

Introduction

Advisors Capital Management, LLC (“ACM”) is an Investment Adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). We feel it is important for you to understand how advisory and brokerage services and fees differ to determine which type of account or service is right for you. There are free and simple tools available to research firms and financial professionals at www.investor.gov/crs, which also provides educational materials about investment advisers, broker-dealers, and investing.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

As an investment adviser, we offer discretionary and non-discretionary investment advisory services to retail investors which include investment supervisory services, investment advice, and financial planning. If we are providing investment supervisory services to you, we will work with you and your financial professional to develop a personal investment policy and use it to create a portfolio based on your goals and objectives. We will regularly monitor your investments on an ongoing basis, as part of our standard services. Please see Item 4 of our Form ADV Part 2A for further information.

When we provide investment supervisory services, we manage accounts on a discretionary basis, which means we do not need to call you when buying or selling investments in your account. You will sign an investment management agreement and limited power of attorney giving us this authority. For non-discretionary accounts, we will work with you and your financial professional to develop a personal investment policy with a suggested strategy, which you may then choose to implement. You will sign an investment management agreement; however, you will be responsible for implementing the strategy. For strategies utilizing mutual funds, ACM will have discretion to select and manage the mutual funds offered within each strategy. This agreement will remain in place until you or we terminate our relationship. Please see Item 16 of our Form ADV Part 2A for further information.

We do not limit our advice and services to proprietary products or a limited menu of products or investments. We have minimum account size requirements, depending on the investment strategy(ies) or programs selected. Please see Item 7 of our Form ADV Part 2A for further information.

Questions to Ask Us:

- *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?*

What fees will I pay?

Fees and costs affect the value of your account over time and vary depending on certain factors and are negotiable. Please ask our representative to give you personalized information on the fees and costs you will pay. For our investment management services, our maximum fee is 2.0% of the market value of the portfolio, paid in advance on a quarterly basis. Our incentive is to increase the value of your account over time, which will increase our fees over time.

The broker-dealer (“custodian”) that holds your assets can charge you a transaction fee when we buy or sell an investment for you. These transaction fees are in addition to our advisory fee. You could also pay fees charged by the custodian for certain investments and maintaining your account. Some investments, such as mutual funds and exchange traded funds charge additional fees that will reduce the value of your investments over time. If invested in proprietary funds through the Pathfinder program, ACM is compensated through its management fee of the fund and does not charge you an additional fee on these assets.

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 investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. Please see Item 5 of our Form ADV Part 2A for further information.

Question to Ask Us:

Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my 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.

Here are some examples to help you understand what this means.

Our revenue is from the advisory fees we collect from our clients' accounts each quarter and/or proprietary mutual funds which are included in the Pathfinder program. Fee based advisors, such as ACM, that receive all or part of their compensation from fees on assets under management (AUM) would have an incentive to increase or maintain the amount of investments they manage for each client. This should be recognized by clients in decisions of increasing or decreasing assets for any reason such as debt consolidation.

We also are compensated by unaffiliated firms to provide investment supervisory services to their clients.

Question to Ask Us:

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

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our financial professionals can be paid a fixed salary and/or also receive compensation on a portion of the advisory fees that we collect from the accounts each financial professional oversees.

Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?

No for our firm. Yes, for our financial professionals. Visit www.investor.gov/crs for a free and simple search tool

to research our firm and our financial professionals.

Questions to Ask Us:

- *As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?*

Additional Information

You can find additional information about our investment advisory services on the SEC's website www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching CRD #112266. You may also contact our firm at 201-447-3400 or info@advisorscenter.com to request a current copy of our Form ADV Part 2 or up-to-date Form ADV Part 3 – this relationship summary.

Questions to Ask Us:

- *Who is my primary contact person?*
- *Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer?*
- *Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?*