

Why Clients Choose Alden



Category	Alden Investment Group	Traditional Wirehouses	Traditional RIAs	Self-Directed / DIY Investing
Client Experience	Personalized, relationship-driven wealth management experience ✓	Inventory and quota driven. ✗	Standardized model portfolios. ✗	Self-directed. ✗
Planning Style	Integrated, education-first planning enhanced by governance and discipline. ✓	Planning available but is product-driven. ✗	Limited or self-managed planning. ✗	Limited by client knowledge. ✗
Investment Approach	Open architecture with a wide range of conventional and alternative solutions ✓	Suitability of inventory for age and time horizon. ✗	Limited access to investments. ✗	Self-selected investments. ✗
Access to Specialists	Access across alternatives, bonds, estate planning, private placements. ✓	Internal product representatives. ✗	Limited pool of specialists. ✗	None. ✗
Technology & Reporting	Modern digital tools with streamlined reporting and user-friendly interface. ✓	Basic monthly statement generation. ✗	Monthly statement generation. ✗	Limited reporting. ✗
Client and Advisor Alignment	Approach designed around client goals and education. ✓	Purely transactional. ✗	Governed by investment committees and standardized models. ✗	Independence prioritized over performance. ✗
Service Model	Active monitoring with strategic refinement and client engagement. ✓	Advisor bandwidth may be limited. ✗	Self-service unless additional fees paid. ✗	"Free trading" comes at a higher cost to client. ✗
Holistic Wealth Strategy	Strategic coordination of estate, tax, retirement, and legacy wealth architecture. ✓	Services are limited. ✗	Client must request. ✗	None. ✗