below.

### **3.15 Risk Disclosure Statement for Options**

This brief statement does not disclose all of the risks and other significant aspects of trading in options. In light of the risks, you should undertake such transactions only if you understand the nature of the contracts (and contractual relationships) into which you are entering and the extent of the exposure to risk. Trading in options is not suitable for many members of the public. You

should carefully consider whether trading is appropriate for you in light of your experience, objectives, financial resources and other relevant circumstances.

**Risk-reducing Orders or Strategies** The placing of certain orders (e.g., “stop-loss” order, where permitted under local law, or “stop-limit” orders) which are intended to limit losses to certain amounts may not be effective because market conditions may make it impossible to execute such orders. Strategies using combinations of positions, such as “spread” and “straddle” positions may be as risky as taking simple “long” or “short” positions.

### 3.15.1 Options

#### (a) Variable Degree of Risk

Transactions in options carry a high degree of risk. Purchasers and sellers of options should familiarize themselves with the type of option (i.e., put or call) which they contemplate trading and the associated risks. You should calculate the extent to which the value of the options must increase for your position to become profitable, taking into account the premium and all transactions costs.

The purchaser of options may offset or exercise the options or allow the options to expire. The exercise of an option results either in a cash settlement or in the purchaser acquiring or delivering the underlying interest. If the purchased options expire worthless, you will suffer a total loss of your investment which will consist of the option premium plus the transaction costs. If you are contemplating purchasing deep-out-of-the-money options, you should be aware that the chance of such options becoming profitable ordinarily is remote.

Selling (“writing” or “granting”) an option generally entails considerably greater risk than purchasing options. Although the premium received by the seller is fixed, the seller may sustain a loss well in excess of that amount. The seller will be liable for additional margin to maintain the position if the market moves unfavourably. The seller will also be exposed to the risk of the purchaser exercising the option and the seller will be obligated to either settle the option in cash or to acquire or deliver the underlying interest. If the option is “covered” by the seller holding a corresponding position in the underlying interest or another option, the risk may be reduced. If the option is not covered, the risk of loss can be unlimited.

Certain exchanges in some jurisdictions permit deferred payment of the option premium, exposing the purchaser to liability for margin payments not exceeding the amount of the premium. The purchaser is still subject to the risk of losing the premium and transactions costs. When the option is exercised or expires, the purchaser is responsible for unpaid premium outstanding at that time.

### 3.15.2 Additional Risks Common to Options

#### (a) Terms and Conditions of Contracts

You should ask Richardson Wealth about the terms and conditions of the specific options which you are trading and associated obligations (e.g., in respect of

options, expiration dates and restrictions on the time for exercise). Under certain circumstances the specifications of outstanding contracts (including the exercise price of an option) may be modified by the exchange or clearing house to reflect changes in the underlying interest.

(b) Suspension or Restriction of Trading and Pricing Relationships

Market conditions (e.g., illiquidity) and/or the operation of the rules of certain markets (e.g., the suspension of trading in any contract or contract month because of price limits or “circuit breakers”) may increase the risk of loss by making it difficult or impossible to affect transactions or liquidate/offset positions. If you have sold an option, this may increase the risk of loss.

Further, normal pricing relationships between the underlying interest and the option may not exist. The absence of an underlying reference price may make it difficult to judge “fair” value.

(c) Deposited Cash and Property

You should familiarize yourself with the protections accorded to money and other property you deposit for domestic and foreign transactions, particularly in the event of a firm insolvency or bankruptcy. The extent to which you may recover your money or property may be governed by specific legislation or local rules. In some jurisdictions, property which had been specifically identifiable as your own will be prorated in the same manner as cash for purposes of distribution in the event of a shortfall.

(d) Commission and Other Charges

Before you begin to trade, you should obtain a clear explanation of all commissions, fees and other charges for which you will be liable. These charges will affect your net profit (if any) or increase your loss.

(e) Transactions in Other Jurisdictions

Transactions on markets in other jurisdictions, including markets formally linked to a domestic market, may expose you to additional risk. Such markets may be subject to regulation which may offer different or diminished investor protection. Before you trade, you should inquire about any rules relevant to your particular transaction. Your local regulatory authority will be unable to compel the enforcement of the rules of regulatory authorities or markets in other jurisdictions where your transactions have been affected. You should ask the firm with which you deal for details about the types of redress available in both your home jurisdiction and other relevant jurisdictions before you start to trade.

(f) **Currency Risks**

The profit or loss in transactions in foreign currency-denominated contracts (whether they are traded in your own or another jurisdiction) will be affected by fluctuations in currency rates where there is a need to convert from the currency denomination of the contract to another currency.

(g) **Trading Facilities**

Most open-outcry and electronic trading facilities are supported by computer-based component systems for the order routing, execution, matching, registration or clearing of trades. As with all facilities and systems, they are vulnerable to temporary disruption or failure. Your ability to recover certain losses may be subject to limits on liability imposed by the system provider, the market, the clearinghouse and/or member firms. Such limits may vary; you should ask the firm with which you deal for details in this respect.

(h) **Electronic Trading**

**Trading on an electronic trading system may differ not only from trading in an open-outcry market but also from trading on other electronic trading systems. If you undertake transactions on an electronic trading system, you will be exposed to risks associated with the system including the failure of hardware and software. The result of any system failure may be that your order is either not executed according to your instructions or is not executed at all. Your ability to cover certain losses which are particularly attributable to trading on a market using an electronic trading system may be limited to less than the amount of your total loss.**

(i) **Off-Exchange Transactions**

In some jurisdictions, and only then in restricted circumstances, firms are permitted to effect off-exchange transactions. The firm with which you deal may be acting as your counterparty to the transaction. It may be difficult or impossible to liquidate an existing position, to assess the value, to determine a fair price or to assess the exposure to risk. For these reasons, these transactions may involve increased risks.

Off-exchange transactions may be less regulated or subject to a separate regulatory regime. Before you undertake such transactions, you should familiarize yourself with applicable rules.

### **3.16 Foreign Exchange**

Foreign exchange rates, fees and costs are subject to market fluctuation which could increase your risk of holding securities denominated in foreign currencies. If you make a trade involving a security

which is denominated in a currency other than the currency of the account in which the trade is to settle, a conversion of currency may be required. The foreign currency conversion rate that appears on your trade confirmation, where applicable, or account statement includes our spread based revenue ("spread") for performing this function. The foreign currency conversion rate and our spread will depend on market fluctuations as well as the amount, date and type of the foreign currency transaction. Foreign currency conversions take place at such rates as are available to our retail clients for currency conversions of a similar amount, date and type. In all such transactions and at any time a conversion is made or requested by you, you acknowledge that Richardson Wealth will act as principal with you in converting the currency at rates established or determined by us or parties related to us. Richardson Wealth and parties related to us may earn revenue on the currency conversion, in addition to the commission applicable to such a trade, based on the difference between the applicable bid and ask rates for the currency and the rate at which the rate is offset either internally, with a related third party or in the market. Conversion of currency, if required, will take place at the trade date unless otherwise agreed.

For Registered Plans, Richardson Wealth does not offer foreign currency accounts other than US dollars. Registered Education Savings Plans are only available in Canadian dollars.

We perform foreign currency transactions in respect of your account where we are required to trade in securities denominated in a currency other than the currency of your account. In performing foreign currency transactions, we may act as agent or principal. We may, at our discretion, reject a foreign currency transaction request. We convert foreign currencies into Canadian dollars, U.S. dollars or other currencies on the day we carry out your transaction. We may use a different day for:

- transactions on which you and we agree; and
- other transactions we deem necessary.

### **3.17 Insurance**

Insurance activities are subject to different regulations, registration, and licensing requirements. Many of our Advisors are dually licensed to offer you both securities and insurance products. Insurance products and services, including life insurance, segregated funds and accident & sickness insurance, are offered to you through Richardson Wealth Insurance Services Limited ("RWISL"). RWISL is licensed as a life insurance agency in various jurisdictions across Canada including BC, AB, SK, MB, NS, NB, NL, NWT, ON, QC and PEI.

## **4. Account terms and conditions and applicable law**

### **4.1 Contract Terms and Applicable Law**

The operation of each account that you maintain with us is governed by:

- the terms and conditions contained in this Booklet, which form a part of the binding contract between you and us; and



- the terms and conditions of all other written agreements between us at any time respecting the operation of your account.

Your account, the terms and conditions contained in this Booklet, and any written agreements respecting the operation of your account, and the relationship between you and Richardson Wealth shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

Any disputes between you and Richardson Wealth shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario.

With respect to any particular transaction conducted by Richardson Wealth for your account, Richardson Wealth shall comply with applicable rules, regulations, by-laws and practices governing securities transactions, personal property and the marketplaces on which a transaction is conducted, as well as Richardson Wealth's own internal policies, procedures and practices.

