

How IIROC protects investors

Protecting Investors and Supporting
Healthy Capital Markets Across Canada



You're discussing your investment needs with a financial advisor registered with the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC).

Smart move. Here's why:

IIROC Works to Protect Investors throughout your experience with a Registered Investment Advisor

Your advisor is providing you with this brochure so that you understand the advantages and protections offered by investing through an IIROC-regulated advisor and firm.

IIROC regulates the activities of all Canadian investment dealer firms and the advisors they employ.

These companies and their investment advisors must meet IIROC's high ethical and professional standards.

We conduct regular reviews of all firms to make sure they comply with our rules and we take disciplinary action if our rules and standards are broken by firms or their advisors.

IIROC Registration
Means **Your Advisor
Meets Our High
Standards**



To become registered with IIROC, your investment advisor passed a series of background checks and tests to ensure he or she meets our experience requirements and professional standards.

IIROC-registered advisors must also complete mandatory continuing education courses to stay up to date on our rules, financial products and industry trends.

You can make sure your investment advisor is registered with IIROC and find out if he or she has ever been disciplined for breaking our rules by searching the **AdvisorReport** on our website.

Your IIROC-Registered
Advisor **Must Understand
and Address Your
Financial Needs**



Before your advisor can open an account and provide you with financial services, he or she will ask you a series of questions to understand how to best meet your particular needs.

This “Know Your Client” process is an IIROC requirement that ensures your advisor is familiar with your financial situation, investment knowledge and objectives, tolerance for risk and the time horizon for your investment objectives, before making investment recommendations.

This may take more than one meeting, but please provide the information your advisor requests. This will help ensure that your advisor offers you investment account types, strategies and products that are suitable for your individual financial needs and circumstances.

Your Advisor
**Must Keep You
Informed** about
Your Investments



IIROC requires your advisor to share information with you about the products, services and account types you are offered and any associated fees and charges.

Most of this information will be included in a Relationship Disclosure Document, which you should read carefully.

Your advisor must also keep you updated with regular account statements and periodic reports on the fees and charges you pay and on the performance of your investments.

As an investor, you can protect yourself by reading and understanding the information IIROC requires your advisor to provide.

Ask your advisor about any information you do not understand.

You also Benefit
from **other**
Protections



All IIROC member firms must maintain an adequate cushion of capital, which reduces the risk of them becoming insolvent.

Firms must also keep your investments separate from their own assets.

Your account is also eligible for protection by the Canadian Investor Protection Fund, which covers up to

\$1,000,000

per account if an IIROC-regulated firm becomes insolvent. You can learn more at www.cipf.ca.



Your Complaints Must be Addressed

If you have a concern about your advisor or investment firm, you can complain directly to them and they must address your complaint in accordance with IIROC standards. The firm must also report your complaint to IIROC so we can ensure it has been dealt with appropriately.

IIROC can also investigate your complaint and, if necessary, take disciplinary action.

You can contact IIROC directly at 1-877-442-4322 or email us at InvestorInquiries@iroc.ca.



Need More Information?

Please visit www.iroc.ca to:

Make sure your investment advisor is registered and the firm that employs your advisor is regulated

Find out if your advisor has ever been disciplined by IIROC for breaking our rules

Get more information about opening an account and understand the importance of providing complete information to your advisor

Learn more about how IIROC protects investors and supports healthy capital markets

Questions?

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