

Simon Hodges

This adviser profile forms an essential part of the Financial Service Guide (FSG). The FSG is not complete without it.

Introducing your financial adviser

Simon Hodges is an Authorised Representative of RI Advice Group Pty Ltd AFSL 238429. Simon is a director of Metrowest Financial Services Pty Ltd trading as Secure Wealth Advisers which is a Corporate Authorised Representative of RI Advice Group Pty Ltd.

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About Simon

I have been in the financial planning industry for 24 years.

I have been included in the AFR Smart Investor Magazine national financial adviser Masterclass in each of the last 4 years including the Top 10 in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

Qualifications and memberships

- Master's degree in Commerce (majoring in banking and finance)
- Bachelor of Economics degree
- Diploma of Financial Planning
- Certified Financial Planner®
- Member of the Financial Advice Association Australia (FAAA)

Financial products and services

I am authorised to provide you with general and personal financial advice on the following class and types of products.

- Deposit and payment products
- Life investment or life risk products
- Interests in managed investment schemes, including investor directed portfolio services (IDPS)
- Retirement savings accounts
- Securities
- Superannuation

Services offered

- Personal Insurance
- Superannuation
- Budget and cashflow management
- Debt management
- Investments, including savings plans
- Retirement planning
- Centrelink/DVA
- Estate planning
- Ownership and structures (eg discretionary and family trusts)
- Portfolio review
- Ongoing advisory services
- Referrals to specialists (eg accountants, solicitors)

How I am paid

As the licensee, RI Advice collects all advice fees and commissions. RI Advice then pays the fees and commissions to my Practice as detailed in the FSG under the heading 'How we are paid'. My Practice pays me out of these fees and commissions based on a number of factors such as:

- **Salary** – based on my experience and qualifications.
- **Bonus** – I may be eligible to receive a bonus, based on a combination of revenue and meeting pre-determined annual performance-based criteria.
- **Profits** – I may be eligible to receive a percentage of profits from the Practice.
- **Commissions** – as outlined in the FSG under 'How we are paid', the Practice may receive commissions from a product provider when implementing certain product/s for you.

Client fee and payment options

Before providing advice, we will agree the fees and payment options with you. The fee you pay will depend on the complexity of your circumstances and the services you require. Your options to pay for our services can include fee for service, commission, or a combination of both.

Fee for service: Fee for service is based on the service we provide. This fee can be determined by:

- An hourly rate.
- A fixed dollar amount.
- A percentage of funds invested (excluding borrowed funds).
- A combination of these methods.

We can invoice you directly for our fee for service. Alternatively, some products allow an adviser service fee to be deducted from the balance of your investment.

Commissions: Some product providers pay commissions to RI Advice. The amount of commissions received will depend upon the type of product and the premium paid.

Important relationships

In addition to the arrangements already disclosed in the FSG under 'Important relationships and other payments', Metrowest Financial Services Pty Ltd trading as Secure Wealth Advisers also has the following arrangements:

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.

Referrals to an associated entity or related third party

We may refer you to the following associated entities or related third parties and therefore may receive a direct or indirect benefit from any referral we make to this provider.

Details on these associated entity/entities and/or related third parties are set out in the table below and specific details of any benefits we may receive from the referral will be provided in our advice documents to you. Alternatively, you can request further details about our associated entity and related third party arrangements prior to us providing you with financial advice.

We are obligated to act in your best interests when providing you with financial advice, as such we will be transparent and disclose any benefits we may receive via an associated entity or related third party in relation to our recommendations to you.

Table – Other Business Activities, Associated Entities and Related Third Parties:

| Name of Entity | Nature of association |
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| Metrowest Credit Services Pty Ltd | Simon Hodges is a Director and shareholder of Metrowest Credit Services Pty Ltd, which is an authorised credit representative. |

Please note that RI Advice is not responsible for the advice and services provided by these providers.

Privacy Notification

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with our privacy policy, which is located on our website. We will generally collect personal information directly from you. We may collect personal information about you from a third party if we believe you have authorised that third party to provide the information to us.

The main reason we collect, use and/or disclose your personal information, is to provide you with the services that you request. In addition, as a financial service provider, we are obligated to verify your identity and the source of any funds.

We provide financial services under the Australian Financial Services License of RI Advice Group Pty Ltd. RI Advice Group Pty Ltd monitors our compliance with the law and provides us with a range of support services, including the financial planning software we use. As a consequence, RI Advice Group Pty Ltd has access to your personal information and may use that information to facilitate the provision of financial services to you and to ensure we are complying with our obligations.

We may also disclose your information to external parties such as your accountant, banks, insurers, and product providers.

In order to keep our costs competitive, our Practice uses specialist business support resources that are located in the following country: The Philippines

The organisation/s we have contracted to support our business have confirmed to us they will adhere to the Australian Privacy Principles when dealing with your personal information. They will not contact you or share your information with any other party unless they have your express approval.

Please refer to our Privacy Policy for more information about how we will handle your personal information, including how to access or correct your personal information and how to make a privacy related complaint.

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