

## Item 1. Introduction

1<sup>st</sup> Discount Brokerage, Inc., (“1DB”) is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a broker-dealer, member of [FINRA](#) and [Securities Investor Protection Corporation](#).

Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you to understand these differences. Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at [www.investor.gov/CRS](http://www.investor.gov/CRS), which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

## Item 2. Relationships and Services: What investment services and advice can you provide me?

Our firm offers brokerage services to retail investors including buying and selling securities. We do not limit our services to proprietary products or specific asset classes. Our firm does not monitor your accounts.

Our firm provides limited discretionary authority for the following services – buying and selling securities. Our firm does not monitor your accounts. A discretionary commission based account is available with an approved registered representative only. If you invest on a discretionary basis, our firm will buy and sell investments in your accounts without requiring your pre-approval on an ongoing basis until you notify us in writing to switch.

Our firm offers non-discretionary services for retirement planning, estate planning, investment recommendations, personal investment strategies, and other consulting services ([MyCFO](#)). You make the ultimate decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments.

**For additional information including minimum investment amounts, please see [www.1db.com/CRS](http://www.1db.com/CRS) for our Fee Schedule and our Regulation Best Interest Disclosure.**

**CONVERSATION STARTER: Ask your financial professional –**

1. Given my financial situation, Should I choose a brokerage service? Why or why not? 2. How will you choose investments to recommend to me? 3. What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?

## Item 3. Fees, Costs, Conflicts, and Standard of Conduct.

### a. What Fees will I pay?

If you open a brokerage account, you will pay us a *transaction-based fee*, generally referred to as a commission, every time you buy or sell an investment. Some investments (such as mutual funds and variable annuities) impose additional fees that will reduce the value of your investment over time. Products such as mutual funds and variable annuities charge up-front commissions, as well as fees that are charged on an on-going basis for as long as you hold the investment (“trails”). Also, with certain investments such as variable annuities, you may have to pay fees such as “*surrender charges*” to sell the investment. We pass along regulatory trading activities fees. If we buy a security from you, or sell a security to you for our own account (as “principal”), we may “*mark-up*” or “*mark down*”, which is a benefit to us. With mutual funds, this fee (typically called a “*load*”) reduces the value of your investment.

Our fees vary and are negotiable. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on how much you buy or sell, what type of investment you buy or sell, and what kind of account you have with us. The more transactions in your account, the more fees we charge you. We therefore have an incentive to encourage you to engage in transactions more frequently and in greater amounts.

In addition to the foregoing investment fees, you will typically pay, and we will receive a portion of, certain fees associated with your brokerage account, including fees paid to the clearing firm or account custodian, as well as fees for certain services that you select, such as wire transfers or margin interest, account maintenance fees, paper documents fees, account inactivity fees, and a termination or transfer fee when your brokerage account is terminated or transferred to another broker-dealer.

**Additional Information: You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. For more detailed information about our fees and costs please review our Regulation Best Interest Disclosure and Fee Schedule found at [www.1db.com/CRS](http://www.1db.com/CRS).**

**CONVERSATION STARTER: Ask your financial professional –**

*Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?*

**b. What are your legal obligations to me when providing a recommendation as my broker-dealer or when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?**

When we provide you with a recommendation as your broker-dealer or act as your investment adviser, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the recommendations and investment advice we provide to you. We must eliminate these conflicts or tell you about them and in some cases reduce them. We have policies and procedures in place to mitigate the influence of these conflicts. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means.

- We receive payments from third party product sponsors and managers (or their affiliates), such as mutual fund or insurance companies, when we recommend or sell certain products, and we may also receive ongoing payments, such as 12B-1 fees or trails, from them in your brokerage account. As such, we have an incentive to recommend (or to invest your assets in) products that pay us more compensation or products of third-parties that pay us over products of third parties that do not pay us, or pay us less.
- We have an incentive to advise you to invest in certain investments, such as the Apex sweep program, because Apex Clearing, the manager or sponsor of the investment, shares with us revenue it earns on those investments.
- Our firm engages in principal trading (buying or selling investments from your account for our own accounts) which can lead to price manipulation or the sale of unwanted securities to you. We may buy or sell securities to you for its own account (with your consent in advisory accounts). Because we earn compensation (such as commission equivalents, mark-ups, mark-downs, and spreads) and can receive other benefits in principal transactions, we have an incentive to trade with you on a principal basis and to recommend securities that we hold in inventory.

**CONVERSATION STARTER: Ask your financial professional –**

*How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?*

**c. How do your financial professionals make money?**

We pay our financial professionals and their supervisors a portion of the commissions that we receive. As noted above, the commissions we receive generally vary based on the investments purchased and sold and the volume of trading. This creates an incentive for our financial professionals to sell more investments to generate commissions. In the case of certain investment funds and products, the issuer or the sponsor provides our financial professionals other forms of compensation, such as expense reimbursement for travel associated with educational or similar business meetings, financial assistance in covering the cost of marketing and sales events, and small gifts. The receipt of these payments presents a conflict because it creates an incentive for the financial professional to recommend those investments or funds whose issuers or sponsors offer these forms of compensation.

**Item 4. Disciplinary History: Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?**

Yes. Our firm has disciplinary history addressed in our Form ADV or Form BD, and some of our financial professionals may also have a legal or disciplinary history. Please visit [Investor.gov/CRS](http://Investor.gov/CRS) for a free and simple search tool to research our firm and our financial professionals.