## **4.2 *Trading Rules***

All transactions are subject to each of the following: a) all applicable laws; b) the constitution, by-laws, rules, rulings, regulations, guidelines and customs of the Canadian Investment Regulatory Organization (CIRO); and c) the rules, restrictions and requirements of the exchange or market (and its clearing house, if any) where the order for the transaction is executed (collectively the "Trading Rule"). If a trade is not carried out on an exchange or market, the rules, usages and customs that brokers use for similar trades, including settlement procedures, will apply.

### **4.2.1 Operation of Your Account**

Richardson Wealth will act as your agent to transact in securities and other financial products, with the power to buy, sell, borrow and lend securities, and advance and disburse cash on your behalf to or from your account in accordance with your instructions. You warrant that all securities to be delivered to your account by you or on your behalf are owned by you and may be sold or otherwise dealt with free of any liens, charges, restrictions, or encumbrances and without requiring the prior notice or consent of any other party.

### **4.2.2 Buying securities**

You agree to make payments in full to Richardson Wealth when any securities are purchased for your account by ensuring there is sufficient cash or available margin (see the "Margin Accounts" section) in your account on the settlement day which will typically be one business day from the day the order is placed but may be a shorter period.

### **4.2.3 Long sales**

You will not instruct Richardson Wealth to sell a security unless we hold the security for you, or you can deliver the security to us on or before the settlement date.

You agree to provide Richardson Wealth with any documents or signatures required to accompany the securities to constitute “good delivery” as required by applicable law in order to complete the sale. If you do not fulfill these obligations, Richardson Wealth may borrow or buy any securities necessary to make good delivery and you will pay to Richardson Wealth any loss or expense we may incur as a result of such action.

#### 4.2.4 Short sales

You will not instruct us to sell a security that you do not own unless at the time of your order you specifically instruct us that you are placing a “short sale”. To complete a short sale, we will borrow securities from others, including parties who may be related to us, on a demand basis and sell them for your account. On your behalf, we will return the borrowed securities by buying equivalent replacement securities at current market prices for your account. You will be responsible for any costs, fees and commissions necessary to facilitate the short sale, including any costs, fees and commissions associated with the borrowing and/or buy-back of replacement securities. To protect our own interests, we have the right to borrow or purchase securities and deliver them on your behalf, and to buy for your account any options we consider necessary, without prior notice to you.

#### 4.2.5 Servicing your account

We may debit from your account any and all applicable commissions, service charges, fees, costs and applicable taxes associated with the operation of your account and the holding, exchange or transfer of the securities in your account, including without limitation, fees for financial planning and other services that may be requested by you and/or provided by us from time to time. Richardson Wealth does not process tax reclaims for either taxable or non-taxable accounts for withholding on foreign source income.

We will credit to your account any dividends, interest, or other money received for your securities and the proceeds from a sale or disposition, after deducting any charges. We may register ownership of your securities in a nominee account held by us; Fidelity or our agent. In this case, we will credit any dividends, interest and sale proceeds to the nominee account and then transfer them to your account. We will be responsible for the safekeeping of your securities and credit balances. We keep a record of all receipts, deliveries of securities and account positions.

**Pledging your securities with other institutions – You will give Richardson Wealth written notice before you pledge, hypothecate or charge to anyone else a security interest in the account.**

### **4.3 *Investment Risk Disclosure***

In making an investment decision, you should consider the potential risks as well as potential rewards associated with any investment and should seek investment advice and/or advisory services offered by your Advisor. All investments are subject to market fluctuations and risk of loss, apart from certain “guaranteed” investment products or “guaranteed investment certificates” (i.e., GICs) that guarantee the return of your principal investment if held to maturity. Risk of loss is often inversely related to potential gain; particularly where speculative investments are involved.

Ultimately, you need to consider your own individual investment objectives, investment knowledge, investment time horizon, risk profile including risk tolerance and risk capacity and personal circumstances (not limited to financial circumstances) in choosing suitable investments for your accounts.

#### **4.4    *Leverage Disclosure***

The use of leverage may not be suitable for all investors. Using borrowed money (whether through a margin account or any other method of borrowing) to finance the purchase of securities involves greater risk than using cash resources only. The purchase of securities using borrowed money magnifies the gain or loss on the cash invested. This effect is called leveraging. If you borrow money to purchase securities, you are responsible for repaying the loan and paying interest as required even if the value of the securities purchased with borrowed money declines. In the case of a margin account, you are also required to satisfy any margin calls as required by the terms of the margin facility granted to you. Please see the “Margin Accounts” section of this document.

#### **4.5    *Client Status***

By opening an account with Richardson Wealth, you represent to us that you are of legal age and of full legal capacity and that, unless you have notified us to the contrary in your New Account Application Form, neither you nor your spouse is:

- an insider of any public company, a company that is itself an insider of a public company or a subsidiary of a public company;
- in a direct or indirect controlling position in any public company, whether acting alone or as a part of a group;
- an employee, partner, director, officer, affiliate or associate of a member of any stock exchange or investment dealer or a relative of such person living in the same household; or
- a non-resident of Canada within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act*.

You undertake to notify us immediately of any changes in your status or the status of your spouse. You will specifically advise us if you or your spouse have become an insider or have acquired or will be acquiring a controlling interest in a public company prior to instructing us to trade any security of that public company. You certify to us that the information disclosed by you to us in any contract document or otherwise, is complete and accurate and not misleading in any material respect. You acknowledge that we are relying on the truth, accuracy and completeness of all such information in administering your account and you agree to notify us promptly in writing of any change or inaccuracy in the information provided to us.

#### **4.6    *Client Information and Identity Verification***

When we open an account for you, and depending on the type of account that is opened, applicable law and our policies require that we obtain the following minimum information from you or about you prior to performing any transactions in your account apart from the initial deposit:

- Full legal name and date of birth;
- Home address and contact information – telephone, email, etc.;
- Social Insurance Number;
- Social Security Number (for US persons);
- Tax Identifying Number (for US persons);
- Citizenship;
- Net income and net worth;
- Marital status and number of dependents;
- Occupation and employer (and the occupation and employer of your spouse);
- Intended use of the account;
- Politically Exposed Persons – whether you, a member of your immediate family or a close associate is, or was, a politically exposed person (domestic or foreign);
- Head of International Organization – whether you, a member of your immediate family or a close associate is, or was, a head of an International Organization.
- Third party information – where any third party has a financial interest or trading authority over your account, you must provide their name, date of birth, citizenship, employment information, their relationship to you, their status as a politically exposed person or head of an International Organization and whether they are a control person or insider or significant shareholder of an issuer of securities;
- Beneficial owners – where there is an individual or individuals who own or control 25% or more of a corporation or an entity other than a corporation, you must provide the name, address, employment information, date of birth, and citizenship;
- Investment needs and objectives;
- Investment time horizon;
- Risk profile i.e., risk tolerance and risk capacity;
- Investment knowledge and experience; and
- Identity verification documents – for all account holders, including all joint account holders, partners of a partnership, settlor and trustees of a trust, beneficial owners, persons with power of attorney and any authorized persons able to provide instructions regarding the account.

This information will be collected and recorded using the forms and documents required for the opening of your account. Your Advisor or we will provide you with copies of these documents. It is your responsibility to provide us with accurate and complete information, to review the information that we have recorded on these documents and make us aware of any errors or omissions immediately. The minimum documents that you should receive from us are:

- Welcome to Richardson Wealth including the Schedule of Service and Fee Charges;
- Relationship Disclosure Terms and Conditions Booklet which includes the Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- How CIRO Protects Investors
- Making a Complaint: A Guide for Investors Part 1 of 2
- How Can I Get My Money Back: A Guide for Investors Part 2 of 2
- Strip Bonds and Strip Bond Packages Information Statement
- New Account Application Form and other related account opening documentation
- CIPF Brochure

#### **4.7 Insider and Controlling Securityholder Declaration**

When we engage in transactions of securities on your behalf, we assume that neither you nor your spouse is an insider of a public company (or a company that is itself an insider of a public company or a subsidiary of a public company) whose securities are being traded. You are responsible for telling us at the time of placing your order whether you or your spouse is, or has, or will acquire as a result of the trade, an insider or controlling interest in the public company. National Instrument 55-104 *Insider Reporting Requirements and Exemptions* law defines an “insider” of a public company and includes, but is not limited to the below: :

- the CEO, CFO or COO of the reporting issuer, of a significant shareholder of the reporting issuer or of a major subsidiary of the reporting issuer;
- a director or officer of a public company;
- a director or officer of a company that is itself an insider of a public company or a subsidiary of a public company;
- a Significant shareholder - a person or company that has beneficial ownership of, or control or direction over, whether direct or indirect, or a combination of beneficial ownership of, and control or direction over, whether direct or indirect, securities of an issuer carrying more than 10 % of the voting rights attached to all the issuer's outstanding voting securities, excluding, for the purpose of the calculation of the percentage held, any securities held by the person or company as underwriter in the course of a distribution;; and
- Failures to file an insider report or give false or misleading information are offences under applicable law and are usually punishable by fines. Insiders who trade with inside information may be subject to fines, imprisonment, repayment, or disgorgement of profits and may be liable for damages relating to their activities.

