Retirement plan solutions for the fiancial services industry

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS TO HELP YOU BENCHMARK YOUR PLAN



▼ Technology drives workforce transformation

THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY HAS A LONG LIST OF CHALLENGES. Over the last few years, it has weathered extreme economic uncertainty and a tumultuous stock market fueled by rising interest rates, inflation, a banking crisis, global conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic. Further, the industry will be shaped by challenges and opportunities in changing compliance and regulatory requirements, disruption from AI, blockchain and other emerging technologies, and a digital transformation driven by fintech and customer demand — while remaining vigilant about protecting clients and their personal data against cyber threats. As technology, automation and data innovations advance rapidly, financial institutions must implement HR strategies that attract critical, high-demand candidates skilled in areas such as AI, cybersecurity and development to stay competitive.

According to Gallup, half of workers overall are looking to leave their current employer. In a tight talent market with shifting worker expectations, recruiting and retaining employees requires HR strategies that meet employees' needs — such as the transparency, fairness, and work-life balance valued by Gen Z. Experienced workers may also be at risk — considering the average financial advisor's age is 56 and 1 in 5 plan to retire in five years or less, there may be a potential shortage on the horizon.

- 1 2023 State of Global Workforce Report. Gallup, 5/23.
- 2 J.D. Power 2023 U.S. Financial Advisor Satisfaction Study.SM J.D. Power, 7/22/23.
- 3 4 talent trends BFSI employers need to build workforce resilience despite relentless change. Randstad Sourceright, 8/2/23.

"Organizations in this sector are seeking to attract the most skilled talent their success hinges on how well they tackle this task. But demand for hard-to-find technology skills is particularly fierce. In fact, tech skills — such as AI and machine learning, cloud computing, big data, business intelligence and data visualization, UI/UX, mobile app development and cybersecurity — dominate the 10 top in-demand skills."³

Align HR strategies with workforce values -

Generally, today's workers change employers to improve well-being and work life balance (63%), gain better pay and benefits (59%), and advance their careers (57%).⁴ Financial organizations can attract, retain and engage high value talent with HR strategies that champion quality of life and deliver attractive total compensation packages.



Optimize existing resources by building paths to career advancement and fulfillment.

Retain and better engage top workers through professional development and growth, foster a flexible and inclusive work environment, and offer best-in-class training.



Implement quality of life strategies.

These strategies would improve work/life balance, offer flexible work arrangements and greater economic stability.



Enhance compensation and benefits programs.

Invest in your employees to further demonstrate their value to your organization. Support their personal and financial well-being with a strong workplace benefits package that includes financial wellness and retirement plan programs. A well-designed retirement plan is an effective tool for attracting and retaining valued employees.

4 Employee Retention and Attraction report. Gallup, 5/23.

RETIREMENT PLAN REPORT CARD

A retirement plan can help your organization attract and retain motivated, productive workers. ADP provides you with insight into how your plan measures up against other industry retirement plans and can help you optimize your plan to achieve your workforce goals.



The good news

The financial services retirement plans are one of the best. Participation rates and account balances are third highest out of all industries, and deferral rates score 4th. If your plan numbers look like these, congratulations.



SOURCE: PLANSPONSOR Defined Contribution (DC) Survey, 2022.

Retirement plans in the financial services sector are highly competitive, however automatic plan features, more financial education and outsourced fiduciary services could enhance

the benefit and optimize utilization.



CHALLENGE:

PLANS LACK FINANCIAL WELLNESS AND EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYEES **Enhancing plan design** and **employee education offerings** could help employees maximize the benefit and build financial security.







Offer no financial wellness education

such as budgeting, debt management, saving for long term goals and Social Security withdrawal strategies

SOURCE: PLANSPONSOR Defined Contribution (DC) Survey, 2022.

65% **€**

Believe employees **will achieve** their retirement goals by age 65

IS 73.7[%]

Plan sponsors believe **they are responsible for helping employees** with their financial wellness

WHY IT MATTERS

- Workers expect help with their financial wellness from employers.
- Providing employee education about the plan is your fiduciary obligation.
- Everyday financial decisions effect financial wellness.
 Financial education programs can help participants make better informed decisions — including saving for the future.

