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Form 5305-A under section 408(a) of the  
Internal Revenue Code.

FORM (Rev. Feb. 2021)

The depositor named on the application is establishing a Traditional individual retirement account under IRS Code section 408(a) to provide for his or her retirement and for the support of his or her beneficiaries after death.

The custodian named on the application has given the depositor the disclosure statement required by Regulations section 1.408-6.

The depositor has assigned the custodial account the sum indicated on the application.

The depositor and the custodian make the following agreement:

#### ARTICLE I

Except in the case of a rollover contribution described in section 402(c), 403(a)(4), 403(b)(8), 408(d)(3), or 457(e)(16), an employer contribution to a simplified employee pension plan as described in section 408(k) or a recharacterized contribution described in section 408A(d)(6), the custodian will accept only cash contributions up to \$6,000 per year for tax years 2019 through 2021. For individuals who have reached the age of 50 by the end of the year, the contribution limit is increased to \$7,000 per year for tax years 2019 through 2021. For years after 2021, these limits will be increased to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment, if any.

#### ARTICLE II

The depositor's interest in the balance in the custodial account is nonforfeitable.

#### ARTICLE III

1. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in life insurance contracts, nor may the assets of the custodial account be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund (within the meaning of section 408(a)(5)).
2. No part of the custodial account funds may be invested in collectibles (within the meaning of section 408(m)) except as otherwise permitted by section 408(m)(3), which provides an exception for certain gold, silver, and platinum coins, coins issued under the laws of any state, and certain bullion.

#### ARTICLE IV

1. Notwithstanding any provision of this agreement to the contrary, the distribution of the depositor's interest in the custodial account shall be made in accordance with the following requirements and shall otherwise comply with section 408(a)(6) and the regulations thereunder, the provisions of which are herein incorporated by reference.
2. The depositor's entire interest in the custodial account must be, or begin to be, distributed not later than the depositor's required beginning date, April 1 following the calendar year in which the depositor reaches age 72. By that date, the depositor may elect, in a manner acceptable

to the custodian, to have the balance in the custodial account distributed in: (a) A single sum or (b) Payments over a period not longer than the life of the depositor or the joint lives of the depositor and his or her designated beneficiary.

3. If the depositor dies before his or her entire interest is distributed to him or her, the remaining interest will be distributed as follows:
  - (a) If the depositor dies on or after the required beginning date and:
    - (i) the designated beneficiary is the depositor's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the surviving spouse's life expectancy as determined each year until such spouse's death, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below if longer. Any interest remaining after the spouse's death will be distributed over such spouse's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year of the spouse's death and reduced by one for each subsequent year, or, if distributions are being made over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below, over such period.
    - (ii) the designated beneficiary is not the depositor's surviving spouse, the remaining interest will be distributed over the beneficiary's remaining life expectancy as determined in the year following the death of the depositor and reduced by one for each subsequent year, or over the period in paragraph (a)(iii) below if longer.
    - (iii) there is no designated beneficiary, the remaining interest will be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of the depositor as determined in the year of the depositor's death and reduced by one for each subsequent year.
  - (b) If the depositor dies before the required beginning date, the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraph (i) below or, if elected or there is no designated beneficiary, in accordance with paragraph (ii) below.
    - (i) The remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) above (but not over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), starting by the end of the calendar year following the year of the depositor's death. If, however, the designated beneficiary is the depositor's surviving spouse, then this distribution is not required to begin before the end of the calendar year in which the depositor would have reached age 72. But, in such case, if the depositor's surviving spouse dies before distributions are required to begin, then the remaining interest will be distributed in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii) above (but not

over the period in paragraph (a)(iii), even if longer), over such spouse's designated beneficiary's life expectancy, or in accordance with paragraph (ii) below if there is no such designated beneficiary.

- (ii) The remaining interest will be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the depositor's death.
4. If the depositor dies before his or her entire interest has been distributed and if the designated beneficiary is not the depositor's surviving spouse, no additional contributions may be accepted in the account.
5. The minimum amount that must be distributed each year, beginning with the year containing the depositor's required beginning date, is known as the "required minimum distribution" and is determined as follows:
  - (a) The required minimum distribution under paragraph 2(b) for any year, beginning with the year the depositor reaches age 72, is the depositor's account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the distribution period in the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if the depositor's designated beneficiary is his or her surviving spouse, the required minimum distribution for a year shall not be more than the depositor's account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the number in the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. The required minimum distribution for a year under this paragraph (a) is determined using the depositor's (or, if applicable, the depositor and spouse's) attained age (or ages) in the year.
  - (b) The required minimum distribution under paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i) for a year, beginning with the year following the year of the depositor's death (or the year the depositor would have reached age 72, if applicable under paragraph 3(b)(i)) is the account value at the close of business on December 31 of the preceding year divided by the life expectancy (in the single life table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9) of the individual specified in such paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b)(i).
  - (c) The required minimum distribution for the year the depositor reaches age 72 can be made as late as April 1 of the following year. The required minimum distribution for any other year must be made by the end of such year.
6. The owner of two or more Traditional IRAs may satisfy the minimum distribution requirements described above by taking from one Traditional IRA the amount required to satisfy the requirement for another in accordance with the regulations under section 408(a)(6).

#### **ARTICLE V**

1. The depositor agrees to provide the custodian with all information necessary to prepare any reports required by section 408(i) and Regulations sections 1.408-5 and 1.408-6.
2. The custodian agrees to submit to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and depositor the reports prescribed by the IRS.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

Notwithstanding any other articles which may be added or incorporated, the provisions of Articles I through III and this sentence will be controlling. Any additional articles inconsistent with section 408(a) and the related regulations will be invalid.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

This agreement will be amended as necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code and the related regulations. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear on the application.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

8.01 **Definitions** – In this part of this agreement (Article VIII), the words "you" and "your" mean the depositor. The words "we," "us," and "our" mean the custodian. The word "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code, and "regulations" means the Treasury regulations.

8.02 **Notices, Delivery, Electronic Signature and Change of Address** –

#### **CONSENT FOR ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURES UNDER THE ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT**

The Traditional IRA Account Application (Application) includes the Account Agreement provisions, the Fee Schedule and the Traditional IRA Custodial Account Disclosures documents together as one which have been presented to you prior to executing the Application. By completing this IRA Application online, you agree to be bound by all terms and conditions contained in the Application.

#### **Consent to Electronic Delivery of Statements and Other Communications**

By consenting to the terms and conditions of this Application, you agree to receive the following communications electronically: periodic statements, disclosures, notices (including Amendment changes), agreements, changes to terms and conditions, records, documents, tax statements, Privacy Notice, and all other information we provide to you. We may deliver these communications to you through your online access, by email or by using other electronic methods allowed pursuant to applicable laws and regulations. However, we reserve the right to deliver any communication to you as a paper copy, rather than electronically. Your consent remains in effect until you give us notice that you are withdrawing it and covers all communications, including those related to any product or service offered either now or in the future.

#### **Consent to Electronic Signature**

By consenting to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, you agree that "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by me with the intent to sign the record. You understand that processes such as multifactor authentication serves as a valid, legal signature and confirm that Custodian may rely on and accept my electronic signature as a valid direction.

#### **Withdrawal of Consent**

You may contact us in any of the ways described below to withdraw your consent to receive any future communication electronically or to providing an electronic signature. Please refer to the Fee Schedule for any fee that may apply for paper copies. If you wish to receive electronic communications after you have withdrawn your consent or wish to begin using the electronic signature processes, please contact Horizon Trust Company at the phone number or address below.

#### **IMPORTANT**

It is your responsibility to provide and maintain a current email and residential address with us. We may treat an invalid email address or the subsequent malfunction of a previously valid email address as a withdrawal of your consent to receive electronic communication. We will not impose a fee to process the withdrawal of your consent; however, fees may apply to paper copies mailed. Withdrawal of your consent to receive electronic communications will be effective only after we have a reasonable period of time to process your withdrawal. All communications in either electronic or paper format from us to you will be considered "in writing."

#### **Paper Delivery of Disclosures and Notices**

You have the right to receive a paper copy of any communication sent electronically. To receive a paper copy, you may request it in writing by sending your request to: Horizon Trust Correspondence, PO BOX 27068, Newark NJ 07101 or calling us at 888-205-6036. You may have to pay a fee for the paper copy unless charging a fee is prohibited by law.

#### **How to Update Your Records**

It is your responsibility to provide us with true, accurate and complete email address, contact, and other information related to your account. You must promptly notify us of any changes in this information. You can update your information by calling us, or by writing us at the address above, and we will provide an appropriate form for you to sign.

#### **Equipment and Software Requirements**

In order to view and retain electronic communications that we make available to you, you must have:

- A PC or other device with an Internet browser that has "cookies" enabled and supports 128 bit encryption
- An Internet connection
- An email address
- A PDF viewer (such as Adobe Reader)
- A printer or computer with sufficient electronic storage space

All communications shall be delivered to the last address we have on file for you. These notices will be sent through electronic delivery (email) and will be considered delivered the same day as sent. If you have opted out of electronic delivery, communications sent to you through the United States Postal Service are considered delivered 5 business days after the postmark date. It is your responsibility to notify the Custodian of any email address change or residential address change. We will not be held liable for any losses or damages if you have not provided Custodian with the most current address information. The electronically signed copy of this

document should be considered equivalent to a printed hard copy form. It is considered a true and complete record of the document, admissible in arbitration and/or administrative hearings or proceedings. Your electronic signature on the Application and other electronic forms such as the Investment Direction are considered valid and the same as if the paper form or Application were signed.