#### **4.8 Supervision of Your Account(s)**

Richardson Wealth's regulatory responsibility and commitment to you is that we will exercise reasonable care to determine that our recommendations to buy, sell or hold securities in your account are suitable for you and consistent with your KYC information as set out on your New Account Application Form. We will supervise the suitability of your trading activity and account holdings in accordance with our supervisory policies and procedures. While we undertake to use our reasonable best efforts in making investment recommendations that are suitable for you, we do not and will not guarantee the performance of the securities held in your account in any manner whatsoever. You understand and acknowledge that the value of securities held in your account will fluctuate with market conditions, which are beyond our control, and we are not responsible for your market losses.

#### **4.9 Account Charges**

You agree to pay us in relation to the operation of your account or the enforcement of this agreement:

- transaction based commissions and/or fees in respect of a fee-based account, and any related administration and service fees;
- mutual fund commissions or charges as outlined in the applicable fund prospectus;
- any debit balance in any account;
- any fees or costs associated with borrowing securities relating to short sales or otherwise;
- interest on all credit advanced to you by us, whether in respect of margin or otherwise; and
- foreign exchange rates, fees, and costs arising from necessary currency conversions.

Richardson Wealth's Fee Schedule describes the most common billable services and applicable fees that may apply to your account. A copy of the Fee Schedule was provided to you upon the opening of your account with us. Please contact your Advisor if you have any questions.

You acknowledge that Richardson Wealth may debit from your account any and all regulatory fees, costs, and applicable taxes, and will remit the same to the proper authorities as required.

#### **4.10 Impact of Fees, Services Charges and other Costs on Investment Returns**

The costs associated with maintaining your account, as well as expenses charged within investment products can impact the performance of your investment returns by reducing returns in proportion to fees and charges. Investments can compound in value over time through growth and reinvestment of income. Fees may reduce the amount available to invest and reinvest.

#### **4.11 Interest**

We will deduct from your account any interest you owe us. We may change the interest rate at any time.

#### **4.12 Payment of Indebtedness**

##### **4.12.1 General**

Richardson Wealth will credit to your account the net amount of any interest, dividend, and proceeds of sale or other amount received in respect of securities held in your account and will debit from your account all amounts owed to us under the terms of the contract between us. Any debit balance in your account will bear interest at Richardson Wealth's client rate, and Richardson Wealth is not obligated to notify you in advance of any changes to its client rate.

If you owe us money, we may apply the credit balance in any of your non-registered accounts against any indebtedness without giving you notice. This means we may transfer any credit or debit balances between this account and other accounts you hold with us in order to offset any indebtedness.

The following two paragraphs, 4.11.2 and 4.11.3, create rights in our favour which are in addition to and not in substitution for any other right or security held by us and shall be interpreted in order that any part of the collateral (defined in section 9.3) located in any jurisdiction other than the jurisdiction governing this agreement shall be charged by a valid lien or security according to the applicable laws of such other jurisdiction. We have a security interest in all collateral. This paragraph shall not be applicable to collateral while held in registered plans.

##### **4.12.2 Additional Provisions Applicable to Accounts Opened in Québec**

With respect to any collateral which is subject to the laws of Québec, since the laws of that province require that the amount of the hypothec be specified, you hereby acknowledge that the pledge, hypothec and charge granted in favour of Richardson Wealth as described herein are for a principal amount of \$200,000,000 (two hundred million Canadian dollars), bearing interest thereon at the rate of interest described to you in your monthly or quarterly account statements, it being understood however that we are not obligated to grant you credit to the extent of such or any other amount. Furthermore, Richardson Wealth will have the right to require that you grant another hypothec in its favour on the collateral in the event the aggregate amount of the indebtedness which you may owe in the future to Richardson Wealth exceeds the aforementioned principal amount. Any such new hypothec will be evidenced by a written agreement between you and Richardson Wealth which has been approved by an officer of Richardson Wealth. This paragraph shall not be applicable to collateral while held in registered plans. Notwithstanding any other provision in this agreement, the law governing this section will be the laws of Québec and the federal laws of Canada therein.

#### 4.12.3 Debt Repayment

We may pledge or sell the collateral if you do not repay your debt or if we think it is necessary to protect ourselves. We may, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, pledge or sell the collateral at public or private sales or otherwise realize on any of the collateral for such price and on such terms as we deem best, the whole without advertisement or notice to you or others and without prior tender, demand or call of any kind upon you or others. We will apply the proceeds of any sale of collateral in the following order:

- to pay our costs and expenses related to the sale;
- to repay your debt to us; and
- to transfer any remaining balance to you.

If any sale of collateral does not cover the full amount of your debt, you will remain liable to us for any deficiency remaining following our exercise of any or all of the foregoing rights. You agree that the rights we are entitled to exercise pursuant to this section are reasonable and necessary for our protection having regard to the nature of securities markets, including in particular, their volatility. If we choose to grant any indulgence or not to exercise our rights over the collateral, we do not in any way limit, reduce or discharge any indebtedness or part thereof.

If we think it is necessary, we may also grant a security interest in any of your securities to any third party. The value of these securities may be more or less than the amount you owe us. This paragraph shall not be applicable to collateral while held in registered plans.

#### 4.12.4 Securities Lending

If your securities are not fully paid for, we may lend any of your securities to any third party on terms we think are best. We may also use any of your securities to deliver against any other sale of securities we make. We may do so for a sale for your account or another client's account. However, nothing in this section shall relieve us from any of our obligations under this agreement, including the obligation to deliver to you your securities pursuant to the terms of this agreement.

#### 4.12.5 Cash Balances

Any cash balances held to your credit in your account(s) need not be segregated and may be used by us:

- as your debtor in the ordinary conduct of our business; or
- as your creditor to discharge obligations you owed to us in respect of other accounts you maintain with us, whether the accounts are held jointly with another or guaranteed by you.

Without notice to you, we are entitled to offset a credit balance in your account against a deficit and any other account you have with us or any other debt or obligation you owe to us. In addition, we may transfer securities among your various accounts, including joint accounts and those



guaranteed by you. Unfunded accounts, (i.e. accounts with no cash balance and no security positions) may be closed by us at any time at our discretion.

Any cash you hold in your account is your “free credit balance”. This cash is payable to you on demand. It is not segregated, or treated as trust funds, and represents our indebtedness to you.

#### 4.12.6 Remedies

If you fail to pay any amount owing to us when it is due or cause us any loss or liability by failing to fulfill any of your obligations under this contract, or if for any reason we consider it necessary for the protection of our interests, you agree that we may, in addition to other remedies available at law, take one or more of the following actions without notice to you:

- take or retain possession of the collateral;
- sell the collateral or any part of it or buy for our own account or that of other clients;
- purchase for your account securities necessary to honour any short or long sales made on your behalf;
- cancel any outstanding orders; or
- enter stop loss orders in respect of any securities of which your account may be long or short and withdraw or change any such stop loss orders.

We will apply the proceeds of such remedies to reduce your indebtedness to us, but you will remain liable to us for any deficiency in the proceeds realized. All such remedies shall be exercised in compliance with applicable law.

### **4.13 *Giving Instructions and Accepting Orders***

In accordance with CISO rules, we must obtain your authorization for every trade and maintain records of your authorization. Your authorization may be evidenced by your signature (wet or electronic) on a trade order or by a recorded/taped conversation with you that confirms your trade instructions. We may, in our discretion, honour instructions from you given in person or by telephone conversation with our authorized employees after verifying your identity.

We may also accept written instructions, or email instructions from you after verifying your identity. This includes but is not limited to following up with a telephone call to verify your identity and confirm the authenticity of your instructions.

Richardson Wealth has the right, without providing prior notice or reason to you, to decline to accept or execute orders, directions or requests from you if in our sole discretion we think it is unreasonable, imprudent, or contrary to applicable law.

### **4.14 *Executing Orders***

We retain the exclusive right to determine the best way to buy or sell securities for your account. At our option, your transaction may be completed:

- as an independent transaction;
- as a part of a larger transaction and other clients, our agents and ourselves;
- by purchase from or sale to us or other clients of ours; or
- as part of a broken lot or a public or private sale.

Richardson Wealth may act as principal or for its own account in a transaction with you, including in connection with treasury or secondary offerings via prospectus or private placement. We may match an order executed on your behalf with an order from another party from whom we act as agent and receive a commission.

#### **4.15 *Best Execution and Multiple Market Places in Canada***

Securities which trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange or the TSX Venture Exchange, which are currently the primary Canadian marketplaces, may also trade on an alternative trading system (“ATS”). ATS’s may have different hours of operation than the primary marketplaces.

Richardson Wealth’s policies are to affect trades on behalf of our retail clients during the trading hours of the current primary marketplaces. Any orders which are immediately tradable during those hours will be executed on the primary marketplace or any ATS based on our determination of factors such as best price, historical liquidity and likelihood of execution. Any orders, including portions of orders, which are not immediately tradable will be booked into the order queue of the primary marketplace for execution during the trading hours of that marketplace.

