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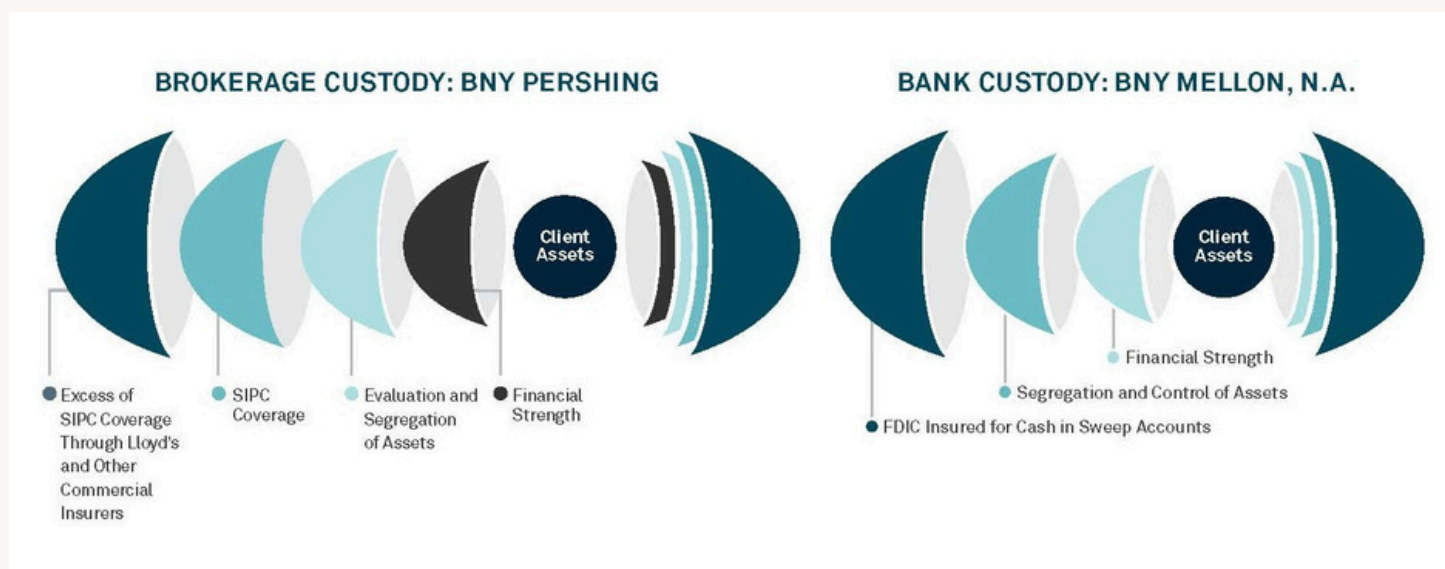
*Strength,
Stability & Focus*

➤ **BNY** | PERSHING

UNDERSTANDING THE PROTECTION OF CLIENT ASSETS

BNY Pershing works behind the scenes on behalf of your wealth manager or financial firm to provide a variety of services and custody your assets. BNY Pershing has been a leading global provider of financial business solutions for over 85 years, so you can feel confident that your assets are in strong hands. BNY Pershing is the trusted choice of over 1,000 firms, representing more than 8.8 million investors and is committed to the protection, servicing and reporting of assets for investors like you.

The Protection of Client Assets Remains at the Center of Our Focus



Financial Strength— September 30, 2026

BNY PERSHING

\$3.6T

In global client assets

\$4.1B+

In net capital—well above
the minimum requirement

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON CORPORATION

\$63.4T

In assets under custody
and/or administration

\$2.2T

In assets under management

Segregation and Control of Assets

BROKERAGE CUSTODY: BNY PERSHING

BNY Pershing's core financial strength provides the first measure of protection for our global client assets. Our parent company, BNY, is one of the world's largest global custodians. While financial strength does not protect against loss due to market fluctuation, our internal controls and regulatory oversight help maintain our stability and focus.

