



VERACITY
WEALTH PLANNING

Financial Services Guide

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Important Information about our Licensee

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.

To make things simple, this guide explains:

- the services and types of products we're able to offer you
- how we and our associates are paid and 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.

Please read through the whole FSG, as it's full of useful information – and is also worth holding on to for future reference. And of course, if you ever have any questions, please contact us.

Other documents you may receive

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

This will describe:

- advice and strategies we recommend and the reasons why;
- the financial products and services we recommend and the reasons why;
- any fees or commissions we will receive; and
- any associations we have with financial product providers or other parties that may influence the advice we provide.

After that, any time you receive further financial advice from us, we will either provide you with another SOA or give you (or keep 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.

To help you make an informed decision about a financial product you generally will be given a Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) which outlines the product features and costs in detail. In certain circumstances it is not a requirement that you be given a PDS (including, for example, where you already have one).

Giving us instructions

If you want to make changes to your financial plan or provide other instructions, please contact us. Please refer to the "Contact us" section of this FSG for our contact details.

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

About us

Who we are

Veracity Wealth Planning is a privately owned full service financial planning practice which has been operating on the Gold Coast since December 2009.

The Financial Services we offer are provided by Veracity Wealth Pty Ltd, ABN 79 198 716 945, trading as Veracity Wealth Planning, authorised representative number 345035. Credit Representative No. 418016.

We are authorised representatives of MDRC Wealth Pty Ltd ABN 54 632 602 718, Australian Financial Services Licence Number 518309 ("MDRC Wealth Pty Ltd") of 12/249 Scottsdale Dr Robina QLD

The following financial advisers are authorised to provide the financial services referred to in the 'What we do' section of this FSG to you on behalf of MDRC Wealth Pty Ltd:

Matthew Robertson Authorised Representative No. 263499.

Kate Kyle Authorised Representative No. 441983

Stephen Thynne Authorised Representative No. 1270780

MDRC Wealth Pty Ltd has authorised us to provide you with this Financial Services Guide

What we do

We are authorised by MDRC Wealth to provide financial advice in relation to:

- Wealth Accumulation
- Income & Asset Protection
- Tax Strategies
- Superannuation
- Retirement & Redundancy Planning
- Estate Planning
- Government Benefits
- Debt Management

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

- Basic Deposit Products
- Non-basic Deposit Products
- Non-cash Payment Facilities
- Life Products – Investment Life Insurance
- Life Products – Life Risk Insurance
- Superannuation
- Retirement Savings Accounts
- Managed Investment Schemes, including Investor Directed Portfolio Services (IDPS)
- Derivatives
- Government Debentures, Stocks or Bonds
- Securities

Matthew Robertson, Kate Kyle and Stephen Thynne are not authorised by MDRC Wealth to provide financial product advice in the following financial products:

- General Insurance Products
- Margin Lending

We are not authorised to provide any other financial services or financial products on behalf of MDRC Wealth.

Where we are unauthorised to provide you with a financial service or financial product that you are interested in, we will advise you of this and refer you to an alternative source of advice.

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:

Suite 3b
5 Cottonwood Place
OXENFORD QLD 4210
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matt@veracitywealth.com.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 fairly.

Our complaints procedure

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

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

Phone:

Email:

In writing to:

Advice Dispute Resolution Team
MDRC WEALTH
12/249 Scottsdale Dr
Robina 4223

3. If your complaint isn't resolved within 45 days or to your satisfaction, then you may refer the matter to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA):

Website: www.afca.org.au

Email: info@afca.org.au

Telephone: 1800 931 678 (free call)

In writing to: Australian Financial Complaints Authority
GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

AFCA provides fair and independent financial services complaint resolution that's free to consumers.

Time limits may apply to lodge a complaint with AFCA, so you should act promptly. You can check the AFCA website to find out if a time limit applies or when the time limit relevant to your circumstances expires.

MDRC Wealth holds professional indemnity insurance that satisfies the requirements of section 912B of the Corporations Act. This insurance also covers the conduct of our advisers who were authorised by MDRC Wealth at the time of providing the advice, but are no longer authorised representatives of MDRC Wealth at the time of your complaint.

Payments and benefits we receive

You can pay for the services you receive on a fee for advice basis. This allows you to know that you are paying for our advice irrespective of any product you use, clarifies the services you are entitled to, and ensures all recommendations are driven by your needs.

We will agree with you the amount you pay based upon:

- a flat dollar fee;
- an hourly rate;
- the amount you invest; or
- a combination of the above.

You can pay in the following ways:

- as a fee for advice that will be deducted from your investments as a one-off payment or in instalments;
- by direct invoice from us for initial and ongoing advice;
- via commission we may receive from a financial product provider when you commence an insurance contract; or
- a combination of the above.

If you are not already on a fee for advice package, you can move to this payment at any time.

Other payments we may receive

We will provide you with details of all fees, commissions or other benefits we may receive when we provide advice to you and, where possible, will give actual dollar amounts. If we cannot provide this accurately, we will provide worked-dollar examples.

Even if you don't receive personal financial advice from us, you can still request the details of any fees, commissions or other benefits we receive in relation to any other financial service we provide you.

Benefits we may receive

Sometimes in the process of providing advice, we may receive benefits from product providers.

Conferences

We may attend conferences and professional development seminars that have a genuine education or training purpose. MDRC Wealth, or our employer, may pay for the costs of our travel and accommodation, and events and functions held in conjunction with the conference or seminar.

Non-monetary benefits

We keep a register detailing certain non-monetary benefits that we receive e.g. benefits valued between \$100 and \$300, and those that relate to genuine education or training and technology software or support.

You can view an extract of the register by contacting us. Please be aware that MDRC Wealth may charge you for the cost of providing this information to you.

