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Any reference to Mount Street as a registered investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about Mount Street Portfolio Advisers LLC is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov)

## **Item 2: Material Changes**

Mount Street is required to identify and discuss any material changes made to this brochure since its last annual updating amendment on March 28, 2022. A new Chief Compliance Officer was appointed in February 2023 and the contact person was changed in Item 11 to reflect such change.

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## **Item 4: Advisory Business**

### **Firm Information**

The Adviser, a Delaware company formed in 2014, operates in New York under the name “Mount Street Portfolio Advisers LLC”. The Adviser is majority owned and indirectly controlled by Ravindra Joseph and Paul Lloyd through intermediate entities.

### **Advisory Services Offered**

The Firm is the investment manager with respect to certain legacy special purpose vehicles (the “SPVs”) formerly managed by Portigon AG.

The Adviser undertakes its obligations as investment manager directly pursuant to an investment management agreement. The Adviser may also act for institutional clients on a consulting basis advising on, among other things, the identification of Asset-Backed Securities (“ABS”) or other securities for inclusion in a portfolio on a non-discretionary basis.

In its capacity as investment manager, the Adviser advises various types of SPVs including the following: collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”) and a structured investment vehicle (“SIV”). All the underlying notes of the SIV matured in July 2022. Currently Mount Street is assisting in the unwind of the legal structure and ensuring any outstanding expenses are paid. The SIV only holds cash sufficient for the purpose of wind down the SIV. For each of the CDOs, the Adviser will perform certain of the following activities: monitoring the performance and credit quality of the related portfolio of debt securities (“Collateral”), making investment decisions regarding the Collateral pursuant to the respective SPV’s governing documents, reviewing trustee reports and providing administrative services.

The overall investment objective of each of the CDOs is to maximize a stream of net interest earnings by pursuing a strategy that is characterized as buy and hold to maturity. The current six CDO vehicles have passed their respective reinvestment periods and are no longer permitted to purchase additional assets.. The SPVs financed the purchase of their underlying assets with the proceeds from the sale of notes and other debt securities at the time of the respective deals’ inception.

### **Hedging**

It is not anticipated that the SPVs will utilize any hedging instruments as substantially all the assets provide for LIBOR based interest as do the notes issued by the SPVs. Additionally, all the CDO assets are US dollar denominated as are the underlying notes issued by the CDOs except for **two** notes that are not anticipated to make any further payments.

## **Client Account Management**

There are no traditional client accounts, the Adviser acts as the investment manager for various types of SPVs. Advisory services are limited to the strategies outlined in the below Section 8.

## **Wrap Fee Programs**

The Adviser does not manage or place client assets into a wrap fee program. Investment management services are provided directly by the Adviser.

## **Assets Under Management**

As of December 31, 2022, Mount Street managed \$269,159,900,00 client assets on a discretionary basis.

## **Item 5: Fees and Compensation**

### **Fees for Advisory Services**

In consideration of the Adviser's investment advisory and other services, it generally receives a management fee ("Management Fee") from and with respect to the SPVs in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable governing documents. The Management Fee for the CDOs is 0.1% of the outstanding principal amount of the assets underlying the CDOs calculated monthly by the respective trustee to the CDOs as provided in the governing documents. The Firm does not charge a performance fee. For more details regarding the Management Fee, please refer to the applicable governing documents.

### **Fee Billing**

The Management Fee is calculated and paid in arrears either from monthly interest collections or from the client's assets in the case of the SIV.

### **Other Fees and Expenses**

No other fees are paid to the investment manager.

### **Advance Payment of Fees and Termination**

For the CDOs (except for one for which there is no Management Fee), the fees paid to the investment manager are based on the outstanding balance of the underlying assets. Fees are paid monthly in arrears, there are no advance payments. For the SIV, a monthly fee of \$25,000 is charged until the SIV legal structure is ultimately unwound.

### **Compensation for Sales of Securities**

No persons at the investment manager accepts compensation for securities transactions.

## **Item 6: Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management**

The Adviser does not charge performance-based fees.

## **Item 7: Types of Clients**

Clients are special purpose vehicles. The Adviser acts as the investment manager for the various types of SPVs. The Adviser's obligations are governed by Investment Management Agreements between the Adviser and the SPVs.

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

### **Methods of Analysis**

Investment vehicles' governing documents contain investment guidelines describing the type of asset, including certain parameters, such as ratings requirements, that could be purchased. Generally, the investment strategies for the investment vehicles are primarily buy and hold. The respective offering circulars disclose the investment risks.

Currently, all the CDOs are out of their reinvestment periods and are therefore not permitted to purchase additional assets. The CDOs are buy and hold vehicles by design and sale of assets out of the CDOs are permissible only in certain restrictive situations.