**CONVERSATION STARTER: Ask your financial professional –**

*As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?*

**Item 5. Additional Information.**

For additional information about our broker-dealer and investment advisory services, please visit [www.ldb.com](http://www.ldb.com). You can request a copy of this Form CRS Customer Relationship Summary by contacting us in writing at 8927 Hypoluxo Rd, Ste A-5, Lake Worth, FL 33467. You can also call us at 1-561-515-3200 or email [support@ldb.com](mailto:support@ldb.com) to request up-to-date information and request a copy of this Form CRS Customer Relationship Summary.

**CONVERSATION STARTER: Ask your financial professional –**

*Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?*



**Operations Headquarters**  
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# New Account Application

Approved by	Date	Dividends	Proceeds	Sweep Enrollment	Branch	Account	T & C	RR
ROP Approval	Date	Approved for Option Levels	<b>Important:</b> Please verify the accuracy of the information on this form, and sign where indicated. If at any time you believe that you have received an erroneous or inaccurate statement or report regarding your account or any trading activity therein, please contact your broker or our Operations headquarters.					

**Please specify how you would like your account registered. Additional documents may be necessary.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual, non-retirement	<input type="checkbox"/> IRA – Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Custodial Account – Please provide complete information for both parties.	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship
<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer on Death (T.O.D)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other retirement – Type:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Estate (Furnish Court Appointment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Property (Request Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tenants in Common (Request Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not for profit (Request Form)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship (Request Form)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust – Provide a copy of the Trust and the Apex Trustee Certification Form.

**Applicant Information (Minor or Trust information, if applicable)**

**Co-Applicant (Custodian or Trustee Information, if applicable)**

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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Name of Partnership/Corporation/Trust (if applicable)
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Email Address	Email Address
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**E-Docs Enrollment:** Enroll your account in E-docs to avoid paper delivery fees. After enrollment you will receive trade confirmations, account statements, tax-related documents, proxies, prospectuses, annual reports, and all other eligible account documents electronically. An email will be sent to the Account Owner on the same day any electronic document becomes available. Log into your account to access E-Docs and view, print, or download your documents. See your investment representative for enrollment information.

Address (PO Box not sufficient)	Mailing address (if different)	Address (PO Box not sufficient)	Mailing address (if different)
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City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code
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Home Phone with Area Code	Cell Phone with Area Code	Business Phone with Area Code	Home Phone with Area Code	Cell Phone with Area Code	Business Phone with Area Code
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Date of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Country of Residence	Date of Birth	Country of Citizenship	Country of Residence
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Social Security Number/Taxpayer ID Number	Marital Status	Number of Dependents	Social Security Number/Taxpayer ID Number	Marital Status	Number of Dependents
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Photo ID Number	Photo ID Type & Issuer	Photo ID Number	Photo ID Type & Issuer
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Photo ID Issue Date	Photo ID Expiration Date	Photo ID Issue Date	Photo ID Expiration Date
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Employer's Name & Address	Employer's Name & Address
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Occupation/Business (former, if retired)	Check here if you are also changing your address	<input type="checkbox"/>	Occupation/Business (former, if retired)	Check here if you are also changing your address	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Are you retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you ever filed for arbitration or sought other legal remedies against a brokerage firm? If yes, please provide a letter of explanation including the outcome.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Have you ever filed for arbitration or sought other legal remedies against a brokerage firm? If yes, please provide a letter of explanation including the outcome.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Indicate the number of years of experience you have in trading:	Investment Experience:	Indicate the number of years of experience you have in trading:	Investment Experience:
Stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Funds <input type="checkbox"/> Options <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> None (00) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (01) <input type="checkbox"/> Good (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive (03)	Stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Bonds <input type="checkbox"/> Mutual Funds <input type="checkbox"/> Options <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> None (00) <input type="checkbox"/> Limited (01) <input type="checkbox"/> Good (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive (03)

Current Brokerage Firm(s)	Branch Location or Account Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to transfer my accounts (request form).	Current Brokerage Firm(s)	Branch Location or Account Numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to transfer my accounts (request form).
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Trusted Contact Name	Relationship	Trusted Contact Telephone Number	Trusted Contact Email Address
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Trusted Contact Mailing Address	Please see Section 22 of the Customer Agreement for more details regarding Trusted Contact information.
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**Income, Investment, and Suitability Information (for Joint Accounts, data is combined)**