BNY Pershing protects client assets through rigorous internal control measures. An annual audit by a major independent audit firm and the audit team at our parent company, BNY, helps to monitor controls that are in place. In addition, a Service Organization Control report conducted by an independent audit firm provides additional evaluation of the design and operating effectiveness of BNY Pershing's internal controls.

Clients' fully paid-for physical assets are segregated from our own, with quarterly vault inspections conducted. In addition, we segregate cash and/or qualifying securities in special reserve bank accounts for the exclusive benefit of clients, to protect clients' funds in the unlikely event of BNY Pershing's failure and liquidation.

BNY Pershing is a FINRA member broker-dealer registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). BNY Pershing is registered in all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and certain foreign jurisdictions.

HOW BNY SAFEGUARDS ASSETS

As your custodian, BNY is committed to protecting client assets through clear recordkeeping, strict segregation and robust oversight. Client securities are segregated from BNY's proprietary assets and clearly identified in our books and records, helping ensure they are generally not available to satisfy creditor claims in the unlikely event of BNY's insolvency, subject to standard market exceptions. Cash held on behalf of clients is generally deposited with BNY and recorded as a liability on our balance sheet, meaning clients are unsecured creditors for those balances, although deposit insurance or guarantee schemes may apply in certain jurisdictions. Across our global subcustodian network, providers are carefully selected, subject to ongoing due diligence and bound by robust legal agreements designed to keep client assets clearly identifiable and segregated. In addition, BNY maintains accurate, timely records through daily reconciliations, with any discrepancies promptly investigated and resolved. Additional details are available to clients via NEXEN®.

BANK TRUST CUSTODY: BNY MELLON, N.A.

BNY Mellon, N.A.'s structure requires clients' securities be segregated from the securities of the bank, and from those of other clients. The securities in a client's account with BNY Mellon, N.A. are the property of that client and are held in nominee name. As clients' assets and accounts are separately accounted for, creditors of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation and those of BNY Mellon, N.A., and their subsidiaries do not have any rights to the securities in client accounts. Shares of money market mutual funds, as investment securities, also fall within this rule. Any asset, of course, is subject to losses or gains from an investment perspective.

There are also established regulatory controls that cover our institution. As a publicly traded company, The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation periodically files publicly available reports with the SEC. In addition, as a financial holding company, it is regulated by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. BNY Mellon, N.A. is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Additional Protection

BROKERAGE CUSTODY

Securities Investor Protection Corporation® (SIPC®) Coverage

BNY Pershing is a member of SIPC. Securities in your account protected up to \$500,000. For details, please see www.sipc.org.

Excess of SIPC Coverage Through Underwriters at Lloyd's and Other Commercial Insurers

In addition to SIPC protection, BNY Pershing provides coverage in excess of SIPC limits from certain underwriters in Lloyd's insurance market and other commercial insurers. The excess of SIPC coverage is valid through February 10, 2027 for Pershing LLC accounts. It provides the following protection for Pershing LLC's global client assets:

- An aggregate loss limit of \$1 billion for eligible securities—in total for all client accounts custodied at BNY Pershing
- A per-client loss limit of \$1.9 million for cash awaiting reinvestment—within the aggregate loss limit of \$1 billion

SIPC and the excess of SIPC coverage do not protect against loss due to market fluctuation.

An excess of SIPC claim would only arise if BNY Pershing failed financially and client assets for covered accounts—as defined by SIPC—cannot be located due to theft, misplacement, destruction, burglary, robbery, embezzlement, abstraction, failure to obtain or maintain possession

BANK CUSTODY

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Protection

BNY Mellon, N.A. clients holding bank cash deposits—which include a sweep account for bank custody products—receive separate protection.

The FDIC standard maximum insurance amount is \$250,000 per depositor, per insured bank, in each account ownership category. The FDIC rules are very specific. For a complete explanation of the FDIC's regulations, we encourage our clients to visit fdic.gov.

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