### **Investment Strategies**

### **Investment Process**

The Adviser's investment process would be adopted from the prior investment manager of the SPVs. The prior manager used a five-step process that included Sourcing, Initial Screening, Credit Analysis, Investment Decision and Surveillance. However, for the currently managed SPV vehicles no new investments are being undertaken to which this process would be applied.

### **Sourcing**

Prior to the end of the respective SPVs reinvestment periods, the Adviser would seek to maintain relationships with leading bankers, traders, research teams, issuers, other investors, and commercial paper conduit sponsors. These strategic relationships would provide the Adviser with a varied and flexible supply of issuers and give it access to a diverse product mix across multiple asset classes. This activity would be an important component of the Adviser's search for relative value across asset classes.

Initial Screening. The Adviser would initially formulate a macroeconomic outlook and develop an asset class strategy. Individual investment guidelines and the Adviser allocation policies would be

considered. Term sheets would be checked and reviewed. The proposed bonds and loans would be modeled for credit and market sensitivities. The Adviser would make an initial determination on value and liquidity. The Adviser would conduct discussions with underwriters, rating agencies and/or issuers.

**Credit Analysis.** Industry trends would be discussed within the context of each prospective investment. An evaluation of the servicer would be conducted. A detailed quantitative and qualitative analysis on the proposed collateral would also be conducted. The historical performance of comparable issues would be evaluated. The offering memorandum would be reviewed. Bond specific cash flows would be modeled under multiple scenarios to determine sensitivities and loss points.

**Investment Decision.** A portfolio manager would complete a purchase authorization form and would make an investment recommendation. The investment committee would discuss all pertinent criteria and would make an investment decision. The portfolio manager would review the final price and deal allocation dynamics to determine placement in the relevant SPV.

**Surveillance.** The Adviser would continuously monitor its positions in an effort to provide advance warning of possible investment impairment. Regular portfolio reports would be reviewed and monitored. Monthly marks would be evaluated. Monthly cash flow-based analytics would also be reviewed.

### **Risk of Loss**

The risk associated with the investment vehicles is that the portfolios may suffer losses due to defaults or interest shortfalls on the underlying assets. This is in fact the case with the SPVs where they suffered losses as a result of non-payment of residential mortgage-backed securities in particular and the resulting credit downgrade of the securities. As a result of these losses, the senior notes are not expected to be fully repaid and certain subordinated tranches are no longer receiving payments. The vehicles no longer purchase assets and are restricted in their ability to sell assets and therefore sales are infrequent.

### **Recommendation of Particular Type of Securities**

The Adviser is currently not recommending a particular type of asset since the SPVs are precluded from purchasing assets.

### **Cybersecurity Risk**

The Firm and its service providers are subject to risks associated with a breach in cybersecurity. Cybersecurity is a generic term used to describe the technology, processes and practices designed to protect networks, systems, computers, programs and data from both intentional cyber-attacks and hacking by other computer users as well as unintentional damage or interruption that, in either case, can result in damage or interruption from computer viruses, network failures, computer and telecommunications failures, infiltration by unauthorized persons and security breaches, usage errors by their respective professionals, power outages and catastrophic events such as fires, tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. A cybersecurity breach could expose the Firm to substantial costs

(including, without limitation, those associated with forensic analysis of the origin and scope of the breach, increased and upgraded cybersecurity, identity theft, unauthorized use of proprietary information, litigation, adverse investor reaction, the dissemination of confidential and proprietary information and reputational damage), civil liability as well as regulatory inquiry and/or action. In addition, any such breach could cause substantial withdrawals from the Firm. While the Firm has established a business continuity plan in the event of, and risk management strategies, systems, policies and procedures to seek to prevent, cybersecurity breaches, there are inherent limitations in such plans, strategies, systems, policies and procedures including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified. Furthermore, the Firm cannot control the cybersecurity plans, strategies, systems, policies and procedures put in place by other service providers to the Firm and/or the issuers in which its clients invest.

### **Force Majeure Events**

SPV 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 an 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.).

Force majeure events that are incapable of or are too costly to cure may have a permanent adverse effect on SPV holdings. Certain force majeure events (such as war or an outbreak of an infectious disease) could have a broader negative impact on the world economy and international business activity generally.

### **Item 9: Disciplinary Information**

The Adviser has not been the subject of any disciplinary matters.

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

Mount Street Portfolio Advisers LLC provided services to Mount Street Portfolio Advisers GmbH with regards to a loan portfolio held by Erste Abwicklungsanstalt (EAA), a German government sponsored wind up entity, until 12.31.2022. The management of the loan portfolio has been transferred to a new servicer as of 01.01.2023.

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

#### **Code of Ethics**

All employees of the Adviser owe a fiduciary responsibility to its clients. The Adviser has adopted a Code of Ethics as required by Rules 204A-1 and 204A-2 of the Investment Advisers Act. The Adviser's Code of Ethics sets forth, among other things, specific policies and procedures pertaining to employees' personal transactions in securities, as well as policies and procedures pertaining to the

provision or receipt of gifts, favors, invitations or gratuities. All employees must familiarize themselves with these policies and procedures, and strict compliance with such policies and procedures is mandatory.

