

De Groote Financial Group, LLC

PRIVACY NOTICE REGARDING CLIENT PRIVACY AS REQUIRED BY REGULATION S-P & REGULATION S-AM

Maintaining the trust and confidence of our clients is a high priority. That is why we want you to understand how we protect your privacy when we collect and use information about you, and the steps that we take to safeguard that information. This notice is provided to you on behalf of De Groote Financial Group, LLC ("DGFG").

Information We Collect: In connection with providing investment products, financial advice, or other services, we obtain non-public personal information about you, including:

- Information we receive from you on account applications, such as your address, date of birth, Social Security Number, occupation, financial goals, assets and income;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others; and
- Information received from credit or service bureaus or other third parties, such as your credit history or employment status.

Categories of Information We Disclose: We may only disclose information that we collect in accordance with this policy. DGFG does not sell customer lists and will not sell your name to telemarketers.

Categories of Parties to Whom We Disclose: We will not disclose information regarding you or your account at DGFG, except under the following circumstances:

- To entities that perform services for us or function on our behalf, including financial service providers, such as a clearing broker-dealer, investment company, or insurance company, other advisers;
- To consumer reporting agencies,
- To third parties who perform services or marketing, client resource management or other parties to help manage your account on our behalf;
- To your attorney, trustee or anyone else who represents you in a fiduciary capacity;
- To our attorneys, accountants or auditors; and
- To government entities or other third parties in response to subpoenas or other legal process as required by law or to comply with regulatory inquiries.

How We Use Information: Information may be used among companies that perform support services for us, such as data processors, client relationship management technology, technical systems consultants and programmers, or companies that help us market products and services to you for a number of purposes, such as:

- **To protect your accounts/non-public information** from unauthorized access or identity theft;
- **To process your requests** such as securities purchases and sales;
- **To establish or maintain an account with an unaffiliated third party**, such as a clearing broker-dealer providing services to you and/or DGFG;
- **To service your accounts**, such as by issuing checks and account statements;
- **To comply** with Federal, State, and Self-Regulatory Organization requirements;
- **To keep you informed** about financial services of interest to you.

When Your Investment Adviser Representatives Leaves Our Firm: Our firm recognizes that your relationship with your Investment Adviser Representative ("IAR") is important. If your IAR's affiliation with DGFG ends and he or she joins a non-affiliated securities broker-dealer, DGFG will permit the IAR to use certain client contact information to solicit clients to join the IAR's new firm. The client contact

information that the IAR may use is limited to your name, address, email address, phone number and account title. IARs will also be permitted to retain originals or copies of all clients and account documentation for the purpose of continuing the relationship with you and servicing your account through the IAR's new firm. DGFG will also retain your client and account documentation.

Regulation S-AM: Under Regulation S-AM, a registered investment adviser is prohibited from using eligibility information that it receives from an affiliate to make a marketing solicitation unless: (1) the potential marketing use of that information has been clearly, conspicuously and concisely disclosed to the consumer; (2) the consumer has been provided a reasonable opportunity and a simple method to opt out of receiving the marketing solicitations; and (3) the consumer has not opted out. DGFG does not receive information regarding marketing eligibility from affiliates to make solicitations.

Regulation S-ID: Regulation S-ID requires our firm to have an Identity Theft Protection Program (ITPP) that controls reasonably foreseeable risks to customers or to the safety and soundness of our firm from identity theft. We have developed an ITPP to adequately identify and detect potential red-flags to prevent and mitigate identity theft.

Our Security Policy: We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those individuals who need to know that information to provide products or services to you and perform their respective duties. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural security measures to safeguard confidential client information.

Your Right to Opt Out: Federal privacy laws give you the right to restrict some sharing of your personal financial information. These laws balance your right to privacy with our firm's need to provide information for normal business purposes. You have the right to opt out of some information sharing with companies that are (1) Part of the same corporate group as your financial company (or affiliates); or (2) Not part of the same corporate group as your financial company (or non-affiliates). Choosing to restrict the sharing of our personal financial information will not apply to (1) Information about you to firms that help promote and market the company's own products or products offered under a joint agreement between two financial companies; (2) Records of your transactions--such as your loan payments, credit card or debit card purchases, and checking and savings account statements--to firms that provide data processing and mailing services for your company; (3) Information about you in response to a court order; and (4) Your payment history on loans and credit cards to credit bureaus. If you opt out, you limit the extent to which we can provide your personal financial information to non-affiliates.

Closed or Inactive Accounts: If you decide to close your account(s) or become an inactive customer, our Privacy Policy will continue to apply to you.

Complaint Notification: Please direct complaints to: Douglass C. De Groote at De Groote Financial Group, LLC, 3013 Willow Lane, Thousand Oaks, CA 91361; (805) 230-0111.

Changes to This Privacy Policy: If we make any substantial changes in the way we use or disseminate confidential information, we will notify you. If you have any questions concerning this Privacy Policy, please contact us at (805) 230-0111.