

Oppenheimer Customer Asset Protection

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (Oppenheimer) and its predecessor firms have been offering investment services since 1881. We are a financially sound institution committed to maintaining a strong, conservatively-managed balance sheet, disciplined risk management and robust internal controls designed to protect our clients' assets. In the unlikely event that Oppenheimer becomes insolvent, there are multiple layers of protection which safeguard our customers' holdings.

Financial Controls



Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations specify that broker-dealers comply with rules intended to protect investors. The Uniform Net Capital Rule mandates that broker-dealers have sufficient liquid resources on hand at all times to cover market and credit risks, and to satisfy any customer claims. Oppenheimer Holdings has shareholder equity of approximately \$775 million. Oppenheimer maintains excess net capital (defined as the capital held against total assets) which surpasses minimum regulatory capital requirements by more than \$345 million. The Customer Protection Rule provides regulatory safeguards related to the custody and use of customers' funds and securities. Accordingly, Oppenheimer maintains physical possession and control of customers' fully-paid and excess margin securities, segregates customer assets from firm holdings, and protects customer property against liens and creditor claims against the firm.

Securities Protection



The Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) protects against the loss of cash and securities held by customers of financially-troubled member firms. At Oppenheimer, customers' cash balances and securities, as defined by SIPC, are protected up to a maximum of \$500,000 per client, which includes a limit of \$250,000 for cash. SIPC does not protect against a decline in the value of securities or other assets due to market fluctuation. SIPC coverage is subject to certain other limits and restrictions. Further information about SIPC may be found at www.sipc.org or by calling 202-371-8300.

Through an "excess of SIPC" policy from underwriters affiliated with Lloyd's of London, Oppenheimer provides additional customer protection up to a maximum of \$99,500,000 per client for assets held at the firm, with a limit of \$900,000 for cash balances. Excess

of SIPC coverage, which is subject to certain restrictions, becomes effective only after SIPC thresholds have been met. The excess of SIPC policy has an aggregate limit of \$300 million. Combined SIPC and excess of SIPC coverage protect a customer's assets up to \$100 million, including a limit of \$1,150,000 for cash balances.

FDIC Insurance



Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance protects against the loss of deposits if an FDIC-insured depository institution fails. Each depositor is eligible for FDIC insurance up to the standard Maximum Applicable Deposit Insurance Amount for aggregate deposits held in the same right and capacity at the same bank. Aggregate deposits include funds invested through Oppenheimer's Advantage Bank Deposit Program (ABD Program), bank-issued Certificates of Deposit (CDs), and any other deposits maintained at the same bank, either directly or through an intermediary (such as Oppenheimer or another broker-dealer).

The FDIC's maximum insurance is \$250,000 (including principal and accrued interest) per depositor held in the same right and capacity at the same bank (\$500,000 for joint accounts). Funds invested through the ABD Program will be made to as many participating Deposit Banks as possible (depending on capacity at such banks). ABD Program limits may change, but amounts eligible for FDIC insurance coverage will be at least \$5 million per depositor (\$10 million for joint accounts), assuming there are no other deposits held in the same right and capacity at the same bank. More information about the Advantage Bank Deposit Program is available at www.oppenheimer.com/ABD. Additional details about FDIC coverage may be found at www.fdic.gov or by calling 877-275-3342.