



Financial Services Guide

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Important Information about us

Opulen Financial Solutions Pty Ltd ABN 76 142 147 859 (“Opulen”) of Suite 11, 168 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, South Australia 5006 holds an Australian Financial Services Licence Number 517131.

Lack of Independence: Opulen Financial Solutions cannot call itself 'independent', 'impartial' or 'unbiased' under section 923A Corporations Act as we receive commissions from life insurance product providers for advice provided in relation to life insurance products as payment for our services.

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 are 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 is 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 (e.g. email or letter) or another method agreed with us.

Our associations and relationships

Neither your Adviser nor Opulen have any association or relationship with the issuers of financial products that might reasonably be expected to be capable of influencing them in the provision of financial services.

About us

Who we are

Opulen Financial Solutions is a boutique financial planning company based in Adelaide, founded by Jerry Donato and Steve Pallis. We are dedicated to building, maintaining and protecting the wealth of our clients and their families.

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 Opulen Financial Solutions Pty Ltd:

Jerry Donato CFP®, ADFS (FP)
Director & Authorised Representative

Steve Pallis B.Com, CA(FP), DFS (FP)
Director & Authorised Representative

The Financial Services that the above advisers offer are provided by Opulen Financial Solutions Pty Ltd ABN: 76 142 147 859 and Opulen has authorised them to provide you with this Financial Services Guide.

What we do

We are licenced to provide financial product advice in the following areas:

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

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

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

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:

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North Adelaide SA 5006

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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 are 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 complaint is not resolved within 30 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 is 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.

Opulen Financial Solutions Pty Ltd holds professional indemnity insurance that satisfies the requirements of section 912B of the Corporations Act.

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 do not 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.

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 Opulen may charge you for the cost of providing this information to you.

Referrals

Referrals from a third party

At present we do not have any referral arrangement in place to pay a third-party referrer a referral fee, commission or other benefit. If this changes, we will make you aware of this prior to providing advice, or further advice, to you.

Referrals to a third party

At present we do not have any referral arrangement in place to provide referrals to third parties in return for payment or other benefit. If this changes, we will make you aware of this prior to providing advice, or further advice, to you.

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.

Initial consultation	At our expense
Strategy Meeting	If complex advice is required, we will consider your needs and objectives and meet with you to discuss the types of strategies and options that may be available to you. A strategy fee of \$550 will apply. This fee will be deducted from your advice fee should you decide to move forward with us.
Advice preparation and implementation (Fee for service)	Initial strategic financial advice and implementation fees range from \$2,200 up to \$7,700. Our fees depend on your individual circumstances and the complexity of advice and will always be disclosed prior to any commitment from you. Fees may be paid directly by you via credit card, direct debit, cheque or collected through a product issuer.
Ongoing fee for advice	Our service fees for the ongoing review of your financial planning strategy range from \$92 per month to a maximum of \$1,100 per month. This may be charged as a percentage asset-based fee. The ongoing service fee is based on the complexity of ongoing advice and may be collected monthly through a product issuer or paid directly by you via credit card, direct debit or cheque.
Ad hoc advice	Where our advice falls outside of the scope of your ongoing service package or where you do not wish to participate in an ongoing service package but require advice on an ad hoc basis, an agreed project fee will apply. The fee will be agreed with you prior to commencement of any work.
Execution only service	Where we provide a financial service to facilitate buying or selling of a specific financial product as instructed by you, an hourly fee of \$165 may apply.
Margin Loans	We do not receive commissions either directly or indirectly from any margin lending products.
Insurance products	The relevant insurer will pay initial commission between 0% and 66% and ongoing commission between 0% and 22% of the annual premium for as long as you hold the product. Commissions are paid to us by the product provider and are not a direct 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 will 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 is necessary to do so, for example where:

- we cannot 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 do not provide your information to us?

If you do not 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 depending on the financial services and products you have requested;
- 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.

Consent to marketing activity

We presume you consent to being contacted by us about suitable products and services via the contact details you have provided. We may continue to contact you for these reasons until you withdraw your consent. You can do this at any time by contacting us (see the 'Contact us' section of this FSG). We will process your request as soon as practicable.

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