

# Form ADV Part 2A

## Firm Brochure

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## ITEM 2

### Material Changes

This brochure ("Brochure") dated March 31, 2025 contains the following material changes since the last update of the Brochure on November 7, 2024:

- Item 4.D, Wrap Fee Programs and Unbundled Advisory Programs, was updated to clarify the differences between tax loss harvesting in traditional SMA strategies and Tax-Smart strategies.
- Item 4.E, Assets Under Management, was updated to provide the Adviser's assets under management as of December 31, 2024.
- The Wrap and Unbundled Programs, and Model Delivery section within Item 5.A, was updated to disclose that in certain cases, the Adviser may negotiate discounted fees on certain services in exchange for exclusivity arrangements for the Adviser's products or services on third-party investment advisers' and/or Sponsors' advisory platforms.
- Item 8.A, Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies, was updated as follows:
  - The Tax-Smart Strategies section was updated to clarify the impact of client restrictions/customizations on tracking error relative to the index in Tax-Smart Index strategies.
  - The Private Equity section was updated to note that (i) the Corporate Finance strategy was renamed Small-Mid Market Buyouts strategy, and (ii) the Adviser pursues fund investments and co-investments on a primary and secondary basis.
- Item 8.B, Material, Significant, or Unusual Risks Relating to Investment Strategies, was updated as follows:
  - "Risks Associated with the Use of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Tools" was updated to further clarify such risks.
  - "Interest Rate Risk" was enhanced to further describe the risks associated with market changes in interest rates.
  - "Tax Management Risk" was updated to clarify that tax loss harvesting services look at securities and transactions within a particular account when reviewing for tax loss harvesting opportunities.
  - The Primary Risks Applicable Tax-Smart Strategies Investments section was updated to note that the Tax-Smart Strategies follow underlying strategies that are either Equity strategies or MAS strategies. For the primary risks applicable to Tax-Smart Strategies clients should review both the Primary Risks Applicable to Equity Investments and the Primary Risks Applicable to MAS Investments.
  - "Specific Risks of Secondary Investments" was updated to note that in some instances, returns on secondary investments will be higher than returns on primary investments as a result of such secondary investments being purchased at a discount and then revalued based on such investment's net asset value for the next valuation period.
  - "Availability of Investment and Disposition Opportunities for Private Equity Investments" was updated to disclose that the Adviser may make Fund Investments in anticipation of obtaining access to one or more potential PEG Co-Investments, but there is no guarantee that those potential PEG Co-Investments will come to fruition nor be made available to all clients.
  - The Primary Risks Applicable to Global Special Situations Investments section was updated to add "Interest Rate Risk", "Credit Risk", "High Yield Securities Risk", "Equity Investment Conversion Risk", "Asset-Backed Securities Risk", "Mezzanine Loans Risk", and "Leveraged Loans Risk".

- Item 9.B, Administrative Proceedings Before Regulatory Authorities, was updated note that the civil money penalties required by the Orders in two settlements with the SEC on October 31, 2024, have been borne in full by the Adviser.
- Item 11.B, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Other Conflicts of Interest, was updated as follows:
  - The "Proprietary Investments by the Adviser and/or its Related Persons – Initial Funding and Seed Investments" section was updated to describe the conflicts that arise when the Adviser or its related persons acquires one or more investments in respect of a closed-end fund or client account before the closing or funding date of such fund or account (each, a "Seed Investment").
  - "Continuation Vehicle Considerations" section was added to describe the conflicts of interest related to interests in an investment fund that is the subject of a continuation or restructuring vehicle.
- The "Account Errors and Resolutions" section within Item 12.B, was updated to clarify that the Adviser's procedures applied to account errors, trade errors, and other operational mistakes and such procedures generally require that errors caused by the Adviser and affecting a client's account be resolved promptly and fairly subject to the considerations set forth.
- The "Use of Independent Voting Services" section within Item 17.A, was updated to note that on or about May 1, 2025, for separately managed account strategies tracking an index, the Adviser will delegate proxy voting authority to an Independent Voting Service for securities, including bank holding companies.

Below are additional material changes made to the Brochure since the last annual update on March 29, 2024:

- Market-Linked Certificates of Deposit strategies are offered to clients through wrap fee programs. See Items 4.B, 4.D, 5.A, 8.A, and 8.B for information about these strategies.
- Item 4.D, Wrap Fee Programs and Unbundled Advisory Programs, was updated to note that certain custodians will charge additional fees and/or transaction costs (including transaction costs for U.S. over-the counter ("OTC") securities commonly held in client accounts invested in the Tax-Smart Index - International Developed ADR strategy).
- Items 4.D and 8.A, were updated to describe the tax transition services offered in certain wrap fee programs.
- Item 8.B, Material, Significant, or Unusual Risks Relating to Investment Strategies, was updated as follows:
  - "Artificial Intelligence Risk" was added to describe the risks related the use of programs and systems that utilize artificial intelligence, machine learning, probabilistic modeling, and other data science technologies ("AI Tools").
  - "Data Sources Risk" was updated to describe the risks related to AI Tools that use data feeds from various sources.
  - "Cybersecurity Risk" was updated to clarify that cybersecurity-related risks apply to AI Tools and cloud-based computing resources.
- Item 9.B, Administrative Proceedings Before Regulatory Authorities, was updated to disclose that on October 31, 2024, the Adviser entered into two settlements with the SEC resulting in the SEC issuing administrative orders.

In addition, although not material, certain disclosures throughout this Brochure have been amended. Clients should carefully read this Brochure in its entirety.

For ease of reference, capitalized terms that are defined when first used in the Brochure are also set forth in the Key Terms section.

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## ITEM 4 Advisory Business

### **A. Description of Advisory Firm**

This Brochure relates to the investment advisory services offered by J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. ("JPMIM" or the "Adviser"). JPMIM is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment adviser pursuant to the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"). JPMIM, together with 55I, LLC, Bear Stearns Asset Management Inc., Campbell Global, LLC, Highbridge Capital Management, LLC, J.P. Morgan Alternative Asset Management, Inc., JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, JPMorgan Funds Limited, Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated, each an SEC registered investment adviser, various affiliated foreign investment advisers and the asset management division of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. comprise the Asset Management ("AM") business of J.P. Morgan Asset & Wealth Management ("JPMAM"). J.P. Morgan Asset Management ("JPMAM") is the marketing name for the AM businesses of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and its affiliates worldwide ("JPMC"). JPMC is a publicly traded global financial services firm.

JPMorgan Asset Management Holdings Inc., which is a subsidiary of JPMC, owns all the common stock of JPMIM. JPMIM was incorporated in Delaware on February 7, 1984.

### **B. Description of Advisory Services**

The Adviser and its "Affiliates" (as defined in Key Terms) in JPMAM provide a broad range of investment strategies to meet the diverse requirements of their clients' investment needs. The Adviser's advisory services are offered on both a discretionary and non-discretionary basis through a variety of investment vehicles and arrangements, depending on the strategy, as further described below.

#### **Institutional Separately Managed Accounts**

The Adviser offers investment advisory services across various asset classes to institutional clients through separately managed accounts ("SMAs"). Institutional clients typically retain the Adviser pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the institutional client. The Adviser offers SMAs in many of its investment strategies listed below, including equities, fixed income, and liquidity strategies. The Adviser also offers SMAs in alternative asset and multi-asset strategies to institutional clients. The Adviser offers SMA strategies on both a discretionary and non-discretionary basis. When the Adviser contracts with a client for a discretionary SMA, and for certain non-discretionary accounts, the Adviser generally has the authority to execute trades for the client's account. For other non-discretionary accounts, the authority to execute trades for a client's account remains with the client. An institutional client typically consults with the Adviser during the negotiation of the investment advisory agreement, prior to funding its account, to create investment guidelines for the client's account. Investment guidelines for SMAs are typically customized to each specific client account and such guidelines often vary significantly among institutional SMAs within the same strategy or with the same investment objective.

#### **Sub-Advisory Accounts**

Sub-advisory services are offered to institutional clients (including third-party mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), and other pooled investment vehicles) where the Adviser contracts with an affiliated or unaffiliated investment adviser or investment fund manager to provide investment advice on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis. Sub-advisory services can also be provided through a variety of vehicles and arrangements, including pooled investment vehicles, model portfolios, wrap fee programs, and separately managed accounts.

Investment Companies and Other Pooled Investment Vehicles

The Adviser offers investment advisory services to a variety of investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles across its various strategies. These investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles include mutual funds, ETFs, and private funds. In addition, the Adviser provides investment advisory services to real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and a non-traded, perpetual-life REIT that has shares registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Non-traded REIT"). The Adviser and its affiliates provide investment advisory services to a variety of U.S. open-end mutual funds and ETFs known as the "JPMorgan Funds" and one or more closed-end investment companies that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). Depending on the vehicle, investors generally can invest in a pooled investment vehicle directly, through an intermediary, or through a subscription agreement and, in certain instances, can contract with the Adviser or its Affiliates for an investment. Pooled investment vehicles managed by the Adviser are managed in accordance with each vehicle's investment guidelines and restrictions and are generally not tailored to the individual needs of any particular investor.

Wrap Fee Programs

For information on Wrap Fee Programs, see Item 4.D.

Model Portfolios

The Adviser offers non-discretionary investment advice and recommendations to sponsors of Wrap Programs or Unbundled Programs (as defined in Item 4.D. below), or to other affiliated and unaffiliated financial institutions (altogether, "Model Delivery Sponsors") through the provision of model investment portfolios for various investment strategies. In these instances, the Adviser updates the model portfolio from time to time and provides the updated information to the Model Delivery Sponsor, who generally has discretion as to how and when it will execute the model updates in client accounts. The Model Delivery Sponsors or other investment advisers appointed by them, in turn utilize the model portfolios provided by the Adviser, as well as any corresponding updates to the model portfolio, either alone or together with other model portfolios, to manage accounts enrolled on the Model Delivery Sponsor's platforms. Typically, Model Delivery Sponsors retain investment discretion over the accounts enrolled in an investment strategy that is offered on a Model Delivery platform including with respect to the selection of share classes utilized in accounts, and the Adviser is responsible solely for providing its model portfolios to the Model Delivery Sponsors or their designees; however in certain instances, contractual delegations could technically cause investment discretion to be deemed shared between the Adviser and the Model Delivery Sponsor. A model portfolio may include equity and/or fixed income securities (including JPMC stock), including, but not limited to, shares of mutual funds and ETFs, including JPMorgan Funds. Certain model portfolios are Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") Integrated or have a focus on Sustainable Investment strategies (as further described in Item 8.A).

The Adviser offers certain model portfolios that are composed of either 100% JPMorgan Funds or a very significant percentage of JPMorgan Funds. These model portfolios are provided to: (i) certain affiliated investment advisers that have authority to execute trades to implement these model portfolios on behalf of their clients; and (ii) unaffiliated investment advisers that ultimately retain discretion on behalf of their clients to implement, reject, or modify these model portfolios. In these instances, such affiliated and unaffiliated investment advisers are not serving as sponsors to wrap fee programs. Additional disclosure about conflicts related to model portfolios can be found in Item 11.B, Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds.

For more information about model portfolios offered through Wrap Programs, see Item 4.D.

Digital Tools - Model Portfolios and Portfolio Analysis

Through its website, the Adviser provides access to impersonal, non-discretionary portfolio research services, digital tools, and analysis ("Digital Services") to financial advisers and other representatives of a registered investment adviser (each, a "Digital User"). Digital Users may use the Digital Services for investment research

or portfolio analysis, which include model portfolios provided by the Adviser (that include either 100% Affiliated Funds or a significant percentage in Affiliated Funds). Digital Users are under no obligation to implement any recommendation or analysis from Digital Services in their client account(s).

*Tax Management and Portfolio Implementation Services through 55i, LLC ("55ip")*

When engaged to provide tax management and/or portfolio implementation services for certain strategies, the Adviser, through its affiliate, 55ip, performs services such as tax transition, active tax management, and/or ongoing trading and rebalancing services. The Adviser, through its affiliate, 55ip, provides buy and sell recommendations to its clients at the individual account level, pursuant to the applicable agreement. For additional information regarding the Adviser's tax management services, including through wrap fee programs, see Item 4.D below.

- *Trade List Delivery Services.* When engaged to provide non-discretionary trade list delivery services, the clients choose when and whether to execute such trades in their underlying investors' accounts. In such circumstances, neither the Adviser nor 55ip maintain a direct relationship with, nor serve as an investment adviser to any underlying investor of its clients utilizing trade list delivery services. For information regarding 55ip's trade list delivery services, including fees, methods of analysis, risks, and conflicts of interest, please see 55ip's Form ADV Part 2A brochure at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).
- *Other Tax Services.* For information on the tax services offered within the Adviser's Tax-Smart Active and Tax-Smart Index strategies (altogether, "Tax-Smart Strategies"), see Item 4.D, Wrap Fee Programs and Item 8.A, Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies.

*Investment Strategies and Solutions*

Below is a brief description of the investment strategies and solutions offered by the Adviser. Certain products may have an investment process that is ESG integrated or may be offered as Sustainable Investment strategies (as described in Item 8.A.). Major asset classes offered by the Adviser include:

- Global Equities ("Equity" or "Equities"), including U.S. Equity, International Equity, Emerging Markets Equity, and Asia Pacific Equity
- Global Fixed Income, Currency & Commodities ("GFICC"), including U.S. Broad Markets, Global Broad Markets, Global High Yield, Emerging Market Debt, Municipals, Unconstrained, Commodities, Currency, Customized Insurance Portfolios, Stable Value, Liability Driven Investing, and Customized Bond Portfolios
- Global Liquidity ("Global Liquidity"), including Liquidity and Managed Reserves
- Asset Management Derivatives, including Enhanced Income Equity, Downside Hedging Equity, Liability Mitigation Fixed Income, Liquidity Management Fixed Income, and Market-Linked Certificates of Deposit ("MLCD")
- Alternatives, including Global Real Estate, Infrastructure, Global Transportation, Private Equity, Absolute Return and Opportunistic Fixed Income, Private Capital, and Global Special Situations ("GSS")

The Adviser also offers asset allocation strategies, systematic strategies, passive management strategies, and multi-asset portfolios, including fund of funds strategies through its Multi-Asset Solutions business ("MAS"). In addition, the Adviser offers Tax-Smart Strategies within certain asset classes.

**C. Availability of Customized Services for Individual Clients**

The Adviser typically makes investments for clients in accordance with written investment guidelines or other investment specific documentation for each advisory mandate. Investment services may be tailored for each client's specific needs and objectives, including restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of



securities. The Adviser has procedures and controls to monitor compliance with each client's specific investment guidelines.

Where JPMIM is the investment adviser to a pooled investment vehicle, investment objectives, guidelines and any investment restrictions generally are not tailored to the needs of individual investors in those vehicles, but rather are described in the prospectus or other relevant offering document for such vehicle.

For certain Tax-Smart Active and Tax-Smart Index strategies that the Adviser offers through its affiliate, 55ip, clients can request reasonable restrictions on the management of their accounts, subject to JPMIM's acceptance and the Sponsor's and/or strategy's parameters. Restrictions can include certain industries, sectors or specific securities. Certain restriction categories include criteria derived from an Affiliate.

#### **D. Wrap Fee Programs and Unbundled Advisory Programs**

The Adviser's investment advisory services are also available through various bundled wrap fee programs ("Wrap" or "Wrap Programs") or unbundled advisory programs ("Unbundled" or "Unbundled Programs") sponsored by certain broker-dealers or investment advisers, including Affiliates of JPMIM ("Sponsors").

A client in a Wrap or Unbundled Program typically receives professional portfolio management of account assets through one or more investment advisers (including JPMIM) participating in the program. In Wrap Programs, except for execution charges for certain transactions as described below, clients pay a single, all-inclusive (or "wrap") fee charged by the Sponsor based on the value of the client's account assets for asset management, transactions effected by the Sponsor, custody, performance monitoring and reporting through the Sponsor. Unlike Wrap Programs, in Unbundled Programs, clients do not pay a single, all-inclusive fee to the Sponsor, but may pay a separate fee to the investment adviser and/or pay for transaction costs separately, based on trading activity in the client's account.

The Sponsor typically assists the client in defining the client's investment objectives based on information provided by the client, aids in the selection of one or more investment advisers to manage the client's account, and periodically contacts the client to ascertain whether there have been any changes in the client's financial circumstances or objectives that warrant a change in the management of the client's assets. In certain programs, the Sponsor contracts with other investment advisers to perform these services. The Sponsor typically pays the Adviser a fee based on the assets of clients invested in the applicable JPMIM strategy in the program.

Wrap clients should be aware that comparable services may be available at lower aggregate costs on an unbundled basis through the Sponsor or through other firms. In such cases, fees are unbundled for various services and negotiated separately by the client including, but not limited to, portfolio management, custody and trade execution, although the Adviser's fee covers only portfolio management services and not custody and brokerage services. Depending on the circumstances, the aggregate of any separately paid fees may be lower (or higher) than the wrap fee charged in the Wrap Program. Payment of a bundled asset-based wrap fee may or may not produce accounting, bookkeeping, or income tax results better than those resulting from the separate payment of (i) securities commissions and other execution costs on a trade-by-trade basis and (ii) advisory fees.

Certain custodians will charge additional fees and/or transaction costs (including transaction costs for U.S. over-the counter ("OTC") securities commonly held in client accounts invested in the Tax-Smart Index - International Developed ADR strategy). These fees and costs are charged to the client by the custodian and are in addition to the portfolio management fee charged by the Adviser.

For additional information regarding Fees and Compensation, Brokerage Practices and Custody, please see Items 5.A-E, Item 12, and Item 15, respectively. Please refer to Schedule D in Part 1A of JPMIM's Form ADV for a full list of the Wrap Programs in which JPMIM participates.

In Wrap and Unbundled Programs, the Adviser provides portfolio management services either through traditional discretionary management or through model delivery programs, as described below.

### **Discretionary Investment Management**

When a client appoints the Adviser as the discretionary investment manager, such client grants the Adviser full discretion (including trading discretion) over the account or strategy. With this authority, the Adviser provides portfolio management services on a discretionary basis to that client and directs trading activity in the account. Trading discretion requires the Adviser to seek best execution for trades executed in the account. For more information about the Adviser's trading practices and policies, see below and Item 12, Brokerage Practices.

### **Model Delivery**

The Adviser provides non-discretionary investment advice and recommendations to sponsors of Wrap Programs or Unbundled Programs through the provision of model investment portfolios for various investment strategies. Please see the Model Portfolios section within Item 4.B, Description of Advisory Services, for more information.

In limited cases, the Adviser has engaged an unaffiliated registered investment adviser to identify third-party mutual funds and ETFs for the Adviser to consider for inclusion in Advisory Solutions model portfolios. The Adviser pays the unaffiliated adviser a fee based on the value of the investments in the third-party funds and ETFs in a model portfolio. As a result, the Adviser's conflict in selecting JPMorgan Funds is heightened because it has an additional incentive to decrease the model portfolio's allocation to third-party funds and ETFs in order to reduce the fee it pays to the unaffiliated adviser. The Adviser has implemented controls in its investment process to mitigate these conflicts including, but not limited to, the implementation of a cap on the percentage of the model portfolio that can hold JPMorgan Funds. The Adviser can enter into model portfolio arrangements where the Adviser and one or more third-party investment advisers operate as co-model providers of a model portfolio in various degrees ("Multi-Model Provider Arrangements"). These Multi-Model Provider Arrangements are offered in response to client demand, but may or may not be marketed as such. In these Multi-Model Provider Arrangements, the universe of funds is limited to JPMorgan Funds and funds affiliated with the co-model provider as well as certain third party passive funds. These model portfolios are composed of a significant percentage of JPMorgan Funds which creates a conflict for the Adviser to select JPMorgan Funds over the funds affiliated with the co-model provider. The Adviser has implemented controls in its investment process to mitigate these conflicts including but not limited to the implementation of a cap on the percentage of the model portfolio that can hold JPMorgan Funds. Additional disclosure about how the Adviser limits its selections and/or recommendations in Multi-Model Provider Arrangements can be found in the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds section within Item 11.B.

The following describes some of the differences between Wrap and Unbundled accounts and the Adviser's other advisory accounts.

### **Management of Wrap Accounts and Unbundled Accounts**

Wrap and Unbundled accounts may not be managed identically to institutional accounts. Purchases that are implemented for institutional accounts will not always be reflected or fully reflected in a Wrap or Unbundled account that follows the same or a substantially similar strategy. Wrap or Unbundled accounts managed in an equity investment strategy are constructed and managed with position (the securities held in the investment portfolio) thresholds and parameters around changes to weightings in existing positions. These types of guidelines are specific to management of the Adviser's Wrap and Unbundled accounts and will generally not apply to its institutional or pooled investment vehicle accounts. These guidelines are at the discretion of the portfolio management teams and may be set and/or changed without notice to clients. Certain Wrap and Unbundled accounts are also managed with a goal of maintaining higher cash balances than other types of accounts, including institutional accounts, in order to manage the impact of relatively frequent inflows and

outflows and varying cash levels. In addition, Wrap accounts may include affiliated no-fee registered investment companies rather than individual securities that are included in comparable institutional strategies, in order for the account to be exposed to those securities and asset classes. Unlike most of the Adviser's institutional accounts, Wrap and Unbundled accounts do not participate in new issues of equity securities (including initial public offerings ("IPOs")). For certain fixed income strategies, and where permitted by the Sponsor, Wrap and Unbundled accounts will be eligible to participate in new issues (including IPOs). However, certain restrictions imposed by the Sponsor as well as related operational constraints at the Adviser will exclude the Adviser from purchasing new issues for these strategies. Further, Sponsors may impose restrictions against holding certain issuers and/or the types of securities eligible to be held in the accounts of their Wrap Program or Unbundled Program clients. For these and other reasons, clients should expect account holdings to differ between accounts and from that of the model portfolio for the relevant strategy. Deviations between holdings in a Wrap or Unbundled account and a model portfolio generally are not considered errors. Deviations in holdings from the model portfolio for the strategy will contribute to performance differences between Wrap or Unbundled accounts and institutional accounts managed in the same or a similar investment strategy.

The Tax-Smart Index strategies are strategies that seek to track an index and will include JPMC stock when the applicable index includes JPMC stock as an underlying holding. Certain Tax-Smart Index strategies seek to track indices that are owned, administered and governed by a dedicated function within the Adviser. See Item 8.A, Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies and the Clients' Investments in Affiliated Companies section within Item 11.B, for more information.

Unlike the Adviser's institutional and other accounts, the Adviser does not generally communicate directly with Wrap or Unbundled clients (including communications with respect to changes in a Wrap or Unbundled client's investment objectives or restrictions). All such communications generally must be directed through the Sponsor. Also, the Adviser does not provide overall investment supervisory services to Wrap or Unbundled clients and is generally not in a position to determine and not responsible for determining the suitability of any Wrap or Unbundled Program or any investment strategies available under a Wrap or Unbundled Program with respect to Wrap and Unbundled clients.

### **Tax Loss Harvesting and Tax Management Services**

Wrap and Unbundled clients and where applicable, their financial advisors, may request that the Adviser engage in trades intended to incur capital gains or losses. Such tax harvesting trades are subject to the Adviser's policies regarding minimum size of the trade, timing and format of the request. JPMIM does not provide tax advice. Clients should consult their tax advisor to review their particular tax situation.

*Traditional SMA Strategies:* Assets will generally be invested in an unaffiliated ETF(s) during the wash sale period. Generally, such policies entail a repurchase of the sold security after the "wash sale" (i.e., 30 day) period. ETFs are investment companies and have certain embedded costs, including portfolio management fees, of which the client will bear a proportionate share while invested in the ETF. Such costs are in addition to other advisory or management fees charged to accounts. When providing these requests, the client and financial advisor are responsible for understanding the merits and consequences of the directions in light of the client's particular tax situation. As part of this policy the Adviser may limit, depending on strategy, the maximum amount of losses permitted in an account. Generally, if the policies are satisfied, tax loss harvesting trades are processed on a best-efforts basis. Tax loss harvesting trades typically receive a lower priority than cash flow trades, trades to fund new accounts, trades to liquidate securities in connection with account terminations and block trades. As such, there may be a delay between a Wrap or Unbundled client's tax loss harvesting request and its execution, and requests received after a communicated deadline, may not be executed before year end.

*Tax-Smart Strategies:* When engaged to provide tax management services for certain Tax-Smart Active and Tax-Smart Index strategies that are part of a Wrap or Unbundled Program, the Adviser, through its affiliate, 55ip, performs services such as tax transition, active tax management (including, in certain instances, fund selection), and, as further described below, ongoing trading and rebalancing services. Ongoing trading and

rebalancing services generally accommodate cash management, periodic rebalancing and investment changes at a frequency agreed upon by the Adviser and the client. In the Tax-Smart Active strategies, assets will generally be invested in an unaffiliated ETF(s) during the "wash sale" period. Generally, for Tax-Smart Active strategies, such policies entail a repurchase of the sold security after the "wash sale" (i.e., 30 day) period. For Tax-Smart Index strategies, securities will only be repurchased if they meet certain criteria. The Adviser may change these parameters, including the manner and frequency of tax loss harvesting, at any time without notice. Clients will bear the costs of any such ETF(s), including portfolio management fees, of which the client will bear a proportionate share while invested in the ETF. Such costs are in addition to other advisory or management fees charged to accounts. For Tax-Smart Index strategies, assets will generally be invested in a separate underlying security(ies) of the index during the "wash sale" period. See Item 8.A. for additional information regarding these strategies. For information regarding 55ip's tax management services, including fees, methods of analysis, risks, and conflicts of interest, please see 55ip's Form ADV Part 2A brochure at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

Tax transition services, provided through 55ip, utilize tax loss harvesting to offset realized gains and losses in order to transition clients from legacy portfolio holdings to their target investment allocation strategy. This process seeks to make moving to different investment strategies more tax-efficient. Tax transition services seek to capture investment losses in a portfolio which are then used to offset near-term tax liabilities, help increase after-tax returns, and minimize the tax liability associated with moving to a different portfolio.

Typically, for tax transition services, the client selects the estimated tracking error and estimated tax liability thresholds for an account. However, in certain programs, at a client or Sponsor's request, the Adviser will instead apply target estimated tracking error and estimated tax liability thresholds across all accounts in the program. In such programs, the target metrics will apply to all accounts participating in that program, and while the Adviser will make trades in each account based on the characteristics of that specific account's positions, the Adviser will not tailor such trades to the account owner's individual tax circumstances or consider other assets outside of the specific account being transitioned. Additionally, neither the Adviser nor 55ip calculate every possible iteration of tracking error and tax liability when seeking to adhere to a program's target metrics for transition services. Instead, the Adviser relies on 55ip's algorithm and software, which calculate a preset number of possible iterations from which the Adviser selects.

Such targeted metrics may result in increased tax liability as compared to programs where the client selects tracking error and tax liability limitations for each account individually. If an account is funded with securities that, in aggregate, result in a tracking error that is greater than the target tracking error for that specific program, the Adviser will sell positions as necessary to reach or fall below the target estimated tracking error, regardless of the tax liability that the account's owner may incur. As a result, an account owner may incur significant tax exposure during such a transition, and before engaging in such transition services should discuss with their financial intermediary and tax professionals.

Additional information for those invested in the Tax-Smart strategies within the Pershing Managed Connect program: Due to operational constraints of the platform, the respective account application (or other similar custodial agreement) with Pershing indicates 55ip as the investment adviser of this strategy. However, as described herein, JPMIM is in fact the investment adviser for this strategy and delegates certain tax overlay and implementation responsibilities to 55ip.

