



#### 2013 NFP STRATEGY SUMMIT

# **Understanding Alternative Investments**

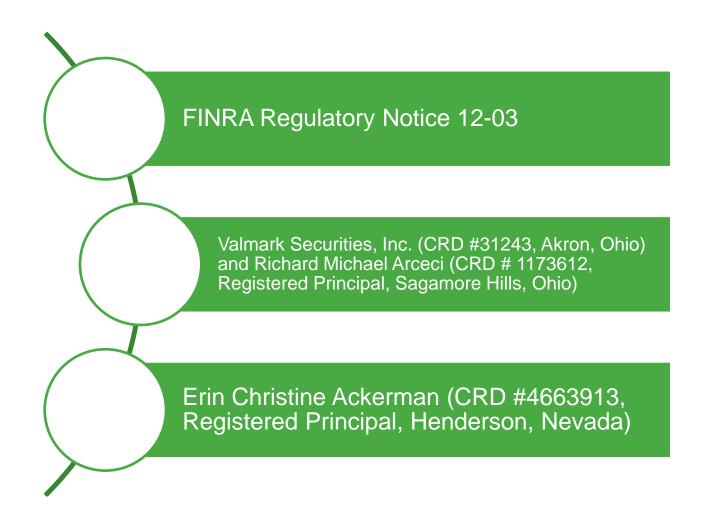


# Understanding Alternative Investments

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# Complex Products Receiving More Attention from FINRA

 Heavily scrutinized during exams and state regulators are becoming active

# Regulators Expect Rigorous Training and Proper Disclosure to Clients

Al Insight and the new alternative investment disclosure

Continued Low Interest Rate Environment



Clients Demanding Higher Returns



Expect Perpetual Scrutiny from Regulators



# Disclosure, Training and Best Practices

Presented by: Ryan Penshorn

#### **New Disclosure**

- Combines all forms into one!
  - Al Disclosure, 2111
     Addendum, and Limited
     Liquidity
  - Bundled and pre-populated in AdvisorComplete<sup>SM</sup> July 2013

#### Alternative Investment and Limited Liquidity Investment Disclosure

Account Registration:									
Product Description:						Today's Purchase(s) Amount: \$			
FINANCIAL PROFILE Estimated Annual Income						Liquid Net Worth			
\$					\$	Net Worth			
Investment Objectives* Ris				sk Tolerance (select only one)			Time Horizon (Years)		
Please rank investment Objectives 1-3 (1 being the highest, 3 being the lowest)				☐ Conservative					
				□ Moderate					
Income Growth Speculation				Aggressive					
*See Customer Agreement for definitions  Please Indicate the level of previous product knowledge below (Example: "N" None, "L" Limited, "G" Good, or "E" Extensive)									
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Purpose for Pu		ary needs and object	ives	of the client:				Required	
Please describe (in detail) how the proposed product can meet the client's needs:									

### **Al Insight Training**

- Required prior to solicitation and sale for each approved offering
- Provides overview of each product
- Mastery test at the end of each section for registered reps

Coming Soon! Assistant Login



#### **Best Practices**

# Good

- Appropriate for savvy clients
- Small percentage of assets where suitable
- Let's discuss risks, costs, and features

# Bad

- Alternative investments are my specialty
- Replacing significant traditional fixed income positions
- Large portion of client's assets
- Client signed the disclosure form

# Ugly

- These are low risk!
- Appropriate for everyone!



# Alternative Investment Business Processing

Presented by: Kelly Edwards

#### **Should I go Direct or through National Financial?**

# National Financial

One statement

Transaction & custody fees

Approved by NFP & National Financial

# Direct

No transaction or custody fees

Statement for each vendor

Approved by NFP

# **Paperwork Requirements**

National Financial	Direct
Subscription Agreement (product sponsor supplied)	Subscription Agreement (product sponsor supplied)
NFP Alternative Investment Disclosure (must be submitted with each purchase)	NFP Alternative Investment Disclosure (must be submitted with each purchase)
NFP Limited Liquidity Asset Disclosure (If exceeds 25% of client's liquid net worth)	NFP Limited Liquidity Asset Disclosure (If exceeds 25% of client's liquid net worth)
NFP Commissionable Alternative Investment New Account Form Addendum (For accounts est. before Sep 2012)	Direct Business New Account Form (must be submitted once for each registration)
Entity documents (if required by product sponsor)	
NFS Alternative Investment Addendum & Custody Agreement (one per account)	
NFS Alternative Investment Request for Transaction (must be submitted with each purchase or redemption)	

### Items Required to Begin Processing

What three things are required before we can begin processing an alternative investment in a brokerage account?

