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Coldstream, doing business as “Coldstream Wealth Management”, is an investment adviser registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Registration of an investment adviser does not imply that Coldstream or its directors, officers, employees or representatives have attained a particular level of skill, ability or training.

The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Coldstream Wealth Management is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The SEC’s web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with Coldstream who are registered, or are required to be registered, as investment adviser representatives of Coldstream. You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our CRD number is 108805.



## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

This Brochure dated April 7, 2017, is a document prepared according to the Securities and Exchange Commission’s new requirements and rules effective October 12, 2010, and is an update to our previous brochure dated March 31, 2017.

### *Summary of Material Changes:*

Since the last Brochure, effective 04/01/2017, Coldstream Holdings Inc., the parent company of Coldstream Capital Management Inc., (dba Coldstream Wealth Management), merged with The Rainier Group, Inc. including Rainier Group Investment Advisory, LLC, also a registered investment advisor. Rainier Group Investment Advisory, LLC will continue as a separate investment advisory firm under Coldstream Holdings, Inc, and do business as Coldstream Wealth Management. Coldstream Wealth Management services, marketing and branding and total assets under advisement will include the activities of both Coldstream Capital Management Inc. and Rainier Group Investment Advisory, LLC. See Item 10 for additional information.

We will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business’ fiscal year. Updated interim Brochures will be provided to you as necessary based on changes or new information, without charge.

Currently, our Brochure may be requested by contacting our Client Services Team at 425.283.1600 or [clientservices@coldstream.com](mailto:clientservices@coldstream.com). Our Brochure is also available on our web site [www.coldstream.com](http://www.coldstream.com) , also free of charge.

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#### **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

Coldstream, doing business as “Coldstream Wealth Management”, is a 100% employee/director owned comprehensive wealth management firm founded in 1996, with a corporate office in Bellevue, Washington and a branch office in Seattle, WA. Coldstream offers a full range of wealth management services, including portfolio management, family advisory, risk management, financial, retirement & education planning, and wealth transfer planning. Internal expertise is blended with selected outside advisors to provide a cohesive, holistic platform of guidance to clients.

#### **Tailoring of Advisory Services**

Coldstream manages client portfolios on a team basis, consisting of:

- Relationship Manager
- Portfolio Manager
- Private Client Services Associate
- Wealth Planner
- Private Client Services Administrator
- Chief Investment Officer & Investment Strategy Group

Coldstream uses a step-by-step process to help clients establish goals and customize appropriate strategies to suit their vision and objectives. Coldstream’s process includes meeting with the client, determining investment objectives, creating an Investment Policy Statement and completing a Risk Tolerance Questionnaire. Client portfolios are managed independently based on clients’ situations, risk tolerance and investment objectives pursuant to the Investment Policy Statement (IPS), which can include certain investment restrictions imposed by clients. For example, a client can restrict the purchase of certain securities, such as tobacco and “sin” stocks.

Coldstream typically meets with clients at least annually to review progress and the client’s expectations for their portfolio. We also provide clients with quarterly reports that provide a review of assets and current and historical performance. If the client chooses to, they may opt to access their account information and reports electronically via a secure login on our website at [www.coldstream.com](http://www.coldstream.com).

Coldstream will also provide these services on a non-discretionary basis. Coldstream notifies the client and obtains permission prior to the sale or purchase of each security within the managed account.



### **Wrap Fee Program**

Not applicable.

### **Following is a listing of the principal (25% or more) shareholders of Coldstream:**

Kevin M. Fitzwilson - Managing Shareholder

### **Assets Under Management**

As of December 31, 2016, managed a total of:

Discretionary Assets: \$ 1,900,419,039

Non-Discretionary Assets: \$ 196,732,597

Total Assets : \$ 2,097,151,635

### **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

**The current Coldstream basic fee schedule is as follows:**

Minimum account size for private portfolio management is \$2,000,000.  
The minimum may be waived at Coldstream's discretion. Non-standard fee schedules are subject to the approval of the Chief Operating Officer.

<u>ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT</u>	<u>ANNUAL FEE</u>
0 - \$5,000,000	1.00%
\$5,000,001 - \$15,000,000	0.85%
\$15,000,001 - \$25,000,000	0.75%
Over \$25,000,000	Negotiable



### Financial Planning

Financial planning reviews and basic financial consulting services are included in the standard fee schedule for clients with assets under management greater than \$2 Million or paying in excess of \$20,000 in annual fees. Coldstream may charge a retainer and/or hourly fees for Private Client Services, which are designed to assist those clients who require a higher level of structure and coordination with outside providers such as estate planning, concierge, consulting and related services depending upon the complexity and time involved with a client engagement.

For clients choosing to engage Coldstream solely for Financial Planning, the fee is negotiable based on the complexity and scope of the engagement. The fee for our typical engagement is a flat fee, based on depth and complexity of services, or can be charged as an hourly fee for planning and consulting services. Hourly rate clients are billed at the rate of \$250 an hour for Lead Advisor, \$150 for Planning Services and \$50 an hour for Administrative Support. Hourly fees are due and payable upon completion of the plan or services. In each case, the fee arrangements are negotiated with the client separately.

If clients elect to implement recommendations, their accounts may incur transaction costs, retirement plan administration fees, and other mutual fund annual expenses that are charged by broker-dealers, plan administrators or mutual fund companies that sell securities or provide additional services to Adviser clients. These fees are in addition to and separate from planning and consulting fees.

There is a potential conflict of interest because there is an incentive for the Adviser offering financial planning services to recommend products or services for which the Adviser or an associated person receives compensation. However, financial planning clients are under no obligation to act upon any recommendations of the Adviser or to execute any transactions through the Adviser or an associated person if they decide to follow the recommendations.

### Private Client Consulting Services

For clients that engage Coldstream solely for Private Client Consulting services, designed to assist those clients who require a higher level of structure and coordination with outside providers such as estate planning, concierge, consulting and related services, the fee is negotiable based on the complexity and scope of the engagement. In each case, the fee arrangements are negotiated with the client separately.



### Private Fund and Limited Partnership Fees

Fees associated with a Coldstream, Genesee or Ascent private fund are assessed separately as per the agreement for each partnership/fund.

Additionally, for Coldstream, Genesee or Ascent private fund and any other investments in a Fund of Funds structure, expenses may be a higher percentage of net assets than would be the case in other investment entities. Investing in a fund of funds Partnership, which in turn invests through Sub-Advisors, an investor will, in effect, incur the costs of two forms of investment advisory services: the management fee to cover expenses and profits allocated to the General Partner for selecting Sub-Advisors, as well as the performance and other fees paid to Sub-Advisors themselves.

### Corporate Pension and Retirement Plans

The Coldstream Fortress Retirement Plan annual base fees for customary services are outlined below. These fees are negotiable and may vary based on the complexity and scope of engagement and optional services plan sponsors may elect to offer.

0.325% on the first \$25 Million of assets held in the Plan

0.275% on the next \$25 Million

After \$50 million – negotiable

The minimum retirement plan account size for advisory services is \$5,000,000 and may be waived at Coldstream's discretion.

Through our affiliation with The Rainier Group, Inc. and their Business Advisory services, we may also offer Financial modeling Services. Financial modeling is a principal component of their Wealth Advisory process, and allows you to see the current and long-term impact of choices on financial security, taxation, wealth preservation and other concerns. Rainier can create a detailed profile of your business, personal, family and financial situation and objectives. Based on this understanding, financial models are used to compare and contrast planning strategies under various assumptions. This process helps you evaluate your options and make informed decisions regarding your investments, asset allocation, estate plan and other related financial strategies. The ability to compare alternatives in detail simplifies the decision-making process and leads to confidence in the selected strategy.



### Fee Payment

Fees are paid quarterly in advance based on the market value of the account on the last day of the prior quarter. The basic fee schedule can vary at the relationship manager's discretion based on the scope of the total relationship. Fees can vary from the applicable schedules above based on factors such as client type, asset class, pre-existing relationship, service levels, portfolio complexity and account size or other special circumstances or requirements. Some existing clients may pay higher or lower fees than new clients. The specific annual fee applicable to your relationship with us will be identified in the written Investment Advisory Agreement between us. As we charge fees on a relationship basis, we may group certain related client accounts together for the purposes of determining the annualized fee. Discounts, while not generally available to our advisory clients, may be offered to family members, friends or associated persons of Coldstream.

In certain circumstances, Coldstream may charge an hourly or flat fee for advice not directly related to a specific account or for advice on investment accounts not actively managed by Coldstream. The fees will vary based on the circumstances involved, e.g., responsibilities involved, relationship to Coldstream, expectations of significant capital additions in the future, and/or the composition of the client's account, among other reasons. In each case, the fee arrangements are negotiated with each client separately.