### **Trading Considerations and Best Execution for Wrap Accounts**

Where the Adviser is retained as investment adviser in a Wrap or Unbundled Program, the Adviser generally does not negotiate brokerage commissions and related charges on the client's behalf for the execution of transactions in the Wrap or Unbundled account when such transactions are executed through the Sponsor. These commissions and charges are generally included in the wrap fee charged by the Sponsor, although certain execution costs are typically not included in this fee and may be charged to the client (including broker-dealer spreads, certain broker-dealer mark-ups or mark-downs on principal transactions, auction fees, fees charged by exchanges on a per transaction basis, fees on NASDAQ transactions, other charges mandated by law, and certain other transaction costs) in addition to the Wrap fee.

The Adviser generally has discretion to select broker-dealers to execute trades for the Wrap or Unbundled accounts it manages. However, subject to its obligation to seek best execution (as described in Item 12.A, Factors Considered in Selecting or Recommending Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions), the Adviser generally places trades for accounts through the Sponsor, or the Sponsor's designated broker-dealer, because typically the all-inclusive fee paid by each client covers only the execution costs on agency trades that are executed through the Sponsor, or the Sponsor's designated broker-dealer. Operational limitations associated with accounts also make trading away from the Sponsor more difficult than trading with the Sponsor. Additionally, due to these operational constraints, trades for accounts that utilize equity strategies are not traded together with trades for the Adviser's institutional accounts. The result of these limitations on trading away from the Sponsor may be that the overall execution of trades and performance in an account will differ from the Adviser's other accounts.

In addition, although the Adviser does not aggregate transactions for the Wrap or Unbundled accounts in its equity strategies with those of its non-Wrap/Unbundled accounts, these accounts generally trade over the same period of time with other client accounts. However, since Wrap and Unbundled accounts currently constitute a relatively small percentage of overall client assets advised by the Adviser, discretionary accounts that utilize equity strategies are subject to volume control limits to give discretionary Wrap or Unbundled clients and the Adviser's other discretionary clients equal treatment over time, as described more fully in Item 12, Brokerage Practices. For a discussion of order aggregation with respect to Wrap accounts, see Item 12.B, Order Aggregation.

Because trades are generally placed through the Sponsor or the Sponsor's designated broker-dealer, Clients who enroll in Wrap or Unbundled Programs should also satisfy themselves that the Sponsor is able to provide best execution of transactions. Clients should also be aware that transactions in Wrap or Unbundled accounts will generally produce increased trading flow for the Sponsor.

In choosing to open a Wrap or Unbundled account, clients should also be aware that the Adviser offers a variety of investment strategies through Wrap or Unbundled Programs that will, at various times, experience higher or lower portfolio "turnover" of investment securities held in the portfolio. Wrap or Unbundled clients investing in a strategy during a period with lower investment turnover would in turn find themselves paying a disproportionately high fee for execution services as part of their bundled fee arrangement, relative to if they were paying brokerage fees on a per transaction basis due to the low turnover of securities held within a strategy.

Any securities or other assets used to establish a Wrap or Unbundled account may be sold by the Adviser to bring the account into alignment with the investment strategy selected by the client, and the client will be responsible for payment of any taxes due. Clients should consult their tax adviser or accountant regarding the tax treatment of their account under a Wrap or Unbundled Program.

As described above and in Item 12, Brokerage Practices, Wrap and Unbundled Programs present unique considerations and as a result it is likely that performance of Wrap and Unbundled accounts will differ from, and potentially underperform that of, the Adviser's other advisory accounts with the same or substantially similar investment strategies. Wrap and Unbundled clients should consider whether their overall needs are best met through investments in a Wrap or Unbundled account or in another product or service with different portfolio management and trading features.

For certain Unbundled Programs sponsored by the Adviser's affiliate, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMCB"), as stipulated in its contractual agreement, the Adviser will not send trades to the Sponsor for execution but is responsible for the trading and execution of these accounts. In these circumstances, trades will be aggregated with the Adviser's other equity accounts, as described in Item 12.B, Order Aggregation.

In certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, significant changes in market prices, market conditions, market instability, liquidity constraints, operational or technology failures, or for other risk management purposes, the Adviser may take such action over such period of time as it determines to be practical or

desirable, including temporarily not trading some or all of the securities in client accounts. For Tax-Smart strategies, the Adviser reviews trade orders before being implemented by 55ip.

### Trading Away Practices for Wrap and Unbundled Accounts

The Adviser may place a Wrap or Unbundled client's trade with a broker-dealer other than the Sponsor (or the Sponsor's designated broker-dealer) if it determines that using another broker-dealer would meet its best execution obligations to clients. This practice is frequently referred to as "trading away". Trading away from the Sponsor will usually result in the imposition of a commission or equivalent fee on the trade or other charges, including but not limited to foreign currency conversion fees, American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") fees, and foreign tax charges, as well as fees embedded in the price of the security being bought or sold, such as a mark-up or mark-down. Such fees are paid by the client and are in addition to the wrap fee.

If the Adviser trades away from the Sponsor to effect an agency trade for a Wrap or Unbundled account, clients should expect that any execution costs charged by that other broker-dealer will be charged to the Wrap or Unbundled account. For fixed income trades, and in certain circumstances for trades in equity accounts, transactions may be effected on a principal basis and therefore the spread, mark-ups and mark-downs will be paid by the account on those trades to the third-party broker-dealer. As noted above, such execution costs are in addition to the wrap fee paid by clients.

In Wrap and Unbundled accounts, equity strategies are generally traded through the Sponsor. However, depending on the capabilities of the Sponsor or designated broker or the types of securities traded, such as securities with smaller market capitalizations, foreign securities, or thinly traded securities, certain equity strategies (such as international strategies) trade away more frequently, which will result in a percentage of equity transactions being executed with brokers other than the Sponsor or the Sponsor's designated broker.

During the relevant periods set forth in the table below, JPMIM traded away in approximately the below percentages for transactions based on the dollar-weighted average in the listed strategies to meet its best execution obligations. These percentages will vary from year to year and may be higher or lower in the future. Wrap and Unbundled clients invested in these strategies incurred additional brokerage commissions and fees as a result.

Strategy	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2024
International ADR	5%	10%	23.5%
Focused European MultiNationals	6%	0%	0%

For fixed income strategies (including the taxable exempt fixed income, high yield, preferreds, and taxable fixed income strategies), the Adviser typically trades away from the Sponsor, except in limited instances such as trades related to selling securities that are included in the initial account funding or transferred into an existing account. For a discussion of order aggregation with respect to Wrap and Unbundled accounts, see Item 12.B, Order Aggregation. For additional information regarding fixed income trading practices, see Item 8.A, Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies, and Item 11.B, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Other Conflicts of Interest.

MLCDs, a type of structured investment, are bank certificates of deposit ("CD") whose performance is linked to specific markets (such as equity indices) over a set period. For the MLCD strategies, the Adviser purchases and makes redemptions directly with the issuing banks and will always trade away from the Sponsor. For more information about MLCDs, see the Asset Management Derivatives section within Item 8.A. and the Primary Risks Applicable to MLCDs section within Item 8.B.

**E. Assets Under Management**

As of December 31, 2024, JPMIM had assets under management in the amounts set forth below:

<b>Assets Under Management</b>	<b>U.S. Dollar Amount</b>
Assets Managed on a Discretionary Basis	\$2,960,869,493,765
Assets Managed on a Non-Discretionary Basis	\$24,404,229,097
<b>Total Regulatory Assets Under Management</b>	<b>\$2,985,273,722,862</b>
Other Advisory Assets not included in Regulatory Assets Under Management	\$158,427,892,279
<b>Total Assets Under Management</b>	<b>\$3,143,701,615,140</b>

**ITEM 5****Fees and Compensation****A. Advisory Fees and Compensation****Separately Managed Accounts**

Clients generally pay an advisory fee based on a percentage of the market value of the assets managed by the Adviser. Such fee is referred to as an asset-based fee. To the extent permitted under the Advisers Act, the Adviser also charges performance-based compensation with respect to certain strategies and products or as otherwise agreed with specific clients. For an additional discussion of performance-based compensation, please refer to Item 6. A, Performance-Based Fees, which addresses how performance-based compensation is calculated.

The Adviser's standard fee schedules for Global Equities, GFICC, Global Liquidity, and MAS SMAs are included in Appendix A. Fee schedules are available upon request for other investment products and strategies. Fees for products and strategies may be higher or lower than the standard fee schedules.

In certain circumstances fees may be negotiable. The Adviser generally agrees to charge clients fees for advisory services that are lower than those set forth in Appendix A or other fee schedules. In certain circumstances in which the Adviser or its Affiliates provide customized investment advisory services or other services in addition to investment advisory services, a higher fee schedule may apply. For certain strategies, the Adviser charges a minimum annual asset-based fee or requires a minimum AUM for managing an account. Accordingly, higher fees may also apply if an account's assets are below the minimum investment level indicated in the standard fee schedule. Variations in fees charged to clients can occur as a result of numerous factors including, negotiations and/or discussions that may include the particular circumstances of the investor, account size, investment strategy, account servicing requirements, the size and scope of the overall relationship with the Adviser and its Affiliates or certain consultants, or as may be otherwise agreed with specific clients on a case-by-case basis.

For alternative investment strategies, the Adviser typically charges asset-based fees. Additionally, certain clients, as part of the Adviser's pre-negotiated terms, may also be charged performance-based compensation, including to separately managed accounts. Standard fee schedules are not available for such strategies.

**Wrap and Unbundled Programs, and Model Delivery**

Except as noted below, the Adviser is paid an asset-based fee in connection with the advisory services provided. The Adviser's advisory fee is generally calculated by the Sponsor based on a percentage of the

assets under management. Such compensation ranges from 0.035%-0.80% annually, based on the investment mandate and the terms and conditions negotiated with the Sponsor or client.

For the MLCD strategies, in addition to the Adviser's asset-based fee, the issuer's offering document(s) of each MLCD (which are available upon request) sets forth additional information regarding applicable fees and expenses of the underlying MLCD.

For Advisory Solutions model portfolios offered in Wrap and Unbundled Programs, the Adviser typically does not receive a fee for its asset allocation services of the model portfolio from the Sponsor based on client assets invested in the strategy but will receive fees from the underlying advisory fees of the JPMorgan Funds utilized in the client's portfolio. See Item 4.D, Wrap Fee Programs and Unbundled Advisory Programs, for more information regarding Advisory Solutions model portfolios. For certain Advisory Solutions model portfolios offered outside of a Wrap or Unbundled Program, the Adviser will charge a fee for its asset allocation services of the model portfolio in addition to receiving the underlying advisory fees of the JPMorgan Funds utilized in the portfolio. See the prospectus of each underlying mutual fund or ETF for the applicable fees and expenses.

The Tax-Smart Index strategies will include JPMC stock when the applicable index includes JPMC stock as an underlying holding. The Adviser will receive advisory fees on the portion of client holdings invested in JPMC stock.

In certain cases, the Adviser may negotiate discounted fees on certain services in exchange for exclusivity arrangements for the Adviser's products or services on third-party investment advisers' and/or Sponsors' (each, a "Third-Party Platform Provider") advisory platforms. For example, certain exclusivity arrangements require a Third-Party Platform Provider to offer to their and their affiliates' end-clients the Adviser's separately managed account strategies and model portfolios as the only third-party offerings, with limited exceptions (such as strategies not offered by the Adviser).

### **Investment Companies and Other Pooled Investment Vehicles**

#### *JPMorgan Funds and Other Investment Companies Advised or Sub-Advised by the Adviser*

The prospectus or other offering document of each JPMorgan Fund or investment company advised or sub-advised by the Adviser sets forth the applicable fees and expenses. For certain MAS portfolios (e.g., where the Adviser provides asset allocation services to unaffiliated investment companies that are fund of funds), the Adviser will charge a fee for its asset allocation services in addition to receiving an advisory fee for sub-advisory services provided by it to underlying unaffiliated funds used in the portfolio. See Item 11.B Conflicts Related to Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Fund of Funds Portfolio Assets to Underlying Funds Sub-Advised by the Adviser for more information.

#### *Other Pooled Investment Vehicles*

With respect to private funds and certain other pooled investment vehicles managed or advised by the Adviser, the applicable fees and expenses are set forth in the relevant offering or governing documents, or in certain cases, in separate fee agreements between the Adviser and the private funds' or pooled investment vehicles' investors.

The Adviser's fees vary significantly depending on the type of vehicle and investment strategy and can be subject to negotiation. The private funds and certain other pooled investment vehicles managed or advised by the Adviser typically utilize an asset-based fee ranging from 0% to 2% annually. For private funds and certain other pooled investment vehicles that include performance-based compensation or carried interest, fees typically range from 5% to 20% of the appreciation of the account's, fund's or vehicle's assets or performance relative to a specified benchmark. The nature of the asset-based fee varies. For example, it may be based on capital committed or contributed to the fund or vehicle or capital committed to or invested in underlying investments, or such fee may be payable out of fund or vehicle profits and/or may vary within a fund or



vehicle based on the fund's or vehicle's investment stages. The performance-based compensation or carried interest also varies across the private funds or vehicles and may vary within funds or vehicles in relation to types of investments or certain clients. In addition, certain private funds and other pooled investment vehicles offer a preferred return threshold prior to which no carried interest is paid to the Adviser. The preferred return threshold similarly varies across funds and/or clients. In certain cases, the Adviser may waive, rebate, or reduce the asset-based fee, performance-based compensation, or carried interest for certain investors, including affiliates of the Adviser and/or employees of the Adviser or its affiliates.

In certain cases, investors pay fees outside the fund or vehicle. Such fees are based on a separate fee agreement between the Adviser and/or its Affiliates and the applicable investor. Investors should refer to the offering documents of the relevant private fund or vehicle or applicable fee agreement for further information with respect to fees.

## **B. Payment of Fees**

### **Separately Managed Accounts**

For separate accounts, clients may select to have the Adviser bill the client for the advisory fees incurred, or the client may instead agree to instruct its custodian to deduct advisory fees directly from the client's separate account. The Adviser typically charges fees after services have been rendered, at the end of each calendar quarter.

### **Wrap and Unbundled Programs**

Clients should review the terms and conditions of the Wrap or Unbundled Program or contact the Sponsor regarding fees and billing arrangements. Except as described below, the Adviser does not bill Wrap or Unbundled clients or deduct fees directly from such client's accounts. In general, the Sponsor bills the clients or deducts fees from the client's accounts, and the Sponsor compensates the Adviser for its advisory services. Certain clients are invested directly or indirectly in funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates and from which the Adviser or its affiliates receive additional compensation.

For accounts where the portfolio management agreement between the Sponsor or client and the Adviser stipulates that the Adviser will bill client accounts directly, the Adviser generally invoices the custodian or the Sponsor for the payment of fees to the Adviser. The client typically directs the custodian or the Sponsor to deduct advisory fees directly from such client accounts and forwards payment to the Adviser. The Adviser generally bills accounts in advance based on the account's assets under management as of the end of the previous calendar quarter. In certain cases, the fee may be billed in arrears based on the account's assets under management at the end of the calendar quarter or based on another calculation methodology (e.g., average daily market value) as prescribed within the applicable portfolio management agreement.

### **Investment Companies and Other Pooled Investment Vehicles**

A description of the calculation and payment of fees payable to the Adviser and its Affiliates is set forth in the applicable prospectus, offering or governing document or fee agreement for the relevant fund or vehicle. Clients should refer to such documents for further information with respect to fees.

## **C. Additional Fees and Expenses**

### **General**

In addition to the advisory fees described above, clients may be subject to other fees and expenses in connection with the Adviser's advisory services.

### Transaction Charges

Clients generally pay brokerage commissions, taxes, charges, and other costs related to the purchase and sale of securities for a client's account. See Item 12, Brokerage Practices for additional information regarding the Adviser's brokerage practices. Certain fees may also be charged in connection with acquisition, disposition and origination transactions, some of which may be retained by the Adviser and others inure to the benefit of applicable clients.

### Custody and Other Fees

Clients (other than Wrap clients) typically establish a custody account under a separate agreement with a custodian bank, and the client will incur a separate custody fee for the custodian's services. The custodian may be an Affiliate of the Adviser. If a client's account is invested in mutual funds, ETFs, or other pooled investment vehicles, including private funds, the client's account generally will bear its pro-rata share of the expenses of the fund, including custody fees.

### **Common Types of Expenses Related to Alternative Investment Strategies**

Clients and funds or pooled investment vehicles investing in alternative investment strategies may either directly or through allocations by the Adviser or its Affiliates to such strategies bear the following expenses:

- (i) All organizational and offering expenses;
- (ii) All third-party costs, fees, or expenses incurred in connection with the performance of all due diligence investigations in relation to the acquisition, ownership, management, repositioning, development, redevelopment, capital expenditure in relation to, or realization of, any investment (including any dead deal costs);
- (iii) The third-party costs, fees, or expenses incurred in connection with the negotiating, structuring, financing, and documenting of the acquisition, ownership and realization of any investment, including pursuing joint venture partners, forming joint ventures, co-investments, and syndicating investments (including dead deal costs), any investment-related costs, fees, or expenses and brokerage, underwriting, or similar commissions incurred in relation to any investment (including dead deal costs);
- (iv) Any other third-party costs, fees, or expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition, ownership, management, repositioning, development, redevelopment, or capital expenditure in relation to, or realization of, any investments (including dead deal costs);
- (v) The third-party costs, fees, and expenses required to be paid in connection with any credit facility to be obtained or assumed in connection with any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity or investment, including the legal fees and expenses of lenders' legal counsel, the fees and expenses of the fund's or vehicle's legal counsel, brokers' fees, lenders' assumption or transfer fees, and required reserves (including dead deal costs);
- (vi) Transfer taxes, title premiums, environmental insurance premiums, underwriters' commissions, and other closing costs and expenses payable or incurred in connection with the acquisition, ownership, and realization of any investment;
- (vii) The costs, fees, and expenses associated with the formation and operation of any joint venture, special purpose vehicle, aggregation vehicle, co-investment, or any syndication in relation to any investment including, but not limited to, any (i) charitable or political contributions, or costs associated with hiring lobbyists, made by or for any such joint venture, vehicle, co-investment or syndication that could, directly or indirectly, enhance the value of the investment or otherwise serve a business purpose for, or be beneficial to, such joint venture, vehicle, co-investment or syndication, (ii) closing costs and expenses payable or incurred in connection with the acquisition, ownership and realization of any investment (including dead deal costs), and (iii) any transaction fees and other fees (including, for the avoidance of doubt,

- any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any service providers) and sales, leasing, brokerage, underwriting or similar commissions incurred in respect of any investment;
- (viii) The costs, fees, and expenses, including any interest expenses, incurred in respect of any credit facility, including any subscription line credit facility or debt private placement;
  - (ix) The costs, fees, and expenses and any taxation associated with re-balancing the interests of the fund or pooled investment vehicle in another fund or vehicle entity where it is issuing or repurchasing interests of an investor;
  - (x) The costs, fees, and expenses of all brokers, managers, architects, accountants, tax advisers, administrators, lawyers, investment bankers, consultants, underwriters, auditors, appraisers, valuers, valuation advisers, calculation agents, and other professional advisers or experts who are engaged in relation to the operation of the fund or pooled investment vehicle or any investment;
  - (xi) All costs, fees, and expenses associated with the preparation and filing of any combined or composite financial or tax return on behalf of the investors, or other income reporting forms;
  - (xii) The costs, fees, and expenses of any independent fiduciary and meetings thereof;
  - (xiii) The costs and expenses of the investment advisory committee and any meetings thereof and other meetings of investors and the reasonable travel, lodging, dining, and other expenses incurred by attending investment advisory committee meetings in person;
  - (xiv) The costs, fees, or expenses incurred in connection with making any filings with any governmental or regulatory authority (including any filings made on behalf of one or more investors), or with listing any investment or fund or pooled investment vehicle entity on any exchange;
  - (xv) The costs, fees, or expenses incurred in threatening, making, defending, investigating, or settling any claim, counterclaim, demand, action, suit, or proceedings of any kind or nature (including legal and accounting fees and expenses, costs of investigation incurred in making, defending or settling any of the same);
  - (xvi) Insurance premiums (including without limitation, any premiums for director and officer insurance and professional indemnity insurance in respect of any director, officer, or employee of the Adviser or any of its Affiliates in relation to such a person acting as a director, officer, or employee of any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity in relation to, or in connection with, the fund or vehicle or any investment), claims and expenses, including the advancement thereof, and legal fees, disbursements, and governmental fees and charges associated therewith;
  - (xvii) Claims and expenses incurred by any indemnified party (including the Adviser, its affiliates and their respective employees), including in connection with any untrue representation or warranty contained in any document relating to any investment and any offering document for any debt or equity issuance or other borrowing (except in certain enumerated circumstances);
  - (xviii) The costs, fees, and expenses relating to marketing the fund or pooled investment vehicle to potential investors, including the costs, fees, and expenses associated with registering the fund or vehicle for marketing in certain jurisdictions, any translations of the fund or vehicle prospectus and constituent documents and any side letters with investors;
  - (xix) The costs, fees, and expenses relating to the establishment, operation, re-organization, termination, dissolution, and/or liquidation of any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity, except to the extent that the constituent documents for any such entity provide to the contrary that any such costs, fees, and expenses are to be borne by the investors in such entity;
  - (xx) The amount of any value-added tax paid by the Adviser or its Affiliates in relation to a fund or pooled investment vehicle entity, in relation to, or in connection with, the business of the fund or pooled investment vehicle including (for the avoidance of doubt) any value-added tax in

- connection with all costs, fees, or expenses related to the fund's or pooled investment vehicle's operations;
- (xxi) Any statutory or regulatory fees, if any, levied against or in respect of any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity, together with the costs incurred in preparing any such submission required by any tax, statutory, or regulatory authority or agency;
  - (xxii) Any taxation, fees, or other governmental charges levied against any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity and all expenses incurred in connection with any audit, investigation, settlement, or review of any fund or pooled investment vehicle, subject to applicable law;
  - (xxiii) The costs, fees, and expenses relating to the establishment and operation of the general partner or any person in an analogous position in respect of any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity;
  - (xxiv) The costs, fees, and expenses incurred by each unaffiliated and/or independent board, administrator, or general partner (if any) including the reasonable travel, lodging, dining, and other expenses for attending the annual, quarterly, and other meetings thereof in person and the director fees of such directors;
  - (xxv) The costs, fees, and expenses relating to periodic reporting and any other notifications or confirmations to investors and/or any regulatory authority or agency, and other expenses relating to annual or special investor meetings;
  - (xxvi) The costs, fees, and expenses associated with any independent valuation adviser, the auditors and professional appraisers, or other advisers in the preparation of the annual audit of the fund or pooled investment vehicle, the valuation of its assets, or the preparation, printing, and communication of valuation, performance, and other investor reports (including ESG reports, if applicable) to the fund or vehicle or its investors (including the cost of third party software utilized in the preparation of such reports) and any financial statements or tax returns for the fund or vehicle or its investors;
  - (xxvii) The costs, fees, and expenses of the administrator, the custodian, the depository, the transfer agent, or any other fund or pooled investment vehicle service providers who are engaged in respect of the operation of the fund or vehicle (including Affiliates of the Adviser who provide such services);
  - (xxviii) The costs, fees, and expenses associated with research into furtherance of, and with direct applicability to, the fund's or pooled investment vehicle's investment activities (including engaging consultants and other activities that promote deal pipeline development);
  - (xxix) Reasonable out-of-pocket travel, lodging, and similar expenses incurred by the Adviser, or any other JPMC entity or their respective directors, officers, or employees arising from the acquisition, ownership, operation, or disposal of any investment (in the case of a proposed Investment, whether or not actually acquired, or in the case of an existing investment, whether or not actually disposed of) or other operation of the fund or pooled investment vehicle;
  - (xxx) Costs, fees, and expenses incurred in connection with conversion from one currency into another and any hedging or currency transactions, including such transactions hedging any foreign exchange or other risks associated with any investments or any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity;
  - (xxxi) Any overhead costs, fees, and expenses and salaries and benefits in connection with maintaining an office and/or directors, officers, or employees of any fund or pooled investment vehicle entity (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any directors, officers or employees of JPMC) in a particular jurisdiction, where such office is being maintained or such persons are located in such jurisdiction specifically for the benefit of the fund or vehicle;
  - (xxxii) Any costs, fees, and expenses incurred to alter or modify the structure of the fund or pooled investment vehicle (including in order to comply with any anticipated or applicable regulation or law, or to enable the fund or vehicle to operate in a more efficient manner); and

(xxxiii) The costs, fees, and expenses relating to the establishment and operation of entities created for or associated with the purpose of collecting and distributing incentive, performance or similar fees or allocations.

The foregoing examples of expenses related to alternative investment strategies is not exhaustive and should not be taken to be inclusive of all costs, fees, and expenses associated with such strategies or viewed as exclusive to such strategies. Certain examples relate to traditional strategies as well.

For details on fund or other pooled investment vehicle expenses, please refer to the offering documents for such funds or vehicles.

#### Expense Allocation

Expenses frequently will be incurred by multiple client accounts, funds and vehicles. The Adviser allocates aggregate costs among the applicable client accounts (and, in certain cases, among the Adviser and applicable client accounts, funds and vehicles) in accordance with allocation policies and procedures, which are designed to allocate expenses in a fair and equitable manner over time among such advisory clients. However, expense allocation decisions can involve potential conflicts of interest (e.g., an incentive to favor advisory clients that pay higher incentive fees or conflicts relating to different expense arrangements with certain advisory clients). Under its current expense allocation policies, the Adviser generally allocates the expense among the client accounts, funds and vehicles on a pro rata basis based on assets under management. However, the Adviser will in certain cases bear the allocable share, or a portion thereof, of expenses for particular clients, funds and vehicles and not for others, as agreed with such clients, funds, or vehicles or as determined in its sole discretion, which will lead to a lower expense ratio for certain clients, funds, and vehicles. The Adviser may also allocate a portion of any expense to itself where a product or service is shared between the Adviser and its Affiliates on the one hand and the Adviser's client accounts, funds, and vehicles on the other. In these and other circumstances, the Adviser may deviate from pro rata allocation if it deems another method more appropriate based on the relative use of, or benefit from, a product or service, or other relevant factors. Nonetheless, the portion of a common expense that the Adviser allocates to a client account, fund or vehicle for a particular product or service may not reflect the relative benefit derived by the relevant client account or fund in each instance.

In addition, the fee rates and expenses applicable to the alternative strategies' advisory services, and potential conflicts related thereto are generally governed by expense policies and procedures, which have been established by the Adviser for such strategies.

#### **D. Prepayment of Fees**

##### **Separately Managed Accounts**

The Adviser charges its advisory fee to institutional separately managed account clients in arrears; such fees are not paid in advance.

##### **Wrap and Unbundled Programs**

With respect to Wrap and Unbundled Programs, Sponsors typically require that their fees be paid in advance. In such cases, the Sponsor will be responsible for refunds if participation in the Wrap or Unbundled Program is terminated before the end of the billing period. Wrap and Unbundled clients should review the terms and conditions of the Wrap or Unbundled Program or contact the Sponsor regarding arrangements for refunds of pre-paid fees.

For accounts where the portfolio management agreement between the Sponsor or client and the Adviser stipulates that the Adviser will bill client accounts directly, fees are typically paid in advance in accordance with the applicable investment advisory contract with the client. Accounts that terminate prior to the end of the

calendar quarter will be refunded a pro-rata amount of the advisory fee, covering the remainder of the fee period. If no fee has been paid for that quarter, a pro-rata fee will be billed.

### **Other Pooled Investment Vehicles**

Certain pooled investment vehicles managed by the Adviser pay asset-based fees in advance. Typically, the Adviser would return a pro-rata portion of any fees received in advance if the advisory contract is terminated prior to the billing period.

### **E. Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest**

Neither the Adviser nor any of its Supervised Persons (as defined in Key Terms) accepts compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of securities in the Wrap or Unbundled Program.

