



The financial decisions you make today can help determine the future you build for yourself and your family. And personalized advice from a Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Advisor — with the investment insights of Merrill and access to the banking services and lending solutions of Bank of America — could help you grow and preserve your wealth, freeing you to pursue your passions and ambitions.

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### Rely on the experience of a dedicated advisor

Work directly with an experienced Merrill Advisor focused on helping you address all your financial needs.

Your dedicated advisor starts by speaking with you in detail about what you and your family want for your future. Together you'll then create a personalized investment strategy designed to help you pursue your goals. As your situation evolves, you and your advisor will adjust your strategy based on new priorities or in response to changes in the markets and economy.

Throughout your relationship, your advisor will remain your point of contact, maintaining a holistic view of your financial picture while bringing in an extended team of specialists to address other specific needs.

### Extensive resource access from a global financial leader

- Alternative investments<sup>1</sup>
- Art Services<sup>2</sup>
- Behavioral finance<sup>1</sup>
- Business succession planning<sup>1, 2</sup>
- Capital markets<sup>1</sup>
- Chief Investment Office<sup>1</sup>
- Concentrated stock management and hedging<sup>1</sup>

- Family Office Services<sup>3</sup>
- Family wealth dynamics and governance<sup>1</sup>
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- Insurance and annuities<sup>5</sup>
- Philanthropic Solutions<sup>6</sup>
- Sports & Entertainment Advisors<sup>1</sup>
- Wealth structuring and trusts<sup>2</sup>

As a Merrill client, you can access products and services offered by Merrill, Bank of America and other affiliates. Within this full range of solutions, investment products are offered through Merrill, and banking and lending products are offered by Bank of America.

Please see Page 22 for a list of which affiliates offer the above capabilities.

### Advisors at the forefront

### The most advisors recognized

### Forbes "America's Top Wealth Advisors Best-in-State" 2023 list<sup>7</sup>

Published on April 4, 2023. Rankings based on data as of June 30, 2022.

Merrill had more advisors (1,820) named to the 2023 Forbes "America's Top Wealth Advisors Best-in-State" list than its competitors.

### The most advisors named — 18 years in a row

### Barron's "Top 100 Women Financial Advisors" 2023 list8

Published on June 16, 2023. Rankings based on data as of March 31, 2023.

In 2023, Merrill had the most advisors (21) recognized to the 2023 Barron's "Top 100 Women Financial Advisor" list.

### The most advisors recognized seven years running

### Forbes "America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" 2023 list9

Published on August 8, 2023. Ranking based on data as of March 31, 2023.

Merrill had the most advisors (36) named to the 2023 Forbes "America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" list.



### Planning for all aspects and stages of your life

Receive the attention you deserve, with personalized strategies aligned to your particular goals, values and preferences.

We'll help you with strategies designed to manage, grow and preserve your wealth today while also considering the impact it can have for years to come.

### Your advisor will build your customized plan with you:



### Uncover what matters to you

Work with your advisor to understand what's important to you now and what you want in the future. If you don't have an advisor, we can help you find one.



### Develop your path and your plan

We'll create a personalized plan that's all about you, with guidance that truly supports you.



### Understand your choices and make it happen

Learn about your investment relationship and program options, then work with your advisor to set your plan in motion with access to a range of potential Merrill investment and Bank of America banking solutions.



### Helping you review, and track your progress

You can track your milestones and modify your plan based on the expected and unexpected things life brings.



### Tools to keep you connected

Take advantage of the many resources available to help you move your financial life forward.

With the Merrill Personal Wealth Analysis\* tool, you and your advisor will define and prioritize your goals, take stock of your finances, and evaluate trade-offs to create an easy-to-read, personalized and comprehensive plan. And if your situation changes, you and your advisor can update your plan to help you stay on track toward your goals.



### Focus on what matters most

Share your finances and feelings about investing to help create a plan that's all about you.



## Set and prioritize your goals

Evaluate your goals and determine which are essential and which are more aspirational.



### **Review your finances**

Take stock of what you own and what you owe, as well as your sources of income, so you know where you stand.



### **Evaluate your options**

Weigh the trade-offs you may want to make to increase the potential for reaching your goals.



### Identify potential solutions

Look at Merrill investing and Bank of America banking solutions to assess which may best help you pursue your goals.