Initial billable quarters may be pro-rated based on value of assets viewed in arrears, and length of time under management. In cases when the advisory agreement does not span the full billing period, fees are prorated through the date of termination for the current billing period and refunded to the client. Termination can be made by either party and is effective immediately upon receipt of written notice as per the investment advisory agreement.

All fees paid to Coldstream for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds and exchange traded funds to their shareholders. These fees generally include fund management fees, fund expenses, and possibly a distribution fee. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus.

In addition, we may on occasion recommend that a portion of the assets for a client be managed by one or more sub-advisors. If this is the case, the client hires the sub-advisor directly, and no referral fees are paid. The clients who utilize the sub-advisor(s) will pay investment management fee(s) to that adviser, in addition to what they pay the Adviser.

**Fees on Margin Accounts:** For clients with margin accounts, we will bill fees gross of your margin balance. This means you will be billed on your long market value and the absolute value of your margin balance.





## Receipt of Additional Compensation

Investment adviser representatives can receive brokerage or mutual fund trail commissions from the sale of securities, in their capacity as registered representatives of Coldstream Securities, Inc., a registered broker-dealer, member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

This practice presents a conflict of interest as it provides an incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation to be received rather than on the client's needs. The Adviser monitors trading practices and regularly reviews client securities transactions in order to protect clients against this conflict of interest. Clients are advised that they are not required to purchase or sell securities through the investment adviser representatives acting in the capacity of registered representatives of Coldstream Securities, Inc. and can purchase the same securities or products from an unaffiliated broker-dealer.

Coldstream employees receive compensation for insurance products or services that are sold to clients by insurance licensed Coldstream employees or third party insurance providers. Clients have the option to purchase insurance products or services through other brokers or agents who are not affiliated with Coldstream. The Coldstream insurance entity affiliates are CHI Life Insurance (aka 'CHILI') and Fit Insurance (property & casualty insurance).

Coldstream fees do not include brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which shall be incurred by the client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers, third party investment and other third parties such as fees charged by managers, custodial fees, deferred sales charges, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to Coldstream fees.

Coldstream believes that its fees are competitive with fees charged by other investment advisers for comparable services. Comparable services may be available, however, from other sources for lower fees than those charged by Coldstream.

Item 12 further describes the factors that Coldstream considers in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for *client* transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g. commissions).

## Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

In some cases, Coldstream has entered into performance fee arrangements with qualified clients:

Coldstream serves as General Partner to Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund, LP, a Washington Limited Partnership, which was formed on May 21, 2002. Coldstream receives a



management fee and a “Performance Incentive Fee” for performance in excess of a specified hurdle. Investment in this fund is for qualified investors only. Please refer to the Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund Private Placement Memorandum and all amendments for detailed information.

Coldstream performance fees are charged in accordance with the requirements of Rule 205-3 under the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

- In measuring clients' assets for the calculation of performance-based fees, Coldstream includes realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.
- Because Coldstream is compensated based in part on capital appreciation, there is an incentive for Coldstream to recommend investments which can be riskier or more speculative than those which would be recommended under a different fee arrangement.
- Coldstream has procedures designed and implemented to ensure that all clients subject to any performance or incentive fee arrangements are treated fairly and equally.
- Upon the redemption or withdrawal of an investor's interest in an investment fund, the pro-rata portion of the performance allocation or fee allocable to such investor is charged to the investor at the next instance a performance fee is assessed.
- All Coldstream funds are subject to an annual audit conducted by a qualified, independent auditor.

Additionally, Genesee Investments LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Coldstream, provides investment advice on a discretionary basis to affiliated, privately offered Genesee investment funds (the “Genesee Funds”) intended for sophisticated and institutional investors. Genesee is paid a performance-based incentive fee based on the profits allocated during the year. The performance-based fee is based on the share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of an investor's investment. Genesee will not receive a performance fee with respect to any investor in a particular year unless the investor has recouped any prior years' losses. The incentive fee is accrued monthly and payable annually. Genesee can make monthly draws and any draws in excess of the actual performance fee earned (if any) must be re-paid promptly after each year-end.

*Investors should refer to each Fund's Offering Memorandum, Subscription Agreements and other offering documents for addition/supplementary information regarding the Funds as well as the fees and expenses paid by the Funds.*



## Item 7 – Types of Clients

Coldstream provides comprehensive wealth management services to the following types of clients:

- Affluent Individuals and their Families
- Corporate Executives
- Business Owners
- Multi-Generational Family Wealth
- Professional Athletes
- Private Foundations
- Corporate Pension and Profit Sharing (ERISA) Plans
- Public Sector Defined Contribution Plans
- Endowments and Not-for-Profit Organizations

Limitations to authority may be based upon specific written objectives and guidelines between Coldstream and the client, ERISA regulations or other regulatory body directives.

Minimum account size for private portfolio management is \$2,000,000.

The minimum may be waived at Coldstream's discretion. In addition, the Adviser may continue to service existing accounts that have values that are below the minimum.

For ERISA clients, Coldstream will provide certain required disclosures to the "responsible plan fiduciary" (as such term is defined in ERISA) in accordance with Section 408(b)(2), regarding the services we provide and the direct and indirect compensation we receive by such clients. Generally, these disclosures are also contained in this Form ADV Part 2A, in the Retirement Plan Investment Advisory Agreement and in separate ERISA disclosure documents, and are designed to enable the ERISA plan's fiduciary to: (1) determine the reasonableness of all compensation received by Coldstream; (2) identify any potential conflicts of interests; and (3) satisfy reporting and disclosure requirements for plan participants.

Coldstream is deemed to be a fiduciary to advisory clients that are employee benefit plans or individual retirement accounts (IRAs) pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income and Securities Act ("ERISA"). As such, we are subject to specific duties and obligations under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code that include among other things, restrictions concerning certain forms of compensation. To avoid engaging in prohibited transactions, we may only charge fees for investment advice about products for which we and/or our related persons do not receive any commissions or 12b-1 fees, or conversely, investment advice about products for which we and/or our related persons receive commissions or 12b-1 fees, however, only when such fees are used to offset our advisory fees.

## **Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss**

### **Methods of Analysis**

Our investment management solutions are designed to manage portfolios by integrating our internal expertise with external portfolio management in global equity, global fixed income and alternative investment strategies. Our methods of security analysis include fundamental, technical and cyclical analysis. Sources of information used by Coldstream include financial newspapers and magazines; inspections of corporate activities; research materials prepared by others; corporate rating services; timing services; annual reports, prospectuses, and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and company press releases.

#### *The Investment Strategy Group*

The Chief Investment Officer and our Portfolio Managers also serve as members of the Coldstream Investment Strategy Group. The group meets regularly to review, analyze and discuss the various forces and factors that affect the financial markets and, in turn, the client portfolios we manage. The group's review parameters include, for example, macroeconomic trends, Federal Reserve Policy, inflation, currency influences, valuation metrics and risk/reward profiles for various markets, market sectors and asset classes. The Investment Strategy Group assesses the impact these factors have on client portfolios, and distributes guidance to the Client Relationship Teams at least quarterly.

### **Investment Management Strategies**

At Coldstream, we carefully combine and balance non-correlated assets, seeking to reduce risk and capture returns. Our disciplined process relies on our direct experience in discrete asset classes and our understanding of the function each plays in achieving a diversified portfolio.

What follows is a listing of many of the asset classes and investment vehicles we advise on and frequently utilize in client portfolios:

- Domestic, International, and Emerging Markets
- A range of equity capitalizations, from Large to Small Cap Stocks
- A full range of fixed income instruments, from High Yield Corporate Bonds to Municipal Bonds and Treasuries
- Alternative Investments, including hedge fund strategies, private equity, venture capital, and leveraged buy-outs
- Tangible Assets, including both public and private real estate, commodities, and other natural resources.

### **Global Equity**

*Dividend Growth Strategy:* This strategy consists of building and managing individual-issue common stock portfolios designed to provide meaningful dividend income while maintaining exposure to the market. The strategy primarily focuses on investing in large cap common stocks (comprised primarily of domestic securities but may hold foreign ADR's as well) that provide strong growth potential and attractive dividend and yield opportunities, and seeks to create a portfolio structure that is less volatile and more predictable than the overall stock market. Companies are selected based on a comprehensive scoring process that reviews valuation, earnings, expectations, key fundamental issues, and technical price behavior.

The Dividend Growth Strategy is used in individual portfolios.

*Dividend Growth Small and Mid-Cap Strategy (DG SMID):* This strategy seeks companies with a demonstrated history of raising dividends and the potential to continue growth of dividend payments at a rate greater than market average. The strategy primarily invests in small and mid-cap companies who are evaluated and ranked within their sectors according to their relative dividend yield, dividend growth, dividend consistency, valuation, free cash flow, and payout ratio. The strategy is sector neutral to the Standard and Poor's Completion Index.