Annual Income from All Sources	<input type="checkbox"/> Under \$25,000 (01) <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 - \$50,000 (02) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 (03) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$200,000 (23) <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,001 - \$300,000 (24) <input type="checkbox"/> \$300,001 - \$500,000 (25) <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1,200,000 (26) <input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,200,001 (27)	Risk Tolerance <input type="checkbox"/> Low <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> High
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Net Worth (exclusive of primary residence)	<input type="checkbox"/> Under \$50,000 (01) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 (02) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$200,000 (22) <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,001 - \$500,000 (23) <input type="checkbox"/> 500,001 - \$1,000,000 (24) <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 (25)	Federal Tax Bracket <input type="checkbox"/> 10% <input type="checkbox"/> 15% <input type="checkbox"/> 25% <input type="checkbox"/> 28% <input type="checkbox"/> 33% <input type="checkbox"/> 35% <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ %
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Liquid Net Worth (cash, stocks, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Under \$50,000 (01) <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 (02) <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$200,000 (22) <input type="checkbox"/> \$200,001 - \$500,000 (23) <input type="checkbox"/> 500,001 - \$1,000,000 (24) <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 (25)	Anticipated Number of Transactions per Year	Average Size of Transaction \$
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Objectives - if more than one, prioritize (1, 2, 3, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth (03) <input type="checkbox"/> Income (04) <input type="checkbox"/> Growth & Income (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Speculation (06) <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Preservation (05)
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Time Horizon (The number of years planned to invest to achieve a particular financial goal.)	Anticipated Liquidity Needs (The ability to quickly and easily convert all or a portion of the account assets into cash without experiencing significant loss.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Short (Less than 3 years) (01) <input type="checkbox"/> Average (4 to 7 years) (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Longest (8 years or more) (03)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very important (01) <input type="checkbox"/> Important (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Important (02) <input type="checkbox"/> Not Important (03)

Other important information about yourself (e.g., health, retirement goals, education, major purchase, etc.)
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**Signatures**

Applicant	Date	Co-Applicant	Date
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W9 Certification Check here  if customer is subject to backup withholding under the provisions for the Internal Revenue Service.

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: (1) The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and (2) I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and (3) I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and (4) The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax return purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are: An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien, A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, An estate (other than a foreign estate), or A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provisions of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

Exemptions (see W9 Instructions): Exempt payee code (if any): \_\_\_\_\_ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Sweep Program: By opening your account and/or selecting yes below, you agree to enroll in the Apex Clearing Corporation Sweep Program (the "Sweep Program") and agree that you have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Sweep Program. The Sweep Program terms and conditions and the list of banks participating and/or products available in the Sweep Program can be located at <http://www.1db.com/shared/content/documents/sweep-enrollment.pdf>. Free credit balances in the account including dividends and proceeds from the sale of securities that are credited to the account while enrolled in the Sweep Program may automatically be swept in accordance with the terms of the Sweep Program. Further, you agree Apex Clearing Corporation may make changes to the Sweep Program terms and conditions or any products or banks in the Sweep Program at any time in Apex's sole discretion. Your enrollment in the Sweep Program does not guarantee free credit balances in your account will be swept. If you wish to opt out of the Sweep Program you may select "No" in this Section or you may notify your introducing firm at any time.

Yes  No

Large Trader ID (Please provide if you have been assigned previously for any of your accounts.) ID Number: _____ Effective Date: _____	FREE DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT: Select whether or not you would like your dividends reinvested on all eligible securities. You can always change your selection later by calling your investment representative. Please select one of the following options: <input type="checkbox"/> Reinvest dividends on ALL eligible securities <input type="checkbox"/> Please do not reinvest dividends.	Check if the source of funds is from the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Inheritance <input type="checkbox"/> Donation <input type="checkbox"/> Assets sold Describe _____
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Is the account maintained for a current or former Politically Exposed Person or public official (includes US and foreign individuals)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, please provide name of official and list official's immediate family members, including former spouses, and the name of the related political organization.
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Is the account maintained for a foreign financial institution as defined by Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, complete the Foreign Financial Institution Due Diligence Questionnaire.
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Is this account a Foreign Bank organized under foreign law and located outside of the United States as defined by Title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, please ensure the Certification Regarding Correspondent Accounts and Foreign Financial Institution Due Diligence Questionnaire are complete, and list US Agent for service of
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Check the applicable box(es), if any:  
 The Customer is associated with a member of a stock exchange or FINRA.  
 The Customer is a director, 10% shareholder or officer of a publicly traded company. Name of company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 "Day Trading" will be included as an investment strategy. If checked, indicate the date that the risk disclosure document is mailed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Limited Trading Authorization is given on this account, and complete LTA form.

### Customer Account Agreement (the "Agreement") This is a legally binding contract. Please review it carefully.

This Customer Account Agreement (the "Agreement") sets forth the respective rights and obligations of Apex Clearing Corporation ("you" or "your" or "Apex ") and the Customer's (as defined below) brokerage firm (the "Introducing Broker"), and the customer(s) identified on the New Account Application (the "Customer") in connection with the Customer's brokerage account with the Introducing Broker ("the Account"). The Customer hereby agrees as follows with respect to the Account, which the Customer has established with the Introducing Broker for the purchase, sale or carrying of securities or contracts relating thereto and/or the borrowing of funds, which transactions are cleared through you. To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering, Federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. In order to open an account, the Customer will provide information that will allow you to identify the Customer including, but not limited to, the Customer's name, address, date of birth, and the Customer's driver's license or other identifying documents.

**1. Applicable Rules and Regulations.** All transactions for the Account shall be subject to the constitution, rules, regulations, customs and usages of the exchange or market and its clearing house, if any, upon which such transactions are executed, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement.

