

The Helmstar Group, LLC
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The Helmstar Group, LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and, as such, we provide advisory services rather than brokerage services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you, our client, to understand the differences. Additionally, free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at [Investor.gov/CRS](https://investor.gov/CRS), which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing. This document is a summary of the services and fees we offer to "retail" investors, which are natural persons who seek or receive services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer the following investment advisory services to retail investors: **Financial Planning Services; Portfolio Management Services; and Selection of Other Advisers.** For a description of each service listed above, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure by clicking the following link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/145074>, Items 4, 7, 13 and 16.

Account Monitoring: If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service, the investment portfolios will be monitored on a daily basis.

Investment Authority: We primarily manage investment accounts on a **discretionary** basis whereby **we will decide** which investments to buy or sell for your account. We have discretion to select, retain or replace third-party managers to manage your accounts. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased or sold for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing. We may also offer **non-discretionary** investment management services whereby we will provide advice, but **you will ultimately** decide which investments to buy and sell for your account. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.

Investment Offerings: We provide advice on various types of investments. Our services are not limited to a specific type of investment or product.

Account Minimums and Requirements: In general, we require a minimum account size to open and maintain an advisory account, which may be waived at our discretion.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or Why Not?**
- **How will you choose investments to recommend to me?**
- **What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications?**
- **What do these qualifications mean?**

What fees will I pay?

The following summarizes the principal fees and costs associated with engaging our firm for investment advisory services. For detailed information, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure by clicking the following link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/145074>

- **Asset Based Fees** - Payable quarterly in arrears. Since the fees we receive are asset-based (i.e. based on the value of your account), we have an incentive to increase your account value which creates a conflict especially for those accounts holding illiquid or hard-to-value assets;
- **Hourly Fees** - Payable in arrears;
- **Fixed Fees** - Payable 50/50;
- **Other Advisory Fees** - In addition to our fees, clients may pay third party managers, which are separate and apart from our fees.
- **Additional Client Costs** - A platform fee to cover trade costs which is a percentage of assets under management.

Examples of the most common fees and costs applicable to our clients are: Custodian fees, Account maintenance fees, mutual funds and exchange-traded funds fees, transaction charges when purchasing or selling securities, and other product-level fees associated with your investments.

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.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **Help me understand how these fees and costs might 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 must 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.

In addition to our advisory fees, we may make money from our investment advisory services in the following ways:

- **Third-Party Payments:** Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed as independent insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products. Insurance commissions are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because they have an incentive to recommend insurance products to you for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs. Refer to our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure by clicking the following link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/145074> Items 5, 10, 12, and 14 to help you understand what conflicts exist.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?**

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our Company and the financial professional servicing your account(s) are compensated in the following ways: Salary; Bonus; and Product Sales Commissions. Financial professionals' compensation is based on the following factors: the amount of client assets they service; the products sold (i.e. differential compensation); and the revenue the firm earns from the person's services or recommendations.

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

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

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

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

You can find additional information about your investment advisory services and request a copy of the relationship summary at 208-429-0800 or refer to our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure by clicking the following link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/145074>,

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional

- **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?**