

TOP 10 REASONS FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORS TO USE LINKEDIN

With a business fueled by networking, advisors are integrating *LinkedIn* as a core element of their marketing efforts. Contributing to this preference are unique features and tools that effectively complement and amplify advisors' traditional efforts to grow their book of business.

- 1 Prospecting**
 Leverage your extended network to identify prospects, improve the effectiveness of their referrals, request introductions, and identify centers of influence
- 2 High-value leads**
 High net worth investors seeking financial help and mining for expert advice from digital sources has become the new normal
- 3 Cultivating leads**
 Build connections with prospective clients by requesting introductions, communicating with new leads, and using search tools to qualify potential clients
- 4 Building relationships**
 Enhance current client relations by posting market news and industry information, following companies, communicating directly with clients, and participating in group discussions
- 5 Showcasing expertise**
 Connect with thought leaders and demonstrate expertise in discussion forums and industry groups while sharing your credentials and differentiating your business
- 6 Knowledge sharing**
 Post thought leadership, industry updates, and educational strategies to nurture trust with clients and prospects, and position yourself as a valued, relevant resource
- 7 Professional brand**
 Building and enhancing your personal brand strengthens trust and loyalty, solidifies credibility, and improves the effectiveness of your referral network
- 8 Client centralization**
 Consolidate existing and potential client contacts for a cost-effective way to leverage the information via keyword searches and common connections
- 9 Increased adoption**
 From Compliance's increased comfort level with the platform, to a rising active target audience, to an improved understanding of *LinkedIn* features, the platform is more effective than ever
- 10 Sales navigator**
 Quickly deliver the most relevant prospects via search filters, decision maker relevance, advanced access to member data, and sales triggers

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