8.03

#### **Representations and Responsibilities**

- a. *In General.* You represent and warrant to us that any information you have given or will give us with respect to this agreement is complete and accurate. Further, you agree that any directions you give us or action you take will be in compliance with applicable laws and proper under this agreement, and that we are entitled to rely upon any such information or directions. If we fail to receive directions from you regarding any transaction, if we receive ambiguous directions regarding any transaction, or if we, in good faith, believe that any transaction requested is in dispute, we reserve the right to take no action until further clarification acceptable to us is received from you or the appropriate government or judicial authority. We will not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from your directions to us or your actions or failures to act, or for our exercising our right to take no action until we have received further clarification acceptable to us, and you agree to reimburse and indemnify us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions, or failures to act. We will not be responsible for any penalties, taxes, judgments, or expenses you incur in connection with your IRA. We have no duty to determine whether your contributions or distributions comply with the Code, regulations, rulings, or this agreement.

We may permit you to appoint, through written notice acceptable to us, an authorized agent to act on your behalf with respect to this agreement (e.g., attorney-in-fact, executor, administrator, and investment manager); we have no duty to determine the validity of such appointment or any instrument appointing such authorized agent. We will not be responsible for losses of any kind that may result from directions, actions, or failures to act by your authorized agent, and you agree to reimburse and indemnify us for any loss we may incur as a result of such directions, actions, or failures to act by your authorized agent.

You will have 60 days after you receive any documents, statements, or other information from us to notify us in writing of any errors or inaccuracies reflected in these documents, statements, or other information. If you do not notify us within 60 days, the documents, statements, or other information will be deemed correct and accurate, and we will have no further liability or obligation for such documents, statements, other information, or the transactions described therein.

By performing services under this agreement we are acting as your agent. You acknowledge and agree that nothing in this agreement will be construed as conferring fiduciary status upon us. We will not be



required to perform any additional services unless specifically agreed to under the terms and conditions of this agreement, or as required under the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder with respect to IRAs. We may employ agents and organizations for the purpose of performing administrative or other custodial- related services with respect to your IRA for which we otherwise have responsibility under this agreement, and the limitations on our duties to you under this agreement or otherwise will also apply with respect to each agent or organization so employed. You represent to us that if a mandatory distribution arises, you will have the means through your IRA and/or other retirement accounts to meet any mandatory distribution requirements. You agree to release, indemnify, and hold us harmless for any and all claims, actions, proceedings, damages, judgments, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorneys' fees) arising from or in connection with this agreement.

To the extent written instructions or notices are required under this agreement, we may accept or provide such information in any other form permitted by the Code or applicable regulations including, but not limited to, electronic communication.

- b. *Prohibited Transactions.* You understand that certain transactions are prohibited in IRA plans under the Code, and specifically Code section 4975. You further understand that the determination of a prohibited transaction depends on the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. You understand that we have no obligation or duty to make a determination, and accordingly will make no determination, as to whether any IRA investment is prohibited. You further understand that should your IRA engage in a prohibited transaction, you will incur a taxable distribution as well as possible penalties. You agree that we are not responsible for any losses, taxes, penalties, or any other consequences resulting from any investment or transaction that constitutes a prohibited transaction. You represent to us that you have consulted or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that none of your directions, instructions, transactions, or IRA investments will constitute a prohibited transaction and that your IRA investments will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and requirements.
- c. *Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT).* Since your IRA is a tax- exempt organization under the Code, if your IRA earns income from an investment that uses debt financing or that is derived from a business regarded as not related to the exempt purpose of your IRA, it may be subject to the so-called "unrelated business income tax" if it is in excess of permitted thresholds. For example, income from an IRA investment in a partnership generally will result in unrelated business taxable income. In the event that your investment of IRA assets results in taxable income (unrelated or debt- financed) under the Code (or other rules) for any taxable year, you agree to

prepare or have prepared the applicable returns, an application for employer identification number (if not previously obtained), and any other documents that may be required, and to submit them to us for filing with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) (or any other governmental entity), at least five days before the date on which the return is due for such taxable year, along with an appropriate payment directive authorizing us to execute the forms on behalf of your IRA and to pay the applicable unrelated business income tax from your IRA. You understand that we have no obligation or duty to prepare or have prepared such documents. You agree, however, that we may prepare any forms, returns, or other required documentation if you do not provide them in time. All taxes and the expenses incurred in preparing such documentation will be considered your IRA's expense and may be debited from your IRA. If your IRA has insufficient liquid assets to pay these expenses, you may pay them yourself. Certain IRA reimbursements are considered annual contributions. To ensure proper governmental reporting, you must inform us of any IRA expense that you pay for outside your IRA.

- d. *Listed Transactions and Reportable Transactions.* You understand that certain transactions are or may be identified by the IRS as abusive tax shelter schemes or transactions. You further understand that the determination of a listed or reportable transaction may depend upon the facts and circumstances that surround the particular transaction. We have no duty to make a determination as to whether any IRA investment constitutes a listed or reportable transaction. You represent to us that you have consulted or will consult with your own tax or legal professional to ensure that any listed or reportable transactions engaged in by your IRA are identified. You further represent and acknowledge to us that with respect to any listed or reportable transaction you are considered the entity manager who approved or caused your IRA to be a party to the transaction and that you are responsible for: reporting each such transaction to the IRS, using the applicable IRS form; paying any applicable excise taxes, using the applicable IRS form; disclosing to us that such transaction was a prohibited tax shelter transaction; and directing us as to any necessary corrective action to be taken by your IRA.
- e. *Passive Custodian Provides No Investment Advice.* From time to time, we may provide general investment information regarding the products we offer through various media including webinars, newsletters, social media posts, our website, and other forums, which you acknowledge and agree is not intended to be investment advice. Similarly, you acknowledge and agree that we may participate in events with other organizations in our industry, which is not and should not be interpreted as our endorsement of any of the participating organizations. You further acknowledge and agree that we are strictly a passive custodian and as such do not provide legal or tax services or advice with respect to your IRA investments; and you release, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless and defend

us in the event that any investment or sale of your IRA assets pursuant to a Direction of Investment form violates any federal or state law or regulation or otherwise results in a disqualification, penalty, fine, or tax imposed upon you, your IRA, or us.

- f. *Investment Conforms to All Applicable Securities Laws.* You represent to us that if any investment by your IRA 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 you release and waive all claims against us for our role in carrying out your instructions with respect to such investment. You acknowledge that the foregoing representation is being relied upon by us in accepting your investment directions and you agree to indemnify us 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, including, without limitation, claims asserted by you.
- g. *Custodian Not Responsible for Insurance.* We will not bear or assume any responsibility to notify you about or to secure or maintain fire, casualty, liability, or other insurance coverage on any personal or real property held by your IRA or that serves as collateral under any mortgage or other security instrument held by your IRA with respect to any promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness. It is incumbent upon you as the IRA owner to arrange for such insurance as you determine necessary or appropriate to protect your IRA assets and to direct us in writing as to the payment of any premiums therefore. Furthermore it is your responsibility to determine that payment has been made upon your written request by verifying same with your IRA statements. We will not be responsible for notification or payments of any insurance premiums, real estate taxes, utilities, or other charges with respect to any investment held in your IRA, unless you specifically direct us to pay the same in writing and sufficient funds are available to pay same from your IRA. Furthermore, it is your responsibility to determine that payment has been made from the IRA. You must use an appropriate Payment Directive form available from us within a sufficient period of time for such direction to be accomplished in accordance with our normal business practices (without regard to whether we have undertaken efforts to comply with such directive).
- h. *Fees.* We have the right to charge establishment, document, and custodial fees, as well as other designated fees (e.g., a transfer, rollover, or termination fee) for maintaining your IRA. In addition, and as described in more detail in Section 8.09, we have the right to collect or otherwise receive as an additional fee any interest or other income earned or generated from any Uninvested Cash Funds (as defined in Section 8.09), and to be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses, including legal expenses, we incur in connection with the administration of

your IRA. We may charge you separately for any fees or expenses, or we may deduct the amount of the fees or expenses from the assets in your IRA at our discretion. We shall not incur any liability from initiating the sale of assets to collect the fees and expenses. We reserve the right to charge any additional, reasonable fee to you after giving you 30 days' notice. Fees such as sub-accounting and other service fees may be paid to us or an associated business by third parties for assistance in performing certain transactions with respect to this IRA. In addition, we or an associated business may receive other income from third parties in connection with performing such services or the purchase and sale of publicly traded securities, privately held securities, or any other assets that may or may not be deemed to be securities, which you may have directed us to purchase or sell.

Non-custodial fees and expenses (property management fees, property tax, etc.) associated with your IRA or IRA investments generally must be paid from the IRA. Based on facts and circumstances, certain fees may be paid outside of your IRA. We will not determine what fees may be paid outside of your IRA. If you choose to pay any IRA fees or expenses with assets outside of your IRA, you represent to us that you have consulted with your tax or legal professional to make this determination.

