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## Item 2: Summary of Material Changes

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The purpose of this section is to identify and discuss the material changes made to this Brochure since the last annual update, which was filed on March 30, 2023. Changes included the following:

- Amended to reflect the retirement of CEO and Portfolio Manager Robert Stein and the appointment of new CEO Bryan Novak as of November 2023.
- Item 4 was updated to reflect Astor Investment Management's client assets as of February 29, 2024 and to provide clarity regarding Robert Stein's ownership through Astor Financial LLC, a company under separate management from Astor Investment Management LLC.

Other changes have been made to this Brochure, some of which enhance existing disclosures, although we do not consider them to be material.

To request a copy of Astor's current Brochure, please contact Astor's Chief Compliance Officer by phone at (312) 228-5900 or by email at [compliance@astorim.com](mailto:compliance@astorim.com).

The SEC's website, [www.advisorinfo.sec.gov](http://www.advisorinfo.sec.gov), makes available additional information about Astor. In addition, the SEC's web site provides information about any registered investment advisor personnel affiliated with Astor.

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## Item 4: Advisory Business

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### Firm Description

Astor Investment Management LLC (“Astor,” the “Firm,” “we” or “us”) specializes in providing proprietary tactical allocation strategies focused on macroeconomic analysis. Astor provides advisory services primarily to (1) separately managed accounts (“SMA”), (2) mutual funds, and (3) unified managed accounts (“UMA”). Astor’s portfolios are generally available as an SMA or UMA within wrap fee programs provided by a broker-dealer or investment adviser (“Sponsor Firm”). Astor was formally organized in 2013 in connection with a corporate restructuring of Astor Asset Management LLC which was founded in 2001. Astor’s principal owner is Lakewood Investment Management LLC and former CEO, Robert Stein, is the majority beneficial owner of that entity through his ownership of Astor Financial LLC. Astor Financial LLC is under separate management from Astor Investment Management LLC. The Astor Investment Committee Portfolio Managers responsible for making investment decisions are Bryan Novak, CEO, John Eckstein, CIO, and Nick Porter, VP.

Astor’s investment philosophy revolves around identifying the current phase of the economic cycle through statistical analysis of a specific set of economic data deemed relevant to medium and long-term financial market performance by Astor’s Investment Committee. Astor maintains a disciplined process of identifying trends in the economy, market, and various assets or asset classes while continuously monitoring risk. Financial markets experience drawdowns from time-to-time due to market and economic factors. While static allocation strategies are bound by set mandates during all periods, tactical allocation strategies seek to provide investment flexibility in order to maneuver through these various periods. There are no assurances that movements or trends can or will be duplicated in the future.

### Types of Advisory Services

Clients invest in one or more of Astor’s strategies listed in Item 8 of this Brochure. Generally, Astor acts as a third-party manager for investment advisory programs and does not have direct relationships with clients. In this structure it is the duty of the platform, Sponsor Firm or referring party to ensure Astor’s strategies are suitable for a client. It is the sole responsibility of such parties to review client objectives and communicate, to Astor, any change in account objectives or policies, as Astor relies on information to be provided since Astor does not have direct access to it.

You should consult with your financial professional and carefully review this Brochure before selecting Astor. Astor is available to consult with you and your financial professional; however, the Sponsor Firm or primary adviser is solely responsible for communicating with you.

Astor does not tailor its portfolios to individual clients outside of allowing reasonable restrictions as listed below. Astor only provides investment advice related to proprietary portfolios it offers and the securities held within them. Astor primarily invests in exchanged-traded funds (“ETFs”).

Astor provides services to the following types of clients:

#### Discretionary Accounts

Astor provides advisory services to accounts where trading authority has been provided to Astor through an agreement signed by a client. The typical structure for these accounts is an SMA within a wrap fee program where Astor is a selection choice among a list of other investment managers (i.e., a “wrap account”). In this structure, you will have a single account that Astor invests into one of its strategies as selected by you. Such arrangements are provided by Sponsor Firms who are not affiliated with Astor. In these programs, the client typically pays a single bundled fee, called a “wrap fee,” to the Sponsor Firm to cover items such as transaction costs, custodial services, and Astor’s advisory services. In evaluating the wrap fee arrangement, you should recognize the brokerage commissions from transactions executed in your account through the Sponsor Firm will generally be covered by the wrap fee as determined by the

Sponsor Firm. Nevertheless, as described further under Items 5 and 12, we will execute transactions through brokers other than the Sponsor Firm, and when we do, you will incur additional transaction costs not covered by the wrap fee including commissions or mark-ups/mark-downs. Astor receives a portion of the wrap fee for its advisory services provided to wrap fee program clients, as described further below under Item 5.

Astor only manages wrap accounts.

### **Model Delivery Arrangements**

Astor also provides its portfolios to unaffiliated parties and registered investment advisers who supply investment models from various investment managers like Astor to their clients through a formal platform. The difference in this setup is the organizing party typically takes on a larger share of the duties related to managing the account such as trading and fee billing while the investment manager is generally only responsible for providing current investment allocations for specific strategies. Astor does not receive client level information in the majority of these relationships and any client information which passes through to Astor is not used. Astor's obligation in these relationships is to provide updated allocations, in a timely manner, for the strategy (or strategies) outlined in a written arrangement. While an account can be formatted as a SMA (i.e., the account will only contain one strategy of Astor's) within these model delivery relationships, Astor does not have trading authority over these accounts as it does for the discretionary accounts described above. Another common account structure in model delivery arrangements is the UMA. The UMA structure has a single account subdivided into sections consisting of multiple strategies instead of a single strategy encompassing the entire account. The strategies will be a combination of Astor's strategies and other investment managers' strategies. Due to the structure, the implementation of Astor's portfolios and the continual servicing of your account in these relationships are handled by the platform and/or adviser and not Astor.

### **Affiliated Investment Companies**

Astor serves as the investment adviser to investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Investment Company Act") (together, the "Astor Funds"). You should refer to the Astor Funds' prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") for important information regarding objectives, investments, risks, fees, and additional disclosures. These documents are available online at [www.astorimfunds.com](http://www.astorimfunds.com).

