#### Introduction

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# What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer services to retail and institutional clients. *Accounts*: We service retail nonqualified and qualified accounts as well as all manner of institutional accounts. *Investments*: We use exchange traded funds, mutual funds, stocks, bonds, and annuities to construct portfolios.

**Monitoring:** We monitor portfolios and securities in accounts on an ongoing basis. We communicate with you frequently and also offer to meet with you at least annually, including virtual meetings, depending on your needs. **Investment Authority:** We provide our services on a perpetual discretionary and nondiscretionary basis as requested. We execute investment recommendations and specific transactions, in accordance with your investment objectives, with or without your prior approval, based upon discretionary or nondiscretionary account management status. Our engagement will continue until you notify us otherwise in writing. **Limited Investment Offerings:** We do not make available or offer advice with respect to proprietary products nor to a strictly limited menu of products or types of investments. **Account Minimums and Other Requirements:** We require a minimum asset level of between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000 to establish a relationship with us, depending on the services we will be providing you.

For more detailed information on our relationships and services, please see Item 4 – Advisory Services and Item 7 – Types of Clients of our Form ADV Part 2A.

### **Conversation Starters**

- Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not?
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# What fees will I pay?

You will pay an ongoing asset-based fee. This fee will be collected at the beginning of each quarter and is calculated as a percentage of the value of the cash and investments in your account[s] that we manage. *Conflicts of Interest:* The more assets in your advisory account, the more you will pay in advisory fees, and we therefore have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account. *Other Fees and Costs: Our wrap advisory fee includes all transaction fees.* In addition to our wrap advisory fee, you will also be responsible for underlying exchange traded and mutual fund management fees. Clients not in our wrap advisory fee program may also pay additional fees for additional services such as financial planning; these services are billed separately and are charged quarterly or at a fixed rate. Participants in our WRAP program are not subject to transaction charges for certain investment options or for financial planning. Some of our Investment Adviser Representatives also serve as brokerage and insurance agents. Through their role as such they may sell, for commissions, various insurance and security products.

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

For more detailed information on our fees, please see Item 5 – Fees and Compensation of our Form ADV Part 2A.

#### **Conversation Starters**

Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

What Are Your Legal Obligations to Me When Acting as My Investment Adviser? How Else Does Your Firm Make Money and What Conflicts of Interest Do You Have?

When we act as your investment adviser, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interests ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice we provide you. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means. We will recommend that you open your account with a specific custodian, where we have an institutional relationship and receive economic benefits. However, you ultimately decide where to open your accounts. Choosing a different custodian may result in the loss of quality of service and/or ability to obtain favorable prices. Certain IARs of our firm are also Registered Representatives of an unaffiliated broker/dealer, through which they may sell securities for which they earn a separate commission. As noted above, certain investment adviser representatives of our firm are also licensed insurance agents and may earn commissions on various insurance products. We have a conflict of interest in recommending these products to you because of the potential for additional revenue. We have a financial incentive to recommend that you rollover retirement plan assets into an IRA we manage; however, we seek to educate you on your options and the fees and benefits associated with each choice and then allow you to choose which you feel is in your best interest. We also receive compensation for the referral of clients to another investment adviser. This referral arrangement and the nature of the compensation we receive is disclosed to the referred client at the time the referral is made. A copy of the referred adviser's Form ADV Part 2 is also delivered at that time.

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# How Do Your Financial Professionals Make Money?

Our financial professionals are compensated based on a percentage of revenue generated from the accounts they directly service. This means financial professionals have an incentive to increase the asset size in the relationship or solicit new business. They are also compensated by revenue-sharing agreements with other advisers or outside referral sources, and commission on the sale of insurance products.

# Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?

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As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?

# **Additional Information**

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Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser? Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me? Effective Date: March-September 2024

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