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FINANCIAL SERVICES GUIDE

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE

This Financial Services Guide (FSG) is designed to assist you in deciding whether to use any of our services and contains important information about:

- The services we offer you
- How we and our associates are paid
- Any potential conflicts of interest we may have
- What to do in the event of a complaint

RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICES PROVIDED

We hold an Australian Financial Services Licence and are authorised to advise and deal in the full spectrum of general insurance products.

We are responsible for the financial services provided to you, or through you to your family members, including the distribution of this FSG. We are required to meet high standards for staff training, organisational competence, management expertise, financial control and compliance disciplines.

WHO DO WE ACT FOR

We act on your behalf and in your interests.

OUR SERVICES

We offer a range of services to assist you to protect your assets and guard against unexpected liabilities including:

- Reviewing and advising on your insurance needs
- Arranging, amending and renewing insurance contracts on your behalf
- Arranging premium funding if required
- Assisting with insurance claims
- Identifying risk factors to avoid claims

HOW TO CONTACT US

You are able to contact us by phone, in writing, by fax, email or in person.

OUR PRODUCTS

We can advise and arrange a broad range of general insurances on your behalf including:

Home Building and Contents, Other Domestic Property, Private and Commercial Motor, Travel, Personal Accident & Illness, Transit, Farm and Business Packages, Construction, Liability, Industrial and Professional covers.

RETAIL CLIENTS

Under the Corporations Act 2001 (The Act) Retail Clients are provided with additional protection from other clients. The Act defines Retail Clients as:

Individuals or a manufacturing business employing less than 100 people or any other business employing less than 20 people And that are purchasing the following types of insurance covers:

Motor vehicle, home building, contents, personal and domestic, sickness/accident/travel, consumer credit and other classes as prescribed by regulations.

Some of the information in this FSG only applies to Retail Clients and it is important that you understand if you are covered by the additional protection provided.

RETAIL CLIENT ISSUES

We may provide General or Personal Advice to our Retail Clients. General Advice does not take into account your particular needs and requirements and you should consider the appropriateness of this advice to your circumstances prior to acting upon it. We will provide you with a General Advice Warning in such cases.

Personal Advice is advice given to you as a 'Retail Client' in response to one or more of your particular financial objectives, circumstances or needs. When we provide you with Personal Advice we will give you a **Statement of Advice (SOA)**, that sets out the advice provided and the basis on which the advice is made and our remuneration should you purchase the product.

When you ask us to recommend an insurance policy for you, we will usually only consider the policies offered by the insurers or insurance providers that we deal with regularly. In giving you advice about the costs and terms of recommended policies we have not compared those policies to other policies available, other than from those insurers we deal with regularly.

If we recommend the purchase of a particular financial product to you as a 'Retail Client' and we have not previously supplied you with a Product Disclosure Statement, or if the Product Disclosure Statement that we previously supplied has been amended or replaced, we will give you an up to date Product Disclosure Statement, which sets out details specific to that product and the key benefits and risks in purchasing the product.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU

To enable us to provide the right advice we need you to provide us with complete information about the risk(s) that you face and those that you want to be insured for. You should also tell us about any relevant changes as they occur so that we can review your insurance needs accordingly.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The Federal Privacy Act 2000 sets out standards for the collection and management of personal information. With your consent, we will only use your personal information for general insurance services. You may access the information we hold about you upon request. For more information about Our Privacy Policy ask us for a copy.

COOLING OFF PROVISIONS

All retail products are subject to a 14 day 'cooling off period'. This means that if you are not happy with the product, you have 14 days to withdraw from the contract at no cost to you.

COMPLAINTS

Clients not satisfied with our services should contact our Complaints Officer (please refer to the front page of this document for our contact details). We are members of the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS), a free consumer service. Further information is available from our office, or contact FOS directly on 1300 780 808 or visit www.fos.org.au We also adopt the Insurance Brokers Code of Practice.

COMPENSATION

We hold a Professional Indemnity Policy. This policy is designed to pay claims by Third Parties (including our clients) arising out of our Professional Negligence. The policy extends to cover us for work done for us by representatives/employees after they cease to work for us and satisfies the requirements for compensation arrangements under Section 912B of The Act.

CONTACT AGREEMENT

To ensure that we provide you with appropriate products and services, you agree to us calling you to discuss any new products and services. If you do not wish to receive such calls please advise us and we will place you on our Do Not Call Register.

OUR SOURCES OF INCOME

When placing your insurance we usually receive a commission from the insurer. The amount varies between 0% and 25% of the base premium you pay. Where a policy is cancelled before the period of insurance has ended we will usually retain the commission on any return premium involved.

If you are a Retail Client and we give you Personal Advice, commission amounts will be provided in any SOA or (where an SOA is not required to be provided) included on any relevant invoices. When we give you General Advice, full commission information (including dollar amounts) will be provided on request.

We have a set of standard non refundable Broker Fees that we charge you for services such as:

- Market research on products available.
- Assessing the claims paying ability of insurers.
- Sourcing alternative quotations and coverage.
- Risk analysis and portfolio co-ordination.

All fees payable for our services will be advised to you at the time of providing the advice or service.

We are a shareholder of IBNA. They have exclusive arrangements with some insurers where they receive between 0.5 – 1.5% commission on the premium placed by us with those insurers. These payments are used to operate IBNA. Depending on the operating costs of IBNA (including the costs of member services provided to us and other shareholders) and the amount of total business we place with the participating insurers in any financial year, we may receive some of that commission at the end of each financial year. As an IBNA shareholder, we can access services including operating and compliance tools, advice and assistance from professional bodies, group insurance arrangements, product comparison and placement support, claims support and purchasing arrangements. These member services are either funded or subsidised by IBNA or available exclusively to shareholders for a fee.

We have an association with Zurich Australian Insurance Limited (Zurich), which we wish to bring to the attention of its customers.

We are part of the Zurich Zenith Program, which includes a profit share component. The amount of the profit share is determined by the amount of the premium earned when compared with the claims experienced in our total motor and property portfolios with Zurich. Due to the contingent nature of insurance, and the way the arrangements are set up it is not possible to know the amount of any profit share, if any, to which we may be entitled until 3 months after the end of the qualifying period.

Another component of the program is broker services. We are entitled to \$5,000 of services, at Zurich's cost, that contribute to the development of a more professional and skilled business.

If you pay by credit card we may charge you a credit card (incl. arrangement & handling) fee, which is disclosed and shown separately on our invoices, they are non refundable. This fee covers the cost of bank charges etc. associated with such facilities.

Premium funding products enable you to pay your premiums by installments. Premium funders do charge interest. We can arrange premium funding if you require it. We may receive a commission based on a percentage of the premium from the premium funder for doing so. We will tell you the basis and amount of any such payment if you ask us.

HOW OUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE PAID

Our representatives may be paid by one of or a combination of the following ways: salary or wage, bonuses or incentives, or commission based on a percentage of our remuneration. If a person has referred you to us, we may pay them a part of any fees or commission received. If you are a Retail Client and receive Personal Advice full remuneration details will be disclosed in the SOA or invoices related to the advice.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

As a business we have relationships with and receive income from various third parties as detailed in this FSG. For Retail Clients receiving Personal Advice, details of relationships that impact the advice will be included in any SOA or invoice documentation we send you. All material conflicts that impact our advice, that are not mentioned in this FSG, will be advised to you on the invoices related to that advice.