# ONLINE PRIVACY POLICY (Last modified 10-24-2019)

#### Introduction

**Hudson Financial Group** ("Company" or We") respect your privacy and are committed to protecting it through our compliance with this policy.

This policy describes the types of information we may collect from you or that you may provide when you visit the website **hudsonfg.com** and any other website we present to the public (our "**Websites**") and our practices for collecting, using, maintaining, protecting, and disclosing that information.

This policy applies to information we collect:

- On any Websites.
- In email, text, and other electronic messages between you and the Websites.
- Through mobile and desktop applications we provide and you download, which provide dedicated non-browser-based interaction between you and any Websites.

It does not apply to information collected by:

- Us offline or through any other means, including on any other website operated by Company or any third party; or
- Any third party, including through any application or content (including advertising) that may link to or be accessible from any the Website.

Please read this policy carefully to understand our policies and practices regarding your information and how we will treat it. If you do not agree with our policies and practices, your choice is not to use our Websites. By accessing or using any Websites, you agree to this privacy policy. This policy may change from time to time (see Changes to Our Privacy Policy). Your continued use of any Website after we make changes is deemed to be acceptance of those changes, so please check the policy periodically for updates.

## Children Under the Age of 13

Our Website is not intended for children under 13 years of age. No one under age 13 may provide any information to the Website. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13. If you are under 13, do not use or provide any information on any Website or through any of its features or social media links, register on any Website, or provide any information about yourself to us, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, or any screen name or user name you may use. If we learn we have collected or received personal information from a child under 13 without verification of parental consent, we will delete that information. If you believe we might have any information from or about a child under 13, please contact us at Helayne.mcdonnell@hudsonfg.com.

## Information We Collect About You and How We Collect It

We do not collect, and do not have access to, your social security number or information about your financial accounts or history via any Website.

We collect several types of information from and about users of our Website, including information:

- By which you may be personally identified, such as name, e-mail address, and social media usernames, ("personal information");
- That is about you but individually does not identify you; and/or
- About your internet connection, the equipment you use to access our Website, and usage details.

We collect this information:

- Directly from you when you provide it to us.
- Automatically as you navigate through the site. Information collected automatically may include usage details, IP addresses, and information collected through cookies, web beacons, and other tracking technologies.
- From third parties, for example, our business partners and affiliates.

Information You Provide to Us

The information we collect on or through our Website may include:

- Information that you provide by filling in forms on our Website. This includes
  information provided at the time of requesting services. We may also ask you for
  information when you report a problem with our Website.
- Records and copies of your correspondence (including email addresses), if you contact us.
- Your search queries on the Website.

Information We Collect Through Automatic Data Collection Technologies
As you navigate through and interact with our Website, we may use automatic data collection technologies to collect certain information about your equipment, browsing actions, and patterns, including:

- Details of your visits to our Website, potentially including traffic data, logs, analytics, and other communication data and the resources that you access and use on the Website.
- Information about your computer and internet connection, including your IP address, operating system, and browser type.

The information we collect automatically is only statistical data and does not include personal information, but we may maintain it or associate it with personal information we collect in other ways or receive from third parties. It helps us to improve our Website and to deliver a better and more personalized service, including by enabling us to:

- Estimate our audience size and usage patterns.
- Store information about your preferences, allowing us to customize our Website according to your individual interests.
- Speed up your searches.

Recognize you when you return to our Website.

The technologies we use for this automatic data collection may include:

- Cookies (or browser cookies). A cookie is a small file placed on the hard drive
  of your computer. You may refuse to accept browser cookies by activating the
  appropriate setting on your browser. However, if you select this setting you may be
  unable to access certain parts of our Website. Unless you have adjusted your
  browser setting so that it will refuse cookies, our system will issue cookies when
  you direct your browser to our Website.
- Flash Cookies. Certain features of our Website may use local stored objects (or Flash cookies) to collect and store information about your preferences and navigation to, from, and on our Website. Flash cookies are not managed by the same browser settings as are used for browser cookies. For information about managing your privacy and security settings for Flash cookies, see Choices About How We Use and Disclose Your Information.
- Web Beacons. Pages of our the Website and our e-mails may contain small
  electronic files known as web beacons (also referred to as clear gifs, pixel tags, and
  single-pixel gifs) that permit the Company, for example, to count users who have
  visited those pages or opened an email and for other related website statistics (for
  example, recording the popularity of certain website content and verifying system
  and server integrity).