The Adviser may be entitled to receive director, advisory board, monitoring, break up, commitment, and other similar fees payable in respect of investments made or proposed to be made by pooled investment vehicles and other advisory clients. Such fee income received by the Adviser will be used to reduce (but not below zero) the advisory fee payable to the Adviser, or may be used to offset expenses of the fund or investment vehicle. However, as part of their regular business activities, JPMC from time to time may provide services to the funds or investment vehicles managed or advised by the Adviser, or services, advice, or financing to pooled investment vehicles in which client accounts and funds managed by the Adviser invest, or to companies in which such vehicles, client accounts, and funds managed by the Adviser invest. Subject to legal or regulatory limitations, JPMC will receive customary fees and other compensation for such services, advice, or financing, and such amounts will not be shared with the client accounts and funds managed by the Adviser or used to offset the Adviser's advisory fees or expenses of the fund or vehicle.

### **Private Equity Distribution Management**

The Adviser's Private Equity Group (the "Private Equity Group") provides Private Equity Distribution Management ("PEDM") services, which are designed to manage the liquidation of private equity in-kind distributions. The Adviser typically receives fees based on the value of securities sold and, in certain cases, net profit. Clients bear certain expenses, which may be deducted from sale proceeds, with respect to the services provided.

### **Investment in Affiliated Funds**

If a separately managed account invests in a mutual fund, ETF, collective investment fund, or other pooled investment vehicle managed by the Adviser or its affiliates (collectively, "JPMorgan Affiliated Funds"), the Adviser generally does not receive advisory fees for both advising the client's separate account and providing advisory services to the JPMorgan Affiliated Fund in which the separate account is invested. In most cases, this is accomplished by: (i) excluding the assets of such separate account invested in JPMorgan Funds for purposes of calculating the account level advisory fee; (ii) investing in JPMorgan Affiliated Fund(s) that do not charge an advisory fee; or (iii) offsetting the advisory fees of the relevant JPMorgan Affiliated Funds from the separate account's account level advisory fee. In certain cases for non-discretionary accounts of non-U.S. clients, the Adviser charges an account level advisory fee and will receive fees from the underlying JPMorgan Affiliated Funds in which such accounts invest.

However, Wrap or Unbundled clients invested in a JPMorgan Fund that utilizes a money market strategy (a "JPMorgan Money Market Fund") will pay a Wrap or Unbundled account advisory fee on the amount invested in such JPMorgan Money Market Fund in addition to bearing that fee at the fund level through the Wrap or Unbundled account's investment in the JPMorgan Money Market Fund.

Where permitted by applicable law, separate accounts and fund-of-funds advised by JPMIM or an Affiliate that are invested in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds will also incur their pro rata portion of other fees and expenses charged at the JPMorgan Affiliated Fund level, e.g., custodian fees, transfer agency fees and director fees. Because the Adviser and its Affiliates provide services to and receive fees from the JPMorgan Funds, the investments in underlying JPMorgan Funds benefit the Adviser and/or its Affiliates. In addition, JPMIM advised separate accounts and mutual fund-of-funds may hold a significant percentage of the shares of an underlying JPMorgan Fund resulting in a potential conflict of interest. Furthermore, investing in JPMorgan Funds could cause the mutual fund-of-funds to incur higher fees and will cause the Adviser and/or its Affiliates to receive greater compensation.

Depending on the type of fee arrangement with the client, when managing multi-asset strategies, the Adviser could face a conflict of interest in allocating client assets among the various investment strategies. For example, if a client pays a fixed account level advisory fee, then the Adviser faces a conflict of interest when allocating clients' assets because it may have an incentive to allocate to investment strategies that are more cost efficient for the Adviser. Where there is no fixed account level advisory fee, the Adviser faces a conflict of interest when allocating clients' assets because it has an incentive to allocate to investment strategies that have higher fund fees over investment strategies that have lower fund fees. In addition, the Adviser faces a conflict of interest when allocating client assets between JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and investment funds managed by advisers who are not affiliated with JPMIM ("Unaffiliated Funds"). For example, in circumstances where the Adviser pays the advisory fees charged by the Unaffiliated Funds out of the account or fund level advisory fees it receives, the Adviser has an incentive to invest in a JPMorgan Affiliated Funds in order to avoid or reduce the expenses related to the investments in Unaffiliated Funds.

The Adviser has policies and procedures reasonably designed to appropriately identify and manage the conflicts of interest described above. Please refer to the relevant offering document for the fund for additional information and disclosure related to fees and potential conflicts of interest. For additional information regarding the investments in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, please see the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocation of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds section within Item 11.B.

### **Index Licensing Compensation**

Certain funds managed by the Adviser track financial indices in which the Adviser retains various intellectual property rights. As a result, the Adviser may be entitled to receive index licensing fees from unaffiliated licensees of these indices. The Adviser does not act as either an investment adviser or an index provider in its capacity as a licensor of these indices.

## **ITEM 6**

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

#### **A. Performance-Based Fees**

Clients of the Adviser pay various types of fees for investment advisory services. For example, institutional account fees may be determined on a fixed rate, sliding scale, or incentive basis. Most client accounts are charged fees based on a percentage of assets under management. Certain accounts are charged an incentive or performance-based fee or carried interest together with, or in lieu of, an asset-based fee. Generally, performance-based fees are calculated on the appreciation of a client's assets or performance relative to a specified benchmark.

#### **B. Side-by-Side Management and Potential Conflicts of Interest**

Certain portfolio managers of the Adviser simultaneously manage accounts that are charged performance-based fees and accounts that are charged asset-based fees. Frequently, the portfolio managers of these accounts utilize substantially similar investment strategies and invest in substantially similar assets for both

account types. This portfolio management relationship is often referred to as side-by-side management. Accounts that pay performance-based fees reward the Adviser based on the performance in those accounts. As a result, performance-based fee arrangements likely provide a heightened incentive for portfolio managers to make investments that present a greater potential for return but also a greater risk of loss and that may be more speculative than if only asset-based fees were applied. On the other hand, compared to a performance-based fee account, the Adviser will likely have an interest in engaging in relatively safer investments when managing accounts that pay asset-based fees. The side-by-side management of accounts that pay performance-based fees and accounts that only pay an asset-based fee creates a conflict of interest because there is an inherent incentive for the portfolio manager to favor accounts with the potential to receive greater fees. For example, a portfolio manager will be faced with a conflict of interest when allocating scarce investment opportunities given the possibility of greater fees from accounts that pay performance-based fees as opposed to accounts that do not pay performance-based fees. Areas in which scarce investment opportunities may exist include local and emerging markets, high yield securities, fixed income securities, regulated industries, real estate assets, primary investments in alternative investment funds, direct or indirect investments in and co-investments alongside alternative investment funds, and new issue securities.

To address these types of conflicts, the Adviser has adopted policies and procedures pursuant to which investment opportunities will be allocated among similarly situated clients in a manner that the Adviser believes is fair and equitable over time. For a detailed discussion of how the Adviser addresses allocation conflicts, please see the Conflicts of Interest Created by Contemporaneous Trading section within Item 11.B.

To further manage these potential conflicts of interest, where applicable the Adviser monitors accounts within the same strategy in an effort to ensure performance is consistent across accounts. For additional information regarding the Adviser's review process please see Item 13.A, Review of Accounts.

## ITEM 7

### Types of Clients

The Adviser primarily provides investment advisory services to institutional and retail clients, both U.S. and non-U.S. clients, including:

- Charitable and/or religious organizations
- Corporations
- Defined contribution and defined benefit pension plans
- Endowments and foundations
- Financial institutions (including registered investment advisers)
- Individuals
- Insurance companies and insurance dedicated funds
- Investment companies (including mutual funds, closed-end funds, and ETFs)
- Other pooled investment vehicles (including private funds and REITs)
- Sovereigns and central banks
- State and local governments
- Supranational organizations
- Taft-Hartley plans
- Trusts

The Adviser also provides investment advisory services to the Wealth Management division of JPMawm.



## Account Requirements

The Adviser has established minimum account requirements for certain client accounts, which vary based on the investment vehicle (separate account or fund), investment strategy, and asset class. In addition, a larger minimum account balance may be required for certain types of accounts that require extensive administrative effort. Minimums are subject to waiver in the Adviser's discretion and are waived for client accounts from time to time. To open or maintain an account, clients are required to sign an investment advisory agreement with the Adviser that stipulates the terms under which the Adviser is authorized to act on behalf of the client to manage the assets listed in the agreement. In certain instances, the Adviser may also manage the assets of its Affiliate's clients and will receive from the Affiliate a portion of the fee or other compensation paid by the end client for such services. Under these circumstances, the client enters into an investment advisory agreement with the Affiliate and, in turn, the Affiliate delegates authority to the Adviser.

For certain types of pooled investment vehicles offered or managed by the Adviser, U.S. investors must generally satisfy certain investor sophistication requirements, including that the investor qualifies as an "accredited investor" under Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, a "qualified purchaser" within the meaning of section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act, and/or a "qualified eligible person" under Rule 4.7 of the Commodity Exchange Act. The Adviser may also permit investments by certain employees that qualify as "knowledgeable employees" within the meaning of Rule 3c-5 of the 1940 Act in lieu of satisfying the client qualification requirements associated with being a "qualified purchaser". For certain other types of pooled investment vehicles the account requirements are set out in such vehicle's prospectus.

## ITEM 8

### Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

#### **A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies**

The Adviser utilizes different methods of analysis that are tailored for each of the investment strategies it offers to clients. Set forth below are the primary investment strategies and methods of analysis that the Adviser utilizes in formulating investment advice or managing assets.

Index tracking strategies within Equities, GFICC, MAS, and Tax-Smart Strategies will typically include JPMC stock when the applicable index includes JPMC stock as an underlying holding. For information about conflicts of interest related to investing in JPMC stock, see the Clients' Investments in Affiliated Companies section within Item 11.B.

The Adviser manages client accounts consistent with an account's investment guidelines and the Adviser's fiduciary duties. The Adviser uses ESG integration as part of the investment process for certain strategies. The Adviser defines "ESG integration" as the systematic inclusion of financially material ESG factors (alongside other relevant factors) in investment analysis and investment decisions. For certain actively managed strategies deemed by the Adviser to be ESG integrated under its governance process, the Adviser systematically considers financially material ESG information as part of the investment decision-making process with the goals of managing risk and improving long-term returns/value. As the Adviser's approach to ESG integration focuses on financial materiality, not all factors are relevant to a particular investment, asset class, or strategy. In addition, ESG integration is dependent on the availability of sufficient ESG information relevant to the applicable investment universe. The portion of investments for which the Adviser will consider financially material ESG factors is therefore dependent on the investment universe of the strategy. ESG factors may be considered only for certain investments and may not be considered for each and every investment decision. These assessments may not be conclusive and securities of issuers that may be negatively impacted by such factors may be purchased and retained by a product while a product may divest or not invest in securities of issuers that may be positively impacted by such factors. ESG integration by itself does not change a product's investment objective, exclude specific types of industries or companies or limit a product's investable universe. Except for certain Sustainable Investment strategies that use ESG integration

in addition to other Sustainable Investment strategies or processes, strategies that use ESG integration as part of their investment process are not designed for clients who to screen out particular types of companies or investment or are looking for products that meet specific ESG goals. Certain products may be offered as Sustainable Investment strategies. Such Sustainable Investment strategies use ESG analysis as a significant part of the strategy's investment thesis to respond to client objectives and may seek to accomplish sustainability-related outcomes while seeking financial returns (as further described below). These products may exclude investments that the Adviser believes are significantly involved in certain industries, seek to tilt towards companies and issuers that the Adviser believes have positive ESG characteristics, and/or invest based on other Sustainable or ESG goals or criteria as part of their investment strategy and/or investment process.

### **Global Equities**

The following are some of the Adviser's significant Equity investment strategies:

- U.S. Equity, including Core, Value, and Growth
- International Equity, including Balanced, Core, Enhanced Index, Sector, SMID, Style, Thematic, and Unconstrained
- Emerging Markets Equity, including Core, Growth, Income, Balanced, Small Cap, and Mid Cap
- APAC Equity, including APAC Regional, ASEAN, Greater China, India, and Japan

#### Methods of Analysis for Equity Investment Strategies

When investing in equity securities, the Adviser's primary method of analysis is research oriented. As part of this fundamental research process, the Adviser typically relies on some or all of the following:

- Research analysts whose primary focus is to research and analyze industries and companies.
- Portfolio managers who utilize the research provided by analysts and their own investment insights to buy and sell equity securities and construct portfolios.
- Stock screening procedures, using a database of equity securities that tracks historical earnings, forecasted earnings and earnings growth rates, free cash flow, and stock price history.
- JPMAM proprietary systems using machine learning and natural language processing that informs the investment universe from which investments are selected for certain strategies.

The Adviser seeks to employ a disciplined approach to stock selection. Research analysts study industry trends, competitive dynamics, quality of business franchises, financial statements, valuation, quality and the depth of management in determining whether a security represents an attractive investment. Analysts may forecast future earnings, cash flows, and dividends to ascertain whether a security is under or overvalued. Additionally, the investment processes for certain actively managed Global Equity investment strategies are ESG integrated and, as such, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors as part of the investment process with respect to many issuers in the universe in which the client account or fund may invest.

### **Global Fixed Income, Currency & Commodities**

The following are some of the Adviser's significant GFICC investment strategies:

- U.S. Broad Markets, including Core, Core Plus, Short Duration, Government, Mortgages, Inflation Linked, and Intermediate
- Global Broad Markets, including Global Credit, Global Aggregate, and Global Rates
- High Yield, including Broad, Distressed Debt, and Loans
- Emerging Market Debt, including Sovereign, Local Currency, Corporate Debt, and Blended
- Municipals

- Specialty, including Unconstrained, Commodities, and Currency
- Customized Insurance Portfolios, Stable Value, and Liability Driven Investing
- Customized Bond Portfolios

#### Methods of Analysis for GFICC Investment Strategies

The Adviser's investment philosophy centers on a globally integrated, research driven process. As part of this process, the Adviser typically focuses on:

- The subject matter expertise of locally based sector specialists, research analysts, traders, and portfolio management teams.
- A common research framework, which may include internally generated fundamental, quantitative, and/or technical analysis.
- Employing a methodical and repeatable portfolio construction process.
- The outcome of the quarterly investment meeting, which seeks to achieve consensus views on the near-term course of the fixed income markets, determine a variety of macroeconomic scenarios, and determine a set of investment themes to establish interest rate and sector portfolio expectations that will guide fixed income investments over the following quarter. Each of these scenarios is assigned probability which conveys the investment team's confidence levels. The results of the quarterly meeting provide a framework for risk allocation, sector weightings, and portfolio construction.

As part of this research driven process, all separately managed accounts and JPMorgan Affiliated Funds are managed on a team basis to incorporate a range of expertise into the investment process. Portfolio managers are responsible for tailoring investment strategies to each client's objectives and guidelines. Once constructed, separately managed accounts and JPMorgan Affiliated Funds are reviewed by portfolio managers, sector specialists, quantitative analysts, and risk managers to monitor for compliance with guidelines and appropriately manage portfolio risk.

With the exception of certain passive index-based and factor-based sub-strategies within certain GFICC investment strategies, most strategies utilize a research process that includes analysis of fundamental, quantitative and technical factors. Central to the process, the Adviser seeks to generate positive excess return through both a bottom-up approach emphasizing security selection and a top-down approach focusing on macro investment themes and trends to aid in determining sector weightings, currency, and yield curve weighting where appropriate. Each team has a distinct approach for analyzing their sector; utilizing a combination of fundamental, quantitative, and technical inputs to identify buy and sell targets. Global dialogue and debate across the Adviser's investment teams form the foundation of the investment process, with each investment team contributing views and perspective on trends in regular strategy-setting sessions. For some passive index-based and factor-based sub-strategies, the Adviser utilizes only analysis generated by its quantitative research team to manage investments as opposed to fundamental or technical factors. Additionally, the investment processes for certain actively managed GFICC investment strategies are ESG integrated and, as such, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors as part of the investment process with respect to certain issuers or countries (as applicable) in the universe in which the client account or fund may invest.

#### **Global Liquidity**

The Adviser manages the following Global Liquidity investment strategies:

- Liquidity
- Managed Reserves

Methods of Analysis for Global Liquidity Investment Strategies

The Adviser's Global Liquidity team utilizes an investment process that focuses on credit analysis, liquidity, yield, and diversification in making strategic allocations and constructing portfolios. Internal credit analysts support the Global Liquidity business through proprietary research. Sector and individual security selection decisions take into account the Adviser's proprietary research, its view on the timing and direction of monetary policy, applicable cash and liquidity requirements, and account guidelines in seeking to meet applicable risk and return objectives, which vary by account. Security selection is restricted to issuers that have been determined to meet certain credit standards. Additionally, the investment processes for certain actively managed Global Liquidity investment strategies are ESG integrated and, as such, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors as part of the investment process with respect to many issuers in the universe in which the client account or fund may invest.

**Asset Management Derivatives**

The Adviser manages the following Derivatives investment strategies:

- Derivatives Enhanced Income Equity
- Derivatives Downside Hedging Equity
- Derivatives Liability Mitigation Fixed Income
- Derivatives Liquidity Management Fixed Income
- Market-Linked Certificates of Deposit

Methods of Analysis for Derivatives Investment Strategies

The Adviser utilizes outcome-oriented derivative strategies through quantitative frameworks, designed to enhance income profile, manage asset-liability gap, mitigate downside risk, and manage liquidity.

The Adviser seeks to deliver derivative strategies in equities, interest rates, credit, currencies, and MLCDs through a disciplined process for investment identification, assessment, selection and regular monitoring.

Based on an analysis of client needs, the Adviser constructs investment strategies according to each client's objectives, guidelines, and constraints, while employing analytical techniques such as risk modeling, technical market signals, back testing, transaction cost modeling, margin simulation, and collateral management optimization to measure outcome.

The thematic investment objectives for the key strategies are:

- Enhanced income: Options-based strategies seeking to enhance income profile and meet return expectations.
- Downside hedging: The strategy uses specific financial instruments designed to mitigate potential losses that may occur on a client's investment portfolio.
- Liability mitigation: The strategy typically seeks to minimize loss in the portfolio against moves in interest rates or inflation by utilizing specific financial instruments to reduce risk in a client's fixed income portfolio.
- Liquidity management: The strategy offers increased exposure to asset price movements through derivative instruments to manage liquidity.
- MLCD: The strategy seeks to participate in equity market upside while maintaining partial or full principal protection when held to maturity.

MLCDs, a type of structured investment, are bank CDs whose performance is linked to specific markets (such as equity indices) over a set period. MLCD strategies use a "laddered" approach, which consist of

approximately 6-10 individual MLCDs with varying maturity dates. The strategy seeks to have a 5-6 year maximum maturity length at any given time. The MLCD strategy typically has a monthly investment process and it can take an extended period of time (e.g., 60 days) for a client's account to be fully invested in the strategy. MLCDs seek to provide principal protection from market downturns because the original principal is not impacted by market activity when held to maturity. There is no guarantee of principal return unless the investment is held to maturity. MLCDs are not publicly listed or traded on an exchange and therefore are illiquid investments.

Investing in an MLCD is not the same as investing directly in the underlying asset or index. The return on a MLCD at maturity generally will not be the same as the return on a direct investment in the underlying asset or index, and the maximum payment on a MLCD is subject to a cap, which would limit appreciation potential compared to a direct investment. A cap limits a client's potential gain per year regardless of how well the relevant underlying asset or index performs. There are no voting rights or the right to receive dividends, distributions or other payments that would increase the return on a direct investment. Prior to maturity, the market value on the MLCD may change significantly, up or down, over a short period of time reflecting, a number of factors, including any volatility in the underlying asset or index, the time remaining until the MLCD matures, and the issuer's creditworthiness. The amount of principal or interest that can be expected to become payable on a MLCD may vary substantially from time to time. There is no guarantee that any payment in excess of the original MLCD value will be paid. In addition, MLCDs may be treated differently than traditional CDs for tax purposes. Before investing in these products, clients should carefully review the disclosures in the issuer offering document(s) (which are available upon request) concerning the reporting of interest income and consult a tax adviser if appropriate.

### **Multi-Asset Solutions**

The Adviser manages the following types of MAS investment strategies:

- Balanced
- GTAA
- Income
- Liability-Driven Investing
- Target Date and Retirement Income (SmartRetirement and Lifetime Income)
- Total Return
- Advisory Portfolio Solutions (Strategic Tactical, Income, Absolute Return)
- Quantitative Solutions
- Index Solutions

#### *Methods of Analysis for Multi-Asset Solutions Investment Strategies (excluding Quantitative Solutions and Index Solutions)*

The Adviser's principal investment process for MAS utilizes insights generated through proprietary research to construct portfolios primarily comprising funds and strategies on JPMAM's global platform. The investment process starts with MAS' strategic asset allocation framework which is based upon long-term capital market assumptions and asset allocation research. MAS generates its insights from three main areas of research: Fundamental Research, Quantitative Research, and Manager Research.

- **Fundamental Research:** The Adviser performs economic and market analysis to identify, study, and monitor investment themes, establishing high conviction macro views over an intermediate time horizon.
- **Quantitative Research:** The Adviser develops and maintains a suite of Tactical Asset Allocation models. The quantitative models used by the Adviser systematically seek to capture relative mispricings within and across global markets. This process utilizes a structured, multi-factor, risk-

managed framework designed to identify uncorrelated pair-wise relative value exposures across and within asset classes.

- **Manager Research:** The MAS manager research team assesses investment team philosophies, objectives, processes, and performance to gauge alpha generation potential within each asset class and to determine whether there is a fit for a strategy within a multi-asset portfolio. Fit includes confidence in the asset class, its contribution to diversification, and the strategy's ability to achieve alpha expectations.

The insights generated by the above three areas of research are used as inputs in the various strategy and portfolio management team meetings operated by the Adviser. The strategy and portfolio management team meetings are designed to identify the product-specific investment characteristics that best reflect the group's investment insights and convictions. Guided by the respective chief investment officer(s), and supported by tools developed by research, the group's portfolio managers construct portfolios which can be tailored to specific client objectives and restrictions. The portfolio managers determine the final portfolio positions and transactions, security and fund selection, as well as monitor the underlying investment. Additionally, the investment processes for certain actively managed MAS investment strategies are ESG integrated and, as such, the Adviser considers risks presented by certain financially material ESG factors. Specifically, the Adviser assesses how ESG risks are considered within an active underlying fund's/portfolio manager's investment process and how the active underlying fund/portfolio manager defines and mitigates financially material ESG risks.

The strategies selected for investment are implemented primarily through investments in JPMAM proprietary investment strategies and/or JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, and to a lesser extent will be implemented through investments in Unaffiliated Funds if one of the following categorical exceptions applies: for certain third-party passive index strategies that are not available through JPMAM, specific client directed requests, and/or to meet certain regulatory requirements. In addition, for MAS portfolios that have allocations to hedge funds, private equity, and private credit strategies, MAS client accounts' sleeves in such strategies are managed by the Private Equity Group and its Affiliates. Generally, allocations to such sleeves are invested in third-party managed private funds selected by the Adviser or an Affiliate, subject to investment guidelines provided by MAS. For Advisory Portfolio Solutions strategies, when a client directs the Adviser to select an Unaffiliated Fund, the client will hold certain discretionary or diligence-related responsibilities pursuant to their specific arrangement with the Adviser.

#### Methods of Analysis for Quantitative Solutions Investment Strategies

The Adviser utilizes a broad set of quantitative techniques to manage a range of systematic strategies. The strategies are managed in a systematic, rules-based manner, although performance, risk, and transaction costs are overseen by the portfolio managers who can make certain adjustments as needed to the extent permitted by the portfolio's investment strategy.

Strategic Beta strategies can take the form of passive or active management. For passive strategies, the Adviser seeks investment results that closely correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of an index. In general, the Adviser uses replication, an indexing strategy in which a fund or client account invests in substantially all of the securities in its underlying index in approximately the same proportions as the underlying index. In certain instances where it is not practical or otherwise desirable to purchase or hold all of, or only, the constituent securities in their respective weightings the Adviser may create a portfolio consisting of a representative sample of the underlying index. The following are some of the quantitative methods that the Adviser uses to seek investment results before fees and expenses that closely correspond to the index:

- Security and industry weightings are monitored to maintain tight tracking to the benchmark.
- Costs of trading are monitored to maintain low transaction costs. Certain securities with higher transactions costs may be excluded from the portfolios if the analysis reveals that other more liquid securities can be substituted for them without a meaningful impact to tracking error.

Certain strategies are managed against indices or rules that are constructed based on the Adviser's quantitative research. The following are examples of methods of analysis used in this research, including research used to create indices against which the portfolios are measured:

- Decompose portfolio asset class exposures into factor terms in order to determine the contribution of each potential investment to overall risk from separate factors. Examples of factors are:
  - Value: difference in return between a basket of stocks with relatively low valuation metrics, such as price-to-book ratio, and those with higher metrics
  - Momentum: the difference in return between stocks that have recently appreciated in value and stocks that have depreciated
  - Quality: difference in return between stocks with good quality metrics, such as a robust accruals ratio, little leverage, and those with poor quality metrics, such as a high level of accounts receivable relative to cash
- Analyze factor returns to determine which are compensated and which are uncompensated. Compensated risk premia are those that have an expected economic return and should form an explicit part of efficient beta capture.
- Analyze portfolio diversification, considering diversification at the stock or issuer level, the sector level, the regional level, and the factor level.

Other passive strategies seek investment results that correspond to indices designed to identify companies that follow sustainable or ESG practices. For example, an index may be designed to capture the performance of companies which have been identified through its rules-based process as better positioned to benefit from a transition to a lower carbon economy while also providing broader U.S. market exposure. These products may be used by clients who have particular ESG goals.

Certain active Strategic Beta strategies use a systematic process to gain exposure to certain factors (e.g. dividend yield), geographies or sectors based upon mandate-specific requirements. These strategies do not track a published index. Rather, they target security weights based on exposure requirements. These exposure targets are treated in a similar manner to an index.

In Thematic strategies, the Adviser creates portfolios of companies that are related to a given theme. The Adviser uses scoring models as a tool to determine the fit of a particular company with a specified theme using sources that may include company filings, news, and other sources. The final determination of the securities selected for the portfolio is made by a portfolio manager. Natural language processing and machine learning techniques are part of the tools used in scoring models.

In certain Thematic strategies, the Adviser utilizes a JPMAM proprietary system using machine learning and natural language processing ("ThemeBot") that identifies the investment universe from which investments are selected. In determining relevance to a particular theme, ThemeBot will identify companies exposed to a strategy's theme and, if applicable, its related sub-themes. Through natural language processing, the proprietary system determines textual relevance and revenue attribution to identify companies exposed to the relevant theme and its related sub-themes. ThemeBot identifies companies with the highest exposure to the theme through an algorithm that uses both the key words associated with the theme and the revenue the companies derive from it. Thematic exposure may be delivered in different forms, including the active review format. Themebot generates a proposed portfolio using a systematic methodology based on thematic exposure, quality, and liquidity considerations. The active review includes a review of ThemeBot output to confirm company alignment with the specified themes of the strategy and confirmation of position sizes in the portfolio.

#### Methods of Analysis for Index Solutions Investment Strategies

The Index Solutions team offers Market Cap Weighted Equity strategies that seek to provide returns corresponding to target indexes. The Adviser seeks, through passive management, investment results that

closely correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of an index. In general, the Adviser uses replication, an indexing strategy in which a fund or client account invests in substantially all of the securities in its underlying index in approximately the same proportions as the underlying index. In certain instances where it is not practical or otherwise desirable to purchase or hold all of, or only, the constituent securities in their respective weightings the Adviser may create a portfolio consisting of a representative sample of the underlying index. The following are some of the quantitative methods that the Adviser uses to seek investment results before fees and expenses that closely correspond to the index:

- Predicted tracking error is monitored and maintained at an appropriate level. Security, sector, and country where applicable, exposures are monitored to maintain tight tracking to the benchmark and analytical software is utilized to monitor portfolio characteristics.
- Costs of trading are monitored to maintain low transaction cost associated with trade execution.

