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You can find more information about us at the SEC’s website www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 2—Material Changes

This item identifies and discusses only those material changes that have occurred since the last annual update of our firm brochure on March 15, 2022. Since that date, we have made the following material changes to this Brochure:

Item 10: MacGregor Hall no longer serves on the Schwab Retirement Business Services Advisory Board.

Item 14: This item was updated to disclose information about referral arrangements and to comply with the new requirements of the SEC's marketing rule (SEC Rule 206(4)-1.)

Item 15: This item was amended to reflect that we no longer disburse or transfer certain funds pursuant to certain third-party Standing Letters of Authorization executed by Clients.

We will ensure that all current clients receive a Summary of Material Changes (if any) to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business' fiscal year. A Summary of Material Changes is also included with our Brochure on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. The searchable IARD/CRD number for Deschutes Investment Consulting, LLC is #155312. We may further provide other ongoing disclosure information about material changes as necessary and will further provide you with a new Brochure as necessary based on changes or new information, at any time, without charge.

Currently, our Brochure may be requested by contacting MacGregor Hall, our Chief Compliance Officer at (503) 548-2101.

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Item 4—Advisory Business

The Company:

Deschutes Investment Consulting, LLC (“we”, “us”, or “DIC”) has offered professional investment advisory and management services since we were formed in 2011. We have been registered with the SEC since 2011. We are 100% owned by MacGregor Hall, our President.

Advisory Services for Corporate Retirement Plan Clients:

Deschutes Investment Consulting, LLC (“DIC”) provides retirement plan consulting services including investment due diligence, market analysis, provider search and fee benchmarking, personalized participant education and advice, and regulatory compliance consulting to qualified and non-qualified corporate retirement plan Clients. We provide primarily discretionary services with some Clients receiving non-discretionary services based on the scope of the engagement.

Investment Management

We maintain discretion for the selection and ongoing monitoring of investments offered within the retirement plans we advise including creating and monitoring asset allocation models. We accept 3(38) Investment Manager fiduciary responsibility for these duties in writing with each of our Clients. Our services do not include oversight or advice with respect to employer securities or company stock nor are we a fiduciary in regard to any single security offering available in a plan.

We provide our Clients with ongoing documentation supporting our investment due diligence in a regularly prepared Fiduciary Investment Review report. We have an established investment due diligence process that is consistently employed in the selection and ongoing monitoring of funds for plan sponsors and individuals, accompanied by an investment policy statement that defines the process utilized to guide decision making in the management of the plan investments offered.

We may employ many different calculations, processes, and screening techniques, to arrive at specific recommended individual investments within the array of choices offered by each investment provider that is being analyzed.

We provide each of our Clients with an Investment Policy Statement and will inform you when, and if, there are any changes to this policy. In addition, we will provide our services with the objective of meeting our and our Client’s fiduciary obligations under ERISA Section 404(a) and with the intent of meeting the requirements of ERISA Section 404 (c).

Employee Plan and Investment Education

We provide group employee enrollment and investment education to the participants of our Client’s plans. The goal of this process is to help employees make educated and informed choices about the plan and investment allocation under the investment guidelines set forth by

the U.S. Department of Labor. Meetings are offered on a(n) annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or as requested basis. The scope of the meetings will be group and/or individual, and will be conducted on-site and/or as data conferencing.

Employee (Participant) Investment Advice and/or Asset Allocation Models

We will create, monitor, adjust (when prudent), and rebalance asset allocation models (“Models”) for participants to use in making asset allocation decisions for their investment portfolios. Whether the Models are used as stand-alone tools or used in conjunction with the delivery of investment advice, they are designed to have different investment objectives based on risk level. To meet these varying investment needs, participants and beneficiaries will be able to elect to direct their account balances among a range of investment options to construct diversified portfolios that reasonably span the risk/return spectrum.

The goal of the investment advice process is to assist Plan Participants in finding the asset mix which is most likely to meet their investment objectives within acceptable risk parameters. Asset class sub-types can include domestic large cap value equity, domestic large cap growth equity, domestic mid-cap value equity, domestic mid-cap growth equity, domestic small cap value equity, domestic small cap growth equity, international equity, core fixed income, short term fixed income, high-yield fixed income, and other appropriate asset classes and investments.

