

# Corbenic Partners, LLC

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## **ADV Part 2A, Firm Brochure**

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Corbenic Partners, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (610) 814-2474 or [mstrange@corbenicpartners.com](mailto:mstrange@corbenicpartners.com). 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 Corbenic Partners, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

References herein to Corbenic Partners, LLC as a “registered investment adviser” or any reference to being “registered” does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

## Item 2           Material Changes

Since our March 20, 2020 Annual Amendment filing, Corbenic Partner LLC's Disclosure Brochure has been amended to make certain enhancements at Items 4 and 5.

Corbenic Partners, LLC's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client has about this Brochure.

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#### Item 4            Advisory Business

- A. Corbenic Partners, LLC (“Corbenic”) is a limited liability company formed on July 9, 1998 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Corbenic has been registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission since September 7, 2001. Brad Griswold, Robert Vitale, Anthony Deutsch and Anthony Bragano own Corbenic. Mr. Griswold is Corbenic’s Managing Member.

B.

##### INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

Corbenic provides discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee* basis. Corbenic's annual investment advisory fee shall include investment advisory services, and, to the extent specifically requested by the client, financial planning and consulting services. In the event that the client requires extraordinary planning and/or consultation services (to be determined in the sole discretion of Corbenic), Corbenic may determine to charge for such additional services, the dollar amount of which shall be set forth in a separate written notice to the client.

Before engaging Corbenic to provide investment advisory services, clients are required to enter into a discretionary or non-discretionary Investment Advisory Agreement, setting forth the terms and condition of the engagement (including termination) which also describes the fees and services to be provided.

##### FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES (STAND-ALONE)

Corbenic may provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on a stand-alone, separate fee basis. Prior to engaging Corbenic to provide planning or consulting services, clients are generally required to enter into a *Financial Planning and Consulting Services Agreement* with Corbenic setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), describing the scope of the services to be provided, and the portion of the fee that is due from the client prior to Corbenic commencing services. The *Financial Planning and Consulting Services Agreement* may be terminated by either party, in writing, pursuant to the agreement. If requested by the client, Corbenic may recommend the services of other professionals for implementation purposes, including certain of Corbenic’s representatives in their individual capacities as registered representatives of a broker dealer, licensed insurance agents and/or certified public accountants. (*See* disclosure at Item 10.C. below). The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from Corbenic. **Please Note:** If the client engages any such unaffiliated recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. At all times, the engaged licensed professional[s] (i.e. attorney, accountant, insurance agent, etc.), and **not** Corbenic, shall be responsible for the quality and competency of the services provided.

It remains the client’s responsibility to promptly notify Corbenic if there is ever any change in their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating or revising Corbenic’s previous recommendations and/or services.

## RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES

Corbenic also provides retirement plan consulting/management services, pursuant to which it assists sponsors of self-directed retirement plans organized under the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”). The terms and conditions of the engagement, including compensation paid to Corbenic, shall be set forth in a *Retirement Plan Services Agreement* between Corbenic and the plan sponsor.

To the extent that the plan sponsor engages Corbenic in an ERISA Section 3(21) capacity, Corbenic will assist with the selection and/or monitoring of investment options (generally open-end mutual funds and exchange traded funds) from which plan participants shall choose in self-directing the investments for their individual plan retirement accounts. If the plan sponsor chooses to engage Corbenic in an ERISA Section 3(38) capacity, Corbenic may provide the same services as described above, but may also: create specific asset allocation models that Corbenic manages on a discretionary basis, which plan participants may choose in managing their individual retirement account; and/or modify the investment options made available to plan participants on a discretionary basis.

Personalized investment advice will not be provided to plan participants regarding their plan assets. However, plan participants who wish to engage the Adviser for individualized financial planning or consulting services regarding assets outside the scope of the qualified plan may do so by executing a *Financial Planning and Consulting Services Agreement*, including separate fees and fee payment arrangements.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Business Relationship – Dynasty Financial Partners, LLC.** Corbenic maintains a business relationship with Dynasty Financial Partners, LLC (“Dynasty”). Please see Item 10.B. below for more information.

