



The purpose of this guide

This guide is designed to assist you in understanding how we can help you achieve your financial and lifestyle goals by explaining:

- The advice and services we can provide to you either directly or in association with other professionals,
- Our fees and charges,
- The influences and arrangements that you need to consider when assessing our recommendations, and
- How best to raise any issues you may have with our advice or services.

This is a very important document and we recommend that you read it carefully. If you need further explanation or you are unsure about any part of this guide we encourage you to ask us any questions you may have.

Hudson Gore Pty Ltd has approved this document and authorised us to provide it on their behalf.

Privacy Statement

As professional advisers, we are committed to ensuring the confidentiality and security of your personal information. Our Privacy Policy, which details how your personal information is managed and protected, is available on our website at www.hudsongore.com.au. If you don't have access to the internet, please ask us for a copy.

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Our Services

We provide financial advice and services as authorised representatives of Hudson Gore Pty Ltd, which is independently owned and managed.

As an authorised representative of Hudson Gore Pty Ltd we can provide you with services including:

Financial Planning Advice, Investment, wealth creation and retirement income strategies, personal risk management advice, lifestyle planning, as well as advice on estate planning, redundancies, inheritances and social security. We can also assist with the management of your investments and superannuation. We can also provide you with advice and support on a range of financial products such as:

Savings Plans and cash management accounts; Personal Superannuation plans; Employer Sponsored Superannuation funds; Rollovers; Retirement income products including annuities and allocated pensions; Life Insurance cover including, Accident/Sickness/Disability Insurance, Trauma Insurance, Permanent & Total Disability Insurance and Income Protection Insurance; Business Expense Insurance; Self Managed Super Funds; Tax effective investments and agribusiness.

Specific information on your adviser, their experience and specialisation is provided in Part Two of this guide titled "Adviser Profile".

We can act on your instructions

After you engage us as your adviser we can act on your instructions whether you provide them by telephone, email, fax or other means of communications. Should you prefer us to communicate with you via email please understand that you are responsible for monitoring the email account nominated for this purpose. We'll treat any communication to us from this address as instructions from you and we'll continue to use this account until you tell us otherwise.

We maintain information about you

In order to continue to provide you with advice that is appropriate for your needs and suitable for your circumstances we will retain information about you including your financial and lifestyle objectives and your current financial situation. We are also legally required to store this information and records of any advice and services we provide to you. Generally, this information is used to provide you with appropriate advice and services, and suitable recommendations. We are committed to maintaining the security, currency and confidentiality of your information and we will only release it to other parties with your consent or as required by law. You can choose not to provide us with the information we require but, if you do so, we may not be able to provide you with the advice or services you need. You have a general right to examine our records. If you want to see what personal information we hold about you please let us know and we will make arrangements for you to do so. If we can't provide you with access to our records we will let you know the reasons why.

Important documents you can expect to receive

If we provide you with personal financial planning advice, we will confirm our recommendations in writing so that you can make an informed decision about the appropriateness and suitability of our advice. Our recommendations can be documented in a **Statement of Advice (SoA)**. A **Record of Advice (RoA)** may be used to record our advice to you where we have provided you with subsequent advice and your personal circumstances have not changed. The **ROA** may be provided to you or added to your file and if you would like a copy of this document, or our initial SoA, we will make it available to you on request.

Where we recommend specific financial products to you, we will provide you with a **Product Disclosure Statement (PDS)** which contains specific and important information on the financial product. It is very important for you to read and understand the **PDS** which must be provided to you before you can take any action in relation to a financial product recommended.

The interests, associations and relationships that may influence or affect our advice.

Our recommendations to you will be based on our assessment of your personal circumstances, needs and objectives. These factors underpin our advice but it is important for you to appreciate that our interests, associations and relationships and the benefits we receive – such as commission, corporate hospitality or marketing support for example - may give rise to an actual or potential conflict of interest. However, where any interest might reasonably be capable of influencing our advice or creating a conflict of interest, we will clearly disclose our interest or the nature of the conflict to allow you to make an informed decision about our advice. We manage, and will clearly disclose, any conflicts that we think may influence our advice and we would also like to highlight the following interests, associations and relationships:

- Our managing director Paul Hudson is involved in a Joint venture with accounting group Malvern Mathews Smith.

