## Fully Paid Lending Program

Through Fidelity's Fully Paid Lending Program, you can loan to Fidelity certain fully paid or excess-margin securities that Fidelity desires to borrow. In return, you gain the opportunity to earn incremental income on your portfolio through the securities-lending market.

## **Program Overview**

In the Fully Paid Lending Program, Fidelity can borrow fully paid and excess-margin securities<sup>1</sup> from your account. In return, you receive collateral in the form of cash and securities held at a custodial bank independent of Fidelity. In addition, you receive an interest rate–based lending fee that is calculated by multiplying the loan rate by the market value of the securities on loan. The lending fee accrues daily and is automatically credited monthly to your brokerage account. The lending rates paid are based on the relative value of the individual securities in the securities-lending market and are subject to change based upon market conditions and borrowing demand.

The duration of the loan is typically indefinite, and the loan may remain open until either you or Fidelity elects to close it. The existence of the loan does not restrict you from selling the securities at any time. However, sale of the securities on loan will be treated as a notification of termination for that particular loan. Loaned securities may be, or may become, "hard to borrow" because of shortselling, scarcity of available lending supply, or corporate events that may affect liquidity in a security.

# FULLY PAID LENDING TRANSACTION FLOW Loan of XYZ Collateral & Lending Fee

Please note that the fully paid securities on loan are **not** covered under the provisions of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970.

## **Program Guidelines**

- You must execute a Master Securities Lending Agreement (MSLA) with Fidelity. The MSLA governs all loan transactions and gives Fidelity the right to borrow fully paid and excess-margin securities from your account. It is a separate agreement from any previously executed margin agreement, and the borrowing of securities under the MSLA is a separate process from rehypothecation within a margin account.
- Only securities that have been fully paid for or that are in excess of any margin debit are eligible.
- Certain eligibility requirements may apply. Please contact an investment representative for more information.
- You maintain full economic ownership of the securities on loan and may sell the securities<sup>2</sup> or recall the loan at any time. You may also unenroll from the program at anytime by contacting Fidelity or your financial representative.
- In the event of a default by Fidelity, you will have the right to withdraw the collateral from the custodial bank in the manner described in the agreements.
- Fidelity is not obligated to borrow securities at any time and enrollment in the program does not guarantee that your securities will be borrowed.



## Frequently Asked Questions

# 1. How does the securities lending agreement affect my ownership of the securities while out on loan?

- Under the terms of the MSLA, you maintain full economic ownership of the securities on loan and may recall the loan at any time. You may also sell the securities on loan at any time, including online.<sup>2</sup>
- Under the securities lending agreement, you relinquish
  your ability to exercise voting rights. If you wish to act on an
  upcoming proxy vote, you must contact your financial
  representative and recall the securities on loan as described
  in the MSLA. Fidelity will attempt to return the securities
  prior to the record date of the proxy.
- Fully paid securities on loan to Fidelity are treated like "cash" positions for the purposes of regulatory margin calculations (Fed and Exchange requirements). However, the value of the positions on loan may still be used toward house margin requirements.
- If your account is approved to trade options, you can write covered calls in the "cash" account type while shares are on loan. As a result, the loan will be returned to cover the call option.

## 2. How can I monitor my securities on loan?

- You can monitor your securities on loan in the same manner as the rest of the securities in your portfolio. All securities on loan will be reflected on the "Positions" page or portfolio view and will continue to contribute to your total account value.
- You can view your securities on loan, collateral, current lending rates, prior day accruals, and month to date accruals on the Loaned Securities page.
- All securities on loan and loan activity will be reflected on your monthly brokerage statement. Additionally, you will receive a separate monthly fully paid lending statement detailing the daily share quantity, contract value, lending rate, and accrual for each position on loan as well as the total amount credited to your brokerage account for that month.
- Additionally, you can view new loans, returns and collateral adjustments in your account activity

#### **EXAMPLE OF A LOANED SECURITIES PAGE**

Account XYZ123456					
			As of Nov-29-2023 02:46AM 8		
Description	Current quantity	Current value	Current interest rate	Prior day accrual	Month-to-date accrual
ABC INC	193,097	\$4,344,682.50	2.000%	\$347.57	\$6,951.49
CDE CDE CORP	1,235	\$29,565.90	6.500%	\$7.71	\$154.22
IJK CORP MASS	7,877	\$130,600.66	25.000%	\$130.60	\$2,612.01
LMP BUSINESS	10,000	\$146,200.00	3.500%	\$20.47	\$409.36
Total				\$506.35	\$10,127.08
Prior month accruals:	\$556.99				
Total collateral for	loaned positions				
Description		Current value			
Collateral Deliv to XY7 Bank		\$4,697,559.55			

Screenshot is for illustrative purposes only.

# 3. What impact does the collateral have on my account?

- When Fidelity borrows a fully paid security, collateral will be booked to your account and can be viewed on the "Loaned Securities" page. The collateral value does not contribute to the market value of your account.
- On a daily basis, Fidelity will adjust the collateral position in order to maintain adequate collateral in your account (e.g., marks to market on the loan position[s] and changes to the quantity of the loan position[s]).

