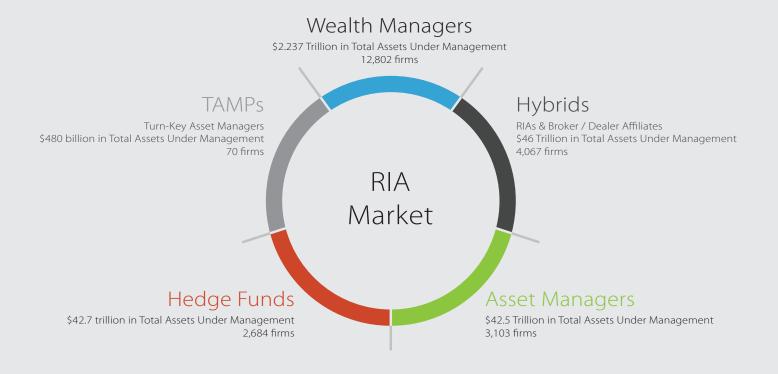
## Understanding the RIA Channel

### What's an RIA?

An RIA is a "registered investment advisor" registered with the SEC (U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) or one or more U.S. States (Department of Commerce or Securities Agency) to do business as a financial advisor. RIAs manage client porfolios as fiduciaries and typically take fees based on assets managed for services versus commissions on trades or products sold.



### Aggregate Assets of Independent Wealth Managers

\$ 2.237 Trillion } Total Assets Under Managment (AUM) of independent wealth managers.

Total Accounts managed by independent wealth managers.

\$174,768,279 } Average Account Size managed by independent wealth managers.

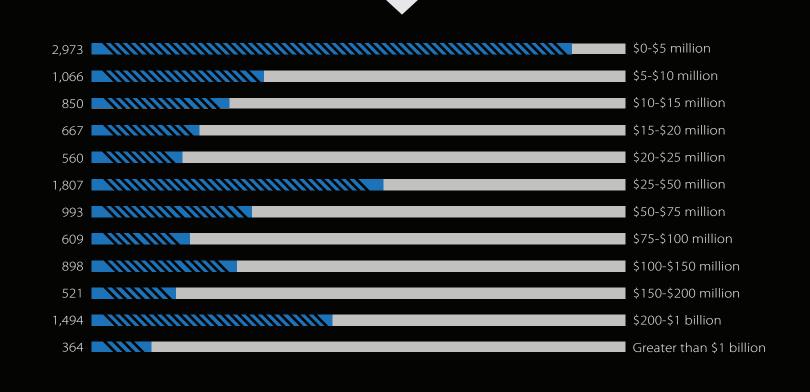
Total Discretionary Assets Under Management of independent wealth managers.

{ \$ 1.662 Trillion

Total Discretionary Accounts managed by independent  $\{4,761,524\}$ wealth managers.

Average Discretionary Account Size managed by independent wealth { \$129,857,777 managers.

# The Number of Independent Wealth Management Firms by AUM buckets



Where's the Money? Independent Wealth Management Firms based on Aggregate Assets by firm size

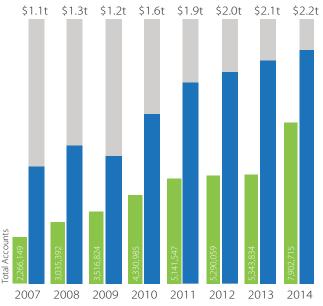


1/3 of all assets reside with firms over \$3 billion

### Wealth Manager Asset Growth

based on total assets under management





#### Trends in New Firms





# ETF Usage by RIA Firms

Total U.S. ETF Assets = \$2 Trillion

\$755B or roughly 40% of all ETF assets are reported by firms in RIA Database.



ETF Assets for RIA / Wealth Managers \$91 Billion



ETF Assets by Asset Managers \$276 billion



ETF Assets by Hedge Funds \$260 Billion



ETF Assets by Broker/Dealers \$128 Billion