- i. *All Invoices Are Due and Payable Upon Receipt.* If such charge cannot be paid from your IRA assets (e.g., if your IRA does not contain sufficient cash assets), we will submit an invoice to you for all outstanding fees and expenses plus any applicable invoice costs and late charges. IRA expenses that you pay out of pocket may be considered regular IRA contributions, which are reported to the IRS and are subject to the annual contribution limitations. To collect such fees and/or expenses we may, and you expressly authorize us to, bill any credit card we have in our records related to your IRA, collect from any Uninvested Cash Funds held in your IRA, and/or liquidate sufficient investments in your IRA in accordance with Section 8.17 of this Article to pay such fees and expenses.
- Any brokerage commissions attributable to the assets in your IRA will be charged to your IRA. Any reimbursements to your IRA for those commissions are considered IRA contributions and are subject to the annual IRA contribution limitations.
- j. *Interest and Earnings.* We may perform sub-accounting, recordkeeping, administrative or other services related to your IRA, and for these services we retain and receive interest and other income from assets that you have not directed us to invest. This income includes amounts generated on the Uninvested Cash Funds that we deposit with other financial institutions.

**8.04 Limitation on Damages** – You agree that the entire liability of us and our officers, directors, employees, members, agents, licensors, subsidiaries, affiliates, parents and representatives (collectively, "Custodian Parties"), and your exclusive remedy in any cause of

action based on contract, tort, warranty, negligence, or otherwise in connection with any services rendered pursuant to this agreement or otherwise furnished by us to you, shall be limited to the total fees paid by you to us.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE WE OR ANY CUSTODIAN PARTIES SUBJECT TO OR LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, EXEMPLARY OR SIMILAR DAMAGES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES OR COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF LOSS OF TIME, LOSS OF SAVINGS, LOSS OF DATA, LOSS OF REVENUES AND/OR PROFITS, WHETHER FORESEEABLE OR UNFORESEEABLE, THAT MAY ARISE OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SERVICES RENDERED PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT OR OTHERWISE FURNISHED BY US TO YOU, REGARDLESS IF SUCH DAMAGES ARE BASED IN CONTRACT, TORT, WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE, OR OTHERWISE.

**8.05 TIME TO BRING LEGAL ACTION; TWO YEAR**

**LIMITATIONS PERIOD** – An action for breach of this agreement, or any obligation arising therefrom, must be commenced within two years after the cause of action has accrued.

**8.06 Class Action Waiver – EACH PARTY MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER ONLY IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF, REPRESENTATIVE OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PUTATIVE CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING.**

The arbitrator will have no authority to arbitrate a class, collective, representative or group claim/action and will have no authority to make any determination as to the enforceability of this agreement's class/collective action waiver. Further, unless you and the Custodian agree otherwise, the arbitrator will have no authority to consolidate your claims with any other claims, and may not otherwise preside over any form of a class or representative proceeding.

**8.07 Arbitration** – Any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of, in connection with or relating to the performance of this agreement or its termination, including the determination of the scope or applicability of this agreement to arbitrate, will be resolved by binding arbitration before a single arbitrator in the state of our principal place of business, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA"). To the extent that any of the provisions of this agreement conflict with the any AAA rules, the express provisions of this agreement will apply. The arbitrator will be a practicing attorney or retired judge with experience with Individual Retirement Accounts and the other subject matter(s) of the claim. The arbitrator's award will be final and binding on the parties, and judgment rendered thereon may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The arbitration proceedings and arbitrator's award will be maintained by the parties and arbitrator as strictly confidential, except as is otherwise required by court order, or as is necessary to confirm, vacate or enforce the award, and for disclosure in confidence to the following representatives of a party that have a need to know and agree to keep such information confidential: attorneys, tax advisors and senior management. BY AGREEING

TO THIS ARBITRATION PROVISION, YOU AND WE ARE GIVING UP THE RIGHT TO SUE EACH OTHER IN COURT, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY.

**8.08 Disclosure of Account Information** – We may use agents, affiliates, and/ or subcontractors to assist in administering your IRA. We may release nonpublic personal information regarding your IRA to such providers as necessary to provide the products and services made available under this agreement, and to evaluate our business operations and analyze potential product, service, or process improvements. Horizon Trust as Custodian has a contractual agreement with DigitalIRA.com, LLC (DigitalIRA) and Digital Group LLC to act as a third-party to service your cryptocurrency or gold IRA Account in conjunction with BitGo Trust Company, Gemini Trust, and/or Genesis Global Capital. You acknowledge DigitalIRA may change service providers at any time without notice. Those services performed by DigitalIRA include but are not limited to client service, hosting of the client platform, administrative functions necessary to open the IRA and to facilitate the investment transactions including Video ID Verification. Your use of the third-party platform is governed by the separate Agreement. Any issues or errors arising out of the use of the third-party platform are the responsibility of third-party platform.

**8.09 Investment of Amounts in the IRA**

a. *In General.* You have exclusive responsibility for and control over the investment of the assets of your IRA. It is your responsibility as Account Owner to consult with your legal, investment or tax advisor. All transactions will be subject to any and all restrictions or limitations, direct or indirect, that are imposed by any and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations; the rules, regulations, customs, and usages of any exchange, market, or clearing house where the transaction is executed; our internal policies, standards, and practices; and this agreement. After your death, your beneficiaries will have the right to direct the investment of your IRA assets, subject to the same conditions that applied to you during your lifetime under this agreement (including, without limitation, Section 8.03). We will not exercise the voting rights and other shareholder rights with respect to investments in your IRA unless you provide timely written directions acceptable to us according to our then current policies and procedures.

You will select the type of investment for your IRA assets, provided, however, that your selection of investments must be limited to those types of investments that comport with our internal policies, practices, and standards and are deemed administratively feasible by us. We may, or an associated business may, in our, or their, sole discretion, make available to you additional opportunities, which may include publicly traded securities, mutual funds, money market instruments, and other investments that are obtainable by us, or an associated business, and that we, or such associated business, are capable of holding in the ordinary course of business.



- b. *Custodian Acting in Passive Capacity Only.* We are acting as a passive, directed, and non-discretionary custodian in holding IRA assets. Accordingly, we are not a fiduciary (as this term is defined in the Code, ERISA, or any other applicable federal, state or local laws) with respect to your IRA, and you acknowledge and agree that we are not a fiduciary with respect to your IRA.

It is not our responsibility to review the prudence, merits, viability or suitability of any investment directed by you or your investment advisors or to determine whether the investment is acceptable under ERISA, the Code or any other applicable law. We do not offer any investment advice, nor do we endorse any investment, investment product or investment strategy; and we do not endorse any investment advisor, representative, broker, or other party selected by you. We have no responsibility to question or otherwise evaluate any investment directions given by you or by any investment advisor or representative appointed by you.

It is your responsibility to perform proper due diligence with regard to any such investment, representative, investment advisor, broker or other party. We will follow the directions of any such investment advisor, representative, broker or other party selected by you, provided you furnish us with written authorization and documentation acceptable to us, which may include a legal opinion. We will be entitled to all the same protections and indemnities in our reliance upon and execution of the directives of such investment advisor or other party as if such directives were given by you. We are under no obligation or duty to investigate, analyze, monitor, verify title to, or otherwise evaluate or perform due diligence for any investment directed by you or your investment advisor, representative or agent; nor are we responsible to notify you or take any action should there be any default or other obligation with regard to any investment. Any review performed by us with respect to an investment is solely for our own purposes of determining compliance with our internal policies, practices and standards, as we determine from time to time and the administrative feasibility of the investment and neither such review nor its acceptance should be construed in any way as an endorsement of any investment, investment company or investment strategy. We also have the right not to effect any transaction/investment that we deem to be beyond the scope of our administrative responsibilities, capabilities, or expertise or that we determine in our sole discretion does not comport with our internal policies, practices, or standards. We have no duty or obligation to notify you with respect to any information, knowledge, irregularities, or our concerns relating to your investment or your investment advisor, broker, agent, promoter, or representative, except as to civil pleadings or court orders received by us. We will use reasonable efforts to acquire or sell investments in accordance with your directions within a reasonable period of time after we have received an investment direction, and

we will make reasonable efforts to notify you if we are unable or unwilling to comply with an investment direction. Subject to the foregoing, we will remit funds as directed, but have no responsibility to verify or ensure that such funds have been invested to purchase or acquire the asset selected by you.

- c. *Investment Documentation.* In directing us with respect to any investment, you must use our Direction of Investment form or such other form acceptable to us. We may act upon any instrument, certificate, paper or transmission believed to be genuine and that is signed or presented by the proper person or persons whether or not by facsimile or other form acceptable to us. We are under no duty to make any investigation or inquiry as to any statement contained in any such communication, but may accept the same as conclusive evidence of the truth and accuracy of the statements therein contained. You authorize and direct us to execute and deliver, on behalf of your IRA, any and all documents delivered to us in connection with your IRA investments; and we have no responsibility to verify or determine that any such documents are complete, accurate, or constitute the documents necessary to comply with your investment direction. You authorize and direct us to correct errors in investment titling without notice to you and to correct other minor clerical errors with telephone or email consent from you upon verification of your identity. We will retain electronic copies of documents related to your IRA as described in Treasury Regulations section 1.408-2(e)(5)(vii) in our capacity as a recordkeeper and not as any type of safekeeping agent
- d. *Uninvested Cash Funds.* From time to time you may deposit funds with us, or we may receive funds in settlement of trades, that are not subject to a current Direction of Investment (or are awaiting your direction) (collectively referred to as "Uninvested Cash Funds"). All cash deposits are initially placed in one or more demand deposit accounts (savings or checking), including but not limited to Certificates of Deposit (CDs), investment grade bonds, "A" rated or higher life insurance companies (fixed annuities) and/or Treasury Notes, maintained by us, and your account is credited with all Uninvested Cash Funds the same business day they are received. You agree that if we receive no other instructions, Uninvested Cash Funds from your IRA shall be invested in account(s) of Custodian's choosing using a formula designed to maintain liquidity of the Uninvested Cash Funds.