We will direct the rebalancing of asset allocation Models on a quarterly basis. Participants and beneficiaries alone bear the risk of investment results from the options and asset allocation that they select.

We also offer a CRM solution for our ERISA clients called Financial Wellness for 401(k) Plan Participants. Providing this service may pose a conflict inasmuch as it is an additional service provided by our firm, at no additional fee to the plan and/or participants.

401(k) Proposal Vendor Research and Analysis

We may assist Clients with the selection of plan provider(s), based on detailed research and analysis of several vendors. The vendor review process includes an evaluation of administrative, recordkeeping, compliance, and employee communications services, administrative and investment-related fees, and an investment overview that incorporates a very similar analysis to the investment due diligence process described above.

Market Review

DIC provides our Clients with quarterly market reviews to help inform and educate our clients on the performance and events surrounding the capital markets.

Fiduciary Role under ERISA

For those services stated under Investment Management, DIC is a fiduciary with respect to the Plan under Section 3(38) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). Our fiduciary duties are limited to the selection, mapping, monitoring, and replacement of plan investment options for which we have explicit authorized discretionary control.

We are not responsible for investment decisions made by individual Plan participants with respect to the investment of their accounts and/or investment into a model portfolio managed by us, if applicable. We are also not responsible for any fiduciary duties or responsibilities imposed on a Plan's fiduciaries under ERISA not explicitly stated in our Investment Advisory Agreement.

WRAP Programs

DIC does not sponsor a WRAP program nor does DIC act as an investment adviser or provide investment advice to a WRAP program.

Tailored Relationships

The goals and objectives for each client are documented in investment policy statements that are created to reflect the stated goals and objectives of the client. Clients may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities.

Assignment of Investment Management Agreements

Agreements may not be assigned without client consent.

Non-Managed Investments

In rare circumstances we will allow clients to transfer securities of their choosing into accounts that we oversee. When clients do so and instruct us not to sell these investments, we do not provide any ongoing advice or oversight of these investments. We allow clients to hold these Non-Managed Investments purely as a convenience. These Non-Managed Investments are identified in writing to the client and the client is advised they, not Deschutes Investment Consulting, LLC are responsible for oversight and selling the investments. We do not charge an advisory fee on Non-Managed Assets. Your account Custodian might charge fees on these assets.

Termination of Agreement

Our agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days prior written notice. DIC bills for fees in advance of each quarter. In the event of a termination that takes effect at

any time other than the last day of the quarter, the fee charged by Deschutes for such quarter will be prorated from the first day of the quarter to the effective date of the termination.

Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2022, we manage approximately \$1,693,264,697. Of this amount, approximately \$344,915,362 is on a discretionary basis and \$1,348,349,335 on a non-discretionary basis.

Item 5—Fees and Compensation

For DIC's services a client will pay a fee based on either the market value of the Plan assets, or a flat fee in accordance with the schedule of fees described and selected below unless otherwise agreed to by both parties. Our fees are negotiable and may vary according to the facts and circumstances including the scope of services to be provided, the duration of services and the size of the client (number of employees, plan or individual assets, and other demographic factors).

Under these services, clients may be charged a flat base fee plus a percentage of total Plan assets, based on the sliding scale below. Therefore, clients will be charged a total fee that is the sum of the base fee and the appropriate percentage fee for that portion of the Plan which falls within the ranges specified below. We may receive fees directly from a client (plan sponsor or individual), for providing any or all services. Fees may be paid on a one-time only or ongoing basis, depending on the scope of the services, and the desired length of time that those services will be provided.

Fee Structure

Asset-based Fee

Asset-based fees may be charged based on the market value of the plan assets and may range from 0.05% - 1.25% of Plan assets, depending on the scope of the project and duration of services.

Flat Fee

A flat fee may be charge ranging from \$2,500 – \$500,000 or more depending on the scope of the project and duration of services.

Per-participant Fee

A per-participant fee may be charged ranging from \$150 - \$250 or more depending on the scope of the project and duration of the services.

Hourly Fee

An hourly fee may be charged ranging from \$250 - \$350 per hour depending on the scope of the project and duration of the services.

Fees are billed in advance and can be paid by the Plan or Plan Sponsor.