### **Tax-Smart Strategies**

The Adviser manages the following types of Tax-Smart Strategies:

- Tax-Smart Active
- Tax-Smart Index

#### Methods of Analysis for Tax-Smart Strategies

The Adviser offers a range of Tax-Smart strategies including Tax-Smart Active and Tax-Smart Index. For additional information regarding the tax management and tax transition services described herein including information related to conflicts of interest, see Items 4.D and 11.B.

With respect to the Tax-Smart Active strategies offered within certain wrap or unbundled programs, clients have the ability to select tax management and/or tax transition services for accounts invested in certain Equity strategies. Specific information regarding the Equity methods of analysis can be found in the Global Equities section of Item 8.A above. For tax management services, the Adviser determines the investment guidelines and the appropriate trading thresholds for tracking error and harvesting losses. For tax transition services, the client typically selects the estimated tracking error and tax liability thresholds for each account, which the Adviser will follow while transitioning the account's existing positions to the new strategy. However, in certain wrap or unbundled programs, at the Sponsor's request, the Adviser will instead apply static tracking error and tax liability thresholds across all accounts in the program. For the Tax-Smart Active strategies where the Adviser provides services through the Adviser's affiliate, 55ip, 55ip utilizes proprietary technology guided by rules-based methodologies to implement client portfolios. As a result, clients should expect that their portfolios will differ from other client accounts invested in the same strategy where tax transition services are not engaged. The Adviser may change the strategy's parameters, including the manner and frequency of tax loss harvesting, at any time without notice. With respect to the client accounts invested in the Tax-Smart Active strategies that have not engaged tax transition services, the Adviser prioritizes portfolio stock selection (as noted herein), which may result in trades generating capital gains.

With respect to the Tax-Smart Index strategies, the Adviser seeks investment results that correspond, before fees and expenses, to the performance of an index (inclusive of the impact of any client requested restrictions/customizations). These strategies utilize optimization and in some cases sampling-based investing, which is an indexing strategy in which a client account invests in a representative sample of the index's underlying holdings while seeking to maintain low tracking error versus the index (inclusive of the impact of any client requested restrictions/customizations). Because a client account will not be invested in all of the underlying securities of the index, clients should expect that their accounts will realize tracking error relative to the index. In addition, client restrictions/customizations may result in larger tracking error relative to the index and decreased opportunities to perform tax loss harvesting trades than an equivalent account with no restrictions/customizations.



The Adviser determines the investment guidelines and the appropriate trading thresholds for tracking error and harvesting losses, while 55ip utilizes proprietary technology guided by optimization-based methodologies to implement client accounts. As a result, clients should expect that their portfolios will differ from other client accounts invested in the same strategy. The Adviser may change the strategy's optimization parameters, including the manner and frequency of optimization, at any time without notice. Clients have the ability to select tax management and/or tax transition services for accounts invested in the Tax-Smart Index strategies, enabling their accounts to maintain tracking error versus the index. The Adviser will implement these tax services through 55ip whose services include tax efficient trading and tax loss harvesting. In certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, significant changes in market prices, market conditions, market instability, liquidity constraints, operational or technology failures, or for other risk management purposes, the Adviser may take such action over such period of time as it determines to be practical or desirable, including temporarily not trading some or all of the securities in client accounts.

Certain passive strategies seek investment results that correspond to indices designed to identify companies that follow sustainable or ESG practices. For example, an index may be designed to capture the performance of companies which have been identified through its rules-based process as better positioned to benefit from a transition to a lower carbon economy while also providing broader U.S. market exposure. These products may be used by clients who have particular ESG goals. Additionally, the investment processes for certain actively managed Tax-Smart Strategies are ESG integrated and, as such, the Adviser considers risks presented by certain financially material ESG factors. Specifically, the Adviser assesses how ESG risks are considered within an active underlying fund's/portfolio manager's investment process and how the active underlying fund/portfolio manager defines and mitigates financially material ESG risks.

### **Alternatives**

The Adviser offers alternative investment strategies that are managed by teams that specialize in alternative investing. The following are some of the Adviser's significant alternative strategies:

#### **Global Real Estate**

The following are some of the Adviser's significant Global Real Estate investment strategies:

- Core, core plus, value add, and opportunistic real estate located in the United States, Europe, and Asia Pacific
- REITs
- Acquisition of net leased assets, including "Sale Leaseback" transactions
- Real estate debt, including commercial mortgages, mezzanine debt, commercial mortgage-backed securities, agency commercial mortgage-backed securities, short-term bridge financing relating to absolute net, double net and triple net leasing transactions, and similar instruments

#### *Methods of Analysis for Global Real Estate Investment Strategies*

When making real estate investments, the Adviser makes investment and asset management recommendations and/or decisions, as applicable, based upon a variety of factors, including, a fulsome macro and micro research analysis and a quantitative financial analysis. Such factors ensure the performance viability of the proposed investment and its compatibility with a client's investment strategy and objectives. Prior to making an investment, the Adviser requires the approval of an investment committee or team, and where applicable a board unaffiliated with the Adviser, whose review includes consideration of the following factors, among others, and as appropriate to the asset class: cash flow and debt assumptions, relative value analysis, return models, property/operational history, location analysis, investment proposal, transaction structure (equity/debt), investment strengths and weaknesses, tenant/customer/sponsor/borrower analysis, replacement cost analysis, research assessment, comparable sales and lease analysis, and investment recommendation. Additionally, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors (alongside other relevant

factors) as part of the investment process when evaluating the long-term value and risk of an investment for certain Global Real Estate investment strategies.

### **Infrastructure**

The Adviser manages the following Infrastructure investment strategy:

- Equity (core and core plus) from entities that reside primarily in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD") countries.

#### *Methods of Analysis for the Infrastructure Investment Strategy*

When recommending infrastructure investments, the Adviser makes investment and asset management recommendations and/or decisions, as applicable, based on factors deemed relevant to the performance viability of the proposed investment, overall portfolio construction, and compatibility with clients' investment strategy and objectives. Prior to making an investment, the Adviser requires the approval of an investment committee comprised of employees of the Adviser and its AM Affiliates and a board unaffiliated with the Adviser, whose review includes consideration of the following factors, among others, and as appropriate to the asset class: cash flow and debt assumptions, computations, operational history, portfolio diversification, investment thesis, transaction structure (equity/debt), credit quality, capital structure, investment strengths and weaknesses, research assessment, and investment recommendation. Additionally, the investment processes for the Infrastructure investment strategy is ESG integrated and, as such, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors as part of the investment process.

### **Global Transportation**

The following are some of the Adviser's significant Global Transportation investment strategies:

- Maritime, including opportunistic
- Transportation, including core and core plus, maritime, energy logistics, aircraft, railcar, heavy equipment, vehicle fleet, and related sectors of the global transport universe

#### *Methods of Analysis for Global Transportation Investment Strategies*

When making transportation investments, the Adviser makes investment and asset management recommendations and/or decisions, as applicable, based upon a variety of factors, including, a fulsome macro and sector specific research analysis and a quantitative financial analysis. Such factors ensure the performance viability of the proposed investment and its compatibility with a client's investment strategy and objectives. Prior to making an investment, the Adviser requires the approval of an investment committee, and where applicable a board unaffiliated with the Adviser, whose review includes consideration of the following factors, among others, and as appropriate to the asset class: investment thesis, research assessment, cash flow and debt assumptions, return attributes, operational history, transaction structure (equity/debt), investment strengths and weaknesses, replacement cost analysis, comparable sale/relative value analysis, credit analysis, regulatory and risk factors, and ultimately the investment recommendation. Additionally, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors (alongside other relevant factors) as part of the investment process when evaluating the long-term value and risk of an investment for certain Global Transportation investment strategies.

### **Private Equity**

The following are some of the Adviser's Private Equity investment strategies which may be pursued through Fund Investments or PEG Co-Investments (each defined below):

- Global Private Equity
- PEG Co-Investments

- Secondary Investments
- Small-Mid Market Buyouts (formerly, Corporate Finance)
- Venture Capital
- Emerging Managers
- Private Debt
- Private Real Estate

#### Methods of Analysis for Private Equity Investment Strategies

The Adviser generally manages two types of private equity investments for its clients: (i) investments in third-party managed private equity funds ("Fund Investments") and (ii) co-investments in private equity portfolio companies alongside third-party sponsors ("PEG Co-Investments").

- **Fund Investments:** When reviewing potential investments in third-party managed private equity funds, the Adviser takes a bottom-up approach designed to assess the probability of a third-party sponsor's future success and focuses on the track record and reputation of the principals, their investment thesis and investment strategy, the sponsor's decision-making process, and the sponsor's relevant past performance.
- **PEG Co-Investments:** PEG Co-Investments in companies are primarily sourced by the Adviser through its relationships in the industry including fund sponsors, management teams and intermediaries. Important investment criteria for PEG Co-Investments include projected returns, track record and capabilities of the sponsor, the attractiveness of the industry, the company's relative position in its industry, valuation, quality and depth of the management team, exit plan, type of security issued, and alignment of interests.

The Adviser pursues Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments on both a primary and a secondary basis. Secondary investments may include investing in limited partner secondary sales, sponsor lead transactions and investing in seasoned primary investments.

As part of its investment process, for certain investments, the Adviser systematically incorporates financially material ESG issues (alongside other relevant factors) in its investment decisions in connection with considering sustainability risks and assessing the financial attractiveness of the opportunity.

Other Private Equity mandates of the Adviser include the following:

- **Private Equity Distribution Management ("PEDM"):** The Adviser's PEDM program is designed to manage the liquidation of public securities that have been distributed in-kind by private equity funds. Timing of sales is subject to position size considerations, market liquidity, and other factors, including but not limited to, the Adviser's views as to the fundamentals of the securities to be sold.

#### **Absolute Return and Opportunistic Fixed Income**

The absolute return team invests flexibly across a diverse set of fixed income strategies, taking advantage of the entire fixed income spectrum to diversify sources of return. The strategy has complete flexibility to help mitigate rate and credit risk while capitalizing on opportunities. The strategy focuses on absolute return, meaning it is benchmark agnostic and seeks to produce uncorrelated, low volatility returns across all market environments. It draws on three different strategies to diversify sources of return:

- **Tactical Sector Rotation:** Aim to maximize risk-adjusted returns through tactical shifts between fixed income sectors.
- **Alternative Strategies:** Leverage niche market expertise to uncover market opportunities for uncorrelated, low volatility sources of return.

- Portfolio Hedges: Systematically use cash and short positions to decrease portfolio volatility and preserve capital.

Methods of Analysis for Absolute Return and Opportunistic Fixed Income Investment Strategies

The Adviser's investment process utilizes a broad array of fundamental, quantitative, and technical inputs. The Adviser's absolute return team meets regularly to discuss factors affecting the macroeconomic environment including: Federal Reserve policy, economic developments, energy prices, the political climate, and global issues. From these discussions the Adviser develops investment themes that guide its interest rate positioning, sector allocation, and security selection. Through credit research, the financial statements of companies are analyzed for signs of strong cash flow and liquidity, high operating efficiency, strong earnings protection, limited financial leverage, solid asset protection, significant financial flexibility, stable management, and conservative accounting practices. The Adviser also estimates expected returns and volatility for income-oriented asset classes by measuring a variety of factors which serve to indicate the relative valuation of broad market sectors.

The Adviser varies absolute return exposures across a range of investment strategies based on the identified opportunity level in the market. During periods of little or low perceived opportunity, the portfolios will likely be conservatively positioned by allocating larger portions of assets toward short duration cash equivalents, with a primary focus on income and capital preservation. During periods perceived as high opportunity the portfolios' allocation is likely to be tilted toward more aggressive areas of the market with increased focus on capital appreciation.

Additionally, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors as part of the investment process with respect to many issuers in the universe in which the fund may invest.

**Private Capital**

The following are some of the Adviser's significant Private Capital investment strategies:

- Growth Equity Partners: focuses on four targeted sub-sectors – fintech, software, real estate technology, and consumer – and seeks to identify investment opportunities within those sub-sectors that Growth Equity Partners believes reflect one or more of the following: compelling unit economics, market leading positions, effective management teams, clear growth trajectories, or situations where Growth Equity Partners believes it can add significant value as a strategic partner to its portfolio companies.
- Life Sciences Private Capital: focuses on seed-stage and growth equity health care companies dedicated to the creation and development of new therapies across several target areas, prioritizing genetic medicine, oncology and autoimmunity, as well as neurodegenerative diseases, rare diseases, AI/ML platforms, metabolic diseases, and neuropsychology. Sectors of focus within health care include biotechnology, medical technology, life science tools, diagnostics, and other sub-sectors.

Methods of Analysis for Private Capital Investment Strategies

The Adviser operates private investment funds that seek to deliver risk-adjusted returns by investing primarily in seed-stage and growth-stage businesses. Seed-stage investments are very early stage investments in companies at inception or shortly thereafter (Series A). Growth stage investments are generally in rounds that range from Series B to later stage fundraising rounds taking place prior to a potential IPO via public capital markets. The investment strategies may also pursue investments in public equities and follow-on equity financings in the public markets. Additionally, the Adviser considers financially material ESG factors as part of the investment process when evaluating the long-term value and risk of an investment for certain Private Capital investment strategies.

## Global Special Situations

The Adviser's Global Special Situations investment strategy includes targeting corporate and other financial situations which may be dislocated, complex or experiencing stress, distress or event driven factors. The following are some of the Adviser's significant GSS investment strategies:

- Distressed investments: non-performing investments that typically have a specific event, such as a debt for equity swap, restructuring, rescue financing, or liquidation.
- Event-Driven / Stressed investments: performing investments discounted by either illiquidity or market disruption with returns driven by catalysts. The Adviser will principally target investments within these sub-strategies in non-investment grade public and private credit.
- Bespoke Transactions: customized solution to balance sheet, capital constraints, illiquidity for borrowers or debt holders or asset holders, often with jurisdictional or capital structure complexity.
- Market Driven Transactions: typically larger, syndicated instruments (e.g., public bonds or syndicated loans) that may be tradable or quotable and are often secondary purchase transactions.

### Methods of Analysis for GSS Investment Strategies

The Adviser seeks to invest throughout the credit cycles and across the capital structure of its target investments, generally private credit across a broad range of products, including but not limited to, First Lien Secured Loans, Second Lien Secured Loans, Mezzanine Loans, Uni-Tranche Loans, High Yield Debt, Equity Instruments, Claims, Derivatives and Credit-Linked Securities, Collateralized Loan Obligations, Collateralized Debt Obligations, and Physical Assets via new issuance of bonds or loans, restructurings and secondary trading transactions across multiple geographies and industries.

The Adviser applies a rigorous due diligence process to the credit opportunities it identifies. Priorities are expected to include: (i) establishing downside protection and principal preservation through financial and structural methods; (ii) seeking to generate attractive long-term returns utilizing the expertise of the GSS investment team. The Adviser's flexible mandate to invest across a company's capital structure is intended to open up opportunities across a wide range of transactions, capital structures and securities, and allows the Adviser to select those investments that it believes will provide an appropriate risk-adjusted return. As part of its investment process, the Adviser systematically incorporates financially material ESG issues (alongside other relevant factors) in investment decisions in connection with considering sustainability risks and assessing the financial attractiveness of the investment opportunity.

## Sustainable Investment Strategies

### Sustainable Investment Strategies

Sustainable Investment strategies offered in the United States are those where ESG or sustainability-related factors, considerations, or outcomes have a direct impact, to varying degrees, on the design and/or management of the strategy. The Adviser has established a framework for these types of sustainable strategies that is employed by underlying asset classes for the development of products.

### Methods of Analysis for Sustainable Investment Strategies

Sustainable Investment strategies utilize one or more of the following methods of analysis:

- Positive Tilt: An investment style that seeks to meet its objective by maintaining a portfolio that has a tilt towards companies and issuers that the Adviser believes have positive ESG characteristics.
- Best-in-Class: A strategy that seeks to invest in a defined percentage of companies and issuers that the Adviser believes lead in their peer groups with respect to sustainability.
- Thematic: A strategy invested in certain themes or assets, that the Adviser believes are specifically related to sustainability. In certain cases, such strategies also seek to contribute to and/or generate a

positive environmental or social outcome, such as climate risks managed, carbon emissions reduced, renewable energy generated, electrification enabled, health and wellness solutions provided, and electric and autonomous transportation enabled.

Certain Sustainable Investment strategies may also use the Adviser's exclusionary criteria, which seek to avoid investing in companies that the Adviser has determined to be significantly involved in certain business activities or industries (e.g. controversial weapons)

## **B. Material, Significant, or Unusual Risks Relating to Investment Strategies**

The investment strategies utilized by the Adviser depend on the requirements of the client and the investment guidelines associated with the client's account. Each strategy is subject to material risks. An account or fund may not achieve its objective if the Adviser's expectations regarding particular securities or markets are not met. Any investment includes the risk of loss, and there can be no guarantee that a particular level of return will be achieved.

Set forth below are some of the material risk factors that are often associated with the investment strategies and types of investments relevant to many of the Adviser's clients. This is a summary only. The information included in this Brochure does not include every potential risk associated with each investment strategy or applicable to a particular client account. It is impossible to identify all the risks associated with investing and the particular risks applicable to a client account will depend on the nature of the account, its investment strategy or strategies, and the types of securities held. While the Adviser seeks to manage accounts so that risks are appropriate to the strategy, it is often impossible or not desirable to fully mitigate risks. Clients should understand that they could lose some or all of their investment and should be prepared to bear the risk of such potential losses. Clients should not rely solely on the descriptions provided below and should carefully read all applicable informational materials and offering or governing documents prior to retaining the Adviser to manage an account or investing in any JPMorgan Affiliated Funds. Clients are urged to ask questions regarding risk factors applicable to a particular strategy or investment product, read all product-specific risk disclosures and determine whether a particular investment strategy or type of security is suitable for their account in light of their specific circumstances, investment objectives and financial situation.

In the case of JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, the risk factors associated with the relevant fund's investment strategy are disclosed in the prospectus, offering memorandum, governing documents, or other materials of the fund. Prospective investors should carefully read the relevant offering documents and consult with their own counsel and advisers as to all matters concerning an investment in a fund.

### **General Portfolio Risks**

**General Market Risk.** Economies and financial markets throughout the world are becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the likelihood that events or conditions in one country or region will adversely impact markets or issuers in other countries or regions. Securities in any one strategy may under perform in comparison to general financial markets, a particular financial market, or other asset classes, due to a number of factors, including inflation (or expectations for inflation), deflation (or expectations for deflation), interest rates, global demand for particular products or resources, market instability, debt crises and downgrades, embargoes, tariffs, sanctions and other trade barriers, regulatory events, other governmental trade or market control programs, and related geopolitical events. In addition, the value of a strategy's investments may be negatively affected by the occurrence of global events such as war, terrorism, environmental disasters, natural disasters or events, country instability, and infectious disease epidemics or pandemics.

The effects of any future pandemic or other global event to business and market conditions may have a significant negative impact on the performance of the separately managed accounts and JPMorgan Affiliated Fund investments, increase separately managed account and fund volatility, exacerbate pre-existing political, social, and economic risks to separately managed accounts and JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, and negatively impact broad segments of businesses and populations. In addition, governments, their regulatory agencies, or self-regulatory organizations have taken or may take actions in response to a pandemic or other global event

that affect the instruments in which a separately managed account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund invests, or the issuers of such instruments, in ways that could have a significant negative impact on such account or fund's investment performance. The ultimate impact of any pandemic or other global event and the extent to which the associated conditions and governmental responses impact a separately managed account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund will also depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain, difficult to accurately predict and subject to frequent changes.

**Regulatory Risk.** Pending and ongoing regulatory reform may have a significant impact on the Adviser's investment advisory business.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 ("Dodd-Frank"), as amended, added Section 13 to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (the "BHCA") and its implementing regulations (together the "Volcker Rule") under which a "banking entity" (including JPMIM and its Affiliates) is restricted from acquiring or retaining, as principal, any equity, partnership or other ownership interest in, or sponsoring, a "covered fund" (which is defined to include certain pooled investment vehicles) unless the investment or activity is conducted in accordance with an exclusion or exemption. The Volcker Rule's asset management exemption permits a banking entity, such as JPMIM, to invest in or sponsor a covered fund, subject to satisfaction of certain requirements, which include, among other things, that a banking entity only hold a de minimis interest (no more than 3% of the total number or value of the outstanding ownership interests) in the covered fund following an initial seeding period of one year, and that only directors and employees directly engaged in providing investment advisory or other qualifying services to the covered fund are permitted to invest. In addition, the Volcker Rule generally prohibits a banking entity from engaging in transactions that would cause it or its Affiliates to have credit exposure to a covered fund managed or advised by the banking entity or its Affiliates; that would involve or result in a material conflict of interest between the banking entity and its clients, customers or counterparties; or that would result, directly or indirectly, in a material exposure by the banking entity to high-risk assets or high-risk trading strategies. These restrictions could materially adversely affect accounts that are, or are invested in, covered funds, because the restrictions could limit a covered fund from obtaining seed capital, loans or other commercial benefits from JPMIM or its Affiliates. As a result, the Volcker Rule impacts the method by which JPMIM seeds, invests in and operates its funds, including private equity funds and hedge funds.

In June 2020, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Federal Reserve"), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Company, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), and the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted a final rule revising the Volcker Rule's provisions relating to covered funds, including modifying existing, and adopting new exclusions from the definition of "covered fund." The revised rule became effective on October 1, 2020. The ultimate impact of these revisions to the Volcker Rule, including whether the Adviser may seek to rely on these new exclusions with respect to existing funds or new funds depends on, among other things, the investment strategy of the funds and development of market practice and standards. The Adviser may seek to restructure its funds to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Volcker Rule. Any restructuring would be designed to enable the funds to carry out their investment objectives and otherwise accommodate the interests of investors in those funds as a whole, while complying with the Volcker Rule.

While the vast majority of U.S. and non-U.S. regulations of derivatives and similar instruments arising from the 2008 financial crisis have been implemented, governments continue to assess and are likely to adjust such regulations and require changes in market practices. These developments may increase the cost of derivatives trading (whether through increased margin requirements, less favorable pricing, or other means), the eligibility of the Adviser and J.P. Morgan Affiliated Funds and client accounts to transact in such products, and the market availability of such products. As a result, the Adviser's management of funds and accounts that use and trade swaps and derivatives may be adversely impacted. Similarly, the Adviser's management of funds and accounts that use and trade swaps and derivatives may be adversely impacted by adopted changes to CFTC and other regulations. Other jurisdictions outside the United States in which the Adviser operates may also adopt and implement regulations that could have a similar impact on the Adviser and the broader markets.

Under the BHCA, if a fund were deemed to be controlled by the Adviser or an Affiliate, investments by such fund would be subject to limitations under the BHCA that are substantially similar to those applicable to JPMC. Such limitations would place certain restrictions on the fund's investments in non-financial companies. These restrictions would include limits on the ability of the fund to be involved in the day-to-day management of the underlying non-financial company and limitations on the period of time that the fund could retain its investment in such company. In addition, the fund, together with interests held by JPMC, may be limited from owning or controlling, directly or indirectly, interests in third parties that exceed 5% of any class of voting securities or 25% of total equity. These limitations may have a material adverse effect on the activities of the relevant fund.

Foreign regulators have passed, and it is expected that they will continue to pass, legislation and changes that may affect certain clients. The Adviser may take certain actions to limit its authority in respect of client accounts to reduce the impact of regulatory restrictions on the Adviser or its clients.

In addition, there have been legislative, tax and regulatory changes and proposed changes that may apply to the activities of the Adviser that may require legal, tax and regulatory changes, including requirements to provide additional information pertaining to a client account to the Internal Revenue Service or other taxing authorities. Regulatory changes and restrictions imposed by regulators, self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") and exchanges vary from country to country and may affect the value of client investments and their ability to pursue their investment strategies. Any such rules, regulations and other changes, and any uncertainty in respect of their implementation, may result in increased costs, reduced profit margins and reduced investment and trading opportunities, all of which may negatively impact performance.

**Risks Associated with the Use of Artificial Intelligence ("AI") Tools.** The Adviser may rely on programs and systems that utilize AI, machine learning, probabilistic modeling, and other data science technologies ("AI Tools"). AI Tools are highly complex, and may be flawed, hallucinate, reflect biases included in the data on which such tools are trained, be of poor quality, or be otherwise harmful. The Adviser typically incorporates human oversight to reduce the risk of acting on potentially defective outputs. AI Tools present Data Sources Risk, Cybersecurity Risk, and Model Risk (as further described below). The U.S. and global legal and regulatory environment relating to the use of AI Tools is uncertain and rapidly evolving, and could require changes in the Adviser's implementation of AI Tools and increase compliance costs and the risk of non-compliance. Further, the Adviser may rely on AI Tools developed by third parties, and the Adviser may have limited visibility over the accuracy and completeness of such AI Tools.

**Data Sources Risk.** Although the Adviser obtains data, including alternative data, and information from third-party sources that it considers to be reliable, the Adviser does not warrant or guarantee the availability, accuracy, timeliness, and/or completeness of any data or information provided by these sources. The Adviser has controls for certain data that, among other things, consider the representations of such third parties with regard to the provision of data in compliance with applicable laws. The Adviser does not make any express or implied warranties of any kind with respect to such third-party data. The Adviser shall not have any liability for any errors or omissions in connection with any data obtained from third-party sources.

AI Tools often use data feeds from a number of sources. If those data feeds or formats become corrupted, compromised, or discontinued in any material manner, or become undeliverable or inaccessible in a timely manner, the tool will be unable to properly function or their operation may be adversely impacted. The tools' ability to use the data may also be adversely impacted by any change in the format of data delivered or acquired by the tool. The timeliness and quality of a third party's data may be compromised for a variety of reasons, some of which are outside of the control of the Adviser and the third-party data provider. A tool's ability to process data may also be adversely affected if the Adviser experiences any disruptions to its computing resources or network connections, including disruption of cloud-based computing resources.

**Cybersecurity Risk.** As the use of technology has become more prevalent in the course of business, the Adviser has become more susceptible to operational and financial risks associated with cybersecurity, including: theft, loss, misuse, improper release, corruption and destruction of, or unauthorized access to, confidential or highly restricted data relating to the Adviser and its clients, and compromises or failures to



systems, networks, devices, and applications, including but not limited to AI Tools and cloud-based computing resources relating to the operations of the Adviser and its service providers. Cybersecurity risks may result in: financial losses to the Adviser and its clients; the inability of the Adviser to transact business with its clients; delays or mistakes in materials provided to clients; the inability to process transactions with clients or other parties; violations of privacy and other laws; regulatory fines, penalties, and reputational damage; and compliance and remediation costs, legal fees, and other expenses. The Adviser's service providers (including any sub-advisers, administrator, transfer agent, and custodian or their agents), financial intermediaries, companies in which the client accounts and funds invest, and parties with which the Adviser engages in portfolio or other transactions also may be adversely impacted by cybersecurity risks in their own businesses, which could result in losses to the Adviser or its clients. While measures have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cybersecurity, there is no guarantee that those measures will be effective, particularly since the Adviser does not directly control the cybersecurity defenses or plans of its service providers, financial intermediaries, and companies in which they invest or with which they do business. Use of AI Tools may lead to increased risks of cyber attacks or data breaches and the ability to launch more automated, targeted, and coordinated attacks, due to the vulnerability of AI technology to cybersecurity threats.