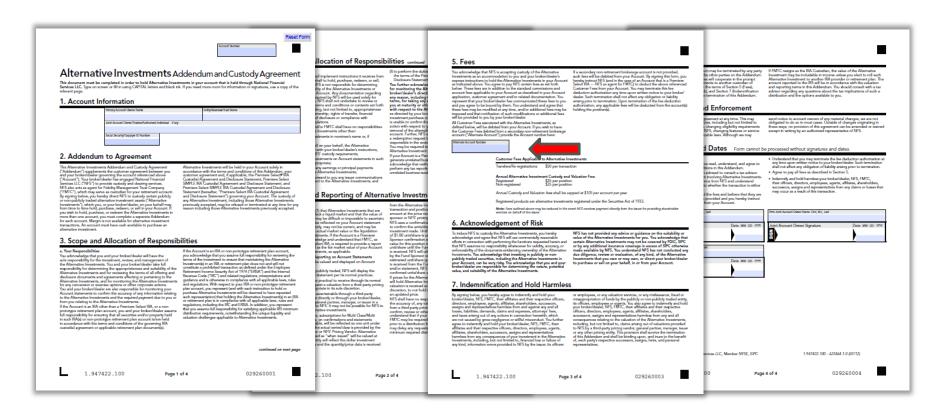
### Items Required to Begin Processing

- Brokerage account
  - An account must already be established by the client and preferably funded

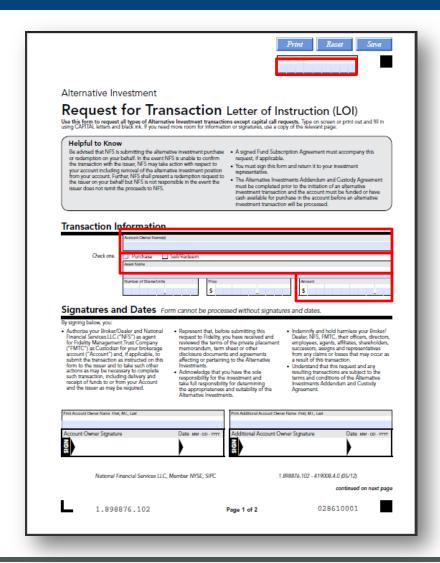
- Approved product of both NFP Securities, Inc. and National Financial
- Completed requisite Al Insight module(s)

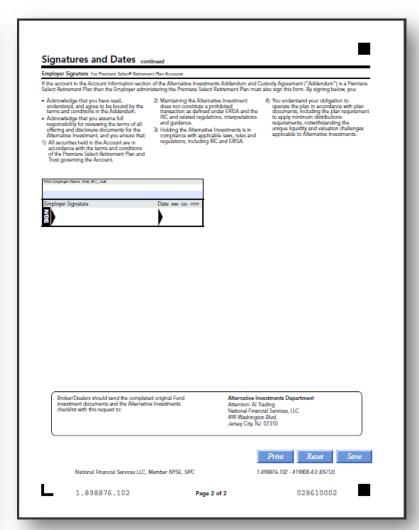
# National Financial Alternative Investment Addendum & Custody Agreement Update

Only one Custody Agreement needed per account.



#### **National Financial Alternative Investment Forms**





### **Alternative Investment Paperwork**

 When purchasing an alternative investment in a brokerage account, reps should send the subscription agreement directly to the product sponsor.

