

# Nippon Life Global Investors Americas, Inc.

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### The Brochure

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Additional information about Nippon Life Global Investors Americas, Inc. is also available on the SEC's website at: [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2: Material Changes

This brochure contains information about Nippon Life Global Investors Americas, Inc. (“NLGIA”). There have been no material changes compared to the previous update dated March 2022.

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## Item 4 Advisory Business

NLGIA was formed in 1987 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nippon Life Insurance Co. (“NLI”), a Japanese corporation involved in the insurance business. NLGIA was formed for the sole purpose of providing investment advisory services to NLI and its affiliates through investment funds and sub-funds (collectively “clients”) in which NLI and its affiliates hold a majority (more than 99%) of the beneficial interest. Certain funds are managed by unaffiliated third parties and sub-advised by NLGIA. As of December 31, 2022, NLGIA managed \$19.1 billion on a discretionary basis and \$2.0 billion on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of NLI, its affiliates, and other minority investors. NLGIA also serves in an advisory role to an affiliated investment adviser, Nissay Asset Management Corporation (“NAMCO”). NLGIA makes investment recommendations for NAMCO; however, NLGIA is not responsible for implementing the recommended transactions.

The terms of the investment management agreement, investment sub-management agreement, investment advisory agreement, investment guidelines, or other applicable documents (“Governing Documents”) determines whether NLGIA has full discretion in choosing investments. NLGIA’s advisory services consist of making recommendations and/or executing investment decisions as applicable according to each clients’ Governing Documents in real estate funds, infrastructure funds, private equity funds, private debt funds, and the equity funds and fixed income funds.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

For advisory services provided to NLI and its affiliates, NLGIA charges management fees based on a percentage of the net asset value or commitment amount of the funds or sub-funds NLGIA manages. The fees range from .95% to .02% based on the total value of the funds or sub-funds. Generally, fees are billed and collected quarterly in arrears; however, in some instances, fees are billed and collected semi-annually in arrears.

NLGIA's fees do not include brokerage commissions, spreads, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses that are typically paid directly by each client account. Clients will also incur other fees or expenses charged by other service providers such as custodians, fund administrators, or other investment advisers selected by the client. Such charges, fees, and commissions are exclusive of, and in addition to, NLGIA's fee, and NLGIA does not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs. Information regarding NLGIA's brokerage practices is included in this brochure under the heading *Brokerage Practices*. In addition, when investing in other private funds, clients will incur fees and expenses charged to investors in those funds.

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

Performance-based or incentive fees are fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client. An adviser charging performance fees to some accounts faces a variety of conflicts because the adviser can potentially receive greater fees from its accounts having a performance-based compensation structure than from those accounts it charges a fee unrelated to performance (*e.g.*, an asset-based fee). As a result, the adviser may have an incentive to direct the best investment ideas to, or to allocate or sequence trades in favor of, the account that pays a performance fee. NLGIA does not charge any performance fees.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

NLGIA provides investment management services to the investment funds in which NLI and its affiliates holds a majority of the beneficial interest. The funds are domiciled in the Cayman Islands, Luxembourg, and Japan. NLGIA also provides investment research services and recommendations to its affiliate, NAMCO. Decisions for the recommended investments are made by NAMCO.

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

NLGIA provides advice concerning investments which include:

- Fixed income funds
- Equity funds (
- Real estate funds
- Infrastructure funds
- Private equity funds
- Private debt funds
- Venture capital funds

NLGIA uses a system of multiple portfolio managers and analysts to make investment decisions. Portfolio managers and analysts are organized into several dedicated investment teams determined

by investment type. For example, there is an investment team responsible for researching and selecting U.S. equities. The basic investment philosophy of each team is to seek to invest in attractively valued securities that represent long-term investment opportunities.

