

Disclosure Brochure

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Ballad Investments, LLC

A Registered Investment Adviser

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Item 2. Material Changes

This Item discusses only the material changes that have occurred since Ballad's last annual update. The Firm was acquired in 2014, and is under new ownership as described in Item 4 (below).

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Item 4. Advisory Business

Ballad has been formed to provide investment advisory services. Ballad is under common control and shares a principal office and place of business with PKS Advisory Services, LLC ("PKSA"), an investment adviser that is registered with the SEC (SEC File Number 801-62147). At the time of this filing, Ballad does not conduct any advisory business. It is anticipated that Ballad will be purchased by an individual(s) interested in utilizing the services of PKSA or one of its affiliates, and owning an independent investment adviser. At that time, this Disclosure Brochure will be amended.

Ballad was formed in June 2012 under prior ownership, and is currently owned by Interim Holdings, LLC and its manager is Pro Tem Holdings, LLC, which is under common control with PKSA. Since Ballad has not begun to provide any advisory services, it does not yet have any assets under management.

This Disclosure Brochure describes the business of Ballad. Certain sections will also describe the activities of *Supervised Persons*. *Supervised Persons* are any of Ballad's employees, officers, partners, directors (or other persons occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), or any other person who is subject to Ballad's supervision or control.

Item 5. Fees and Compensation

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. In the future, however, Ballad expects to offer its services on a fee basis, which may include hourly and/or fixed fees, as well as fees based upon assets under management. Prior to engaging Ballad to provide any services, the client would be required to enter into a written agreement with Ballad setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement.

Item 6. Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not provide any services for performance-based fees.

Item 7. Types of Clients

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not have any clients.

Item 8. Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not have any methods of analysis, investment strategies or risks of loss to disclose.

Item 9. Disciplinary Information

Ballad is required to disclose the facts of any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's evaluation of its advisory business or the integrity of its management. Ballad does not have any required disclosures to this Item.

Item 10. Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Related Investment Adviser

Ballad is under common control and ownership with PKSA. It is anticipated that Ballad may recommend the services of PKSA in the future. If at that time there is any common control between Ballad and PKSA, such conflict will be disclosed to clients.

Related Broker Dealer

Ballad is under common control and ownership with Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. ("PKS"), an SEC registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. It is anticipated that the individuals providing advisory services through Ballad in the future may be registered representatives of PKS. Ballad will disclose this to clients as a conflict of interest and explain that clients have the option to purchase investment products through other brokers or agents not affiliated with Ballad.

Receipt of Insurance Commission

Ballad is also affiliated with PKS Financial Services, Inc. ("PKSFS"). PKSFS is an insurance agency licensed in all states in which it conducts business. It is anticipated that the individuals providing advisory services through Ballad in the future may be licensed insurance agents with PKSFS and other various insurance companies. Ballad will disclose this to clients as a conflict of interest, if necessary.

Item 11. Code of Ethics

Ballad and persons associated with Ballad ("Associated Persons") are permitted to buy or sell securities that it also recommends to clients consistent with Ballad's policies and procedures.

Ballad has adopted a code of ethics that sets forth the standards of conduct expected of its associated persons and requires compliance with applicable securities laws ("*Code of Ethics*"). Ballad's *Code of Ethics* contains written policies reasonably designed to prevent the unlawful use of material non-public information by Ballad or any of its associated persons. The *Code of Ethics* also requires that certain of Ballad's personnel (called "*Access Persons*") report their personal securities holdings and transactions and obtain pre-approval of certain investments such as initial public offerings and limited offerings.

When Ballad is engaging in or considering a transaction in any security on behalf of a client, no *Access Person* may effect for themselves or for their immediate family (i.e., spouse, minor children, and adults living in the same household as the *Access Person*) a transaction in that security unless:

- the transaction has been completed;
- the transaction for the *Access Person* is completed as part of a batch trade (as defined below in Item 12) with clients; or
- a decision has been made not to engage in the transaction for the client.

These requirements are not applicable to: (i) direct obligations of the Government of the United States; (ii) money market instruments, bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper, repurchase agreements and other high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements; (iii) shares issued by mutual funds or money market funds; and (iv) shares issued by unit investment trusts that are invested exclusively in one or more mutual funds.

This *Code of Ethics* has been established recognizing that some securities trade in sufficiently broad markets to permit transactions by *Access Persons* to be completed without any appreciable impact on the markets of such securities. Therefore, under certain limited circumstances, exceptions may be made to the policies stated above.

While Ballad does not currently provide advisory services, in the future clients and prospective clients will be able to contact Ballad to request a copy of its *Code of Ethics*.

Item 12. Brokerage Practices

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not select or recommend any broker-dealers to clients.

Item 13. Review of Accounts

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not review any accounts or provide reports.

Item 14. Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Ballad is required to disclose any relationship or arrangement where it receives an economic benefit from a third party (non-client) for providing advisory services. In addition, Ballad is required to disclose any direct or indirect compensation that it provides for client referrals. Ballad does not have any required disclosures to this Item.

Item 15. Custody

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not have custody of any client funds or securities.

Item 16. Investment Discretion

Ballad does not currently provide advisory services. Therefore, Ballad does not accept discretionary authority to manage securities on behalf of clients.

Item 17. Voting Client Securities

Ballad is required to disclose if it accepts authority to vote client securities. Ballad does not vote client securities on behalf of its clients.

Item 18. Financial Information

Ballad is not required to disclose any financial information pursuant to this Item due to the following:

- The firm does not require or solicit the prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees six months or more in advance;
- The firm does not have a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to clients; and
- The firm has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.

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