Specifically, you authorize and direct us to sweep Uninvested Cash Funds automatically into Custodian's designated account(s) until such time as further direction is received from you or your designated representative(s). If FDIC insurance applies to the investments purchased with Uninvested Cash Funds, the insurance will be subject to all applicable laws and regulations, including those laws and regulations related to FDIC insurance limitations.

We may adjust the formula for investment between the accounts or replace one or both of the accounts from time to time, but only after providing you with notice of the change. You will be deemed to have consented to this change and the continued investment of any Uninvested Cash Funds in the updated account, within 30 days from the date we send the investment change notice, unless you notify us in writing that you do not consent.

You understand and agree that we are entitled to retain as part of our compensation for the services we provide under this Agreement the excess between the earnings credited to your account and any interest or other income earned or otherwise generated from the Uninvested Cash Funds deposited in such accounts. We are not required to credit a percentage of these earnings back to your account but may choose to do so at Custodian's discretion. The amount credited back to your account will be at Custodian's discretion.

If we receive moneys after hours or that otherwise cannot be immediately swept into an approved interest-bearing investment, such amounts may remain uninvested in our bank account overnight. In that case, we may also earn float on such amounts. In addition, if we issue a check on your behalf in connection with (1) distributions requested by you or (2) fees paid to third party service providers to your account, we debit your account the amount of the check and deposit the funds into a special disbursement account held by us. In that case, we will earn float on the amount of the check from the date it is issued until the date the check is presented and paid.

Because the amounts held in our bank account overnight or disbursement account are invested on an omnibus basis and not segregated from other deposit funds, attributing an exact earnings or interest factor applicable to your specific IRA is not possible. What we earn on the float depends on numerous factors such as current interest rates, credit risk, the duration of a particular investment, and our current crediting rate. However, we anticipate that our earnings on the float will be at a rate similar to that of short-term U.S. Treasury Notes, although the rate may differ from time to time.

**8.10 Beneficiaries** – If you die before you receive all of the amounts in your IRA, payments from your IRA will be made to your beneficiaries. We have no obligation to pay to your beneficiaries until such time we are notified of your death by receiving a valid death certificate.

You may designate one or more persons or entities as beneficiary of your IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during your lifetime. Each beneficiary designation you file with us will cancel all previous designations. The consent of your beneficiaries will not be required for you to revoke a beneficiary designation. If you have designated both primary and contingent beneficiaries and no primary beneficiary survives you, the contingent beneficiaries will acquire the designated share of your IRA. If you do

not designate a beneficiary or if all of your primary and contingent beneficiaries predecease you, your estate will be the beneficiary.

A spouse beneficiary will have all rights as granted under the Code or applicable regulations to treat your IRA as his or her own.

We may allow, if permitted by state law, an original IRA beneficiary (the beneficiary who is entitled to receive distributions from an inherited IRA at the time of your death) to name successor beneficiaries for the inherited IRA. This designation can only be made on a form provided by or acceptable to us, and it will only be effective when it is filed with us during the original IRA beneficiary's lifetime. Each beneficiary designation form that the original IRA beneficiary files with us will cancel all previous designations. The consent of a successor beneficiary will not be required for the original IRA beneficiary to revoke a successor beneficiary designation. If the original IRA beneficiary does not designate a successor beneficiary, his or her estate will be the successor beneficiary. In no event will the successor beneficiary be able to extend the distribution period beyond that required for the original IRA beneficiary.

If we so choose, for any reason (e.g., due to limitations of our charter or bylaws), we may require that a beneficiary of a deceased IRA owner take a total distribution of all IRA assets by December 31 of the year following the year of death. Alternatively, the beneficiary may transfer the assets to a successor trustee or custodian.

**8.11 Required Minimum Distributions** – Your required minimum distribution is calculated using the uniform lifetime table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. However, if your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary and is more than 10 years younger than you, your required minimum distribution is calculated each year using the joint and last survivor table in Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9. With respect to deaths after 2019, generally benefits should be distributed in full within 10 years. An Eligible Designated Beneficiary, which includes a surviving spouse, a child of the IRA owner under the age of majority, a disabled or chronically ill beneficiary and a beneficiary who is not more than ten years younger than the IRA Owner, has the option of taking distributions (which must begin in the year after death) based on his or her life expectancy. For beneficiaries who are minor children of the IRA accountholder, the 10-year period to fully distribute the account starts when they reach the age of majority.

If you fail to request your required minimum distribution by your required beginning date, or if the distributions are not large enough to satisfy the requirement, we can, at our complete and sole discretion, do any one of the following:

- Make no distribution until you give us a proper withdrawal request
- Distribute your entire IRA to you in a single sum payment
- Determine your required minimum distribution from your IRA each year based on your life expectancy, calculated using the uniform lifetime table in



Regulations section 1.401(a)(9)-9, and pay those distributions to you until you direct otherwise

We will not be liable for any penalties or taxes related to your failure to take a required minimum distribution or to your receipt of an amount in excess of the required minimum distribution.

**8.12 Termination of Agreement, Resignation, or Removal of Custodian** – Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving written notice to the other.

However, your termination of this agreement will not be effective until such time as all outstanding fees, costs, indemnities, penalties, expenses, or payments due to us are paid. We can resign as custodian at any time effective 30 days after we send written notice of our resignation to you through email (if an email address was provided, otherwise such notice will be sent to you through U.S. mail). Upon receipt of that notice, you must make arrangements to transfer your IRA to another financial organization. If you do not complete a transfer of your IRA within 30 days from the date we send the notice to you, we have the right to transfer your IRA assets to a successor IRA trustee or custodian that we choose in our sole discretion, or we may pay or distribute your IRA assets to you in a single sum or assignment. If we transfer your IRA, the existing IRA documents will govern your IRA relationship with the new custodian or trustee unless the successor custodian/trustee notifies you in writing of any changes and/or requires new IRA documents to be signed by you. We will not be liable for any actions or failures to act on the part of any successor trustee or custodian, nor for any tax consequences you may incur that result from the transfer or distribution of your assets pursuant to this section. If we terminate this agreement, we reserve the right to distribute your IRA assets to you “in kind” instead of in cash. This will generally result in a taxable distribution and will be reported to the IRS and to you. If we distribute your IRA assets in kind, we will not withhold federal or state income taxes. Instead, you understand and agree that we may deem you to have waived all federal and state income tax withholding on the distribution. You will still be responsible for all tax implications resulting from the distribution, and you agree not to hold us accountable for any such income tax withholding.

If this agreement is terminated, we may charge to your IRA a reasonable amount of money that we believe is necessary to cover any associated costs, including but not limited to one or more of the following:

- Any fees, expenses, or taxes chargeable against your IRA
- Any penalties or surrender charges associated with the early withdrawal of any savings instrument or other investment in your IRA. After your IRA with us is closed, if there are additional assets remaining in or subsequently credited to your IRA, we will seek to distribute or transfer such assets in accordance with your prior direction, but only after offsetting any applicable administrative expenses and custodial fees (according to our then operative fee schedule).

We may establish a policy requiring distribution of the entire balance of your IRA to you in cash or

property if the balance of your IRA drops below the minimum balance required under the applicable investment or policy established.

**8.13 Successor Custodian** – If our organization changes its name, reorganizes, merges with another organization (or comes under the control of any federal or state agency), or if our entire organization (or any portion that includes your IRA) is bought by another organization, that organization (or agency) will automatically become the trustee or custodian of your IRA, but only if it is the type of organization authorized to serve as an IRA trustee or custodian.

**8.14 Amendments** – We have the right to amend this agreement at any time. Any amendment we make, including those made to comply with the Code and related regulations, does not require your consent. You will be deemed to have consented to any other amendment unless, within 30 days from the date we send the amendment, you notify us in writing that you do not consent.

**8.15 Withdrawals or Transfers** – All requests for withdrawal or transfer will be in writing on a form provided by or acceptable to us. The method of distribution must be specified in writing or in any other method acceptable to us. The tax identification number of the recipient must be provided to us before we are obligated to make a distribution. Withdrawals will be subject to all applicable tax and other laws and regulations, including but not limited to possible early distribution penalty taxes, surrender charges, and withholding requirements.

**8.16 Transfers From Other Plans** – We can receive amounts transferred to this IRA from the trustee or custodian of another IRA as permitted by the Code. In addition, we can accept rollovers of eligible rollover distributions from employer- sponsored retirement plans as permitted by the Code. We reserve the right not to accept any transfer or direct rollover.