All investing involves a risk of loss and the investment strategy offered by NLGIA has the potential to lose money over short or even long periods. Performance could be negatively impacted by a number of different market risks including but not limited to:

- Market conditions – the prices of common stocks and other securities may decline due to market conditions and other factors, including those directly involving the issuer.
- Security selection – the identification of securities representing high-quality businesses and management teams is a difficult task, and there are no assurances that such opportunities will be successfully recognized over the long term. While such investments offer opportunities for above-average capital appreciation, they also involve a high degree of financial risk and can result in substantial losses.
- Investments in Fixed Income Securities – risks associated with investing in fixed income securities (i.e., bonds) include:
  - The bond issuer’s inability to pay interest or repay the bond;
  - Changes in market interest rates cause the bond’s value to fall;
  - Illiquidity in the bond market may make the bond difficult or impossible to sell;
  - The bond issuer may repay the bond prior to maturity; or
  - Inflation may reduce the effective yield on the bond’s interest payments.
- Bonds Call Provisions – many bonds, including agency, corporate and municipal bonds, and all mortgage-backed securities, contain a provision that allows the issuer to “call” all or part of the issue before the bond’s maturity date. The issuer usually retains this right to refinance the bond in the future if market interest rates decline below the coupon rate. There are three disadvantages to the call provision. First, the cash flow pattern of a callable bond is not known with certainty. Second, because the issuer will call the bonds when interest rates have dropped, clients are exposed to reinvestment rate risk – clients will have to reinvest the proceeds received when the bond is called at lower interest rates. Finally, the capital appreciation potential of a bond will be reduced because the price of a callable bond may not rise much above the price at which the issuer may call the bond.
- Investments in Private Funds – investments in private funds tend to be illiquid and this could impair NLGIA’s ability to redeem an investment from private funds.
- Fund-of-Funds (“FoFs”) Strategies Risk – investment performance of FoFs is directly related to the performance of the underlying funds. There is no assurance that the underlying funds will achieve their investment objectives. Additionally, funds are subject to the risks of the underlying investments, including general market risks (e.g., real estate, equities, etc.); currency risks; geographic and sector focus risks; foreign securities and emerging markets risks; credit and counterparty risks; regulatory risks and individual investment risks. In addition, NLGIA will have no ability to assess the accuracy of the valuations received

from the private funds since asset values will typically be estimates, subject to revision through the end of each underlying fund's annual audit.

- **Cyber Security Risk** – as the use of technologies, such as the internet, has become more common in conducting business, NLGIA may be more susceptible to operational, information security, and related risks in connection with breaches in cyber security. Generally, a cyber security failure may result from either intentional attacks or unintentional events and include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems, misappropriating assets or sensitive information, causing NLGIA and/or its clients to lose proprietary information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption, including denial-of-service attacks on websites. A cyber security failure could cause NLGIA and/or its clients to become subject to regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs associated with corrective measures, and/or financial losses. Cyber security failures may involve third-party service providers, joint venture partners, and investments made by, or counterparties in transactions with, NLGIA or its clients. NLGIA has established policies and procedures reasonably designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security failures; however, there can be no assurance that these policies and procedures will prevent or mitigate the impact of cyber security failures.
- **Force Majeure Events** – client holdings may be affected by force majeure events (i.e., events beyond the control of the party claiming that the event has occurred, including, without limitation, acts of God, fire, flood, earthquakes, outbreaks of infectious disease, pandemic or any other serious public health concern, war, terrorism, labor strikes, major plant breakdowns, pipeline or electricity line ruptures, failure of technology, defective design and construction, accidents, demographic changes, government macroeconomic policies, social instability, prolonged changes in climatic conditions, etc.).

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

NLGIA and its employees have not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events in the past 10 years that would be material to a client's evaluation of the company or its personnel.