The Dividend Growth Small and Mid-Cap Strategy is used in individual portfolios, and is also used by the Aasgard Dividend Growth Small & Mid-Cap Fund, an Advisor Series Trust mutual fund. Please refer to the fund prospectus and offering documents for information on investment in the fund. Also refer to Item 11 of this Brochure for additional information on trading in the Aasgard Dividend Growth Small & Mid-Cap Fund.

*Tax-Managed Equity Strategies:* Coldstream builds and manages equity portfolios designed to track the S&P 400 Index, S&P 500 Index or S&P 600 Index with minimal dispersion, but strives to yield higher total after-tax returns vs. a passive index. Securities in this strategy are separately owned and managed in the investor's name, allowing for flexibility in tax management.

*Sub-Advised Strategies:* Coldstream offers access to external money managers, mutual funds, and equity or indexing strategies, for various investment disciplines as desired by the client and when appropriate for the client's situation.

### **Equity Strategy Risks**

#### **Equity Market Risk**

- An investor could lose money due to a sudden decline in the share price or to an overall decline in the stock market. Factors such as U.S. economic growth and market conditions, interest rates, and political events affect the equity markets.

- Our strategy for managing these portfolios may not achieve the desired results or can be less effective than other strategies in a particular market environment.
- Investments in foreign equity securities involve increased risk due to political, social and economic developments abroad as well as differences between regulatory practices.
- A higher turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and can result in higher taxes in taxable accounts. These costs can also affect the strategies' performance.

### **Management Risk**

- Our judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of a particular asset class or individual security may be incorrect and there is no guarantee that individual securities will perform as anticipated.
- The value of an individual security can be more volatile than the market as a whole or our intrinsic value approach may fail to produce the intended results.
- Our estimate of intrinsic value may be wrong or even if our estimate of intrinsic value is correct, it may take a long period of time before the price and intrinsic value converge.
- We conduct extensive quantitative and qualitative research, drawing on numerous analytic tools and a database of thousands of traditional and alternative asset managers. Security selection follows similar protocols. For all the investments we make, our due diligence efforts are thorough and ongoing.

### **Small and Mid Cap Company Risk**

- Investments in small and mid cap companies may be riskier than investments in larger, more established companies.
- The securities of these companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than securities of larger companies.
- Small and mid cap companies may be more vulnerable to economic, market and industry changes.

### **Global Fixed Income**

Our fixed income strategy is to assess the overall direction of interest rates and determine position durations accordingly. We analyze the yield curve to determine advantageous portfolio construction. We determine the relative attractiveness of corporate vs. municipal and government and/or government agency securities.

Based on the results of our analysis, we adjust durations/maturities when conditions indicate and shorten portfolio exposure when necessary to preserve capital. This means that when we believe interest rates are falling, we lengthen duration to take advantage of the increased returns that should be available as rates drop. Likewise, when market indicators warn of forces that threaten



the markets, our managers will seek to shorten portfolio maturities and durations with the goal of limiting potential declines.

*Coldstream Strategic Municipal Income:* The strategy uses a combination of capital appreciation and income to achieve a total return. Total return strategies utilize yield curve positioning, economic forecasting and market inefficiencies with the goal of maximizing returns. The strategy will use both quantitative and qualitative processes to select securities with optimal risk adjusted value. The strategy will seek to provide high after tax total return while focusing on capital preservation through detailed credit research and bond selection.

*Coldstream Limited Maturity Municipal bond:* The strategy has a portfolio objective to provide low portfolio fluctuation while generating consistent income. The strategy is designed with highly liquid investment grade bonds with a target maturity of 3-7 years.

*Coldstream Intermediate Municipal:* The strategy seeks total return with a secondary objective of current income. The strategy consists of high quality A3/A- or better bonds.

*Coldstream Income Opportunity:* The portfolio objective is to maximize current income with a secondary objective of total return. The portfolio will invest in investment grade bonds which may include taxable or tax-exempt bonds including municipal, corporate and/or US Government bonds.

*Our relationship with Nuveen:* Coldstream's Investment Strategy Group is a partner with Nuveen Asset Management for strategic yield curve positioning and tactical duration. Coldstream uses Nuveen's agnostic approach to analyze credit quality when selecting bonds, and our partnership allows for access to all areas of the municipal market and for the efficient pricing power.

The Municipal Bond Strategy may be used in individual portfolios. In addition to separately managed accounts Coldstream builds and manages individual-issue corporate, US Treasury, and municipal bond portfolios customized to a client's specific diversification requirements, income needs, time horizon, tax considerations and state of residence.

## ***Fixed Income Risks***

### **Fixed Income Market Risk**

- A rise in interest rates may cause accounts participating in this strategy to decline in value. When interest rates are low, the income distribution may be reduced.
- The value of any of the investments may decline in response to events affecting the issuer, its credit rating or any underlying assets backing the securities; such as the effect on



mortgage-related securities from real estate market weakness or defaults on underlying mortgages.

- The duration of these securities affects risk, with longer term securities generally more sensitive to interest rates and more volatile than shorter term securities.

### **Management Risk**

- Our judgments about the attractiveness, value, and potential appreciation of a particular asset class or individual security may be incorrect and there is no guarantee that individual securities will perform as anticipated.
- The value of an individual security can be more volatile than the market as a whole, and our intrinsic value approach may fail to produce the intended results.

### **Credit Risk**

- There is a risk that issuers and counterparties will not make payments on the securities they issue.
- In addition, the credit quality of securities may be lowered if an issuer's financial condition changes. Lower credit quality may lead to greater volatility in the price of a security which may affect liquidity and our ability to sell the security.

### ***Structured Instruments***

Coldstream uses structured notes in individual portfolios to provide targeted exposure to an investment thesis. These investments provide exposure to a given market with a risk/reward profile that is typically unattainable through other investments.

### ***Structured Instrument Risk***

- The price of structured instruments may be more volatile than other debt securities.
- Although structured instruments may be sold in the form of a corporate debt obligation, they may not have some of the protection against counterparty default that may be available with publicly traded debt securities.
- Issuers generally are not obligated to provide a secondary market for structured products that they issue; most universally do so in order to facilitate ongoing issuance. Generally, the issuer of a given structured note is the only available market maker.
- Even with exchange listed structured notes there is generally limited market making
- Consequently, the issue is not the lack of a secondary market but rather the transparency and price quality, and the credit worthiness of the underlying issuer of the product
- The securities may not be principal protected, or only partially principal protected; there may be the possibility you will receive less at maturity than you originally invested



### ***Alternative Investment Strategies***

Real Estate: Coldstream offers direct access to private real estate limited partnerships and diversified multi-project real estate pooled partnerships for qualified investors seeking the tax, income, and diversification benefits of private real estate. Coldstream may also invest in real estate focused exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

Hedge Fund of Funds: Coldstream offers access to its internally managed hedge fund of funds, which pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility.

Private Equity and Venture Capital funds: Coldstream offers access to third-party managed partnerships in U.S. and non-U.S. venture capital and growth equity, buyouts and special situations. Investment partnerships are typically composed of a limited number of partners and at least one general partner. The liability of the limited partners is restricted to the amount of each partner's investment. The liability of the general partner is theoretically unlimited and extends beyond the amount invested to personal or corporate assets. Because of this increased exposure, the general partner manages the partnership, makes the investment decisions and receives management fees and a higher portion of the return on partnership investments.

### **Real Estate Risk**

- Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITS), although not a direct investment in real estate, are subject to the risks associated with investing in real estate.
- The value of these securities will rise and fall in response to many factors including economic conditions, the demand for rental property and changes in interest rates

### **Hedge Fund and Other Private Fund Investment Risks**

- Some private funds, including the Coldstream Alternative Strategies hedge fund of funds, the Genesee hedge fund of funds and the Ascent funds, are exempt from SEC registration and only available to institutions and "accredited" or "qualified" investors.
- Such investors are assumed to be sophisticated purchasers who have no need for liquidity and who are able to withstand the loss of some or all of their investment.
- Alternative Investment hedge fund or other private fund strategies are intended to further diversify investor holdings and are not considered a stand-alone investment program.
- Limitations on withdrawal rights and non-tradability of interests create higher liquidity risk and these investments should be viewed as a long-term investment. Investors should not consider investing in the private funds with less than a multiple-year time horizon. There may be no established market for interests, nor is it possible for one to develop as a result of legal restrictions.

- Partnership and fee expenses may be a higher percent of net assets than would be the case in other investment entities; performance or incentive fees may also be assessed in addition to management and administrative fees.
- Please refer to the fund offering documents and Private Placement Memorandums for specific information on the strategies, risks and qualifications for investing in a particular private investment.

### ***Private Equity and Venture Capital Risk***

Because of the nature of the limited partnership structure partnership investments should be considered long term and illiquid.

