# A Beginner's Guide to Passfolio



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### Introduction

Welcome to Passfolio!

If you're new to investing in the US Stock Market, don't worry.

We've created a comprehensive guide with just about everything you need to know to get started.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

Here are answers to the most frequently asked questions about Passfolio.

### What is Passfolio?

Passfolio is a San Francisco fintech company that through its United States Money Services Business and SEC registered broker-dealer, provides fast, easy, and secure access to the US stock market and cryptocurrencies.

Passfolio's mobile app lets people in over

170 countries invest in United States dollars, stocks, ETFs, and REITs using their local currency and transfer methods or cryptocurrency.

Passfolio is the brand name of Panchain, Inc.
Passfolio Securities LLC and Passfolio
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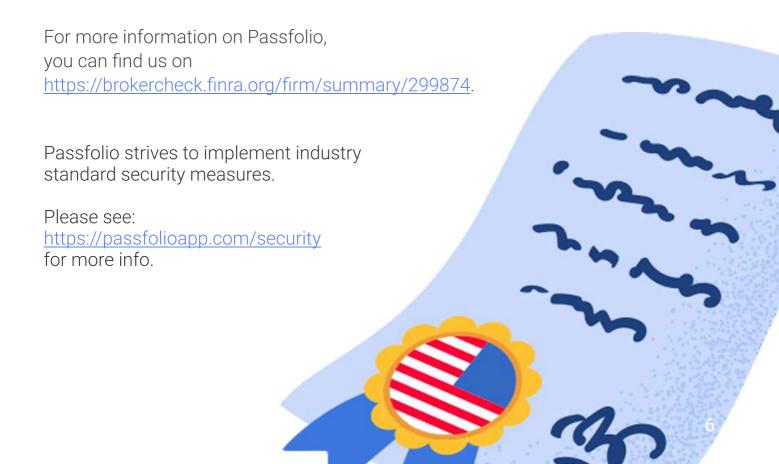
#### Disclosure:

Passfolio strives to implement industry standard security measures. Please see <a href="https://passfolioapp.com/security">https://passfolioapp.com/security</a> for more info.

Passfolio Financial is a United States Money Services Business registered with FinCEN. Passfolio Securities is a United States SEC registered broker dealer, and member of FINRA and SIPC which protects securities customers of its members up to \$500,000 (including \$250,000 for claims for cash). Explanatory brochure available upon request or at www.sipc.org.

## Is Passfolio a registered broker-dealer?

Passfolio Securities is a United States SEC-registered broker-dealer, and a member of both the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), which protects securities customers of its members up to U\$\$500,000 (including U\$\$250,000 for claims for cash). Explanatory brochure available upon request or at www.sipc.org.



## Is Passfolio secure?

Passfolio strives to implement industry standard security measures.

Your password is never stored in plaintext it is hashed using the industry-standard
BCrypt hashing algorithm. Sensitive and
private information such as your social
security number are encrypted before
they're written to disk.

All of our apps, websites, and servers securely communicate using the Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol. For account login we require multi-factor authentication. Our mobile app supports TouchID, FaceID, or a custom pin code for unlocking.



### Why invest in the American market?

### Here are some reasons for you to start investing in the US stock market:

- The US is home to some of the most famous companies in the world, such as Apple, Amazon and Google;
- The US stock market has an **average annual return of 10% since** 1926 over the S&P 500 index (<a href="https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/042415/what-average-annual-return-sp-500.asp">https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/042415/what-average-annual-return-sp-500.asp</a>). Past performance does not guarantee future results;
- The US stock market is the most liquid in the world, with more than 30 trillion dollars in capitalization and 30 trillion dollars in trading volume (<a href="https://tradingeconomics.com/united-states/market-cap">https://tradingeconomics.com/united-states/market-cap</a> italization-of-listed-companies-us-dollar-wb-data.html);
- More than **250 foreign companies** such as XP, Inc. and Alibaba from 34 countries around the world trade in the US. market so you can have **a global portfolio** (<a href="https://www.sec.gov/investor/alerts/adr-bulletin.pdf">https://www.sec.gov/investor/alerts/adr-bulletin.pdf</a>).

# What do I need to create my account?

To start investing in the US market, download Passfolio on the **App Store** or **Google Play**.

To create your Passfolio account, you just need to be at least **18 years old** and submit some basic information.