**Non-Investment Consulting/Implementation Services.** To the extent requested by the client, Corbenic *may* provide consulting services regarding non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Neither Corbenic, nor any of its representatives, serves as an attorney or accountant and no portion of Corbenic’s services should be construed as same. To the extent requested by a client, Corbenic may recommend the services of other professionals and other firms for certain non-investment implementation purposes (i.e. attorneys, law firms, accounting firms, accountants, insurance agents or agencies, etc.), including representatives or affiliates of Corbenic (See Item 10.C. for a complete description of our affiliates). The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional or affiliate. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from Corbenic. **Please Note:** If the client engages any such unaffiliated recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. At all times, the engaged licensed professional[s] (i.e. attorney, accountant, insurance agent, etc.), and **not** Corbenic, shall be responsible for the quality and competency of the services provided. **Please Also Note:** It remains the client’s responsibility to promptly notify Corbenic if there is ever any change in their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating and revising our previous recommendations or services.

**Please Note: Non-Discretionary Service Limitations.** Clients that determine to engage Corbenic on a non-discretionary investment advisory basis must be willing to accept that Corbenic cannot effect any account transactions without obtaining prior consent to any such transaction(s) from the client. Thus, in the event that Corbenic would like to make a transaction for a client's account (including an individual holding or in the event of general market correction), and the client is unavailable, Corbenic will be unable to effect the account transaction(s) (as it would for its discretionary clients) without first obtaining the client's consent.

**Use of Mutual and Exchange Traded Funds:** While Corbenic may allocate investment assets to mutual funds and exchange traded funds ("ETFs") that are not available directly to the public, Corbenic may also allocate investment assets to publicly-available mutual funds and ETFs that the client or prospective client could purchase without engaging Corbenic as an investment adviser. However, if a client or prospective client determines to do so, he/she will not receive Corbenic's initial and ongoing investment advisory services. **Please Note:** In addition to Corbenic's investment advisory fee described below, and transaction and/or custodial fees discussed below, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses).

**Portfolio Activity.** Corbenic has a fiduciary duty to provide services consistent with the client's best interest. As part of its investment advisory services, Corbenic will review client portfolios on an ongoing basis to determine if any changes are necessary based upon various factors, including, but not limited to, investment performance, fund manager tenure, style drift, account additions/withdrawals, and/or a change in the client's investment objective. Based upon these factors, there may be extended periods of time when Corbenic determines that changes to a client's portfolio are neither necessary nor prudent. Of course, as indicated below, there can be no assurance that investment decisions made by Corbenic will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s). Clients nonetheless remain subject to the fees described in Item 5 below during periods of account inactivity.

**Retirement Rollovers-Potential for Conflict of Interest:** A client or prospective client leaving an employer typically has four options regarding an existing retirement plan (and may engage in a combination of these options): (i) leave the money in the former employer's plan, if permitted, (ii) roll over the assets to the new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, (iii) roll over to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA"), or (iv) cash out the account value (which may, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). If Corbenic recommends that a client roll over their retirement plan assets into an account to be managed by Corbenic, such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if Corbenic will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee on the rolled over assets. **No client is under any obligation to roll over retirement plan assets to an account managed by Corbenic. Corbenic' Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the conflict of interest presented by such rollover recommendation.**

**ByAllAccounts, eMoney and Addepar.** In conjunction with the services provided by ByAllAccounts, eMoney and/or Addepar, Corbenic may also provide access to account aggregation services, which can incorporate all of the client's investment assets," including those investment assets that are not part of the assets that we manage (the "Excluded

Assets”). The client and/or their other advisors that maintain trading authority, and not us, shall be exclusively responsible for the investment performance of the Excluded Assets. Unless otherwise specifically agreed to, in writing, Corbenic’s service relative to the Excluded Assets is limited to reporting only. Corbenic does not provide investment management, monitoring or implementation services for the Excluded Assets. If Corbenic is asked to make a recommendation as to any Excluded Assets, the client is under absolutely no obligation to accept the recommendation, and Corbenic shall not be responsible for any implementation error (timing, trading, etc.) relative to the Excluded Assets. The client may engage Corbenic to provide investment management services for the Excluded Assets pursuant to the terms and conditions of the *Investment Advisory Agreement* between Corbenic and the client.

In addition, eMoney also provides access to other types of information, including financial planning concepts, which must not, in any manner whatsoever, be construed as services, advice or recommendations provided by Corbenic.

**Independent Managers.** For those clients that require a specialized level of investment management services, Corbenic may also recommend that certain clients authorize us to engage certain independent investment managers (the “*Independent Managers*”), based upon the stated investment objectives of the client. Corbenic shall continue to monitor and review the client’s account performance, investment objectives, and asset allocation, for which Corbenic shall receive an annual advisory fee, which is based upon a percentage of the market value of the assets being managed by the designated *Independent Managers*. Factors which Corbenic shall consider in recommending *Independent Managers* include the client’s stated investment objective(s), management style, performance, reputation, financial strength, reporting, pricing, and research. Corbenic generally has the authority to determine the broker-dealer/custodian to be used by the designated *Independent Managers* relative to those accounts for which the *Independent Managers* provide discretionary investment management services for Corbenic’s clients. The investment management fees charged by the designated *Independent Managers*, together with the fees charged by the corresponding designated broker-dealer/custodian of the client’s assets, are exclusive of, and in addition to, Corbenic’s ongoing investment advisory fee. Fees charged by Corbenic pursuant to the use of *Independent Managers* may be either in advance or arrears depending upon the specific *Independent Manager* relationship, and will be disclosed to the client at the point of entering into the relationship. Once a client has authorized Corbenic to engage an Independent Manager, Corbenic is authorized to add additional client assets to the Independent Manager. This may result in a client paying additional fees. A client may direct Corbenic, in writing, not to engage an Independent Manager or not to allocate additional assets to any Independent Manager.

**Cash Positions.** Corbenic may maintain cash and cash equivalent positions (such as money market funds) for defensive and liquidity purposes. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all cash and cash equivalent positions will be included as part of assets under management for purposes of calculating Corbenic’s investment advisory fee.

**Client Obligations.** In performing its services, Corbenic shall not be required to verify any information received from the client or from the client’s other professionals, and is expressly authorized to rely thereon. Moreover, each client is advised that it remains their responsibility to promptly notify Corbenic if there is ever any change in their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating or revising Corbenic’s previous recommendations and/or services.

**Disclosure Statement.** A copy of Corbenic's written Privacy Notice, Form CRS and Disclosure Brochure as set forth on Part 2A and 2B of Form ADV shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the *Investment Advisory Agreement* or *Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement*.

- C. Corbenic shall provide investment advisory services specific to the needs of each client. Prior to providing investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client's investment objective(s). Thereafter, Corbenic shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The client may, at any time, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on Corbenic's services.
- D. Corbenic does not participate in a wrap fee program.
- E. As of December 31, 2019, Corbenic had \$507,057,494 in assets under management on a discretionary basis and \$2,613,624 in assets under management on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 5            Fees and Compensation**

A.

### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

Corbenic provides discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services, and, to the extent specifically requested by the client, financial planning and consulting services on a *fee* basis. In the event that the client requires extraordinary planning and/or consultation services (to be determined in the sole discretion of Corbenic), Corbenic may determine to charge for such additional services, the dollar amount of which shall be set forth in a separate written notice to the client. Corbenic's annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon various objective and subjective factors, including, but not limited to: the amount of the assets placed under Corbenic's direct management, the complexity of the engagement, and the level and scope of the overall investment advisory services to be rendered. Because of these factors, similarly situated clients could pay different fees, the services to be provided by Corbenic to any particular client could be available from other advisers at lower fees, and certain clients may have fees different from those specifically set forth above. Corbenic's annual investment advisory fee shall be prorated and paid monthly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous month.

Before engaging Corbenic to provide investment advisory services, clients are required to enter into a discretionary or non-discretionary Investment Advisory Agreement, setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), which describes the fees and services to be provided.

\*Accounts are subject to a minimum annual fee of \$7,500.

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES (STAND-ALONE)**

Corbenic may provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on

a stand-alone fee basis. Corbenic's planning and consulting fees are negotiable, but generally range from \$2,000 to \$10,000 on a fixed fee basis, and from \$250 to \$550 on an hourly rate basis, depending upon the level and scope of the service(s) required and the professional(s) rendering the service(s). The fees for financial planning and consulting services are charged on an annual basis.

### RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES

The terms and conditions of Corbenic's retirement plan consulting services shall generally be set forth in a *Retirement Plan Consulting Agreement* between Corbenic and the plan sponsor. Corbenic's annual negotiable retirement plan consulting fees generally range between 100 and 150 basis points (1.00% and 1.50%), depending upon the value of plan assets under advisement, the level and scope of the service(s) required and the professional(s) rendering the service(s). Client will pay the fees quarterly, in arrears, based upon the market value of the plan account on the last day of the preceding quarter.

