



EQUITY
INSTITUTIONAL®

TRADING ACCOUNT BUY

DIRECTION OF INVESTMENT

(Futures, Forex, Equities and Options)

INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES

The purpose of this Trading Account Buy Direction of Investment form is to collect all of the information necessary to initiate a Trading Account Investment in Futures, Forex, Equities, or Options. This direction of investment must be accompanied by a completed application and all other documents required by the trading company to open an account.

Please be aware that investments cannot be completed until a retirement account has been established, funds are available, and a completed form with supporting documents are submitted. For assistance please contact your Forex Team.

IMPORTANT!

Equity Trust Company does not investigate, sponsor, or endorse any investment product. You assume sole responsibility for the success or failure of your investments. You are responsible for directing the investment of assets in your account. Equity Trust Company does not provide any investment advice, or recommend or evaluate the merits or suitability of any investment.

If Equity Trust Company's services were suggested by a financial representative, such person is not an agent, employee, representative, or affiliate of Equity Trust Company. Equity Trust Company is not responsible for and is not bound by any representations, warranties, statements or agreements made by any financial representative.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Submit a signed application and all other documents required by the trading company to open an account.

SUBMISSION OPTIONS

BY FAX:

(440) 365-1442

OVERNIGHT:

Equity Trust Company
Attn: Forex Team
1 Equity Way
Westlake, OH 44145

REGULAR MAIL:

Equity Trust Company
Attn: Forex Team
P.O. Box 451159
Westlake, OH 44145

BY E-MAIL:

KeyAccounts@EquityInstitutional.com.

DO NOT FAX OR MAIL THIS COVER PAGE

INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED - NO BANK GUARANTEE - MAY LOSE VALUE

1 ACCOUNT HOLDER INFORMATION

ACCOUNT HOLDER NAME		ACCOUNT NUMBER
PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER	SECONDARY PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS

2 FUTURES, FOREX, EQUITIES & OPTIONS ACCOUNT INFORMATION

YOU ARE OPENING A TRADING ACCOUNT WITH A COMPANY OUTSIDE OF EQUITY TRUST COMPANY.

This Trading Account Direction of Investment must be accompanied by a completed application and all other documents required by the trading company to open an account. With a **Self-Directed Trading Account** an investor designates an account custodian but still makes his/her own decisions about what stocks, bonds, and mutual funds to buy. With a **Managed Trading Account** the authority is given to a broker or someone else to buy and sell securities, either absolutely or subject to certain restrictions. Choose an option below. **Note: All trades performed within this trading account will be executed by and/or through the trading company. Equity Trust Company will not execute trades in this account.**

Please fill in the box corresponding to the type of trading account you are opening:

<input type="checkbox"/> SELF-DIRECTED TRADING ACCOUNT
NAME OF TRADING COMPANY
ADDRESS OF TRADING COMPANY
TRADING COMPANY PHONE NUMBER

<input type="checkbox"/> MANAGED TRADING ACCOUNT
NAME OF TRADER/BROKER
NAME OF TRADING COMPANY
ADDRESS OF TRADING COMPANY
TRADING COMPANY PHONE NUMBER

Please note: The trading company must be registered with the National Futures Association (NFA). If the company is not registered with the NFA, Equity Trust Company will not process the investment.

3 FUTURES, FOREX, EQUITIES & OPTIONS INVESTMENT DISCLOSURES

Please read and initial.

_____ I understand that I am directing Equity Trust Company to open a Trading Account for my Self-Directed Individual Retirement Account with the trading company listed in Section 2 above. I understand that Equity Trust Company is acting solely as a passive custodian for my retirement account, at my express direction, and has no discretionary control of or authority over my retirement account or the trading account in terms of the investments or transfers made in these accounts or the individuals or firms with which these accounts trade or the manner in which the trading account is managed or administered.

_____ I understand that this type of investment is highly speculative and contains a high degree of risk. I have reviewed the investment and acknowledge that the investment is prudent and that it is suitable for my retirement objectives.