**8.17 Liquidation of Assets; Grant of Security Interest Upon Default**

- a. We have the right to liquidate assets in your IRA if necessary to make distributions or to pay fees, expenses, indemnities, taxes, federal tax levies, penalties, or surrender charges properly chargeable against your IRA. If you fail to direct us as to which assets to liquidate, we will decide, in our complete and sole discretion, and you agree not to hold us liable for any adverse consequences that result from our decision.
- b. If payment is not received on or before the due date listed on your invoice, a late fee will be assessed to your IRA and a Past Due Notice will be issued to you. In the event you fail to pay any fees, costs, indemnities, penalties, expenses, or payments due to us required by your Account Agreement or otherwise, and upon issuance of the Past Due Notice, we reserve the right to proceed with the process for establishing a lien on and security interest in all of your rights, title and interests in such portion of the IRA, the Uninvested Cash Funds and any other deposit, monies, accounts and other assets in such accounts or otherwise deposited with us at such

time in an amount equal to the amounts necessary to pay in full such amounts then due to us, as collateral security for the prompt and complete payment of such unpaid fees or other amounts due and owing, to the maximum extent permitted by law or regulations, at our complete and sole discretion. Upon our providing you with notice through email (or through U.S. mail if no email address was provided) of our intent to pursue such security interest, you hereby authorize us to file all financing statements and other documents and take such other actions as may from time to time be necessary or desirable in our complete and sole discretion to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of such security interest and/or authorize us to liquidate the asset(s) without your prior approval and without any further notice. You understand and agree that pursuant to Code section 408(e) the portion of any IRA funds pledged as collateral may be treated as distributed to you and subject to taxes, interest, and penalties, which you will be responsible for and agree to indemnify and hold us harmless therefrom. Such a deemed distribution may also trigger IRS Form 1099-R reporting, either when the lien is created or at some other required point.

We may, at our complete and sole discretion, liquidate sufficient asset(s) to cover outstanding fees plus one year's estimated fees, including the Account Termination Fee, and you agree not to hold us responsible for any adverse consequences that result from our decision. Upon receipt, such liquidated funds will first be applied to outstanding fees. Remaining balances, if any, will be placed into your IRA. We have no liability for any adverse tax or other financial consequences as a result of liquidating your IRA to cover the fees and charges. IRAs with past due fees, unfunded IRAs, and IRAs with zero value will continue to incur administration and maintenance fees until such time as you notify us in writing of your intent to close the IRA or of your wish that we resign. Should fees not be collected, we have the option to cease performing any functions, including, but not limited to, processing investment transactions, until such time as all fees charged against the IRA are fully paid. We may then close your IRA and distribute all assets to you, which will be reported to the IRS on Form 1099-R and may subject you to possible taxes and penalties. In the event of non-payment, we may employ a collection agency to recover any unpaid fees or expenses. You will be personally liable for all Re-registration Fees, Late Fees, Account Termination Fees, and any other fees related to collection of fees, including but not limited to, third party fees incurred.

- 8.18 **Restrictions on the Fund** – Neither you nor any beneficiary may sell, transfer, or pledge any interest in your IRA in any manner whatsoever, except as provided by law or this agreement.
- 8.19 **What Law Applies** – This agreement is subject to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. If it is necessary to apply any state law to interpret and administer this agreement, the law of the state in which

we are chartered will govern.

If any part of this agreement is held to be illegal or invalid, the remaining parts will not be affected. Neither your nor our failure to enforce at any time or for any period of time any of the provisions of this agreement will be construed as a waiver of such provisions, or your right or our right thereafter to enforce each and every such provision.

- 8.20 **Valuations Policy** – Each year (and when you take IRA distributions), we are required to report the fair market value (“FMV”) of the assets within your IRA to the IRS. The IRS definition of FMV is the price at which the asset would change hands between a willing buyer and a willing seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell, and both having a reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts. For additional guidance to determine FMV, please refer to the Code and to the Treasury Regulations.

You must provide us with a credible valuation of your IRA assets at least annually no later than 30 days after we request the valuation in order for us to generate accurate IRS reporting. You may also direct us in writing to accept and report a credible valuation of the assets provided by another party or directly from the investment provider (hereinafter designee). We may report the FMV of your IRA assets based on supporting documentation that you (or your designee) provide and that, in our sole discretion, we deem reasonable and applicable. We will not be responsible for verifying the accuracy of the FMV you or your designees provide to us. No material write-down of any prior valuation will be accepted without adequate supporting documentation and/or third-party valuation.

If you do not provide to us an acceptable IRA valuation when required, you agree that we may, but are not required to, seek a valuation determination. The expenses incurred in preparing such a valuation will be considered your IRA's expense and may be debited from your IRA. If your IRA has insufficient liquid assets to pay these expenses, you may pay them yourself. Certain IRA reimbursements may be considered annual contributions. To ensure proper governmental reporting, you must inform us of any IRA expense that you pay for outside your IRA. If we obtain a determination of the value of any asset in your IRA for recordkeeping or reporting purposes, we will use reasonable, good faith efforts. Illiquid assets can be difficult to value accurately, particularly without sometimes costly and time-consuming appraisals. Therefore, we neither guarantee the appropriateness of the appraisal techniques that we used, nor do we assume responsibility for the accuracy of the valuations obtained.

At any point after you, or your designee, fail to provide an acceptable valuation of an asset for a period exceeding 12 months, we may, but are not required to, distribute the asset to you and issue an IRS Form 1099-R using the last acceptable valuation you provided to us (or the valuation that was originally provided), as appropriate, and we shall have no responsibility or liability for the tax, legal, or other consequences related to that distribution.

We may receive documentation from investment providers or asset holders regarding assets in your IRA. We may, but are not obligated to, forward this

information to you. It will remain your sole responsibility to request and ensure you receive all applicable documentation regarding your investments.

- 8.21 **Survival** – This Article VIII, and any other provisions necessary to interpret the respective rights and obligations of the parties under this agreement, shall survive the expiration or termination of this agreement and any resignation or removal of us as custodian.

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

### **PURPOSE OF FORM**

Form 5305-A is a model custodial account agreement that meets the requirements of section 408(a). However, only Articles I through VII have been reviewed by the IRS. A Traditional individual retirement account (Traditional IRA) is established after the form is fully executed by both the individual (depositor) and the custodian. To make a regular contribution to a Traditional IRA for a year, the IRA must be established no later than the due date of the individual's income tax return for the tax year (excluding extensions). This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the depositor and his or her beneficiaries.

**Do not** file Form 5305-A with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records.

For more information on IRAs, including the required disclosures the custodian must give the depositor, see Pub. 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), and Pub. 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs).

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Custodian** – The custodian must be a bank or savings and loan association, as defined in section 408(n), or any person who has the approval of the IRS to act as custodian.

**Depositor** – The depositor is the person who establishes the custodial account.

### **TRADITIONAL IRA FOR NONWORKING SPOUSE**

Form 5305-A may be used to establish the IRA custodial account for a nonworking spouse.

Contributions to an IRA custodial account for a nonworking spouse must be made to a separate IRA custodial account established by the nonworking spouse.

### **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

**Article IV** – Distributions made under this article may be made in a single sum, periodic payment, or a combination of both. The distribution option should be reviewed in the year the depositor reaches age 70½ to ensure that the requirements of section 408(a)(6) have been met.

**Article VIII** – Article VIII and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the depositor and custodian to complete the agreement. They may include, for example, definitions, investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of the custodian, custodian's fees, state law requirements, beginning date of distributions, accepting only cash, treatment of excess contributions, prohibited transactions with the depositor, etc.



Important Update: Due to the CARES Act, the requirement to take RMDs in 2020 is waived.

The Internal Revenue Code (Code) requires that Horizon Trust Company (Custodian) provide individuals establishing an Individual Retirement Account (SEP IRA) with information which is contained in this Disclosure statement. You should read and complete the SEP IRA Account Application (Application) which includes the Account Agreement provisions above along with the SEP IRA Custodial Agreement, Disclosure Statement, and the Fee Schedule together as one which have been presented to the Account Owner prior to executing the Application.

### RIGHT TO REVOKE YOUR SEP IRA

You have the right to revoke your SEP IRA within seven days of the receipt of the disclosure statement. If revoked, you are entitled to a full return of the contribution you made to your SEP IRA. The amount returned to you would not include an adjustment for such items as sales commissions, administrative expenses, or fluctuation in market value. You may make this revocation only by mailing or delivering a written notice to the custodian at the address listed on the application.

If you send your notice by first class mail, your revocation will be deemed mailed as of the postmark date.

If you have any questions about the procedure for revoking your SEP IRA, please call the custodian at the telephone number listed on the application.

### REQUIREMENTS OF A SEP IRA

- A. **Cash Contributions** – Your contribution must be in cash, unless it is a rollover contribution, or a policy approved in-kind asset contribution.
- B. **Maximum Contribution** – The total amount your employer may contribute to a SEP IRA for any taxable year cannot exceed the lesser of 25% percent of your compensation or \$57,000 (\$56,000 for 2019), with possible cost-of-living adjustments each year thereafter. If you also maintain either a Traditional or Roth IRA you can still make regular individual contributions to your retirement account (subject to the limits of Internal Revenue Code Section (IRC Sec.) 408A).
- C. **Contribution Eligibility** – Only your employer may contribute to your SEP IRA\* (with the exception of Salary Reduction Simplified Employee Pension (SARSEP) plans established before 1997, which are entitled to make elective salary deferral contributions. For these plans that are still in operation, a participant's elective deferral contributions are limited to \$19,500 in 2020 (\$19,000 in 2019) or 25% of their compensation). \*You may make contributions to the same

account that your employer contributes to under the SEP plan, but are subject to the same contribution limits, catch-up contributions, and tax deduction limits as a traditional IRA. You can simply use the same account as if you had opened a separate Traditional IRA.