- B. Clients may elect to have Corbenic's advisory fees deducted from their custodial account. Both Corbenic's agreement and the custodial/clearing agreement may authorize the custodian to debit the account for the amount of Corbenic's investment advisory fee and to directly remit that management fee to Corbenic in compliance with regulatory procedures. In the limited event that Corbenic bills the client directly, payment is due upon receipt of Corbenic's invoice. Corbenic shall generally deduct fees and/or bill clients monthly in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous month.
- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise or an individual client's circumstances require, Corbenic shall generally recommend that Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. ("*Schwab*") serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets. Broker-dealers such as *Schwab* charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions (i.e. transaction fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and fixed income securities transactions). In addition to Corbenic's investment management fee, brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses). Clients engaging *Independent Managers* will incur additional investment advisory fees.
- D. The advisory relationship between Corbenic and the client will continue in effect until terminated by either party by written notice, or in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Upon termination, Corbenic shall issue a pro-rated refund, based upon the number of days remaining in the billing month, for any advance fee paid by the terminated client.
- E. **Securities Commission Transactions.** In the event that the client desires, the client can engage certain of Corbenic's representatives, in their individual capacities, as registered representatives of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments ("*PKS*"), a FINRA member broker-dealer, to implement investment recommendations on a commission basis. In the event the client chooses to purchase investment products through *PKS*, *PKS* will charge brokerage commissions to effect securities transactions, a portion of which commissions *PKS* shall pay to Corbenic's representatives, in their individual capacities as registered



representatives of *PKS* as applicable. The brokerage commissions charged by *PKS* may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers. In addition, *PKS*, relative to commission mutual fund purchases, may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 trailing commission compensation directly from the mutual fund company during the period that the client maintains the mutual fund investment.

1. **Conflict of Interest:** The recommendation that a client purchase a commission product from *PKS* presents a conflict of interest, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend investment products based on commissions to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from Corbenic's representatives, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of *PKS*. **Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**
2. **Please Note:** Clients may purchase investment products recommended by Corbenic through other, non-affiliated broker dealers or agents.
3. Corbenic does not receive more than 50% of its revenue from advisory clients as a result of commissions or other compensation for the sale of investment products Corbenic recommends to its clients.
4. When Corbenic's representatives, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of *PKS*, sell an investment product on a commission basis, Corbenic does not charge an advisory fee in addition to the commissions paid by the client for such product. When providing services on an advisory fee basis, Corbenic's representatives do not also receive commission compensation for such advisory services. **However,** a client may engage Corbenic to provide investment management services on an advisory fee basis and separate from such advisory services, purchase an investment product from Corbenic's representatives on a separate commission basis in their individual capacities as registered representatives of *PKS*.

## **Item 6            Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management**

Neither Corbenic nor any supervised person of Corbenic accepts performance-based fees.

## **Item 7            Types of Clients**

Corbenic's clients shall generally include individuals, business entities, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates and charitable organizations.

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

- A. Corbenic may utilize the following methods of security analysis:
  - **Charting** - (analysis performed using patterns to identify current trends and trend reversals to forecast the direction of prices)

- Fundamental - (analysis performed on historical and present data, with the goal of making financial forecasts)
- Technical – (analysis performed on historical and present data, focusing on price and trade volume, to forecast the direction of prices)

Corbenic may utilize the following investment strategies when implementing investment advice given to clients:

- Long Term Purchases (securities held at least a year)
- Short Term Purchases (securities sold within a year)
- Trading (securities sold within thirty (30) days)
- Options (contract for the purchase or sale of a security at a predetermined price during a specific period of time)

**Please Note: Investment Risk.** Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk including the complete loss of principal investment. It should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by Corbenic) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s). Investment strategies such as asset allocation, diversification, or rebalancing do not assure or guarantee better performance and cannot eliminate the risk of investment losses. There is no guarantee that a portfolio employing these or any other strategy will outperform a portfolio that does not engage in such strategies. While asset values may increase and client account values could benefit as a result, it is also possible that asset values may decrease and client account values could suffer a loss.

- B. Corbenic's methods of analysis and investment strategies do not present any significant or unusual risks.