**Model Risk.** Some strategies may include the use of various proprietary quantitative or investment models. Investments selected using models may perform differently than expected as a result of changes from the factors' historical - and predicted future - trends, and technical issues in the implementation of the models, including, for example, issues with data feeds. Moreover, the effectiveness of a model may diminish over time, including as a result of changes in the market and/or changes in the behavior of other market participants. A model's return mapping is based partially on historical data regarding particular economic factors and securities prices. The operation of a model, similar to other fundamental, active investment processes, may result in negative performance, including returns that deviate materially from historical performance, both actual and pro-forma. For a model-driven investment process - and again similar to other, fundamental, and active investment processes, there is no guarantee that the use of models will result in effective investment outcomes for clients.

**Intellectual Property and Technology Risks Involved in International Operations.** There can be risks to technology and intellectual property that can result from conducting business outside the United States. This is particularly true in jurisdictions that do not have comparable levels of protection of corporate proprietary information and assets such as intellectual property, trademarks, trade secrets, know-how, and customer information and records. As a result, the Adviser can be more susceptible to potential theft or compromise of data, technology, and intellectual property from a myriad of sources, including direct cyber intrusions or more indirect routes such as companies being required to compromise protections or yield rights to technology, data, or intellectual property in order to conduct business in a foreign jurisdiction.

**Counterparty Risk.** An account may have exposure to the credit risk of counterparties with which it deals in connection with the investment of its assets, whether engaged in exchange traded or off-exchange transactions or through brokers, dealers, custodians, and exchanges through which it engages. In addition, many protections afforded to cleared transactions, such as the security afforded by transacting through a clearing house, might not be available in connection with OTC transactions. Therefore, in those instances in which an account enters into OTC transactions, the account will be subject to the risk that its direct counterparty will not perform its obligations under the transactions and will sustain losses. This includes where accounts enter into uncollateralized covered agency transactions and derivatives transactions.

**Liquidity Risk.** Investments in some equity and privately placed securities, structured notes or other instruments may be difficult to purchase or sell, possibly preventing the sale of these illiquid securities at an advantageous price or when desired. A lack of liquidity may also cause the value of investments to decline, and the illiquid investments may also be difficult to value.

**Geographic and Sector Focus Risk.** Certain strategies and funds concentrate their investments in a region, small group of countries, an industry, or economic sector, and as a result, the value of the portfolio may be subject to greater volatility than a more geographically or sector diversified portfolio. Investments in issuers

within a country, state, geographic region, industry, or economic sector that experiences adverse economic, business, political conditions, or other concerns will impact the value of such a portfolio more than if the portfolio's investments were not so concentrated. A change in the value of a single investment within the portfolio may affect the overall value of the portfolio and may cause greater losses than it would in a portfolio that holds more diversified investments.

**Currency Risk.** Changes in foreign currency exchange rates will affect the value of certain portfolio securities. Generally, when the value of the U.S. dollar rises in value relative to a foreign currency, an investment impacted by that currency loses value because that currency is worth less in U.S. dollars. Currency exchange rates may fluctuate significantly over short periods of time for a number of reasons, including changes in interest rates. Devaluation of a currency by a country's government or banking authority also will have a significant impact on the value of any investments denominated in that currency. Currency markets generally are not as regulated as securities markets, may be riskier than other types of investments and may increase the volatility of a portfolio.

**Foreign Securities and Emerging Markets Risk.** Investments in securities of foreign issuers denominated in foreign currencies are subject to risks in addition to the risks of securities of U.S. issuers. These risks include political and economic risks, civil conflicts and war, greater volatility, expropriation and nationalization risks, sanctions or other measures by the United States or other governments, currency fluctuations, higher transactions costs, delayed settlement, possible foreign controls on investment, liquidity risks, and less stringent investor protection and disclosure standards of some foreign markets. Events and evolving conditions in certain economies or markets may alter the risks associated with investments tied to countries or regions that historically were perceived as comparatively stable becoming riskier and more volatile. These risks are magnified in countries in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments and less-established market economies than those of developed countries. Emerging markets may face greater social, economic, regulatory and political uncertainties. These risks make emerging market securities more volatile and less liquid than securities issued in more developed countries.

**High Portfolio Turnover Risk.** Certain strategies engage in active and frequent trading leading to increased portfolio turnover, higher transaction costs, and the possibility of increased capital gains, including short-term capital gains that are generally taxable as ordinary income.

**Initial Public Offering Risk.** IPO securities have no trading history, and information about the companies may be available for very limited periods. The prices of securities sold in IPOs may be highly volatile and their purchase may involve high transaction costs. At any particular time or from time to time, the Adviser may not be able to invest in securities issued in IPOs on behalf of its clients, or invest to the extent desired, because, for example, only a small portion (if any) of the securities being offered in an IPO may be made available to the Adviser. In addition, under certain market conditions, a relatively small number of companies may issue securities in IPOs. Similarly, as the number of purchasers to which IPO securities are allocated increases, the number of securities issued to the Adviser's clients may decrease. The performance of an account during periods when it is unable to invest significantly or at all in IPOs may be lower than during periods when it is able to do so. In addition, as an account increases in size, the impact of IPOs on the account's performance will generally decrease.

**Master Limited Partnership ("MLP") Risk.** MLPs are limited partnerships whose ownership interests are publicly traded and that primarily derive their income from, among other industries, the mining, production, transportation or processing of minerals or natural resources, although they may also finance entertainment, research and development, real estate and other projects. Investments held by an MLP may be relatively illiquid, limiting the MLP's ability to vary its portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions. In addition, MLPs may have limited financial resources, their securities may trade infrequently and in limited volume and they may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements than securities of larger or more broadly-based companies. The risks of investing in an MLP are generally those inherent in investing in a partnership as opposed to a corporation. For example, state law governing partnerships is often less restrictive than state law governing corporations. Accordingly, there may be fewer protections afforded investors in an MLP than investors in a corporation. Additional risks involved with investing in an MLP are

risks associated with the specific industry or industries in which the partnership invests, such as the risks of investing in real estate, or oil and gas industries.

**LIBOR Discontinuance Risk.** The London Interbank Offering Rate ("LIBOR") was intended to represent the rate at which contributing banks may obtain short-term borrowings from each other in the London interbank market. After the global financial crisis, regulators globally determined that existing interest rate benchmarks should be reformed based on a number of factors, including that LIBOR and other interbank offering rates ("IBORs") may no longer be representative of the underlying markets. New or alternative reference rates have since been used in place of LIBOR. Replacement rates that have been identified include the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR," which is intended to replace U.S. dollar LIBOR and measures the cost of U.S. dollar overnight borrowings collateralized by treasuries) and the Sterling Overnight Index Average rate ("SONIA," which is intended to replace pound sterling LIBOR and measures the overnight interest rate paid by banks in the sterling market). Markets are slowly developing in response to these new rates. As a result of the benchmark reforms, publication of all LIBOR settings has ceased, and the Adviser and the funds and accounts it manages have generally transitioned to successor or alternative reference rates as necessary. Although the transition process away from IBORs for most instruments has been completed, there is no assurance that any such alternative reference rate will be similar to or produce the same value or economic equivalence as LIBOR or that it will have the same volume or liquidity as did LIBOR prior to its discontinuance, which may affect the value, volatility, liquidity, or return on certain of a fund's or other client account's loans, notes, derivatives and other instruments or investments comprising some or all of a fund's or other client account's portfolio and result in costs incurred in connection with changing reference rates used for positions, closing out positions, and entering into new trades. The transition from LIBOR to alternative reference rates may result in operational issues for a fund or a client account or their investments. Moreover, certain aspects of the transition from IBORs will rely on the actions of third-party market participants, such as clearing houses, trustees, administrative agents, asset servicers and certain service providers; no assurances can be given as to the impact of the transition away from LIBOR on a fund or other client account or their investments. These risks may also apply with respect to changes in connection with other IBORs (e.g., Euribor) and a wide range of other index levels, rates and values that are treated as "benchmarks" and are the subject of recent regulatory reform.

#### **Primary Risks Applicable to Equity Investments**

**Equity Securities Risk.** Investments in equity securities (such as stocks) may be more volatile and carry more risks than some other forms of investment. The price of equity securities may rise or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries selected for a portfolio or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions.

**Growth Investing Risk.** Growth investing attempts to identify companies that the Adviser believes will experience rapid earnings growth relative to value or other types of stocks. The value of these stocks generally is much more sensitive to current or expected earnings than stocks of other types of companies. Short-term events, such as a failure to meet industry earnings expectations, can cause dramatic decreases in the growth stock price compared to other types of stock. Growth stocks may trade at higher multiples of current earnings compared to value or other stocks, leading to inflated prices and thus potentially greater declines in value.

**Value Investing Risk.** Value investing attempts to identify companies that, according to the Adviser's estimate of their true worth, are undervalued, or attractively valued. The Adviser selects stocks at prices that it believes are temporarily low relative to factors such as the company's earnings, cash flow or dividends. A value stock may decrease in price or may not increase in price as anticipated by the Adviser if other investors fail to recognize the company's value or the factors that the Adviser believes will cause the stock price to increase do not occur.

**Smaller Companies Risk.** Certain strategies invest in securities of smaller companies. Investments in smaller companies may be riskier than investments in larger companies. Securities of smaller companies tend to be less liquid than securities of larger companies. In addition, small companies may be more vulnerable to economic, market, and industry changes. As a result, the changes in value of their securities may be more sudden or erratic than in large capitalization companies, especially over the short term. Because smaller companies may have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources or may depend on a few key employees, they may be more susceptible to particular economic events or competitive factors than large capitalization companies. This may cause unexpected and frequent decreases in the value of an account's investments. Finally, emerging companies in certain sectors may not be profitable and may not realize earning profits in the foreseeable future.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Fixed Income, Liquidity and other Debt Investments**

**Interest Rate Risk.** "Interest rate risk" refers to the risk associated with market changes in interest rates. Interest rate changes may affect the value of a debt instrument indirectly (especially in the case of fixed rate securities) and directly (especially in the case of instruments whose rates are adjustable). Fixed rate securities increase or decrease in value based on changes in interest rates. If rates increase, the value of these investments generally declines. On the other hand, if rates fall, the value of these investments generally increases. Securities with greater interest rate sensitivity and longer maturities generally are subject to greater fluctuations in value. Variable and floating rate (i.e., adjustable) securities are generally less sensitive to interest rate changes than fixed rate instruments, but the value of variable and floating rate securities may decline if their interest rates do not rise as quickly, or as much, as general interest rates. Many factors can cause interest rates to rise. Some examples include governmental and tax policies, central bank monetary policy (such as an interest rate increase by the Federal Reserve), domestic and international economic and political considerations, fiscal deficits, trade surpluses or deficits, regulatory requirements, rising inflation rates, general economic conditions and other factors beyond the control of the Adviser. It is difficult to accurately predict the pace at which interest rates will change, or the timing, frequency or magnitude of any such changes. Any such changes could be sudden and could expose debt markets to significant volatility and reduced liquidity for securities.

Interest rate sensitivity is generally more pronounced and less predictable in instruments with uncertain payment or prepayment schedules. This risk will be greater for long-term securities than for short-term securities. While for certain accounts the Adviser may from time to time seek to hedge interest rate risks (including through investments in treasury securities or derivative instruments), there is no assurance that such measures, to the extent implemented, will be effective.

**Credit Risk.** There is a risk that issuers and/or counterparties will not make payments on securities and instruments when due or will default completely. Such default could result in losses. In addition, the credit quality of securities and instruments may be lowered if an issuer's or a counterparty's financial condition changes. Lower credit quality may lead to greater volatility in the price of a security or instrument, affect liquidity and make it difficult to sell the security or instrument. Certain strategies may invest in securities or instruments that are rated in the lowest investment grade category. Such securities or instruments are also considered to have speculative characteristics similar to high yield securities, and issuers or counterparties of such securities or instruments are more vulnerable to changes in economic conditions than issuers or counterparties of higher grade securities or instruments. Prices of fixed income securities may be adversely affected, and credit spreads may increase if any of the issuers or counterparties to such investments are subject to an actual or perceived deterioration in their credit quality. Credit spread risk is the risk that economic and market conditions or any actual or perceived credit deterioration of an issuer may lead to an increase in the credit spreads (i.e., the difference in yield between two securities of similar maturity but different credit quality) and a decline in price of the issuer's securities.

**Government Securities Risk.** Some strategies invest in securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies and instrumentalities (such as the Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), the Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac")). U.S. government securities are subject to market risk, interest rate risk

and credit risk. Securities, such as those issued or guaranteed by Ginnie Mae or the U.S. Treasury, that are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States are guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal when held to maturity. Notwithstanding that these securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, circumstances could arise that would prevent the payment of principal and interest. Securities issued by U.S. government related organizations, such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government and no assurance can be given that the U.S. government will provide financial support.

**High Yield Securities Risk.** Certain strategies invest in securities and instruments that are issued by companies that are highly leveraged, less creditworthy, or financially distressed. These investments (known as junk bonds) are considered speculative and are subject to greater risk of loss, greater sensitivity to interest rate and economic changes, valuation difficulties, and potential illiquidity.

**Equity Investment Conversion Risk.** A non-equity investment, such as a convertible debt obligation, may convert to an equity security. Alternatively, equity securities may be acquired in connection with a restructuring event related to non-equity investments. An investor may be unable to liquidate the equity investment at an advantageous time from a pricing standpoint.

**Asset-Backed, Mortgage-Related and Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk.** Asset-backed, mortgage-related and mortgage-backed securities differ from conventional debt securities and are subject to certain additional risks because principal is paid back over the life of the security rather than at maturity. The value of mortgage-related and asset-backed securities will be influenced by the factors affecting the property market and the assets underlying such securities. As a result, during periods of difficult or frozen credit markets, significant changes in interest rates, or deteriorating economic conditions, mortgage-related and asset-backed securities may decline in value, face valuation difficulties, be more volatile and/or become illiquid. Since mortgage borrowers have the right to prepay principal in excess of scheduled payments, there is a risk that borrowers will exercise this option when interest rates are low to take advantage of lower refinancing rates. When that happens, the mortgage holder will need to reinvest the returned capital at the lower prevailing yields. This prepayment risk, as well as the risk of a bond being called, can cause capital losses. Conversely, when rates rise significantly, there is a risk that prepayments will slow to levels much lower than anticipated when the mortgage was originally purchased. In this instance, the risk that the life of the mortgage security is extended can also cause capital losses, as the mortgage holder needs to wait longer for capital to be returned and reinvested at higher prevailing yields. In periods of rising interest rates, a portfolio may exhibit additional volatility. Some of these securities may receive little or no collateral protection from the underlying assets and are thus subject to the risk of default described under "Credit Risk." The risk of such defaults is generally higher in the case of asset-backed, mortgage-backed, and mortgage-related investments that include so-called "sub-prime" mortgages (which are loans made to borrowers with low credit ratings or other factors that increase the risk of default), credit risk transfer securities and credit-linked notes issued by government-related organizations. The structure of some of these securities may be complex and there may be less available information than other types of debt securities. Additionally, asset-backed, mortgage-related and mortgage-backed securities are subject to risks associated with their structure and the nature of the assets underlying the securities and the servicing of those assets. Certain asset-backed, mortgage-related, and mortgage-backed securities may face valuation difficulties and may be less liquid than other types of asset-backed, mortgage-related, and mortgage-backed securities, or debt securities.

**Mezzanine Loans Risk.** Mezzanine real estate loans may be secured by one or more direct or indirect ownership interests in an entity owning, operating, and/or controlling, one or more real estate properties. Commercial properties owned by such entities are likely to be subject to existing mortgage loans and other indebtedness. Repayment of the loans underlying mezzanine loans are dependent on the successful operation of the underlying real estate properties. Unlike mortgage loans, mezzanine loans are not secured by interests in the underlying real estate properties and are structurally subordinate to senior debt, which are typically secured by the property. Although unlikely, the ownership interests securing a mezzanine loan may represent only a partial interest in the borrower and may not control either the borrower or the underlying property. As a result, the effective realization on the collateral securing a mezzanine loan in the event of default may be limited.

Mezzanine investments often reflect a greater possibility that adverse changes in the financial condition of the obligor or general economic conditions may impair the ability of the obligor to make payment of principal and interest. Mezzanine investments are often issued in connection with leveraged acquisitions or recapitalizations, in which the issuer incurs a substantially higher amount of indebtedness than the level at which it had previously operated. Some issuers may be highly leveraged and their relatively high debt-to-equity ratios create increased risks that their operations might not generate sufficient cash flows to service their debt obligations.

**Leveraged Loans Risk.** Leveraged loans have significant liquidity and market value risks since they are not generally traded on organized exchange markets. Loans are not purchased or sold as easily as publicly traded securities but are privately negotiated and customized between buyer and seller. Historically, the trading volume in loan markets has been small relative to high yield debt securities markets. In addition, leveraged loans have historically experienced greater default rates than has been the case for investment grade securities. There can be no assurance as to the levels of defaults and/or recoveries that may be experienced on leveraged loans. A non-investment grade loan or debt obligation (or an interest therein) is generally considered speculative in nature and may become a defaulted obligation for a variety of reasons. A defaulted obligation may become subject to either substantial workout negotiations or restructuring, which may entail, among other things, a substantial reduction in the interest rate, a substantial write-down of principal, and a substantial change in the terms, conditions and covenants with respect to such defaulted obligation. In addition, such negotiations or restructuring may be quite extensive and protracted over time, and therefore may result in substantial uncertainty with respect to the ultimate recovery on such defaulted obligation. The liquidity for defaulted obligations may be limited, and to the extent that defaulted obligations are sold, it is highly unlikely that the proceeds from such sale will be equal to the amount of unpaid principal and interest thereon. Furthermore, there can be no assurance on what the amount of ultimate recovery on any defaulted obligation will be. Additionally, loans could also be covenant-lite ("Covenant-lite"). Covenant-lite loans typically do not obligate the obligor to comply with financial covenants that would be applicable during reporting periods. Investments comprised of Covenant-lite loans may expose risks, including with respect to liquidity, price volatility and ability to restructure loans, than is the case with other loans. In addition, the lack of such financial covenants may make it more difficult to trigger a default in respect of such loans.

**Municipal Obligations Risk.** The risk of a municipal obligation generally depends on the financial and credit status of the issuer. Changes in a municipality's financial health may make it difficult for the municipality to make interest and principal payments when due. A number of municipalities have had significant financial problems recently, and these and other municipalities could, potentially, continue to experience significant financial problems resulting from lower tax revenues and/or decreased aid from state and local governments in the event of an economic downturn. Under some circumstances, municipal obligations might not pay interest unless the state legislature or municipality authorizes money for that purpose. Some securities, including municipal lease obligations, carry additional risks. For example, they may be difficult to trade or interest payments may be tied only to a specific stream of revenue.

Municipal bonds may be more susceptible to downgrades or defaults during recessions or similar periods of economic stress. Factors contributing to the economic stress on municipalities may include lower property tax collections as a result of lower home values, lower sales tax revenue as a result of consumers cutting back spending, and lower income tax revenue as a result of a higher unemployment rate. In addition, since some municipal obligations may be secured or guaranteed by banks and other institutions, the risk to an investor could increase if the banking or financial sector suffers an economic downturn and/or if the credit ratings of the institutions issuing the guarantee are downgraded or at risk of being downgraded by a national rating organization. If such events were to occur, the value of the security could decrease or the value could be lost entirely, and it may be difficult or impossible for an investor to sell the security at the time and the price that normally prevails in the market. Interest on municipal obligations, while generally exempt from federal income tax, may not be exempt from federal alternative minimum tax.

**Index Related Risk.** For those client accounts and funds that track an index, the return may not track the return of the underlying index for a number of reasons and therefore may not achieve its investment objective.

For example, the relevant client account or fund incurs costs in buying and selling securities, especially when rebalancing securities holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the underlying index. These transaction costs may be higher for client accounts and funds investing in foreign securities. In addition, the client account's and fund's return may differ from the return of the underlying index as a result of, among other things, pricing differences (including differences between a security's price at the local market close and the valuation of a security at the time of valuation of the account) and the inability to purchase certain securities included in the underlying index due to regulatory or other restrictions. The risk that a client account or fund may not track the performance of its underlying index may be heightened during times of increased market volatility or other unusual market conditions.

**Passive Management Risk.** Certain client accounts and funds are not actively managed and are designed to track the performance and holdings of a specified index. Securities may be purchased, held and sold by a client account or fund following an index at times when an actively managed account or fund would not do so. The relevant client account's or fund's performance could be lower than accounts or funds that may actively shift their portfolio assets to take advantage of market opportunities or lessen the impact of a market decline or a decline in the value of one or more issuers.

**Sampling Risk.** To the extent a client account or a fund uses a representative sampling approach, it will hold a smaller number of securities than are in its index. As a result, an adverse development respecting an issuer of securities held by a client account or fund could result in a greater decline in the value of the client account's or fund's assets than would be the case if the client account or fund held all of the securities in its index. Conversely, a positive development relating to an issuer of securities in its index that is not held by a client account or fund could cause the account or fund to underperform the index.

#### **Primary Risks Applicable to Derivatives Investments, Commodities and Short Sales**

**Derivatives Risk.** Certain strategies may use derivatives. Derivatives, including forward currency contracts, futures, options and commodity-linked derivatives and swaps, may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic and market conditions, and could result in losses that significantly exceed the investor's original investment in the derivative. Many derivatives create leverage thereby causing a portfolio to be more volatile than it would have been if it had not been exposed to such derivatives. Derivatives also expose a portfolio to counterparty risk (the risk that the derivative counterparty will not fulfill its contractual obligations), including the credit risk of the derivative counterparty. Certain derivatives are synthetic instruments that attempt to replicate the performance of certain reference assets. With regard to such derivatives, an investor does not have a claim on the reference assets and is subject to enhanced counterparty risk. Derivatives may not perform as expected, so an investor may not realize the intended benefits. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting ability to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose a portfolio to losses. Additionally, certain derivatives are subject to position limits imposed by regulators, and the Adviser will not be able to obtain additional exposure if these limits are reached.

When used for hedging, the change in value of a derivative may not correlate as expected with what is being hedged. In addition, given their complexity, derivatives expose an investor to risks of mispricing or improper valuation.

**Hedging Risk.** Hedging strategies could involve a variety of derivative transactions, including transactions in forward, swap and option contracts or other financial instruments with similar characteristics, including, without limitation, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency and interest rate swaps, options and short sales (collectively "Hedging Instruments"). The use of Hedging Instruments could require investment techniques and risk analyses different from those associated with other portfolio investments including securities and currency hedging transactions. The risks posed by these transactions include, but are not limited to, interest rate risk, market risk, the risk that these complex instruments and techniques will not be successfully evaluated, monitored or priced, the risk that counterparties will default on their obligations, liquidity risk and leverage risk. Changes in liquidity can result in significant, rapid and unpredictable changes in the prices for derivatives. Thus, while the accounts might benefit from the use of Hedging Instruments,

unanticipated changes in interest rates, securities prices or currency exchange rates could result in a poorer overall performance for the accounts than if they had not used such Hedging Instruments. Certain risks associated with Hedging Instruments are further detailed under "Derivative Risk".

Hedging against a decline in the value of a portfolio position does not eliminate fluctuations in the values of portfolio positions or prevent losses if the values of those positions decline, but establishes other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thus offsetting the decline in the portfolio positions' value. While these transactions can reduce the risks associated with an investment, the transactions themselves entail risks that are different from and possibly greater than, the risks associated with other portfolio investments.

**Futures/Cleared Derivatives Transactions Risk.** CFTC guidance may increase the risk exposure of and adversely impact separate accounts under customer agreements with a futures commission merchant ("FCM"). Pursuant to this guidance, FCMs are required to view exposure at the beneficial owner level, not the account level. Therefore, agreements between a FCM and a beneficial owner (whether entered into directly or through an asset manager) may not prevent the FCM from withholding margin from (or calling for margin with respect to) any of such beneficial owner's accounts held by such FCM and may not limit such beneficial owner's losses. Accordingly, in the event of a margin shortfall with respect to an Adviser-managed account of a beneficial owner held by a FCM, the FCM can withhold margin from (or call for margin with respect to) other accounts of the beneficial owner held by that FCM, including other accounts managed by the Adviser, accounts managed by other investment advisers, and accounts managed directly by the beneficial owner, which may have adverse impacts on those accounts. Similarly, if a FCM's margin call made in respect of an account managed directly by a beneficial owner (or by an investment manager other than the Adviser on behalf of a beneficial owner) is not met, the FCM may withhold margin for (or call for margin with respect to) such beneficial owner's accounts managed by the Adviser that are held by such FCM, which may have adverse impacts to such accounts. This regulatory guidance may increase exposure risks and/or costs of futures and/or cleared derivatives transactions and potentially adversely impact performance or the utility of futures and cleared derivatives trading in accounts managed by the Adviser or by others.

**Commodity Risk.** Certain strategies have exposure to commodities. Exposure to commodities and commodity-related securities may subject a portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the instruments involve leverage. The value of commodity-linked investments may be affected by changes in overall market movements, commodity index volatility, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity. In addition, to the extent that a portfolio gains exposure to an asset through synthetic replication by investing in commodity-linked investments rather than directly in the asset, it may not have a claim on the applicable underlying asset and will be subject to enhanced counterparty risk.

**Position Limits Risk.** The CFTC and/or exchanges both within and outside the United States have established "speculative position limits" on the maximum net long or net short position which any person or group of persons may hold or control in particular futures, and options on futures contracts. Currently, positions held by all accounts deemed owned or controlled directly or indirectly by the Adviser or certain Affiliates, including client accounts and funds managed by the Adviser and such Affiliates, are aggregated. If such aggregate position thresholds are reached, the Adviser will be restricted from acquiring additional positions and may be compelled to liquidate positions in client accounts and funds. Such restriction or liquidation could adversely affect the operations and profitability of the client accounts and funds by increasing transaction costs to liquidate positions and limiting potential profits on the liquidated positions.

**Short Selling Risk.** Certain strategies may engage in short selling. A portfolio will incur a loss as a result of a short sale if the price of the security sold short increases in value between the date of the short sale and the date on which the portfolio re-purchases the security. In addition, if the security sold short was first obtained by borrowing it from a lender, such as a broker or other institution, the lender may request, or market conditions may dictate, that the security sold short be returned to the lender on short notice, and the portfolio may have to buy the security sold short at an unfavorable price. If this occurs, any anticipated gain to the portfolio will be reduced or eliminated or the short sale may result in a loss. The portfolio's losses are



potentially unlimited in a short sale transaction. Short sales are speculative transactions and involve special risks, including greater reliance on the Adviser's ability to accurately anticipate the future value of a security. Furthermore, a portfolio may become more volatile because of the form of leverage that results from taking short positions in securities.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to MLCDs**

The following risks are often associated with investing in MLCDs. MLCD strategies are not suitable for all clients. Clients should carefully read the relevant offering document(s) (which are available upon request) and consult with their own counsel and advisers relating to investments in an MLCD strategy.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Information about this risk can be found above within Primary Risks Applicable to Fixed Income, Liquidity and other Debt Investments.

**Performance Risk and Opportunity Costs.** Because many MLCDs offer a below-market minimum return or no minimum return at all, the yield that a client will receive on an MLCD may be less than the return they could earn on other investments, including a traditional interest-bearing debt security or CD with the same maturity date of the applicable issuer or another issuer with a similar credit rating, and could be zero.

**Capped Upside Potential Risk.** The return on certain MLCDs may be capped by a predetermined maximum return cap and, as a result, may be lower than the return on a direct investment in the applicable underlying index.

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") Protection Limit.** MLCDs are insured CDs subject to applicable FDIC limits and regulations. In general, the original value of a MLCD held by clients is insured by the FDIC up to the amount permitted by law per issuer. A client purchasing a principal amount of MLCDs in excess of FDIC insurance limits, when aggregated with all other deposits held by the client at the respective issuer, will be subject to the credit risk of the issuer. In addition, any payment of the MLCD in excess of the applicable FDIC insurance limits is subject to the credit risk of the issuer.