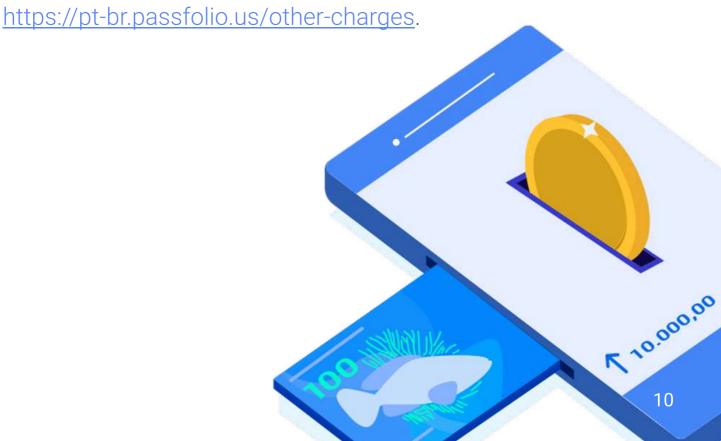
After submitting your information through the app, your application will typically be reviewed and approved within one business day. If any additional information is required, we'll get in touch by email.

# What are the fees and charges?

Passfolio charges **no commission fees.**We make money from other sources such as interest on your uninvested cash and payment for order flow.

For TED deposits and withdrawals we charge a 1.2% currency conversion fee + 0.38% IOF. An additional R\$2.00 is charged for TED withdrawals.

You can find information on other charges on page 20, or you can visit



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## How to Purchase or Sell Stock

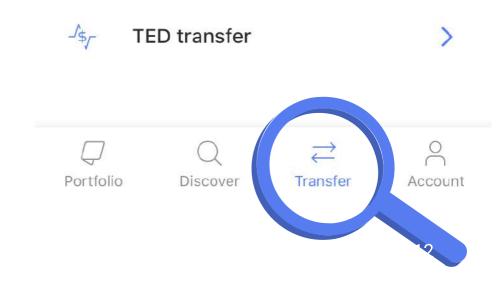
Now that you have your account approved, it's time to start investing.

### **Deposit funds**

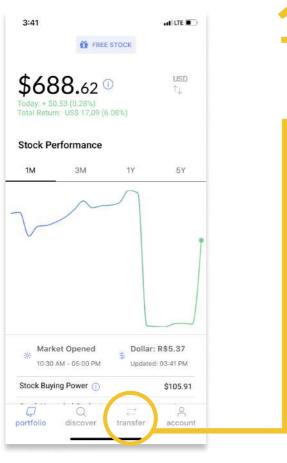
As a global app, Passfolio supports the following transfer methods: **USD paper checks, Wire Transfers, TransferWise, ACH, TEDs, SWIFT, SafetyPay, and SEPA**. However, the transfer methods available to you will vary according to your location.

You will be able to access banking information for the preferred transfer method by accessing the **transfer** tab within the app.

After having transferred money to your account, your funds may take **a day or two to settle**. If you have any trouble funding your account, feel free to contact us at <a href="mailto:support@passfolio.us">support@passfolio.us</a>.

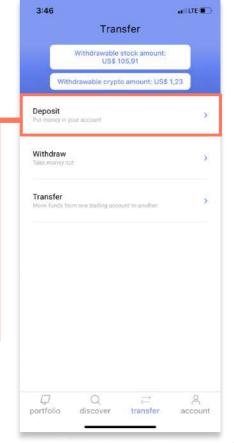


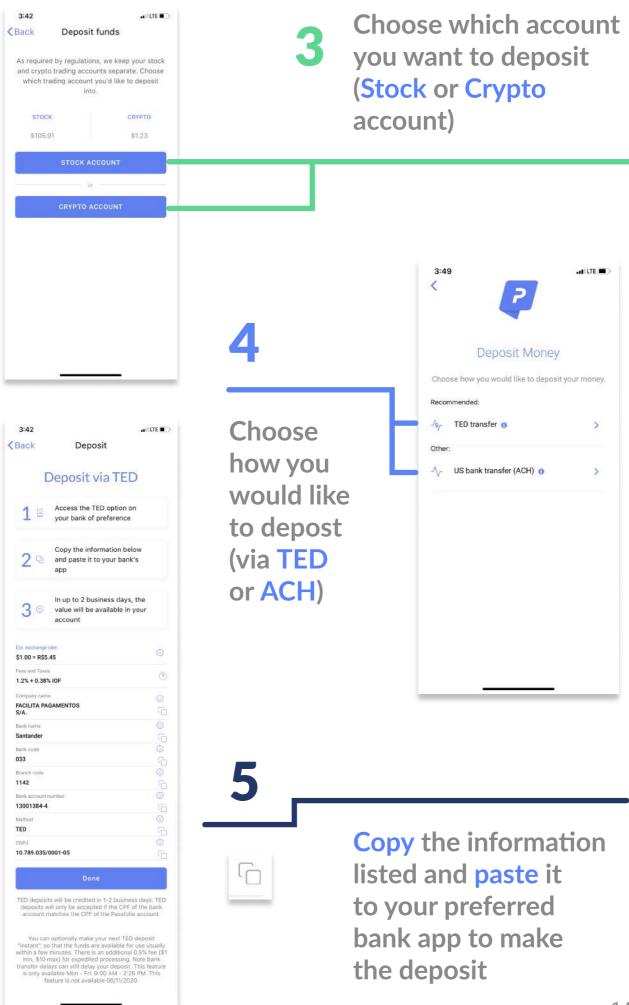
### Steps to deposit funds:



Click on the "Transfer" button on the menu at the bottom of the screen

Click on the "Deposit" option on the menu





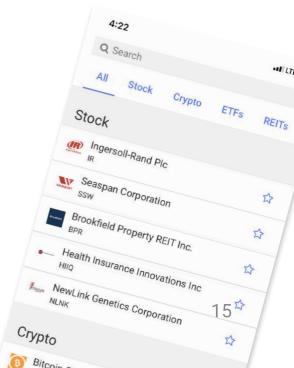
# Invest in the companies you love

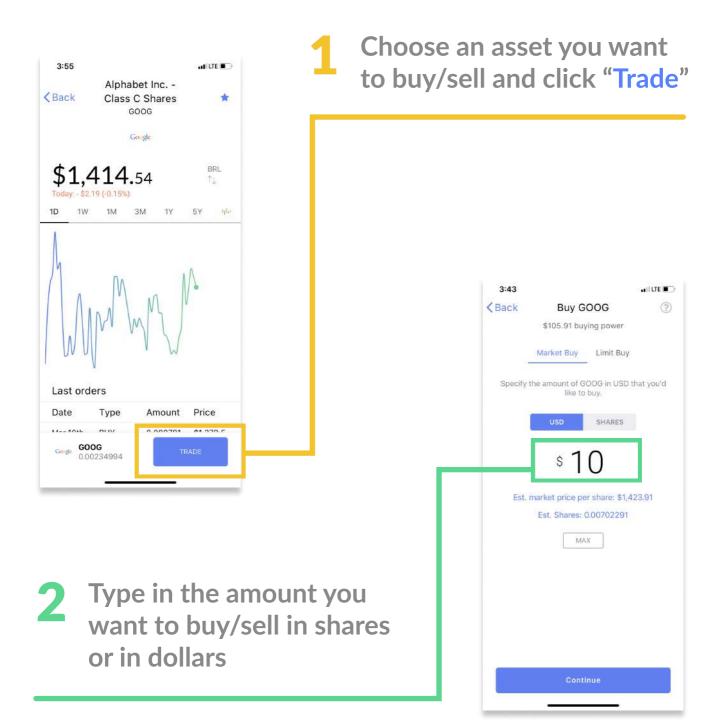
Now that you've successfully added funds to your account, you can **start investing in US stocks**. Just access the "Discover" tab and search for a company you want to invest in. Then, once you've found it, all you have to do is decide how much stock you want to buy.

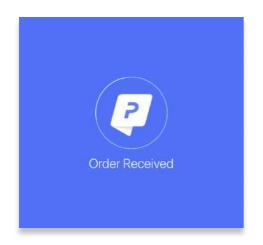
Passfolio lets you choose to either input **how many shares** you want to purchase or type in how much you want to **invest in USD**.

Just remember to do your research and only buy stock from companies you believe fit your investmentment objective, financial situation and risk profile.









