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FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE

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THE DOCUMENTS YOU WILL RECEIVE FROM US

Financial Services Guide

This Financial Services Guide (FSG) is designed to clarify who we are and what we do, and help you decide whether to use our services. There are two parts to this FSG, of which this is Part 1. Both parts of the FSG should be read together to explain:

- The services and types of products we're able to offer you
- How we and our associates are paid any other benefits we may receive
- Any potential conflicts of interest we may have
- How we protect your privacy and handle your personal information
- How we resolve disputes, and what you should do if you have one
- The kinds of compensation arrangements we have in place

Part 2 outlines your Adviser Profile, their Firm, how you pay for their services and how your Adviser charges for their services. Please read through the whole FSG, as it's full of useful information – and is also worth holding onto for future reference. It has also been designed to help you make an informed decision about your financial future. We may periodically update this FSG, which will be made available publically through our website and provided to you at the next possible opportunity. The client receipt (also included) requires completion and needs to be held by your Authorised Representative as a record. And of course, if you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Other documents you may receive

In addition to this FSG, when we provide you financial advice we will also present you with a written Statement of Advice (SOA).

This will describe the strategies, products and services we recommend and outline any fees or commissions we will receive and any associations we have with financial product providers or other parties that have not already been disclosed in this FSG.

If you receive further financial advice from us, we will present you with either another SOA or our own written Record of Advice (ROA). You can request a copy of this by contacting us any time up to seven years from the date of the advice provided. Please refer to the "Contact Us" section of this FSG for our contact details.

We will also provide you with a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) or offer document for all financial products we recommend, where applicable. This will outline the product in detail to help you make an informed decision about whether it is right for you.

Giving us instructions

If you want to make changes to your financial plan or provide other instructions, please contact your Authorised Representative. Please refer to the "Adviser Profile" section in Part 2 of this FSG for your Adviser's contact details.

Generally, you will need to give us instructions in writing (e.g. fax, email or letter) or another method agreed with us.

Oakwood has a strict policy on not handling client funds. All investment monies and risk insurance premiums must be directly paid to the product provider or your securities broker in the case of traded securities. Only Oakwood's own service fees (where applicable) are payable directly to Oakwood Financial Group Pty Ltd.

About Oakwood Financial Group

Oakwood Financial Group Pty Ltd (Oakwood) is a licensed dealer group (AFS License 255231) and a financial services business that is wholly owned and operated by a dedicated group of financial advisers. Our primary focus is our clients (i.e. you) and as such, we are not associated with nor do we have any ownership links with providers of financial products. Oakwood is a principal member of the Financial Planning Association of Australia Limited (FPA) and is committed to FPA's Code of Ethics, Rules for Professional Conduct and continuing professional development.

Ownership structure of Oakwood

Oakwood's direct ownership structure is as follows:

Sarah Cavanagh
Peter McIntyre
Garry Mensforth
Director & Shareholder
Director & Shareholder
Director & Shareholder

For any further details on the ownership and/or control structure, please contact us.

Our associations and relationships

As previously mentioned, we do not associate ourselves or have ownership links with providers of financial products which allows us to provide you with the best possible advice in line with your best interest, needs, goals and objectives. As such, we do not receive any commissions or trails for recommending such investment products and if for any reason we did receive a commission or trail, this would be rebated to you as a reduction in your initial and/or ongoing fees.

We also do not align ourselves with any risk & insurance providers and will always ensure the recommendation of an insurance provider is appropriate to your requirements, objectives and circumstances. Most (if not all) insurance providers pay Oakwood a commission on successful applicants as described in the 'Commissions received from product providers' section of this FSG. We will always strive to recommend an insurance product that meets your best interests, needs, goals and objectives, regardless of the amount of commission received from the insurer

Oakwood is associated with P M Accounting Solutions (PMAS) in the provision of administration support services, accounting and income tax compliance. We do not require you to engage the services of PMAS should we provide you with financial advice. This is purely optional should you already have your own trusted adviser.

Oakwood retains an administration fee up to 18% (capped at \$3,000 to \$5,000 per month, per adviser group) from all of its authorised representative's commissions, fee for service and any other amounts received in the production of financial advice. Oakwood also recovers some of the costs associated with research, training and software costs



from the adviser group, specific to their needs. The balance is then paid out directly to the Adviser. This enables Oakwood to maintain its overhead costs, such as licencing fees, insurance, software, administration, compliance, research, professional memberships, audit costs, etc. If any profits remain, this can be paid out either as a director's fee or as a dividend to its shareholders, or a combination of both.