**MLCD Issuer Credit Risk.** Any investment in an MLCD that exceeds applicable FDIC insurance limits is subject to the ability of the issuer to make payments when due. If the issuer defaults on its payment obligations, the client may not receive any amount in excess of applicable FDIC insurance limits and could lose all or a significant portion of the initial investment, including the loss of the client's entire investment. In addition, the actual or perceived creditworthiness of the issuer may affect the value of MLCDs prior to maturity.

**Early Liquidation and Secondary Market Risk.** MLCDs are highly illiquid, long-term investments and a client may not be able to redeem their MLCD at their discretion. MLCDs are typically not listed on any securities exchange, and there is no guarantee of the existence of a secondary market. Neither the issuer, the Adviser, nor any other person is required to maintain a secondary market for any MLCD. Accordingly, there may be limited opportunities, if any, to redeem MLCDs prior to maturity and a client may be unable to sell their MLCD prior to its maturity date. MLCDs generally are repurchased only by the issuer and only upon terms and conditions acceptable to such issuer, and, in most cases, the MLCDs are non-transferable and non-negotiable. In the event an issuer consents to early liquidation, the client will likely not fully participate in the benefits of the MLCD, such as principal protection, buffers, or enhanced returns. The price offered by the issuer may be lower than the principal amount of the MLCD.

**Reinvestment Risk.** MLCD strategies use a "laddered" approach where proceeds from investments will be reinvested in another MLCD at maturity. Reinvestment risk refers to the possibility that the Adviser will be unable to reinvest cash flows received from a client's investment, such as coupon payments or interest, at a rate comparable to the rate of return of the client's former MLCD. As a result, future proceeds may be reinvested at a lower rate of return.

**Primary Risks Applicable to MAS Investments**

**General Risks.** MAS client accounts and funds are exposed to the risks summarized above through both its investments in underlying funds and its direct investments, including derivatives. The degree to which these risks apply to a particular account will vary according to its strategy, investment guidelines, and its use of tactical allocation.

**Tactical Allocation Risk.** The Adviser generally has discretion to make short to intermediate term tactical allocations that increase or decrease the exposure to asset classes and investments. As a result of these tactical allocations, an MAS client account or fund may deviate from its strategic target allocations at any given time. An MAS client account's or fund's tactical allocation strategy may not be successful in adding value, may increase losses to the account or fund, and/or cause the account or fund to have a risk profile different than that portrayed in the client account's strategic asset allocations from time to time.

**Target Date Strategies Investment Risk.** Target date strategies become more conservative over time meaning that they allocate more of their assets to fixed income investments than equity investments as they near the target retirement date. Despite the more conservative allocation, the target date fund or client account will continue to be exposed to market risk, including stock market risk and the value of a target date fund or client account may decline even after a fund's or client account's allocation is at its most conservative. There is no guarantee that the target date funds or accounts will provide sufficient retirement income to an investor.

**Fund-of-Funds Strategies Risk.** The investment performance of MAS client accounts and funds that implement their strategies by investing in underlying funds is directly related to the performance of the underlying funds. There is no assurance that the underlying funds will achieve their investment objectives. In addition, MAS faces certain potential conflicts of interest when allocating client accounts' and funds' assets among underlying funds. When selecting underlying funds for client accounts, funds, and funds-of-funds that it manages, MAS generally limits its selection to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds. With limited exceptions for certain third-party passive index strategies that are not available through JPMAM (as described further in Item 8.A above), MAS does not consider or canvass the universe of Unaffiliated Funds available, even though there may be Unaffiliated Funds that may be more appropriate for the client accounts or funds or that have superior historical returns. Please refer to the potential conflicts of interest described in Item 5.E and Item 11.B, specifically, Adviser's Recommendations or Client's Investments in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds.

The Adviser has established information barriers between MAS and the Adviser's other product groups to restrict MAS' access to material non-public information. As a result of internal information barriers maintained by the Adviser between MAS and the other investment teams, MAS is generally restricted from having access to non-public information regarding JPMorgan Affiliated Funds in which MAS portfolios are invested. If MAS does not have access to certain information with respect to a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund, MAS may determine not to consider such investment for a client account or fund, which could adversely affect such client account or fund. Conversely, MAS may select a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund for the client account notwithstanding that certain material information is unavailable to it. Any allocation to (or continued holding of) such an investment could adversely affect the client account. For additional information regarding the Adviser's information barriers, please refer to Item 10.C, specifically, Considerations Relating to Information Held by the Adviser and Its Affiliates.

**Target Ranges and Rebalancing Risk.** Certain MAS client accounts allocate assets to both JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and Unaffiliated Funds with respect to particular asset classes, in accordance with specific target allocations or target ranges within a client account. For such client accounts, the conflicts and risks described above in Item 5 and Item 11 with respect to allocating assets to both JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and Unaffiliated Funds apply. In addition, allocations of such client account's assets may, from time to time, be out of balance with the client account's target ranges for extended periods of time or at all times due to various factors, such as fluctuations in, and variations among, the performance of the investment products to which the assets are allocated. Any rebalancing by MAS of a client account's assets may have an adverse effect on the performance of the account. For example, the client account's assets may be allocated away from an

over-performing investment product and allocated to an under-performing investment product, which could be harmful to the client account. In addition, the achievement of any intended rebalancing may be limited by several factors, including the use of estimates of the net asset values of the investment products, and, in the case of investments in funds, restrictions on additional investments in and redemptions from such investment products.

**Self-Indexing Risk.** A “Self-Indexed Account” is a fund or other account for which an affiliated person of the fund, or the adviser, sub-adviser to or promoter of the fund or account (an “Affiliated Index Provider”) will serve as the index administrator. As an Affiliated Index Provider, the Adviser serves as an index administrator to certain indices, which are tracked by certain JPMorgan Funds and client accounts. Self-indexing gives rise to the potential for conflicts of interest, including concerns regarding the ability of an Affiliated Index Provider to manipulate an underlying index to the benefit or detriment of the Self-Indexed Account. The potential for conflicts of interest may also arise with respect to the personal trading activity of personnel of the Affiliated Index Provider who have knowledge of changes to an underlying index prior to the time that such index changes or other information related to the index is publicly disseminated. The Adviser has implemented policies, procedures and controls to govern the handling of material, non-public information. In addition to serving as the index administrator to certain indices, the Adviser owns the intellectual property rights to certain indices that are administered by a third party and such indices may also involve some self-indexing risk.

**Thematic Investing Risk.** The Adviser’s thematic investing strategies may perform differently compared to accounts that do not have such strategies. Thematic investing strategies rely on the Adviser proprietary system and investment process for the identification of securities for inclusion that reflect certain themes. An account’s performance may suffer if such securities are not correctly identified or if the theme develops in an unexpected manner. Performance may also suffer if the securities included in the strategy do not benefit from the development of such themes. There is no guarantee that the adviser’s investment process will reflect the theme exposures intended.

The criteria related to thematic investing strategies, including the exclusion of securities of companies in certain business activities or industries, may result in forgoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, or selling securities for thematic reasons when it might be otherwise disadvantageous for it to do so. As a result, thematic investing strategies may underperform strategies that invest in a broader array of investments. In addition, there is a risk that the companies identified by the Adviser’s investment process as reflecting a particular theme do not operate as expected. The Adviser and its proprietary system assess companies by using a wide set of data inputs, which, for certain strategies, is combined with fundamental analysis. While the Adviser looks to data inputs that it believes to be reliable, the Adviser cannot guarantee the accuracy of its proprietary system or third-party data. Under the Adviser’s investment process, data inputs may include information self-reported by companies and third party providers that may be based on criteria that differs significantly from the criteria used by the Adviser to evaluate relevance to a strategy’s investment theme. In addition, the criteria used by third-party providers can differ significantly, and data can vary across providers and within the same industry for the same provider. Moreover, there are significant differences in interpretations of what it means for a company to be relevant to a particular theme. While the Adviser believes its definitions are reasonable, the portfolio decisions it makes may differ with other investors’ or advisers’ views. Because thematic investing involves qualitative and subjective analysis, there can be no assurance that the methodology utilized by, or determinations made by, the adviser will align with the beliefs or values of a particular investor.

**Thematic Proprietary System Risk.** For strategies where the Adviser uses a Thematic Proprietary System, any changes to an algorithm or underlying assumptions may have unintended consequences, which could have an adverse effect on the performance of a strategy. Algorithms may not perform as intended for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, incorrect assumptions, changes in the market and changes to data inputs. In addition, the datasets that the Thematic Proprietary System processes may be insufficient, of poor quality, or contain biased information. Although the Adviser obtains data and information from third party sources that it considers to be reliable, the Adviser does not guarantee the accuracy and/or completeness of any data or information provided by these sources.

While the Thematic Proprietary System is a key component in identifying potential securities for investment, the machine learning algorithms employed by the Adviser's strategies do not directly select stocks or make trades; all security selection decisions are made by a portfolio manager.

**Tax Management Risk.** The Adviser (through its affiliate) provides tax management services for certain strategies, which involve tax loss harvesting from positions which have experienced a capital loss. In certain market conditions, or when portfolio positions have not otherwise experienced capital losses during the relevant tax period, tax loss harvesting opportunities will be limited. The quantitative tools and algorithms used by the Adviser's affiliate to perform tax management services may perform differently than expected as a result of errors, flaws, or being incomplete if such issues are not identified. This may have an adverse effect on investment performance and result in adverse tax consequences. In addition, the Adviser may in limited instances engage in wash sale transactions in certain strategies, including the Tax-Smart strategies, as a result of trading activity for risk management purposes, among other reasons, and, in these instances, the tax benefit of this trading activity will be limited and clients may have additional tax liability. Tax loss harvesting services operate on an account basis and consider only securities and transactions within a particular account (or linked accounts, where applicable) when reviewing for tax loss harvesting as well as instances of wash sale transactions.

**Index Related Risk, Passive Management Risk, and Sampling Risk.** Information about these risks can be found above within Primary Risks Applicable to Fixed Income, Liquidity and other Debt Investments.

#### **Primary Risks Applicable to Tax-Smart Strategies Investments**

The Tax-Smart Strategies follow underlying strategies that are either Equity strategies or MAS strategies. For the primary risks applicable to Tax-Smart Strategies clients should review both the Primary Risks Applicable to Equity Investments and the Primary Risks Applicable to MAS Investments found above.

#### **Primary Risks Applicable to Real Estate Investments**

**Real Estate Risk.** There are certain risks associated with the development, construction, and/or ownership of real estate and the real estate industry in general, including: the burdens of ownership of real property; local, national and international economic conditions (which may be adversely affected by industry slowdowns, decreases in government spending, and changing government policies); the supply and demand for properties; the financial condition of tenants, buyers, and sellers of properties; changes in interest rates and the availability of mortgage funds which may render the sale or refinancing of properties difficult or impracticable; labor costs; construction materials costs; changes in environmental laws and regulations, planning laws, fiscal and monetary policies, and other governmental rules; environmental claims arising with respect to properties acquired with undisclosed or unknown environmental problems or with respect to which inadequate reserves have been established; changes in real property tax rates; changes in energy prices; negative developments in the economy that depress travel activity; uninsured casualties; force majeure acts, terrorist events, under-insured or uninsurable losses; and other factors that are beyond the reasonable control of the Adviser. In addition, real estate assets are subject to long-term cyclical trends that contribute to significant volatility in values.

Many of these factors could cause fluctuations in occupancy rates, development costs, rent schedules, or operating expenses, causing the value of an investment to decline and negatively affect an investment's returns. The value of investments may fluctuate significantly due to these factors among others and may be significantly diminished in the event of a sudden downward market for real estate and real estate-related assets. The returns available from investments depend on the amount of income earned and capital appreciation generated by the relevant underlying properties, as well as expenses incurred in connection therewith. If properties do not generate income sufficient to meet operating expenses, including amounts owed under any third-party borrowings and capital expenditures, returns will be adversely affected. In addition, the cost of complying with governmental laws and regulations and the cost and availability of third-party borrowings may also affect the market value of and returns from real estate and real estate related investments. Returns would be adversely affected if a significant number of tenants were unable to pay rent or

if properties could not be rented on favorable terms. Certain significant fixed expenditures associated with purchasing properties (such as third-party borrowings, taxes and maintenance costs) may stay the same or increase even when circumstances cause a reduction in returns from properties.

**REITs Risk.** The value of real estate securities in general, and REITs in particular, are subject to similar risks as direct investments in real estate and mortgages, and their value will be influenced by many factors including the value of the underlying properties or the underlying loans or interests. The underlying loans may be subject to the risks of default or of prepayments that occur later or earlier than expected and such loans may also include so-called "subprime" mortgages. The value of these securities will rise and fall in response to many factors, including economic conditions, the demand for rental property, interest rates and, with respect to REITs, the management skill and creditworthiness of the issuer. In particular, the value of these securities may decline when interest rates rise and will also be affected by the real estate market and by the management of the underlying properties. There is no public trading market for private or public non-traded REITs; therefore, such REITs may be more volatile and/or more illiquid than publicly-traded REITs and other types of equity securities.

**Sale Leaseback Investments Risk.** Investments that focus primarily on the acquisition and ownership of triple net lease assets entails various risks inherent in investments in a single industry, including risks that investments may not perform as expected. A decrease in the demand for triple net lease assets could likely have a greater adverse effect on revenues than it would for other more diversified real estate assets. Notably, investment interests will be subject to triple net or effectively triple net lease arrangements under which real property taxes are borne by tenants. Tenants are responsible for payment of maintenance, insurance, and other similar expenditures. Failure to pay these taxes and expenses as required could result in a diminution in the value of the investment and have a material adverse impact on its results of operations and distributable cash flow as well as incurring real property tax liability or having any real property interest being impaired or extinguished. Leases of long duration, or with renewal options that specify a maximum rate increase, may not result in fair market lease rates over time, particularly if the potential for increases in market rental rates is not accurately judged. Properties may also have vacancies for a significant period of time. Additionally, investments in single-tenant properties, including those for "special use", may be relatively illiquid compared to other types of real estate and financial assets limiting the ability to respond to changes in economic or other conditions. Industry consolidation can also potentially reduce the diversity of a tenant base and allow tenants increased leverage and could potentially lead to a reduction in the future revenue as well as an impairment of the value of real property interests.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Infrastructure Investments**

Investing in infrastructure and infrastructure-related assets is subject to a variety of risks, including: the burdens of ownership of infrastructure; local, national, and international economic conditions; the supply and demand for services from and access to infrastructure; the financial condition of users and suppliers of infrastructure assets; risks related to construction, regulatory requirements, labor actions, health and safety matters, government contracts, operating and technical needs, capital expenditures, demand and user conflicts, bypass attempts, strategic assets, changes in interest rates, and the availability of funds which may render the purchase, sale or refinancing of infrastructure assets difficult or impracticable; troubled infrastructure assets; changes in environmental laws and regulations, and planning laws and other governmental rules; regulatory risks; ESG related risks of environmental claims arising in respect of infrastructure acquired with undisclosed or unknown environmental problems or as to which inadequate reserves have been established; changes in energy prices; changes in fiscal and monetary policies; negative developments in the economy that depress travel; changes in market and societal sentiment towards traditional energy infrastructure or otherwise the growth in demand, globally and by jurisdiction, for renewable and other alternative energy sources; climate-related transition risk; stranded asset risk; political risk; commodity price risk; uninsured casualties; force majeure acts, wars/conflicts, terrorist events, cyber attacks, pandemic and/or public health emergencies; under-insured or uninsurable losses; stability of local and/or global financial system; and other factors which are beyond the reasonable control of the investor and its advisers. Many of these factors could cause fluctuations in usage, expenses, and revenues, causing the

value of infrastructure and infrastructure-related investments to decline and negatively affect the collective returns on such investments.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Transportation Investments**

Terrorist attacks, acts of war, armed hostilities, or civil unrest (even if not directly involving transportation investments); piracy attacks or hijackings targeted at transportation investments; or the fear of or any precautions taken in anticipation of such events (including elevated national threat warnings or selective cancellation or reduction of flights), could materially adversely affect the transportation industries. Lessee's financial resources might not be sufficient to absorb such effects, which could result in lease and charter restructurings and transportation asset repossessions, increased cost to re-lease/charter or sell transportation investments, impairment of the ability to re-lease/charter transportation investments on a timely basis and on favorable terms, or at all, and reduce the value received for transportation investments sold. Any of these events could materially adversely affect the financial performance of such investments and the investment strategies that hold such assets.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Private Equity Group Investments**

**Specific Risks of Secondary Investments.** The market for secondary Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments is limited and competitive. Identifying attractive investment opportunities and, in the case of pooled vehicles, favorably priced portfolios and the right investment managers, is difficult and involves a high degree of uncertainty. There can be no assurance as to the number of investment opportunities that will be made available to the Adviser. Moreover, overly competitive bids may be made for certain secondary investments, and it may not be possible to acquire investments that have been identified as attractive opportunities. There can be no assurance that a fund or account of the Adviser will invest fully its committed capital.

It is difficult to value the secondary interests acquired in Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments, as there is no established market for these types of interests. The overall performance of a fund or client account managed by the Adviser is significantly affected by the acquisition price paid for its Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments, which is negotiated with the sellers of the interests. In some instances, returns on secondary investments will be higher than returns on primary investments as a result of such secondary investments being purchased at a discount and then revalued based on such investment's net asset value for the next valuation period.

The acquisition of Fund Investments or PEG Co-Investments on the secondary market generally requires the consent of the general partner or investment manager of such pooled vehicle or of the stockholders and/or board of directors of such portfolio company, and there can be no assurance that the Adviser will be able to obtain such consent.

When a fund or client account of the Adviser acquires Fund Investments or PEG Co-Investments on the secondary market, it is expected that the Adviser will not have had the opportunity to negotiate the terms of the investment or other special rights or privileges, and the Adviser may acquire an interest in a pooled vehicle or portfolio company on behalf of its funds or client accounts that contains terms that are disadvantageous for legal, tax, regulatory, or other reasons.

**Illiquidity of Private Equity Investments.** The Fund Investments are highly illiquid, long-term investments. The Adviser is limited in its ability to transfer its interests in, or to withdraw from, Fund Investments on behalf of its funds or client accounts.

The PEG Co-Investments and Fund Investments in which the Adviser invests on behalf of its funds and client accounts will consist primarily of securities that are subject to restrictions on resale. In addition, other legal, contractual or practical limitations may limit the ability to sell private equity investments. Sales also may be limited by financial market conditions, which may be unfavorable for sales of securities of particular issuers or issuers in particular markets. These limitations on liquidity of private equity investments could prevent a

successful sale or result in the delay of any sale or reduction in the amount of proceeds that might otherwise be realized. Although the Adviser periodically performs valuations of Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments, other information concerning the value of the assets may not be available, and it may not be possible to obtain up-to-date valuations at all times.

**Availability of Investment and Disposition Opportunities for Private Equity Investments.** The market for corporate finance, venture capital, and growth investments is limited and competitive. Identifying attractive investment opportunities and, in the case of Fund Investments, the right investment managers, is difficult and involves a high degree of uncertainty. Moreover, certain Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments are from time to time oversubscribed, and it may not be possible to make investments that have been identified as attractive opportunities. The Adviser may also make Fund Investments in anticipation of obtaining access to one or more potential PEG Co-Investments, but there is no guarantee that those potential PEG Co-Investments will come to fruition nor be made available to all clients. There can be no assurance that a fund or client account managed by the Adviser will be able to invest fully its committed capital or that its investments will be profitable or that there will be any return of capital. Fund Investments may in turn, face difficulties in identifying, investing in, financing and disposing of attractive private equity opportunities, and the Adviser's funds and accounts will be dependent on the ability of the investment managers of these Fund Investments, who are not related to or controlled by JPMC, to locate, evaluate, select, manage, and dispose of these opportunities.

**Risks of Investing alongside Regulated Funds.** The Private Equity Group manages a closed-end investment company that is registered under the 1940 Act (the "PEG RIC") and may in the future manage one or more investment funds registered with the SEC as an investment company (collectively with the PEG RIC, the "PEG Regulated Funds" and each, a "PEG Regulated Fund") under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act imposes limits on negotiated investments made by private funds alongside a PEG Regulated Fund. However, a private fund advised by the Adviser may invest alongside a PEG Regulated Fund, such as the PEG RIC, if such investments are made in reliance on an exemptive order from the SEC. As a result, it is generally expected that if a private fund invests alongside a PEG Regulated Fund such as the PEG RIC, it will be subject to legal, tax, regulatory, accounting, contractual, and other similar considerations related to the PEG Regulated Fund, including without limitation 1940 Act considerations (including any exemptive order). The PEG RIC, the Adviser and certain funds managed by the Private Equity Group have received an exemptive order permitting the PEG RIC to invest alongside certain other persons in private placement securities that involve the negotiation of certain terms of private placement securities to be purchased (in addition to price-related terms), subject to certain terms and conditions. For so long as any privately negotiated investment opportunity falls within certain established investment criteria of a PEG Regulated Fund, such investment opportunity is expected to be offered to the PEG Regulated Fund. The exemptive order may also restrict the ability of private funds advised by the Adviser to invest in any privately negotiated investment opportunity alongside the PEG RIC where terms in addition to the price of the security are negotiated, except at the same time and on the same terms, as described in the exemptive order. As a result, the Adviser may be unable to make investments in different parts of the capital structure of the same issuer in which a PEG Regulated Fund has invested or seeks to invest, and a PEG Regulated Fund may be unable to make investments in different parts of the capital structure of the same issuer in which other private funds have invested or seek to invest. The foregoing restrictions may significantly limit the investment opportunities available to other private funds managed by the Private Equity Group or the Adviser more broadly, particularly with respect to a PEG Regulated Fund that includes investments in private funds and/or special purpose co-investment vehicles alongside third party sponsors within its investment objective and invests alongside a private fund managed by the Adviser. The rules promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as well as any related guidance from the SEC staff and/or the terms of any exemptive order itself, are subject to change, and the Adviser could undertake to amend the exemptive order (subject to SEC approval), obtain additional exemptive relief, or otherwise be subject to other requirements in respect of investments involving its private funds and any PEG Regulated Fund, any of which may impact the amount of any allocation made available to a PEG Regulated Fund and thereby affect (and potentially decrease) the allocation made to the private funds. Due to the potential requirements applicable to PEG Regulated Funds under an exemptive order, in the event that a PEG Regulated Fund participates in an investment alongside a private fund that requires reliance on the exemptive order, the structuring options available for such investment may be more limited than if a PEG Regulated

Fund were not participating in such investment, and such structuring may result in increased costs to the private fund that would not otherwise have resulted had a PEG Regulated Fund not participated. A private fund may therefore incur materially higher expenses on an ongoing basis than would otherwise be the case, particularly with respect to a PEG Regulated Fund that includes investments in private funds and/or special purpose co-investment vehicles alongside third party sponsors within its investment objective and invests alongside a private fund. In addition, a private fund may structure investments in which a PEG Regulated Fund participates differently than if a PEG Regulated Fund were not participating or make or refrain from making certain investments in consideration of the participation by a PEG Regulated Fund, which can in each case give rise to conflicts of interest.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Global Special Situations Investments**

**Special Situations.** In any investment opportunity involving companies involved in (or the target of) acquisition attempts or tender offers or companies involved in work-outs, liquidations, spin-offs, reorganizations, bankruptcies and similar transactions, there exists the risk that the transaction in which such business enterprise is involved either will be unsuccessful, will take considerable time or will result in a distribution of cash or a new security the value of which will be less than the purchase price of the security or other financial instrument in respect of which such distribution is received. Similarly, if an anticipated transaction does not in fact occur, the Adviser may be required to sell the investment at a loss. Because there is substantial uncertainty concerning the outcome of transactions involving financially troubled companies, there is a potential risk of loss of the entire investment in such companies. In connection with such transactions (or otherwise), the Adviser may decide to purchase securities on a when-issued basis, which means that delivery and payment take place sometime after the date of the commitment to purchase and is often conditioned upon the occurrence of a subsequent event, such as approval and consummation of a merger, reorganization or debt restructuring. The purchase price and/or interest rate receivable with respect to a when-issued security are fixed at commitment. Such securities are subject to changes in market value prior to their delivery.

**Interest Rate Risk, Credit Risk, High Yield Securities Risk, Equity Investment Conversion Risk, Asset-Backed Securities Risk, Mezzanine Loans Risk, and Leveraged Loans Risk.** Information about these risks can be found above within Primary Risks Applicable to Fixed Income, Liquidity and other Debt Investments. Clients should note that only the Asset-Backed Securities portion of the Asset-Backed, Mortgage-Related and Mortgage-Backed Securities Risk is applicable to Global Special Situations Investments.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Real Estate, Infrastructure, Transportation, Private Equity, Private Capital, and Special Situations Investments**

**Long-term Commitment Required.** A commitment to a fund, client account or other investment vehicle is typically a long-term investment. The expected term of each closed-ended fund vehicle can generally be up to fifteen years. There is a substantial period of time during which investors in a closed-ended fund vehicle may be obligated to provide capital without receiving any return and regardless of the performance of the funds. Investors should be willing to hold their interests until the liquidation of the closed-ended fund. An open-ended fund generally may draw down the capital commitments of investors at any time during their term. Additionally, certain open-ended funds may be relatively illiquid over an extended period of time and in these cases investors will be required to bear the financial risk of their investment for such time.

**Lack of Control by Investors.** Investors generally will not have the ability to select, veto, or cause the sale or other disposition of any investments by the funds, client accounts or other investment vehicles or to determine the timing of any takedown, distribution, or liquidation of the funds or other investment vehicles in which a client invests directly or indirectly.

**Carried Interest and Other Fees Allocated or Payable to JPMC and Third-Party Managers.** The Adviser or an Affiliate may receive carried interest or performance fees in connection with managing funds, client accounts and other investment vehicles.



In addition, to the extent a fund, client account or other investment vehicle of the Adviser invests in other investment funds, the general partners or managers of such funds or vehicles typically will receive a carried interest or performance fee based on a percentage of realized net profits. Certain direct investments made by funds or client accounts of the Adviser may also be subject to a carried interest or performance fee. The carried interest allocated to the Adviser or an Affiliate, and the carried interest or performance fee payable to managers underlying investments, if any, may create an incentive for the Adviser and such managers to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation arrangements. Moreover, the carried interest or performance fee and any other fees payable to such managers indirectly is paid by investors in the funds or client accounts of the Adviser, as applicable, and reduces the return that ultimately would be payable to investors in such funds or to such accounts.

To the extent a real estate, infrastructure, transportation, private capital, or special situations fund, client account or investment vehicle invests in a consortium or joint venture, the general partners, managers or promoters of such investments may receive a carried interest or performance fee based on a percentage of ongoing investment performance and/or realized net profits of such investment. The carried interest or performance fee and any other fees payable to such general partners, managers, or promoters is paid by investors in the real estate, infrastructure, transportation, private capital, or special situations fund, client account or investment vehicle, as applicable, and reduces the return that ultimately would be payable to investors in such funds or to such accounts.

**Illiquidity; Restrictions on Transfer and Withdrawal.** Investments in real estate, infrastructure, transportation, private equity, private capital, special situations, and commercial mortgage loans strategies are highly illiquid. Except in certain very limited circumstances investors will not be permitted to transfer their interests without the prior written consent of the board of managers or general partner of the relevant fund, which may be granted or withheld in its sole discretion. The transferability of interests in the funds also is subject to certain restrictions contained in the funds' constitutive documents and restrictions on resale imposed under applicable securities laws. The transferability of shares in vehicles such as the public Non-traded REIT and the PEG RIC is subject to certain restrictions contained in such entity's constitutive documents. Additionally, certain funds advised by the Adviser do not provide any withdrawal rights to investors.