### **Client Imposed Restrictions**

Where Astor has discretionary authority, you can request reasonable restrictions on the management of your account including restrictions that prevent Astor from investing in certain securities or types of securities as well as not selling securities currently held. You may not direct Astor to purchase specific securities or types of securities. A proposed restriction will be considered unreasonable if it is inconsistent with Astor's stated investment objectives or inconsistent with the nature of the program. If a proposed restriction is determined to be unreasonable, Astor will request you modify or withdraw the restriction. Astor reserves the right to discontinue providing investment advisory services to your account if you are unwilling to change an unreasonable restriction. You should be aware any restrictions you place on the account will affect your account's performance and can result in underperformance relative to other client accounts invested in the same strategy.

You may be able to impose restrictions in arrangements where Astor does not maintain discretionary authority over your account, but you will need to check with your financial professional to determine how you can request such.

### **Firm Assets**

As of February 29, 2024, Astor managed approximately \$261,448,150 in discretionary client assets ("Assets Under Management" or "AUM").

As of February 29, 2024, Astor provided services for approximately \$894,572,557 in assets in a "non-discretionary" capacity. These assets are generally referred to as "Assets Under Advisement" or "AUA"

and represent assets which Astor serves as a model portfolio provider as described in Item 4. Astor does not have discretion or trading authority over these assets.

## Item 5: Fees and Compensation

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Astor's fees vary depending on factors, including but not limited to, the type of service provided, strategy, and custodian.

### Discretionary Accounts

The specific manner in which fees are calculated and charged by Astor is established in the Investment Management Agreement signed by the client and Astor, in a written agreement between Astor and the Sponsor Firm, or in a written agreement between Astor and another party such as another registered investment adviser. There are two types of contractual agreements: dual and single contract.

In a "dual contract" relationship, you sign an agreement with both Astor and the Sponsor Firm. For these relationships, Astor charges its management fee monthly in arrears. For the purposes of this Brochure, the term "in arrears" means the fee will be calculated based on the market value of the account as of the end of the billing period. Fees are calculated by Astor and an itemized invoice is sent to the custodian on record for the applicable accounts. Clients who access Astor's strategies through UBS's MAC Eligible Program will have fees calculated by UBS. Clients who participate in the Stifel Connect Program offered by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. will be charged Astor's management fee quarterly in arrears.

In a "single contract" relationship, you will only sign an agreement with the Sponsor Firm, your investment adviser, or a platform. Astor will maintain an agreement with this party that will detail the services to be provided, fee structure, and other details. In this arrangement, the Sponsor Firm, investment adviser, or platform are generally responsible for calculating Astor's management fee. In certain arrangements, Astor will calculate its management fee and send an invoice to the other party. Clients will pay fees in advance or in arrears and monthly or quarterly depending on the terms of the agreement.

When Astor calculates fees, it will pro-rate its management fee based on the portion of the billing period in which the client agreement is in effect if a client does not receive services for the full billing period. If you are participating in a single contract arrangement, please review the agreement you signed with the Sponsor Firm or platform to determine if fees are charged in advance and how you can receive a refund of your pre-paid fee if the relationship is terminated prior to the end of a billing period.

Clients authorize their custodian to directly debit Astor's management fee from their account. The custodian then remits the fee to Astor. Clients can request to use an alternative billing arrangement, such as being invoiced and making payment via check. This request must be in writing and approved by Astor. Wrap fee program clients should also refer to the wrap fee program brochure for additional information about what types of alternative billing arrangements are available for your program.

### Wrap Fee Program Clients

In a wrap fee program, you will pay the Sponsor Firm an annual wrap fee that generally covers fees due to the Sponsor Firm for items such as advisory services, transaction costs for trades executed through the Sponsor Firm, custodial services, and reporting services. The Sponsor Firm pays Astor an annual fee between 0.25% and 0.50% of the assets Astor manages under the program. Astor's fee will vary depending on items such as account size, strategy, and Sponsor Firm. You should consult the Sponsor Firm's brochure for additional information on the fees charged for the program.

### Model Delivery Arrangements

Astor also receives a fee from third-parties when it provides model portfolio allocations to these parties as part of a model delivery arrangement. The fee is specified in the applicable agreement with such parties and ranges from 0.20% to 0.35% annually. Fees are calculated and charged monthly or quarterly in advance or in arrears in accordance with the agreement in place by the platform or firm which receives Astor's model portfolio(s). The applicable portion of the fee is then remitted to Astor. Please review your arrangement to determine if fees are charged in advance and how you can receive a refund of your pre-paid fee if the relationship is terminated prior to the end of a billing period.

## Investment Companies

Astor receives a management fee of 0.95% to 1.45% for advisory services provided to the Astor Funds. Additionally, 12b-1 fees from the Astor Funds will be used to pay distribution expenses related to the Funds. These expenses must be approved by the Funds' distributor, Northern Lights Distributors, LLC. Astor and its employees do not and cannot receive these fees as compensation. The 12b-1 fee ranges from 0.25% to 1.00% depending on the share class. These fees are described further in the applicable prospectus. Please visit [www.astorimfunds.com](http://www.astorimfunds.com) or call 888-738-0333 to obtain a fund prospectus.

Astor does not purchase shares of the Astor Funds in client accounts. Your financial advisor will help you determine whether the Astor Funds or participation in a SMA or UMA (either discretionary or through a model delivery platform) is a more appropriate choice for you given your financial circumstances, risk tolerance, and investment objectives.