We and our Carrying Broker, Fidelity, will take all reasonable steps to obtain best execution when executing an order on your behalf in accordance with applicable securities regulations.

A description of the policies and procedures followed by Fidelity to achieve “best execution” may be obtained on Fidelity’s website at: [https://clearing.fidelity.ca/content/dam/fcc/en/footer-pdfs-en/fcc\\_disclosure\\_of\\_best\\_execution\\_policies.pdf](https://clearing.fidelity.ca/content/dam/fcc/en/footer-pdfs-en/fcc_disclosure_of_best_execution_policies.pdf)

#### **4.16 *Fixed Income Products***

In respect of fixed income products, Richardson Wealth uses the trading services by independent third parties including Fidelity who may act as principal in executing trades for your account. We and an independent third party may receive revenue based on the difference between the bid and ask price, which may be in addition to any commissions or fees charged to your account. We and an independent third party may sell you a debt instrument, such as a corporate bond, at a higher price than was paid. It will be disclosed on the trade confirmation who is acting as principal in executing the trade Pricing of Securities

Where you deliver to us, or maintain within your account with us, a security, Richardson Wealth will obtain prices from sources it believes are reliable. If there is no active market for a security, then an estimated price may be used. If a market or estimated price could not be determined or if the security is suspended, delisted, or has no value or if a price was not available as there was a

delay in pricing availability, you understand that this will be indicated on your statement and for valuation and performance calculation purposes, this the security will be valued at zero.

#### **4.17 Book Values**

The book value is generally maintained for positions held at Richardson Wealth. Book value is the total amount paid/received for a long/short security including any transaction charges related to the purchase/sale adjusted for distributions (excluding dividends for a short position), return of capital and corporate actions. For positions, which were not acquired at Richardson Wealth, the market value at time of transfer may be used to establish the book value if you do not provide the original cost of the position. If the original cost or a market value at the time of transfer is not available, then the position cost will be not determinable and will be carried as zero on our books and records. Book value may not be equivalent to the cost required for tax purposes.

#### **4.18 Securities Fungible**

When we register ownership of your securities or certificates in a nominee account, or buy securities for you, we do not have to deliver to you securities or certificates that we receive or are deposited with us. We may deliver the same kind of securities or certificates for the same amount to you instead.

#### **4.19 Investment Performance Benchmarks**

The performance of your investment portfolio can be assessed by comparing its returns to that of an investment performance benchmark. Benchmarks show the performance over time of a select group of securities. There are many different types of benchmarks. When selecting a benchmark, care must be taken to choose a benchmark that is reasonably reflective of the composition of your investment portfolio. We have access to a broad range of investment performance benchmarks, please contact your Advisor if you wish to learn more about investment performance benchmarks. Please refer to Section 12 for more information.

#### **4.20 Trusted Contact Person**

At account opening and as part of regular account updates, we are required by securities law to ask you to provide us the name and contact information of a Trusted Contact Person ("TCP"). A TCP is an individual identified by you whom we can contact to confirm or ask about any of the following:

- We identify possible financial exploitation affecting you or your account.
- We have concerns about your mental capacity as it relates to financial decision making.
- We require the identity and contact information of your legal guardian, executor, trustee or other personal or legal representative, and cannot confirm it with you.
- We require your current contact information and cannot confirm it with you including when we cannot contact you.

A TCP can be appointed at any time over the course of your relationship with RWL and is someone who may be able to provide an extra layer of protection to you. A TCP is intended to be a resource to assist us in protecting your financial interests or assets when responding to possible circumstances of financial exploitation or concerns about declining mental capacity.

It is important to emphasize that a TCP is not the same as an attorney ("POA") that you have designated under a power of attorney and does not replace or assume the role of such an individual. Nor does a TCP have the authority to transact on your account or to make any other decision on your behalf by virtue of being named a TCP. While a POA can also be named as a TCP, we strongly encourage you to select a different individual who is not involved in making financial decisions with respect to your account. Your Investment Advisor cannot act as a TCP for your account. However, like a POA, the TCP must be someone who has earned your trust and whom you are confident will act in your best interests.

#### **4.21 *Temporary Hold for Vulnerable Clients***

Pursuant to securities regulatory requirements, we may place a temporary hold on a securities transaction or a disbursement from your account(s) if we reasonably believe all of the following:

- (a) you are a vulnerable client; and
- (b) financial exploitation of you has occurred, is occurring, has been attempted or will be attempted; or

We will not place a temporary hold on the basis of a lack of mental capacity unless we reasonably believe that the individual does not have the mental capacity to make decisions involving financial matters.

In the event we place a temporary hold on your account(s) for the conditions stated in this section, we will take the following steps:

- (a) document the facts and reasons that caused us to place and, if applicable, to continue the temporary hold;
- (b) provide notice of the temporary hold and the reasons for the temporary hold to you as soon as possible after placing the temporary hold;
- (c) review the relevant facts as soon as possible after placing the temporary hold, and on a reasonably frequent basis, to determine if continuing the hold is appropriate;
- (d) within 30 days of placing the temporary hold and, until the hold is revoked, within every subsequent 30-day period, do either of the following:
  - (i) revoke the temporary hold;

- (ii) provide you with notice of our decision to continue the hold and the reasons for that decision.

## **5. Securityholder communications**

### **National Instrument NI 54-101**

#### **5.1 Overview**

Unless you instruct otherwise, the securities in your account held with us are not registered in your name but in the name of our Carrying Broker, Fidelity. You are referred to as the “beneficial owner” of your securities. Under applicable law, we are required to obtain your instructions concerning various matters relating to the holding of securities in your account.

#### **5.2 Disclosure of Beneficial Ownership Information**

Canadian securities law permits public companies and other persons and companies to send materials relating to the affairs of the public company directly to beneficial owners of the public company’s securities where the beneficial owner does not object to this. Your New Account Application Form includes a section titled “National Instrument NI 54-101” that allows you to tell us if you object to the disclosure by us to public companies, or other persons or companies, of your beneficial ownership information, consisting of your name, address, electronic mail address, securities holdings and preferred method of communication. NI 54-101 law restricts the use of your beneficial ownership information to matters relating to the affairs of the public company.

If you do not object to the disclosure of your beneficial ownership information, you will not be charged with any costs associated with sending security holder materials to you.

If you object to the disclosure of your beneficial ownership information by us, all materials to be delivered to you as beneficial owner of securities will be delivered by us. You should know that there may be a cost associated with this mailing. In such case, we may charge your account(s) the costs we incur associated with this mailing.

#### **5.3 Receiving Shareholder Materials**

For securities that you hold through your account, you have the right to receive proxy-related materials sent by public companies to registered holders of their securities in connection with meetings of such security holders. Among other things, this permits you to receive the necessary information to allow you to have your securities voted in accordance with your instructions at a security holder meeting. Objecting beneficial owners will not receive materials unless they or the relevant issuers bear the cost. In addition, public companies may choose to send other security holder materials to beneficial owners, although they are not obligated to do so. Securities law permits you to decline to receive three types of security holder materials. Securities law does not provide for you to decline to receive other types of security holder materials. The three types of security holder materials that you may decline to receive are:

- (a) proxy-related materials, including annual reports and financial statements that are sent in connection with annual and special shareholder meetings;
- (b) annual reports and financial statements that are not part of proxy-related materials; and
- (c) materials that a public company or other person or company sends to security holders that are not required by Corporate Securities Law to be sent to the registered security holders.

In the New Account Application Form, Part 8, NI 54-101 allows you to elect: (i) to receive all three types of security holder materials referred to above; or (ii) to decline to receive the three types of security holder materials; or alternatively, (iii) to receive only proxy-related materials that are sent in connection with a special shareholder meeting.

Note: Even if you decline to receive the three types of materials referred to above, a public company or other person or company is entitled to deliver these materials to you, provided that the public company or other person or company pays all costs associated with sending these materials. These materials would be delivered to you through Fidelity or us if you have objected to the disclosure of your beneficial ownership information to public companies. Please also refer to Section 8.9 - Proxy Voting.

#### **5.4 Preferred Language of Communication**

In the New Account Application Form, Part 8, National Instrument 54-101 allows you to tell Fidelity or us your preferred language of communication (English or French). You will receive materials in your preferred language of communication if the materials are available in that language.

#### **5.5 Contact**

If you have any questions or want to change your instructions in the future regarding your Securityholder Communications Instructions, please contact your Advisor.

## **6. Client privacy policy**

### **6.1 Overview**

Richardson Wealth and its subsidiaries and affiliates (“Affiliates”) are committed to keeping your personal information confidential. We believe that keeping our clients’ personal information confidential is of paramount importance.

Our privacy policy is tailored to meet or exceed the privacy standards established by the *Canadian Standards Associations Model for Protection of Personal Privacy* and Canada’s *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*.

We use the term “personal information” to describe most types of information that can be linked to an identifiable individual. Examples include your name, home address and telephone number, e-mail address and any financial information we hold about you. Information on your business card (such as your job title, business address, business telephone and fax number), is not typically considered personal information.