- There are typically no secondary markets in which these types of investments trade.
- Therefore, if the value of the underlying assets should decline, the value of partnership shares would also decline and unlike other types of securities, an investor may find it hard to quickly sell shares in an illiquid market.

### **Cybersecurity:**

Recent events have illustrated the ongoing cybersecurity risks to which operating companies are subject, particularly operating companies in historically vulnerable industries such as the food services and retail industries. To the extent that we are subject to cyber-attack or other unauthorized access is gained to our internal systems, we may be subject to substantial losses in the form of stolen, lost or corrupted (i) client data or payment information; (ii) client investment information, contact lists or other databases; (iii) internal trade secrets; or (iv) other items. In certain situations, our failure or deemed failure to address and mitigate cybersecurity risks may be the subject of civil litigation or regulatory or other action. Any of which could subject Coldstream to substantial losses. In addition, in the event that such a cyber-attack or other unauthorized access is directed at Coldstream or one of its service providers holding our financial or client data, Coldstream, and its affiliates may also be at risk of loss, despite efforts to prevent and mitigate such risks under Coldstream policies.

### **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Coldstream or the integrity of Coldstream's management. Coldstream has no information applicable to this Item.



## **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

Coldstream Holdings, Inc. ("CHI") is the parent company of Coldstream Capital Management, Inc., an investment advisory firm doing business as "Coldstream Wealth Management", and Coldstream Securities, Inc., a broker-dealer registered with FINRA. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. investment adviser representatives may also be registered as representatives of Coldstream Securities, Inc. CHI is also the parent company of Fit Insurance, Inc., an independent, multi-carrier property and casualty insurance agency, and Coldstream Holdings Inc. Life Insurance ("CHILI").

Effective April 1, 2017, Coldstream Holdings Inc., the parent company of Coldstream Capital Management Inc., (dba Coldstream Wealth Management), merged with The Rainier Group, Inc. including Rainier Group Investment Advisory, LLC, also a registered investment advisor. Rainier Group Investment Advisory, LLC will continue as a separate investment advisory firm under Coldstream Holdings, Inc. and do business as Coldstream Wealth Management. Coldstream Wealth Management services, marketing and branding and total assets under advisement will include the activities of both Coldstream Capital Management Inc. and Rainier Group Investment Advisory, LLC. All officers, directors, and employees are shared. All information contained in this filing reflect pass through information for Coldstream Holdings, Inc.

There is a contract in place between Rainier and Coldstream that allows them to share office space, equipment and other typical business resources. Employees who provide investment advisory services through Rainier, may also have clients who are clients of Rainier Group Inc's business consulting services group. Consulting clients of Rainier are not obligated to engage us for their investment advice or wealth management services. However, Rainier Group Inc's business consulting services group has a financial interest in referring clients to us. The relationship between Rainier and Coldstream creates a conflict of interest that may impair the objectivity of employees of Rainier when making recommendations on the engagement of an investment advisory provider. We endeavor at all times to put the interest of our clients first as one of our core values, which supports our fiduciary duty as a registered investment adviser.

CHI, following the merger with Rainier, owns a non-controlling interest in an investment adviser registered and domiciled in the State of Florida, Synergy Wealth Management, LLC, dba Synergy Wealth Advisors ("Synergy"). Coldstream and Synergy may refer consulting clients to each other, depending on the specific circumstances of the client. In addition, Synergy may refer clients to Rainier for investment advisory services, depending on the needs and circumstances of Synergy's client.

This relationship creates a conflict of interest in that Rainier's parent company, CHI, will benefit from both consulting and advisory income that may be generated from these cross referrals and may have incentive to cause a referred consulting client to place assets with Rainier.



Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. has a wholly owned subsidiary, Genesee Investments, LLC, a Coldstream relying investment adviser that provides investment advice on a discretionary basis to affiliated, privately offered investment funds (the "Genesee Funds") intended for sophisticated and institutional investors. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc., as the General Partner to the Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund LP has made an investment in the Genesee Funds, as deemed appropriate for the strategy and its investors. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. may also recommend to clients an investment in the Genesee Funds, if deemed appropriate for their portfolio.

Ascent Capital LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. and Coldstream is the General Partner to the Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund LP (ASF LP). The Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund LP is a member of, and has made investments in both Ascent Capital Fund II LLC and Ascent Capital Fund III, LLC. Coldstream may also solicit clients to make an investment in Ascent funds, if deemed appropriate for the client, their risk tolerances, and other factors. The Ascent funds are real estate lending partnerships investing in projects located in the Pacific Northwest.

Coldstream Holdings, Inc. has a wholly owned subsidiary, Fit Insurance, Inc., an independent, multi-carrier insurance agency specializing in providing property, casualty and life insurance for individuals, families and commercial businesses. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. may make referrals to Fit Insurance, Inc. and vice versa if deemed appropriate for clients. Revenue will be shared between the affiliated entities should successful referrals occur.

Coldstream has an agreement with Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC, an independent and unaffiliated broker-dealer ("Fidelity") to participate in Wealth Advisor Solutions (the "Service"), an advisor referral service designed to help investors find an independent professional Investment Manager in their area. Fidelity does not supervise Coldstream and has no responsibility for Advisor's management of client portfolios or Coldstream's other advice or services. Coldstream pays for each successful client referral via the Wealth Advisor Solutions Program a percentage of assets under management in referred accounts, with differing rates for fixed income vs. all other assets held. These referral fees are paid by Coldstream and not the client. The fee structure raises potential conflicts of interest as we have an incentive to recommend that clients custody certain types of assets with Fidelity; however, our fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of our clients remains our primary focus.



Coldstream is required to maintain a minimum level of assets with Fidelity. Our participation in the program raises potential conflicts of interest, and we have an incentive to recommend that clients custody assets with Fidelity. We also have a potential conflict of interest between clients' interests in obtaining best execution and our interest in receiving future referrals from the broker or dealer.

Coldstream has an agreement with Fidelity to participate in the Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services RIA Match (the "Service"), a service designed to provide Advisors with prospective merger and acquisition referrals ("Prospects"). The agreement will not be construed as creating a joint venture, partnership, franchise or agency between Coldstream and Fidelity or its affiliates. Upon the merger with or acquisition by Coldstream of Prospects obtained by Fidelity from an independent third party recruiter, and the actual conversion of assets under management, Coldstream shall pay a fee, when applicable, to Fidelity for obtaining Prospects from said third party recruiters.

Coldstream entered into an agreement with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., an independent and unaffiliated broker-dealer ("Schwab") to participate in Schwab AdvisorNetwork (the "Service"), an advisor referral service designed to help investors find an independent professional Investment Manager in their area. We terminated participation in this program as of 01/01/2007; however, we continue to pay Schwab fees for client referrals historically received through the Service.

Coldstream participates in the TD AMERITRADE Institutional program. TD AMERITRADE Institutional is a division of TD AMERITRADE, Inc. ("TD AMERITRADE") member FINRA/SIPC. TD AMERITRADE is an independent and unaffiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer and FINRA member. TD AMERITRADE offers to independent investment Advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance and settlement of transactions. Coldstream receives some benefits from TD AMERITRADE through its participation in the program.

Advisor will also pay TD Ameritrade the Solicitation Fee on any advisory fees received by Advisor from any of a referred client's family members, including a spouse, child or any other immediate family member who resides with the referred client and hired Advisor on the recommendation of such referred client.

Coldstream may receive client referrals from TD Ameritrade ("TDA"), an independent and unaffiliated broker-dealer, through its participation in TDA's AdvisorDirect (the "referral program"). In addition to meeting the minimum eligibility criteria for participation in AdvisorDirect, Coldstream may have been selected to participate in AdvisorDirect based on the amount and profitability to TDA of the assets in, and trades placed for, client accounts maintained with TDA. The TDA referral program is an advisor referral service designed to help investors find an independent professional Investment Manager in their area. TDA does not supervise Coldstream and has no responsibility



for Advisor's management of client portfolios or Coldstream's other advice or services. Coldstream pays TDA an on-going fee for each successful client referral. This fee is usually a percentage (not to exceed 25%) of the advisory fee that the client pays to Coldstream ("Solicitation Fee").

Coldstream will not charge clients referred through AdvisorDirect any fees or costs higher than its standard fee schedule offered to its clients or otherwise pass Solicitation Fees paid to TDA to its clients. For information regarding additional or other fees paid directly or indirectly to TDA, please refer to the TD AMERITRADE AdvisorDirect Disclosure and Acknowledgement Form.

Coldstream's participation in AdvisorDirect raises potential conflicts of interest. TDA will most likely refer clients through AdvisorDirect to investment advisors that encourage their clients to custody their assets at TDA and whose client accounts are profitable to TDA. Consequently, in order to obtain client referrals from TDA, Coldstream has an incentive to recommend to clients that the assets under management by Coldstream be held in custody with TDA and to place transactions for client accounts with TDA. In addition, Coldstream has agreed not to solicit clients referred to it through AdvisorDirect to transfer their accounts from TD AMERITRADE or to establish brokerage or custody accounts at other custodians, except when its fiduciary duties require doing so. Coldstream's participation in AdvisorDirect does not diminish its duty to seek best execution of trades for client accounts.