_____ I understand that the trading company or broker listed in Section 2 above, will provide to me statements showing all activity within my trading account. I further understand that Equity Trust Company will only report the beginning and ending quarterly balances for this trading account on its quarterly statements and that Equity Trust Company will be relying on reports from the trading company or broker to determine and report these balances.

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Account Holder's Signature

Date

Account Number _____

4 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

You must submit the following supporting documents along with this form.

- A signed application and all other documents required by the trading company to open an account.

HAVE YOU TITLED YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CORRECTLY?

- I am making an investment titled directly to my account. Investment titling shown in "quotations"
"EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO (ACCOUNT HOLDER'S NAME) IRA or HSA or CESA"
- I am making an investment titled directly to my Qualified Plan. **Please contact a Client Service Representative to obtain the correct titling for your qualified plan.**
- I am making an investment titled directly to my Beneficiary Account.
"EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO (ACCOUNT HOLDER'S NAME) BENEFICIARY OF DCD (DECEASED INDIVIDUAL'S NAME) IRA"

TITLING When purchasing an asset for your account it is imperative that it is properly titled. Equity Trust will not accept any investments which are not properly titled.

MAIL AND/OR FAX PROCESSED DOCUMENTS

All processed documents will be mailed to the address listed below. If you would like to have the documents faxed before they are mailed, please complete the fax and mail sections. If an address is not provided, the document(s) will be mailed to the client address on file.

FAX	FAX NUMBER		ATTENTION	
MAIL	MAIL TO			
	ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP CODE
	<input type="checkbox"/> Send Overnight Mail* <input type="checkbox"/> Send Regular Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Mail Documents with the Check			

*Additional fees may apply, see current fee schedule.

5 PAYMENT OF FEES

How would you like to pay for any service related fees associated with this transaction?

Choose a payment method: ☐ Deduct Fees from Account ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Credit Card on file

NOTE: By checking Credit Card on file, you authorize Equity Trust Company to charge your credit card for all service related fees associated with this transaction (if applicable). To add, change, or update a credit card please visit www.myequity.com. **If a payment method is not selected, fees will be deducted from the account.**

X

Account Holder's Signature _____

Date _____

Account Number _____

6 INVESTMENT FUNDING INFORMATION

 Is this a New Purchase? ☐ or an Additional Purchase? ☐ IRN # _____

Note: An additional purchase or add-on occurs when additional funds are sent out for *additional shares or a percentage of ownership* that was previously purchased by your account.

AVAILABLE CASH FUNDS: Funds received into Equity Trust Company may not be immediately available for use by the client, based on the method of payment. Funds must be available for processing fees and will be deducted from your account on the date of the transaction.

☐ **SEND FUNDS BY WIRE***

REQUESTED AMOUNT OF FUNDS

BANK NAME

BANK PHONE NUMBER

ABA ROUTING # (9 DIGITS)

ACCOUNT NUMBER

FOR CREDIT TO

FOR FURTHER CREDIT TO

If you are sending funds overseas, please contact your Client Service Team for more information.

☐ **SEND FUNDS BY CHECK**

REQUESTED AMOUNT OF FUNDS

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO

MAIL CHECK TO

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

☐ CASHIER'S CHECK*

☐ REGULAR CHECK OVERNIGHT MAIL*

☐ REGULAR CHECK REGULAR MAIL

**Additional fees may apply, see current fee schedule.*

X

Account Holder's Signature

Date

IMPORTANT: Please Ensure That You Read The Following Disclosures Before You Sign And Date These Documents

1. Equity Trust Company (Custodian) does not offer any investment advice, nor does it endorse any investment, investment product or investment strategy; and Custodian does not endorse any financial advisor, representative, broker, or other party involved with an investment selected by me. It is my own responsibility to perform proper due diligence with regard to any such representative, financial advisor, broker or other party. Any review performed by Custodian with respect to investment shall be solely for Custodian's own purposes of determining the administrative feasibility of the investment and in no way should be construed as an endorsement of any investment, investment company or investment strategy. In addition the acceptance of any investment should not be construed as an endorsement of any investment, investment company or investment strategy.