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

NLGIA and its employees do not have any relationships or arrangements with other financial services companies that pose material conflicts of interest. However, NLGIA has relationships with various companies also owned or affiliated with NLI, NLGIA's parent company. NLGIA does have an arrangement that is material to its advisory business with NAMCO, a subsidiary of NLI located in Japan. NLGIA provides investment research services and recommendations to NAMCO. NLGIA also has an arrangement with Nippon Life Global Investors Europe PLC ("NLGIE"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NLI in the United Kingdom, whereby NLGIE provides NLGIA with research services on European private equity funds.

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

NLGIA has adopted a written Code of Ethics (the “Code”) designed to address and avoid potential conflicts of interest as required under Rule 204A-1 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Rule”). This Rule requires NLGIA to adopt a code of ethics that sets forth a standard of business conduct and compliance with federal securities laws by all of NLGIA’s employees. NLGIA’s Code contains policies and procedures that ensure that all personal securities trading by NLGIA’s employees is conducted in such a manner as to avoid conflicts of interest or any abuse of an individual’s position of trust and responsibility. NLGIA’s Code requires, among other things, that employees:

- Act with competence, dignity, integrity and in an ethical manner when dealing with clients, the public, prospective clients, third-party service providers, and colleagues;
- Place the integrity of the investment profession and the interests of clients above one’s own personal interest;
- Adhere to the fundamental standard that employees should not take inappropriate advantage of their position;
- To act solely in the best interest of the client and make full and fair disclosure of any conflict of interest;
- To the extent practicable, avoid or disclose any conflicts of interest that are material to providing investment advisory services to clients;
- Conduct all personal securities transactions in a manner consistent with the Code;
- Use reasonable care and exercise independent professional judgment when conducting investment analysis, making investment recommendations, taking investment actions, and engaging in other professional activities; and
- Abide by the requirements contained in the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and rules thereunder, as well as applicable provisions of the Federal Securities laws.

NLGIA’s Code prohibits employees from trading in certain securities and also requires employees to: 1) pre-clear certain personal securities transactions, 2) report personal securities transactions on at least a quarterly basis, and 3) provide NLGIA with a detailed summary of certain holdings (both initially upon commencement of employment and annually thereafter) over which such employees have a direct or indirect beneficial interest.

A copy of NLGIA’s Code shall be provided to any client or prospective client upon request.

## Item 12 Brokerage Practices

NLGIA focuses on making investments in private and public securities. To the extent it acquires private securities, NLGIA does not ordinarily deal with any financial intermediary such as a broker-dealer, and commissions are not ordinarily payable in connection with such investments. To the extent NLGIA transacts in public securities, it strives to select brokers based upon the broker's ability to provide best execution. NLGIA is generally authorized to determine: (1) which securities or other instruments to buy or sell; (2) the total amount of securities or other instruments to buy or sell; (3) the executing broker or dealer for any transaction; and (4) the commission rates or commission equivalents charged for transactions.

In making its decisions regarding the allocation of brokerage transactions, NLGIA will consider a variety of factors including but not limited to: (i) the ability to effect prompt and reliable executions at favorable prices (including the applicable dealer spread or commission, if any); (ii) the operational efficiency with which transactions are affected (such as prompt and accurate confirmation and delivery), taking into account the size of order and difficulty of execution; (iii) the financial strength, integrity, and stability of the broker-dealer or counterparty; (iv) the competitiveness of commission rates in comparison with other broker-dealers; (v) provision or payment of the costs of research and other services or property; and (vi) ability to provide corporate access (such as the number of corporate meetings arranged). Although NLGIA generally seeks competitive commission rates and commission equivalents, it will not necessarily pay the lowest commission or equivalent. Transactions may involve specialized services on the part of a broker-dealer, which may justify higher commissions and equivalents than would be the case for more routine services.

NLGIA does not participate in any soft dollar arrangements outside of eligible "research or brokerage services" under Section 28 (e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 such as receiving research reports analyzing the performance of a particular company or stock. These services received from brokers and dealers are supplemental to NLGIA's own research effort. Research and related services furnished by brokers may include written information and analyses concerning specific securities, companies, or sectors; market, financial and economic studies, and forecasts; statistics and pricing services; as well as discussions with research personnel and software, seminars, or conferences that provide content relating to a permissible subject matter, post-trade matching of information. Since commission rates are negotiable, selecting brokers on the basis of considerations which are not limited to applicable commission rates may at times result in higher transaction costs than would otherwise be obtainable.