## Other Fees

Advisory fees payable to us do not include all the fees you will pay when we purchase or sell securities for your account(s). These fees or expenses are what you pay directly to third parties, whether a security is being purchased, sold, or held in your account(s) under our management. They are paid to broker-dealers, custodians, or the mutual fund or other investment you hold. The fees can include but are not limited to the following:

- i. Transaction fees
- ii. Exchange fees
- iii. SEC fees
- iv. Advisory fees and administrative fees charged by securities held
- v. Custodial Fees
- vi. Transfer taxes
- vii. Wire transfer and electronic fund processing fees
- viii. Commissions
- ix. Mark-ups/Mark-downs

Astor seeks to achieve its investment objectives by purchasing ETFs which have embedded expenses. As a shareholder, you bear these expenses through the net asset value of the ETF. These expenses are separate from and in addition to the investment advisory fee Astor charges your account. You should consult the prospectuses of the invested ETFs for a complete description of all fees and expenses. You can invest directly in ETFs without the services of Astor, but you would not receive Astor's portfolio management services.

Astor will often place orders with broker-dealers other than the client's Sponsor Firm. For some clients, all or nearly all transactions for their accounts will be traded "away" from the Sponsor Firm. When Astor directs transactions to non-Sponsor Firm broker-dealers it is done in an effort to seek best execution. For these transactions, clients will generally pay an additional commission or mark-up/mark-down. This cost will be in addition to any transaction costs paid by the client (i.e., through the wrap fee). The price received by a client will be a "net price" which means the commission or mark-up/mark-down will be added to the executed price. As the cost is embedded within the price, the commission or mark-up/mark-down will not be reflected separately on the client's statements or confirms. Please refer to Item 12 of this Brochure for more information on Astor's selection and review of broker-dealers.

In addition to the asset-based management fee, Astor charges an annual account administration fee of \$100 for clients participating in SMAs under a "dual-contract" structure. In certain limited cases, Astor will elect to waive the account administration fee.



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

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Astor does not charge performance-based fees for client accounts.

## Item 7: Types of Clients

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Astor provides investment advice to individuals, investment companies, pension and profit-sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations and other business entities as well as other investment advisers and broker-dealers that sponsor SMA, UMA, and model delivery programs. In general, Astor requires a minimum of \$100,000 in investable liquid assets to begin using Astor's strategies within a discretionary separately managed account. The required minimum can vary depending on how you access Astor's products and services. At our discretion, Astor may waive or lower the account minimum. Astor does not generally require a minimum for additional investments.

Astor recommends its strategies to be a component within a client's overall portfolio. You should consult with your financial advisor regarding the suitability of investing with Astor given your investment objectives and risk tolerance.

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

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### Methods of Analysis

Astor uses publicly available information as its primary source of data for analysis. Astor's focus is to determine trends within datasets and not on absolute levels at a given point in time. While an absolute level is important and can provide information for comparison, Astor believes analyzing the direction of the data to determine whether the level represents an increase or decrease in the strength of the data point is vital.

*Fundamental (Economic)* – Astor's investment philosophy is focused on top-down macroeconomic analysis. Astor uses information from federal and other data collection agencies to build macroeconomic models for its strategies. The central data points for Astor's economic models are readings on output and employment within the U.S. economy.

*Quantitative* – Astor uses quantitative analysis to evaluate the price trend (or "momentum") of various asset classes. Often, these asset classes have a wide range of factors impacting price movement. Astor believes momentum provides an aggregate view of the interaction of these factors. Other numerical indicators such as the slope of the yield curve, risk forecasts, and implied volatility are used for risk control and allocation.

*Qualitative* – Astor also uses qualitative items such as expectations or guidance on Federal Reserve interest rate policy to determine appropriate allocations to certain asset classes.

The combination of these methods provides Astor's Investment Committee with guidance for the portfolio construction of the below listed strategies.

### Investment Strategies

#### Active Income

The Astor Active Income strategy is a tactical allocation strategy that seeks to provide an attractive yield for a defined level of risk relative to its benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index<sup>1</sup>, by investing across income producing asset classes. The strategy takes a multi-factor approach to analyzing variables relevant to the risk and price direction for these asset classes. The objective is to redistribute portfolio exposure based on where risks and opportunities exist in the market. When economic fundamentals are supportive, the strategy will generally hold investments in securities such as equities and corporate credit. The strategy analyzes Treasury yields, credit spreads, and Federal Reserve monetary policy to determine interest rate trends. During periods of flat-to-declining interest rates, the

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<sup>1</sup> The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond is broad index designed to measure the total US investment grade bond market.

strategy will invest in higher duration securities in an attempt to generate additional yield. When rates are rising, the strategy significantly reduces duration levels to mitigate interest rate risk while seeking to obtain yield from parts of the capital market structure with less interest rate sensitivity. The strategy can invest in securities with equity, fixed income, international, inverse fixed income, real estate, and MLP exposure. The strategy does not use leveraged securities.

### **Dynamic Allocation**

The Astor Dynamic Allocation strategy is a multi-asset, tactical asset allocation strategy designed to manage portfolio risk by combining macroeconomic analysis with portfolio construction. The strategy seeks to identify the overall condition and trend (direction and magnitude) of the economy and translate these into a defined level of risk exposure. The strategy uses a proprietary economic model built around the Astor Economic Index<sup>®</sup> (“AEI”)<sup>2</sup>. The AEI represents an aggregation of various economic data points: including output and employment indicators. The AEI is designed to track the varying levels of growth within the U.S. economy by analyzing current trends against historical data. When trends are stable to positive, the model will guide the strategy to hold higher allocations to risk assets (e.g., equities) which Astor believes have favorable forecasts for price appreciation during these periods. Additionally, when economic environments exhibit decelerating growth trends, the model will seek to reduce exposure to these risk assets and allocate to defensive positions such as fixed income, cash, and inverse equity. By reducing allocations to price sensitive assets in these periods, the strategy attempts to avoid the potential wealth destroying drawdowns which impact clients’ financial goals and decision making. As a multi-asset strategy, the portfolio will use a combination of asset class exposures to achieve its stated objectives. The strategy can invest in securities with equity, commodity, fixed income, international, inverse equity/fixed income, currency, and real estate exposure. The strategy does not use leveraged securities.