HOW ADP CAN SOLVE YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN CHALLENGES

- The ADP Achieve employee education program delivers messaging and educational resources that can help solve challenges and meet the specific needs of each participant.
- Easy to understand and guided experiences help participants increase their knowledge and make better decisions.



CHALLENGE:

UPGRADE PLAN DESIGN TO HELP EMPLOYEES REACH THEIR FINANCIAL GOALS.

Competitive retirement plans offer an employer match, Roth contributions, immediate eligibility and automatic features.



The vast majority of employees in the financial services industry **are saving enough to maximize the employer match**.



Auto features and immediate eligibility can improve employee savings

7.4[%] do not use automatic enrollment

• do not offer automatic deferral increases

% do not allow immediate eligibility

SOURCE: PLANSPONSOR Defined Contribution (DC) Survey, 2022.

WHY IT MATTERS

- Employee satisfaction and retention are strongly linked to employer benefits so helping workers understand, value and take advantage of them can boost retention.
- Some employees are missing out on a valuable workplace benefit, including tax advantaged savings and matching contributions.
- Your employees may need to work longer and retire later to make up for under saving, and may not have enough money for the retirement they want.

HOW ADP CAN SOLVE YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN CHALLENGES

- ADP can help you design effective automatic plan features, including auto enroll and automatic deferral increases using Save Smart, a feature that lets participants schedule their savings rate to automatically increase at designated intervals (like at annual review time).
- Our personalized, guided enrollment process makes it easy for participants to make sound decisions and stay engaged in their retirement planning.
- Our knowledgeable education team is available for live virtual enrollment and ongoing education sessions.
- ADP has flexible plan options so you can design a plan to best meet the needs of your business and your workforce.



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Roth contributions can diversify participants' tax liability

CHALLENGE:

TOO MANY PLANS MAY BE TAKING UNNECESSARY FIDUCIARY RISK. ADP clients may **choose to offer investment advice and guidance** for employees through either Edelman Financial Engines[®] or Morningstar[®].

Have investment
 lineups that include
 funds that charge
 12-b1 or sub-TA fees?



6 6 48.1%

Work with a retirement plan advisor or institutional investment consultant...**but most do not provide fiduciary services**

15.4% Are 3(38) fiduciaries 46.2% Are 3(21) fiduciaries

69.2% target date funds are the default investment option and **23.3% don't think the IPS covers them** and other underlying plan funds



SOURCE: PLANSPONSOR Defined Contribution (DC) Survey, 2022.

WHY IT MATTERS

- It is the responsibility of the plan fiduciary(ies) to diligently select and monitor plan investments to ensure they are appropriate, provide an IPS that accurately reflects the plan investments, and act in their employees' best interests, including paying reasonable fees for investments.
- Funds with 12-b1 or sub-TA fees may not be in participants' best interests and may increase your fiduciary risk.

HOW ADP CAN SOLVE YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN CHALLENGES

- ADP offers a selection of low-cost funds (referred to as zero revenue funds) that pay no 12b-1 or sub-TA shareholder servicing fees or compensation in general to ADP or its affiliates. Plan recordkeeping fees are calculated and charged separately providing greater fee transparency.
- ADP makes optional 3(21) investment advisory and 3(38) investment management services available to help you mitigate the risks associated with investment option selection and monitoring.
- ADP makes a sample Investment Policy Statement available for your use.

MORE THAN A PROVIDER, ADP IS YOUR RETIREMENT ALLY.



ADP connects you and your employees to data and technology that make retirement plans easy and engaging. Seamless access to data and insights keeps everyone in control of saving for retirement. And our extensive, real-world experience in HCM and data security means we make work easier so you and your employees can thrive. We offer:

- Seamless, automatic flow of data through our ADP platforms to make retirement planning easy and accessible.
- A data-driven approach to employee education that solves unique challenges, uncomplicates retirement planning and empowers employees to make better decisions.
- Plan design to best meet the needs of your business and workforce.
- Industry-recognized security to ensure that your employee data is secure, compliance is managed and risk is mitigated.

Let's Talk.

Let's talk about how ADP can help you solve plan design challenges so you and your workforce can unlock the full potential of your retirement plan. For more information, visit adp.com/401k.

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