2. This investment is not FDIC insured and may lose value. In addition the investment selected by the undersigned may lack liquidity; may be speculative and involve a high degree of risk; and may result in a complete loss of the investment. Any loss sustained in my Account will not affect my retirement income standard; and if a mandatory distribution arises, I will have the ability through my IRA and/or other retirement accounts to meet any mandatory distribution requirements.

3. Neither Custodian nor any employee or agent of Custodian has selected or recommended any investment for me; and neither Custodian nor any employee or agent of Custodian has acted as a broker-dealer or salesperson in completing any purchase or sale of an investment of a security for me, except where Custodian may purchase or sell a publicly-held security on my behalf, at my own direction through its affiliate that receives a commission for such transaction.

4. Custodian is neither an agent nor a representative of any investment program or other entity in which or with which I may invest; and any salesperson, promoter, financial advisor, broker or other party involved in the purchase or sale of my investment shall be considered my own agent and representative and not the agent or representative of Custodian. Custodian has no duty or responsibility to investigate or make recommendations as to my choice of agent. Custodian shall not be responsible for or bound by any representations, warranties, statements or commitments made by such party.

5. Custodian is acting solely as a passive Custodian to hold Account assets and in no other capacity, an affiliate may receive a commission in connection with the unsolicited purchase or sale of a publicly-traded security. Custodian has no responsibility to question any investment directions given by me or any appointed financial representative. I further understand that Custodian does not compensate nor receive compensation from the undersigned chosen representative.

6. Custodian shall be under no obligation or duty to investigate, analyze, monitor, verify title to or otherwise evaluate any investment contemplated herein, or to obtain or maintain insurance coverage (whether liability, property or otherwise) with respect to any assets or investment purchased by me. Custodian shall not be responsible to take any action should there be any default with regard to this investment.

7. It is not the responsibility of Custodian to review the prudence, merits, viability or suitability of any investment made by me or to determine whether the investment is acceptable under ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code or any other applicable law. I understand that certain transactions are prohibited in individual retirement accounts and qualified retirement plans under Section 4975 of the Internal Revenue Code. I further understand that the determination of a prohibited transaction depends on the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. Custodian will make no determination as to whether my investment is prohibited.

I further understand that should my Account engage in a prohibited transaction, my account will incur a taxable distribution as well as possible penalties. I represent to Custodian that I have consulted with my own legal and accounting advisors to ensure that my investment does not constitute a prohibited transaction and that my investment complies with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and requirements including without limitation that the offering entity or individual is not a disqualified person under IRC 4975 (e) (2), nor a "party in interest" as defined in ERISA section 3 (14). In the event any investment for my retirement account produces taxable income (unrelated or debt financed) pursuant to IRC 511-514, I agree to prepare or have prepared for me, the required 990T tax form along with a direction of investment authorizing the Custodian to pay taxes from my account. Forms need to be submitted to the Custodian for filing 5 days prior to the date on which they are due.

8. Custodian does not provide legal or tax services or advice with respect to my investment; and the undersigned releases and indemnifies, and agrees to hold harmless and defend Custodian in the event that my investment or sale of assets pursuant to the Direction of Investment violates any federal or state law or regulation or otherwise results in a disqualification, penalty, fine or tax imposed upon the Account, Custodian or the undersigned.

9. Custodian shall be fully protected in acting upon any instrument, certificate or paper believed to be genuine and to be signed or presented by the proper person or persons whether or not by facsimile or other copy, and Custodian shall be under no duty to make any

investigation or inquiry as to any statement contained in any such writing, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the truth and accuracy of the statements therein contained.

10. The undersigned represents to Custodian that if my investment is a "security" under applicable federal or state securities laws, such investment has been registered or is exempt from registration under federal and state securities laws; and the undersigned releases and waives all claims against Custodian for its role in carrying out the instructions of the undersigned with respect to such investment. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing representation is being relied upon by Custodian in accepting the undersigned's direction of investment and agrees to indemnify Custodian with respect to all costs, expenses (including attorneys' fees), fines, penalties, liabilities, damages, actions, judgments and claims arising out of such investment and/or a breach of the foregoing representation.