## **6.2    *The Ten Guiding Principles***

**Principle 1 – Accountability:** We are responsible for maintaining and protecting your personal information under our control. To fulfill this important mandate, we have designated a privacy officer to ensure compliance with our privacy policy.

**Principle 2 – Identifying Purposes:** We will identify the purposes for which personal information is collected before or at the time it is collected.

**Principle 3 – Consent:** We will obtain your consent for collection, use or disclosure of personal information unless not required by law, regulation or self-regulation. You may withdraw consent to certain uses or disclosures of your personal information if you provide reasonable notice. The withdrawal of consent may result in the loss of certain privileges and the ability of us to provide products or services to you. Consent may not be withdrawn if your information must be used or disclosed in accordance with the law or the provisions of a contract.

**Principle 4 – Limiting Collection:** We will collect your personal information by legal means and to the extent necessary to satisfy the identified purposes.

**Principle 5 – Limiting Use, Disclosure and Retention:** We may use or disclose your personal information only for the purpose for which it was collected, unless you consent otherwise. Exceptions to this would be where we’re required by law, regulations or self-regulation, or in other circumstances described below. We will retain your personal information only for a period of time required to fulfill the purpose for which it was collected or as required by law, regulations or self-regulation.

**Principle 6 – Accuracy:** We will maintain your personal information as provided to us by you in its accurate, complete and up to date form as it is necessary to fulfill the purposes for which it is to be used. You are responsible to inform us of any relevant changes in your personal information.

**Principle 7 – Safeguarding Client Information:** We will protect your personal information by security safeguards that are appropriate to its sensitivity level.

**Principle 8 – Openness:** Upon receipt, we will make available to you the policies and practices that apply to the management of your personal information.

**Principle 9 – Client Access:** Upon your request and unless prohibited by law, regulations or self-regulation, you will be provided with your personal information on file with us and be informed of its existence, use and disclosure. You may also verify its accuracy and completeness and may

request to amend it, if appropriate. In order to safeguard personal information, you may be required to provide sufficient identification in order for us to authorize access to your file.

**Principle 10** – Client Complaints and Suggestions: You may direct any questions or inquiries with respect to Richardson Wealth privacy policy by contacting our Chief Privacy Officer at 1.866.263.0818.

### **6.3 *Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information***

Richardson Wealth may collect personal information about you during the course of our relationship with you from information that you give us when you fill out forms or meet with us in person, from credit bureaus and other financial institutions, from information that we collect automatically when you visit our website, such as cookies and browser settings, and from other sources.

We may use your personal information to verify your identity, to open an account with us, to communicate with you, to protect you from fraud and error, to understand your needs and eligibility for services, to recommend particular products and services to meet your needs, to provide ongoing services to your accounts, to operate our business, and to comply with legal and regulatory requirements.

Richardson Wealth may disclose your personal information to our Affiliates, related entities, and our Carrying Broker, credit bureaus and financial institutions in accordance with applicable laws, for the purposes outlined above. We may transfer any personal information we have about you in connection with a merger or sale involving all or part of our business, or all or part of one of our Affiliates' business, or as part of a corporate reorganization or stock sale or other change in corporate structure or control of our business or the businesses of our Affiliates. We may also disclose your personal information if it necessary for us to collect a debt from you, and where we receive an order, subpoena, warrant or other legal requirement issued by a court, tribunal, regulator, or other person with jurisdiction to compel disclosure of personal information, and as otherwise permitted in accordance with applicable laws.

Your personal information may be used or stored by us, our Affiliates, our related entities, our Carrying Broker, and our third-party service providers, suppliers, sub-contractors, or agents ("Service Providers") outside of Canada. We require our Service Providers and Affiliates to safeguard your personal information. Our Service Providers will use such information to provide services on its behalf, such as research, reporting, operational, marketing, or data processing or similar services, in order for Richardson Wealth to provide its services to you. Richardson Wealth's Service Providers may be responsible for processing or handling your personal information to provide these services. The Service Providers are only provided the information necessary to perform the services required by them of Richardson Wealth and in accordance with our privacy policies and security practices. These Service Providers may be located in Canada or a foreign jurisdiction. In the event any one of our Service Providers is located in a foreign jurisdiction, your personal information may be processed and stored in that foreign jurisdiction and may be subject to the laws of that foreign jurisdiction where the Service Providers are located. Accordingly, your



personal information may be accessible to the courts, law enforcement and the national security authorities of that foreign jurisdiction. You acknowledge, agree and consent to the collection, use and disclosure and processing of your personal information as described above.

We may also collect, use, disclose and process your personal information for any purpose required or permitted by law. You may contact our Privacy Officer at 1.866.263.0818 if you have any questions or concerns, or to make a complaint.

## **7. Introducing and carrying broker disclosure**

This statement contains important information. Please read it carefully and retain it for future reference.

Fidelity Clearing Canada ULC ("Fidelity"), is the Type 3 Carrying Broker for Richardson Wealth Limited ("Richardson Wealth", "we", "us", and "our"), which is the Type 3 Introducing Broker and with whom you opened your Richardson account. We are independent of Fidelity and have retained Fidelity to provide certain record keeping and operational services which may include execution and settlement of securities transactions, custody of securities and cash balances and extension of credit on margin transactions. The services are provided under a written Carrying Broker Agreement between Fidelity and us (the "Carrying Broker Agreement"). It is important that you understand the responsibilities of Richardson Wealth Ltd. and Fidelity under the Carrying Broker Agreement.

Richardson Wealth is responsible for:

- the servicing and supervision of your account in accordance with applicable law and our own policies and procedures;
- approving the opening of your account and obtaining the necessary account documentation in accordance with applicable law and our own policies and procedures;
- providing - you with any investment advice, investment recommendations and/or investment management services;
- the acceptance, and in some circumstances, the execution of securities orders;
- exercising due diligence regarding the facts about any orders for the purchase or sale of securities for your account;
- ensuring that any money or securities intended for your account are correctly identified and forwarded to the Carrying Broker; and
- supervising the activities of the individual or individuals who service your account, for resolving any complaints regarding the handling of your account and, in general, for the ongoing relations that we have with you.

Responsibilities of Fidelity:

- issue and receive cheques and deliver and receive securities on our behalf with respect to all transactions directed to Fidelity ;
- be responsible for issuing the receipt, the delivery, and the safekeeping of funds and securities received through us;
- be responsible for issuing confirmation slips and the statements of accounts for all transactions directed through Fidelity;

Fidelity is responsible for your cash and securities only after it comes into Fidelity's possession or control.

Fidelity reserves the right to refuse to accept a particular account or order at its sole discretion.

If we open a margin account for you, Fidelity or Richardson Wealth may loan you money for the purpose of purchasing or holding securities subject to the terms of Fidelity's and our written account opening agreement, applicable margin requirements, and Fidelity's and/or Richardson's Wealth margin requirements which may be more stringent than regulatory minimums.

**Fidelity is a separate legal entity and does not control, audit or otherwise supervise the activities of Richardson Wealth or its employees.** Fidelity does not verify information provided by us regarding your account nor undertake responsibility for reviewing the appropriateness of transactions entered or securities purchased by Richardson Wealth on your behalf.

In furnishing its services under the Carrying Broker Agreement, Fidelity may use and rely on the services of clearing agencies, automatic data processing vendors, proxy processing agents, transfer agents, securities pricing services, and other similar organizations.

This description addresses the basis allocation of functions regarding the handling of your account. It is not intended to be a definitive enumeration of every possible circumstance, but only as a general disclosure.

## **7.1 Account Protection**

The safety and protection of your assets is important to us. Richardson Wealth and Fidelity is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund ("CIPF"). Your accounts are protected by CIPF's Investment Dealer Fund in accordance with its Coverage Policy. A brochure describing the scope and nature of coverage as well as the limitations and exclusions of coverage is available upon request or at [www.cipf.ca](http://www.cipf.ca)

## **8. Conflicts of interest disclosure**

### **8.1 General**

The Canadian Securities Administrators ("CSA") and CIRO have implemented changes to Canadian securities legislation which they refer to as "client focused reforms" ("CFR"). The CFR require registered firms and individuals to identify, address and disclose material conflicts of

interests to a reasonable investor who would expect to be informed of such conflicts. This means that Richardson Wealth must:

- take reasonable steps to identify existing and reasonably foreseeable material conflicts of interest between a client and Richardson Wealth or any individual acting on Richardson Wealth's behalf;
- address all material conflicts of interest in the best interest of the client;
- avoid material conflicts of interest that are not or cannot be otherwise addressed in the best interest of the client; and
- provide affected clients with written disclosure of material conflicts of interest at account opening and, if new conflicts of interest arise, in a timely manner thereafter.

Clients are encouraged to raise any questions or concerns that they may have regarding conflicts of interest with their Advisor.