Clients may be paying fees different than those above as they are based on historical fee schedules. Any fees paid in advance but are unearned shall be returned to the client prorated to the date of termination.

Other Fees

The client will likely incur fees from brokerages, custodians, administrators and other service providers. These fees are incurred as a result of managing a client account and are charged by the service provider.

The amount and nature of these fees is based on the service provider's fee schedule(s) at the provider's sole discretion. These fees are separate and distinct from any fees charged by DIC.

DIC may provide advice on mutual funds, ETFs, and other managed products or partnerships in clients' portfolios. Clients may be charged for the services by the providers/managers of these products in addition to the service fees paid to DIC. The fees and expenses charged by the product providers are separate and distinct from the management fee charged by DIC. These fees and expenses are described in each mutual fund's or underlying annuity fund's prospectus or in the offering memorandums of a partnership. These fees will generally include a management fee, other fund expenses and a possible distribution fee. No-load or load waived mutual funds may be used in client portfolios so there would be no initial or deferred sales charges; however, if a fund that imposes sales charges is selected, a client may pay an initial or deferred sales charge. A client could invest in a mutual fund or variable annuity or investment partnership directly, without the services of DIC. Accordingly, the client should review both the fees charged by the funds and the applicable program fee charged by DIC to fully understand the total amount of fees to be paid by the client and to thereby evaluate the advisory services being provided.

Item 6—Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

DIC and its employees do not accept "performance-based fees" (fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of your assets).

Item 7—Types of Clients

We generally provide advice to the following types of clients:

- Corporate pension and profit sharing plans
- Individuals, including their trusts, estates, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), and self-directed 401(k) accounts.
- Endowments and other charitable organizations
- Corporations and other businesses

Minimum Account Size

We generally require a minimum of \$5,000,000 to open an institutional account (or group of accounts). We reserve the right to waive these minimum requirements at our discretion.

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

General

We believe that asset class diversification is the key determinant for long term capital preservation and growth. We will work with you to develop and refine your investment objectives to assist us in making investing decisions for your portfolio.

We invest our clients' assets primarily in low-cost, institutional class, no-load, open-ended mutual funds; ETFs, and Separately Managed Accounts. Our core expertise is in combining multiple fund managers in order to build a diversified portfolio matching your risk parameters. We favor ETFs, open-ended mutual funds, and separately managed accounts for several reasons:

- Legally required diversification within a fund (per the '40 Act), reducing risk of loss that comes from concentration
- Lower fees than many other types of structures
- Daily liquidity
- Many institutional, low-cost investments are available on the platform we use for most of our accounts (Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab))
- Access to many types of strategies beyond traditional stocks and bonds.

Manager and Fund Selection Process

We utilize a four step Manager and Fund Selection Process with final manager selection by our Investment Committee. We may also use research obtained from third-party resources in conjunction with our own internal criteria. The selection process begins with an initial screen where we generally apply the following preferred criteria:

- Manager/fund performance should be in the top 50% of peer group over a complete market cycle
- The manager/fund expense ratio should be less than the category average
- The manager/fund management tenure should be commensurate with fund performance

The results from the initial screen are generally subject to the following preferred criteria:

- The manager/fund must be open to new investors
- There must be no front or back-end loads, or redemption fees
- The manager/fund must be available at our preferred custodian

The results from this second level screen are generally further subject to the following preferred criteria:

- The historical performance must have a high correlation to the appropriate benchmark index
- The asset allocation of the fund must have a high correlation to the appropriate benchmark index
- The fund/manager must exhibit the following characteristics over a complete market cycle:
 - Positive alpha
 - Below average portfolio turnover
 - Below average beta
 - Below average standard deviation
 - Above average Sharpe ratio

The top 10 funds are put through a final screen where the following features of each fund are further reviewed and a final selection is made by the investment committee:

- Asset allocation correlation with benchmark
- Concentration of portfolio
- Style drift
- Fund ownership
- Management stability

As with any strategy, DIC looks at the client's circumstances, and makes appropriate recommendations. In the event our screening provides too few funds for a meaningful evaluation, we may reduce the number of criteria.