The Code of Ethics is periodically reviewed and updated, as necessary, by the Adviser's Compliance Department. The Code of Ethics is available upon request by contacting Nikolaos Hrissohoidis at [nikolaos.hrissohoidis@mountstreet.com](mailto:nikolaos.hrissohoidis@mountstreet.com).

## **Personal Trading**

All employees of the Adviser are prohibited from engaging in illegal and improper personal securities transactions, such as insider trading. Illegal and improper personal securities transactions could result in criminal prosecution, civil enforcement action by the SEC, civil suits, and disciplinary action (including termination of employment) by the Adviser. Possible sanctions resulting from governmental enforcement action could include monetary liability for damages or disgorgement, monetary penalties, censure, suspension, bar from the securities or investment advisory industry and imprisonment.

The Adviser's policies and procedures concerning personal securities transactions are described in the Adviser's "Code of Ethics" and in its "Insider Trading Policy and Procedures". All employees are expected to familiarize themselves with the Code of Ethics and the Insider Trading Policy and Procedures and to comply with them.

MSPA believes that conflicts of interest arising from securities transactions performed on behalf of clients and those of its employees are not present since the clients' investment vehicles are no longer purchasing assets and are generally restricted from selling assets. MSPA does, however, maintain a conflicts of interest policy, and should a potential conflict arise between MSPA and/or its affiliates and clients, such conflict would be addressed by providing written notice as to its interest, if any, in any investments.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the Adviser under all circumstances is bound to and will comply with applicable law, including without limitation the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

## **Item 12: Brokerage Practices**

### **Recommending Broker-Dealers**

The Firm's advisory business does not presently require it to select or recommend broker-dealers. Accordingly, the Adviser generally does not use, select or otherwise recommend broker-dealers or other counterparties in connection with the investment activities of the SPVs. As a result, the Adviser does not currently use soft dollars generated by client accounts to pay for research and/or related services provided by brokers. Also, the Adviser does not compensate brokers for client referrals. In addition, the Adviser does not have any directed brokerage arrangements.

## **Aggregating Orders**

At such time that the Firm must execute a transaction on behalf of more than one Client account, it is the Firm's policy to aggregate trades whenever possible to achieve equal pricing across the Client accounts and to reduce transaction costs. The Firm, however, may choose not to aggregate trades in order to avoid a perceived or actual conflict of interest, provided that Clients are treated fairly and equitably over time.

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

The Adviser performs various daily, monthly and quarterly reviews of the client's accounts, which is conducted by the Adviser's Portfolio Managers.

Generally, each client will receive a detailed monthly portfolio report. The reports contain information on the portfolio such as the total principal balance, asset class and rating distributions, along with level of compliance with the various portfolio quality and composition tests. In addition, the report will typically include actual principal and interest collections, amount of interest and principal due on the notes, and the manner in which the cash will be distributed to the various underlying notes.

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

No persons other than the SPVs provide an economic benefit to the Adviser for providing investment advice or other advisory services to the SPVs. The Adviser currently does not compensate third-party placement agents or solicitors.

## **Item 15: Custody**

The Adviser is deemed to have custody of client assets with respect to one account.

## **Item 16: Investment Discretion**

There are no customer accounts in the traditional manner and the SPVs are restricted from purchasing additional assets and can only sell assets under certain restrictive situations as provided for by the respective governing documents.

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

Although the securities generally purchased by the SPVs do not issue proxies, the issuers of those securities may on occasion solicit amendments to the terms or conditions of the securities of the client. To the extent that this occurs, the Adviser shall adhere to its Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures. Generally, the Adviser's authority includes proxy voting on behalf of its clients. When the Adviser accepts such responsibility, it will cast proxy votes in a manner consistent with the best interests of its clients and in accordance with its policies and procedures. If the Adviser identifies conflicts of interest when voting proxy, the Adviser will document the conflicts and take steps to resolve them. In resolving a conflict, the Adviser may decide to take one of the following courses of action: (1)

determine that the conflict or potential conflict is not material, (2) request that disclosure be made to clients for whom proxies will be voted to disclose the conflict of interest and the recommended proxy vote and to obtain consent from such clients, (3) engage an independent third- party or fiduciary to determine how the proxies should be voted, (4) abstain from voting, or (5) take another course of action that, in the opinion of the Chief Compliance Officer, adequately addresses the potential for conflict. Clients may contact the Adviser to request information about how it voted proxies for that client's securities or to obtain a copy of the Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures.

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

The Adviser is not aware of any financial condition likely to impair its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to its clients. Mount Street Portfolio Advisers LLC has never filed for bankruptcy.