**2. Definitions. "Obligations"** means all indebtedness, debit balances, liabilities or other obligations of any kind of the Customer to you, whether now existing or hereafter arising. **"Securities and other property"** shall include, but shall not be limited to, money, securities, commodities or other property of every kind and nature and all contracts and options relating thereto, whether for present or future delivery. **2A. Investment Objective Definitions. "Capital Preservation"** - a conservative investment strategy characterized by a desire to avoid risk of loss; **"Income"** -strategy focused on current income rather than capital appreciation; **"Growth"** -investing in stocks with strong earnings and/or revenue growth or potential; **"Speculation"** - taking larger risks, usually by frequent trading, with hope of higher than-average gain. All strategies involve various types and levels of risk, the most common of which are market, credit, inflation, business and interest rate.

**3. Breach; Security Interest.** Whenever in your discretion you consider it necessary for your protection, or for the protection of the Customer's Introducing Broker or in the event of, but not limited to; (i) any breach by the Customer of this or any other agreement with you or (ii) the Customer's failure to pay for securities and other property purchased or to deliver securities and other property sold, you may sell any or all securities and other property held in any of the Customer's accounts (either individually or jointly with others), cancel or complete any open orders for the purchase or sale of any securities and other property, and/or borrow or buy-in any securities and other property required to make delivery against any sale, including a short sale, effected for the Customer, all without notice or demand for deposit of collateral, other notice of sale or purchase, or other notice or advertisement, each of which is expressly waived by the undersigned, and/or you may require the Customer to deposit cash or adequate collateral to the Customer's account prior to any settlement date in order to assure the performance or payment of any open contractual commitments and/or unsettled transactions. You have the right to refuse to execute securities transactions for the Customer at any time and for any reason. Any and all securities and other property belonging to the Customer or in which the Customer may have an interest held by you or carried in any of the Customer's accounts with you (either individually or jointly with others) shall be subject to a first and prior security interest and lien for the discharge of the Customer's obligations to you, wherever or however arising and without regard to whether or not you have made advances with respect to such securities and other property, and you are hereby authorized to sell and/or purchase any and all securities and other property in any of the Customer's accounts, and/or to transfer any such securities and other property among any of the Customer's accounts to the fullest extent of the law and without notice where allowed. The losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, incurred and payable or paid by you in the (i) collection of a debit balance and/or any unpaid deficiency in the accounts of the Customer with you or (ii) defense of any matter arising out of the Customer's securities transactions, shall be payable to you by the Customer. The Customer understands that because of circumstances beyond broker-dealers control, its customers' voting rights may be impaired. For example, if the stock of a company that another customer has purchased has not yet been received from the seller(s), then other customers' abilities to vote that company's stock could be impaired until those shares are received. In addition, if the stock of a company that the Customer has purchased has not yet been received from the seller(s), then payments received by the Customer from the Introducing Broker, in lieu of the dividends on that stock not yet received, may receive tax treatment less favorable than that accorded to dividends.

**4. Cancellation.** You are authorized, in your discretion, should you for any reason whatsoever deem it necessary for your protection, without notice, to cancel any outstanding order, to close out the accounts of the Customer, in whole or in part, or to close out any commitment made on behalf of the Customer.

**5. Payment of Indebtedness Upon Demand.** The Customer shall at all times be liable for the payment upon demand of any obligations owing from the Customer to you, and the Customer shall be liable to you for any deficiency remaining in any such accounts in the event of the liquidation thereof (as contemplated in Paragraph 3 of this Agreement or otherwise), in whole or in part, by you or by the Customer; and the Customer shall make payment of such obligations upon demand.

**6. Accounts Carried as Clearing Broker.** The Customer understands that you are carrying the accounts of the Customer as clearing broker by arrangement with the Customer's Introducing Broker through whose courtesy the account of the Customer has been introduced to you. Until receipt from the Customer of written notice to the contrary, you may accept from and rely upon the Customer's Introducing Broker for (a) orders for the purchase or sale in said account of securities and other property, and (b) any other instructions concerning the Customer's accounts. The Customer represents that the Customer understands that you act only to clear trades introduced by the Customer's Introducing Broker and to effect other back office functions for the Customer's introducing broker. The Customer confirms to you that the Customer is relying for any advice concerning the Customer's accounts solely on the Customer's Introducing Broker. The Customer understands that all representatives, employees and other agents with whom the Customer communicates concerning the Customer's account are agents of the Introducing Broker, and not your representatives, employees or other agents and the Customer will in no way hold you liable for any trading losses that the Customer may incur. The Customer understands that you are not a principal of or partner with, and do not control in any way, the Introducing Broker or its representatives, employees or other agents. The Customer understands that you will not review the Customer's accounts and will have no responsibility for trades made in the Customer's accounts. You shall not be responsible or liable for any acts or omissions of the Introducing Broker or its representatives, employees or other agents. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Customer initiates a claim against you in your capacity as clearing broker and does not prevail, the Customer shall be responsible for the costs and expenses associated with your defense of such claim. The Customer understands you shall be entitled to exercise and enforce directly against the Customer all rights granted to the Introducing Broker.



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**6A. Accounts Carried as Custodian.** In some cases the Customer's account is being carried by arrangement with the Customer's Investment Advisor or Investment Manager, who uses you as their Broker-Dealer custodian. The Customer acknowledges that your role as custodian is to hold or custody account assets, distribute or collect funds on behalf of the Customer's account, execute and clear trades under instruction of the Customer's Investment Advisor or Investment Manager, generate account statements and provide other custodial services as may be mandated by various regulatory standards and requirements. The Customer understands that in the capacity as custodian, you will not offer investment advice, review the Customer's accounts, and will have no responsibility for trades made in the Customer's accounts. Additionally, in your capacity as custodian, you will not verify the accuracy of management fees that the Customer pays to Investment Advisors or Investment Managers pursuant to the terms of the Investment Management Agreement executed between the Customer and the Investment Advisor or Investment Manager. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Customer initiates a claim against you in your capacity as custodial broker and does not prevail, the undersigned shall be responsible for the costs and expenses associated with your defense of such claim.