Coldstream on occasion will recommend that a portion of the assets for a client be managed by one or more sub-advisors. If this is the case, the client hires the sub-advisor directly, and no referral fees are paid. The clients who utilize the sub-advisor(s) will pay investment management fee(s) to that adviser, in addition to what they pay the Adviser.

Coast Asset Management, LLC serves as one of the underlying managers in the Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund (ASF), LP. Coldstream ASF LP will receive a solicitation fee from Coast for the portion of client assets in the LP which are managed by Coast; the fee is credited back against management fees to the limited partners on a pro rata basis.

Coldstream has Solicitor's agreements with individuals or other entities not associated with us for successful referrals of new clients. Coldstream pays a percentage of the management fee and/or performance based fee collected from the client to the referring party. Because these non-associated individuals or entities receive payment for successful referrals, a conflict of interest exists between prospective clients and the referrer. Clients under these agreements will not be charged fees higher than the standard fees described in Item 5. The compensation arrangement between Coldstream and the referrer is disclosed to prospective clients before they enter into investment advisory relationships with us. We currently have Solicitor's agreements with:



- Cascadia Capital, LLC (a reciprocal agreement), an investment bank and registered broker-dealer
- AdvisorSource, investment adviser
- Long Enterprises PLLC, an investment adviser
- Fidelity Wealth Advisor Solutions (WAS)
- TD Ameritrade AdvisorDirect
- Traner Smith Wealth Management Inc.

#### Item 10.B – Futures Commission Merchant/Commodities

Neither the Adviser nor any management person is a commodity broker/futures commission merchant, a commodity pool operator, commodity trading advisor or an associated person for the foregoing entities; nor do they have any registration applications pending.

#### Item 10.C – Relationships with Related Persons

In addition, to being registered representatives of Coldstream Securities, Inc., certain associated persons are insurance agents appointed with various insurance companies. Coldstream will receive compensation for insurance products or services that are sold to clients by insurance licensed Coldstream employees or third party insurance providers. Clients have the option to purchase insurance products or services through other brokers or agents who are not affiliated with Coldstream.

#### **Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions, Personal Trading**

Coldstream has adopted a Code of Ethics for all supervised persons of the firm describing its high standard of business conduct, and fiduciary duty to its clients. The Code of Ethics includes provisions relating to the confidentiality of client information, a prohibition on insider trading, employee related accounts, “front running”, a prohibition of rumor mongering, restrictions on the acceptance of significant gifts and the reporting of certain gifts and business entertainment items, and personal securities trading procedures, among other things.

Individuals associated with Coldstream are required to pre-clear all reportable purchases and sales. The Code of Ethics is designed to assure that the personal securities transactions, activities and interests of the employees of Coldstream will not interfere with

- (i) making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients and



- (ii) implementing such decisions while, at the same time,
- (iii) allowing employees to invest for their own accounts.

To supervise compliance with the firm's Code of Ethics, Coldstream requires that associated persons with the firm provide annual securities holdings reports and quarterly transactions reports to the firm's Chief Compliance Officer. All supervised persons at Coldstream must acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics annually, or as amended, and are required to follow the Code of Ethics.

Under the Code of Ethics, officers, directors and employees of Coldstream and its affiliates may trade for their own accounts in securities which are recommended to and/or purchased for Coldstream clients. The Code requires pre-clearance of all reportable securities transactions, and restricts trading in close proximity to client trading activity. Nonetheless, because the Code of Ethics in some circumstances would permit employees to invest in the same securities as clients, there is a possibility that employees might benefit from market activity by a client in a security held by an employee. Employee trading is continually monitored under the Code of Ethics, and to reasonably prevent conflicts of interest between Coldstream and its clients.

Certain affiliated accounts may trade in the same securities with client accounts on an aggregated basis when consistent with our obligation of best execution. In such circumstances, the affiliated and client accounts will share commission costs equally and receive securities at a total average price. We will retain records of the trade order (specifying each participating account) and its allocation, which will be completed prior to the entry of the aggregated order. Completed orders will be allocated as specified in the initial trade order. Partially filled orders will be allocated on a pro rata basis. Any exceptions will be explained on the Order.

Coldstream and its employees perform investment management services for many individual and institutional clients. Coldstream will not favor any one client over another in making advisory recommendations, subject to the suitability of those recommendations to a particular client and the specified investment objectives of the client. Coldstream and its employees may take investment action at different times from investment action recommended on behalf of a client and such investment action may be similar to or different from investment action (as to the advice given or the timing or nature of the action taken) on behalf of a client. In addition, Coldstream employees may, from time to time for their own account, purchase, sell, hold or own securities or other assets which may be recommended for purchase, sale or ownership for one or more clients. When a decision to purchase or liquidate a security from all applicable accounts is made, priority would always be given to the clients' orders before those of a related or associated person to the advisor.





It is Coldstream's policy to permit the firm, and its covered associates, to make political contributions to elected officials, candidates and others, consistent with the Compliance policy and regulatory requirements. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. recognizes that it is never appropriate to make or solicit political contributions, or provide gifts or entertainment for the purpose of improperly influencing the actions of public officials. Accordingly, our firm's policy is to restrict the amount of certain political contributions made to government officials and candidates of state and state political subdivisions who can influence or have the authority for hiring an investment adviser.

Coldstream is the General Partner for Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund, LP, a Washington Limited Partnership. The Partnership invests in a variety of securities. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. may recommend investment in these Partnerships to qualifying clients. This practice creates a conflict of interest because we have an incentive to recommend or sell securities to clients based on our own financial interests, rather than solely the interests of a client. Qualified investors should refer to the offering documents and subscription agreements for each fund offered for information on the strategy and the capacity in which we are acting, before completion of the subscription documents. Assets invested in a Coldstream Fund are excluded from the basic investment advisory fee calculations as stated in Item 5, but will be assessed the fund fees and expenses as explained in the fund offering documents.

The Ascent Funds' Manager is Ascent Capital, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("the Company"). The Manager was created by Coldstream to manage the Company. The Manager of the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Coldstream. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. may recommend investment in these funds to qualifying clients. This practice creates a conflict of interest because we have an incentive to recommend or sell securities to clients based on our own financial interests, rather than solely the interests of a client. Qualified investors should refer to the offering documents and subscription agreements for each fund offered for information on the strategy and the capacity in which we are acting, before completion of the subscription documents. Assets invested in an Ascent Fund are excluded from the basic investment advisory fee calculations as stated in Item 5, but will be assessed the fund fees and expenses as explained in the fund offering documents.

Genesee Investments LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Coldstream, provides investment advice on a discretionary basis to affiliated, privately offered Genesee investment funds (the "Genesee Funds") intended for sophisticated and institutional investors and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Coldstream. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. may recommend investment in these Partnerships to qualifying clients. This practice creates a conflict of interest because we have an



incentive to recommend or sell securities to clients based on our own financial interests, rather than solely the interests of a client. Qualified investors should refer to the offering documents and subscription agreements for each fund offered for information on the strategy and the capacity in which we are acting, before completion of the subscription documents. Assets invested in a Fund are excluded from the basic investment advisory fee calculations as stated in Item 5, but will be assessed the fund fees and expenses as explained in the fund offering documents.

Coldstream acts as investment advisor to the Aasgard Dividend Growth Small & Mid-cap Fund pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with the Advisors Series Trust. In consideration of the services to be provided by the Advisor pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Advisor is entitled to receive from the Fund an investment advisory fee. Coldstream determines which securities are to be purchased and sold by the Fund and which broker-dealers are eligible to execute the Fund's portfolio transactions. Investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of other client accounts or mutual funds managed or advised by Coldstream. It is possible that at times identical securities will be acceptable for both the Fund and one or more of such client accounts or mutual funds. In such event, the position of the Fund and such client account(s) or mutual funds in the same issuer may vary and the length of time that each may choose to hold its investment in the same issuer may likewise vary.

To the extent any of these client accounts or mutual funds seek to acquire the same security as the Fund at the same time, the Fund may not be able to acquire as large a portion of such security as it desires, or it may have to pay a higher price or obtain a lower yield for such security. Similarly, the Fund may not be able to obtain as high a price for, or as large an execution of, an order to sell any particular security at the same time. If one or more of such client accounts or mutual funds simultaneously purchases or sells the same security that the Fund is purchasing or selling, each day's transactions in such security will be allocated between the Fund and all such client accounts or mutual funds in a manner deemed equitable by Coldstream, taking into account the respective sizes of the accounts and the amount of cash available for investment, the investment objective of the account, and the ease with which a client's appropriate amount can be bought, as well as the liquidity and volatility of the account and the urgency involved in making an investment decision for the client. It is recognized that in some cases this system could have a detrimental effect on the price or value of the security insofar as the Fund is concerned. In other cases, however, it is believed that the ability of the Fund to participate in volume transactions may produce better executions for the Fund.