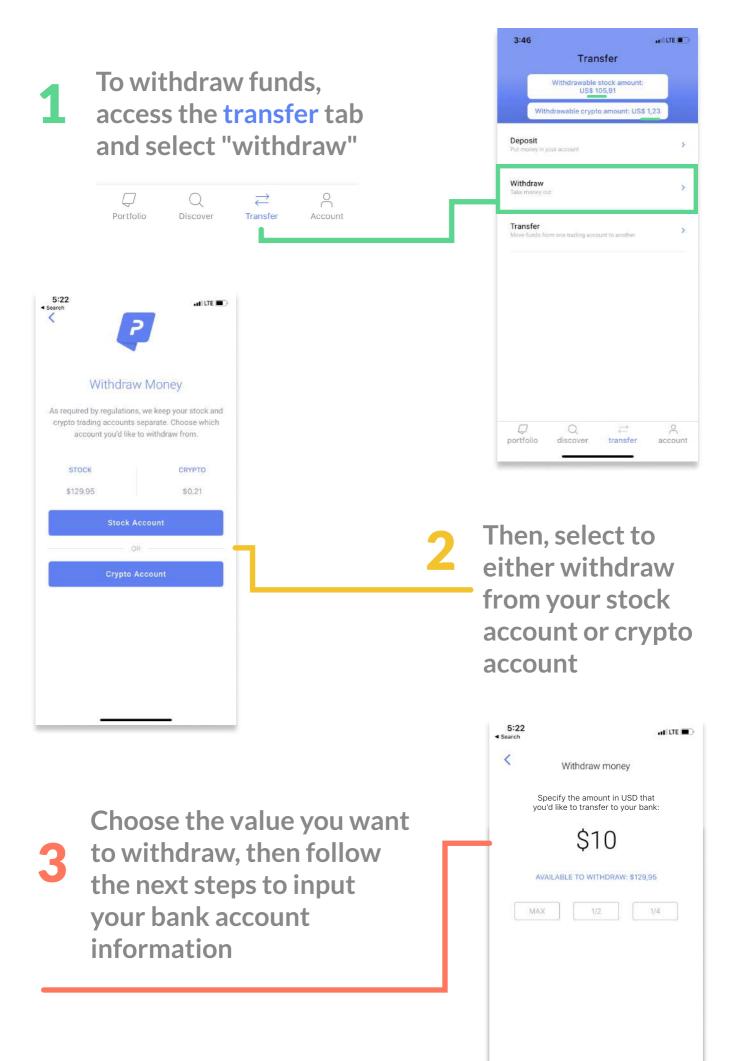
Confirm you order and that's it!
Your order has been received

### Claim your returns

After you sell a stock, cash is made available in your account. To **withdraw funds**, access the **transfer** tab and select "withdraw". Then, select to either withdraw from your **stock account or crypto account** and specify the amount you'd like to transfer to your bank.

Once a withdrawal order is placed, funds should be made available in your bank account in **1 to 2 business days**. If you have any issues or questions regarding your transfer, contact our support team at <a href="mailto:support@passfolio.us">support@passfolio.us</a>.





# Part 3

# Fees and other charges

Passfolio Securities, as your US stock broker, don't charge you commission or account fees for trading stocks.

To trade cryptocurrencies through Passfolio Financial, our US Money Services Business, our crypto partner Gemini charges 0.35% on each crypto trade, but we do not charge any fees on top of that.

Opening, maintaining, and closing your crypto account with Passfolio Financial are all free.

Please see the next page to get a clear view of any applicable fees or charges related to third party applications.

#### **Trades**

Stocks FREE
ETFS FREE
REITS FREE
ADRS FREE
Closed-End Funds FREE

#### **Account maintenance**

Physical copy of \$3.00 per trade confirmations confirmation

Physical copy of \$5.00 per statement statements

Tax document \$25.00 request (fax and regular mail)

### Account transfer charges

ACAT out USA \$50.00 per account

ACAT out \$100.00 per international account

ACAT incoming FREE

ACAT pass \$0.10 per position through fee (inbound and outbound)

**DWAC transfers** \$75.00 per

position

DTC \$15.00 per deliveries/receives position

DRS transfer incoming \$50.00 per and outgoing position

#### **Transfers**

#### Deposits\*

Paper check
Wire transfer

ACH transfer

FREE

TransferWise

SWIFT transfer

FREE

SEPA

FREE

SafetyPay

FREE

TED 1.2% currency conversion fee + 0.38% IOF

#### Withdrawals

Paper check \$3.00
Wire transfer \$25.00
ACH transfer \$0.25
Wire transfer to other \$35.00
countries

TED 1.2% currency conversion fee + 0.38% IOF + R\$2.00

#### Miscellanious

Returned checks \$20.00
Check stop payments \$25.00
Overnight check delivery \$20.00
Returned wire transfers \$25.00

\*Check third-party fees and charges

## How to Report Taxes for Offshore Investments

Many people who are new to Passfolio get concerned about how they should report taxes for their offshore investments. Don't worry - we've partnered up with **Meu Contador** (<a href="https://www.instagram.com/meu\_contador/">https://www.instagram.com/meu\_contador/</a>), a licensed accountant in Brazil, to create a guide with key information you need to know.

#### Guide:

https://pt-br.passfolio.us/imposto-renda-inves timentos-no-exterior

#### Disclosure:

The information provided should not be considered legal or tax advice. Consult an attorney or tax professional regarding your specific situation.

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Every week, we share fresh content about investing in the US stock market. Visit our blog, follow us on social media and sign up to our newsletter to stay tuned!

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- Follow us on Instagram https://www.instagram.com/passfolioapp/
- Watch our videos on Youtube -https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4QiDUiCG0lnKf8vwr9Vx\_A

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Cryptocurrencies are not securities.

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