However, every method of analysis has its own inherent risks. To perform an accurate market analysis Corbenic must have access to current/new market information. Corbenic has no control over the dissemination rate of market information; therefore, unbeknownst to Corbenic, certain analyses may be compiled with outdated market information, limiting the value of Corbenic's analysis. Furthermore, an accurate market analysis can only produce a forecast of the direction of market values. There can be no assurances that a forecasted change in market value will materialize into actionable and/or profitable investment opportunities.

Corbenic's primary investment strategies - Long Term Purchases, Short Term Purchases, and Trading - are fundamental investment strategies. However, every investment strategy has its own inherent risks and limitations. For example, longer term investment strategies require a longer investment time period to allow the strategy to potentially develop. Shorter term investment strategies require a shorter investment time period to potentially develop but, as a result of more frequent trading, may incur higher transactional costs when compared to a longer term investment strategy. Trading, an investment strategy that requires the purchase and sale of securities within a thirty (30) day investment time period, involves a very short investment time period but will incur higher transaction costs when compared to a short term investment strategy and substantially higher transaction costs than a longer term investment strategy.

In addition to the fundamental investment strategies discussed above, Corbenic may also implement and/or recommend covered call writing. Options transactions pose a higher level of inherent risk than the fundamental investment strategies discussed above.

**Covered Call Writing.** Covered call writing is the sale of in-, at-, or out-of- the money call option against a long security position held in a client portfolio. This type of transaction is used to generate income. It also serves to create downside protection in the event the security position declines in value. Income is received from the proceeds of the option sale. Such income may be reduced to the extent it is necessary to buy back the option position prior to its expiration. This strategy may involve a degree of trading velocity, transaction costs and significant losses if the underlying security has volatile price movement. Covered call strategies are generally suited for companies with little price volatility.

Currently, Corbenic primarily allocates client investment assets among various individual equity (stocks), debt (bonds) and fixed income securities, mutual funds and/or exchange traded funds (“ETFs”), on a discretionary and/or non-discretionary basis in accordance with the client’s designated investment objective(s).

**Market Risk.** The price of a security may drop in reaction to tangible and intangible events and conditions. This type of risk may be caused by external factors (such as economic or political factors), but may also be incurred because of a security’s specific underlying investments. Additionally, each security’s price can fluctuate based on market movement, which may or may not be due to the security’s operations or changes in its true value. For example, political, economic and social conditions may trigger market events, which are temporarily negative, or temporarily positive.

**Unsystematic Risk.** Unsystematic risk is the company-specific or industry-specific risk in a portfolio that the investor bears. Unsystematic risk is typically addressed through diversification. However, as indicated above, diversification does not guarantee better performance and cannot eliminate the risk of investment losses.

**Value Investment Risk.** Value stocks may perform differently from the market as a whole and following a value-oriented investment strategy may cause a portfolio to underperform growth stocks.

**Growth Investment Risk.** Prices of growth stocks tend to be higher in relation to their companies’ earnings and may be more sensitive to market, political and economic developments than other stocks, making their prices more volatile.

**Small Company Risk.** Securities of small companies are often less liquid than those of large companies and this could make it difficult to sell a small company security at a desired time or price. As a result, small company stocks may fluctuate relatively more in price. In general, small capitalization companies are more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business or economic developments and they may have more limited resources.

**Commodity Risk.** The value of commodity-linked derivative instruments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, livestock disease, embargoes, tariffs, and international economic, political, and regulatory developments.

Interest Rate Risk. Fixed income securities and fixed income-based securities are subject to interest rate risk because the prices of fixed income securities tend to move in the opposite direction of interest rates. When interest rates rise, fixed income security prices tend to fall. When interest rates fall, fixed income security prices tend to rise. In general, fixed income securities with longer maturities are more sensitive to these price changes.

Inflation Risk. When any type of inflation is present, a dollar at present value will not carry the same purchasing power as a dollar in the future, because that purchasing power erodes at the rate of inflation.

Reinvestment Risk. Future proceeds from investments may have to be reinvested at a potentially lower rate of return (i.e. interest rate), which primarily relates to fixed income securities.

Credit Risk. The issuer of a security may be unable to make interest payments and/or repay principal when due. A downgrade to an issuer's credit rating or a perceived change in an issuer's financial strength may affect a security's value and impact performance. Credit risk is considered greater for fixed income securities with ratings below investment grade. Fixed income securities that are below investment grade involve higher credit risk and are considered speculative.