#### Easily access your plan

Review your plan anytime, sent via secure email or uploaded to your MyMerrill document library.

It's easy to stay connected with MyMerrill.com®, the MyMerrill® mobile app and Bank of America Online & Mobile Banking. You can:

- View your entire financial picture on one screen
- Connect securely with your advisor
- Transfer money instantly between eligible Bank of America, Merrill and outside accounts\*
- Scan and send documents
- Deposit checks using a mobile device
- Access the latest Merrill investing insights



<sup>\*</sup> Certain banking and brokerage accounts may be ineligible for real-time money movement, including, but not limited to, transfers to/from bank IRAs (CD, Money Market), 529s, Bank of America Advantage SafeBalance Banking™, credit cards and transfers from IRAs, loans (HELOC, LOC, Mortgage) and accounts held in the military bank. Accounts eligible for real-time transfers will be displayed online in the to/from drop-down menu on the transfer screen.



### Solutions for all your financial needs

Your advisor provides access to the full range of investing and banking solutions only Merrill and Bank of America can deliver.



### Plan the impact of my wealth

Lifetime Gifting & Legacy Planning<sup>10</sup> Personal Philanthropy<sup>10</sup> Fiduciary Trust Services<sup>10</sup>

### Protect my wealth

Long-term Care Insurance<sup>5</sup> Life Insurance<sup>5</sup> Disability Income Insurance<sup>5</sup> Annuities<sup>5</sup>

### Invest in my future

Retirement Accounts<sup>1</sup> Lifetime Income in Retirement<sup>5</sup> Health Savings Account<sup>2</sup> Education Savings<sup>1</sup>

### Manage my personal finances

Checking<sup>2</sup>
Savings<sup>2</sup>
Credit Cards<sup>2</sup>
Mobile & Online Investing<sup>1</sup> & Banking<sup>2</sup>
Cash Management Solutions<sup>2</sup>

### Borrow to fund my goals

Mortgages<sup>2</sup>
Margin Lending<sup>1</sup>
Lines of Credit<sup>2</sup>
Custom Lending<sup>2</sup>
Auto Loans<sup>2</sup>

### Help grow my wealth

Investments<sup>1</sup>
Merrill Lynch Investment Advisory
Program<sup>1,11</sup> (Fiduciary Advice)
Alternative Investments<sup>1,12</sup>
Sustainable & Impact Investing<sup>1,13</sup>

# Grow and strengthen my business

Retirement and benefit plan services<sup>1,2</sup>

Global commercial banking<sup>2</sup>

Global markets and investment banking<sup>4</sup>

Succession planning<sup>1</sup>

Executive services<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capability offered by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. All investing involves risks. <sup>2</sup> Capability offered by Bank of America, N.A., and its bank affiliates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Capability offered by BofA Securities LLC. <sup>5</sup> Capability offered through Merrill Lynch Life Agency Inc. ("MLLA"), a licensed insurance agency and wholly owned subsidiary of BofA Corp. <sup>10</sup> Trust and fiduciary services are provided by Bank of America, N.A.



### Research and insights to guide your investing

In collaborating with you to build a personalized investing strategy, your advisor will leverage award-winning BofA Global Research and other resources.

In addition to offering timely insights, your dedicated advisor will provide access to Merrill investing and Bank of America banking services to help you pursue your goals.

To build and guide your strategy, your advisor can leverage award-winning BofA Global Research, <sup>14</sup> which has over a thousand investment professionals across the globe who specialize in different sectors and regions.

Your advisor may also rely on the expertise of the Chief Investment Office (CIO), which provides regular updates on the markets as well as guidance on asset allocation and portfolio positioning.

- The CIO uses a rigorous process to build and measure the continuing performance of the CIO portfolios.
- The CIO's due diligence team uses quantitative and qualitative analyses to determine which funds and managers will be included on our platform.
- The CIO's strategic partnership with Morningstar® allows for coverage of more than 1,800 funds and managers.



### Enhanced offerings for clients with significant wealth and complex needs

We'll help you address the greater opportunities and responsibilities you face so you and your family can pursue the things that matter most.

### Together you and your advisor can:

# Consult with a Bank of America Wealth Structuring Specialist

Get help with estate planning services, including establishing basic guidelines, reviewing an existing plan or trust, and consulting with your attorney, accountant and other advisors to help you align your approach.