## **8.2 *Subsidiaries, Affiliates and Related Companies of Richardson Wealth***

### **8.2.1 Subsidiaries**

The following are the wholly owned subsidiaries of Richardson Wealth:

- **Richardson Wealth (USA) Limited**, an investment adviser registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 provides investment advice to clients that are residents of the United States. Pershing Advisor Solutions LLC, an unaffiliated entity is a member of FINRA and SIPC, is the broker dealer and custodian of the assets for the clients who elect to engage Richardson Wealth (USA) Limited's investment advisory services. Clearing services may be provided by Pershing LLC;

- **Richardson Wealth Insurance Services Limited**, an Associate General Agency (“AGA”) that is licensed as a life insurance agency to sell insurance products, including life, disability, critical illness, and long-term care insurance, as well as annuities and segregated funds, in BC, AB, SK, MB, NS, NB, NL, NWT, ON, QC and PEI. Richardson Wealth Insurance Services Limited provides insurance services and products through its dual representatives who are also registered as investment advisors at Richardson Wealth, and/or with the assistance of independent insurance licensed consultants (each a “Producer”). A Producer is not employed by Richardson Wealth Insurance Services Limited or Richardson Wealth.

**Richardson Wealth Family Office Limited**, private company which assists high net worth individuals and families in the management of their affairs but does not provide any investment advice. This entity provides services which help families shape actionable strategies which articulate their family values. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying tax and wealth planning objectives and strategies, philanthropic services and retirement and succession planning. The services are provisioned through an internal team as well as in collaboration with external professionals. Richardson Wealth Family Office Limited is not regulated by CRO or the CSA.

#### 8.2.2 Affiliates and Related Companies

Richardson Wealth is a wholly owned subsidiary of RF Capital Group Inc. (“RF Capital”). RF Capital is a public company whose securities are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE: RCG). In addition to Richardson Wealth, and CQI Capital Management L.P., the services of these entities are described below:

- **CQI Capital Management L.P. (“CQI”)** is registered as an investment fund manager and portfolio manager with the Ontario Securities Commission and as an Exempt Market Dealer in all provinces. This entity does not currently have any registered dealing and advising representatives and does not currently service any clients nor does it manage, advise, and distribute securities of investment funds.

For further details regarding RF Capital and its affiliates, please see [www.rfcapgroup.com](http://www.rfcapgroup.com).

#### 8.2.3 Shared Premises

Richardson Wealth is required under securities regulation to disclose its relationship with its affiliated and related firms with which it shares its premises. Richardson Wealth and clients’ advisors may share premises with Richardson Wealth’s wholly owned subsidiaries, namely:

- Richardson Wealth (USA) Limited;
- Richardson Wealth Insurance Services Limited;
- Richardson Wealth Private Family Office Limited; and
- CQI Capital Management L.P.

When opening any account(s) at Richardson Wealth in accordance with any applicable New Account Application agreements, clients will only deal with their Advisor and not with any employees of the Richardson Wealth subsidiaries mentioned above. Richardson Wealth ensures that the business of all entities within shared premises are kept separate and all business conducted by one entity will be kept confidential from the other entities.

#### 8.2.4 Richardson Wealth's Business

Richardson Wealth provides a full array of wealth management and investment services. Richardson Wealth offers portfolio guidance through an innovative suite of investment solutions that provide its clients with superior wealth preservation and growth strategies and experienced Investment Advisors whose goal is to instill trust and integrity.

Richardson Wealth also provides investment advisory services to both related and third-party investment funds. Some of these funds may be sold to its retail clients.

Richardson Wealth and its affiliates, subsidiaries and related entities generally operate their respective businesses independently of each other. Except as noted under *Shared Premises*, the firms are physically segregated and have implemented informational barriers to restrict access to client information. In addition, Richardson Wealth has policies and procedures to identify, manage and disclose any material conflicts of interest that may exist or reasonably be expected to arise between Richardson Wealth and its clients.

Richardson Wealth, its subsidiaries, affiliates, and related entities, including, Richardson Wealth (USA) Limited, CQI, Richardson Wealth Insurance Services Limited and Richardson Wealth Family Office Limited may enter into arrangements or engage in cooperative business opportunities to enhance investment services for their respective clients. These activities may involve client introductions, referrals, distribution of investment products, advisory relationships, and operational support.

### **8.3 *Related and Connected Issuers***

Canadian securities laws require Richardson Wealth to provide disclosure to clients in relation to the purchase or sale of, or advice with respect to, a security of a related issuer or a connected issuer<sup>1</sup>. These rules require dealers and advisors to inform clients of the relevant relationships and connections with the issuers of the securities prior to making a trade or providing investment advice with respect to the security.

Any trade or advice to trade in securities of any related or connected issuer on behalf of a client's account is an inherent conflict of interest and must be addressed in the best interest of the client

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<sup>1</sup> The test to determine if an issuer and Richardson Wealth are related is whether Richardson Wealth exercises a controlling influence over the issuer or the issuer exercises a controlling influence over Richardson Wealth through the ownership of or control over voting shares. Richardson Wealth and an issuer are connected if the relationship between the issuer (or a related issuer to it) and Richardson Wealth may lead a reasonable investor to question the independence of the parties in relation to the trade or investment advice. Greater detail about related and connected issuers can be found in National Instrument 33-105 – *Underwriting Conflicts*.

and is subject to suitability, Know Your Client (“KYC”) and Know Your Product (“KYP”) obligations. Richardson Wealth’s compensation programs are reasonably designed to not incent advisors to recommend securities of any related or connected issuers and to be product neutral.

Richardson Wealth is a subsidiary of RF Capital, a public company which trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Advisors may also own securities of RF Capital, and in certain circumstances be appointed to the Board of RF Capital. Any advice to a client or discretion exercised on behalf of a client to trade in securities of RF Capital will only be made if such trade is in the client’s best interest and upon satisfaction of suitability, KYC and KYP obligations. Advisors owning securities of RF Capital are only allowed to trade in securities of RF Capital on behalf of a client or their own account provided they do not possess any material non-public information about RF Capital and applicable securities laws. If an Advisor is a Director of RF Capital, that Advisor:

- must comply with all requirements relating to insider information, trading and timely disclosure, including restrictions on insider trading and tipping. Adequate measures are taken by RF Capital to ensure the confidentiality of information about its operations until there is full public information, particularly when the information might have a bearing on the market price or value of RF Capital’s securities.
- is restricted from advising any of the Advisor’s clients to trade in securities of RF Capital. This means that the Advisor is restricted from recommending or carrying out any purchase or sale of shares of RF Capital on behalf of a client, and such clients may not hold securities of RF Capital in their accounts with that Advisor.

In case of a discretionary managed account, written consent from the client will be obtained in connection with investments in any related or connected issuers, including RF Capital.

Richardson Wealth will make the required disclosures in the following manner:

- when Richardson Wealth acts as an agent, including as part of a syndicate, the required disclosure about fees will be contained in the prospectus or other offering document of the issuer;
- when Richardson Wealth buys or sells securities for a client, the required disclosure will be contained in the confirmation of the trade; and
- when Richardson Wealth advises the client with respect to the purchase or sale of securities of a related or connected issuer, the disclosure will be contained in the confirmation of the trade.

#### **8.4 *Advisors who have Outside Activities and Other Potential Conflicts***

Conflicts can arise when advisors are involved in outside activities, for example, because of the compensation they receive for these activities or because of the nature of the relationship between

the individual and the outside entity. Advisors must seek approval from Richardson Wealth before undertaking any outside activity. Before approving an outside activity, Richardson Wealth considers potential conflicts of interest. If the Advisor and Richardson Wealth cannot appropriately manage/control a potential conflict of interest, the outside activity is not permitted.

Richardson Wealth has policies and procedures that take into account the potential existing and reasonably foreseeable material conflicts of interest that may arise as a result of an individual's outside activities when assessing whether or not a potential conflict of interest can be appropriately managed/controlled in the client's best interests including the following:

- whether the Advisor will have sufficient time to properly carry out their registerable activities, including remaining current on securities law and product knowledge
- whether the Advisor will be able to properly service clients
- the risk of client confusion and whether Richardson Wealth can manage or address the risk
- whether the outside activity places the individual in a position of power or influence over clients or potential clients, in particular clients or potential clients that may be vulnerable
- whether the outside activity provides the individual with access to privileged, confidential or insider information relevant to their registerable activities.

Richardson Wealth also has a risk management framework in place to address proper separation of the outside business activity and registerable activity.

#### 8.4.1 Other Potential Conflicts

Advisors may recommend or trade on behalf of a client's account in securities of investment products that are issued by other clients or significantly connected to them. Advisors will only do so if such recommendation or trade is in the client's best interest and upon satisfaction of suitability, KYC and KYP obligations.

### **8.5 Compensation Arrangements and Incentive Practices**

Richardson Wealth recognizes that there is an inherent conflict of interest to create incentives that may cause advisors to sell or recommend certain products or services over others, or for our advisors, to receive greater compensation from us for the sale or recommendation of certain products or services over others.

Richardson Wealth implemented policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to mitigate the risk to clients' interests, and we closely monitor for compliance with these policies and procedures. If we cannot address these conflicts in the best interest of its clients, we will avoid them.