- D. **Catch-Up Contributions** – Catch-up contributions are not permitted under a SEP IRA plan (with the exception of SARSEP, which are subject to the same contribution limits as a Traditional IRA).
- E. **Nonforfeitable** – Your interest in your SEP IRA is nonforfeitable.
- F. **Eligible Custodians** – The custodian of your SEP IRA must be a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or a person or entity approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.
- G. **Commingling Assets** – The assets of your SEP IRA cannot be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
- H. **Life Insurance** – No portion of your SEP IRA may be invested in life insurance contracts.
- I. **Collectibles** – You may not invest the assets of your SEP IRA in collectibles (within the meaning of IRC Sec. 408(m)). A collectible is defined as any work of art, rug or antique, metal or gem, stamp or coin, alcoholic beverage, or other tangible personal property specified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, specially minted United States gold and silver coins, and certain state-issued coins are permissible investments. Platinum coins and certain gold, silver, platinum, or palladium bullion (as described in IRC Sec. 408(m)(3)) are also permitted as SEP IRA investments.
- J. **Required Minimum Distributions\*** – You are required to take minimum distributions from your SEP IRA at certain times in accordance with Treasury Regulation 1.408-8. Below is a summary of the SEP IRA distribution rules. ***\*Under the CARES Act, the requirement to take a required minimum distribution in 2020 is waived.***
  - 1. You are required to take a minimum distribution from your SEP IRA for the year in which you reach age 72 and for each year thereafter. You must take your first distribution by your required beginning date, which is April 1 of the year following the year you attain age 72. The minimum distribution for any taxable year is equal to the amount obtained by dividing the account balance at the end of the prior year by the applicable divisor. Under the SECURE Act of 2019 provides the change from 70½ to 72 only applies to individuals who reach age 70½ after 2019. The RMD age for individuals who

reached age 70½ before 2020 remains 70½.

2. The applicable divisor generally is determined using the Uniform Lifetime Table provided by the IRS. If your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary for the entire calendar year, and is more than 10 years younger than you, the required minimum distribution is determined each year using the actual joint life expectancy of you and your spouse obtained from the Joint Life Expectancy Table provided by the IRS, rather than the life expectancy divisor from the Uniform Lifetime Table. With respect to deaths after 2019, generally benefits should be distributed in full within 10 years. An Eligible Designated Beneficiary, which includes a surviving spouse, a child of the SEP IRA owner under the age of majority, a disabled or chronically ill beneficiary and a beneficiary who is not more than ten years younger than the SEP IRA Owner, has the option of taking distributions (which must begin in the year after death) based on his or her life expectancy. For beneficiaries who are minor children of the SEP IRA account holder, the 10-year period to fully distribute the account starts when they reach the age of majority.

We reserve the right to do any one of the following by April 1 of the year following the year in which you turn age 72.

- (a) Make no distribution until you give us a proper withdrawal request
- (b) Distribute your entire SEP IRA to you in a single sum payment
- (c) Determine your required minimum distribution each year based on your life expectancy calculated using the Uniform Lifetime Table, and pay those distributions to you until you direct otherwise

If you fail to remove a required minimum distribution, an additional penalty tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution that should have been taken but was not. You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to report and remit any additional taxes to the IRS.

3. Your designated beneficiary is determined based on the beneficiaries designated as of the date of your death, who remain your beneficiaries as of September 30 of the year following the year of your death.

If you die on or after your required beginning date, distributions must be made to your beneficiaries over the longer of the single life expectancy of your designated beneficiaries, or your remaining life expectancy. If a beneficiary other than a person or qualified trust as defined in the Treasury Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary of your SEP IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your SEP IRA, distributions will commence using your single life expectancy, reduced by one in each subsequent year.

If you die before your required beginning date, the entire amount remaining in your account will, at the election of

your designated beneficiaries, either

- (a) be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or
- (b) be distributed over the remaining life expectancy of your designated beneficiaries.

If your spouse is your sole designated beneficiary, he or she must elect either option (a) or (b) by the earlier of December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or December 31 of the year life expectancy payments would be required to begin. Your designated beneficiaries, other than a spouse who is the sole designated beneficiary, must elect either option (a) or (b) by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. If no election is made, distribution will be calculated in accordance with option (b). In the case of distributions

under option (b), distributions must commence by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. Generally, if your spouse is the designated beneficiary, distributions need not commence until December 31 of the year you would have attained age 72, if later. If a beneficiary other than a person or qualified trust as defined in the Treasury Regulations is named, you will be treated as having no designated beneficiary of your SEP IRA for purposes of determining the distribution period. If there is no designated beneficiary of your SEP IRA, the entire SEP IRA must be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death.

A spouse who is the sole designated beneficiary of your entire SEP IRA will be deemed to elect to treat your SEP IRA as his or her own by either (1) making contributions to your SEP IRA or (2) failing to timely remove a required minimum distribution from your SEP IRA. Regardless of whether or not the spouse is the sole designated beneficiary of your SEP IRA, a spouse beneficiary may roll over his or her share of the assets to his or her own SEP IRA.

If we so choose, for any reason (e.g., due to limitations of our charter or bylaws), we may require that a beneficiary of a deceased SEP IRA owner take total distribution of all SEP IRA assets by December 31 of the year following the year of death.

If your beneficiary fails to remove a required minimum distribution after your death, an additional penalty tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of the required minimum distribution that should have been taken but was not. Your beneficiary must file IRS Form 5329 along with his or her income tax return to report and remit any additional taxes to the IRS.

- K. **Qualifying Longevity Annuity Contracts and RMDs** – A qualifying longevity annuity contract (QLAC) is a deferred annuity contract that, among other requirements, must guarantee lifetime income starting no later than age 85. The total premiums paid to QLACs in your SEP IRAs must not exceed 25 percent (up to \$135,000) of the combined value of your SEP IRAs (excluding Roth IRAs). The \$135,000 limit is subject to cost-of-living adjustments each year.

When calculating your RMD, you may reduce the prior year end

account value by the value of QLACs that your SEP IRA holds as investments.

For more information on QLACs, you may wish to refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF ESTABLISHING A SEP IRA

**A. SEP IRA Deductibility**– Only under a SARSEP Plan are you eligible to make elective deferral contributions to your SEP IRA account. However, you may make individual contributions to the same account with the same limits and tax benefits as a traditional IRA without opening a separate account. For employers, the full amount contributed to employee accounts under a SEP plan can be deducted from their taxes (subject to the limitations described above under “Contribution Eligibility”) You may not take a deduction for the amounts contributed to your SARSEP IRA as either employee elective deferrals or employer contributions. However, employee elective deferrals to a SARSEP IRA will reduce your taxable income. Further, employer SEP IRA contributions, including earnings, will not be taxable to you until you take a distribution from your SEP IRA. Participation in your employer’s SEP IRA plan renders you an active participant for purposes of determining whether or not you can deduct contributions to a Traditional IRA.

**B. Contribution Deadline** – The deadline for making a SEP IRA contribution is your employer’s tax return due date (including extensions). You may designate a contribution as a contribution for the preceding taxable year in a manner acceptable to us. For example, if you are a calendar-year taxpayer and your employer makes your SEP IRA contribution on or before their tax filing deadline, that contribution is considered to have been made for the previous tax year if you designate it as such.

If you are a member of the Armed Forces serving in a combat zone, hazardous duty area, or contingency operation, you may have an extended contribution deadline of 180 days after the last day served in the area. In addition, your contribution deadline for a particular tax year is also extended by the number of days that remained to file that year’s tax return as of the date you entered the combat zone. This additional extension to make your SEP IRA contribution cannot exceed the number of days between January 1 and your tax filing deadline, not including extensions.

**C. Tax Credit for Contributions** – You may be eligible to receive a tax credit for your SARSEP IRA contributions. This credit will be allowed in addition to any tax deduction that may apply, and may not exceed \$1,000 in a given year. You may be eligible for this tax credit if you are

- age 18 or older as of the close of the taxable year,
- not a dependent of another taxpayer, and
- not a full-time student.

The credit is based upon your income (see chart below), and will range from 0 to 50 percent of eligible contributions. In order to determine the amount of your contributions, add all of the contributions made to your Traditional SEP IRA and reduce these contributions by any distributions that you have taken during the testing period. The testing period begins two years prior to the year for which the credit is sought and

ends on the tax return due date (including extensions) for the year for which the credit is sought. In order to determine your tax credit, multiply the applicable percentage from the chart below by the amount of your contributions that do not exceed \$2,000.

### 2020 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME\*

Joint Return	Head of a Household	All Other Cases	Applicable Percentage
\$1–39,000	\$1–29,250	\$1–19,500	50
\$39,001–42,500	\$29,251 - \$31,875	\$19,501 - \$21,250	20
\$42,501 - \$65,000	\$31,876 - \$48,750	\$21,251 - \$32,500	10
Over \$65,000	Over \$48,750	Over \$32,500	0

### 2021 ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME\*

Joint Return	Head of a Household	All Other Cases	Applicable Percentage
\$1–39,500	\$1–29,625	\$1–19,750	50
\$39,501–43,000	\$29,626 - \$32,250	\$19,751 - \$21,500	20
\$43,001 - \$66,000	\$32,251 - \$49,500	\$21,501 - \$33,000	10
Over \$66,000	Over \$49,500	Over \$33,000	0

\*Adjusted gross income (AGI) includes foreign earned income and income from Guam, America Samoa, North Mariana Islands, and Puerto Rico. AGI limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments each year.

**D. Excess Contributions** – An excess contribution is any amount that is contributed to your SEP IRA that exceeds the amount that you are eligible to contribute. If the excess is not corrected timely, an additional penalty tax of six percent will be imposed upon the excess amount. The procedure for correcting an excess is determined by the timeliness of the correction as identified below.

