# Altruist Bank Sweep Program Disclosure Statement



Altruist Financial LLC

### Introduction

Altruist Financial LLC's ("Altruist") Bank Sweep Program provides you the ability to automatically transfer or "sweep" cash balances in your account (including individual retirement accounts or "IRAs") awaiting investment into Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured bank deposit accounts among multiple FDIC-insured banks ("Participating Banks").

Upon opening your account, you will have the opportunity to enroll in the Bank Sweep Program. Alternatively, you may direct that we leave cash awaiting investment in your account as a "Free Credit Balance". Altruist may use and earn income on Free Credit Balances, as permitted by law, and is not required to pay interest on such balances. We may, upon prior notice to you, modify the terms and conditions of our Bank Sweep Program. If you do not object to any such notice within 30 days, you agree we may treat your non-response as your approval.

Participating in the Bank Sweep Program provides you the opportunity to earn interest on your cash balance while it is awaiting investment, though cash may be redeemed as needed to satisfy obligations arising in connection with your account. FDIC Insured Deposits are intended only as a short-term use of cash and should not be viewed as a long-term investment strategy.

If you are purchasing an investment, the automatic sweep feature allows the exact amount of the transaction to be swept from your account to fund such purchases on the settlement date. If you are selling an investment, the proceeds are automatically swept from your account by the day following settlement.

If you make a deposit to your account (by check, ACH, wire, etc.), it may take up to two business days after the required holding period before your deposit sweeps into an interest-bearing account at a Participating Bank, and such deposits will constitute Free Credit Balances until they are transferred.

#### **FDIC Insured Deposit Accounts**

When you enroll your account in the Bank Sweep Program, your available cash balances will be automatically transferred from your brokerage account into one or more FDIC interest-bearing accounts at Participating Banks. The Bank Sweep Program has a network of FDIC-insured Participating Banks to which cash can be spread to offer you access to increased FDIC coverage. Participating Banks may be added to or removed from the Bank Sweep Program without prior notice to you. A list of current Participating Banks is available at <u>altruist.com/legal</u>.

Altruist acts as agent with respect to all transactions relating to the interest-bearing accounts and has established a separate account for the benefit of customers at each Participating Bank as evidenced by a book entry on the account records on each such Participating Bank. Each such deposit account maintained at the Participating Banks is insured by the FDIC within certain applicable limits, as described below.

Altruist maintains records of your interest in each deposit account at each Participating Bank. No evidence of ownership, such as a passbook or a certificate, will be issued to you from a Participating Bank, thus all transactions in the interest-bearing accounts must be made through Altruist.

All questions regarding the interest-bearing accounts should be directed to Altruist and not the Participating Banks. The Participating Banks will not accept any instructions concerning your deposits in a Participating Bank through the Bank Sweep Program unless such instructions are sent by us. Funds swept into interest-bearing accounts will begin earning interest from the day they are received by the Participating Bank up to, but not including, the date of withdrawal.

Altruist receives payment from each Program Bank in connection with its participation in and operation of the Program. Altruist's payment from the Program Banks, which is a portion of the interest earned on the deposit amounts under the Program held at the Program Bank, represents compensation for services provided to you and other customers in connection with the Bank Sweep Program, which you authorize to be directly remitted to us on your behalf. This payment is typically based on the average aggregate amount of funds held under the Program at each Program Bank and the current interest rate environment. The payment to Altruist by one Program Bank may differ from the payment of another Program Bank, even if the deposit amounts are identical. Altruist may pay to its administrator or third-party an amount for facilitating the operations of the Program, which may be a portion of the payment made to Altruist by the Program Banks.

Interest will accrue daily and be credited to your account monthly and appear on your periodic brokerage account statement. The daily rate of interest described below is 1/365 of the applicable interest rate. You will receive a Form 1099-INT from Altruist indicating the amount of interest income.

The amount of interest you will receive on your deposits will be determined periodically by us and will vary based upon a number of factors, including the aggregate amount of deposits by all participants in the interest-bearing accounts, the interest rates paid by the Participating Banks, the fees paid to our intermediary bank, The Bank of New York Mellon (our "Intermediary Bank"). Rates may vary among customers and account types.

Generally, the amount of interest you receive will not vary depending on the particular Participating Bank in which your funds are deposited,

however, rates of return can vary over time. You can obtain current interest rate information by viewing our Cash Rates page accessible at altruist.com/legal.

The rate you receive is subject to reduction to the extent a Participating Bank's premium costs to FDIC are increased. The rates paid with respect to the interest-bearing accounts may be higher or lower than rates of return available for money market mutual funds, or as a depositor directly with a bank, including any of the Participating Banks.

Cash swept into an interest-bearing account at a Participating Bank is federally insured up to applicable FDIC limits in the event of a bank failure. Although the Bank Sweep Program's network of FDIC-insured Participating Banks provides you access to increased FDIC coverage up to a limit of \$1,000,000, FDIC coverage limits are \$250,000 for all deposits (checking, money market, savings, CDs, etc.) per depositor, per insured bank, for each account ownership category. Therefore, if you had a checking account at one of the Participating Banks and the cash in your brokerage account was swept to that same Participating Bank, the total insured amount would be \$250,000 for all money held at that Participating Bank. See fdic.gov for additional account category and coverage information.

FDIC insurance begins once funds are swept into the interest-bearing account at the Participating Bank. While in transit from Altruist to the Participating Banks and from the Participating Banks to Altruist, the funds pass through our Intermediary Bank. While at our Intermediary Bank such funds are also eligible for FDIC Insurance to the FDIC maximum per account type when aggregated with any other deposits held by you in the same capacity at our Intermediary Bank.