### **Macro Alternative**

The Astor Macro Alternative strategy employs multiple strategies across diverse asset classes, including U.S. equity and fixed income, as well as global assets that are often beyond investors’ reach, such as global equities, international fixed income, currencies, and commodities. The strategy seeks to provide a smoother return stream, with lower volatility, across market cycles, than could generally be achieved by holding stocks alone. The strategy can achieve allocations by using futures and thus, there will be an aspect of leverage. Additionally, the strategy can purchase unleveraged, inverse equity and fixed income securities.

### **Sector Allocation**

The Astor Sector Allocation strategy is designed to be a core equity holding within an overall portfolio allocation. The strategy seeks to provide capital appreciation during periods of economic expansion by investing in domestic sectors which display positive economic and price trends. The portfolio is comprised of a sector rotation model which attempts to systematically overweight and underweight sectors based on relevant economic support/strength measurements and the cyclical nature of sector performance. When economic or market trends are weak or declining, the strategy seeks to reduce exposure to equities and will invest in cash or fixed income for defensive positioning. A minimum of 15% will be invested in equities in all periods. The strategy can invest in securities with equity and fixed income exposure. The strategy does not use inverse or leveraged securities.

### **Astor Beta 100**

The Astor Beta 100 strategies are based on the proprietary Astor Beta 100 Index (“AB100 Index”). The AB100 Index is an allocation index designed to provide a varied allocation of equities and fixed income based upon Astor’s analysis of the United States economy. The Astor Beta 100 strategies can be offered in different risk allocations and can have different investments across these risk allocations. The strategies will use ETFs for investment allocations. The strategies do not use leveraged securities.

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<sup>2</sup> The Astor Economic Index<sup>®</sup> is a proprietary index created by Astor Investment Management LLC. It represents an aggregation of various economic data points and is designed to track the varying levels of growth within the U.S. economy by analyzing current trends against historical data. It is not an investable product. The Astor Economic Index<sup>®</sup> should not be used as the sole determining factor for your investment decisions. The Index is based on retroactive data points and may be subject to hindsight bias. There is no guarantee the Index will produce the same results in the future.

## **Astor Credit Opportunity**

The Astor Credit Opportunity strategy is designed to identify opportunities and risk in the fixed income markets, focused on the high yield and investment grade segments. This involves applying a top-down, macro evaluation process with a bottom-up valuation process. The focus of the macro component is to evaluate the credit and duration (interest rate) environment, actively positioning the portfolio to take advantage of current macro conditions. The bottom-up valuation component seeks to find opportunities in both investment grade and high yield bonds. The strategy will hold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) to express broader views on asset class segments in the fixed income space. It will also allocate to individual high yield and investment grade bonds to take advantage of what Astor views as mis-priced or undervalued bonds.

### *Strategy Availability*

Astor provides its strategies in the product formats described in Item 4. Depending upon prevailing arrangements which are subject to change, certain strategies may not be available in all vehicles or account types. The strategies are managed in a substantially similar manner across the product types but will experience differences in performance and/or positions due to trading authority, timing of trades, client inception, additions or withdrawals, platform-imposed restrictions, fees, and other factors. Prospective clients should review the applicable fund prospectus or platform disclosures for additional information on the differences between these product formats. Not all strategies are available within each product format.

## **Astor Funds**

As described in Item 4, Astor is the Investment Adviser to the Astor Funds. The strategies employed by the Funds can be substantially similar to those listed above. Certain Funds will employ strategies which are materially different than those offered for other product types. For a complete list of strategy descriptions, investment objectives, risks, disclosures, and fee information, please visit [www.astorimfunds.com](http://www.astorimfunds.com) or call 877-738-0333 to obtain a prospectus.

## **Material Risks**

*Investment Philosophy:* Astor's investment philosophy is based on the belief that economic data can provide valuable information for portfolio construction. Astor's strategies are managed according to this belief and thus, there is a risk the environment will change and the data no longer produces the same results in future periods as in the past. Astor continually evaluates its research to determine whether changes and updates are necessary as we become aware of new and/or changing situations in the economy and financial markets.

*Proprietary Research and Indices:* Astor's research and investment advice utilizes proprietary indices and models built by Astor's Investment Committee. As the proprietary indices and models rely on available data from various sources, there is a risk the necessary pieces of information are no longer made available or the data collection changes which could have a material impact on the ability to run the indices and models in the same manner going forward. Our methods rely on the assumption the provided data is unbiased and accurate. There is a risk our analysis is compromised by inaccurate or misleading information and/or that it will not perform the same in future periods as in the past.

*Algorithms:* Astor utilizes algorithms to produce its research, indices, and models. Programming has inherent risks such as the loss of code, errors in code, changes to personnel responsible for maintaining the code, and other factors which can impact the ability to continue running the algorithm(s). Astor attempts to provide backups of data and personnel to ensure its algorithms can be operated when disruptive events occur. Additionally, trading based on algorithmic output requires careful supervision in case of an error.

*Valuation Forecasts:* Our judgment about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of a particular asset class or individual security may be incorrect, and there is no guarantee that the securities we select will perform as anticipated. The value of an individual security can be more volatile than the market as a whole, or our approach may fail to produce the intended results. Our estimate of a security's intrinsic value may be wrong or, even if our estimate of intrinsic value is correct, it may take a long time

before the market price and intrinsic value converge. As a result, there is a risk of loss on the assets we manage. We seek to reduce your risk through diversification. Although we will do our best in managing your assets, we cannot guarantee any level of performance or that you will not experience a loss in the value of your assets.

*Economic & Market Conditions:* Astor's models are sensitive to economic and market environments. If economic data diverges from market sentiment, Astor's strategies can experience difficulty. The decision to invest or not invest in certain securities can lead to higher levels of risk than desired and/or the strategies can experience underperformance relative to their respective benchmarks.

### **Risk of Loss and Frequent Trading**

Although Astor makes every effort to preserve capital and achieve capital appreciation, you should be aware investing in financial instruments involves the risk of loss. As a client, you should be prepared to bear losses. We do not represent or guarantee our services or methods of analysis can or will predict future results or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines. You should be aware past performance is in no way an indication of future performance.