### 8.5.1 Recommending Products on Richardson Wealth's Platform

Richardson Wealth recommends products from various issuers or investment fund managers to its clients. Products, including those where Richardson Wealth acts as a member of an underwriting syndicate or agent must be approved by Richardson Wealth's New Product Review Committee ("NPRC"), which involves:

- rigorous issuer and product due diligence which considers the complexity and risks of the product. Less complex and risky types of products may only require a high level or less detailed or extensive approval process, while the approval process for more complex products may be more detailed and extensive and may involve senior management approval;
- conducting periodic due diligence on securities on the firm's shelf that provide third-party compensation to determine whether such securities are competitive with comparable alternatives available in the market;
- monitoring for significant changes to products that have been approved by Richardson Wealth;
- determination of any conflicts of interest and addressing them in the best interests of clients.

Recommendation of any approved product on our platform is made by an Advisor to a client upon satisfaction of suitability KYC and KYP obligations. Any conflict of interest with respect to recommending products on our platform is addressed consistent with regulatory obligations.

Any product shelf development and client recommendations are based on the quality of the product without influence from any third-party compensation associated with the product. Further, as noted below under Advisor Compensation Arrangements, Richardson Wealth's compensation programs are reasonably designed to not incentivize advisors to recommend securities of any related or connected issuers and to be product neutral.

Connect Wealth Division and National Partnership Office Richardson Wealth's Connected Wealth advisory team (the "**Connected Wealth Team**") offers certain investment advisory services to investment funds and develops certain investment strategies and model portfolios for its managed account clients and for clients of its National Partnership Office; develops and publishes investment research reports; and provides certain customized services to certain Richardson's investment advisors through its Advisor Partnership Program. Purpose Investment Inc. (Purpose) through the Connected Wealth Team will provide certain sub-advisory services to Richardson Wealth in connection with the investment strategies and will also continue to provide the research reports and support the Advisor Partnership Program.

Richardson Wealth will pay an investment advisory fee to Purpose for its appointment as a sub-adviser for the Investment Strategies and will also pay Purpose for continuing to develop and provide the advisor & client focused research content to Richardson Wealth.



Richardson Wealth also has a National Partnership Office (“NPO”), which provides advice and service to clients with smaller assets. To deliver on portfolio management services, clients of the NPO are offered three model portfolios from the Connected Wealth Division.

Clients who use the portfolio advisory services under the Connected Wealth Division or through NPO pay management fees to Richardson Wealth pursuant to their portfolio advisory agreement with Richardson Wealth but do not pay separate fees to any related or connected issuer whose securities they may hold in their model portfolio.

As noted above under Related Issuers and Connected Issuers, any trade or advice to trade in securities of any related or connected issuer on behalf of a client’s account must be addressed in the best interest of the client and is subject to suitability, KYC and KYP obligations

#### 8.5.2 Advisor Compensation Arrangements

Richardson Wealth’s advisor compensation practices are reasonably designed to be product neutral and follow these general guidelines:

- do not incent advisors to recommend securities of any related or connected issuers;
- do not incent advisors to recommend any securities of any related or connected issuers of any third-party research providers or parties with whom Richardson Wealth may have a strategic alliance;
- bonuses are not tied to fee-based assets; and
- advisors are allowed to participate in equity plans however the relationship is not based on the sale of any products on Richardson Wealth’s platform;

Any purchases of new issues for client accounts, whether fee-based, commission or margin accounts are made based on suitability assessments and best interest of the client and are subject to client consent.

#### 8.5.3 Referral Arrangements

Richardson Wealth may enter into referral arrangements from time to time where we refer clients to another entity and receive a benefit, or another entity refers clients to us and receives a benefit from us. These arrangements may be with affiliates of Richardson Wealth or parties unrelated to us. This can create a potential conflict of interest because the arrangements provide a financial incentive to make referrals to the person Richardson Wealth is receiving a referral fee from. The details of these referral arrangements, including the parties to the referral arrangement, the manner in which the fee for referral services is calculated, and the party to whom it is paid, will be provided to clients in writing prior to or at the time the referral is made.

Richardson Wealth and its affiliates may, from time to time, introduce clients to each other in accordance with the financial needs of the clients.

#### 8.5.4 Relationship with Research Providers, Strategic Alliances and other Arrangements

From time to time, Richardson Wealth may enter into an agreement or a memorandum of understanding with other third-party firms to provide Richardson Wealth with market research, including but not limited to:

- single stock research reports;
- industry reports;
- macro reports;
- value of the securities, the availability of securities, or purchasers or sellers of securities; and
- analysis, reports and statistical materials concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends.

Richardson Wealth may pay fees to such third parties for their services. Any conflicts of interest that may arise from these relationships or arrangements are reviewed and resolved in the best interests of the client, and any trade or advice to trade in securities of any issuer where such conflict of interest exists is subject to suitability, KYC and KYP obligations. As noted under Advisor Compensation, Richardson Wealth's compensation programs do not incentivize advisors to recommend securities where there is a relationship with research providers, strategic alliances, or other arrangements where a fee is paid to such third-party provider.

#### **8.6 *Personal Financial Dealings***

Employees of Richardson Wealth are generally prohibited from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any personal financial dealings with clients. Personal financial dealings include accepting any consideration, including remuneration, gratuity or benefit, from any person other than Richardson Wealth for activities conducted on behalf of a client. Any personal financial dealings with clients shall generally be considered inappropriate conduct, a conflict of interest and a violation of the business conduct standard. An Advisor, Licensed Assistant or Richardson Wealth employee is generally prohibited from engaging, directly or indirectly, in any personal financial dealings with clients.

#### **8.7 *Conflicts in Fee-based accounts and Commission-based Accounts***

Fee-based accounts generally charge a fixed fee as a percentage of the total assets in clients' accounts, while commission-based accounts generally charge fees on a transaction basis. The conflicts of interest inherent in offering these two types of accounts are addressed by having account types monitored for suitability as well as account appropriateness considering clients' investment needs and objectives.

Please also See Section 3 - Accounts and Services We Offer, and specifically, Section 3.4 - Fee-based Accounts.

## **8.8 Fair Allocation Procedures**

Richardson Wealth has policies and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that it will ensure fairness in the allocation of investment opportunities among its clients. Trade allocation is determined on a basis that is fair, reasonable and equitable for all clients. The Advisor is responsible for selecting investments on behalf of a client's account(s) and for ensuring such investments are suitable for the client. In determining suitability, your Advisor will consider your stated investment objectives and risk profile, your level of investment knowledge, your investment time-horizon, your legal ability to participate in a particular investment, and the cash available in your account. These are the main factors but there may be other factors that affect the suitability of an investment that are specific to you.

## **8.9 Proxy Voting**

All clients who have a managed account with Richardson Wealth, give Richardson Wealth the discretion to vote their eligible securities holdings, including the securities of related and connected issuers in all circumstances unless it is not in the client's best interest to do so and if Richardson Wealth otherwise deems it appropriate to seek the client's specific consent in any situation. Richardson Wealth engages an unaffiliated security governance firm (Institutional Shareholder Services, ISS) whereby ISS will provide proxy voting services for all eligible securities in Richardson Wealth's managed accounts. Richardson Wealth generally opts to follow ISS's Canadian guidelines for voting policy.

For proxy voting relating to eligible securities holdings of RF Capital, Richardson Wealth will always seek a client's specific consent and set forth its reasons why the proposed vote is considered to be in the client's best interest.

Proxy voting for non-managed accounts will always be conducted on client's instructions. Please also see Section 5 -Securityholder Communications.

## **8.10 Gifts, Gratuities and Entertainment**

Employees of Richardson Wealth, including members of their immediate families, may not, directly or indirectly, take, accept or receive bonuses, fees, commissions, gifts, gratuities, excessive entertainment or any other similar form of consideration other than of nominal value from any person, business or association with which Richardson Wealth does or seeks to do business. Conversely, it is generally against corporate policy to give gifts or gratuities of other than nominal value without the specific approval of the designated officers of Richardson Wealth. Even a nominal gift is not to be accepted if, to a reasonable person, it might appear that the gift would influence a business decision.

The following guidelines apply to all gifts, gratuities, business entertainment and client development:

- Cannot be (or reasonably seen to be) given to affect a specific transaction or mandate. In other words, they must be neither so frequent nor so extensive as to raise the question of propriety.
- Must be usual and customary within the current business environment.
- Must be within good business practice (what would someone else do in a similar circumstance)
- Must not be illegal

This document will also be posted on our website at [www.RichardsonWealth.com](http://www.RichardsonWealth.com). If you have any questions, please contact our Chief Compliance Officer at 1.866.263.0818.

### **8.11 *Conflict Acknowledgement***

You hereby acknowledge the disclosures respecting other issuers that are related or connected to Richardson Wealth, and you hereby consent to the completion of trades in securities of any related or connected issuer that may be recommended to you or that you may request to have purchased from time to time.

