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FORM ADV PART 2B\*

## Brochure Supplement:

Professional Background of

**Daniel J. Grover**

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\*This brochure supplement provides information about the qualifications of Daniel J. Grover, the Firm's Chief Compliance Officer. This is a supplement to the Astera Part 2A brochure which you should have received previously. Please contact Mr. Grover, if you have not received the brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement. Additional information about Astera is available on the internet at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## **Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience**

**DANIEL J. GROVER**

### Born

1973

### Education

University of California at Santa Cruz, B.A., Economics (1995)

University of California at Santa Cruz, B.A., History (1995)

### Business Background

2008 - Present	Astera Financial Group, LLC; Principal and Chief Compliance Officer
2012 - Present	First Republic Investment Management, Inc., Managing Director
2011 - Present	M Holdings Securities, Inc.; Registered Representative
2010 - 2011	Emerson Equity, LLC; Registered Representative
2001 - 2008	Wells Fargo Private Client Services; Regional Sales Manager

### Professional Licenses

Mr. Grover has passed the following FINRA exams: Series 7, 9, 10, 52, 63 and 65

Mr. Grover is a California licensed Resident Insurance Producer, licensed to sell accident and health, life-only and variable insurance policies.

### Professional and Community Activities

Mr. Grover serves on the Finance Board of the Second Harvest Food Bank based in Santa Cruz County. He and his wife, Kimberly, have three children.

## **Item 3 - Disciplinary Information**

Mr. Grover has no legal or disciplinary events or disclosures.

## **Item 4 - Other Business Activities**

Mr. Grover is an employee of First Republic Investment Management Inc., a third party investment advisor registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). First Republic Investment Management Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Republic Bank, a California bank. (These affiliated First Republic Bank entities are collectively referred to as "First Republic".)

In connection with his investment advisory services to separately managed accounts at First Republic, Mr. Grover also is a registered representative of M Holdings Securities, Inc. ("M Securities"), a broker-dealer registered by the SEC and members of FINRA and SIPC. Mr.

Grover only acts in his registered representative capacity in connection with his investment advisory duties for First Republic separately managed clients and not in connection with Astera's investment management services to the Partnership.

First Republic and M Securities are independent from and unaffiliated with Astera. Neither controls nor otherwise supervises the investment advisory activities of Astera in connection with Astera's management of the Partnership. Equally, Astera does not control or otherwise supervise First Republic's or M Securities' brokerage activities on behalf of the separately managed accounts at First Republic, previously managed by Astera or otherwise.

#### **Item 5 - Additional Compensation**

Other than in connection with his employment by First Republic as described above, and as disclosed in Item 12 of the Firm's Form ADV Part 2A related to the Firm's receipt of unsolicited discounts on software or brokerage services from the Partnership's custodian Schwab, Mr. Grover does not receive any economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of investment advisory services.

#### **Item 6 - Supervision**

Mr. Grover's trading and portfolio management activities are supervised by Mr. Brian Corley and Mr. Ross Gaudoin, the balance of the Firm's senior management team. Supervision is ongoing and includes account reviews, trade supervision, annual compliance reviews including the forensic testing of Firm systems, staff meetings and employee reviews.

#### **Item 7 - Requirements for State-Registered Advisors**

Mr. Grover has not been the subject of a bankruptcy filing. Nor has he ever been liable for any claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500, or found liable in any proceeding involving claims of investment-related business activity, fraud, false statements or omissions, theft, embezzlement, other wrongful taking of property, bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices.