

Item 1: Cover Page
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This brochure supplement provides information about Iftikhar Ahmed that supplements our brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact John Stachnick if you did not receive Kaizen Financial Strategies, LLC's brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement. Additional information about Mr. Ahmed is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching CRD #6270480.

Item 2: Educational Background & Business Experience

Iftikhar Ahmed, APMA®

Year of Birth: 1967

Educational Background:

- 1994: University of Stirling; Master of Science in Information Systems Management
- 1991: University of Engineering & Technology; Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Business Background:

- 11/2018 – Present Kaizen Financial Strategies, LLC; Managing Partner & Principal Advisor
- 01/2015 – 11/2018 Waddell & Reed; Financial Advisor
- 11/2013 – 01/2015 Waddell & Reed; Advisor Associate
- 12/1996 – 10/2013 Cisco Systems; Senior Manager

Exams, Licenses & Other Professional Designations:

- 12/2013: Series 7 Exam
- 11/2013: Series 66 Exam
- 08/2015: Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor (APMA®)

Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor (APMA®):

Individuals who hold the APMA® designation have completed a course of study encompassing client assessment and suitability, risk/return, investment objectives, bond and equity portfolios, modern portfolio theory and investor psychology. Students have hands-on practice in analyzing investment policy statements, building portfolios, and making asset allocation decisions including sell, hold, and buy decisions within a client's portfolio. Additionally, individuals must pass an end-of-course examination that tests their ability to synthesize complex concepts and apply theoretical concepts to real-life situations. All designees have agreed to adhere to *Standards of Professional Conduct* and are subject to a disciplinary process. Designees renew their designation every 2 years by completing 16 hours of continuing education, reaffirming adherence to the *Standards of Professional Conduct* and complying with self-disclosure requirements.

Item 3: Disciplinary Information¹

There are no legal or disciplinary events material to the evaluation of Mr. Ahmed.

¹ Note: Our firm may, under certain circumstances, rebut the presumption that a disciplinary event is material. If an event is immaterial, we are not required to disclose it. When we review a legal or disciplinary event involving the advisor to determine whether it is appropriate to rebut the presumption of materiality, we consider all of the following factors: (1) the proximity of advisor to the advisory function; (2) the nature of the infraction that led to the disciplinary event; (3) the severity of the disciplinary sanction; and (4) the time elapsed since the date of the disciplinary event. If we conclude that the materiality presumption has been overcome, we prepare and maintain a file memorandum of our determination in our records. We follow SEC rule 204-2(a)(14)(iii) and similar state rules.

Item 4: Other Business Activities

Mr. Ahmed has been a board member of the Victoriana of Los Gatos Home Owners Association since November 30, 2017. He devotes one hour a week to making ongoing maintenance related decisions for the association. Mr. Ahmed does not handle any funds or write any checks.

Item 5: Additional Compensation

Mr. Ahmed has received assistance covering transition-related legal, software and accounts transfer costs from Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. ("Schwab") in order to transition his business to the Schwab custodial platform. Our firm examined this potential conflict of interest when our firm chose to recommend Schwab and has determined that the recommendation is in the best interest of our firm's clients and satisfies our fiduciary obligations, including our duty to seek best execution.

Item 6: Supervision

John Stachnick, Chief Compliance Officer of Kaizen Financial Strategies, LLC, supervises and monitors Mr. Ahmed's activities on a regular basis to ensure compliance with our firm's Code of Ethics. Please contact Mr. Stachnick if you have any questions about Mr. Ahmed's brochure supplement at (408) 819-9010 x 1003.

Item 7: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Iftikhar Ahmed has not been involved in any arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500. Furthermore, he has neither been involved in nor found liable in any civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding nor has been the subject of any bankruptcy petitions.