## 4. Which assets may be provided as collateral?

- Fidelity will provide you with collateral held at a third party custodial bank. The bank will serve as your collateral agent and hold your collateral in cash or cash-equivalent form. Under the terms of the MSLA and applicable law, other securities that qualify under Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are also permissible forms of collateral. These include U.S. Treasury bills and notes, negotiable bank certificates of deposit, and other securities approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that have similar characteristics in terms of liquidity, volatility, market depth and location, and the issuer's creditworthiness.
- With respect to FDIC insurance coverage for cash collateral deposits held at the custodial banks, please refer to the Exhibits in the Collateral Administration Agreements entered into by Fidelity and the banks.
   If you do not want to have your collateral held at a particular bank, you may contact Fidelity to make such a request.

# 5. What are the risks associated with fully paid lending?

- The principal risk in any securities-lending transaction is counterparty default. Fidelity is your counterparty on all fully paid lending transactions. If Fidelity were to default on its obligations as defined in the MSLA, you would have the right to withdraw the collateral from the custodian bank in the manner described in the Collateral Administration Agreements.
- Please note that the collateral delivered to you may be your only source of satisfaction in the event that Fidelity fails to return the securities to you. In the event that you make a withdrawal request, the bank will transfer an amount equal to your current collateral amount (or such lesser amount as you may have requested) to your specified delivery instructions. If you were to choose to use the collateral proceeds to repurchase securities, this would be considered a new purchase and, potentially, a taxable event.
- Additionally, fully paid securities on loan are not covered under the provisions of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970.

 Similar to your remedies against Fidelity in the event of default, Fidelity maintains the right to liquidate a securities lending transaction as a result of certain credit and or default scenarios specified under FINRA Regulation.<sup>3</sup>

# 6. What determines the lending rate? Will this change over the life of the loan?

- The lending rates paid to you by Fidelity are based on the
  relative value of each security in the lending market.
   Several factors, including borrowing demand, the overall
  lendable supply of the security, short-selling and hedging
  interest, and general market conditions can impact the
  lending rate. Fidelity may receive compensation in
  connection with the use of your loaned securities,
  including in association with lending your securities to
  other parties or facilitating the settlement of short sales.
- The lending rate for "hard to borrow" and other securities
  can change frequently in the securities lending market
  and rates may vary across providers. Your lending rate(s)
  may increase or decrease daily. You can see your current
  lending rates reflected on the "Loaned Securities" page.
  As always, you maintain the right to "recall" or request to
  have shares returned at any time or terminate your
  participation in the program.

# 7. Will I still receive cash dividends while securities are on loan?

- Cash distributions paid on securities borrowed by Fidelity pursuant to the Fully Paid Lending Program will be credited to your Fidelity Account in the form of a "cash-inlieu" payment if shares are borrowed over a dividend record date. Receipt of cash-in-lieu payments may have different taxable consequences than receipt of the actual dividends from the issuer.
- In order to mitigate the impact of cash-in-lieu payments to taxable accounts, Fidelity may return shares prior to a dividend record date.
- To help offset the potential tax burden associated with the receipt of cash-in-lieu payments in place of qualified dividends (as defined in the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003), Fidelity will credit participating taxable accounts with an additional credit adjustment equal to 26.98% of the qualified portion of the distribution.4 This adjustment will occur annually after all reclassification information is made available. When factoring in credit adjustments, Fidelity's total cost for borrowing from taxable accounts over a record date will be greater than the cost of borrowing from tax indifferent lenders.

For more information, please contact your investment representative.



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<sup>1</sup> Fully paid securities are securities in a customer's account that have been completely paid for. Excess-margin securities are securities that have not been completely paid for, but whose market value exceeds 140% of the customer's margin debit balance to National Financial Services LLC.

<sup>2</sup> Securities on loan are available to sell online from the "cash" account type. Positions held in cash must be sold separately from positions held in margin. Proceeds from sales of securities on loan may not be immediately available for new purchases. If you initiate an account transfer to another firm including shares on loan, Fidelity will recall the shares on loan and attempt to transfer the shares to the receiving firm after the shares are returned.

<sup>3</sup>Pursuant to FINRA Rule 4330 and 4314(b) Fidelity maintains the right to liquidate a securities lending transaction as a result of you (the lender): (a) applying for or consenting to, or being the subject of an application for, the appointment of or the taking of possession by a receiver, custodian, trustee, or liquidator of you or of all or a substantial part of your property; (b) admitting in writing your inability, or your becoming generally unable, to pay your debts as such debts become due; (c) making a general assignment for the benefit of your creditors; or (d) filing, or having filed against you, a petition under Title 11 of the United States Code.

<sup>4</sup>The credit adjustment percentage may be increased or decreased from time to time by Fidelity due to changes in federal and/or state tax law and the classification of the dividend distribution. Fidelity does not guarantee that this adjustment will be sufficient to eliminate the full additional tax burden associated with all dividend distributions. Fidelity reserves the right to deny credit adjustments to any customer whom Fidelity determines would have been otherwise ineligible to receive the tax benefit of a reduced dividend tax rate.

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