**7. Communications.** You may send communications to the Customer at the Customer's address on the New Account Application or at such other address as the Customer may hereafter give you in writing, and all communications so sent, whether by mail, telegraph, or otherwise, shall be deemed given to the Customer personally, whether actually received or not. Reports of execution of orders and statements of accounts of the Customer shall be conclusive if not objected to in writing to you, the former within five (5) days and the latter within ten (10) days, after forwarding by you by mail or otherwise. In consideration of your sending any mail to me in care of a Post Office Box Address or a third party, I hereby agree that "all correspondence of any nature whatsoever" sent to me in such address will have the same force and effect as if it had been delivered to me personally.

- 8. ARBITRATION AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A PREDISPUTE ARBITRATION CLAUSE. BY SIGNING AN ARBITRATION AGREEMENT THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**
- ALL PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT ARE GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO SUE EACH OTHER IN COURT, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY THE RULES OF THE ARBITRATION FORM IN WHICH A CLAIM IS FILED;
  - ARBITRATION AWARDS ARE GENERALLY FINAL AND BINDING; A PARTY'S ABILITY TO HAVE A COURT REVERSE OR MODIFY AN ARBITRATION AWARD IS VERY LIMITED.
  - THE ABILITY OF THE PARTIES TO OBTAIN DOCUMENTS, WITNESS STATEMENTS AND OTHER DISCOVERY IS GENERALLY MORE LIMITED IN ARBITRATION THAN IN COURT PROCEEDINGS;
  - THE ARBITRATORS DO NOT HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON(S) FOR THEIR AWARD UNLESS, IN AN ELIGIBLE CASE, A JOINT REQUEST FOR AN EXPLAINED DECISION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY ALL PARTIES TO THE PANEL AT LEAST 20 DAYS PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED HEARING DATE.
  - THE PANEL OF ARBITRATORS MAY INCLUDE A MINORITY OF ARBITRATORS WHO WERE OR ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE SECURITIES INDUSTRY.
  - THE RULES OF SOME ARBITRATION FORUMS MAY IMPOSE TIME LIMITS FOR BRINGING A CLAIM IN ARBITRATION. IN SOME CASES, A CLAIM THAT IS INELIGIBLE FOR ARBITRATION MAY BE BROUGHT IN COURT.
  - THE RULES OF THE ARBITRATION FORM IN WHICH THE CLAIM IS FILED, AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO, SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THIS AGREEMENT.

THE FOLLOWING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DISCLOSURES ABOVE. ANY AND ALL CONTROVERSIES, DISPUTES OR CLAIMS BETWEEN THE CUSTOMER AND YOU, OR THE INTRODUCING BROKER, OR THE AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, EMPLOYEES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS OR CONTROL PERSONS OF YOU OR THE INTRODUCING BROKER, ARISING OUT OF, IN CONNECTION WITH, FROM OR WITH RESPECT TO (a) ANY PROVISIONS OF OR THE VALIDITY OF THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY RELATED AGREEMENTS, (b) THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES HERETO, OR (c) ANY CONTROVERSY ARISING OUT OF YOUR BUSINESS, THE INTRODUCING BROKER'S BUSINESS OR THE CUSTOMER'S ACCOUNTS, SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE CODE OF ARBITRATION PROCEDURE OF THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY ("FINRA"). THE DECISION AND AWARD OF THE ARBITRATOR(S) SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND BINDING UPON ALL PARTIES, AND ANY JUDGMENT UPON ANY AWARD RENDERED MAY BE ENTERED IN A COURT HAVING JURISDICTION THEREOF, AND NEITHER PARTY SHALL OPPOSE SUCH ENTRY.

No person shall bring a putative or certified class action to arbitration, nor seek to enforce any pre-dispute arbitration agreement against any person who has initiated in court a putative class action; or who is a member of a putative class who has not opted out of the class with respect to any claims encompassed by the putative class action until: (i) the class certification is denied; or (ii) the class is de-certified; or (iii) the customer is excluded from the class by the court. Such forbearance to enforce an agreement to arbitrate shall not constitute a waiver of any rights under this agreement except to the extent stated herein.

**9. Representations.** The Customer represents that the Customer is of majority age. The Customer represents either that the Customer is not an employee of any exchange, or of any corporation of which any exchange owns a majority of the capital stock, or of a member of any exchange, or of a member firm or member corporation registered on any exchange or of a bank, trust company, insurance company or of any corporation, firm or individual engaged in the business dealing either as broker or as principal in securities, bills of exchange, acceptances or other forms of commercial paper, or alternatively, that the Customer has obtained and will provide to you additional documentation which may include information required under FINRA Rule 407 from its employer authorizing the Customer to open and maintain an account with you.