Not Independent

Because Oakwood Financial Group Pty Ltd, and its Corporate Authorised Representatives, receive commissions from life insurance companies, neither financial services businesses are independent, impartial, or unbiased. The Corporations Act states that if a licensee or an Authorised Representative receives commissions from a product issuer it cannot claim to be independent, impartial, or unbiased.

What we do

Oakwood (AFS License 255231) has authorised its Advisers to provide a comprehensive range of advice which may include:

- Wealth Accumulation
- Income & Asset Protection
- Risk Management
- Tax Strategies
- Superannuation
- Self-Managed Superannuation
- Retirement & Redundancy Planning
- Salary Packaging
- Estate Planning
- Government Benefits
- Debt Management

and to provide financial advice and deal in the following financial products:

- Deposit and Payment Products
- Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
- Life Products Investment Life Insurance & Life Risk Insurance Products
- Managed Investment Schemes
- Retirement Savings Account Products
- Securities
- Superannuation

All of Oakwood's Advisers are restricted in relation to investment advice, being limited to the recommended product list of Oakwood's designated research houses, being Lonsec & Zenith. Oakwood is responsible for any advice about these types of products and related services given to you by your Oakwood Financial Adviser.

What to expect

Whether you have previously received financial advice or not, Oakwood's Advisers can develop solutions tailored to your circumstances. Our Financial Advisers will assess your financial situation and prepare for you a detailed financial plan, known as a Statement of Advice (SOA).

Initial meeting

The purpose of this meeting is for you and your Adviser to get to know each other, discuss your objectives and to reach agreement for proceeding with the preparation of your financial plan. Once a fee estimate (outlined in our 'How we charge for our services' section of this FSG) has been discussed and agreed, preparation of your financial plan can commence.

Please note that your Adviser will discuss with you your objectives in general terms at this initial meeting. Only after you have provided full details of your personal circumstances in the Fact Find and Risk Profile phase of this process detailed below, can your Adviser provide you with advice that is relevant to your own specific situation.

Fact Find & Risk profiling

To properly consider your needs, goals and objectives and to deliver recommendations which are designed to satisfy your requirements, your Adviser will need to obtain from you key facts as to your personal circumstances. A 'Fact Find' document will need to be completed which will record your information and will form the basis on which the financial plan is prepared. Of course, you have the right not to share this information with your Adviser (see our Privacy Policy for details). In such a case, we are required to deliver the appropriate warnings in our initial meeting and also in the SOA. You should read these warnings carefully and consider the appropriateness of the advice with regards to your personal situation and needs. You should ask your Authorised Representative about these consequences if you are not sure.

Your Adviser will also need to obtain and determine your risk profile. A 'Risk Profile Questionnaire' will need to be completed which will outline your base aversion to risk. Discussions with your Adviser will determine what level of risk you are willing to accept and the financial plan and investment mix will be developed in accordance with your tolerance towards risk. Your Authorised Representative will explain to you any significant risks of the financial product(s) and strategies which are recommended to you.

Product Selection

Oakwood uses two research houses, Lonsec and Zenith as well as conducting its own research into available financial products offered in the marketplace. This research is conducted to define an overall 'basket' of products for utilization when implementing financial strategies appropriate to your situation and risk profile to achieve your financial goals. Due to the sheer quantity of available products, Oakwood does not conduct research on all products. We are subject to restrictions on recommending investment products as they must be rated 'Recommended' or higher from these research houses.

After analysing your needs, circumstances and tolerance to risk your Adviser may then make a recommendation of one or more of these products. If you already have particular insurance, investment or other financial products in your portfolio that are outside Oakwood's investment mix, we will research these prior to making any recommendation about them to see whether they still meet your financial needs, goals and objectives (within the limits of Oakwood's services described above).

Your Financial Plan

The Financial Plan (or SOA) will address the strategies that are considered appropriate for your objectives as agreed. Report preparation includes all data collection, research, analysis and investigation that may be required to ensure that your objectives are correctly identified and the strategies needed to achieve the objectives are accurately specified.



Your Adviser will explain any significant risks associated with their recommendations, as well as the risks associated with not acting on the recommendations. If they don't, you should ask them to explain the risks to you.

Your Adviser will also explain to you all fees, commissions, trails and rebates available to them and to you in detail. Whilst this is outlined in the SOA, we want to be at the forefront of ensuring we are acting at all times in your best interests and not just recommending products that will benefit us.