From time to time, with prior client approval (unless prohibited by a client's contract or applicable law), Coldstream may cross trade securities between its non-ERISA advisory clients, via a 3<sup>rd</sup> party independent brokerage firm. This shall be done only when deemed appropriate for the parties involved, and is made purely from an investment perspective. Coldstream in no way



benefits from these transactions. Such cross-trades will generally take place through an independent broker-dealer and will be effected at the current independent market price of the securities involved in the trades. Confirmations of the details of each transaction are delivered to clients involved upon completion of each transaction. Identities of the parties involved will at all times remain confidential and will not be disclosed to either party. Coldstream has not established procedures to effect cross trades in retirement plan accounts subject to ERISA and will not perform such 'prohibited transaction' trades, in accordance with applicable ERISA regulations.

Coldstream has a related broker-dealer entity, Coldstream Securities, Inc. ('CSI') to whom it will occasionally direct private placement activity as an investment for Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. clients. CSI receives commission income for referring Coldstream clients for investment in a private fund. This presents a potential conflict of interest in making a recommendation for these investments. We strive to act in your best interest at all times, and our initial factor in selecting a private fund for client investment is identification of such that we believe to be suitable and appropriate for our clients. If, through our investment due diligence process, we become aware that the General Partner of the private fund will provide a finder's or referral fee (commission income), then we will engage the fund in discussions to facilitate the payment through our broker-dealer entity, Coldstream Securities, Inc. Commissions paid are received by CSI directly from the fund General Partner, and clients will pay a fund management fee to the General Partner whether or not a commission is paid to CSI. Clients do not additionally pay Coldstream a consulting fee on these private fund assets, thus avoid a fee layering situation. All Coldstream clients participating in a private placement investment via Coldstream Securities, Inc. must sign a Solicitation Acknowledgement confirming their knowledge of the arrangement, the parties involved and the fee terms.

Coldstream will also from time to time engage in direct investments with mutual fund companies, variable annuity companies and state 529 plans; Coldstream Securities Inc. will receive a commission for these investments. This presents a potential conflict of interest in making a recommendation for these investments. We strive to act in your best interest at all times, and our initial factor in selecting a fund for client investment is identification of such that we believe to be suitable and appropriate for our clients. Clients do not additionally pay Coldstream a consulting or management fee on these directly held security assets, thus avoid a fee layering situation.

Coldstream clients or prospective clients may request a copy of the firm's Code of Ethics by contacting the Chief Compliance Officer at 425-283-1600 or via mail at One 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Ste 102 Bellevue, WA 98004.

## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

### **Brokerage Execution**

Unless otherwise designated in the client agreement, Coldstream shall determine the brokers used and the commissions paid in connection with securities transactions for a client's account. In placing such securities transactions, Coldstream will use its best efforts to obtain prompt execution of transactions at favorable prices and at commissions that are reasonable in relation to the benefits received. All brokerage commissions will be borne by the client and are not included as part of the advisory fees paid to Coldstream.

Coldstream has an obligation to obtain best execution of transactions for client accounts. The Company seeks to obtain best execution through a qualitative process, rather than a trade-by-trade basis, and not necessarily the best commission rate. In reviewing broker-dealers for “best execution” for clients, we consider:

- the value of research provided,
- the commission rate, past experience with the broker or mutual familiarity
- the broker's integrity and reputation
- the frequency of failed trades
- ability to work with the Coldstream Operations Department to resolve problems
- execution capabilities and responsiveness when placing transactions for a client

### **Custody and Brokers We Use**

Coldstream does not maintain custody of your assets that we manage, (although we may be deemed to have custody of your assets in certain circumstances, such as if you have given us authority to withdraw assets from your account for management fee payments). Your assets must be maintained in an account at a “qualified custodian”, generally a broker-dealer or bank. We are independently owned and operated and not affiliated with our clients’ asset custodians.

When clients hire us to provide advisory services, we may take custody of their investment assets. This means that we may have the ability to direct transactions in a client account at a qualified custodian and that we may have the ability to obtain possession of these assets for the purpose of providing investment advice. For example, clients may give us the authority to transfer cash from one account to another for investment in a different fund or with a different manager. The client may also give us the authority to transfer cash or securities out of an account to either their own account or a third party, at their direction.



To comply with the requirements of the SEC's custody rule, we have arranged for advisory clients to receive, at least quarterly, account statements from their custodian. We urge advisory clients to carefully review those statements and compare the official custodial records to the quarterly statements provided by us. Our statements may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates or valuation methodologies of certain securities. Because the custodian does not calculate the amount of the advisory fees to be deducted from each account, it is important for you to carefully review your custodial statements to verify the accuracy of the calculation, among other things.

We urge you to carefully compare the information provided on these statements and reports to ensure that all account transactions, holdings and values are correct and current. You should contact us directly if you believe that there may be an error on your statement.

On an annual basis, as required, we engage the services of an independent auditor that is certified and subject to oversight by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to perform annual surprise audits of any accounts where we have been deemed to have custody.

Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., Fidelity Investments and TD Ameritrade are primary custodians for Coldstream client accounts and Coldstream places all equity trades through the custodian for execution. Coldstream believes they provide its clients with a blend of execution services, commission costs and professional services that will assist Coldstream in achieving best execution for transactions. Coldstream performs reviews to determine if commission amounts are reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided to Coldstream, viewed in terms of the particular transactions or the firm's overall responsibilities of fiduciary duty with respect to its clients. We can still use other brokers to execute trade for your account.

Our primary custodians generally do not charge advisor clients separately for custody services but are compensated by account holders through commissions and other transaction-related or asset-based fees for securities trades that are executed through them or that settle into the custodian accounts (i.e., transactions fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and debt securities transactions).

Our primary custodians provide us with access to their institutional trading and custody services, which includes:

- brokerage
- custody

- research
- access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment.

Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., Fidelity Investments and TD Ameritrade also make available to us other products and services that benefit us but may not benefit you directly. Some of these products and services assist us in managing and administering our client accounts, such as software and other technology that:

- provide access to account data such as:
  - duplicate trade confirmations,
  - bundled duplicate account statements, and
  - access to an electronic communication network for client order entry and account information;
- facilitate trade execution, including:
  - access to a trading desk serving registered investment advisers exclusively and access to bunched trading which provides us with the ability to combine securities transactions and then distribute the appropriate number of shares to each individual account;
- provide research, pricing information and other market data;
- facilitate payment of our fees from client accounts; and
- assist with back-office functions, record keeping and client reporting;
- provide compliance publications.

They also make available to us other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business. These services can include:

- Technology, compliance, legal, marketing and business consulting,
- Publications, and conferences on practice management and business succession;
- Educational conferences and events, and
- access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants and insurance providers

They may also make available or arrange for these types of services to be provided to us by independent third parties. They may, for example:



- discount or waive the fees it would otherwise charge for some of the services it makes available to us.
- Pay all or a part of the fees of a third party providing these services to us. Thus, we receive economic benefits as a result of our relationship with them, because we do not have to produce or purchase the products and services listed above.
- They may also provide us with other benefits such as occasional business entertainment of our personnel.

Many of the services described above may be used to benefit all or a substantial number of our accounts, including accounts not maintained at our primary custodians. We do not attempt to allocate these benefits to specific clients. Because the amount of our compensation or the products or services we receive varies depending on the level of assets at a custodian/broker-dealer we recommend to be used by our clients, there exists a potential conflict of interest in making that recommendation. Our recommendation of specific custodian/ broker-dealers can be based in part on the economic benefit to us and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided to you and our other clients. We nonetheless strive to act in your best interests at all times.

Commissions and other fees for transactions executed through our primary custodians may be higher than commissions and other fees available if you use another custodian/broker-dealer firm to execute transactions and maintain custody of your account. We believe, however, that the overall level of services and support provided to our clients by our primary custodians outweighs the benefit of possibly lower transactions cost which may be available under other brokerage arrangements.

As disclosed above, Coldstream participates in TD Ameritrade's institutional customer program and Coldstream may recommend TD Ameritrade to Clients for custody and brokerage services. There is no direct link between Coldstream's participation in the program and the investment advice it gives to its Clients, although Coldstream receives economic benefits through its participation in the program that are typically not available to TD Ameritrade retail investors. The benefits received by Coldstream or its personnel through participation in the program do not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to TD Ameritrade.