We do not collect personal information automatically, but we may tie this information to personal information about you that we collect from other sources or you provide to us.

## **How We Use Your Information**

We use information that we collect about you or that you provide to us, including any personal information:

- To present our Website and its contents to you.
- To provide you with information, products, or services that you request from us.
- To fulfill any other purpose for which you provide it.
- To carry out our obligations and enforce our rights arising from any contracts entered into between you and us, including for billing and collection.
- To notify you about changes to our Website or any products or services we offer or provide though it.
- In any other way we may describe when you provide the information.
- For any other purpose with your consent.

We may also use your information to contact you about our own and third-parties' goods and services that may be of interest to you. If you do not want us to use your information in this way, click the opt-out link located at the bottom of each email. For more information, see Choices About How We Use and Disclose Your Information.

We may use the information we have collected from you to enable us to display advertisements to our advertisers' target audiences. Even though we do not disclose your personal information for these purposes without your consent, if you click on or otherwise interact with an advertisement, the advertiser may assume that you meet its target criteria.]

## **Disclosure of Your Information**

We may disclose aggregated information about our users without restriction.

We may disclose personal information that we collect or you provide as described in this privacy policy:

- To our subsidiaries and affiliates.
- To contractors, service providers, and other third parties we use to support our business.
- To a buyer or other successor in the event of a merger, divestiture, restructuring, reorganization, dissolution, or other sale or transfer of some or all of Hudson Financial Group' assets, whether as a going concern or as part of bankruptcy, liquidation, or similar proceeding, in which personal information held by Hudson Financial Group about our Website users is among the assets transferred.
- To third parties [including our affiliates] to market their products or services to you
  if you have consented to these disclosures. For more information, see Choices
  About How We Use and Disclose Your Information.
- To fulfill the purpose for which you provide it.
- For any other purpose disclosed by us when you provide the information.
- With your consent.

We may also disclose your personal information:

- To comply with any court order, law, or legal process, including to respond to any government or regulatory request.
- To enforce or apply our <u>terms of use</u> and other agreements.
- If we believe disclosure is necessary or appropriate to protect the rights, property, or safety of Hudson Financial Group, The Guardian, our customers, or others. This includes exchanging information with other companies and organizations for the purposes of fraud protection and credit risk reduction.

## **Choices About How We Use and Disclose Your Information**

We strive to provide you with choices regarding the personal information you provide to us. We have created mechanisms to provide you with the following control over your information:

Tracking Technologies and Advertising. You can set your browser to refuse all
or some browser cookies, or to alert you when cookies are being sent. To learn how
you can manage your Flash cookie settings, visit the Flash player settings page on

Adobe's website. If you disable or refuse cookies, please note that some parts of this site may then be inaccessible or not function properly.

Promotional Offers from the Company. If you do not wish to have your email
address used by the Company to promote our own or third parties' products or
services, you can opt-out by click the opt-out link located at the bottom of each
email. If we have sent you a promotional email, you may send us a return email
asking to be omitted from future email distributions.

# **Data Security**

We have implemented measures designed to secure your personal information from accidental loss and from unauthorized access, use, alteration, and disclosure.

The safety and security of your information also depends on you. Where we have given you (or where you have chosen) a password for access to certain parts of our Website, you are responsible for keeping this password confidential. We ask you not to share your password with anyone.

Unfortunately, the transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we do our best to protect your personal information, we cannot guarantee the security of your personal information transmitted to our Website. Any transmission of personal information is at your own risk. We are not responsible for circumvention of any privacy settings or security measures contained on the Website.

## **Websites in United States**

The Company is a United States company governed by the state and federal laws of the United States. The Websites are hosted on servers located in the United States or other countries. The laws of those countries, including their data privacy laws and laws regarding transfer of data across borders, may differ from the laws in your country. If you are not located in the United States, you use the Websites at your own risk.

## Changes to Our Privacy Policy

It is our policy to post any changes we make to our privacy policy on this page. If we make material changes to how we treat our users' personal information, we will notify you by email to the email address specified in your account and/or through a notice on the Website home page. The date the privacy policy was last revised is identified at the top of the page. You are responsible for ensuring we have an up-to-date active and deliverable email address for you, and for periodically visiting our Website and this privacy policy to check for any changes.

#### **Contact Information**

To ask questions or comment about this privacy policy and our privacy practices, contact us at: Helayne.mcdonnell@hudsonfg.com.