The majority of Astor's strategies are tactical asset allocation strategies which means there will be frequent trades as positions and asset class exposures are adjusted. Unlike a passive investment approach which has static targets throughout all periods and seeks to match an index or benchmark with minimal adjustments, Astor's active approach is flexible and can have significant change throughout periods. Frequent trading can impact a client's overall performance due to transaction charges, taxes, and other costs associated with trading. The Astor Beta 100 strategy is not expected to trade frequently.

### **Recommendation of Particular Types of Securities**

Astor primarily invests in Exchange-Traded Funds ("ETFs") to achieve its objectives. An ETF is a type of registered Investment Company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that attempts to achieve a return similar to a set benchmark or index. The value of an ETF is dependent on the value of the underlying assets held. ETFs are subject to investment advisory and other expenses which results in a layering of fees for clients. ETFs can trade for less than their net asset value and the performance can deviate from the underlying index or benchmark due to fees, expenses, management, market volatility and other factors.

Astor can purchase ETFs with exposure to various asset classes including equities, fixed income, commodities, currencies, developed/emerging international markets, and real estate as well as specific sectors within these asset classes and unleveraged, inverse ETFs. The underlying investments of these ETFs will have different risks.

**Commodity Risk:** Commodity ETFs generally gain exposure through the use of futures which can have a substantial risk of loss due to leverage.

**Currency Risk:** Currencies can fluctuate with changing monetary policies, economic conditions, and other factors.

**Equity Risk:** Equity prices can fluctuate for a variety of reasons including market sentiment and economic conditions.

**Fixed Income Risk:** It is important to note bond prices move inversely with interest rates and fixed income ETFs can experience negative performance in a period of rising interest rates. High yield bonds are subject to higher risk of principal loss due to an increased chance of default.

**International Market Risk:** International markets have risks due to currency valuations and political or economic events. Emerging markets typically have more risk than developed markets.

**Inverse ETFs:** Astor can purchase unleveraged, inverse fixed income and equity ETFs depending on strategy constraints. Inverse ETFs attempt to profit from the decline of an asset or asset class by seeking to track the opposite performance of the underlying benchmark or index. Inverse products attempt to achieve their stated objectives on a daily basis and can face additional risks due to this fact. The effect of compounding over a long period can cause a large dispersion in performance between the ETF and the

underlying benchmark or index. Inverse ETFs can lose money even when the benchmark or index performs as desired. Inverse ETFs have potential for significant loss and are not suitable for all investors.

*Liquidity Risk:* Although ETFs are Exchange-Traded Products (“ETPs”), a lack of demand can prevent daily pricing and liquidity from being available.

*Real Estate Risk:* Real estate investments can experience losses due to lower property prices, changes in interest rates, and other factors.

*Schedule K-1 Tax Forms:* Investors in certain commodity and currency ETFs are subject to receiving Schedule K-1 tax forms. These ETFs are generally structured as Limited Partnerships and thus, income is passed through to shareholders as they are determined to be Limited Partners.

*Sector Risk:* Investments in specific sectors can experience greater levels of volatility than broad-based investments due to their narrower focus.

*Small Company Risk:* The prices of smaller market capitalization companies tend to be more volatile than those of larger, more established companies.

## Item 9: Disciplinary Information

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Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Astor or the integrity of Astor’s management. Astor does not have any legal or disciplinary items to disclose.

## Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

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### Registered Commodity Pool Operator

Astor is also a Commodity Pool Operator (“CPO”) registered with the National Futures Association (“NFA”) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”). In the capacity of CPO, Astor advises two Commodity Pools.

For additional information regarding the commodity pools, please visit [www.astorimfunds.com](http://www.astorimfunds.com) or call 877-738-0333 to obtain a prospectus.

### Registered Representatives of Broker-Dealer

Certain Astor employees are registered representatives of Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, an unaffiliated broker-dealer.

### Benefits from Providers

Astor attends conferences and other industry events which are sponsored by the companies that manage the assets of the ETFs purchased in Astor’s strategies, brokers who provide markets for the ETFs, and other industry participants (together the “Providers”). On certain occasions, Astor receives tickets to these events, co-sponsors the event, or participates in discussion panels. Additionally, the Providers distribute research reports, trade data, and other beneficial information to Astor. As such, there is a conflict of interest where Astor is incentivized to use the investment products of, execute trades with, or otherwise conduct business with the Providers due to the aforementioned items or other benefits. Astor’s Investment Committee maintains an unbiased view of the Providers in relation to these benefits. The Committee will only select securities based upon the merits of the securities within Astor’s products and not based upon any additional benefits which will be provided or made available to Astor from the Providers nor will it choose to execute trades with brokers other than for best execution reasons.

### Investment Companies

As discussed in Items 4 & 5, Astor receives compensation as the adviser to the Astor Funds which creates a conflict of interest in situations where a client can access Astor’s products through the Astor Funds as well as other channels such as a wrap program. The fee structure of the Astor Funds creates an incentive for Astor to solicit purchases of the Funds over other product types. Your financial

professional will help you to determine what investment vehicles are appropriate for you given your investment objectives, risk tolerance, financial circumstances, and other criteria. Astor will not recommend one product over another to the client. Additionally, Astor will not purchase shares of its Funds within its offered portfolios for client accounts in order to remove the conflict of interest where Astor would receive the advisory fee from its Funds in addition to the advisory fee earned from the client account.

### **Referral Arrangement**

Astor has a referral arrangement with GeoWealth Management, LLC (“GeoWealth”) whereby Astor is compensated for referring entities such as other RIAs to GeoWealth’s platform if the entities become active clients of GeoWealth. Astor is incentivized to recommend GeoWealth to financial advisors and RIAs based on this arrangement which possess a conflict of interest if the recommendation is not appropriate to the prospect. Astor will review all relevant and applicable information about the situation and opportunity to ensure recommendations are appropriate.

