M RNINGSTAR Wealth Platform

Going above and beyond in Treating Customers Fairly

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Morningstar Wealth Platform's Approach to Treating Customers (you) Fairly

Everyone providing financial services must abide by a principle and a set of standards known as 'Treating Customers Fairly'. The principles have been created by the UKs Financial Conduct Authority but have also been used as the benchmark for many other locations:

Fair Treatment of Customers – Consumer Outcomes Standards

- 1. Customers can be confident that they are dealing with firms where the fair treatment of customers is central to the corporate culture
- 2. Products and services marketed and sold in the retail market are designed to meet the needs of identified consumer groups and are targeted accordingly
- 3. Consumers are provided with clear information and are kept appropriately informed before, during and after the point of sale
- 4. Where consumers receive advice, the advice is suitable and takes account of their circumstances (Please note that Morningstar Wealth Platform does not provide advice or offer individual recommendations)
- 5. Consumers are provided with products that perform as the firm have led them to expect, and the associated service is both of an acceptable standard and as they have been led to expect
- 6. Consumers do not face unreasonable post-sale barriers imposed by firms to change product, switch provider, submit a claim or make a complaint

So you can imagine every organisation says they comply. At Morningstar Wealth Platform, we prefer to think of these standards just as a bare minimum – because doing everything possible to care for our customers and consider their needs first and foremost means going above and beyond broad regulations.

Here's what we do to deliver on our intentions:

- We make our documents and key information both comprehensive and easy to understand, clearly setting out who performs which functions and where responsibility to the customer lies
- We ensure that advisers and discretionary managers get easy access to a wide range of investment assets, so they can select the assets that match their customers' objectives
- Our charges are clearly visible and we properly identify who is being charged
- We provide investment information and values that are always visible and up to date
- Our dedicated support teams remain available to customers and advisers to answer questions and resolve issues
- All told, we strive to give customers peace of mind that their assets are being properly looked after, by people who truly care

Feedback from our customers is always welcomed, and vital to help us to understand how well we are adhering to our promises and that we meet the regulatory consumer outcomes standards Please do let us know your views on this, or indeed on any aspect of our business.

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