Advisor will also pay TD Ameritrade the Solicitation Fee on any advisory fees received by Advisor from any of a referred client's family members, including a spouse, child or any other immediate family member who resides with the referred client and hired Advisor on the recommendation of such referred client.

Coldstream has a related broker-dealer entity, Coldstream Securities, Inc. ('CSI') to whom it will occasionally direct private placement activity as an investment for Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. clients. CSI receives commission income for referring Coldstream clients for





investment in a private fund. This presents a potential conflict of interest in making a recommendation for these investments. We strive to act in your best interest at all times, and our initial factor in selecting a private fund for client investment is identification of such that we believe to be suitable and appropriate for our clients. If, through our investment due diligence process, we become aware that the General Partner of the private fund will provide a finder's or referral fee (commission income), then we will engage the fund in discussions to facilitate the payment through our broker-dealer entity, Coldstream Securities, Inc. Commissions paid are received by CSI directly from the fund General Partner, and clients will pay a fund management fee to the General Partner whether or not a commission is paid to CSI. Clients do not additionally pay Coldstream a consulting fee on these private fund assets, thus avoid a fee layering situation. Commissions received by CSI are negotiated on a case by case basis, dependent on factors such as the size of the capital commitments, terms of payment and timeline of anticipated capital calls. All Coldstream clients participating in a private placement investment via Coldstream Securities, Inc. must sign a Solicitation Acknowledgement confirming their knowledge of the arrangement, the parties involved and the fee terms.

Coldstream will also from time to time engage in direct investments with mutual fund companies, variable annuity companies and state 529 plans; Coldstream Securities Inc. will receive a commission for these investments. This presents a potential conflict of interest in making a recommendation for these investments. We strive to act in your best interest at all times, and our initial factor in selecting a fund for client investment is identification of such that we believe to be suitable and appropriate for our clients. Clients do not additionally pay Coldstream a consulting or management fee on these directly held security assets, thus avoid a fee layering situation.

The only restrictions on the above discretionary authority are those set by the client on a case by case basis. Clients who direct Coldstream to place all brokerage transactions through a specific brokerage may not be able to negotiate commissions or obtain volume discounts, which may severely limit its ability to seek best execution on client trades.

### **Trade Aggregation and Allocation**

When implementing allocation of publicly traded equities for Coldstream executed strategies, the firm shall utilize a pro rata allocation procedure. If necessary to implement equity trade allocations in whole shares only, allocations are rounded down to the nearest 5 shares. There is no minimum whole share allocation for purchases. For sales, when selling a certain percentage point, we follow the same procedure and will round down to the nearest 5 shares. If the resulting position is less than 5 shares, the entire position will be sold.

In regards to fixed income trading, orders are to be aggregated across Portfolio Managers where it makes sense, with aggregated trading centralized with a single Portfolio Manager. If only one Portfolio Manager needs a particular maturity, the trade will be placed on an individual basis as deemed appropriate for the individual client's unique portfolio circumstances. Each Relationship



team's Portfolio Manager will continue to tailor fixed income investments to their own client needs. This may potentially cause trading inefficiency, but we shall strive to aggregate fixed income trading across all teams for any particular issue on the same day.

### **Initial Public Offerings ('IPOs') and Illiquid Securities**

With respect to securities bought and sold, Coldstream may from time to time, to the extent permitted by the Rules of the U.S. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) (the "Rules") purchase equity securities that are part of an initial public offering (sometimes referred to as "new issues"). Under the Rules, brokers may not sell such securities to a private investment fund, if the fund has investors who are "restricted persons", which category includes (i) persons employed by or affiliated with a broker and (ii) portfolio managers of private investment funds and other registered and unregistered investment advisory firms, unless the fund has a mechanism in place that excludes such Restricted Persons from receiving allocations of profits from new issues. Coldstream generally allocates profits and losses with respect to new issues to investors that are unrestricted persons.

Coldstream will also from time to time make investments which are illiquid. The investments may be characterized as illiquid as a result of the structure of the security, restrictions, the significant size of an interest held, or the possession of characteristics similar to those of side pockets, for example.

- Accounts may be required to hold illiquid investments for a minimum specified period of time.
- In addition, investment strategies may require the holding of investments for a significant period of time in order to realize a return of or on invested capital.
- The selling of such investments prematurely may result in significant losses.
- Restrictions on redemptions may also affect Coldstream's ability to distribute redemption proceeds in a timely manner.
- Pricing and valuations are dependent on the frequency of receipt from the fund or investment manager. Update intervals are generally monthly or quarterly, but may be less frequent due to factors such as liquidity and availability of current market values of the underlying investments.

### **Soft Dollar Practices**

Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 allows an adviser to cause an account to pay higher commissions if the adviser determined in good faith that the amount of commission is reasonable in relation to the value of brokerage and research services provided by such broker-dealer. As of January 1, 2008 Coldstream no longer conducts any soft dollar transactions that would fall under the description above.

## **Trade Errors**

Coldstream conducts training and has implemented technological tools and procedures to minimize trading errors, but from time-to-time Coldstream may make an error in submitting a trade order on your behalf. When this occurs, we place a correcting trade with the broker-dealer which has custody of your account. It is the Firm's policy to restore the account to the position it should have been in had the trading error not occurred. If an investment gain results from the correcting trade, the gain may remain in your account, if you were the intended recipient of the original trade. Investment gains that do not remain in client accounts will be directed to a firm selected charitable organization. Coldstream maintains Firm error accounts with its custodians, and both gains and losses are moved into the Firm error accounts. If the Firm makes an error that results in a loss, we will pay for the loss; gains from errors may be netted against losses within the Firm error accounts. Losses will not be borne by our clients.

Coldstream may also correct trade errors by reallocating a purchased security to another client(s) account in situations in which Coldstream determines such allocation will be in the other clients' best interest. Such reallocations may prevent Coldstream from incurring trade error losses. Losses will not be allocated or reallocated to clients.

## **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

Client portfolios managed by Coldstream are assigned to a Client Relationship Management Team who has the primary responsibility for the account. Accounts are under continuous review as far as implementing any changes in investment strategy or policy, or in the fundamentals of a security owned in an account. Accounts are first reviewed after initial account setup. Additional account reviews are conducted periodically for portfolio cash flows, security weightings, investment actions and restrictions to insure adherence to client stated guidelines or limitations.

Periodic portfolio reviews will be conducted by Compliance, and may also include one or more investment/research analysts and the Chief Investment Officer. Reviews will be performed for each client portfolio, and will evaluate the alignment of each client's investments with their stated objectives, risk tolerances and restrictions, as well as alignment with firm investment strategies. Exceptions will be reviewed with each Client Relationship Management Team for correction and/or realignment if warranted.

Coldstream clients are provided with an electronically produced quarterly report summarizing account assets and performance. The report displays asset allocation and weighting, portfolio value comparison and asset allocation over time, change in value of account and portfolio as a whole. The reports are delivered quarterly and presented to the client and are available upon client request via a secure, password protected client portal.

## **Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Coldstream has Solicitor's agreements with individuals or other entities not associated with us for successful referrals of new clients. Coldstream pays a percentage of the management fee and/or performance based fee collected from the client to the referring party. Because these non-associated individuals or entities receive payment for successful referrals, a conflict of interest exists between prospective clients and the referrer. Clients under these agreements will not be charged fees higher than the standard fees described in Item 5. The compensation arrangement between Coldstream and the referrer is disclosed to prospective clients before they enter into investment advisory relationships with us. Coldstream currently has Solicitor agreements with:

- Cascadia Capital, LLC (a reciprocal agreement), investment bank and registered broker-dealer
- AdvisorSource, an investment adviser
- Long Enterprises PLLC, an investment adviser
- Fidelity Wealth Advisor Solutions
- TD Ameritrade AdvisorDirect
- Traner Smith Wealth Management, Inc.

Coldstream participates in the Fidelity Wealth Advisor Solutions program (the "WAS Program"), through which Coldstream receives referrals from Strategic Advisers, Inc. ("SAI"), a registered investment adviser and subsidiary of FMR LLC, the parent company of Fidelity Investments. Our participation in the program raises potential conflicts of interest as we have an incentive to recommend that clients custody asset with Fidelity.

Coldstream is independent and not affiliated with SAI or FMR LLC. SAI does not supervise or control Coldstream, and SAI has no responsibility or oversight for Coldstream's provision of investment management or other advisory services.