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

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### **Code of Ethics**

Astor has adopted a Code of Ethics (the “Code”) that sets the standard of conduct expected to comply with SEC Rule 204(A)-1 and other applicable securities laws. The Code is designed to ensure Astor fulfills its fiduciary duties, guards against violations of securities laws including insider trading, establishes procedures for Supervised Persons to comply with the provisions of the Code, prevents the misuse or dissemination of material non-public information about you or your account holdings, maintains the integrity of our business, and provides a means for building a trusting relationship with our clients. The Code sets limits on gifts and entertainment, political contributions, outside business activities, and other items which pose a conflict of interest or impede Astor’s fiduciary duty. In addition, the Code imposes certain pre-clearance and reporting requirements on Astor employees related to personal securities transactions in order to prevent conflicts of interest where Astor’s Supervised Persons transact in the same securities Astor purchases or recommends for client accounts. Supervised Persons are generally restricted from trading in securities held and/or with the potential to be held in Astor’s portfolios without written approval from the Chief Compliance Officer. The Code requires all personal securities transactions be conducted in a manner that avoids any actual or potential conflict of interest.

You can contact us at the number on the cover of this Brochure to request a copy of the Code.

### **Investment Companies**

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### **Investments in Client Held Securities**

Our Firm, our employees, and other related persons can buy or sell for their own accounts the same securities recommended to advisory clients. These transactions raise potential conflicts of interest between Astor and its clients. For example, a conflict exists when we have the ability to trade ahead of you and potentially receive more favorable prices than you do. Astor’s Code is designed to prevent such conflicts of interest and prevent violations of Astor’s fiduciary duties to its clients. The Code includes procedures to ensure that its policy regarding front-running, insider trading, and other conflicts is observed by Astor’s employees and related persons. For example, securities which are currently held or scheduled to be transacted in require pre-approval from the Chief Compliance Officer before employees who have access to such information (“Access Persons”) can purchase or sell them in their personal accounts and accounts where they have beneficial interest. Additionally, Astor requires its Access Persons to report, on a quarterly basis, all personal securities transactions as mandated by regulation. The Chief Compliance Officer and other Compliance staff will review transactions of Access Persons on a quarterly basis to determine if the transactions were completed in accordance with the Code.



## Item 12: Brokerage Practices

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### Broker Selection

For client accounts where Astor has been given trading authorization, Astor selects broker-dealers as part of its fiduciary duty to seek best execution for client transactions. Astor maintains written policies and procedures to evaluate the execution performance of broker-dealers. We believe best execution is also a qualitative concept. In deciding what constitutes best execution, the determinative factor is not always the lowest possible commission cost or price, but whether the transaction represents the best overall execution.

Astor will recommend or choose broker/dealers based on a variety of factors such as:

- i. the broker-dealer's capital depth and market access;
- ii. Astor's knowledge of negotiated commission rates and spreads currently made available;
- iii. the nature and character of the markets for the security to be purchased or sold;
- iv. the desired timing of the transaction;
- v. the execution, clearance and settlement capabilities of the broker/dealer selected;
- vi. the reasonableness of the commission or its equivalent (such as a mark-up or mark-down) for the specific transaction;
- vii. operational efficiency related to pre- and post-execution processes; and
- viii. the ability to access liquidity sources and various venues.

Astor will not necessarily select the broker-dealer with the lowest commission or commission equivalent (such as a mark-up or mark-down) for a specific transaction, but instead will select a broker-dealer that provides specialized services that justify the payment of higher commissions (or their equivalent) than those customarily paid for transactions requiring routine services.

### Discretionary Accounts

Astor will direct trades for your account to your custodian as well as to other broker-dealers. Astor will participate in "trade always" (also referred to as "step outs") which means Astor will instruct a broker-dealer other than your custodian to execute the trade(s) for your account. Astor will direct trades away in accordance with its best execution policies and the best interest of clients as long as there are no operational, contractual, or other factors which prevent such action. Astor will generally execute trades away from your custodian when there are strategy specific trades (e.g., an adjustment to the strategy) which cover all or the majority of clients invested in the strategy. Individual client account trades related to additions, withdrawals, or other requests which do not span multiple accounts will be executed directly with the broker-dealer maintaining your account. Depending on the circumstances of your account, Astor will execute the majority of the ongoing trades for your account away from the custodian after the initial purchases are made at the time of the account's inception. The fees associated with trading away are discussed above in Item 5.

*Non-Eligible Custodians:* A Non-Eligible Custodian is a custodian: (i) whose contract with Astor or Clients or both requires trades for such Client accounts to be executed only by such custodian or an affiliated broker-dealer, (ii) where operational limitations with respect to assets held by such custodian prevent Astor from directing trades away for client accounts, or (iii) with respect to Astor's duty to provide best execution, Astor deems it to be in the best interest of Clients for such Clients' accounts to be executed only with such custodians due to factors such as additional fees charged. Clients who invest in Astor's portfolios and have accounts held by UBS Financial Services, Inc. and Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. will not participate in step out trades. Clients that invest with Astor through these custodians will not benefit from Astor's judgment on broker selection and will receive a different execution price on trades than client accounts which participate in trade away orders. These factors will affect the performance of your account and your account may perform better or worse compared to other Astor accounts in the same strategies.

### *Model Delivery Arrangements*

As discussed in Item 4, Astor provides model portfolios to various third-parties. Astor is not responsible for trading client assets in these relationships. The investment adviser, broker-dealer, or firm controlling the arrangement will trade or direct trades for your account based upon the model information received from Astor. Astor has no influence over trade instructions. In rare cases, Astor will provide suggestions regarding trading if it is determined to be in the best interest of all clients involved in a specific trade. The procedures for delivery of this information are specified in the contract between Astor and the model platform provider. Astor does not select the executing broker-dealer in these arrangements.

### *Affiliated Investment Companies*

Astor will direct trades for the Astor Funds to various broker-dealers in line with its policies and procedures for best execution.

