# Introduction

Our firm, Fidato Wealth LLC, is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We feel that it is important for you to understand how advisory and brokerage services and fees differ in order to determine which type of account is right for you. There are free and simple tools available to research firms and financial professionals at <u>www.investor.gov/CRS</u>, which also provides educational materials about investment advisers, broker-dealers, and investing.

### What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We are a registered investment adviser that offers investment advisory services to retail investors for an ongoing asset-based fee. Our advisory services include Asset Management & Financial Planning. If you open an advisory account with our firm, we'll meet with you to understand your current financial situation, existing resources, goals, and risk tolerance. Based on what we learn, we'll recommend a portfolio of investments that is monitored at least quarterly, and if necessary, rebalanced to meet your changing needs, stated goals and objectives. Accounts are reviewed on a quarterly basis and we provide Quarterly Portfolio Overview Reports to clients. We'll offer you advice on a regular basis and verbal reports take place on at least an annual basis when we meet with clients.

Financial planning is included in our Asset Management & Financial Planning services for no additional fee. Financial planning is also offered as a separate service for an additional fee.

We manage accounts on a discretionary basis. After you sign an agreement with our firm, we're allowed to buy and sell investments in your account without asking you in advance. Any limitations will be described in the signed advisory agreement. We will have discretion until the advisory agreement is terminated by you or our firm.

We do not restrict our advice to limited types of products or investments.

Our firm requires a minimum household balance of \$1,000,000 for our Asset Management & Financial Planning services; however, at our discretion we may make exceptions to this household minimum.

Additional information about our advisory services is located in Item 4 of our Firm Brochure which is available online at <u>https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/158173</u>.

**Questions to Ask Us**: Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not? How will you choose investments to recommend to me? What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do those qualifications mean?

# What fees will I pay?

For the initial consultation process, we may charge a fee that ranges from \$500 to \$1,000 based on complexity. This fee will be waived if the client engages with our firm for our Asset Management & Financial Planning services.

You will be charged an ongoing quarterly fee based on the value of the investments in your account on the last day of the quarter. Fees will be adjusted for deposits and withdrawals made during the quarter. Our maximum annual fee is 1.50%. The more assets you have in your advisory account, the more you will pay us. We therefore have an incentive to increase the assets in your advisory account in order to increase our fees. However, the more assets we manage, the annual fee percentage continues to decline, as we have a tiered fee schedule. We rarely negotiate our fees, however at our discretion we may negotiate our fees under certain circumstances. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on the services you receive and the amount of assets in your account. Our firm's fees will be automatically deducted from your advisory account, which will reduce the value of your advisory account.

The broker-dealer that holds your assets charges you a transaction or asset-based fee when we buy or sell an investment for you. The broker-dealer's transaction or asset-based fees are in addition to our firm's fees for our Asset Management & Financial Planning services.

You may also pay charges imposed by the broker-dealer holding your accounts for certain investments and maintaining your account. Some investments, such as mutual funds, index funds, exchange traded funds, and

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variable annuities, charge additional fees that will reduce the value of your investments over time. In addition, you may have to pay fees such as "surrender charges" to sell variable annuities. We do not utilize variable annuities with surrender charges with our clients; however, if a client has a variable annuity from a previous advisor, and it is surrendered, then surrender charges may apply.

In certain cases, we select third party money managers and/or sub-advisers to assist us with managing your account. If selected, they will charge you a fee, which will be described to you in their Form ADV and/or agreement.

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

Additional information about our fees is located in Item 5 of our Firm Brochure, which is available online at <u>https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/158173</u>.

**Questions to Ask Us:** Help me understand how these fees and costs may affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs and how much will be invested for me?

What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

*When we act as your investment adviser,* we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice, we provide you. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means:

Our firm is also licensed as an insurance agency and some of our financial professionals are insurance agents. They charge a separate commission rate resulting from implementing product transactions on behalf of advisory clients. As a result, they have an incentive to recommend these products in order to increase their compensation. Fixed insurance products are used when it is part of the client's comprehensive financial plan and it promotes the client's goals and best interests.

Additional information about our conflicts of interest is located in Item 10 of our Firm Brochure, which is available online at <u>https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/158173</u>.

**Questions to Ask Us:** How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?

### How do your financial professionals make money?

Our financial professionals are compensated based on the revenue our firm earns from their advisory services or recommendations, the amount of client assets they service, and the time and complexity required to meet a client's needs. In addition, when an insurance strategy is used, they are compensated based on the type of product sold and/or product sales commissions.

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

No, our firm and financial professionals do not have any legal and disciplinary history to disclose. Visit <u>Investor.gov/CRS</u> for a free and simple search tool to research our firm and our financial professionals.

**Questions to Ask Us:** As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?

# **Additional Information**

You can find additional information about our firm's investment advisory services on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching CRD #158173. You may also contact our firm at 440-572-5552 to request a copy of this relationship summary and other up-to-date information.

**Questions to Ask Us:** Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?