### Work closely with Merrill's Family Office Services<sup>3</sup>

Family Office Services simplifies complex family affairs through consulting, family coordination, household accounting, reporting, tax minimization strategies and wealth transfer offerings.

# Leverage the Merrill Center for Family Wealth™

These specialists can facilitate meaningful conversations about wealth, which can help your family focus on ways to sustain wealth and values across generations.



### Support causes that matter and leave a legacy

Pursue goals of great importance while preserving your wealth and your values for future generations.

### Private philanthropy<sup>10</sup>

#### Lifetime giving strategies

Establish a giving strategy based on your purpose, values and needs.

# Philanthropic advisory and foundation management

Navigate the nuances of creating and managing a private foundation.

### Family philanthropy

Bring your family together around a common cause and encourage financial responsibility in your loved ones.

### Trusts and estates<sup>10</sup>

#### Trust services

Bank of America's trust and fiduciary capabilities can provide objective oversight and help shoulder the numerous responsibilities that often accompany trust administration.

#### **Delaware trusts**

Maintain confidentiality, minimize taxes, or transfer ownership of assets while keeping management control.

#### Charitable trusts

Address wealth transfer and giving goals simultaneously.

#### Estate settlement services

Bank of America can help simplify administrative details and avoid burdening family members at a difficult time.

### Customized lending<sup>2,17</sup>

#### Liquidity financing

For periodic cash flow needs without liquidating investments that trigger losses, capital gains or other tax consequences.

### Investment financing

To purchase a business, an investment property, securities or alternative investments to generate income and strengthen your balance sheet.

### Lifestyle Finance

To fund the purchase of a yacht, airplane, artwork, vacation home or recreational property to enhance your lifestyle without disrupting long-term investments.

#### Wealth transfer financing

Address long-term estate planning goals without liquidating assets; provide for heirs while deferring estate and transfer taxes.



### Services for business owners

We have the resources and experience to help you build, grow and protect your business.

For business owners, we offer a large range of services, including providing access to Bank of America for working capital to help you manage the day-to-day, and an overall financial strategy through Merrill to invest and manage excess cash. As your business grows, we can help you plan for the future with business continuation and wealth transfer services

#### Cash management services<sup>2</sup>

Manage your daily, short-term and long-term business cash flow needs.

### Retirement planning<sup>1</sup>

Set up retirement plans for yourself, your family and your employees.

### Investment strategies<sup>1,15</sup>

A comprehensive plan can help you build a balanced portfolio and use hedging strategies where appropriate.

### Lending solutions<sup>2</sup>

Customized loans through Bank of America can help you grow your business, finance new or existing property, or address emergency funding needs.

# Trusts and estate planning services<sup>10</sup>

Develop solutions based on your wishes for your business and heirs, including wealth transfer strategies.

### Succession planning<sup>1</sup>

Whether you're building your business through acquisition, selling a division, or exiting by selling to a third party, we can provide access to guidance from specialists.

#### Life insurance5

Life insurance can be a key part of any business transition or estate planning solution. It can provide the funding needed to implement a plan and can equalize an inheritance within the family for those not interested in the business.



### Tailored support for executives

Leverage our services, tools and experience to make the most of your equity compensation programs.

Maximizing the value of an equity compensation program requires plan sponsors and participants to satisfy complex legal requirements and/or reporting obligations. Merrill can help make things easier for both issuers and executives.

# Concentrated stock strategies

Merrill can help you with concentrated stock strategies that aim to deliver risk management solutions within the context of your personal and financial goals.

# Gifting, trusts and life insurance

These can all play a role in repositioning assets to be more tax-efficient and to meet other goals, including wealth transfer.

### 10b5-1 trading plans

Executives and other insiders who may be aware of material nonpublic information about their company or stock can trade their company stock only during open-window periods. Executive trading plans can be created by anyone interested in developing a systematic stock sale or purchase plan.

## Officer & Director Equity Services (ODES) reporting

Merrill's Officer & Director Equity Services helps to streamline the reporting of Form 4 by providing timely notification of trade details to those designated by the officer or director.

### **Block trading**

Our advice, guidance and execution can help you achieve results with special handling for block orders, 16 maximizing execution quality by minimizing market impact and accessing multiple sources of liquidity for your order.