If the Customer is a corporation, partnership, trust or other entity, the Customer represents that its governing instruments permit this Agreement, that this Agreement has been authorized by all applicable persons and that the signatory on the New Account Application is authorized to bind the Customer. The Customer represents that the Customer shall comply with all applicable laws, rules and regulations in connection with the Customer's account. The Customer further represents that no one except the Customer has an interest in the account or accounts of the Customer with you.

**10. Joint Accounts.** If the New Account Application indicates that the Account shall consist of more than one person, the Customer's obligations under this Agreement shall be joint and several. References to the "Customer" shall include each of the customers identified on the New Account Application. You may rely on transfer or other instructions from any one of the Customers in a joint account, and such instructions shall be binding on each of the Customers. You may deliver securities or other property to, and send confirmations; notices, statements and communications of every kind, to any one of the Customers, and such action shall be binding on each of the Customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you are authorized in your discretion to require joint action by the joint tenants with respect to any matter concerning the joint account, including but not limited to the giving or cancellation of orders and the withdrawal of money or securities. In the case of Tenants by the Entirety accounts, joint action will be required for all matters concerning the joint account. Tenants by Entirety is not recognized in certain jurisdictions, and, where not expressly allowed, will not be a permitted designation of the account.

**11. Other Agreements.** If the Customer trades any options, the Customer agrees to be bound by the terms of your Customer Option Agreement. The Customer understands that copies of these agreements are available from you and, to the extent applicable, are incorporated by reference herein. The terms of these other agreements are in addition to the provisions of this Agreement and any other written agreements between you and the Customer.

**12. Data Not Guaranteed.** The Customer expressly agrees that any data or online reports is provided to the Customer without warranties of any kind, express or implied, including but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability, fitness of a particular purpose or non-infringement. The Customer acknowledges that the information contained in any reports provided by you is obtained from sources believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to its accuracy or completeness. Such information could include technical or other inaccuracies, errors or omissions. In no event shall you or any of your affiliates be liable to the Customer or any third party for the accuracy, timeliness, or completeness of any information made available to the Customer or for any decision made or taken by the Customer in reliance upon such information. In no event shall you or your affiliated entities be liable for any special incidental, indirect or consequential damages whatsoever, including, without limitation, those resulting from loss of use, data or profits, whether or not advised of the possibility of damages, and on any theory of liability, arising out of or in connection with the use of any reports provided by you or with the delay or inability to use such reports.

**13. Payment for Order Flow Disclosure.** Depending on the security traded and absent specific direction from the Customer, equity and option orders are routed to market centers (i.e., broker-dealers, primary exchanges or electronic communication networks) for execution. Routing decisions are based on a number of factors including the size of the order, the opportunity for price improvement and the quality of order executions, and decisions are regularly reviewed to ensure the duty of best execution is met. You or the Introducing Broker may receive compensation or other consideration for the placing of orders with market centers for execution. The amount of the compensation depends on the agreement reached with each venue. The source and nature of compensation relating to the undersigned's transactions will be furnished upon written request.

**14. Credit Check.** You are authorized, in your discretion, should you for any reason deem it necessary for your protection to request and obtain a consumer credit report for the Customer.

**15. Miscellaneous.** If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect any other provision of this Agreement. The headings of each section of this Agreement are descriptive only and do not modify or qualify any provision of this Agreement. This Agreement and its enforcement shall be governed by the laws of the state of Texas and shall cover individually and collectively all accounts which the Customer has previously opened, now has open or may open or reopen with you, or any introducing broker, and any and all previous, current and future transactions in such accounts. Except as provided in this Agreement, no provision of this Agreement may be altered, modified or amended unless in writing signed by your authorized representative. This Agreement and all provisions shall inure to the benefit of you and your successors, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, your assigns, the Introducing Broker, and all other persons specified in Paragraph 8. You shall not be liable for losses caused directly or indirectly by any events beyond your reasonable control, including without limitation, government restrictions, exchange or market rulings, suspension of trading or unusually heavy trading in securities, a general change in economic, political or financial conditions, war or strikes. You may transfer the accounts of the Customer to your successors and assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon the Customer and the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Customer. Failure to insist on strict compliance with this Agreement is not considered a waiver of your rights under this Agreement. At your discretion, you may terminate this Agreement at anytime on notice to the Customer, the Customer will continue to be responsible for any obligation incurred by the Customer prior to termination. The Customer may not assign the Customer's rights or delegate the Customer's obligations under this Agreement, in whole or in part, without your prior consent.

**16. SIPC Account Protection.** As a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), funds are available to meet customer claims up to a ceiling of \$500,000, including a maximum of \$250,000 for cash claims. For additional information regarding SIPC coverage, including a brochure, please contact SIPC at (202) 371-8300 or visit [www.sipc.org](http://www.sipc.org). Apex has purchased an additional insurance policy through a group of London Underwriters (with Lloyd's of London Syndicates as the Lead Underwriter) to supplement SIPC protection. This additional insurance policy becomes available to customers in the event that SIPC limits are exhausted and provides protection for securities and cash up to an aggregate of \$600 million. This is provided to pay amounts in addition to those returned in SIPC liquidation. This additional insurance policy is limited to a combined return to any customer from a Trustee, SIPC and London Underwriters of \$150 million, including cash of up to \$2.15 million. Similar to SIPC protection, this additional insurance does not protect against a loss in the market value of securities.

