### Ashford Advisors, LLC - Client Relationship Summary

### INTRODUCTION

**Ashford Advisors, LLC** ("our," "we," or "us") is an investment adviser registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). **Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you to understand the differences.** 

Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at <a href="Investor.gov/CRS">Investor.gov/CRS</a>, which also provides educational materials about broker dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

#### **RELATIONSHIPS AND SERVICES**

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

Through our comprehensive Ashford Advisory Program, we offer personalized investment advisory services to retail investors by giving you continuous advice and making investments for your account based on your individual investment goals. Our Ashford Advisory Program includes (i) portfolio management; (ii) financial planning; and (iii) money manager search and monitoring services (if applicable). As a standard part of our Ashford Advisory Program, we monitor the investments in your portfolio on a continuous basis. We will contact you (by phone or e-mail) at least annually to discuss your portfolio and to see if there are any changes in your financial circumstances and investment guidelines. You can choose a portfolio management account that allows us to buy and sell investments without asking you in advance (a "discretionary account") or we may give you advice and let you make the ultimate decision regarding the purchase or sale of investments (a "non-discretionary account"). In order for you to participate in our Ashford Advisory Program, we require a minimum family relationship of \$10,000,000 although we may waive this requirement under certain circumstances.

YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR ADVISORY SERVICES IN ITEMS 4 AND 7 OF OUR FORM ADV PART 2A.

Some questions that may be helpful for you to ask us about our services:

- Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not?
- How will you choose investments to recommend to me?
- What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications?
- What do these qualifications mean?

# FEES, COSTS, CONFLICTS, AND STANDARD OF CONDUCT

What fees will I pay?

Fees for our Ashford Advisory Program may be charged in one of three ways: (1) as an asset-based fee quarterly in advance; (2) as a fixed-fee quarterly in advance; or (3) for certain qualifying clients, either as a performance-based fee or as carried interest both of which will be paid in accordance with a separate agreement with Ashford and you.

In regard to our asset-based fee, the more assets that are in your account, the more you will pay in fees and therefore, we may have an incentive to encourage you to increase the assets in your account. In regard to our performance-based fee, our firm may have an incentive to make riskier or more speculative investments.

In addition to our advisory fees, you may be responsible for paying some or all of the following types of fees:

- Fees paid to the custodian that holds the assets in your account
- The fees paid to managers of the third party managed accounts and funds in your portfolio
- The fees paid to exchange traded and mutual fund(s) that are selected for your account
- Transaction fees when an investment is bought or sold for your account

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You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investment over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR ADVISORY SERVICES IN ITEM 5 OF OUR FORM ADV PART 2A BROCHURE.

A question that may help you understand how these fees and costs might affect your investments:

• If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

What are your legal obligations to me when acting as my investment adviser? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

When we act as your investment adviser, we have to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the investment advice we provide you.

YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ASSOCIATED WITH OUR ADVISORY SERVICES IN ITEM 10 OF OUR FORM ADV PART 2A BROCHURE.

A question that may help you understand our conflicts of interest:

• How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our financial professionals are paid a salary and do not receive payment from any other sources. Bonuses, if paid, are based on our firm's overall increase in revenue, as well as general job performance.

### **DISCIPLINARY HISTORY**

Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history? **No.** 

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Some questions that may be helpful for you to ask us about our disciplinary history:

• As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history and, if yes, for what type of conduct?

#### Additional Information

Additional information about us is also available on the SEC's website at <a href="www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a>. You can search this site by a unique identifying number known as a CRD number. The CRD number for our advisory firm is 114238. Please contact us at 585-697-0362 if you would like a copy of this Client Relationship Summary or if you have any questions about the contents of this Client Relationship Summary.

Some questions that may be helpful for you to ask us about contacting us or making a complaint:

- Who is my primary contact person?
- Is he or she a representative of your advisory firm?
- Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?