Private Investment Funds

We may provide investment advice on private investment fund to certain qualified clients. Our role relative to the private investment fund shall be limited to its initial and ongoing due diligence and investment monitoring services. If a client becomes a private fund investor, the amount of assets invested in the fund(s) shall be included as part of "assets under management" for purposes of calculating our investment advisory fee. DIC clients are under no obligation to consider or make an investment in a private investment fund.

Risks Associated with Our Primary Client Investments

For all of the above investment strategies, including mutual funds, clients and prospective clients should note carefully that investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. For example, most equity mutual funds have very high correlation to the broad stock market and should be expected to lose as much or more than the stock market in any given period. In 2008, the S&P 500, a broad measure of the US stock market, fell 37%, and many mutual funds lost even more. Any strategy involving frequent trading can negatively affect investment performance, particularly through increased brokerage and other transaction costs and taxes.

Private investment funds generally involve additional risk factors including, but not limited to, potential for complete loss of principal, liquidity constraints and lack of transparency, a complete discussion of which is set forth in each fund's offering documents, which will be provided to each client for review and consideration. Unlike other liquid investments that a client may maintain, private investment funds do not provide daily liquidity or pricing. Each prospective client investor will be required to complete a Subscription Agreement, pursuant to which the client shall establish that he/she is qualified for investment in the fund, and acknowledges and accepts the various risk factors that are associated with such an investment.

Item 9—Disciplinary Information

Registered investment advisors are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of us or the integrity of our management.

DIC has no material legal or disciplinary events to report.

Item 10—Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

We are obligated to disclose if we, any of “supervised persons” (meaning our employees and independent contractors), or any of our affiliates are involved in other financial industry activities, such as those of a broker-dealer, commodity pool operator, or a futures commission merchant. We are also obligated to disclose if we receive compensation from other advisors for recommending or selecting those advisors for you.

DIC is not registered as a broker-dealer, futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor.

Registered Investment Advisor Representatives may be agents for various insurance companies. As such, these individuals are able to receive separate, yet customary commission compensation resulting from implementing product transactions on behalf of advisory clients. Client, however, are not under any obligation to engage these individuals when considering implementation of advisory recommendations. The implementation of any or all recommendations is solely at the discretion of the client.

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

The DIC Code of Ethics is based on the principle that supervised persons, access persons, and administrative staff members owe a fiduciary duty to our clients for which DIC serves as an advisor. This Code is to protect the interests of both clients and advisors by demanding that advisory personnel perform their duties with complete propriety and do not take advantage of their position. Accordingly, DIC employees must avoid activities, interests, and relationships that might interfere or appear to interfere with making decisions in the best interest of our advisory clients. Failure to abide by this Code can result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment. A complete copy of our Code of Ethics is available to our clients or prospective clients upon request.

Employees of DIC may occasionally purchase or sell for their own personal accounts securities held or traded in DIC client accounts. Trades in the personal accounts may happen at times close to the times trades happen in the client accounts. To avoid any potential front-running of client trades, a record of all personal trades by Access Persons is collected quarterly and reviewed by DIC's Chief Compliance Officer. If evidence of front-running is found, the employee may be forced to disgorge any profits. As a practical matter, most client trades involve mutual funds (for which front-running is not a concern), and Access Persons are in general not active traders in individual securities.

Item 12—Brokerage Practices

The Custodian and Brokers We Use Your account must be maintained in an account at a “qualified custodian”, generally a broker-dealer or a bank. Our management discretion for individual clients generally includes the selection of the securities to be bought or sold, the amount of securities to be bought or sold, the custodian and broker to be used, and the commission to be paid. We consider many factors, including execution capabilities, commission rate, reputation and access to the markets for the securities being traded, financial responsibility, responsiveness to us, any research-related products and services provided to us.

As a practical matter, nearly all individual DIC accounts are maintained in an individual account at Schwab and client trades are executed at Schwab. When our client accounts are maintained at another broker, we will execute trades through the individual Client’s broker.

Schwab generally does not charge you separately for custody services but is compensated by charging you commissions or other fees on trades that it executes or that settle into your Schwab account. In addition to commissions Schwab charges you a flat dollar amount as a “prime broker” or “trade away” fee for each trade that we have executed by a different broker-dealer but where the securities bought or the funds from the securities sold are deposited (settled) into your Schwab account. These fees are in addition to the commissions or other compensation you pay the executing broker-dealer. Because of this, in order to minimize your trading costs, we have Schwab execute most trades for our client accounts maintained at Schwab. We have a standard advisor commission and fee schedule with Schwab and other broker/ custodians, and thus cannot typically negotiate commissions on a trade-by-trade basis.