**17.** Customer agrees that in giving orders to sell, all "short" sale orders will be designated as "short", and all "long" sale orders will be designated as "long", and that the designation of a sell order as "long" is a representation by Customer that Customer owns the security, and that the Customer is responsible for facilitating delivery of the negotiable certificates being sold no later than by settlement date.

**18.** Customer authorizes Introducing Broker to record Customer's telephone conversations to monitor the quality of service, transaction orders and other information. Customer also acknowledges Introducing Broker's right to verify, by use of a credit bureau or otherwise, the financial data the Customer have provided herein.

**19.** Customer agrees that this Agreement shall be in-force and controlling whether Customer's interaction with Introducing Broker is via an electronic on-line/phone order system, a computer system or by telephone conversation with brokers or other personnel. Customer acknowledges that Introducing Broker makes no warranties, guarantees, express or implied, of any kind regarding any service provided with regard to my account, be it by third parties or otherwise. Customer further agrees that Introducing Broker will not be liable for any consequential, incidental, special or indirect damages, including, but not limited to, lost profits, trading losses that result from any inconvenience delay or loss of access to Customer Account, be it by system failure or otherwise.



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**20. Sweep Program.** If the Customer elects to participate in a sweep program, the Customer acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the Customer has read and understands the sweep program terms and conditions available at <http://www.1db.com/shared/content/documents/sweep-enrollment.pdf>; (b) you may make changes to your sweep programs and products at any time, in your sole discretion and with or without notice to Customer; (c) the free credit balances in the Customer's Account may begin being included in the sweep program upon Account opening; and (d) you have no obligation to monitor the applicable sweep program elected for the Customer's Account or to make recommendations about, or changes to, the sweep program that might be beneficial to the Customer.

**21. TAX TREATY ELIGIBILITY:** This agreement shall serve as the Customer's certification that you are eligible to receive tax treaty benefits between the country or (of) residence indicated on the new account form and the country(ies) of origin holding jurisdiction over the instruments held within the customer's account.

**22. Trusted Contact.** Under FINRA Rule 4512 Apex Clearing Corporation is required to disclose to you (the customer) that Apex Clearing Corporation or an associated person of Apex Clearing Corporation is authorized to contact the trusted contact person and disclose information about the customer's account to address possible financial exploitation, to confirm the specifics of the customer's current contact information, health status, or the identity of any legal guardian, executor, trustee or holder of a power of attorney, or as otherwise permitted by FINRA Rule 2165.

**23. ACH Agreement.** Clearing Firm to originate or facilitate transfer credits/debits to/from my eligible bank account. Transactions sent through the NACHA network will be subject to all applicable rules of NACHA and all rules set forth in Federal Reserve Operating circulars or other applicable laws and regulations. ACH deposits to my brokerage account are provisional. If the beneficiary bank does not receive final and complete payment for a payment order transferred through ACH, the beneficiary bank is entitled to recover from the beneficiary any provisional credit and Clearing Firm may charge my account for the transaction amount. I understand Clearing Firm or my Broker may not notify me of any returned or rejected ACH transfers. I agree to hold Clearing Firm and Clearing Firm's agents free of liability for compliance with these instructions. I hereby agree to hold harmless Clearing Firm and each of its affiliates, offices, directors, employees, and agents against, any claims, judgments, expenses, liabilities or costs of defense or settlement relating to: (a) any refusal or failure to initiate or honor any credit or debit request, by Clearing Firm or my Broker, whether (i) due to a lack of funds necessary to credit my account; (ii) due to inadvertence, error caused by similarity of account holder names or (iii) otherwise provided Clearing Firm has not acted in bad faith; (b) if the routing number is incorrect or the routing number or other information changes at another U.S. financial institution or (c) any loss, damage, liability or claim arising, directly or indirectly, from any error, delay or failure which is caused by circumstances beyond Clearing Firm's direct control. To the extent permitted by applicable law or regulation, Clearing Firm hereby disclaims all warranties, express or implied, and in no event shall Clearing Firm be liable for any special indirect, incidental, or consequential damages whatsoever resulting from the ACH electronic service or any ACH transactions. Nothing in this herein shall constitute a commitment or undertaking by Clearing Firm or my Broker to effect any ACH transaction or otherwise act upon my instructions or those of my Broker with respect to any account at Clearing Firm. This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until I revoke authorization by written notification to my Broker that is forwarded to Clearing Firm. I understand that Clearing Firm has the right to terminate or suspend the ACH agreement at any time and without notice.

Direct Communications Rule 14b-1(c): Rule 14b-1(c) of the Securities Exchange Act, unless the Customer objects, requires us to disclose to an issuer, upon its request, the name, address and securities position of our customers who are beneficial owners of the issuer's securities which are held by us in your account in nominee name. The issuer would be permitted to use your name and other related information for corporation communication only. If the Customer objects to this disclosure, check the box below.

Yes, the Customer objects to the disclosure of such information

To obtain information about the Introducing Broker and the Registered Representative/Independent Financial Consultant assigned to the account, the Customer should visit [www.finra.org](http://www.finra.org) or call 800-289-9999.

I (We) acknowledge that I (we) have received, read and understand the FORM CRS Customer Relationship Summary of 1st Discount Brokerage, Inc.