How you pay for our services

Operating a financial services business involves substantial costs. Fees and commission assists us to afford the infrastructure, personnel and systems required to provide you the professional services our clients have come to expect. In many cases you are able to negotiate how you pay for the professional services we provide to you. You may choose to pay our fees directly or have our professional costs paid to us by the product provider or from the products we've recommended to you. Our advisers may receive a salary, fees, and commission payments and may also be eligible for an annual performance payment for meeting service and sales targets. Where it is necessary to refer you to another specialist we may also receive a referral payment from them. If you are referred to me by a third party I may pay a referral fee, commission or a non-monetary benefit as a consequence of products or services you purchase. The remuneration we receive will be clearly disclosed in the advice documents we provide to you.

Advice Fees: Range from \$1500 upwards (inclusive of GST)

Implementation Fees: Range from \$500 upwards (inclusive of GST)

Review Fees: Range from \$1100 upwards (inclusive of GST)

Hourly Rate: \$388 per hour (inclusive of GST)

Commissions, which are paid from the product costs and are not an additional cost incurred by you, vary according to the nature of the specific financial product. For example

Product	Commission Range
Life Insurance products including Risk Insurance and Life Investment	Up front 0% to 140% of the premium paid or amount invested. Ongoing 0% to 45% of the premium paid or amount invested.
Superannuation and Investment products	Commissions are not paid to Hudson Gore as we charge either direct fees or asset-based fees.

Providing feedback

As a professional financial services business, we are committed to acting efficiently, honestly and fairly. We value your support and appreciate any feedback that will help us to meet your expectations and needs. If at any time should you have any questions or concerns about our advice or our service we encourage you to contact us directly and we will try to resolve the issue immediately.

If we can't respond to your feedback or effectively resolve your issues within three (3) business days – or if you don't feel comfortable talking with us about your issues - you should contact Hudson Gore Pty Ltd directly.

If Hudson Gore Pty Ltd doesn't provide you with a satisfactory response, you have the right to refer your concerns to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited ("AFCA"). AFCA is an independent dispute resolution service that deals with complaints about financial services including banking, credit, loans, general insurance, life insurance, financial planning, investments, stock broking, managed funds and pooled superannuation trusts. AFCA can be contacted at GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001 www.afca.org.au
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The Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) also has a Free call Infoline on 1300 300 630 which you may use to make a complaint and obtain more information about your rights.

The law requires Hudson Gore Pty Ltd to maintain a level of Professional Indemnity Insurance appropriate for their size and the scale and complexity of their operations. Hudson Gore's insurance covers claims made against Hudson Gore Pty Ltd and both its current authorised representatives and former authorized representatives. Their policy is annually reviewed for currency and suitability and is a key element of Hudson Gore's license obligations.

Hudson Gore is a family owned and managed company. Importantly Hudson Gore does not manufacture products. The company aims to provide services to our clients that assist them in meeting their long term financial goals.

The managing director of Hudson Gore is Mr. Paul Hudson. Paul is a CFP and a member of the Financial Planning Association. Paul is also the Managing Director and owner of Hudson Gore Financial Services Pty Ltd who is authorised to give advice by Hudson Gore Pty Ltd.

Paul is also the Managing Director of Hudson Gore Financial Services Tamworth Pty Ltd. This company is also authorised to give advice by Hudson Gore Pty Ltd.

Award Winning

Hudson Gore is a multi-award winning company.

Awards include:

IFA Securities adviser of the year 2003.

IFA Securities adviser of the year 2005

IFA Investment adviser of the year 2006.

Winner Millennium3 Financial Services NSW Practice of the year 2010.

Winner Millennium3 Financial Services NSW Practice of the year 2011.

Adviser (Paul Hudson) Millennium3 NSW 2010 Adviser of the Year award.

Adviser (Paul Hudson) Millennium3 NSW 2011 Adviser of the Year award.

Legislative Notice:

We can't call ourselves independent.

Here's why.

The law makes it very difficult for most advisers to say they are independent, unbiased or impartial, even if they are not in any way linked to a financial product provider (like a bank).

If, for example, an adviser gets paid a commission to help a client arrange some insurance they are automatically prohibited from calling themselves independent. Most advisers who receive those commissions charge their clients very little (if anything) for the advice or the help they provide putting a policy into place. From time to time we receive these commissions. So although we always put your interests before ours when giving advice we cannot (by law) call ourselves independent, unbiased or impartial.