Although certain real estate, infrastructure, transportation, and commercial mortgage loan funds or investment vehicles advised by the Adviser permit withdrawals by clients, such withdrawals remain subject to the discretion of the Adviser, or the applicable general partner, manager, or board of directors, as applicable, in consultation with the Adviser. In exercising the discretion to repurchase interests, the Adviser and/or the relevant general partner, manager, or board of directors may determine that it is in the best interests of the fund and of those clients with investments in the fund who have not requested withdrawals to establish a queue to pay withdrawal requests out over time, and may further determine to aggregate in a queue clients who have submitted withdrawal requests with respect to successive withdrawal dates or to institute any other withdrawal procedures as it believes is fair and equitable. In the event that such a queue is established, a client's shares or interests in the fund may be repurchased at a different net asset value per share or interest. In addition, shares of certain pooled investment vehicles that have been outstanding for less than one year will be subject to an early repurchase fee and, in addition, may be subject to entity-level limitations on repurchases.

**Risks of Corporate Finance and Venture Capital Investments.** Investments made in connection with acquisition transactions are subject to a variety of special risks, including the risk that the acquiring company has paid too much for the acquired business, the risk of unforeseen liabilities, the risks associated with new or unproven management or new business strategies, the risk that the acquired business will not be successfully integrated with existing businesses or produce the expected synergies and the risk of the inability to execute on an exit strategy.

- Venture companies may be in an early stage of development, may not have a proven operating history, may have products that are not yet developed or ready to be marketed, or may not have an established market.

- Companies may face significant fluctuations in operating results, may need to engage in acquisitions or divestitures of assets to compete successfully or survive financially, may be operating at a loss, may be engaged in a rapidly changing business with products subject to a substantial risk of obsolescence, may require substantial additional capital to support their operations, to finance expansion or to maintain their competitive position, or otherwise may have a weak financial condition.
- Companies may be highly leveraged and, as a consequence, subject to restrictive financial and operating covenants. The leverage may impair the ability of these companies to finance their future operations and capital needs. As a result, these companies may lack the flexibility to respond to changing business and economic conditions, or to take advantage of business opportunities.
- Companies may face intense competition, including competition from companies with far greater financial resources, more extensive development, manufacturing, marketing and other capabilities, and a larger number of qualified managerial and technical personnel.

**Penalty for Default.** An investor that defaults in any payment with respect to its capital commitment to a fund or vehicle may be subject to substantial penalties, which could include for each event of default a reduction in its interest in such fund or vehicle corresponding to a reduction in its capital contributions (but not below zero) by a substantial percentage.

**Diversification Risk.** A fund, client, or vehicle account may make only a limited number of investments and, as a consequence, the aggregate return on investments may be substantially adversely affected by the unfavorable performance of one or a small number of the investments.

**Joint Ventures and Other Investments.** As a part of certain investment strategies, alternatives products have made, and in the future will likely make, certain investments in joint ventures with third-party joint venture partners. Such investments may involve risks not present were other parties not involved, including, for example, that a joint venture partner has financial difficulties or becomes bankrupt, fails to fund its required capital contribution, has economic or business interests or goals which are inconsistent with those of an alternatives strategy or its investors or is in a position to take (or block) actions inconsistent with a strategy's objectives, including its decision to divest. Disputes between an alternative investment vehicle and its investors (together, an "Alternative Fund") and joint venture partners may lead to litigation or arbitration for which Alternative Fund may incur expenses and which could require investment personnel to direct their attention and resources to matters other than their ordinary investment activities. Consequently, actions by or disputes with joint venture partners might result in subjecting assets owned by the joint venture to additional risk. In addition, the Adviser and/or an Alternative Fund may be liable in certain circumstances for the actions of joint venture partners.

Moreover, Alternative Funds hold and may hold in the future non-controlling interests in certain joint ventures or, in certain limited circumstances, has made and may make in the future passive investments in certain synergistic or related investment opportunities which the Adviser believes would inure to the benefit of an Alternative Fund and its investors (e.g., an investment which is expected to provide the Fund with access to additional investment opportunities). Non-controlling interests in certain joint ventures or other investments may limit an Alternative Fund's ability to protect its position in such investments or may result in impasses on decisions, such as a sale, because neither the Alternative Fund nor its joint venture partner would have full control over the joint venture. As well, even if the Alternative Fund has a first refusal right to buy out a joint venture partner, when exercisable, the Alternative Fund may not be able to finance such a buy-out or it may not be in the best interest of the Alternative Fund to so exercise. As well, if the Alternative Fund cannot finance such a buy-out and the Alternative Fund's interest is subject to a buy/sell right, it may be forced to sell its interest even if it would otherwise elect to keep it. If the Alternative Fund does buy one of its joint venture partner's interests, the Alternative Fund will then have increased exposure to the underlying investment. If the Alternative Fund desires to sell its interest in a joint venture, it may not be able to do so when, or at a price, that it prefers. Additionally, the price paid to buy or sell a joint venture interest is determined between the Alternative Fund and its joint venture partner and there is no guarantee the price will reflect the value of the underlying asset or equal the then-current value of the Alternative Fund's interest in the joint venture.

In addition, in certain situations, including where a joint venture investment is in bankruptcy or undergoing a reorganization, minority investors may be subject to the decisions taken by majority investors, and the outcome of an investment may depend on such majority-controlled decisions. Even in situations where an investment represents a controlling interest, an Alternative Fund may not have operational or day-to-day control over such investment.

**Availability of Investment and Disposition Opportunities.** The market for corporate finance, venture capital, and growth investments is limited and competitive. Identifying attractive investment opportunities is difficult and involves a high degree of uncertainty. Moreover, certain fund investments are from time to time oversubscribed, and it may not be possible to make investments that have been identified as attractive opportunities. There can be no assurance that a fund or client account managed by the Adviser will be able to fully invest in or dispose of its committed capital or that its investments will be profitable or that there will be any return of capital.

### **Primary Risks Applicable to Sustainable Investment Strategies**

**Sustainable Investment Strategy Risk.** Sustainable Investment strategies could perform differently compared to other strategies. The criteria related to a sustainable strategy, including the exclusion of securities of companies in certain business activities or industries, if applicable, may result in a strategy forgoing opportunities to buy certain securities when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, or selling securities for ESG reasons when it might be otherwise disadvantageous for it to do so. In addition, there is a risk that the companies identified by the strategy and identified as sustainable by the Adviser, do not operate as expected when addressing ESG issues. The Adviser assesses sustainability using a wide set of data inputs, combined with fundamental analysis. While the Adviser looks to data inputs that it believes to be reliable, the Adviser cannot guarantee the accuracy of third-party data. Under the Adviser's investment process, data inputs may include information self-reported by companies and third-party providers that may be based on criteria that differs significantly from the criteria used by the Adviser to evaluate sustainability. In addition, the criteria used by third-party providers can differ significantly, and data can vary across providers and within the same industry for the same provider. Moreover, there are significant differences in interpretations of what it means for a company to have positive ESG or sustainability characteristics. While the Adviser believes its definitions are reasonable, the portfolio decisions it makes may differ from other investors' or advisers' views.

### **C. Risks Associated with Particular Types of Securities**

See Item 8.B for a summary of the risks associated with certain types of securities and asset classes.

## **ITEM 9**

### **Disciplinary Information**

Below is a summary of legal or disciplinary events within the past ten years that may be material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of the Adviser's advisory business or the integrity of the Adviser's management.

#### **A. Criminal or Civil Proceedings**

The Adviser has no material civil or criminal actions to report.

#### **B. Administrative Proceedings Before Regulatory Authorities**

1. On October 31, 2024, JPMIM entered into a settlement with the SEC resulting in the SEC issuing an administrative order. As part of the settlement, JPMIM neither admitted nor denied the findings in the

Order issued by the SEC. The Order found that JPMIM caused JP Morgan Securities LLC (“JPMS”) to violate Section 17(a)(1) of the 1940 Act and that JPMIM willfully violated Sections 206(3) and (4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-7 thereunder. The Order also found that JPMIM caused certain registered investment companies to violate Rule 38a-1 of the 1940 Act. The Order found that JPMIM, from June 2019 until March 2021, engaged in certain prohibited principal trades for both registered investment company and non-registered investment company clients. With respect to the registered investment company clients, the Order found that JPMIM failed to comply with the conditions of exemptive relief previously granted to JPMIM by the SEC regarding trading with JPMS. With respect to the non-registered investment company clients, the Order found that JPMIM failed to provide the required client disclosures or obtain client consent for the principal trades. The Order also found that from June 2019 until March 2024, JPMIM did not have reasonably designed policies and procedures to prevent its personnel from conducting prohibited principal trades.

The Order acknowledged that JPMIM notified SEC Enforcement staff upon learning about the trades and promptly undertook remedial acts. The Order censured JPMIM and directed JPMIM to cease-and-desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a)(1) of the 1940 Act and Rule 38a-1 thereunder, and Sections 206(3) and 206(4) of the Advisers Act and Rule 206(4)-7 thereunder. Additionally, the Order requires JPMIM to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$1,000,000. This payment has been borne in full by JPMIM.

2. On October 31, 2024, JPMIM entered into a settlement with the SEC resulting in the SEC issuing an administrative order. As part of the settlement, JPMIM neither admitted nor denied the findings in the Order issued by the SEC. JPMIM consented to the entry of the Order, which found that JPMIM caused violations of Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder. The Order arose out of JPMIM causing prohibited joint transactions between three U.S. money market mutual funds for which JPMIM serves as a registered investment adviser (“Domestic Funds”) and an affiliated foreign money market fund for which JPMIM serves as a delegated portfolio manager (“Foreign Fund”) without having obtained an exemption from the SEC. The Order also found that the prohibited joint transactions advantaged the Foreign Fund over the Domestic Funds.

The Order directed JPMIM to cease-and-desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder. Additionally, the Order requires JPMIM to pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$5,000,000. This payment has been borne in full by JPMIM.

3. On October 14, 2015, JPMIM entered into a settled administrative proceeding with the SEC related to alleged violations of Rule 105 of Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As part of the settlement, JPMIM neither admitted nor denied the findings in the Order issued by the SEC. Rule 105 generally prohibits purchasing an equity security in a public offering if the purchaser sold short the same security during a defined restricted period (generally five business days before the public offering). The Order alleges that, in certain instances from 2009 to 2012, JPMIM, on behalf of certain client accounts, sold short securities within the restricted period followed by purchases of the same securities in public offerings in violation of the Rule. The Order does not find that JPMIM engaged in any intentional violation of the Rule or that any clients of JPMIM were harmed.

The SEC acknowledged in the Order that JPMIM had cooperated with the SEC staff and promptly undertaken actions to enhance its compliance with Rule 105. Pursuant to the settlement, JPMIM was ordered to cease and desist from committing or causing any future violations of Rule 105, and JPMIM agreed to pay a total of \$1,084,210.40 in disgorgement, prejudgment interest, and penalties. This payment has been borne in full by JPMIM.

### **C. Self-Regulatory Organization Proceedings**

The Adviser has no material SRO disciplinary proceedings to report.

**ITEM 10****Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations****A. Broker-Dealer Registration Status**

The Adviser is not a registered broker-dealer; however, many of the Adviser's "Management Persons" (as defined in Key Terms) are registered with the U.S. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") as representatives of J.P. Morgan Institutional Investments Inc. ("JPMII"), an affiliated broker-dealer, if necessary or appropriate to perform their responsibilities.

**B. Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Advisor Registration Status**

The Adviser is registered with the CFTC as a commodity trading advisor ("CTA") and commodity pool operator ("CPO"). The Adviser is also registered with the National Futures Association ("NFA") as a Swap Firm and is a member of the NFA.

The Adviser filed a notice of claim for exemption pursuant to CFTC Rule 4.7 in April 1995. Rule 4.7 exempts a CTA and a CPO that files a notice of claim for exemption from having to provide a CFTC-mandated Disclosure Document to certain highly accredited clients known as Qualified Eligible Persons ("QEPs") who consent to their accounts being Rule 4.7-exempt QEP accounts. Accordingly, the Adviser is exempt from the requirement to provide a CFTC Disclosure Document with respect to its Rule 4.7-exempt QEP accounts.

In addition, certain Management Persons are registered with the NFA as associated persons and swap associated persons of the Adviser, if necessary or appropriate to perform their responsibilities.

**C. Material Relationships or Arrangements with Affiliated Entities**

The Adviser has certain relationships or arrangements with related persons that are material to its advisory business or its clients. Below is a description of such relationships and some of the conflicts of interest that arise from them. The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to appropriately prevent, limit, or mitigate conflicts of interest that may arise between the Adviser and its Affiliates. These policies and procedures include information barriers designed to prevent the flow of information between the Adviser and certain other Affiliates, as more fully described below. For a more complete discussion of the conflicts of interest and corresponding controls designed to prevent, limit or mitigate conflicts of interests, please see Item 11.B, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Other Conflicts of Interest.

**Broker-Dealers****J.P. Morgan Institutional Investments Inc. and JPMorgan Distribution Services, Inc. ("JPMDS")**

JPMII serves as placement agent for certain private funds managed by the Adviser. Typically, JPMII does not receive any placement fees directly from the funds or its investors. A description of the placement agent services and compensation, if any, payable to JPMII by the funds is set forth in the offering documents for the relevant fund. JPMII also acts as dealer manager to the public Non-traded REIT and the distributor for the PEG RIC, and will receive selling commissions, dealer manager fees, and stockholder servicing fees as applicable from investors in certain share classes of each such entity. JPMII expects to re-allow some or all of these fees to other broker-dealers. A description of the compensation payable to JPMII for the public Non-traded REIT and the PEG RIC will be set forth in the prospectus for such entity.

JPMDS, also an Affiliate, serves as the distributor and shareholder servicing agent for the JPMorgan Funds. A description of the compensation payable to JPMDS is set forth in the applicable prospectuses for the relevant

funds. The Adviser benefits from the distribution and placement agency services provided by JPMII and JPMS as they increase the assets upon which the Adviser's fees are based. The Adviser also engages certain other non-U.S. Affiliates (either directly or through JPMII) to act as placement agent outside of the U.S. for certain private funds managed by the Adviser. Typically, JPMII and such other Affiliates do not receive placement fees from such funds but receive fees directly from the Adviser or fund distributor.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC ("JPMS")

JPMS, an Affiliate, is a FINRA member and is dually registered as a broker-dealer and an investment adviser with the SEC. JPMS is also registered as a FCM with the CFTC. The Adviser has the following material relationships with JPMS:

i. Wrap and Unbundled Sponsor

The Adviser acts as a sub-adviser or model-provider for certain JPMS-sponsored Wrap and Unbundled Programs, in which JPMS typically provides custody and trade execution services to the program clients. JPMS does not receive any additional brokerage commissions from its Wrap or Unbundled clients when the Adviser places trades for those clients with JPMS. Additionally, the Adviser does not receive any additional fees or compensation from placing trades for these JPMS sponsored Wrap or Unbundled accounts with JPMS.

ii. Placement Agent

JPMS also serves as placement agent for certain private funds. Typically, JPMS does not receive placement fees from such funds but receives fees directly from the Adviser and from certain investors subscribing for interests in such funds. These fees are typically in addition to the cost of the investors' subscription amounts.

JPMC, by virtue of its indirect interest in the Adviser, indirectly benefits from the services of placement agents when placement agents place interests which lead to an increase in assets upon which the Adviser receives fees from the funds. In addition, the potential for placement agents affiliated with JPMC, and for JPMC itself, to receive (directly or indirectly) compensation in connection with certain investors' subscriptions for private funds creates a conflict of interest in recommending investments in such funds. The remuneration relating to sales of interests in private funds managed by the Adviser from time to time will be greater than that of other products that placement agents might offer on behalf of JPMC or other sponsors. In such circumstances, the placement agents will have an incentive to recommend and offer interests in funds managed by the Adviser to their clients.

iii. Clearing Broker

The Adviser also utilizes JPMS as a FCM only for clearing purposes for certain institutional accounts that specifically direct the Adviser to do so. Futures transactions are not executed by JPMS.

iv. Executing Broker

JPMS executes certain U.S. Equity trades placed on an agency basis by the Adviser on behalf of certain JPMorgan Funds.

v. JPMorgan Funds - Money Market Instruments

The Adviser and certain JPMorgan Funds have been granted exemptive orders by the SEC pursuant to which certain JPMorgan Funds are permitted to engage in principal transactions with JPMS involving taxable and tax-exempt money market instruments (including commercial paper, banker acceptances, and medium-term notes) and repurchase agreements. The orders are subject to certain conditions, which are intended to avoid

potential conflicts of interest. The Adviser has controls in place to monitor its ongoing compliance with the conditions.

vi. Index Provider

JPMS develops indices that may be used by certain index tracking products managed by the Adviser. Alternatively, an index or notional product may reflect strategic input from both the Adviser and JPMS. The Adviser may also act as sub-adviser on certain JPMS initiatives.

### **Investment Companies or Other Pooled Investment Vehicles**

The Adviser is the investment adviser or sub-adviser for various JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, including funds organized under the laws of other countries and jurisdictions. The Adviser is the primary adviser to the JPMorgan Funds.

The Adviser often recommends and invests client accounts in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds which creates a conflict of interest because the Adviser and/or its Affiliates benefit from increased allocations to the JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, and certain Affiliates of the Adviser may receive distribution, placement, administration, custody, trust services or other fees for services provided to such funds. Please refer to the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds section within Item 11.B, for a more complete discussion regarding conflicts of interest.

As described in Item 5, the Adviser generally does not receive advisory fees from both the client's separate account and the JPMorgan Affiliated Fund in which the separate account is invested. Please refer to Item 5.E, Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest.

### **Other Investment Advisers, Commodity Pool Operators, and Commodity Trading Advisers**

The Adviser has relationships that are material to its investment advisory business with the following affiliated investment advisers: 55ip, Bear Stearns Asset Management Inc., Beijing Equity Investment Development Management Co. Ltd., J.P. Morgan Alternative Asset Management Inc., J.P. Morgan Asset Management Real Estate (France) SAS, J.P. Morgan Private Investments, Inc. ("JPMPI"), J.P. Morgan Private Wealth Advisors LLC, JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Australia) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Canada) Inc., JPMorgan Asset Management (China) Company Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Europe) S.á r.l., JPMorgan Asset Management (Japan) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Singapore) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Switzerland) LLC, JPMorgan Asset Management (Taiwan) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management Real Assets (Asia) Limited, JPMorgan Funds (Asia) Limited, JPMorgan Funds Limited, and Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated.

Among the above named affiliates, 55ip, Bear Stearns Asset Management Inc., J.P. Morgan Alternative Asset Management Inc., JPMPI, J.P. Morgan Private Wealth Advisors LLC, JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, JPMorgan Funds Limited, and Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated are SEC registered investment advisers; and Beijing Equity Investment Development Management Co. Ltd. and JPMorgan Asset Management (Europe) S.á r.l. are exempt reporting advisers.

J.P. Morgan Alternative Asset Management Inc. is also registered as a CPO and CTA with the CFTC, and JPMPI is registered as a CPO with the CFTC. JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited, and JPMorgan Funds Limited are Exempt CPOs with the CFTC. JPMorgan Asset Management (UK) Limited is an Exempt CTA with the CFTC.

In addition, the Adviser engages certain foreign affiliated advisers that, in some cases, are not registered as investment advisers with the SEC to provide advice or research to the Adviser for use with its U.S. clients (each a "Participating Affiliate Arrangement"). The Participating Affiliate Arrangements are structured in

accordance with a series of SEC no-action letters requiring that participating affiliates remain subject to the supervision of JPMIM and the regulatory oversight of the SEC in certain respects. The Adviser has Participating Affiliate Arrangements with the following foreign affiliated advisers: JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Japan) Limited, JPMorgan Asset Management (Singapore) Limited and JPMorgan Asset Management (Taiwan) Limited.

With respect to certain client accounts and funds, the Adviser delegates some or all of its responsibilities as adviser to other affiliated advisers, which creates conflicts of interest related to the Adviser's determination to use, suggest, or recommend the services of such entities because the Adviser and/or its Affiliates may benefit from increased allocations to their businesses. The particular services involved will depend on the types of services offered by the relevant Affiliate. The Adviser also contracts directly with JPMPI to provide certain services, including investment advisory services and distribution management services, to clients or vehicles for which JPMPI serves as adviser or administrator. Please refer to the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds section and the Sub-Advisory Relationships section within Item 11.B, for a more complete discussion regarding conflicts of interest.

The Adviser typically compensates other affiliated advisers out of the advisory fees it receives from the relevant fund or client account. The Adviser also serves as adviser or sub-adviser for various client accounts and funds managed by its Affiliates. In addition, as described above, the Adviser recommends and invests certain client accounts and funds in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds. The Adviser generally does not charge dual level fees as described in Item 5.E, Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest. Where the Adviser delegates advisory responsibilities to affiliated SEC registered investment advisers, a copy of the brochure of each such affiliate is available on the SEC's website ([www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov)) and will be provided to clients or prospective clients upon request.

JPMIM is listed as a Related Adviser in Item 2.A of Part 1A of the Bear Stearns Asset Management Inc. Form ADV. JPMIM and Bear Stearns Asset Management, Inc. share supervised persons and Management Persons and are located at the same principal office and place of business.

For information regarding investment advisory services provided by JPMCB see the Banking or Thrift Institution section below.

### **Banking or Thrift Institution**

JPMC, the Adviser's parent company is a public company that is a bank holding company registered with the Federal Reserve. JPMC is subject to supervision and regulation by the Federal Reserve and is subject to certain restrictions imposed by the BHCA and related regulations. For a more complete discussion of the BHCA's restrictions that may apply to the Adviser's activities please see the disclosure describing Regulatory Risk within Item 8.B.

JPMCB is a national banking association affiliated with the Adviser. JPMCB is subject to supervision and regulation by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. JPMCB is also an Exempt Commodity Pool Operator and Exempt Commodity Trading Adviser with the CFTC. JPMCB provides investment advisory, trustee, custody, fund accounting, and other services to JPMorgan Funds, JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and to institutional clients. Certain personnel of the Adviser are also officers of JPMCB and provide investment advisory and other services to bank-sponsored collective investment funds established and maintained by JPMCB, private funds, or separately managed accounts managed by JPMCB. In other instances, the Adviser contracts directly with JPMCB's private banking division to provide portfolio management services, advisory, and other services and the Adviser is compensated by JPMCB for such services. In such cases, the Adviser coordinates portfolio management and trading activities among its clients and clients of JPMCB as further described in Item 12.B, Order Aggregation.

The Adviser has an agreement with the agency securities finance unit of JPMCB ("Agency Securities Finance") to provide credit research on counterparties that effectuate high-grade, short-term, fixed income transactions. Agency Securities Finance uses this research in its evaluation and selection of counterparties



when entering into securities lending and repurchase transactions on behalf of certain clients of Agency Securities Finance. To mitigate any potential conflicts, Agency Securities Finance has agreed to only use, disclose, or distribute such information to employees or agents of JPMCB who are actively and directly engaged in the Agency Securities Finance business. Agency Securities Finance does not provide such information to any other employees or agents of JPMCB, its affiliates, or any unaffiliated third parties with the exception of impacted clients, regulators, auditors, or as otherwise required by applicable law.

The Securities Services unit of JPMCB has agreements with the Adviser to provide the following services to the Adviser:

- Risk as a Service ("RaaS"), i.e., derivative risk analytics, pricing, and other services.
- Middle office services, i.e., core trade support, reconciliations, IBOR data services, investment accounting, and operational reporting.

These arrangements create a conflict of interest as there is a financial incentive in selecting JPMCB over an unaffiliated service provider, to the benefit of JPMCB and indirectly, JPMC. To mitigate this conflict, the Adviser undertakes appropriate due diligence, oversight and governance in its review and selection of all service providers, regardless of whether those service providers are Affiliates or otherwise. In addition, with regard to potential conflicts related to the disclosure of information to JPMCB, the Securities Services unit has agreed to only use, disclose, or distribute relevant information to employees or agents of JPMCB who are actively and directly engaged in the respective RaaS or middle office services. The Securities Services unit does not provide such information to any other employees or agents of JPMCB, its affiliates or any unaffiliated third parties with the exception of client service providers who require the information to provide client services, regulators, auditors, or as otherwise required by applicable law.

Certain functions, such as human resources, legal, compliance, IT, and risk management, are provided through AM and/or JPMC as shared functions across all of its geographical entities.

### **Pension Consultant**

The Adviser delegates the management of certain ERISA accounts to JPMorgan Asset Management (Asia Pacific) Ltd. and J.P. Morgan Alternative Asset Management Inc.

### **Sponsor or Syndicator of Limited Partnerships**

From time to time, the Adviser or its related persons act as a general partner, special limited partner of a limited partnership, or managing member or special member of a limited liability company to which the Adviser serves as an adviser, sub-adviser, or provides other services. The Adviser and related persons may solicit the Adviser's clients to invest in such limited partnerships or limited liability companies, for which the Adviser or a related person may receive compensation.

Related persons of the Adviser may serve as a director of a U.S. or non-U.S. investment company or other corporate entity for which the Adviser may solicit clients to invest. For a list of such funds, please refer to Section 7.B of Schedule D in Form ADV Part 1A.

### **Service Providers in Which the Adviser or its Affiliates Hold an Interest**

#### *PricingDirect Inc.*

PricingDirect Inc. ("PricingDirect") is an approved pricing vendor and an Affiliate of the Adviser. PricingDirect is used as a primary pricing source for emerging market debt securities or secondary pricing source for certain OTC derivatives and fixed income securities. PricingDirect has an evaluation methodology for certain fixed income securities and OTC derivatives that is widely relied upon within the financial services industry. Valuations received by the Adviser from PricingDirect are the same as those provided to other affiliated and unaffiliated entities. The Adviser utilizes established controls to oversee all pricing services, including those

provided by affiliated and unaffiliated entities. Controls include ongoing and routine due diligence reviews of prices received from affiliated and unaffiliated sources.

#### Electronic Communication Networks and Alternative Trading Systems

JPMC and its affiliates own interests in electronic communication networks and alternative trading systems (collectively "ECNs"), although these interests are not significant enough to cause the ECNs to be designated as an Affiliate of the Adviser. The Adviser from time to time executes client trades through ECNs in which JPMC and its Affiliates hold an interest. In such cases, an Affiliate will be indirectly compensated proportionate to its ownership interest. In addition, the Adviser currently owns a minority interest in Kezar Trading, LLC ("Kezar") (f/k/a Luminex Trading & Analytics LLC), an SEC registered broker-dealer that operates an alternative, buy-side-focused equity block trading platform and has a representative on Kezar's Board of Directors. The Adviser will only execute a trade through Kezar or an ECN in which an Affiliate holds an interest when the Adviser reasonably believes it to be in the best interests of clients and the requirements of applicable law have been satisfied. The Adviser may also execute foreign currency transactions using ECNs in which an Affiliate may have an equity interest. As discussed in further detail in Item 12, Brokerage Practices, the Adviser strives to ensure that transactions with Affiliates and related persons are subject to the Adviser's duty of seeking best execution for its clients.

#### **Considerations Relating to Information Held by the Adviser and Its Affiliates**

JPMAM maintains various types of internal information barriers and other policies that are designed to prevent certain information from being shared or transmitted to other business units within JPMAM, WM, and within JPMC more broadly. The Adviser relies on these information barriers to protect the integrity of its investment process and to comply with fiduciary duties and regulatory obligations. The Adviser also relies upon these barriers to mitigate potential conflicts, to preserve confidential information and to prevent the inappropriate flow of material, non-public information and confidential information to and from the Adviser, to other public and private JPMC lines of business, and between the Adviser's sub-lines of business. Material, non-public information ("MNPI") is information not generally disseminated to the public that a reasonable investor would likely consider important in making an investment decision. This information is received voluntarily and involuntarily and under varying circumstances, including, but not limited to, upon execution of a non-disclosure agreement, as a result of serving on the board of directors of a company, serving on ad hoc or official creditors' committees and participation in risk, advisory or other committees for various trading platforms, clearinghouses and other market infrastructure related entities and organizations. The Adviser's information barriers include, where appropriate: information system firewalls; the establishment of separate legal entities; physical separation of employees from different business divisions; and written policies and procedures designed to limit the sharing of MNPI and confidential information.