Any subsequent or further advice will usually be provided to you verbally, or you may request a record of this further advice by using any of the methods found under 'Contact us.' You have up to 7 years to request such a record. If there has been any significant change to your circumstances, we will prepare a new formal SOA.

We will also recommend that you act on this SOA within a particular time period (i.e. 30 days). This ensures that the initial advice we prepare stays relevant to your circumstances at that point in time. If the SOA is not accepted within this time frame and you would still like to continue with the implementation of our recommendations, you must contact us prior to acting to ensure that none of the factors have changed and that the recommendations remain appropriate to you.

Additional Advice

One important aspect of your financial plan is the coordination of your financial affairs between all of your trusted advisers (e.g. accountants and lawyers). Where appropriate or required, we will involve all relevant advisers to ensure that your Financial Plan operates efficiently and effectively for the best solution to your overall wealth management and financial planning requirements. Please note that our fees do not include legal or accounting costs associated with the operation of your financial planning affairs. These will either be directly borne by you or on-charged from Oakwood to you at cost, as detailed out in your SOA.

Ongoing Review

Whilst a critical part of our work is the development of your strategic financial plan and the design of the portfolio, our ongoing review services are very important.

Our minimum standards stipulate that the preparation of a formal Annual Review be completed to ensure that your current strategies are appropriate for your circumstances, update and review the performance of the investments and make changes to your financial affairs as necessary. The costs of the ongoing review are outlined in the 'How we charge for our services' section in Part 2 of this FSG.

Contact us

For more information on anything you have read in this FSG, to obtain a copy of our Privacy Policy or if there is anything else we can help you with, please contact us at:

Address: PO Box 1387, Gosford NSW 2250

Phone: (02) 4324 9177 **Fax:** (02) 4311 2342

Web: www.oakwoodfinancial.com.au Email: info@oakwoodfinancial.com.au

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

How we manage your personal information

We are grateful for the trust and confidence you have in us to safeguard your privacy. This notification covers us and tells you how we collect your information, what we use it for and who we share it with. It also points out some key features of our Privacy Policy. For a copy of our Privacy Policy, please ask us.

Collecting and using your personal information

We need to collect and use your personal information (which may include your sensitive information, such as health information) for a variety of purposes, including to provide you with the financial services you have requested (including answering your requests and complaints, varying products and services and managing your relevant product portfolios) and to contact you about other products and services that may be relevant to you. It is also necessary for us to collect personal information in order to prevent or investigate any fraud or crime, or any suspected fraud or crime.

We'll collect your personal information from you directly whenever we can. Sometimes we collect your personal information from other sources or third parties such as your accountant. We do this only if it's necessary to do so, for example where:

- we can't get hold of you and we rely on publicly available information to update your contact details;
- we need information from an insurer about an insurance application you make through us;
- at your request, we exchange information with your legal or financial advisers or other representatives.

You may not be aware that we have done so. If we collect information that can be used to identify you, we will take reasonable steps to notify you of that collection.

We may collect information about you because we are required or authorised by law to collect it. There are laws that affect financial institutions, including company and tax law, which require us to collect personal information. For example, we require personal information to verify your identify under Commonwealth Anti-Money Laundering laws.

What happens if you don't provide your information to us?

If you don't provide your information to us, we may not be able to:

- provide you with the product or service you want;
- manage or administer your product or service;
- verify your identity or protect against fraud; or
- let you know about other products or services that might better meet your financial and lifestyle needs.

Protecting your privacy

Protecting your privacy is essential to our business. Your file, containing your profile, personal objectives, financial circumstances and our recommendations, is kept securely.



Disclosing your personal information

We may share your personal information (which may include your sensitive information, such as health information where we have your consent) with third parties for any purposes for which we use your information. This may include the following types of third parties:

- those involved in providing, managing or administering the products or services you have requested, including other advisers, paraplanners and organisations that work with us, depending on the financial services and products you have requested;
- insurance providers, superannuation trustees and product providers related to the financial services you have requested;
- professional associations and organisations that help us operate our business, such as those that provide administrative, financial, accounting, insurance, research, legal, strategic advice, auditing, computer or other business services, including other members of the Oakwood group;
- your representatives, service providers, or other organisations, such as your accountant, solicitor, tax agent, stockbroker or bank;
- organisations involved in a business restructure or a transfer of all or part of the assets of our business; and
- government and regulatory authorities and other organisations when required or authorised by law (in some instances these bodies may share it with relevant foreign authorities)
- where you have given consent.

