



## Margin Disclosure Statement

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We are furnishing this document to you to provide some basic facts about purchasing securities on margin, and to alert you to the risks involved with trading securities in a margin account. Before trading stocks in a margin account, you should carefully review the margin agreement provided by your broker. Consult us at [service@firsttrade.com](mailto:service@firsttrade.com) regarding any questions or concerns you may have with your margin accounts.

When you purchase securities, you may pay for the securities in full or you may borrow part of the purchase price from our clearing firm, Apex Clearing Corporation (“Apex”). If you choose to borrow funds from Apex, you will open a margin account. The securities purchased are the firm’s collateral for the loan to you. If the securities in your account decline in value, so does the value of the collateral supporting your loan, and as a result, we or Apex can take action, such as issue a margin call and/or sell securities in your account, in order to maintain the required equity in the account.

It is important that you fully understand the risks involved in trading securities on margin. These risks include the following:

- **You can lose more funds than you deposit in the margin account.** A decline in the value of securities that are purchased on margin may require you to provide additional funds to the firm that has made the loan to avoid forced sale of those securities or other securities in your account.
- **The firm can force the sale of securities in your account.** If the equity in your account falls below the maintenance margin requirements under the law, or the firm’s higher house requirements, the firm can sell the securities in your account to cover the margin deficiency. You also will be responsible for any shortfall in the account after such a sale.
- **The firm can sell your securities without contacting you.** Some investors mistakenly believe that a firm must contact them for a margin call to be valid, and that the firm cannot liquidate securities in their accounts to meet the call unless the firm has contacted them first. This is not the case. Most firms will attempt to notify their customers of margin calls, but they are not required to do so. However, even if a firm has contacted a customer and provided a specific date by which the customer can meet a margin call, the firm can still take necessary steps to protect its financial interest, including immediately selling the securities without notice to the customer.
- **You are not entitled to choose which security in your margin account is liquidated or sold to meet a margin call.** Because the securities are collateral for the margin loan, the firm has the right to decide which security to sell in order to protect its interests.
- **The firm can increase its house maintenance margin requirement at any time and is not required to provide you advance written notice.** These changes in firm policy often take effect

immediately and may result in the issuance of a maintenance margin call. Your failure to satisfy the call may cause the member to liquidate or sell securities in your account.

- **You are not entitled to an extension of time on a margin call.** While an extension of time to meet margin requirements may be available to customers under certain conditions, a customer does not have a right to the extension.
- **The IRS requires Broker Dealers to treat dividend payments on loaned securities positions as a substitute payment in lieu of a dividend.** A substitute payment is not, a qualified dividend and is taxed as ordinary income.
- **Industry regulations may limit, in whole or in part, your ability to exercise voting rights of securities that have been lent or pledged to others.** You may receive proxy materials indicating voting rights for a fewer number of shares than are in your account, or you may not receive any proxy materials.

### **CREDIT TERMS & POLICIES**

The following Disclosure of Credit Terms and Policies is required by the Securities and Exchange Commission and is part of your Customer Account Agreement. It describes the terms under which Apex Clearing Corporation extends credit and charges interest and how your obligations are secured by property in your Account.

**Interest Charges.** Apex will charge interest on a daily basis on the credit it extends to you. The rate of interest charged by Apex is set by us and can be found at <https://www.firsttrade.com/content/en-us/pricing/marginrate>. The daily interest charges are calculated by multiplying your "daily adjusted debit balance" by the "daily margin interest rate." Generally speaking, your daily adjusted debit balance is the actual settled debit balance in your Margin and Short Account, increased by the value of securities held short and reduced by the amount of any settled credit balance carried in your Cash Account.

Your daily-adjusted debit balance is calculated each day by adjusting your previous day's balance by any debits and credits to your account and by changes in the value of short positions. If your daily-adjusted debit balance is reduced because you deposit a check or other item that is later returned to us unpaid, your account may be adjusted to reflect interest charges you have incurred.

