

Morningstar Australasia Pty Ltd and Morningstar Research Limited

Financial Advice Provider Disclosure Statement

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Who will be providing the financial service to me?

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What kinds of financial services are you authorised to provide me?

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- ▶ Managed funds, including investor directed portfolio services
- ▶ Securities
- ▶ Superannuation and retirement savings accounts and schemes, including KiwiSaver Schemes

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Do you receive remuneration, commission, fees or other benefits or incentives in relation to providing the financial services to me and how is that commission calculated?

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- ▶ Subscription fees from our clients for research, consulting, software products, and subscriptions to websites and newsletters
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To the extent that any income we receive from product issuers we prepare research on or are rated by us, is in respect of, or attributable to, the services that we provide you, as at the date of this Disclosure Statement we cannot ascertain the amount that we reasonably expect to receive.

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What information do you maintain in my file and can I examine my file?

The privacy of your personal information is important to us. Any personal information we collect such as your name, address, phone, and email details are handled in accordance with our Privacy Policy. Our Privacy Policy outlines how we comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act 2020. A copy of the Privacy Policy can be obtained by visiting our website. You can access your personal information in accordance with our Privacy Policy.

Who can I contact if I have a complaint about the provision of the financial services to me?

If you are not satisfied with our service, please contact us using the contact details on page 1. We will seek to resolve your complaint promptly and fairly.

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Morningstar ANZ will:

- ▶ Acknowledge your complaint within one business day of receipt
- ▶ Investigate your complaint and make every effort to resolve your complaint within 20 days of receipt

If your complaint has gone through the above steps and is not resolved to your satisfaction or 30 days have elapsed since your complaint was given to Morningstar ANZ, you have the right to contact Financial Services Complaints Ltd (FSCL). FSCL is a free, independent and impartial dispute resolution service that may help investigate or resolve your complaint. FSCL's contact details are:

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- ▶ give priority to clients' interests;
- ▶ ensure regulated financial advice is not materially influenced by Morningstar ANZ's interests; and
- ▶ exercise care, diligence, and skill when providing regulated financial advice.