## Introduction

Our firm, Ritholtz Wealth Management, is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The services offered and fees charged by an investment adviser differ from those of broker-dealers and it is important that you understand the differences. There are free and simple tools available to research firms and financial professionals at <a href="www.investor.gov/CRS">www.investor.gov/CRS</a>, which also provides educational materials about investment advisers, broker-dealers, and investing.

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

We offer investment advisory services through our Comprehensive Portfolio Management, Good Advice, and Liftoff services to clients. If you open an advisory account with our firm, we'll work with you to understand your current financial situation, existing resources, investment goals, and risk tolerance. Based on what we learn, we'll design a strategy with you to help you achieve your investment goals through a portfolio of investments, which we monitor at least quarterly. We will rebalance your portfolio to meet your changing needs, stated goals and objectives. We will offer you advice on a regular basis and contact you at least annually to discuss your portfolio. Financial Planning & Consulting is included in our Comprehensive Portfolio Management and Good Advice services for no additional fee. College Financial Planning is offered as a separate service for a flat fee. We do not monitor your investments for the College Financial Planning service.

You can select in our agreement whether we are allowed to buy and sell investments in your account without asking you in advance ("discretion") or only after receiving your permission ("non-discretion"). If you select non-discretion, you make the ultimate decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments. Any limitations will be described in the signed advisory agreement. We will have discretion or non-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 does not impose requirements for opening and maintaining accounts or otherwise engaging us. *Additional information about our advisory services is in Item 4 of our Firm Brochure, which is available online at https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/summary/168652.* 

# Additional key 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?

You will be charged an ongoing quarterly fee based on the value of the investments in your account or an ongoing quarterly flat fee for our Comprehensive Portfolio Management service. We charge up to 1.25% for our standard fee schedule f depending on the a of the investments in your account. We charge up to 0.40% for non-ERISA 403(b) plans and IRAs for teachers. The maximum Good Advice fee is 0.75%. The maximum Liftoff fee is 0.50%, which is split between our firm and Betterment. For fees based on a percentage of assets in your advisory account(s), we have an incentive to increase the assets in your advisory account in order to increase our compensation.

Our firm's fees will be automatically deducted from your advisory account, which will reduce the value of your advisory account. In rare cases, our firm will agree to send you invoices rather than automatically deduct our firm's fees from your advisory account.

The custodian that holds your assets may charge you a transaction fee when we buy or sell an investment for you. The custodian's transaction fees are in addition to our firm's fees for our Comprehensive Portfolio Management and Good Advice services. There are no charges for Liftoff transactions. You may also pay charges imposed by the custodian holding your accounts for certain investments and maintaining your account. Some investments, such as mutual funds, index funds, exchange traded funds, crypto index portfolios, and 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. You may also be charged fees for your

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investments that are allocated to Independent Money Managers. 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 in Item 5 of our Firm Brochure, which is available online.

### Additional key 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:

We have an incentive to advise clients to invest in the EquityZen Growth Opportunity Fund VII, the RWM/WisdomTree Crypto Index Portfolio, and The Compound Capital Fund I, LP ("Fund") because EquityZen, WidsomTree, and the Fund share revenue with us.

Our firm's financial professionals include a CPA and licensed insurance agents. They have an incentive to recommend their services to you.

Additional information about our conflicts of interest is in Item 10 of our Firm Brochure, which is available online.

#### Additional key 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?

## 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 and the amount of client assets they service.

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

No. Visit Investor.gov/CRS for a free and simple search tool to research our firm and our financial professionals.

## Additional key 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 <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> by searching CRD# 168652. You may also contact our firm at 212-625-1200 to request a copy of this relationship summary and other up-to-date information.

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