Call Risk. During periods of falling interest rates, a bond issuer will call or repay a higher-yielding bond before its maturity date, forcing the investment to reinvest in bonds with lower interest rates than the original obligations.

Regulatory Risk. Changes in laws and regulations from any government can change the market value of companies subject to such regulations. Certain industries are more susceptible to government regulation. For example, changes in zoning, tax structure or laws may impact the return on investments.

Mutual Fund Risk. Mutual funds are operated by investment companies that raise money from shareholders and invests it in stocks, bonds, and/or other types of securities. Each fund will have a manager that trades the fund's investments in accordance with the fund's investment objective. Mutual funds charge a separate management fee for their services, so the returns on mutual funds are reduced by the costs to manage the funds. While mutual funds generally provide diversification, risks can be significantly increased if the fund is concentrated in a particular sector of the market. Mutual funds that are sold through brokers are called load funds, and those sold to investors directly from the fund companies are called no-load funds. Mutual funds come in many varieties. Some invest aggressively for capital appreciation, while others are conservative and are designed to generate income for shareholders. In addition, the client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives).

Exchange Traded Fund Risk. ETFs are marketable securities that are designed to track, before fees and expenses, the performance or returns of a relevant index, commodity, bonds or basket of assets, like an index fund. Unlike mutual funds, ETFs trade like common stock on a stock exchange. ETFs experience price changes throughout the day as they are bought and sold. In addition to the general risks of investing, there are specific risks to consider with respect to an investment in ETFs, including, but not limited to: (i) an ETF's shares may trade at a market price that is above or below its net asset value; (ii) the ETF may

employ an investment strategy that utilizes high leverage ratios; or (iii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are de-listed from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally.

## **Item 9            Disciplinary Information**

Corbenic has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions.

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

- A. **Corbenic is not registered as a broker-dealer and does not have an application pending to register as a broker-dealer.**
- B. Neither Corbenic, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or a representative of the foregoing.
- C. **Registered Representatives of PKS.** As disclosed above in Item 5.E, certain of Corbenic's representatives are registered representatives of *PKS*, a FINRA member broker-dealer. Clients can choose to engage these representatives, in their separate and individual capacities as registered representatives of a broker-dealer, to purchase securities on a commission basis.

**Licensed Insurance Agents.** Certain of Corbenic's representatives, in their individual capacities, are licensed insurance agents, and may recommend the purchase of insurance-related products on a commission basis. As referenced in Item 4.B above, clients can engage these representatives, in their separate and individual capacities as licensed insurance agents, to purchase insurance products on a commission basis.

**Conflict of Interest:** The recommendation by Corbenic or its representatives that a client purchase a securities and/or insurance commission product through related persons of the firm presents a conflict of interest, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend securities and insurance products based on commissions to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from Corbenic's representatives. Clients are reminded that they may purchase securities and/or insurance commission products recommended by Corbenic through other non-affiliated registered representatives of a broker/dealer and or licensed insurance agents. **Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

**Concannon Miller & Co.** Certain members of Corbenic are also owners of Concannon Miller & Co. P.C. ("*Concannon Miller*"), a public accounting firm. To the extent that a client specifically requests accounting advice and/or tax preparation services, Corbenic may recommend the services of *Concannon Miller*. Any such accounting advice and/or tax preparation services shall be rendered independent of Corbenic pursuant to a separate agreement between the client and the CPA and/or *Concannon Miller*. Client will not pay

any additional fees to Corbenic and Corbenic will not receive any of the fees charged by the CPA and/or *Concannon Miller*, referral or otherwise.

Conflict of Interest: The recommendation by Corbenic's representatives that a client engage the services of *Concannon Miller*, presents a conflict of interest. No client is under any obligation to engage *Concannon Miller*. **Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflicts of interest.**

**Relationship with Dynasty.** Corbenic maintains a business relationship with Dynasty. Dynasty offers operational and back-office core service support to independent registered investment advisors either directly or through its network of third-party service providers. Through the Dynasty network of service providers, Corbenic has access to trading technology, transition support, reporting, custody, brokerage, investments, compliance, marketing support and other related consulting services. Corbenic pays Dynasty a core/fixed fee for these services based on Corbenic's annual revenue. The fee for these services is included in the fees already paid by the Client.