**The Customer understands that this agreement contains a pre-dispute arbitration clause (Section #8). The Customer acknowledges receipt of a copy of this clause.**

**PRIVACY POLICY**

Apex Clearing Corporation ("Apex") carries your account as a clearing broker by arrangement with your broker-dealer or registered investment advisor as Apex's introducing client. At Apex, we understand that privacy is an important issue for customers of our introducing firms. It is our policy to respect the privacy of all accounts that we maintain as clearing broker and to protect the security and confidentiality of non public personal information relating to those accounts. Please note that this policy generally applies to former customers of Apex as well as current customers.

**Personal Information Collected**

In order to service your account as a clearing broker, information is provided to Apex by your introducing firm who collects information from you in order to provide the financial services that you have requested.

The information collected by your introducing firm and provided to Apex or otherwise obtained by Apex may come from the following sources and is not limited to:

- Information included in your applications or forms, such as your name, address, telephone number, social security number, occupation, and income;
- Information relating to your transactions, including account balances, positions, and activity;
- Information which may be received from consumer reporting agencies, such as credit bureau reports;
- Information relating to your creditworthiness;
- Information which may be received from other sources with your consent or with the consent of your introducing firm.

In addition to servicing your account, Apex may make use of your personal information for analysis purposes, for example, to draw conclusions, detect patterns or determine preferences.

**Sharing of Non-public Personal Information**

Apex does not disclose non-public personal information relating to current or former customers of introducing firms to any third parties, except as required or permitted by law, including but not limited to any obligations of Apex under the USA PATRIOT Act, and in order to facilitate the clearing of customer transactions in the ordinary course of business.

Apex has multiple affiliates and relationships with third party companies. Examples of these companies include financial and non financial companies that perform services such as data processing and companies that perform securities executions on your behalf. We may share information among our affiliates and third parties, as permitted by law, in order to better service your financial needs and to pursue legitimate business interests, including to carry out, monitor and analyze our business, systems and operations.

**Security**

Apex strives to ensure that our systems are secure and that they meet industry standards. We seek to protect non public personal information that is provided to Apex by your introducing firm or otherwise obtained by Apex by implementing physical and electronic safeguards. Where we believe appropriate, we employ firewalls, encryption technology, user authentication systems (i.e. passwords and personal identification numbers) and access control mechanisms to control access to systems and data. Apex endeavors to ensure that third party service providers who may have access to non- public personal information are following appropriate standards of security and confidentiality. Further, we instruct our employees to use strict standards of care in handling the personal financial information of customers. As a general policy, our staff will not discuss or disclose information regarding an account except; 1) with authorized personnel of your introducing firm, 2) as required by law or pursuant to regulatory request, or 3) as authorized by Apex to a third party or affiliate providing services to your account or pursuing Apex's legitimate business interests.

**Access to Your Information**

You may access your account information through a variety of media offered by your introducing firm and Apex (i.e. statements or online services). Please contact your introducing firm if you require any additional information. Apex may use "cookies" in order to provide better service, to facilitate its customers' use of the website, to track usage of the website, and to address security hazards. A cookie is a small piece of information that a website stores on a personal computer, and which it can later retrieve.

**Changes to Apex's Privacy Policy:** Apex reserves the right to make changes to this policy.

**How to Get in Touch with Apex about this Privacy Policy:** For reference, this Privacy Policy is available on our website at [www.apexclearing.com](http://www.apexclearing.com). For more information relating to Apex's Privacy Policy or to limit our sharing of your personal information, please contact: Apex Clearing Corporation Attn: Compliance Department 350 N. St. Paul St., Suite 1300 Dallas, Texas 75201 (214) 765-1055

**Signatures**

Applicant	Date	Co-Applicant	Date
Branch Manager's Signature – By signing below, the Branch Manager affirms that the applicant(s) ID(s) have been checked.	Date	Registered Rep's Signature – By signing below, the Registered Rep affirms that he/she is registered in the customer's state of residence.	Date

**For Office Use Only**

FDID (If you would like to designate the FDID, please provide it here. Otherwise an ID will be assigned at account opening.) \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>CAT Account Types:</b>  <b>A - Institutional Customer</b> ; An institutional account as defined in FINRA Rule 4512(c)  <b>E - Employee Account</b> – An employee or associated person of your Broker-Dealer  <b>F - Foreign</b> – A non-broker-dealer foreign affiliate or non-reporting Foreign Broker-Dealer  <b>I - Individual Customer</b> – An account that does not meet the definition of FINRA Rule 4512(c) and is also not a proprietary account.  <b>O - Market Making</b> – See CAT FAQ C5  <b>V - Firm Agency Average Price Account</b>  <b>P - Other Proprietary</b>  <b>X - Error Account</b> – Error account of the firm.</p>	<p><b>CAT Account Type:</b></p>	<p><b>OATS Account Types:</b>  <b>A - Institutional Customer</b> ; An institutional account as defined in FINRA Rule 4512(c)  <b>C - Combined</b> – An order representing more than one type of account.  <b>E - Employee Account</b> – An employee or associated person of your Broker-Dealer  <b>I - Individual Customer</b> – An account that does not meet the definition of FINRA Rule 4512(c) and is also not a proprietary account.  <b>O - Market Making</b>  <b>P - Other Proprietary</b>  <b>X - Error Account</b> – Error account of the firm.</p>	<p><b>OATS Account Type</b></p>
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