It is possible that your funds in transit at our Intermediary Bank will exceed the maximum amount of FDIC coverage available through our Intermediary Bank as an individual bank; therefore, the amount that exceeds that amount may not be covered by FDIC insurance until such funds are remitted to Participating Banks.

It may take up to two business days for funds deposited in your brokerage account to sweep to our Intermediary Bank for allocation to Participating Banks. Until the sweep occurs, the funds will remain uninvested Free Credit Balances in your account. Because Altruist is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"), our customers are protected up to applicable SIPC limits if Altruist were to go out of business and there were customer securities or funds unaccounted for. Current SIPC limits are \$500,000 for securities and cash per customer, of which up to \$250,000 may be in cash (i.e., Free Credit Balances).

Altruist carries an excess SIPC policy with underwriters at Lloyd's of London, which extends the per-account coverage by an additional \$40 million (with a cash sub-limit of \$2 million), subject to an aggregate limit of \$150 million across all Altruist accounts. Neither SIPC protection nor excess SIPC coverage provides protection against market losses. Once funds are swept into an interest-bearing account at a Participating Bank, they are held at an FDIC member bank and, accordingly, they are protected by FDIC insurance. They are not covered by SIPC or by Lloyd's of London. For additional information about SIPC coverage, an explanatory brochure is available at sipc.org or call SIPC at 202.371.8300.

Your uninvested cash will be swept into one or more Participating Banks in accordance with a nondiscretionary mathematical formula (algorithm). Generally, no more than \$250,000 (\$500,000 for joint accounts) will be swept into any Participating Bank. It is, however, possible that your Cash Sweep deposit combined with other deposits you make at a Participating Bank (directly or through another intermediary) could exceed the maximum amount of FDIC insurance available at an individual Participating Bank. We will inform you on each periodic statement of which Participating Bank(s) maintain deposits with respect to your account, all deposit and withdrawal activity, opening and closing balances, interest earned, and the detail of balances held at each Participating Bank.

You are responsible for monitoring the total amount and insurable capacity of deposits you have at each Participating Bank (both as a part of and outside of the Bank Sweep Program). If the amount of your deposits exceeds the capacity of Participating Banks to provide deposit insurance, such excess deposits will be swept to and held in deposits at our Intermediary Bank, even if they exceed FDIC insurance coverage available for deposits at our Intermediary Bank.

In the event that any Participating Bank rejects any additional deposits, withdraws entirely, or is terminated from the Bank Sweep Program, such balances will be reallocated to another Participating Bank to the extent possible.

In the event that federal deposit insurance payments become necessary, payments of principal plus unpaid and accrued interest will be made to you. There is no specific time period in which the FDIC must make insurance payments available, and Altruist is under no obligation to credit your account with funds in advance of payments received from the FDIC. Furthermore, you may be required to provide certain documentation to the FDIC and to us before insurance payments are made. For example, if you hold deposits as trustee for the benefit of trust participants, you may be required to furnish affidavits and provide indemnities regarding an insurance payment.

#### Adding or Withdrawing Funds from the Bank Sweep Program

There is no minimum initial deposit in Participating Banks. All cash becoming available in your account will be swept into one or more interestbearing accounts.

You may access your funds in the Bank Sweep Program only through your brokerage account. You cannot access or withdraw cash held in the Bank Sweep Program directly from a Participating Bank.

When funds are needed to cover transactions or satisfy a debit in your brokerage account, we will use the following sources in the order listed: (i) available Free Credit Balances, including money added to your brokerage account not yet swept into interest-bearing accounts at Participating Banks, (ii) balances available in interest-bearing accounts, and (iii) if you have a margin account, any margin credit available. For more information about margin accounts, see our Margin Disclosure Statement at altruist.com/legal.

Withdrawals from the Bank Sweep Program will normally be made on the business day following transactions in your brokerage account; v0724 however, your brokerage account is credited on the day of any debit. This process might result in you having an obligation to make us whole for the sum of the debits in your brokerage account if there is a problem withdrawing funds from an interest-bearing account or if you otherwise fail to sufficiently fund your brokerage account for the full amount of your daily debits. Balances in the Bank Sweep Program can be liquidated on your order and the proceeds returned to your brokerage account. However, federal banking regulations require each Participating Bank in the Bank Sweep Program to reserve the right to require seven (7) calendar days prior notice before permitting a withdrawal of any deposit.

No direct fees will be assessed to your account for enrolling and taking advantage of our Bank Sweep Program. Instead, we receive compensation for making the Bank Sweep Program available, pursuant to your authorization, from the Participating Banks, and/or their respective affiliates, as described in more detail above.

## **Free Credit Balances**

If you determine not to sweep your uninvested cash into the Bank Sweep Program, you may elect to receive distributions of available cash (certain charges may apply -- refer to the Altruist Financial LLC Fee Schedule) or, if eligible, to leave available cash balances uninvested in your account in the form of a Free Credit Balance. Free Credit Balances generally include the cash in your account awaiting investment minus certain items such as purchase transactions due to settle within a specified time period, other charges to your account, and credit balances that are designated as collateral for your obligations.

Free Credit Balances are payable to you upon demand. We may use your Free Credit Balances to fund certain of our business operations, as permitted by law, and may earn income through such use. We are required by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission to perform a weekly computation to determine whether we have a net payable to, or receivable from all our customers. In the event the computation indicates a net payable, we must place required funds or qualified securities (treasury securities) on deposit in a special reserve bank account for the exclusive benefit of our customers.

Free Credit Balances are generally guaranteed as to principal and interest by SIPC for up to \$250,000 per account. For more information on SIPC coverage of Free Credit Balances in your account see <u>sipc.com</u>.