Products and Services Available to Us from Schwab

Schwab Advisor Services is Schwab’s business serving independent investment advisory firms like us. They provide us and our clients with access to its institutional brokerage—trading, custody, reporting and related services—many of which are not typically available to Schwab retail customers. Schwab also makes available various support services. Some of those services help us manage or administer our clients’ accounts while others help us manage and grow our business. Schwab’s support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (we don’t have to request them) and at no charge to us. Here is a more detailed description of Schwab’s support services:

Services that Benefit You: Schwab’s institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets. The investment products available through Schwab include some to which we might not otherwise have access or that would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment by our clients. Schwab’s services described in this paragraph generally benefit you and your account.

Services that May Not Directly Benefit You: Schwab also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but may not directly benefit you or your account. These products

and services assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts. They include investment research, both Schwab's own and that of third parties. We may use this research to service all or some substantial number of our clients' accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab. In addition to investment research, Schwab also makes available software and other technology that: provide access to client account data (such as duplicate trade confirmations and account statements); facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts; provide pricing and other market data; facilitate payment of our fees from our clients' accounts; and assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping and client reporting.

Services that Generally Benefit Only Us: Schwab also offers services intended to help us manage and further develop our business. These services include:

- educational conferences and events
- technology, compliance, legal, and business consulting;
- publications and conferences on practice management and business succession; and
- access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants and insurance providers.

Schwab may provide some of these services itself. In other cases, it will arrange for third-party vendors to provide the services to us. Schwab may also discount or waive its fees for some of these services or pay all or a part of a third party's fees. Schwab may also provide us with other benefits such as occasional business entertainment of our personnel.

Trade Execution

DIC seeks best execution for client trades, but cannot guarantee the lowest commission or best net price on any particular transaction. DIC will not execute an order on any account that is preferential or materially adverse to any other DIC client account.

Trade Aggregation

DIC is authorized in its discretion to aggregate purchases and sales made for one client account with purchases and sales in the same or similar securities for other client accounts. When transactions are so aggregated, the actual prices applicable to the aggregated transaction will be averaged, and the account will be deemed to have purchased or sold its proportionate share of the securities involved at the average price so obtained. Stock exchange regulations may, in certain instances, prevent the executing broker-dealer from delivering to the account a confirmation slip with respect to its participation in the aggregated transaction, and in such event, DIC will advise the client in writing of any purchase or disposition of securities for the account with respect to any such aggregated transaction. DIC aggregates orders whenever a particular trade is appropriate, in DIC's best judgment, for more than one client account at the same time. Occasionally, trades that occur on the same day in two different client accounts may not be aggregated, usually for timing reasons. The effect of this failure to aggregate may be higher commissions for both client accounts, and one account may receive a more favorable price than the other account.

Item 13—Review of Accounts

All client accounts are reviewed at least once per quarter by the Client's Investment Advisory Representative to see if the Client's asset allocation is consistent with the Client's investment objectives and restrictions to consider whether any changes should be made to the client's portfolio. All accounts are reviewed by the investment committee when established and when changes are recommended.

We issue written reports to our clients each quarter. Our reports generally include a list of assets in your account, investment results, transaction history, and other statistical information. They are delivered in hard copy, via e-mail, in person, or through our secure client portal, depending on the client's preference.

Item 14—Client Referrals and Other Compensation

In exchange for their promotion of our advisory services, we pay cash compensation to third-party intermediaries in exchange for their promotion, referral, and endorsement of our advisory services to prospective clients. The cash compensation paid to such promoters may take the form of a retainer, a flat advertising fee, a fee per referral, and/or a percentage of the advisory fees we collect from referred client accounts. These fees may be paid to the promoter on one-time or recurring basis. Unless otherwise explicitly disclosed in writing to the client, the cash compensation paid to a promoter will be borne entirely by DIC and referred clients do not pay any additional or increased advisory fees as a result of having been referred to our firm by a paid third-party promoter.