Under the WAS Program, SAI acts as a solicitor for Coldstream, and Coldstream pays referral fees to SAI for each referral received based on Coldstream assets under management attributable to each client referred by SAI or members of each client's household. The WAS Program is designed to help investors find an independent investment advisor, and any referral from SAI to Coldstream does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by SAI of Coldstream's particular investment management services or strategies. More specifically, Coldstream pays the following amounts to SAI for referrals: the sum of (i) an annual percentage of 0.10% of any and all assets in client accounts where such assets are identified as "fixed income" assets by SAI and (ii) an annual percentage of 0.25% of all other assets held in client accounts. For referrals made prior to April 1, 2017, these fees are payable for a maximum of seven years. Fees with respect to



referrals made after that date are not subject to the seven-year limitation. In addition, Coldstream has agreed to pay SAI a minimum annual fee amount in connection with its participation in the WAS program. These referral fees are paid by Coldstream and not the client. The fee structure raises potential conflicts of interest as we have an incentive to recommend that clients custody certain types of assets with Fidelity; however, our fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of our clients remains our primary focus.

To receive referrals from the WAS Program, Coldstream must meet certain minimum participation criteria, but we may have been selected for participation in the WAS Program as a result of its other business relationships with SAI and its affiliates, including Fidelity Brokerage Services, LLC ("FBS"). As a result of its participation in the WAS Program, Coldstream has a potential conflict of interest with respect to its decision to use certain affiliates of SAI, including FBS, for execution, custody and clearing for certain client accounts, and Adviser has a potential incentive to suggest the use of FBS and its affiliates to its advisory clients, whether or not those clients were referred to Coldstream as part of the WAS Program.

Under an agreement with SAI, Coldstream has agreed that Advisor will not charge clients more than the standard range of advisory fees disclosed in its Form ADV 2A Brochure to cover solicitation fees paid to SAI as part of the WAS Program. Pursuant to these arrangements, Coldstream has agreed not to solicit clients to transfer their brokerage accounts from affiliates of SAI or establish brokerage accounts at other custodians for referred clients other than when our fiduciary duties would so require, and Advisor has agreed to pay SAI a one-time fee equal to 0.75% of the assets in a client account that is transferred from SAI's affiliates to another custodian; therefore, Coldstream has an incentive to suggest that referred clients and their household members maintain custody of their accounts with affiliates of SAI. However, participation in the WAS Program does not limit our duty to select brokers on the basis of best execution.

Coldstream may receive client referrals from TD Ameritrade ("TDA") through its participation in TDA's AdvisorDirect (the "referral program"). TD AMERITRADE is a discount broker-dealer independent of and unaffiliated with Coldstream and there is no employee or agency relationship between them. In addition to meeting the minimum eligibility criteria for participation in AdvisorDirect, our participation in the program raises potential conflicts of interest, as selection to participate in AdvisorDirect is based in part on the amount and profitability to TDA of the assets in, and trades placed for, client accounts maintained with TDA. The TDA referral program is an advisor referral service designed to help investors find an independent professional Investment Manager in their area.

Coldstream entered into an agreement with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., an independent and unaffiliated broker-dealer ("Schwab") to participate in Schwab AdvisorNetwork (the "Service"), an advisor referral service designed to help investors find an independent professional Investment Manager in their area. Coldstream terminated participation in this program as of 01/01/2007;



however, Coldstream continues to pay Schwab fees for client referrals historically received through the Service.

We receive an economic benefit from Schwab, Fidelity and TD Ameritrade in the form of the support products and services they make available to us and other independent advisors that have their clients maintain accounts at these custodians. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (See Item 12 – Brokerage Practices). The availability of these products and services is not based on us giving particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients.

Coldstream will not charge clients referred by any of the above parties any fees or costs higher than its standard fee schedule offered to its clients or otherwise pass Solicitation Fees paid to its clients. All clients referred from a party listed above must sign a solicitation acknowledgment form, confirming their knowledge of the arrangement, the parties involved and the fee terms.

Coldstream Holdings, Inc. has a wholly owned subsidiary, Fit Insurance, Inc., an independent, multi-carrier insurance agency specializing in providing property, casualty, life insurance and employee benefits for individuals, families and commercial businesses. Coldstream Capital Management, Inc. may make referrals to Fit Insurance, Inc. and vice versa if deemed appropriate for clients. Revenue will be shared between the entities should successful referrals occur.

### **Item 15 – Custody**

Under government regulations, we are deemed to have custody of your assets if you authorize us to instruct your custodian to deduct advisory fees directly from your account. The custodians maintain actual custody of your assets. You will receive account statements directly from your custodians (e.g. Schwab, Fidelity, TD Ameritrade) at least quarterly. Coldstream urges you to carefully review such statements and compare such official custodial records to the account statements that we provide to you. Our statements may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

Accounts in which Coldstream is appointed as Trustee, or where a Standing Letter of Authorization is established are situations for which we have custody. Per the written agreements, these accounts allow Coldstream to move and transfer funds or securities and change account information on behalf of clients. We aim to limit these types of accounts and each appointment is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Coldstream complies with the requirements of the Custody rules by obtaining an annual surprise examination by a qualified accounting firm of those accounts for whom we are deemed to have Custody.

Coldstream also serves as General Partner to the Ascent Funds and Coldstream Alternative Strategies Fund, LP. Advisers to pooled investment vehicles (e.g., hedge funds, etc.) have custody of client assets because their capacity as general partner of a limited partnership, managing member of a limited liability company or trustee of a trust gives them legal ownership



of or access to client funds or securities. Coldstream complies with the requirements of the Custody rules by obtaining an annual surprise audit of the pool and delivering the audited financial statements to investors within 120 or 260 days (depending on fund structure) of the pool's fiscal year-end.

### **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

Coldstream usually receives discretionary authority from the client at the outset of an advisory relationship to select the identity and amount of securities to be bought or sold, upon execution of a Coldstream Investment Advisory Agreement and in your custodial paperwork. The IAA generally gives us the discretion to invest funds in one or more accounts, including accounts managed by sub-advisers chosen by us. Discretion means that, without having to obtain prior approval, we may execute investment transactions in a portfolio in order to implement the investment policy we have developed with you. Investment transactions include executing specific purchase, sale or other securities transactions and establishing specific investment accounts. Additionally, you grant us authority to hire and fire selected asset investment manager(s) in sub-advised portfolios. You give us this authority when you sign the IAA, and may limit this authority by giving us written instructions. You may change/amend these limitations by once again providing us with written instructions. Investment discretion does not include the ability to obtain possession of the securities in a portfolio other than to process transactions in those securities, including the movement of securities or cash from one portfolio account to another registered in your name. In all cases, however, such discretion is to be exercised in a manner consistent with the stated investment objectives for the particular client investment portfolio. At all times, you retain the authority to provide us with direction regarding investments, including limitations regarding types of securities and the timing of transactions. You must provide investment guidelines and restrictions to us in writing.

As a courtesy, Coldstream may allow a Client to hold assets on an un-managed basis. These un-managed assets will be identified as "Non-Managed" on the Coldstream quarterly statements. The un-managed assets identified as "Non-Managed" are not supervised on a regular and/or ongoing basis. The Client acknowledges their ongoing responsibility to supervise these assets as Coldstream does not manage or supervise them in any way.

When selecting securities and determining amounts, Coldstream observes the investment policies, limitations and restrictions of the clients for which it advises. For registered investment companies and ERISA clients, our authority to trade securities may also be limited by certain federal securities and tax laws that require diversification of investments and favor the holding of investments once made. Coldstream may or may not have discretionary authority over its ERISA plan accounts, depending on the type of retirement plan and how it is arranged. This is clearly set



forth in each retirement plan agreement. Investment restrictions must be provided to Coldstream in writing.

### **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

Unless you designate otherwise, we will vote proxies for securities held by our clients for which we serve as investment advisor or ERISA plan advisor.

In order to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest with reference to voting proxies, we have engaged Broadridge Financial Solutions (“Broadridge”), an independent third-party vendor, and its ProxyEdge voting service to process proxy votes for the firm's clients. In most cases, Coldstream has adopted the guidelines of and will generally vote in accordance with the recommendations of Broadridge. Broadridge utilizes the research and recommendation services of another third party provider, Glass-Lewis & Co. Services provided by Broadridge include:

1. Research and make voting determinations in accordance with approved proxy voting guidelines;
2. Vote and submit proxies in a timely manner;
3. Handle other administrative functions of proxy voting;
4. Maintain records of proxy statements received in connection with proxy votes and provide copies of such proxy statements promptly upon request;
5. Maintain records of votes cast; and
6. Provide recommendations with respect to proxy voting matters in general.

As a general matter, Coldstream reserves the right to override the applicable Recommendations or Guidelines in any situation where it believes that following such Recommendations or Guidelines is not in its clients' best interests.

We do not adopt the voting recommendations of Broadridge for proxies received for ERISA and other Defined Contribution plans for which Coldstream serves as Advisor. Rather, ERISA and other Defined Contribution plan proxies are voted directly by the Advisor in accordance with the best interest of plan participants.

A complete copy of our Proxy Voting Policy can be obtained by sending a request to:

Coldstream  
Attn: Compliance  
One 100<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Ste 102  
Bellevue, WA 98004





## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

Coldstream is required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about its financial condition. Coldstream has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.