Apex reserves the right to charge interest on debit balances in the Cash Account. Periodically, we or Apex will send you a comprehensive statement showing the activity in your account, including applicable interest charges, interest rates and adjusted daily debit balances.

Please read clearing firm, **Apex Clearing Corporation's Margin Disclosure Statement** for additional margin information and credit terms & policies.

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我们向您提供此文件，以提供有关以融资购买证券的基本指引，并提醒您在融资账户中交易证券所涉及的风险。在融资账户中交易股票之前，您应该仔细阅读投资公司提供给您融资账户合约。如果您对融资账户有任何疑问或疑虑，请通过 [service@firstrade.com](mailto:service@firstrade.com) 与我们联系。

购买证券时，您可以全额支付证券，也可以向我们的清算公司 Apex Clearing Corporation (“Apex”) 借入部分购买价格。如果您选择从 Apex 融资，您将开设一个融资账户。购买的证券是公司向您提供贷款的抵押品。如果您账户中的证券价值下降，则支持您贷款的抵押品的价值也会下降，因此，我们或 Apex 可以采取行动，例如发出融资补缴(追加保证金)通知和/或出售您账户中的证券，以便维持账户中所需的资产。

您必须了解使用融资账户交易的风险。其风险包括：

- **您可能损失比您存入金额更大的资金。** 使用融资购买的证券价值下跌，可能要求您提供额外资金到贷款给您的投资公司，从而避免强制卖出您账户中的证券。
- **该公司可以强制卖出您账户中的证券。** 如果您账户中的资金低于法律要求的融资底线，或投资公司指定的底线，该公司有权强制卖出您账户中的证券以补足保证金。您仍需要负责在卖出证券后剩余的欠款。
- **该公司有权卖出您的证券，并无需联系您。** 部分投资人误以为投资公司必须联系他们从而确定保证金的补缴，而且不能在成功取得联系并确认前清算账户中的证券。这是不正确的。大部分投资公司会尝试联系客户追缴保证金，但这并不是必须做的。尽管投资公司已经联系上客户并为其提供不交保证金的限期，出于对该公司的风险保护，该公司仍可采取必要行动，包括在没有通知的前提下卖出证券。
- **您无权选择为了补足保证金而清算或卖出的融资账户中的证券。** 由于通过融资贷款买入的证券属于抵押品，投资公司有权选择出售的证券，从而保障该公司权益。
- **投资公司可以在任何时候提高“公司内部”融资要求，而且不需要提前书面通知。** 这种公司政策的改变通常是马上生效的，并且可能导致保证金追缴的产生。不能按要求补足保证金可能导致该公司清算或卖出您账户中的证券。
- **您无权自行延长保证金追缴宽限期。** 尽管在特定情况下，客户可以延长保证金追缴宽限期，但客户无权自行调整宽限期。

- 美国国税局要求经纪交易商将借出证券的股息支付作为替代支付来代替股息。替代付款不是合格股息，并作为普通收入纳税。
- 行业法规可能全部或部分限制您对已借出或抵押给他人的证券行使投票权的能力。您可以收到代理资料，表明您的账户数量少于您帐户中的投票权，或者您可能不会收到任何代理材料。

### 信贷条款和政策

证券交易委员会要求以下信贷条款和政策的披露，这是您的客户账户协议的一部分。它描述了交割公司, Apex Clearing Corporation 扩展信贷和收取利息的条款，以及如何通过您账户中的财产担保您的义务。

利息费用。Apex 会每天根据您的信用额收取利息。Apex 收取的利率由我们设定，可以在 <https://www.firsttrade.com/content/zh-cn/pricing/marginrate> 中找到。每日利息费用是通过将“每日调整后的借方余额”乘以“每日保证金利率”来计算的。一般来说，每日调整后的借方余额是保证金和短期账户中的实际已结算借方余额，增加了所持有的空头证券的价值，而减少了您现金账户中所携带的任何已结算贷方余额的数量。

每天调整后的借方余额是通过调整前一天的余额，借记到您账户的任何借方和贷方以及空头头寸的价值变化来计算的。如果由于您存入了支票或其他未付款项而导致日调整后的借方余额减少，但后来又退还给我们，则您的账户可能会进行调整以反映您产生的利息费用。

Apex 保留对现金账户中的借方余额收取利息的权利。我们或 Apex 会定期向您发送一份综合报表，显示您账户中的活动，包括适用的利息费用，利率和调整后的每日借方余额。

请阅读交割公司, Apex Clearing Corporation 的融资免责声明 了解额外的融资信息以及信用条款和政策。

# APEX | Clearing™ MARGIN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The applicable margin interest rate is the rate for all daily adjusted debit balances as communicated above. Your margin interest rate will be adjusted automatically and without notice to reflect any change in the base rate. If your interest rate increases for any reason other than a change in the base rate, we or Apex will give you written notice at least 30 days prior to that change.

**Compounding Interest Charges.** Interest compounds on a monthly basis. Interest charges will accrue to your account each month. Apex will include the charges in the next day's opening debit balance. The interest rates described above do not reflect compounding of unpaid interest charges; the effective interest rate, taking into effect such compounding, will be higher.

**Initial Margin Requirements.** The Federal Reserve Board and various stock exchanges determine margin loan rules and regulations. When you purchase securities on margin, you agree to deposit the required initial equity by the settlement date and to maintain your equity at the required levels. The maximum amount we currently may loan for common stock (equity) securities is 50% of the value of marginable securities purchased in your Margin and Short Account; different requirements apply to non-equity securities, such as bonds or options. If the market value of stock held as collateral increases after you have met the initial margin requirements, your available credit may increase proportionately. Conversely, if the market value decreases, your available credit may proportionately decrease.

Initial margin requirements may change without prior notice. Apex may impose anytime and without prior notice more stringent requirements on positions that in its sole discretion involve higher levels of risk; for example, higher limits may apply for thinly traded, speculative or volatile securities, or concentrated positions of securities.

You may purchase only certain securities on margin or use them as collateral in your Margin and Short Account. Most stocks traded on national securities exchanges, and some over-the-counter (OTC) securities are marginable. At Apex's discretion, it reserves the right not to extend credit on any security.

Equity securities with a market value of less than \$3 per share may not be purchased on margin or deposited as margin collateral. If the market value of a security drops below \$3 per share, the security will not be assigned any value as collateral to secure your margin obligations.

**Margin Maintenance Requirements.** You must maintain a minimum amount of equity in your account to collateralize your outstanding loans and other obligations. Margin maintenance requirements are set:

- By the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, and other regulatory agencies to the jurisdiction of which we are subject; **and**
- According to Apex's sole discretion and judgement.

You agree to maintain in your Margin and Short Account collateral of the type and amount required by:

- Applicable exchange rules and federal regulations; **and**
- Our Disclosure of Credit Terms and Policies; **or**
- As required by Apex, at its discretion.

Margin maintenance requirements may change without prior notice.

We or Apex may issue a "margin call" (that is, a notification to deposit additional collateral) if your account equity falls below the margin maintenance requirement. This can happen for various reasons. The most common reasons are a decrease in the value of long securities held as collateral or an increase in the value of securities held short.

As a general guideline and when it is practicable to do so, we or Apex may (but are not required to) issue a margin call when the equity in your Margin and Short Account falls below a predetermined percentage of the market value of assets at risk (that is, the sum of the market values of the long and short equity security positions) in your Margin and Short Account. The amount of additional collateral we require usually is an amount sufficient to raise your equity to minimum standards. For information on the current equity requirements, please contact us at [INSERT CONTACT INFO OR WEB LINK].

Apex retains absolute discretion to determine whether, when and in what amounts we will require additional collateral. In some situations, Apex may find it necessary to require a higher level of equity in your account. For example, Apex may require additional collateral if an account contains:

- Only one security or a large concentration of one or more securities; **or**
- Low-priced, thinly traded or volatile securities; **or if**
- Some of your collateral is or becomes restricted or non-negotiable or non-marginable. We or Apex also may consider market conditions and your financial resources.