1. **Removal Before Your Tax Filing Deadline.** An excess contribution may be corrected by withdrawing the excess amount, along with the earnings attributable to the excess, before your tax filing deadline, including extensions, for the year for which the excess contribution was made. An excess withdrawn under this method is not taxable to you, but you must include the earnings attributable to the excess in your taxable income in the year in which the contribution was made. The six percent excess contribution penalty tax will be avoided.
2. **Removal After Your Tax Filing Deadline.** If you are correcting an excess contribution after your tax filing deadline, including extensions, remove only the amount of the excess contribution. The six percent excess contribution penalty tax will be imposed on the excess contribution for each year it remains in the SEP IRA. An excess withdrawal under this method will only be taxable to you if the total contributions made in the year of the excess exceed the annual applicable contribution limit.
3. **Carry Forward to a Subsequent Year.** If you do not



withdraw the excess contribution, you may carry forward the contribution for a subsequent tax year. To do so, you under-contribute for that tax year and carry the excess contribution amount forward to that year on your tax return. The six percent excess contribution penalty tax will be imposed on the excess amount for each year that it remains as an excess contribution at the end of the year.

You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to report and remit any additional taxes to the IRS.

**E. Tax-Deferred Earnings** – The investment earnings of your SEP IRA are not subject to federal income tax until distributions are made (or, in certain instances, when distributions are deemed to be made).

**F. Nondeductible Contributions** – You may make nondeductible contributions to your SEP IRA to the extent that deductible contributions are not allowed. The sum of your deductible and nondeductible SEP IRA contributions cannot exceed your contribution limit (the lesser of the allowable contribution limit described previously, or 100 percent of compensation). You may elect to treat deductible SEP IRA contributions as nondeductible contributions.

If you make nondeductible contributions for a particular tax year, you must report the amount of the nondeductible contribution along with your income tax return using IRS Form 8606. Failure to file IRS Form 8606 will result in a \$50 per failure penalty. If you overstate the amount of designated nondeductible contributions for any taxable year, you are subject to a \$100 penalty unless reasonable cause for the overstatement can be shown.

**G. Taxation of Distributions** – The taxation of SEP IRA distributions depends on whether or not you have ever made nondeductible SEP IRA contributions. If you have only made deductible contributions, all SEP IRA distribution amounts will be included in income. If you have ever made nondeductible contributions to any SEP IRA, the following formula must be used to determine the amount of any SEP IRA distribution excluded from income.

$$\frac{\text{Aggregate Nondeductible Contributions} \times \text{Amount Withdrawn}}{\text{Aggregate SEP IRA Balance From Income}} = \text{Amount Excluded from Income}$$

**NOTE:** Aggregate nondeductible contributions include all nondeductible contributions made by you through the end of the year of the distribution that have not previously been withdrawn and excluded from income. Also note that the aggregate SEP IRA balance includes the total balance of all of your Traditional and SIMPLE IRAs as of the end of the year of distribution and any distributions occurring during the year.

**H. Income Tax Withholding** – Any withdrawal from your SEP IRA is subject to federal income tax withholding. You may, however, elect not to have withholding apply to your SEP IRA withdrawal. If withholding is applied to your withdrawal, not less than 10 percent of the amount withdrawn must be

withheld.

**I. Early Distribution Penalty Tax** – If you receive a SEP IRA distribution before you attain age 59½, an additional early distribution penalty tax of 10 percent will apply to the taxable amount of the distribution unless one of the following exceptions apply. 1) **Death**. After your death, payments made to your beneficiary are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. 2) **Disability**. If you are disabled at the time of distribution, you are not subject to the additional 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. In order to be disabled, a physician must determine that your impairment can be expected to result in death or to be of long, continued, and indefinite duration. 3) **Substantially equal periodic payments**. You are not subject to the additional 10 percent early distribution penalty tax if you are taking a series of substantially equal periodic payments (at least annual payments) over your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your beneficiary. You must continue these payments for the longer of five years or until you reach age 59½. 4) **Unreimbursed medical expenses**. If you take payments to pay for unreimbursed medical expenses that exceed a specified percentage of your adjusted gross income, you will not be subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. For further detailed information and effective dates you may obtain IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), from the IRS. The medical expenses may be for you, your spouse, or any dependent listed on your tax return. 5) **Health insurance premiums**. If you are unemployed and have received unemployment compensation for 12 consecutive weeks under a federal or state program, you may take payments from your SEP IRA to pay for health insurance premiums without incurring the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. 6) **Higher education expenses**. Payments taken for certain qualified higher education expenses for you, your spouse, or the children or grandchildren of you or your spouse, will not be subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. 7) **First time homebuyer**. You may take payments from your SEP IRA to use toward qualified acquisition costs of buying or building a principal residence. The amount you may take for this reason may not exceed a lifetime maximum of \$10,000. The payment must be used for qualified acquisition costs within 120 days of receiving the distribution. 8) **IRS levy**. Payments from your SEP IRA made to the U.S. government in response to a federal tax levy are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. 9) **Qualified reservist distributions**. If you are a qualified reservist member called to active duty for more than 179 days or an indefinite period, the payments you take from your SEP IRA during the active duty period are not subject to the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. 10) **Qualified birth or adoption distributions**. Distributions are permitted from SEP IRAs for distributions made after December 31, 2019. Distributions must be taken within one year of birth or adoption and are limited to adoption of anyone over 18 (other than an individual physically or mentally incapable of self-support) or the adoption of a spouse's child does not qualify. Distributions can later be rolled back into a SEP IRA. It will be up to the SEP IRA owner to substantiate to the tax authorities that the distributions are a qualified birth or adoption distribution.

You must file IRS Form 5329 along with your income tax return to the IRS to report and remit any additional taxes or to claim a penalty tax exception.

**J. Rollovers and Conversions** – Your SEP IRA may be rolled over to another SEP IRA, SIMPLE IRA, a Traditional IRA or an eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan of yours, may receive rollover contributions, or may be converted to a Roth IRA, provided that all of the applicable rollover and conversion rules are followed. Rollover is a term used to describe a movement of cash or other property to your SEP IRA from another SEP IRA, or from your employer's qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan, or federal Thrift Savings Plan. The amount rolled over is not subject to taxation or the additional 10 percent early distribution penalty tax. Conversion is a term used to describe the movement of SEP IRA assets to a Roth IRA. A conversion generally is a taxable event. The general rollover and conversion rules are summarized below. These transactions are often complex. If you have any questions regarding a rollover or conversion, please see a competent tax advisor.

**1. SEP IRA-to-SEP IRA and SEP IRA to Traditional IRA Rollovers.** Assets distributed from your SEP IRA may be rolled over to the same SEP IRA or another SEP IRA of yours if the requirements of IRC Sec. 408(d)(3) are met. A proper SEP IRA-to-SEP IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received. In the case of a distribution for a first-time homebuyer where there was a delay or cancellation of the purchase, the 60-day rollover period may be extended to 120 days. The same rules apply to SEP IRA to Traditional IRA Rollovers

You are permitted to roll over only one distribution from a SEP IRA (Traditional or SIMPLE) in a 12-month period, regardless of the number of SEP IRAs you own. A distribution may be rolled over to the same SEP IRA or to another SEP IRA that is eligible to receive the rollover. For more information on rollover limitations, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**2. SEP IRA-to-SIMPLE IRA Rollovers.** Assets distributed from your SEP IRA may be rolled over to your SIMPLE IRA without IRS penalty tax provided two years have passed since you first participated in a SEP IRA plan sponsored by your employer. As with SEP IRA-to-SEP IRA rollovers, the requirements of IRC Sec. 408(d)(3) must be met. A proper SEP IRA-to-SEP IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after the distribution is received.

You are permitted to roll over only one distribution from a SEP IRA (Traditional or SIMPLE) in a 12-month period, regardless of the number of SEP IRAs you own. A distribution may be rolled over to the same SEP IRA or to another SEP IRA that is eligible to receive the rollover. For more information on rollover limitations, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**3. Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan-to-SEP IRA Rollovers.** You may roll over, directly or indirectly, any eligible rollover distribution from an eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan. An eligible rollover distribution is defined

generally as any distribution from a qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan, or federal Thrift Savings Plan unless it is a required minimum distribution, hardship distribution, part of a certain series of substantially equal periodic payments, corrective distributions of excess contributions, excess deferrals, excess annual additions and any income allocable to the excess, deemed loan distribution, dividends on employer securities, the cost of life insurance coverage, or a distribution of Roth elective deferrals from a 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457(b), or federal Thrift Savings Plan.

If you elect to receive your rollover distribution prior to placing it in a SEP IRA, thereby conducting an indirect rollover, your plan administrator generally will be required to withhold 20 percent of your distribution as a payment of income taxes. When completing the rollover, you may make up out of pocket the amount withheld and roll over the full amount distributed from your employer sponsored retirement plan. To qualify as a rollover, your eligible rollover distribution generally must be rolled over to your SEP IRA not later than 60 days after you receive the distribution. In the case of a plan loan offset due to plan termination or severance from employment, the deadline for completing the rollover is your tax return due date (including extensions) for the year in which the offset occurs. Alternatively, you may claim the withheld amount as income, and pay the applicable income tax, and if you are under age 59½, the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax (unless an exception to the penalty applies).