# The right advice can make all the difference

Whether it's working with you to define your goals or to develop strategies to help preserve and grow your wealth, your Merrill Advisor can help you put your plans for the future into action.

Your dedicated advisor is ready to serve you. To learn more, please visit ML.com.

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- <sup>8</sup> Source: 2023 *Barron*'s "Top 100 Women Financial Advisors" list. Opinions are Barron's who evaluated advisors with a minimum of seven years' financial services experience and employed at their current firm for at least one year. Other quantitative and qualitative measures include assets under management, quality of practice, regulatory records, internal company documents, among other data points. Rankings do not reflect any client experience, endorse any advisor and are available for client evaluation only. Compensation was not received from any Advisors for the study. Barron's is a trademark of Dow Jones & Company, Inc. All rights reserved.
- <sup>9</sup> Source: 2023 *Forbes* "America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" list. Opinions provided by SHOOK® Research, LLC considered advisors born in 1984 or later with a minimum four years as an advisor. Advisors have built their practices, lead their own teams, joined teams, are considered future leaders, or combinations thereof. Ranking is based on in-person and telephone due diligence meetings that measure best practices, client retention, industry experience, compliance records, firm nominations, assets under management and Firm-generated revenue (investment performance is not a criterion). SHOOK's rankings do not reflect all client experiences, endorse any advisor, indicate future performance and are available for client evaluation only. Compensation was not received from any Advisors for the study. Details available at www.SHOOKresearch.com.
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- 11 You can choose from one or more programs and services based on your individual objectives, investment style, need for ongoing advice and interest in particular investment solutions. One of the options to consider is IAP. For more information, please visit ml.com/programs-services. Merrill Lynch Investment Advisory Program is an investment advisory service sponsored by Merrill. Merrill offers a broad range of brokerage, investment advisory and other services. There are important differences between brokerage and investment advisory services, including the type of advice and assistance provided, the fees charged, and the rights and obligations of the parties. It is important to understand the differences, particularly when determining which service or services to select. All recommendations must be based on the client's best interest.
- <sup>12</sup> **Alternative investments are speculative and involve a high degree of risk.** There generally are no readily available secondary markets, none are expected to develop, and there may be restrictions on transferring fund investments. Alternative investments may engage in leverage that can increase risk of loss, performance may be volatile, and funds may have high fees and expenses that reduce returns. Alternative investments are not in the best interest of all investors. Investors may lose all or a portion of the capital invested.
- <sup>13</sup> Sustainable and Impact Investing and/or Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) managers may take into consideration factors beyond traditional financial information to select securities, which could result in relative investment performance deviating from other strategies or broad market benchmarks, depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favor in the market. Further, ESG strategies may rely on certain values-based criteria to eliminate exposures found in similar strategies or broad market benchmarks, which could also result in relative investment performance deviating.
- <sup>14</sup> Institutional Investor magazine announced BofA Global Research as one of the Top Global Research Firms in 2022 based on surveys held throughout the year. The magazine creates rankings of the top research analysts in a wide variety of specializations, drawn from the choices of portfolio managers and other investment professionals at more than 1,000 firms. BofA Global Research is research produced by BofA Securities, Inc. ("BofAS") and/or one or more of its affiliates. BofAS is a registered broker-dealer, Member SIPC and wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation. Learn more about this award by visiting https://www.institutionalinvestor.com/article/b8x00pb8rf5fbf/These-Are-the-Worlds-Best-Research-Firms. Rankings and recognition from *Institutional Investor* are no guarantee of future investment success and do not ensure that a current or prospective client will experience a higher level of performance results, and such rankings should not be construed as an endorsement.
- <sup>15</sup> Hedging and monetization strategies can result in higher return potential but also higher loss potential. Prospective investors are required to meet certain qualifications and acknowledge they understand the risks associated with certain hedging and monetization strategies that may not be suitable for all investors.
- $^{\rm 16}$  Typical block order size 20,000 shares or liquidity-challenged stocks.
- <sup>17</sup> Customized lending may involve special risks and may not be appropriate for all clients. In particular, structured lending may be subject to additional credit and legal approval because of special risks and restrictions that need to be carefully considered. Real estate financing and specific program options and property types may not be available in all states and may be subject to change from time to time. As a general rule with respect to each client, consideration must be given to capital gains tax implications, portfolio makeup and risk tolerance, portfolio performance expectations and investment time horizon.