### **Soft Dollar Arrangements**

Astor does not maintain any soft dollar arrangements and does not receive research or other benefits paid by commissions charged to clients for trade execution.

### **Brokerage for Client Referrals**

Astor does not receive client referrals from broker-dealers in exchange for compensation or services.

### **Directed Brokerage**

In general, Clients cannot direct Astor to use a particular broker-dealer to execute transactions for that client's account. However, as described above, certain arrangements will require Astor to trade with a set broker-dealer.

### **Order Aggregation & Trade Rotation**

Astor will generally aggregate client orders at the custodial level or across multiple custodial firms in cases where two or more client accounts are transacting in the same security. Orders for the same security entered on behalf of more than one client, including the Astor Funds, will generally be aggregated subject to the aggregation being in the best interests of all participating clients. All clients participating in each aggregated (or "block" or "bunched") order shall receive the average price and if applicable, pay a pro rata portion of commissions or other trade costs. Transactions are usually aggregated to seek a more advantageous net price and/or to obtain better execution for all clients. Astor will execute transactions for client accounts at various points of the day as needed to fulfill client directed requests and other items which require activity. As such, Astor will at times purchase or sell the same security at different times during the day and thus, clients will receive different prices.

Astor creates trades by applying the applicable strategy model for each account and then aggregates orders accordingly. Block orders are allocated according to the individual trades generated for each account via Astor's Order Management System. As such, accounts within an aggregated order will receive a pro rata share of the aggregated order.

Astor has adopted a trade rotation policy and procedures to ensure all discretionary accounts are treated fairly when aggregated orders exist and that no one client or set of clients is continually favored. Trades of the same security and order side (i.e., buy or sell) are randomly rotated at the custodian and/or aggregated block level to ensure no one set of clients is continually favored. In the instance of a trade away block order and non-participating custodians as described above, the rotation will be among the trade away block and the non-eligible custodians.

Due to operational and contractual constraints, Astor is not able to execute trades away from certain custodians listed above. The clients of these custodians will receive different prices than the block which is traded away. Orders created within the model relationships as described in Item 4 are excluded from the trade rotation described above. Astor does not have trading authority on the associated accounts. Astor places its model portfolio relationships in a separate, randomized trade rotation which occurs after the release of execution instructions for all discretionary accounts. In rare cases, trade rotation will occur prior to the discretionary accounts if Astor determines such action is necessary to maintain best execution.



In the event of a partial fill, Astor will proportionally allocate shares across participating accounts according to the total shares which should have been purchased or sold and the amount which was actually purchased or sold.

Astor will manage accounts in the name of itself, its parent company, and other affiliated entities. In order to ensure these firm accounts are not favored over client accounts, Astor will ensure the accounts either participate in a block order where all participants receive an average price and pro rata share of the executed quantity or the accounts will trade after client orders are executed.

## Item 13: Review of Accounts

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### Review

Astor's staff regularly reviews client accounts to ensure client assets are properly invested according to the applicable strategy, position thresholds, existence of any client-directed restrictions, and requirements of any agreement in place. In addition, the Chief Compliance Officer or a designee will conduct sample testing of client accounts on a monthly basis to ensure client accounts are being managed correctly with regards to strategy, fees, and other items.

### Reporting

Custodians provide clients with monthly or quarterly reports containing schedules of investments and transactional information during such time period. The frequency of such reports is dependent upon the custodian's policies and procedures. Astor does not send reports to clients.

## Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

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Astor has entered into an agreement with FLX Distribution, Inc. ("FLX") and ALPS Distributors, Inc. for client referrals and sales and marketing services. Astor pays FLX a set fee to gain access to FLX's technology and resources as well as a percentage of the management fee earned from referred accounts.

## Item 15: Custody

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### *Discretionary Accounts*

As described in Item 5, Astor is paid a management fee which is deducted from your account and paid to Astor by your custodian. We do not, however, maintain physical custody of any of your funds or securities. Your funds and securities are held with a broker-dealer or other qualified custodian. You should receive monthly or quarterly account statements from your custodian or Sponsor Firm. You should carefully review these statements upon receipt.

### *Affiliated Investment Companies*

Astor has custody over certain accounts related to the management of the Astor Funds.

## Item 16: Investment Discretion

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Astor provides discretionary investment management services to clients as described in Item 4. Accordingly, Astor places trades in your account without contacting you prior to each trade to obtain consent. Our discretionary authority includes the ability to:

- i. determine the security to buy or sell;
- ii. determine the amount of the security to buy or sell;
- iii. determine the price at which to buy or sell; and
- iv. determine the broker-dealer utilized to execute the transaction.

You grant Astor discretionary authority when you sign our Investment Management Agreement or through a limited power of attorney, trading authorization, or any other type of similar agreement provided by Astor, a Sponsor Firm, or any other party whereby Astor is provided the ability to directly manage the

assets in your account. As noted in Item 12, certain arrangements prohibit or prevent Astor from directing trades to a broker-dealer other than the custodian for your account. In these instances, Astor still maintains the other elements of discretionary authority as listed above.

You can request reasonable restrictions for your managed account, including restrictions to prevent purchases of certain securities or types of securities. Please refer to the description in Item 4 of this Brochure for more detail. You may not direct Astor to purchase specific securities or types of securities.

## Item 17: Voting Client Securities

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Astor's Proxy Voting Policy establishes the practices by which Astor fulfills its responsibility to monitor corporate actions, receive and vote client proxies, disclose any related potential conflicts of interest, make information available to clients about the voting of proxies for their portfolio securities, and maintain relevant and required records.

Unless required by a written agreement, Astor is not required and will not take any action with regard to voting proxies for securities currently or previously held by clients in any account Astor has discretionary control over. If Astor is obligated to vote proxies for certain clients, only securities held within Astor's strategies will be voted. All votes cast will be done in the best interest of clients and a record of the vote will be maintained by Astor according to applicable regulations. Generally, Astor will follow management recommendations unless a conflict of interest is present. Astor does not have voting authority over accounts where it does not have trading discretion such as accounts participating in Astor's strategies through a model delivery arrangement as described in Item 4 of this Brochure.