As an alternative to the indirect rollover, your employer generally must give you the option to directly roll over your employer-sponsored retirement plan balance to a

SEP IRA. If you elect the direct rollover option, your eligible rollover distribution will be paid directly to the SEP IRA (or other eligible employer-sponsored retirement plan) that you designate. The 20 percent withholding requirements do not apply to direct rollovers.

**4. Beneficiary Rollovers From Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans.** If you are a spouse, nonspouse, or qualified trust beneficiary of a deceased employer sponsored retirement plan participant, you may directly roll over inherited assets from a qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax-sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan to an inherited SEP IRA. The SEP IRA must be maintained as an inherited SEP IRA, subject to the beneficiary distribution requirements.

**6. SEP IRA-to-Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plan Rollovers.** You may roll over, directly or indirectly, any taxable eligible rollover distribution from a SEP IRA to your qualified retirement plan, 403(a) annuity, 403(b) tax sheltered annuity, or 457(b) eligible governmental deferred compensation plan as long as the employer-sponsored retirement plan accepts such rollover contributions.

**7. SEP IRA-to-Roth IRA Conversions.** If you convert to a Roth IRA, the amount of the conversion from your SEP IRA to your Roth IRA will be treated as a distribution for income tax purposes, and is includible in your gross income

(except for any nondeductible contributions). Although the conversion amount generally is included in income, the 10 percent early distribution penalty tax will not apply to conversions from a SEP IRA to a Roth SEP IRA, regardless of whether you qualify for any exceptions to the 10 percent penalty tax. If you are age 70½ or older you must remove your required minimum distribution before converting your SEP IRA.

**8. Qualified HSA Funding Distribution.** If you are eligible to contribute to a health savings account (HSA), you may be eligible to take a one-time tax-free qualified HSA funding distribution from your SEP IRA and directly deposit it to your HSA. The amount of the qualified HSA funding distribution may not exceed the maximum HSA contribution limit in effect for the type of high deductible health plan coverage (i.e., single or family coverage) that you have at the time of the deposit, and counts toward your HSA contribution limit for that year. For further detailed information, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 969, Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans.

**9. Rollovers of Settlement Payments From Bankrupt Airlines.** If you are a qualified airline employee who has received a qualified airline settlement payment from a commercial airline carrier under the approval of an order of a federal bankruptcy court, you are allowed to roll over up to 90 percent of the proceeds into your SEP IRA within 180 days after receipt of such amount, or by a later date if extended by federal law. If you make such a rollover contribution, you may exclude the amount rolled over from your gross income in the taxable year in which the airline settlement payment was paid to you. For further detailed information and effective dates you may obtain IRS Publication 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**10. Rollovers of Exxon Valdez Settlement Payments.** If you receive a qualified settlement payment from Exxon Valdez litigation, you may roll over the amount of the settlement, up to \$100,000, reduced by the amount of any qualified Exxon Valdez settlement income previously contributed to a Traditional or Roth SEP IRA or eligible retirement plan in prior taxable years. You will have until your tax return due date (not including extensions) for the year in which the qualified settlement income is received to make the rollover contribution. To obtain more information on this type of rollover, you may wish to visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**11. Rollover of IRS Levy.** If you receive a refund of eligible retirement plan assets that had been wrongfully levied, you may roll over the amount returned up until your tax return due date (not including extensions) for the year in which the money was returned.

**12. Written Election.** At the time you make a rollover to a SEP IRA, you must designate in writing to the custodian your election to treat that contribution as a rollover. Once made, the rollover election is irrevocable.

**K. Transfer Due to Divorce, Levys and Similar Court Directives –** If all or any part of your SEP IRA is awarded to your spouse or

former spouse in a divorce or legal separation proceeding, the amount so awarded will be treated as the spouse's SEP IRA (and may be transferred pursuant to a court-approved divorce decree or written legal separation agreement to another SEP IRA of your spouse), and will not be considered a taxable distribution to you. A transfer is a tax-free direct movement of cash and/or property from one SEP IRA to another. In some instances, such as a levy or a court order, the Custodian may make a distribution from the SEP IRA without instruction from the Account Owner. In those cases, the distribution may be reportable to the IRS as a taxable event.

## LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

**A. SEP Plans –** Under a simplified employee pension (SEP) plan that meets the requirements of IRC Sec. 408(k), your employer may make contributions to your SEP IRA. Your employer is required to provide you with information that describes the terms of your employer's SEP plan.

**B. Spousal IRA –** If you are married and have compensation, you may contribute to an IRA established for the benefit of your spouse for any year prior to the year your spouse turns age 72, regardless of whether or not your spouse has compensation. You may make these spousal contributions even if you are age 72 or older. You must file a joint income tax return for the year for which the contribution is made.

The amount you may contribute to your IRA and your spouse's IRA is the lesser of 100 percent of your combined eligible compensation or \$12,000. This amount may be increased with cost-of-living adjustments each year. However, you may not contribute more than the individual contribution limit to each IRA.

If your spouse is age 50 or older by the close of the taxable year, and is otherwise eligible, you may make an additional contribution to your spouse's IRA. The maximum additional contribution is \$1,000 per year.

**C. Deduction of Rollovers and Transfers –** A deduction is not allowed for rollover or transfer contributions.

**D. Gift Tax –** Transfers of your SEP IRA assets to a beneficiary made during your life and at your request may be subject to federal gift tax under IRC Sec. 2501.

**E. Special Tax Treatment –** Capital gains treatment and 10-year income averaging authorized by IRC Sec. 402 do not apply to SEP IRA distributions.

**F. Prohibited Transactions –** If you or your beneficiary engage in a prohibited transaction with your SEP IRA, as described in IRC Sec. 4975, your SEP IRA will lose its tax-deferred status, and you must include the value of your account in your gross income for that taxable year. The following transactions are examples of prohibited transactions with your SEP IRA. (1) Taking a loan from your SEP IRA (2) Buying property for personal use (present or future) with SEP IRA assets (3) Receiving certain bonuses or premiums because of your SEP IRA.

**G. Pledging –** If you pledge any portion of your SEP IRA as collateral for a loan, the amount so pledged will be treated



as a distribution and will be included in your gross income for that year.

## OTHER

A. **IRS Plan Approval** – Articles I through VII of the agreement used to establish this SEP IRA have been approved by the IRS. The IRS approval is a determination only as to form. It is not an endorsement of the plan in operation or of the investments offered.

B. **Additional Information** – For further information on IRAs, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-A, Contributions to Individual Retirement Arrangements (Traditional IRAs), or Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), by calling 800-TAX-FORM, or by visiting [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) on the Internet.

C. **Important Information About Procedures for Opening a New Account** – To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial organizations to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. Therefore, when you open a SEP IRA, you are required to provide your name, residential address, date of birth, and identification number. We may require other information that will allow us to identify you.

D. **Qualified Reservist Distributions** – If you are an eligible qualified reservist who has taken penalty-free qualified reservist distributions from your SEP IRA or retirement plan, you may recontribute those amounts to a SEP IRA generally within a two-year period from your date of return.

E. **Qualified Charitable Distributions** – If you are age 72 or older, you may take tax-free SEP IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 per year and have these distributions paid directly to certain charitable organizations. If you have both SEP IRA contributions and QCDs in the same year, the \$100,000 is reduced if you are making deductible IRA contributions after age 72. Special tax rules may apply. For further detailed information you may obtain IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

F. **Disaster Related Relief** – If you qualify (for example, you sustained an economic loss due to, or are otherwise considered affected by, certain IRS designated disasters), you may be eligible for favorable tax treatment on distributions, rollovers, and other transactions involving your SEP IRA. Qualified disaster relief may include penalty-tax free early distributions made during specified timeframes for each disaster, the ability to include distributions in your gross income ratably over multiple years, the ability to roll over distributions to an eligible retirement plan without regard to the 60-day rollover rule, and more. For additional information on specific disasters, including a complete listing of disaster areas, qualification requirements for relief, and allowable disaster-related SEP IRA transactions, you may wish to obtain IRS Publication 590-B, Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (SEP IRAs), from the IRS or refer to the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

G. **Investments** – We shall have no duty or responsibility to review any investment held in the SEP IRA Account or any

investment under consideration by you or any purchase directed by you with respect to any issue, including but not limited to, its safety, risk, suitability or whether or not it should be registered as a security with the appropriate government agencies and shall have no liability with respect to its safety, risk, suitability or whether or not it should be registered as a security with the appropriate government agencies. We shall not be responsible to investigate or perform any due diligence on any investment, investment sponsor or any principal involved with any investment. Further, we have no duty to monitor any investment held in the SEP IRA Account. Acting on your Investment Direction in no way implies endorsement by the Custodian of the assets selected you. We have no responsibility, authority, or discretion for the selection, purchase, sale, monitoring, or continued holding of any investment in the SEP IRA Account. At its sole discretion, we can refuse to act as Custodian on any asset selected by you.

H. **No Tax, Legal or Investment Advice** – In its role as Custodian, Horizon Trust does not provide any tax, legal or investment advice. It is your responsibility as the Account Owner to consult with your investment or tax advisor. The Custodian shall act on your directions for transfers, investments and distributions of Fiat when you have submitted directions in the manner required by Custodian. We are not responsible for losses or damages resulting from the delay of acting on a direction if the direction is unclear, incomplete and not in acceptable form to the Custodian. Additionally, we are not responsible for the performance of the assets selected by you. Under this agreement the Custodian provides Custody Services for the assets selected by you. We act on the Investment Directions provided by you and have no responsibility for the performance or suitability of the assets selected by you.