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

- A. Corbenic maintains an investment policy relative to personal securities transactions. This investment policy is part of Corbenic's overall Code of Ethics, which serves to establish a standard of business conduct for all of Corbenic's Representatives that is based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty and trust, a copy of which is available upon request.

In accordance with Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Corbenic also maintains and enforces written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material non-public information by Corbenic or any person associated with Corbenic.

- B. Neither Corbenic nor any related person of Corbenic recommends, buys, or sells for client accounts, securities in which Corbenic or any related person of Corbenic has a material financial interest.
- C. Corbenic and/or representatives of Corbenic *may* buy or sell securities that are also recommended to clients. This practice may create a situation where Corbenic and/or representatives of Corbenic are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a conflict of interest. Practices such as "scalping" (i.e., a practice whereby the owner of shares of a security recommends that security for investment and then immediately sells it at a profit upon the rise in the market price which follows the recommendation) could take place if Corbenic did not have adequate policies in place to detect such activities. In addition, this requirement can help detect insider trading, "front-running" (i.e., personal trades executed prior to those of Corbenic's clients) and other potentially abusive practices.

Corbenic has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of each of Corbenic's "Access Persons". Corbenic's securities transaction policy requires that an Access Person of Corbenic must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of their

current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person's current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date Corbenic selects; provided, however that at any time that Corbenic has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

- D. Corbenic and/or representatives of Corbenic *may* buy or sell securities, at or around the same time as those securities are recommended to clients. This practice creates a situation where Corbenic and/or representatives of Corbenic are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a conflict of interest. As indicated above in Item 11.C, Corbenic has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transaction and securities holdings of each of Corbenic's Access Persons.

## **Item 12      Brokerage Practices**

- A. In the event that the client requests that Corbenic recommend a broker-dealer/custodian for execution and/or custodial services (exclusive of those clients that may direct Corbenic to use a specific broker-dealer/custodian), Corbenic generally recommends that investment management accounts be maintained at *Schwab*. Prior to engaging Corbenic to provide investment management services, the client will be required to enter into a formal *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Corbenic setting forth the terms and conditions under which Corbenic shall manage the client's assets, and a separate custodial/clearing agreement with each designated broker-dealer/custodian.

Factors that Corbenic considers in recommending *Schwab* (or any other broker-dealer/custodian to clients) include historical relationship with Corbenic, financial strength, reputation, execution capabilities, pricing, research, and service. Although the commissions and/or transaction fees paid by Corbenic's clients shall comply with Corbenic's duty to seek best execution, a client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where Corbenic determines, in good faith, that the commission/transaction fee is reasonable. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Corbenic will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Corbenic's investment management fee. Corbenic's best execution responsibility is qualified if securities that it purchases for client accounts are mutual funds that trade at net asset value as determined at the daily market close.

### **1. Research and Additional Benefits**

Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Corbenic receives from *Schwab* (or another broker-dealer/custodian, investment platform, unaffiliated investment manager, vendor, unaffiliated product/fund sponsor, or vendor) without cost (and/or at a discount) support services and/or products, certain of which assist

Corbenic to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such institutions. Included within the support services that may be obtained by Corbenic may be investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by Corbenic in furtherance of its investment advisory business operations.

As indicated above, certain of the support services and/or products received may assist Corbenic in managing and administering client accounts. Others do not directly provide such assistance, but rather assist Corbenic to manage and further develop its business enterprise.

Corbenic's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at *Schwab* as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by Corbenic to *Schwab* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

**Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding conflict of interest.**

There is no corresponding commitment made by Corbenic to *Schwab* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

2. Corbenic does not receive referrals from broker-dealers.
3. Corbenic does not generally accept directed brokerage arrangements (when a client requires that account transactions be effected through a specific broker-dealer). In such client directed arrangements, the client will negotiate terms and arrangements for their account with that broker-dealer, and Corbenic will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to "batch" the client's transactions for execution through other broker-dealers with orders for other accounts managed by Corbenic. As a result, client may pay higher commissions or other transaction costs or greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the account than would otherwise be the case.

In the event that the client directs Corbenic to effect securities transactions for the client's accounts through a specific broker-dealer, the client correspondingly acknowledges that such direction may cause the accounts to incur higher commissions or transaction costs than the accounts would otherwise incur had the client determined to effect account transactions through alternative clearing arrangements that may be available through Corbenic. Higher transaction costs adversely impact account performance. Transactions for directed accounts will generally be executed following the execution of portfolio transactions for non-directed accounts.