We will only engage third-party promoters in accordance with the requirements of the SEC's "marketing rule" (SEC Rule 206(4)-1), promulgated under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Any promoters engaged for this purpose will disclose to you at or reasonably prior to the time of their promotion of DIC (i) that they will receive compensation from DIC as a result of their endorsement of our firm; (ii) a description of the material terms of the compensation they will receive; and (iii) a brief statement discussing the conflicts of interest arising out of the compensation arrangement and/or the relationship between DIC and the third-party promoter. Clients referred to our firm by a third-party promoter are encouraged to inquire with us if they have any questions about the foregoing arrangements.

Item 15—Custody

Other than our ability to deduct our advisory fees from client accounts, and as explained below, DIC does not have custody of the assets in the account. DIC shall have no liability to Clients for any loss or other harm to any property in the account, resulting from the insolvency of the custodian or any independent acts of the agents or employees of the custodian and whether or not the full amount or such loss is covered by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”) or any other insurance which may be carried by the custodian. Clients understand that SIPC provides only limited protection for the loss of property held by a broker-dealer.

A qualified custodian/broker (usually Schwab) is responsible for sending monthly account statements, transaction reports, and year-end tax reports, directly to clients. Clients should carefully review those statements for inaccuracies. Statements can be delivered electronically, by mail, or both, depending on client preference.

DIC also sends periodic performance reports, as more fully described in Item 13. Clients should compare the account statements they receive from the custodian with the reports they receive from DIC.

Item 16—Investment Discretion

We will act as either a 3(21) or 3(38) Investment Manager for our institutional clients depending on the needs and desires of the Plan Trustees, specifically whether or not the Plan Trustees want to maintain discretion and control of the plan's investment menu or delegate the responsibility to us. Most of our clients utilize a fully discretionary engagement.

Under our fully discretionary contract (3(38)), we will design and select the initial fund menu, monitor the investments, make changes when needed, determine mapping strategies, and design and manage model portfolios.

Under our non-discretionary contract (3(21)), we will design and recommend an initial fund menu, monitor the investments, recommend changes when needed, recommend a mapping strategy, and make recommendations on model portfolio asset allocation.

We accept fiduciary responsibility in either capacity and adhere to ERISA §404(a)'s duty to serve solely in the interest of plan participants. Plan sponsors retain the responsibility to select and monitor their adviser, regardless of their adviser's fiduciary status.

Item 17—Voting Client Securities

We generally do not have the authority to vote proxies on your behalf and will not provide advice to client regarding how they should vote proxies. Most clients will receive proxies and other solicitations directly from the custodian or transfer agent. If any proxy materials are received on behalf of a client, they will be sent directly to the client or a designated representative of the client, who is responsible to vote the proxy.

Item 18—Financial Information

We must disclose any financial condition that could impair our ability to meet our contractual obligations to you. We must also disclose if we have been the subject of any bankruptcy proceeding within the last 10 years.

We have no such financial condition to disclose to you, and we have never been the subject of any bankruptcy proceeding.

Privacy Notice

We, like other professionals who advise on personal financial matters are required to inform our clients of our policies regarding the privacy of client information.

In the course of providing our clients with certain advice, we may receive nonpublic personal financial information from our clients, their accountants and other representatives, such as financial statements, tax and income information and other personal financial information. All nonpublic personal information that we receive regarding our clients or former clients is held in strict confidence in accordance with our professional obligations, and is not released to people outside the Firm, except with your consent or as required by law or to explain our actions to professional organizations that we are members of. We may share certain information with non-affiliated third parties who assist us in providing our services to you (such as administrative and client service functions) or marketing services, to advise you of our services, subject to the obligation of these third parties not to use or disclose such information for any other purpose.

We retain records relating to professional services that we provide so that we are better able to assist you with your professional needs and, in some cases to comply with professional guidelines. In order to guard your nonpublic personal information from unauthorized disclosure, we maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards.

Our company's business practices are described in our firm's Form ADV Part 2. If you would like a current copy of this disclosure document, please call or write and we will be happy to send you one.

If your financial situation, goals, risk tolerance or investment time horizon has changed since you last spoke with us please contact us immediately. We need to know the details of your financial life to provide you with the individualized expert services you have come to expect from us.