

## Form CRS (Client Relationship Summary)

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Layne Financial Group ("LFG" or "Advisor") is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you to understand the differences. 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.

### Item 2: Relationship and Services

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

LFG provides investment management services, also known as asset management services, and furnishes investment advice through consultations.

#### Monitoring:

Under our investment management services, your investment accounts will be monitored and reviewed regularly on at least a quarterly basis by our firm. We will provide advice to you regarding the investments and allocation of your accounts to ensure they are positioned appropriately based on your goals and objectives.

If you are only engaging our firm in financial planning services, we will work with you to review your held away investment accounts that we provide advice to you on but will not be monitoring or reviewing those held away investment accounts, unless otherwise agreed upon as part of your financial planning engagement.

#### Investment Authority:

Through our investment management service, we give you the option to grant us the authority to purchase or sell securities without obtaining your consent in advance (**Discretionary Authority**), or to require that we obtain your consent prior to purchasing or selling any securities for your account(s) (**Non-discretionary Authority**).

#### Limited Investment Offerings:

We do not make available or offer advice with respect to proprietary products nor to a strictly limited menu of products or types of investments.

#### Account Minimums and other Requirements:

Our minimum account size requirement is \$0 for Managed Portfolios and there is a \$0 account size requirement for pension & nonprofit plans to open or maintain an account under our financial management policies. These amounts may be waived or reduced by the Advisor at any time

**For additional information, please review Item 4, 7, and 13 of our Form ADV Part 2A.**

#### Ask your Adviser:

- ***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?***

### Item 3: Fees, Costs, Conflicts, and Standard of Conduct

#### What fees will I pay?

The amount of fees you pay to our firm and the frequency in which you are billed depends on the services being provided. For wealth management service, we charge a fee based on a percentage of assets under management ranging from 0.75% to 0.45%. Fees are charged monthly in arrears. For ongoing financial planning services, we charge an hourly fee for the development and delivery of a financial plan.

We are paid for investment management services based on a percentage of your managed account value. Therefore, the more assets there are in your advisory account, the more you will pay in fees, and we therefore have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account. This is a conflict of interest. However, we mitigate this by ensuring all recommendations and investment decisions we make are in your best interest.

Additional fees you may pay include certain charges imposed by custodians such as custodial fees, deferred sales charges, or other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual fund and exchange-traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus.

**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. For additional information, please review Item 5 of our Form ADV Part 2A.**

***Ask your Adviser: 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 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. For example, if your account value goes up, and while the tiered management fee percentage may stay the same, the total compensation you pay us goes up proportionately.

Another example, some of our financial professionals may have outside business activities that we may recommend you use. These professionals will receive compensation based on those services. Clients are never obligated to use any third-party provider we recommend.

***Ask your Adviser: 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 on a salary basis and in some cases company profit sharing. Our advisors do not receive commissions or other compensation based on the amount of the business generated from their work.

### Item 4: Disciplinary History

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

No. You can visit [Investor.gov/CRS](https://www.investor.gov/CRS) for a free and simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

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

### **Item 5: Additional Information**

You can find additional information regarding our firm and receive a copy of this relationship summary by contacting 304-202-3309

***Ask your Adviser: 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?***

### **SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGES**

Since this is the initial filing of Form CRS, there have been several material changes. We will provide a summary of material changes should they occur in the future.

#### **Material Change 1:**

AUM Fees have been reduced to better serve clients, and Fee Financial Planning Services cap limits have been removed.

#### **Material Change 2:**

Wording corrections on form ADV and client compliance forms have been adjusted a total of 2 times.

#### **Material Change 3:**

We have adjusted our material relationships and conflict of interest breakdowns.