11. The undersigned authorizes and directs Custodian to execute and deliver, on behalf of my Account, any and all documents delivered to Custodian in connection with my investment; and Custodian shall have no responsibility to verify or determine that any such documents are complete, accurate or constitute the documents necessary to comply with this direction.

12. Custodian shall only be responsible to comply with those investment directions given by the undersigned to purchase, retain and/or sell assets obtainable by Custodian "over-the-counter" or on a recognized exchange or otherwise, including, without limitation, bank deposits, real property, promissory notes and other indebtedness, mortgages, viaticals, securities, interests in partnerships and limited liability companies, accounts receivable, security interests, etc.; provided in each case that the investment may be obtained by Custodian and is compatible with its administrative and operational requirements and framework, as determined by Custodian, in its sole discretion. The undersigned agrees that any documents sent to the undersigned by Custodian in connection with my investment shall be deemed approved by the undersigned, unless written notice to the contrary is received by Custodian within five (5) days after delivery of such documents by Custodian. Custodian has no duty or responsibility to disburse any payment for my investment without my express direction. I agree to furnish Custodian with payment instructions utilizing Custodian's Direction of Investment form. Custodian also has the right not to effect any transaction/investment which it deems to be beyond the scope of its administrative capabilities or expertise Custodian has no responsibility to forward to me any documents or notifications regarding my investment and I agree that it is my own responsibility to assure delivery of all such notices and documents to me. Custodian shall have no duty or obligation to notify the undersigned with respect to any information, knowledge, irregularities or concerns of Custodian relating to my investment or my financial advisor, broker, agent, promoter or representative, except as to civil pleadings or court orders received by Custodian.

13. Custodian shall use reasonable efforts to acquire or sell investments in accordance with the directions of the undersigned within a reasonable period of time after Custodian has received an investment direction and Custodian shall make reasonable efforts to notify the undersigned if Custodian is unable or unwilling to comply with an investment direction. Custodian shall, subject to the foregoing, remit funds as directed, but has no responsibility to verify or assure that such funds have been invested to purchase or acquire the asset selected by me. The undersigned consents to the fee schedule of Custodian as in effect, as may be modified from time to time. The undersigned understands that Valuations of illiquid assets (assets that are not traded on a public exchange) are generally reported at cost, or values provided to us by issuers, program sponsors, Retirement Account owners or estimates of value. These values are only for guidance or reporting purposes and should not be deemed an accurate representation of true fair market value of the asset. Where no readily available market information exists assets may be designated "not available".

14. Custodian's responsibilities and duties shall be limited to those expressly provided herein and under Custodian's IRA Adoption Agreement and/or custodial account agreement as in effect from time to time; and Custodian shall have no liability to the undersigned, whether for negligence, breach of fiduciary duty or otherwise, except for a breach of the terms of this Agreement, the IRA Adoption Agreement, or custodial account agreement of Custodian as may be in effect from time to time.

15. The undersigned agrees to reimburse or advance to Custodian, on demand, all legal fees, expenses, costs, fines and penalties incurred or to be incurred in connection with the defense, contest or prosecution of any claim made, threatened or asserted pertaining to the undersigned's investment through Custodian, including, without limitation, claims asserted by the undersigned, any state or federal regulatory authority or self regulatory organization.

The undersigned releases and indemnifies, holds harmless and defends Custodian from any and all claims, damages, liability, actions, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) and responsibility for any loss resulting to the Account, the undersigned or to any beneficiary or incurred by Custodian, in connection with or by reason of any sale or investment made or other action taken (or omitted to be taken) pursuant to and/or in connection with the above Direction or resulting from serving as Custodian hereunder.

My Account is self-directed and I, alone, am responsible for the selection, due diligence, management, review and retention of all investments in my account. I agree that the Custodian is not a "fiduciary" for my account, as said term is defined in the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA or any other applicable federal, state or local laws. I hereby direct the custodian, in a passive capacity, to enact this transaction for my account, in accordance with my adoption agreement.

SIGN and DATE

By signing below you are indicating you have read and understand the attached four (4) pages.

ACCOUNT HOLDER SIGNATURE	DATE	CUSTODIAN SIGNATURE	DATE
ACCOUNT NUMBER			