



Your wealth is a testament to your hard work and realization of your life goals. Stonegate Private Counsel and all of its dedicated members are committed to providing you with solutions that help you and your family prosper now and for years to come.

Our accomplished advisory team and the staff that support them have dedicated their careers to being your trusted guides in all market conditions. Part of this dedication includes proven and transparent safeguarding methods that I am happy to share with you today.

Sincerely,

*James E. Ross
President
Stonegate Private Counsel*

By its nature, investing can be unpredictable. The value will fluctuate day to day; however, in today's environment, investors are also concerned about other issues – that their money is well-managed, and that measures are in place to combat fraud and protect them from the insolvency or bankruptcy of a firm that handles their money.

When you invest with Stonegate Private Counsel, a division of CI Private Counsel LP ("Stonegate"), you can be assured that there are several levels of safeguards in place to ensure that your interests are protected. Here is a brief overview of these safeguards, including those provided through laws and regulations.

Your assets at Stonegate are invested in a portfolio managed by your Stonegate Portfolio Manager. The investment funds are sub-advised by investment managers.

A detailed framework of laws and regulations governs securities, investment funds, investment management companies and individuals managing portfolios in Canada. Among other things, they ensure that:

- Firms managing or distributing investment pools are financially sound and viable based on strict capital requirements.
- Industry members engage in sound business procedures and are subject to periodic reviews from both independent auditors and securities regulators.
- Although the investment manager makes the investment decisions for the pools, the securities or assets in the portfolio must be held separately with a qualified custodian such as a bank or trust company. This helps to prevent fraud and, in the case of insolvency of the investment manager, makes sure portfolio assets are held separate and apart for the client.

At Stonegate, client accounts are opened either with RBC Investor Services Trust*, a trust company that acts as custodian for accounts holding cash and securities, or Registered Education Savings Plan(s) (RESP), with TD Canada Trust Company.

Stonegate never opens accounts or holds client assets directly on its books or co-mingles client assets. All client assets are held in client name accounts and are segregated from Stonegate's assets and those of its parent company CI Investments Inc.

Trust companies such as RBC Investor & Treasury Services and TD Canada Trust ("Trustees") are regulated by OSFI – the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions, a federal agency which regulates

How Stonegate Private Counsel Safeguards Your Investments

financial institutions and pension plans in Canada. Client assets are segregated from those of Stonegate, its parent company or the Trustees, and therefore protected in the unlikely event of insolvency of any of these entities.

Stonegate's distinctive offering is backed by the global resources of CI Financial Corp., a diversified wealth management firm and one of Canada's largest independent investment fund companies. Today, CI Financial has approximately \$160 billion in total assets as of March 31, 2017. CI Financial Corp is a public company trading on the TSX under the symbol CIX.

The goal of both Stonegate and the Canadian investment industry is to be transparent and protect the interest of its investors. Additional resources and information on regulatory bodies, Stonegate, and its parent company can be found on the following websites:

Stonegate Private Counsel, a division of CI Private Counsel LP

..... www.stonegatepc.com

CI Financial Corp

..... www.cifinancial.com

Portfolio Management Association of Canada (PMAC)

..... www.portfoliomanagement.org

Ontario Securities Commission (OSC)

..... www.osc.gov.on.ca

Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC)

..... www.cdic.ca

However, if you have any further questions regarding your Stonegate account, do not hesitate to contact your advisor.