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- B. To the extent that Corbenic provides investment management services to its clients, the transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless Corbenic decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. Corbenic may (but is not obligated to) combine or "bunch" such orders to seek best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among Corbenic's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. Corbenic shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of such aggregation.

### **Item 13          Review of Accounts**

- A. For those clients to whom Corbenic provides investment supervisory services, account reviews are conducted on an ongoing basis by Corbenic's Members and/or representatives. All investment supervisory clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to advise Corbenic of any changes in their investment objectives and/or financial situation. All clients (in person or via telephone) are encouraged to review financial planning issues (to the extent applicable), investment objectives and account performance with Corbenic on an annual basis.
- B. Corbenic may conduct account reviews on an other than periodic basis upon the occurrence of a triggering event, such as a change in client investment objectives and/or financial situation, market corrections and client request.
- C. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. Corbenic may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

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

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A.1 above, Corbenic receives an economic benefit from *Schwab*. Corbenic, without additional cost (and/or at a discount), receives support services and/or products from *Schwab*.

There is no corresponding commitment made by Corbenic to *Schwab* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

**Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding conflict of interest.**

- B. If a client is introduced to Corbenic by either an unaffiliated or an affiliated solicitor, Corbenic *may* pay that solicitor a referral fee in accordance with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and any corresponding state securities law requirements. Any such referral fee shall be paid solely from Corbenic's investment management fee, and shall not result in any additional charge to the client. If the client is introduced to Corbenic by an unaffiliated solicitor, the solicitor, at the time of the solicitation, shall disclose the nature of their solicitor relationship, and shall provide each prospective client with a copy of Corbenic's written Brochure with a copy of the written disclosure statement from the solicitor to the client disclosing the terms of the solicitation arrangement between Corbenic and the solicitor, including the compensation to be received by the solicitor from Corbenic.

## Item 15      Custody

Corbenic shall have the ability to have its advisory fee for each client debited by the custodian on a monthly basis. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. Corbenic may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance. **Please Note:** To the extent that Corbenic provides clients with periodic account statements or reports, the client is urged to compare any statement or report provided by Corbenic with the account statements received from the account custodian. **Please Also Note:** The account custodian does not verify the accuracy of Corbenic's advisory fee calculation.

**Custody Situations:** Corbenic engages in other practices and services on behalf of its clients that require disclosure at ADV Part 1, Item 9. Some of the practices and services subject the affected account(s) to an annual surprise CPA examination in accordance with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. In addition, certain clients have signed asset transfer authorizations which permit the qualified custodian to rely upon instructions from Corbenic to transfer client funds to "third parties." These arrangements are also reflected at ADV Part 1, Item 9, but in accordance with the guidance provided in the SEC's February 21, 2017 Investment Adviser Association No-Action Letter, the affected accounts are not subjected to an annual surprise CPA examination.. **Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding custody-related issues.**

## Item 16      Investment Discretion

The client can determine to engage Corbenic to provide investment advisory services on a discretionary basis. Prior to Corbenic assuming discretionary authority over a client's account, the client shall be required to execute an *Investment Advisory Agreement*, naming Corbenic as the client's attorney and agent in fact, granting Corbenic full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the assets in the client's name found in the discretionary account.

Clients who engage Corbenic on a discretionary basis may, at any time, impose restrictions, **in writing**, on Corbenic's discretionary authority (i.e. limit the types/amounts of particular securities purchased for their account, exclude the ability to purchase securities with an

inverse relationship to the market, limit or proscribe Corbenic's use of margin, or add additional assets to an Independent Manager for which additional fees are incurred, etc.).

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

- A. Corbenic does not vote client proxies. Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities owned by the client shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the client's investment assets. For clients engaging Independent Managers, clients are encouraged to request the proxy voting policy of such Independent Manager, who may or may not vote proxies.
- B. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian. Clients may contact Corbenic to discuss any questions they may have with a particular solicitation.

#### **Item 18      Financial Information**

- A. Corbenic does not solicit fees of more than \$1,200, per client, six months or more in advance.
- B. Corbenic is unaware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments relating to its discretionary authority over certain client accounts.
- C. Corbenic has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

**ANY QUESTIONS: Corbenic's Chief Compliance Officer, Melanie Strange, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.**