We run our business in Australia. In order to provide you with our services however, we may share your information with organisations outside Australia (for example information technology service providers). You can view a list of the countries in which those overseas organisations are located in our Privacy Policy.

We may also store your information in cloud or other types of networked or electronic storage. As electronic or networked storage can be accessed from various countries via an internet connection, it is not always practicable to know in which country your information may be held. If your information is stored in this way, disclosures may occur in countries other than those listed.

Overseas organisations may be required to disclose information we share with them under a foreign law. In those circumstances, we will not be responsible for that disclosure.

Consent to marketing activity

We presume you consent to being contacted by us (including Oakwood Financial Group Pty Ltd) about suitable products and services via the contact details you have provided. We may continue to contact you for these reasons until you withdraw your consent. You can do this at any time by contacting us (see the 'Contact us' section of this FSG). We will process your request as soon as practicable.

Gaining access to your personal information

You can gain access to your personal information that we hold about you. This is subject to some exceptions allowed by law. We will give you reasons if we deny access. You can find out how to access your information by reading our Privacy Policy, available by contacting us.

Correcting your information

You can ask us to correct information we hold about you. You can find out how to correct your information by reading our Privacy Policy or by contacting us.

Complaints

If you have a complaint about a privacy issue, please tell us about it. You can find out how to make a complaint and how we will deal with these complaints, by reading our Privacy Policy (by contacting us) or by referring to the 'Your confidence in our advice' section of our FSG.

Further information

If you have any questions or comments about our Privacy Policy and procedures, please contact us by using the contact details set out in the 'Contact us' section of this FSG

For more information about your privacy, you can also visit the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner's website at:

www.oaic.gov.au



YOUR CONFIDENCE IN OUR **ADVICE**

Your satisfaction is very important to us and we have procedures in place to resolve any concerns promptly and

Our complaints procedure

If you're unhappy with the advice you receive or other aspects of our service, please follow the steps outlined below.

- Please let your financial adviser know so we can act 1. on it immediately.
- 2. If your adviser has not satisfactorily resolved your complaint, please contact our Advice Dispute Resolution Team in writing to either:

Email: complaints@oakwoodfinancial.com.au **Registered Post:**

Advice Dispute Resolution Team Oakwood Financial Group Pty Ltd PO Box 1387, Gosford NSW 2250

3. If your complaint isn't resolved within 45 days or to your satisfaction, you can lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that is free to consumers. You can contact AFCA on:

Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call) Email: info@afca.com.au Website: www.afca.org.au

In writing to:

Australian Financial Complaints Authority

GPO Box 3

Melbourne VIC 3001

Superannuation Complaints Tribunal (SCT)

The SCT is a Commonwealth body that can help with

disputes relating to superannuation.

Phone: 1300 884 114 Website: www.sct.gov.au

Address: Locked Bag 3060, Melbourne VIC 3001

Email: info@sct.gov.au

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) also has a free call info line on 1300 300 630 which you may use to make a complaint and obtain information about your rights.

Compensation arrangements

Oakwood holds professional indemnity insurance that satisfies the requirements of Section 912B of the Corporations Act 2001. Subject to the policy terms and conditions of cover, the insurance policy also covers the conduct of our advisers who were authorised by Oakwood at the time of providing the advice, but are no longer authorised representatives of Oakwood at the time of your complaint.

Adviser Education Standards

From 1 January 2019, all existing Financial Advisers will need to ensure they comply with the new Education Standards set out in section 921B(2) of the Corporations Amendment (Professional Standards of Financial Advisers) Act 2017 ('the Act'), and will need to have either met the education and training standard in subsection 921B(2); or completed one or more courses determined by the standards body to give the provider qualifications equivalent to that standard, by 1 January 2026. This also includes complying with the new Ethics Policy by 1 January 2020, passing an exam by 1 January 2022 and a reset of, and compliance with, the annual Continuing Professional Development requirements from 1 January 2019.

Oakwood is delighted to be a part of this new and exciting change to the Financial Advice industry and will be assisting its Advisers in meeting these new education standards. For all new Advisers onboarding into Oakwood, (i.e. not an existing authorised representative before 1 January 2019), will have to meet these new education standards by 1 January 2019. Throughout these next years, we will endeavour to keep you informed as to the progress your Adviser has achieved in complying with these new Education Standards.