Astor serves as the investment adviser to the Astor Funds. These Funds will invest in other investment companies that are not affiliated ("Underlying Funds"). As required by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), Astor will vote all proxies received from the Underlying Funds in the same proportion that all shares of the Underlying Funds are voted (i.e. "mirror vote"), or in accordance with instructions received from fund shareholders, pursuant to Section 12(d)(1)(F) of the 1940 Act. The Chief Compliance Officer maintains a record of votes cast and any applicable information related to the voting process.

In the case of any conflict of interest that is raised by Astor's voting discretion, Astor will do one of the following, as determined by the specific situation:

- i. disclose the conflict to you and obtain your consent before voting;
- ii. suggest that you engage another party to determine how to vote; or
- iii. vote the proxy according to the recommendation of an independent third party, such as a proxy consultant.

You can obtain a copy of Astor's Proxy Voting Policy and a record of Astor's proxy voting record for your account, both free of charge, by calling the phone number on the cover page of this Brochure.

## Item 18: Financial Information

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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.

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### Astor Investment Management LLC

Bryan Novak  
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March 29, 2023

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Additional information about Bryan Michael Novak is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

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## **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Bryan Michael Novak

Born 1977

### *Business Background*

<i>Astor Investment Management LLC, Chief Executive Officer</i>	<i>11/2023 -Present</i>
<i>Astor Investment Management LLC, Senior Managing Director</i>	<i>12/2013 – 11/2023</i>
<i>Lakewood Investment Management LLC, Senior Managing Director</i>	<i>03/2014 - 03/2015</i>

### *Education*

BS Financial Management – The Ohio State University

### *Certifications*

Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst

The Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (“CAIA”) designation is offered by the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst Association to individuals working in the field of alternative investments. In order to receive the designation, candidates must pass two four-hour exams, hold a bachelor’s degree or equivalent with at least one year of professional experience (or four years of experience), and abide by the policies of the Association.

## **Disciplinary Information**

There are no regulatory or legal issues to be disclosed for Bryan Novak.

## **Other Business Activities**

Astor Investment Management LLC is a Commodity Pool Operator (“CPO”) registered with the National Futures Association. Bryan Novak is a registered Principal for the CPO. As a CPO, Astor advises two Commodity Pools which operate strategies separate from Astor’s advisory business. A conflict of interest exists as time will be spent monitoring and managing the Commodity Pools alongside Astor’s advisory services. Additionally, there is an incentive for Astor to promote the Commodity Pools as a way to diversify business channels and revenue.

## **Additional Compensation**

Bryan Novak does not receive additional compensation for advisory services provided.

## **Supervision**

As Astor’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Novak maintains ultimate responsibility for the company’s operations. Mr. Novak discusses investment decisions with the other Investment Committee members, Messrs. Eckstein and Porter. Operational decisions are discussed with Astor’s Chief Operations Officer, and Compliance decisions discussed with Astor’s Chief Compliance Officer. The activities of all employees, including Mr. Novak, are subject to Astor’s compliance policies and procedures and the oversight of the Chief Compliance Officer whose contact information is on the cover page.

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### **Astor Investment Management LLC**

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## **Educational Background and Business Experience**

John Francis Eckstein

Born 1967

### *Business Background*

Astor Investment Management LLC, Chief Investment Officer

12/2013 - Present

Lakewood Investment Management LLC, Chief Investment Officer

03/2014 - 03/2015

### *Education*

BS Cognitive Science – Brown University

MA Public Administration – Columbia University

## **Disciplinary Information**

There are no regulatory or legal issues to be disclosed for John Eckstein.

## **Other Business Activities**

Astor Investment Management LLC is a Commodity Pool Operator (“CPO”) registered with the National Futures Association. John Eckstein is a registered Principal for the CPO. As a CPO, Astor advises two Commodity Pools which operate strategies separate from Astor’s advisory business. A conflict of interest exists as time will be spent monitoring and managing the Commodity Pools alongside Astor’s advisory services. Additionally, there is an incentive for Astor to promote the Commodity Pools as a way to diversify business channels and revenue.

## **Additional Compensation**

John Eckstein does not receive additional compensation for advisory services provided.

## **Supervision**

As Chief Investment Officer, Mr. Eckstein discusses investment decisions with the other Investment Committee members, Messrs. Novak and Porter. The activities of all employees, including Mr. Eckstein, are subject to Astor’s compliance policies and procedures and the oversight of the Chief Compliance Officer whose contact information is on the cover page.

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### **Astor Investment Management LLC**

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## **Educational Background and Business Experience**

**Nicholas Porter**

Born 1990

### *Business Background*

Astor Investment Management LLC, Vice President – Research	12/2022 - Present
Investment Management LLC, Research Associate	05/2018 - 11/2022
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Associate	01/2015 - 04/2018

### *Education*

BA International Relations -SUNY Geneseo

MPA International Economic Policy- Columbia University

## **Disciplinary Information**

There are no regulatory or legal issues to be disclosed for Nicholas Porter.

## **Other Business Activities**

Astor Investment Management LLC is a Commodity Pool Operator (“CPO”) registered with the National Futures Association. Nick Porter is a registered Principal for the CPO. As a CPO, Astor advises two Commodity Pools which operate strategies separate from Astor’s advisory business. A conflict of interest exists as time will be spent monitoring and managing the Commodity Pools alongside Astor’s advisory services. Additionally, there is an incentive for Astor to promote the Commodity Pools as a way to diversify business channels and revenue.

## **Additional Compensation**

Nicholas Porter does not receive additional compensation for advisory services provided.

## **Supervision**

As Vice President - Research, Mr. Porter discusses investment decisions with the other Investment Committee members, Messrs. Novak and Eckstein. The activities of all employees, including Mr. Porter, are subject to Astor’s compliance policies and procedures and the oversight of the Chief Compliance Officer whose contact information is on the cover page.