NLGIA executes certain fixed income transactions through a third-party electronic trading platform (the "Platform") that supports various classes of fixed income securities. The access fees assessed by the Platform are paid by NLGIA and not its clients, and, depending on the volume of trades, the Platform provides NLGIA with a small discount off of these fees. The receipt of this discount could be viewed as a conflict of interest in that NLGIA could have an incentive to trade through the Platform in order to receive the discount. However, NLGIA believes this potential conflict is mitigated or minimized because the size of the discount relative to NLGIA's trading volume and the assessed fees is small. The Platform is widely used in the industry and NLGIA believes its usage increases its ability to achieve best execution for its clients. Furthermore, NLGIA trades

through the Platform at the best net price considering all relevant circumstances. It does not base its trading decisions on whether or not the Platform provides NLGIA with a discount.

NLGIA implements investment decisions based on the investment guidelines of each account. When an investment decision is appropriate for more than one client, it is NLGIA's policy to allocate the investment on a pro-rata basis. However, in case of limited investment opportunities and partial fills, the Portfolio Manager may allocate the investment in a manner other than pro-rata after obtaining approval from the President, CCO, or head of the portfolio management team.

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

Accounts are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis by NLGIA's portfolio management team. The portfolio managers analyze portfolio positions, market trends, and investment opportunities. Portfolio positions are monitored against the net asset value. Risk management tools are also used to systematically track exposures. Cash positions are monitored to ensure appropriate liquidity and portfolio balance. In addition, reviews of clients' investment objectives are conducted regularly and determinations are made as to whether the investment strategy can reasonably be expected to meet account objectives. NLGIA also regularly provides reports to NLI and its affiliates that include updates on account performance.

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

NLGIA does not compensate any person for client referrals nor does it offer or receive sales awards or prizes for providing investment advice to clients.

### **Item 15 Custody**

NGLIA does not have custody of client funds or securities. All clients' funds and securities are held in the custody of unaffiliated broker/dealers or banks, and NLGIA does not have access to these assets. Account custodians send statements directly to the clients.

### **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

For accounts that clients have granted NLGIA trading discretion, NLGIA will select the securities and amount to be bought or sold without obtaining specific consent from NLI or its affiliates. Any limitations placed on NLGIA's discretionary authority are described in each client's respective Governing Documents. As noted above, NLGIA acts in an advisory role to certain clients. NLGIA does not exercise investment discretion over the assets of these clients.

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

In accordance with its fiduciary duty to clients and Rule 206(4)-6 of the Investment Advisers Act, NLGIA has adopted and implemented written policies and procedures governing the voting of client securities. All proxies that NLGIA receives are voted in accordance with these policies and procedures.

NLGIA has retained Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) as an expert in the proxy voting and corporate governance areas to assist in the due diligence process related to making appropriate proxy voting decisions related to all accounts. NLGIA employs a screening process that involves a



Careful evaluation of the company's performance (Proxy Voting Screening Guideline). If the company passes NLGIA's screening process, NLGIA will generally vote with the recommendation of company management. If the company fails the screening process, NLGIA will closely examine the proxy before determining how it will vote. NLGIA has not identified any material conflicts of interest in connection with past proxy votes or with ISS. Absent specific client instructions, if NLGIA identifies a material conflict of interest, it will seek the client's direction on such vote.

A copy of NLGIA's proxy voting policies and procedures, as well as specific information about how NLGIA has voted in the past, is available upon written request, by contacting NLGIA's Chief Compliance Officer.

## **Item 18 Financial Information**

NLGIA has never filed for bankruptcy and is not aware of any financial condition that is expected to affect its ability to manage client accounts.