You can submit copies or fax the paper work to NFP

TRUE

**FALSE** 

### **Alternative Investment Paperwork**

- Answer: False on both accounts
- Product sponsors require National Financial Medallion Stamp
- Product sponsors usually require original documents
- Original forms should be mailed to:

NFP Securities, Inc. Attn: Trading Support - Al Processing 1250 Capital of Texas Hwy, S - 2-125 Austin, TX 78746

 National Financial will accept copies of the Alternative Investment Addendum & Custody Agreement and Request for Transaction

### **Alternative Investment Custody Fee**

- \$35 per position, up to a maximum of three positions (\$105 max) per account
  - Charges applied in December each year
- If insufficient funds
  - Unsecured fee posting will be placed in the account for the outstanding balance.
  - This fee is subject to write-off to the advisor if not covered by Jan. 31 of the following year.
- All registration types are subject to the custody fee
- Qualified accounts holding alternative investment positions are still subject to the IRA Annual Maintenance Fee
- Non-qualified accounts holding alternative investments are exempt from the inactivity fee

#### Alternative Investment Journals

#### **Journals Between Like Registrations**

- New Alternative Investment Custody agreement required for the receiving account (if not already on file)
- Plus any additional cashiering requirements
- No alternative investment transfer fee

#### **Journals Between Unlike Registrations**

- New Alternative Investment Custody agreement required for the receiving account (if not already on file)
- Any transfer forms required by the sponsor
- Additional forms may be required by sponsor. Contact them for details, ex. Death certificate, divorce decree, trust documents.
- Plus any additional cashiering requirements
- Alternative investment transfer fee is applicable

#### **Alternative Investment Transfers**

- Transfers into a National Financial account may take 30-60 days to complete
- Required forms:
  - Alternative investment <u>product sponsor's</u> transfer/reregistration form
  - National Financial Transfer of Assets form
  - Addendum and Custody Agreement (for receiving brokerage account if not already on file)
- Additional forms may be required by company holding the position.
   Contact them for details, ex. death certificate, divorce decree, trust documents
- \$50 transfer/re-registration fee charged to the client account

#### What can I expect once NFP receives my paperwork?

- Upon receipt
  - Paperwork reviewed for completion and accuracy by Trading Support
  - Verify account is funded
- Paperwork is in good order and the client account is funded
  - Paperwork forwarded to an internal OSJ
  - Reviewed for suitability and approval
  - OSJ checks for Al Insight training
- Once the OSJ approves the paperwork, it is overnighted to National Financial for processing.

#### **Alternative Investment Best Practices**

- The standard processing time: 3 to 5 business days
- Open and funded account with NFS
- Account Number on all forms
- Wait until funds have posted to account

#### **Alternative Investments Best Practices**

- List "NFS, LLC" as the custodian
- Mail required forms to NFP in Austin "Attn: Trading"
- Notify Trading Support of time sensitive items
- Do not submit the forms or funds directly to the alternative investment product sponsor if the investment is meant to be held in a brokerage account.

### Other items that may cause a delay

- Missing or mismatched dollar amounts
- Asset name not completed
- No signature
- NFP Advisor Services Groupis unable to update client signed documents
  - Incomplete/inaccurate documents returned to rep
  - All changes must be initialed by client

### Coming soon to an AdvisorComplete near you!

Coming July 2013...

Brokerage alternative investment purchases will be processed through AdvisorComplete!

#### Structured Products: New CE Reminder

You must pass the Structured Products exam through AAM every 2 years

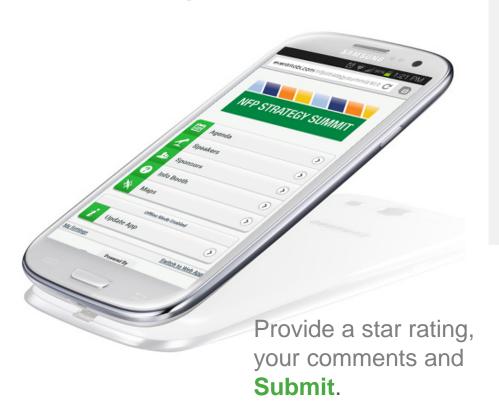
#### **Questions?**

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