## **9. Trading acknowledgements**

### **9.1 *Exercising Trade Instructions***

You acknowledge that Richardson Wealth, or parties related to us, may trade for its own account as a block positioner and/or arbitrageur. At the time of any transaction in your account, Richardson Wealth may have a long or short position in the same security.

You acknowledge that Richardson Wealth may require written instructions prior to a certain transaction in respect of your account and that we may refuse to accept any purchase or sale instructions whenever we deem it necessary for our own protection.

You acknowledge that Richardson Wealth will be open during local business hours but may execute orders at any time when the applicable exchange is open for trading, whether or not we are then open for other client business.

You acknowledge and agree that Richardson Wealth or independent third parties including Fidelity may act as principal on the other side of a transaction for your account and you agree to pay us or the independent third-party including Fidelity the applicable commission on these transactions.

### **9.2 *Acting Without Your Instructions***

Richardson Wealth is entitled to act, without your instructions, on behalf of your account in the following circumstances:

- if you fail to pay us any amount owing under this agreement or otherwise, or if you fail to comply with any obligations under this agreement;
- we consider it necessary for our protection (by reason of insufficiency of security, insufficiency of margin or for any other reason whatsoever);
- a petition in bankruptcy or an appointment of a receiver is filed by or against you; or
- an attachment is levied against any account held by you with us.

Should you die, Richardson Wealth may, without taking any other steps, take one or more of the following actions:

- retain possession, take in payment or sell any securities or other property held in your account;
- purchase any securities necessary to cover short sales made for your account and/or to cover any open positions;
- apply monies held by you in any other accounts with us to eliminate or reduce your indebtedness; or
- cancel any outstanding orders.

The proceeds of any sales made by Richardson Wealth, less expenses, shall be applied to reduce the indebtedness you may have to us without in any way lessening your responsibility to pay us any remaining balance.

### **9.3 *Pledging of Your Securities***

As continuing security for the payment of any indebtedness and obligation, present or future, matured or contingent, which you owe or may owe in the future to Richardson Wealth, whether individual or joint, you agree to pledge, hypothecate and charge to Richardson Wealth and grant Richardson Wealth a security interest and hypothec in any credit balance, money, security entitlements, securities, rights, contracts or other property now or, any time in the future, held in, carried or credited to your account for any purpose, including any property in which you have an interest at any time, and their proceeds, dividends or other income derived therefrom (collectively the “collateral”).

Where you have a short position or any indebtedness to Richardson Wealth, we may, without advance notice to you, use the collateral in the conduct of our business, including the right to:

- pledge, hypothecate or charge any of the collateral as security for any of Richardson Wealth’s own indebtedness, whether it is more or less than your indebtedness to Richardson Wealth;
- lend the collateral either separately or together with other securities;
- deliver any of the collateral against the sale, whether a short sale or otherwise, and whether such sale is for your account or another’s, and whether or not Richardson Wealth holds a like amount of similar securities for delivery; and

- co-mingle any of the collateral securities held for other clients.

## 10. Miscellaneous

- (a) Richardson Wealth can delay, or refrain from exercising, any rights under this Booklet without losing them;
- (b) You cannot transfer any of your rights or obligations under this Booklet to anyone else without our express written permission;
- (c) Unless otherwise provided, this Booklet may be changed by Richardson Wealth at any time upon notice. Such change will take effect at the times stipulated in the notice;
- (d) You may terminate this Booklet at any time by giving written notice to Richardson Wealth, but such termination will not affect any existing liabilities or indebtedness to Richardson Wealth;
- (e) We may terminate this relationship by providing you 30 days prior written notice.
- (f) At the time of the termination of this Booklet or upon the closure of your account, all outstanding administrative fees and other applicable fees, charges and commissions will be immediately due and payable by you. If you have not provided us with proper instructions with respect to removal or transfer of all assets in your account (within this 30 day period if we are terminating the relationship), we have the right but not the obligation to send to you at your last known address the cash balance in your account and the securities or, at our discretion, to sell any or all securities and deliver to you the cash proceeds from the sale of those securities, in each case less any outstanding administrative fees and any other applicable fees, charges and commissions. If your account is a registered account and you have not provided us such instructions, then in addition to the foregoing we will have the right but not the obligation to deregister or instruct the trustee to deregister any securities and cash, to withhold applicable taxes and outstanding administrative fees and other applicable fees, charges and commissions and you acknowledge that we will not be liable to you for any losses, taxes or change in your tax status of that of any assets held by you or on your behalf as a result of our actions;
- (g) Subject to the terms governing a joint account, upon reviewing notice of your death or incapacity we will cease to accept instructions provided in accordance with the terms and conditions stated herein and any other agreement governing your account and shall not dispose of any securities in the account until we receive instructions from a representative of your estate or other court appointed or otherwise recognized representative. We reserve the right to refuse to act upon any instructions of such a representative without being provided with letters of

administration, letters probate, notarial will or any other document or evidence of, or in connection with, the authorization or transmission as we may deem necessary. We may continue to debit your account in respect of any applicable administrative fees or other applicable fees, charges or commissions payable to us under with the terms and conditions stated herein and any other agreement governing your account without prior notice to, or demand upon, your successors.

- (h) You also agree that any account related forms or documents may be executed and delivered electronically, including execution by digital signature over an electronic signature platform, and any electronic signatures appearing on such instruments (including instructions) of the authorized person(s) are the same as your handwritten/wet ink signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.
- (i) You acknowledge and agree that to the extent that it is relevant to the establishment of the account, or to the business relationship, Richardson Wealth may obtain factual or credit information about you at any time from your employer, any personal agent, credit bureau, financial institution, or any other person. You further acknowledge and agree that an electronic copy or photocopy of the New Account Application Form (NAAF) and any other forms or agreements completed in connection with any account held at Richardson Wealth, shall be binding upon you and have the same effect as the original version of those documents.
- (j) If you are a corporation, trustee, partnership, investment club or other legal entity, you represent that you have the right and ability to accept the terms and conditions stated herein and any other agreement governing your account and to carry out the transactions described herein and that the delivery of all account opening documents has been properly authorized, and you further represent that any execution of documents related to your account by way of electronic signature are not inconsistent with the charter or any by-laws or organizational documents of the corporation, trustee, partnership investment club or other legal entity, as applicable.
- (k) If any provision of this document is held to be invalid or unenforceable by any court or regulatory or self-regulatory agency or body, such invalidity or enforceability shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions;
- (l) The provisions of this Booklet shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon your successors and assigns and upon the successors and assignees of Richardson Wealth. Richardson Wealth shall continue to act upon your instructions until such time as Richardson Wealth is notified of your death.; and

- (m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Booklet and on notice to you, we may assign any of our rights, responsibilities and obligations under this Booklet (in whole or in part) to any of our affiliates or parties without your prior consent. You may not assign the terms and conditions in this Booklet without our express prior written consent.

## **10.2 For Québec Residents**

If you are a married, you represent that you are not married under “legal community of property” under the laws of the Province of Québec (if you are, then your account opening forms should also be signed by your spouse).

## **10.3 Electronic Delivery of Documents**

Applicable law permits us to deliver some documents by electronic means where your consent has been obtained. If you wish to receive documents electronically, please visit [MyRichardsonWealth](#) or contact your Advisor for further details.

# **11. Benchmark disclosure**

A benchmark is a standard point of reference used to evaluate the performance of a client’s account. Typically, benchmarks are market indices (e.g., S&P TSX 60 Index) or a blend of market indices that are representative of the investment strategy being used in your account. However, in some circumstances a benchmark can be specified rate of return or the return of another investment option. A good benchmark should be specified in advance, be reflective of the investment objectives and options for your accounts, be measurable and investable.

A benchmark should be established prior to the period of investing to ensure that comparisons are not being completed with the benefits of hindsight. A benchmark should accurately reflect the investment objective or options for the account as it would not be reasonable to compare the performance of an account that was invested in fixed income to an equity benchmark. Since the account was not intended to be invested in equity markets the comparison would not be appropriate.

Although a market index is measurable, it is not possible to invest directly into the index and a market index does not include any costs, commissions, management fees or administrative costs of investing which must be taken into consideration when evaluating the performance of the account. In these circumstances, the use of an exchange traded fund that tracks the index but is also reflective of the costs of investing could be considered in the place of a market index.

When comparing a benchmark return to account’s performance it is important to ensure that the time periods being measured are the same. As well, the rates of return of a benchmark and an account may be different due to calculation methods. Benchmarks are typically calculated using a time weighted rate of return whereas the return for your portfolio will be a dollar weighted or internal



rate of return. Each of these calculations treats deposits and withdrawals differently' which will impact the performance results.

### **11.1 *Performance Reports***

Richardson Wealth will provide you with an Annual Performance Report and an Annual Fee Report for the previous calendar year. The Annual Performance Report will include information that will help you understand the performance of your account, such as the value of your account at the start of the year and at the end of the year, the annual percentage return on your account for 1, 3, 5 and 10 years, position costs and account activity information from January 1, 2016, or the account opening date, where information is available. The Annual Fee Report will include information that will help you understand the costs associated with the investments in your account.

## **12. Trademarks**

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