Sponsorship

MDRC Wealth receives cash payments from product providers who sponsor and attend training presentations, conferences and/or professional development days. Amounts vary between product providers and Veracity Wealth Planning do not directly share in the sponsorship payment; however, we may indirectly benefit as these payments subsidise the costs associated with these training and professional development events.

Referrals

Referrals from a third party

We have arrangements in place to pay a referral fee, commission, or other benefit to certain third parties when they refer new clients to us. Our current arrangements for referrals from a third party are set out in the table below and specific details of any benefit we provide in relation to our advice to you will be included in the advice documentation we provide to you.

Table - Details of arrangements for referrals from a third party:

| Name of referral partner | Payment we provide for the referral | Example |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| DCG Accounting | 20% of initial fees and commissions received 20% of ongoing fees and commissions received | If we provided you with advice and charged you an initial fee of \$3,500 and an ongoing fee of \$3,300p.a, DCG Accounting would receive \$700 upfront and \$660p.a thereafter. |
| Finance Compass | 20% of initial fees and commissions received | If you established an insurance policy with an annual premium of \$5,000, Pinnacle Partners would receive up to \$880 in the first year. |
| Pinnacle Partners | 50% of initial insurance commissions received 50% of ongoing insurance commissions received | If you established an insurance policy with an annual premium of \$5,000, Pinnacle Partners would receive up to \$2,200 in the first year. In addition they would receive up to \$550p.a thereafter. |
| Granite Belt Insurance Brokers | 30% of initial fees and commissions received | If we provided you with advice and charged you an initial fee of \$3,500, Granite Belt Insurance Brokers would receive \$1,050 upfront. |

Referrals to a third party

We have referral arrangements in place with third party providers. If we refer you to one of these providers we may receive a payment, fee, commission or other benefit from those providers.

Details of these arrangements are set out in the table below and specific details of any referral payments we may receive will be provided in our advice documents to you. Alternatively, you can request further details about our referral arrangements prior to us providing you with financial advice.

Table - Details of referral arrangements in place:

| Name of referral partner | Services | Payment we will receive for referral | Example |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Finance Compass | Mortgage Broking | 20% of initial commissions received | If you established a loan for \$300,000 we would receive up to \$360 upfront |

Please note that Veracity Wealth Planning is not responsible for the advice and services provided by these providers.

How we charge for our services

All fees and commissions are inclusive of GST and the fees could be greater than those disclosed below in complex cases. In these instances, we will inform you of the exact fee payable promptly in writing.

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| Initial consultation | Free of charge. |
| Strategy Presentation | We charge a single fee of \$275 to present your strategy. If you choose to continue with our services and request written advice, this fee will be waived. |
| Advice preparation | <p>Our initial advice fee ranges between \$1,600 and \$2,500 for a single strategy and \$2,500 and \$19,000 for multiple strategies.</p> <p>For example complex advice that contain multiple goals, strategies and/or tax structures including but not limited to; self-managed superannuation Funds, family trusts and companies, are likely to be charged closer to the maximum. Less complex advice that addresses limited goals, strategies and tax structures are likely to be charged closer to the minimum.</p> <p>If, in developing your financial plan, we identify that you have a complex situation that requires extensive planning and development, our initial advice fee will change. In this case, we will provide you with an upfront quote of the amount payable before we proceed with developing your financial plan.</p> <p>Our initial advice fee covers the cost of researching and preparing your financial plan. Before providing you with initial advice we will prepare a Financial Plan Proposal. The Financial Plan Proposal sets out what our initial advice will cover and how much it will cost.</p> |
| Implementation | This is included in the Advice Preparation fee |
| Ongoing fee for advice | <p>If you elect to pay a fee for the ongoing review of your financial planning strategy, the ongoing fee is based on the complexity of ongoing advice and the services provided. The minimum fee is \$1,320 while the maximum is \$25,000 for multiple advice and complex strategies.</p> <p>Borrowed funds – if we recommend you acquire investments using borrowed funds then your ongoing fee will be a minimum of \$330 and a maximum of \$10,000 pa.</p> <p>The ongoing advice fee will be based on the level of service needed and the complexity of the advice. Complex advice requirements include the use of trusts and ownership structures, overseas assets or incomes, executive options or multiple investment entities. The frequency of the review will also impact on the fee charged.</p> |
| Ad hoc advice | Where you do not wish to participate in an ongoing service fee arrangement but require ongoing advice on an ad hoc basis, an hourly fee of \$275 may apply. |
| Execution only service | Where we provide a financial service to facilitate buying or selling of a specific financial product as instructed by you, a one-off minimum of \$165 and a maximum of \$550 fee may apply. |
| Stamping Fees | Where we receive stamping fees from issuer companies for raising capital or debt on behalf of that company, we will offset this payment against the cost of our advice to you. |
| Insurance products | <p>The relevant insurer will pay initial commission between 0% and 130% and ongoing commission between 0% and 33% of the annual premium for as long as you hold the product.</p> <p>Commissions are paid to us by the product provider and are not an additional cost to you.</p> |

Pre-existing arrangements For existing clients already in an established commission arrangement, we may receive commission on investment products or margin lending products held. For investment products the relevant product issuer will pay initial commission between 0% and 5.5% and ongoing commission between 0% and 0.88% of the value of your investments for as long as you hold the product. For margin loans the relevant product issuer will pay an ongoing commission between 0% and 0.88% of the outstanding loan balance. Commissions are paid to us by the product provider and are not an additional cost to you.

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 identity under Commonwealth Anti-Money Laundering law.

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 to 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 who work with us 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.

- 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 your 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 instances, we will not be responsible for that disclosure.

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 these complaints, by reading our Privacy Policy (by contacting us) or by referring to the 'Your confidence in our advice' section of this 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