As a result of information barriers, the Adviser generally will not have access, or will have limited access, to information and personnel in other areas of JPMC. In certain instances, the Adviser will receive data and information from other areas of JPMC. Such data and information is provided subject to the AM and JPMC control framework and information barrier policies. As described above, information barriers also exist between certain businesses within the Adviser. There may be circumstances in which, as a result of information held by certain portfolio management teams, or others, the Adviser limits an activity or transaction for certain client accounts or funds, including client accounts or funds managed by portfolio management teams other than the team holding such information.

For additional information regarding restrictions on trading on MNPI and potential related conflicts of interest, please see Item 11.A, Code of Ethics and Personal Trading and Item 11.B, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Other Conflicts of Interest.

**D. Material Conflicts of Interest Relating to Other Investment Advisers**

As described in Item 10.C above, with respect to certain client accounts and funds, the Adviser delegates some or all of its responsibilities as adviser to other affiliated advisers or is delegated responsibilities by an affiliated adviser. The Adviser typically compensates other affiliated advisers out of the advisory fees or incentive compensation it receives from the relevant fund or client account or otherwise shares such advisory fees or incentive compensation with such affiliated advisers. In addition, the Adviser recommends and invests certain client accounts and funds in certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds managed by affiliated advisers. For more information, see the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds section and the Sub-Advisory Relationships section within Item 11.B.

Except as described in Item 5.A, the Adviser generally does not charge dual level fees. Please refer to Item 5.E, Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest.

Certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and client accounts invest in Unaffiliated Funds for the limited purpose of gaining exposure to underlying funds that pursue a passive index strategy or for certain alternative investment strategies. For more information, see Item 5.E, Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest and the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds section within Item 11.B.

The Adviser uses the advisory services of unaffiliated investment advisers but does not receive compensation from the unaffiliated investment advisers for retaining such services. Where an unaffiliated investment adviser provides sub-advisory services, the unaffiliated adviser is paid a portion of the advisory fees the Adviser receives from the client. Therefore, the Adviser's clients do not incur additional fees as a result of these relationships. For more information, see the Sub-Advisory Relationships section within Item 11.B.

Lastly, where the Adviser provides asset allocation services to unaffiliated investment companies that are fund of funds ("client fund of funds") it faces an actual or potential conflict of interest in allocating the assets of the client fund of funds when the Adviser has business relationships with other unaffiliated sub-advisers of underlying funds in which the client fund of funds invests or such sub-adviser's affiliates. Allocating client fund of funds assets to underlying funds managed by such unaffiliated sub-advisers may help to enhance the Adviser's relationships with such sub-advisers or their affiliates. For more information, see the Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Fund of Funds Assets to Underlying Funds Sub-Advised by the Adviser within Item 11.B.

**ITEM 11****Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading****A. Code of Ethics and Personal Trading**

The Adviser and its registered investment adviser Affiliates have adopted the Code of Ethics for JPMAM (the "Code of Ethics") pursuant to Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act. The Code of Ethics is designed to ensure that the Adviser's employees comply with applicable federal securities laws and place the interests of their clients before their own personal interests at all times. The Code of Ethics imposes certain restrictions on securities transactions in the personal accounts of covered persons to help avoid or mitigate conflicts of interest, as described more fully below. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available free of charge to any client upon request by contacting your client service representative or financial adviser.

The Code of Ethics contains policies and procedures relating to:

- Account holding reports, personal trading, including reporting and pre-clearance requirements for all employees of the Adviser;
- Confidentiality obligations to clients set forth in the JPMC privacy notices;

- Employee conflicts of interest, which includes guidance relating to restrictions on trading on MNPI, gifts and business hospitality, political and charitable contributions and outside interests; and
- Escalation guidelines for reporting Code of Ethics violations.

In general, the personal trading rules under the Code of Ethics require that accounts of employees and associated persons be maintained with an approved broker and that certain trades in reportable securities for such accounts be pre-cleared and monitored by Compliance personnel. The Code of Ethics also prohibits certain types of trading activity, such as short-term and speculative trades. Employees of the Adviser must obtain approval prior to engaging in all covered security transactions, including those issued in private placements. In addition, certain employees of the Adviser are not permitted to buy or sell securities issued by JPMC during certain periods throughout the year. Certain "Access Persons" (defined as persons with access to non-public information regarding the Adviser's recommendations to clients, purchases, or sales of securities for client accounts and advised funds) are prohibited from executing personal trades in a security or similar instrument five business days before and after a client or fund managed by that Access Person transacts in that security or similar instrument. In addition, Access Persons are required to disclose household members, personal security transactions and holdings information. These disclosure obligations and restrictions are designed to mitigate conflicts of interest that may arise if Access Persons transact in the same securities as advisory clients.

Additionally, all of the Adviser's employees are subject to the JPMC firm-wide policies and procedures including those found in JPMC's Code of Conduct (the "Code of Conduct"). The Code of Conduct sets forth restrictions regarding confidential and proprietary information, information barriers, private investments, outside interests and personal trading. All JPMC employees, including the Adviser's employees, are required to familiarize themselves with, comply with, and attest annually to their compliance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct's terms as a condition of continued employment.

## **B. Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Other Conflicts of Interest**

### **JPMC Acting in Multiple Commercial Capacities**

JPMC is a diversified financial services firm that provides a broad range of services and products to its clients and is a major participant in the global currency, equity, commodity, fixed income, and other markets in which the Adviser's client accounts invest or may invest. JPMC is typically entitled to compensation in connection with these activities and the Adviser's clients will not be entitled to any such compensation. In providing services and products to clients other than the Adviser's clients, JPMC, from time to time, faces conflicts of interest with respect to activities recommended to or performed for the Adviser's clients on one hand and for JPMC's other clients on the other hand. For example, JPMC has, and continues to seek to develop banking and other financial and advisory relationships with numerous U.S. and non-U.S. persons and governments. JPMC also advises and represents potential buyers and sellers of businesses worldwide. The Adviser's client accounts have invested in, or may wish to invest in, such entities represented by JPMC or with which JPMC has a banking, advisory, or other financial relationship. In addition, certain clients of JPMC, including the Adviser's clients, may invest in entities in which JPMC holds an interest, including a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund. In providing services to its clients and as a participant in global markets, JPMC from time to time recommends or engages in activities that compete with or otherwise adversely affect an Adviser's client account or its investments. It should be recognized that such relationships can preclude the Adviser's clients from engaging in certain transactions and can also restrict investment opportunities that may be otherwise available to the Adviser's clients. For example, JPMC is often engaged by companies as a financial adviser, or to provide financing or other services, in connection with commercial transactions that are potential investment opportunities for the Adviser's clients. There are circumstances in which advisory accounts are precluded from participating in such transactions as a result of JPMC's engagement by such companies. JPMC reserves the right to act for these companies in such circumstances, notwithstanding the potential adverse effect on the Adviser's clients. In addition, JPMC derives ancillary benefits from providing investment advisory, custody, administration, prime brokerage, transfer agency, fund accounting and shareholder servicing, and other services to the Adviser's clients, and providing such services to the Adviser's clients may enhance JPMC's

relationships with various parties, facilitate additional business development, and enable JPMC to obtain additional business and generate additional revenue. For example, allocating a client account's assets or a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund's assets to a third-party private fund or product enhances JPMC's relationship with such third-party private fund or product and their affiliates and could facilitate additional business development or enable JPMC or the Adviser to obtain additional business and generate additional revenue. Additionally, the Adviser provides investment advisory and other services, including distribution management, to clients or vehicles for which JPMPI, an affiliate, serves as adviser or administrator. This arrangement causes a conflict of interest because the Adviser receives various fees from the JPMPI-related clients or vehicles.

The following are descriptions of certain additional conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest that may be associated with the financial or other interests that the Adviser and JPMC may have in transactions effected by, with, or on behalf of its clients. In addition to the specific mitigants described further below, the Adviser has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to appropriately prevent, limit or mitigate conflicts of interest. In addition, many of the activities that create these conflicts of interest are limited and/or if prohibited by law, are conducted under an available exception.

*JPMC Service Providers and Their Relationships with Issuers of Debt or Equity Instruments held by Client Accounts*

JPMC or the Adviser's related persons provide financing, consulting, investment banking, management, custodial, transfer agency, shareholder servicing, treasury oversight, administration, distribution, underwriting, including participating in underwriting syndicates, brokerage (including prime brokerage), or other services to, and receive customary compensation from, an issuer of equity or debt securities held by client accounts or JPMorgan Affiliated Funds managed by the Adviser or the portfolio companies in which such accounts or funds invest. These relationships generate revenue to JPMC and could influence the Adviser in deciding whether to select or recommend such investment funds, products, or companies for investments by client accounts or JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, in deciding how to manage such investments, and in deciding when to realize such investments. For example, JPMC earns compensation from private funds or their sponsors or investment products for providing certain services. The Adviser has an incentive to favor such funds or products over other funds or products with which JPMC has no relationship when investing on behalf of, or recommending investments to, client accounts or JPMorgan Affiliated Funds because such investments potentially increase JPMC's overall revenue. In providing these services, JPMC could also act in a manner that is detrimental to a client account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund, such as when JPMC is providing financing services and it determines to close a line of credit to, to not extend credit to, or to foreclose on the assets of, an investment vehicle or a portfolio company in which a client account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund invests, or when JPMC advises a client and such advice is adverse to a client account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund. Any fees or other compensation received by JPMC in connection with such activities will not be shared with the Adviser's clients. Such compensation could include financial advisory fees, monitoring fees, adviser fees, or fees in connection with restructurings or mergers and acquisitions, as well as underwriting or placement fees, financing or commitment fees, trustee fees, and brokerage fees.

*Client Participation in Offerings where JPMC acts as Underwriter or Placement Agent*

When permitted by a client's investment guidelines, objectives, restrictions, conditions, limitations, directions, and cash needs, and subject to compliance with applicable law, regulations, and exemptions, the Adviser from time to time purchases securities for client accounts during an underwriting or other offering of such securities in which a broker-dealer Affiliate of the Adviser acts as a manager, co-manager, underwriter or placement agent. The Adviser's Affiliate typically receives a benefit in the form of management, underwriting, or other fees.

When a broker-dealer Affiliate serves as underwriter in connection with an initial or secondary public offering of securities held in client accounts or certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds managed by the Adviser, JPMC typically requires certain equity holders, including such client account or such JPMorgan Affiliated Fund, to be subject to a lock-up period following the offering during which time such equity holders' ability to sell any securities is restricted. In addition, JPMC internal policies or identified actual or potential conflicts arising from

the role of such broker-dealer Affiliate could preclude a client account or a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund from selling into such an offering. These factors could restrict the Adviser's ability to dispose of such securities at an opportune time and thereby adversely affect the relevant account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund and its performance. Affiliates of the Adviser also act in other capacities in such offerings and such Affiliates will receive fees, compensation, or other benefit for such services.

The commercial relationships and activities of the Adviser's Affiliates may at times indirectly preclude the Adviser from engaging in certain transactions on behalf of its clients and constrain the investment flexibility of client accounts. For example, when an Affiliate of the Adviser is the sole underwriter of an initial or secondary offering, the Adviser cannot purchase or sell securities in the offering for its clients. In such case, the universe of securities and counterparties available to the Adviser's clients will be smaller than that available to clients of advisers that are not affiliated with major broker-dealers.

#### Client Participation in Structured Fixed Income Offerings in which an Affiliate is a Service Provider

Subject to applicable law, the Adviser expects to participate in structured fixed income offerings of securities in which an Affiliate, acting on behalf of an issuer serves as trustee, depositor, originator, service agent, or other service provider, and receives fees for such service. For example, from time to time, JPMC acts as the originator or agent of loans or receivables for the structured fixed income offerings in which the Adviser may invest for clients. In transactions where the Affiliate has agreed to hold or acquire unsold securities in an offering, participation by client accounts will relieve the Affiliate of such obligation.

#### JPMC Service Providers and their Funds in Client Accounts

JPMC faces conflicts of interest when certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds select service providers affiliated with JPMC because JPMC receives greater overall fees when they are used. Affiliates provide investment advisory, custody, administration, fund accounting, and shareholder servicing services to certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds for which the Affiliates are compensated by such funds. In addition, certain Unaffiliated Funds in which the Adviser invests on behalf of its clients, in the normal course of their operations, may engage in ordinary market transactions with JPMC, or may have entered into service contracts or arrangements with JPMC. For example, the Adviser may allocate client assets to an Unaffiliated Fund that trades OTC derivatives with JPMC. Similarly, JPMC provides custodial, brokerage, administrative, or other services to Unaffiliated Funds in which the Adviser invests on behalf of its clients. These relationships could potentially influence the Adviser in deciding whether to select such funds for its clients or recommend such funds to its clients.

#### Conflicts Related to Advisers and Service Providers

Certain advisers or service providers to clients and funds managed by the Adviser (including investment advisers, accountants, administrators, lenders, bankers, brokers, attorneys, consultants, and investment or commercial banking firms) provide goods or services to, or have business, personal, financial, or other relationships with JPMC and/or the Adviser, their Affiliates, advisory clients, and portfolio companies. Such advisers and service providers may be clients of JPMC and the Adviser, sources of investment opportunities, co-investors, commercial counterparties, or entities in which JPMC has an investment. Additionally, certain employees of JPMC or the Adviser could have family members or relatives employed by such advisers and service providers. These relationships could have the appearance of affecting or potentially influencing the Adviser in deciding whether to select or recommend such advisers or service providers to perform services for its clients or investments held by such clients (the cost of which will generally be borne directly or indirectly by such clients).

In addition, JPMC has entered into arrangements with service providers that include fee discounts for services rendered to JPMC. For example, certain law firms retained by JPMC discount their legal fees based upon the type and volume of services provided to JPMC. The cost of legal services paid by the Adviser's clients is separately negotiated and is not included in the negotiation or calculation of the JPMC rate and, as a result, the fees that are charged to the clients typically reflect higher billing rates. In the event that legal

services are provided jointly to JPMC and a client with respect to a particular matter, the client and JPMC will each bear their pro-rata share of the cost of such services which may reflect the JPMC discount or a higher rate, depending on the facts and circumstances of the particular engagement.

#### Clients' Investments in Affiliated Companies

Subject to applicable law, from time to time the Adviser invests in fixed income or equity instruments or other securities that represent a direct or indirect interest in securities of JPMC, including JPMC stock. The Adviser will receive advisory fees on the portion of client holdings invested in such instruments or other securities and may be entitled to vote or otherwise exercise rights and take actions with respect to such instruments or other securities on behalf of its clients. Generally, such activity occurs when a client account includes an index or enhanced index strategy that targets the returns of certain indices in which JPMC securities are a component. Investments in JPMC securities by an index or enhanced index strategy must be made consistent with applicable law and subject to position limits and other constraints. The Adviser has a conflict of interest because JPMC, its subsidiaries and their personnel, benefit from transactions that support or increase the market demand and price for JPMC securities. The conflict is mitigated because purchases and sales of JPMC securities in client accounts are limited to transactions that align to the relative weighting of JPMC securities in a client's account to the current weightings of the index tracked by a client account. In cases where a client's account does not specifically track an index, the Adviser has implemented guidelines for rebalancing a client's account, or engaging in tax management services, when it involves the purchase or sale of the securities of the Adviser or one of its Affiliates and minimizes the level of investment in securities of the Adviser and its Affiliates. In addition, the Adviser typically utilizes a third-party proxy voting firm to vote shares of the securities of JPMC that are held in a client's account. For certain institutional separately managed accounts that follow an index or enhanced index strategy that includes fixed income securities, voting, consent or similar rights in connection with the JPMC securities are typically exercised in a manner the Adviser determines is consistent with the index's treatment of such rights.

Clients' direct or indirect investments in companies affiliated with JPMC, or in which the Adviser, its Affiliates, or the Adviser's other clients have an interest may result in benefits to the Adviser, its Affiliates, or other clients of the Adviser. For example, a client account may acquire securities or indebtedness of a company affiliated with JPMC, either directly or indirectly such as through syndicate or secondary market purchases, or may make a loan to, or purchase securities from, a company that uses the proceeds to repay loans made by JPMC. Under these circumstances, such investments by the Adviser on behalf of its clients are beneficial to JPMC's own investments in, and its activities with respect to, such companies.

#### Investment Opportunities Sourced by JPMC

From time to time, the Adviser's Affiliates, including, but not limited to, Affiliates within JPMC's investment, commercial, and private banking divisions and JPMC's corporate functions, introduce to the Adviser a potential transaction involving the sale or purchase of private securities, loans, real estate, infrastructure, or transportation investments that may be suitable for a private fund or client account managed by the Adviser. If such fund or account pursues the resulting transaction, JPMC will have a conflict in its representation of the Adviser's client over the price and terms of the fund's investment or disposal.

The Adviser's Affiliates could also provide investment banking, advisory, or other services to competitors of the Adviser's clients with respect to the prospective or existing investments held by such clients or with respect to certain investments that the Adviser's clients are considering, or are in the process of acquiring. Such activities will present JPMC with a conflict of interest vis-à-vis the Adviser's client's investment and may also result in a conflict with respect to the allocation of resources to such competitors.

#### Restrictions Relating to JPMC Directorships/Affiliations

From time to time, directors, officers, and employees of JPMC, serve on the board of directors or hold another senior position with a corporation, investment fund manager, or other institution that may want to sell an investment to, acquire an investment from, or otherwise engage in a transaction with the Adviser's clients.

The presence of such persons in these circumstances may require the relevant person to recuse themselves from participating in a transaction, or cause the Adviser, corporation, investment fund manager, or other institution to determine that it (or its client) is unable to pursue a transaction because of a potential conflict of interest. In such cases, the investment opportunities available to the Adviser's clients and the ability of such clients to engage in transactions or retain certain investments or assets will be limited.

In connection with investments on behalf of funds or clients, the Adviser may receive representation on an Unaffiliated Fund or portfolio company's board of directors, advisory committee or another similar group, and may participate in general operating activities. Applicable securities laws and internal policies of the Adviser could limit the ability of employees of the Adviser to serve on such boards or committees. If employees of the Adviser serve on a board or committee of an Unaffiliated Fund or portfolio company, such persons may have conflicts of interest in their duties as members of such board or committee and as employees of the Adviser. In addition, such persons and such funds or clients will likely be subject to certain investment and trading limitations if such persons receive MNPI in connection with serving on such boards or committees.

#### JPMC Interfund and Lending Activities; Securities Lending

The JPMorgan Funds managed by the Adviser rely on an exemptive order from the SEC permitting a JPMorgan Fund to borrow from another JPMorgan Fund in accordance with the conditions of the exemptive order and internal guidelines ("Interfund Lending"). In addition, the JPMorgan Funds have a line of credit from JPMCB (the "Credit Facility"). Both Interfund Lending and the Credit Facility may be used to help the funds meet unexpected large redemptions or cash shortfalls. JPMC faces conflicts of interest with respect to Interfund Lending or the Credit Facility, which could harm the lending or the borrowing fund if JPMC favors one fund's or JPMC's interests over those of another fund. In addition, a fund managed by the Adviser may engage in securities lending transactions. The Adviser faces a conflict of interest when JPMC operates as a service provider in the securities lending transaction or otherwise receives compensation as part of the securities lending activities.

#### Principal Transactions, Cross and Agency Cross Transactions

When permitted by applicable law and the Adviser's policy, the Adviser, acting on behalf of its client accounts, from time to time enters into transactions in securities and other instruments with or through JPMC, and causes accounts to engage in principal transactions, cross transactions, and agency cross transactions. A "principal transaction" occurs if the Adviser, acting on behalf of its client accounts, knowingly buys a security from, or sells a security to, the Adviser's or its Affiliate's own account.

A "cross transaction" occurs when the Adviser arranges a transaction between different client accounts where the client accounts buy and sell securities or other instruments from, or to, each other. For example, in some instances a security to be sold by one client account may independently be considered appropriate for purchase by another client account. In such cases, the Adviser may, but is not required, to cause the security to be "crossed" or transferred directly between the relevant accounts at an independently determined market price and without incurring brokerage commissions, although customary custodian fees and transfer fees may be incurred, no part of which will be received by the Adviser.

An "agency cross transaction" occurs if JPMC acts as broker for, and receives a commission from a client account of the Adviser on one side of the transaction and a brokerage account on the other side of the transaction in connection with the purchase or sale of securities by the Adviser's client account. The Adviser faces potentially conflicting division of loyalties and responsibilities to the parties in such transactions, including with respect to a decision to enter into such transactions as well as with respect to valuation, pricing, and other terms. No such transactions will be effected unless the Adviser determines that the transaction is in the best interest of each client account and permitted by applicable law.

The Adviser has adopted policies and procedures in relation to such transactions and conflicts. In the case of funds or certain other client accounts, consent may be granted by a governing body or a committee of investors or independent persons acting for a client account, in which case other investors will not have the



opportunity to provide or withhold consent to the proposed transaction. Where a registered investment company participates in a cross trade, the Adviser will comply with procedures adopted pursuant to Rule 17a-7 under the 1940 Act and related regulatory authority.

Futures Execution and/or Clearing with Adviser's Related Person

The Adviser's related persons provide futures execution and/or clearing services for a fee. The Adviser uses a related person as futures clearing agent for certain institutional accounts that specifically direct the Adviser to do so. In these cases, the Adviser or related person acts in a fiduciary capacity, and the other related person will receive consideration for services rendered. Please see Item 12.A.3 for additional information regarding conflicts of interest associated with directed brokerage.

**Conflicts Related to the Development and Use of Index Products**

The Adviser or one of its Affiliates may develop or own and operate stock market and other indices based on investment and trading strategies developed by the Adviser or its Affiliates or assist unaffiliated entities in creating indices that are tracked by certain ETFs or certain client accounts utilized by the Adviser. Some of the ETFs advised by JPMIM (the "JPMorgan ETFs") seek to track the performance of certain of these indices. In addition, the Adviser may manage client accounts which track the same indices used by the JPMorgan ETFs or which may be based on the same, or substantially similar, strategies that are used in the operation of the indices and the JPMorgan ETFs. The operation of the indices, JPMorgan ETFs, and client accounts in this manner may give rise to potential conflicts of interest. For example, client accounts that track the same indices used by the JPMorgan ETFs may engage in purchases and sales of securities relating to index changes at a time different to the implementation of index updates or JPMorgan ETFs engaging in similar transactions because the client accounts may be managed and rebalanced on an ongoing basis, whereas the JPMorgan ETFs' portfolios are only rebalanced on a periodic basis corresponding with the rebalancing of an index. These differences may result in the client accounts having more or less favorable performance relative to that of the index and the JPMorgan ETFs or other client accounts that track the index. Furthermore, the Adviser may, from time to time, manage client accounts that invest in these JPMorgan ETFs.

The Adviser also serves as an index administrator to certain indices and performs a separate, non-fiduciary function with respect to the relevant indices. As an index administrator, the Adviser is an Affiliated Index Provider to certain Self-Indexed Accounts. Self-indexing gives rise to potential conflicts of interest, including concerns regarding the ability of an Affiliated Index Provider to manipulate an underlying index to the benefit or detriment of the Self-Indexed Account. The potential for conflicts of interest may also arise with respect to the personal trading activity of personnel of the Affiliated Index Provider who have knowledge of changes to an underlying index prior to the time that such index changes or other information related to the index is publicly disseminated.

Other potential conflicts include the potential for unauthorized access to index information, allowing index changes that benefit the Adviser or other client accounts and not the investors in Self-Indexed Accounts. The Adviser has established certain information barriers and other policies to address the sharing of information between different businesses within the Adviser and its Affiliates, including with respect to personnel responsible for coordinating the development and governance of the indices and those involved in decision-making for the Self-Indexed Accounts. In addition, as described in Item 11, Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading, the Adviser has adopted a code of ethics.

**Investing in Securities which the Adviser or a Related Person Has a Material Financial Interest**

Recommendation or Investments in Securities that the Adviser or Its Related Persons may also Purchase or Sell

The Adviser and its related persons may recommend or invest in securities on behalf of its clients that the Adviser and its related persons may also purchase or sell for themselves. As a result, positions taken by the Adviser and its related persons may be the same as or different from, or made contemporaneously or at

different times than, positions taken for clients of the Adviser. As these situations involve actual or potential conflicts of interest, the Adviser has adopted policies and procedures relating to personal securities transactions, insider trading, and other ethical considerations.

These policies and procedures are intended to identify and mitigate actual and perceived conflicts of interest and to resolve such conflicts appropriately if they do occur. The policies and procedures contain provisions regarding pre-clearance of employee trading, reporting requirements, and supervisory procedures that are designed to address potential conflicts of interest with respect to the activities and relationships of related persons that might interfere or appear to interfere with making decisions in the best interest of clients, including the prevention of front-running. The Adviser has implemented monitoring systems designed to ensure compliance with these policies and procedures.

#### Investments in Direct Private Equity Offerings or Co-Investments

The Adviser on behalf of its funds and advisory clients may invest in direct private equity offerings or co-investments, which involve the Adviser's related persons who are participants in the offering or who provide services to or receive services from the issuer or other parties in the offering. Clients of the Adviser will from time to time participate in the same offering as related persons. This participation may be at the same price or a higher or lower price as the related persons and related persons may sell their equity position prior to or after the Adviser's clients at a higher or lower price than the Adviser's clients. In addition, a conflict of interest exists when the Adviser and the Adviser's clients invest in different instruments or classes of securities than related persons as described below in "Investments in Different Parts of an Issuer's Capital Structure". To identify and mitigate actual or potential conflicts of interest arising from such activities, the Adviser has created a process for direct investing, which includes a review with JPMC's Global Conflicts Office.

#### JPMC's Proprietary Investments

The Adviser, JPMC, and any of their directors, partners, officers, agents, or employees, also buy, sell, or trade securities for their own accounts or the proprietary accounts of the Adviser and/or JPMC. The Adviser and/or JPMC, within their discretion, may make different investment decisions and take other actions with respect to their proprietary accounts than those made for client accounts, including the timing or nature of such investment decisions or actions. The proprietary activities, investments, or portfolio strategies of the Adviser and/or JPMC give rise to a conflict of interest with the transactions and strategies employed by the Adviser on behalf of its clients and affect the prices and availability of the investment opportunities in which the Adviser invests on behalf of its clients. Further, the Adviser is not required to purchase or sell for any client account securities that it, JPMC, and any of their employees, principals, or agents may purchase or sell for their own accounts or the proprietary accounts of the Adviser, or JPMC. The Adviser, JPMC, and their respective directors, officers and employees face a conflict of interest as they will have income or other incentives to favor their own accounts or the proprietary accounts of the Adviser or JPMC.

The parent company of the Adviser has made proprietary investments in "Project Spark" and "Project Black". JPMC launched Project Spark to provide proprietary capital to emerging third-party funds managed by diverse, alternative managers, including minority, women, and veteran-led managers and managers that reflect other differences such as gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and socioeconomic background. Project Spark invests in venture capital funds and other private funds permissible for investment by JPMC under applicable regulations. Project Spark's investment committee is comprised of investment professionals from AM, including the Adviser. JPMC launched Project Black to co-invest proprietary capital alongside Ariel Alternatives LLC in middle market businesses that are, or will become with the investment by Ariel Alternatives LLC, minority owned, and in accordance with applicable regulations. It is possible that investment opportunities appropriate for client accounts may also be appropriate for Project Spark, Project Black, or similar proprietary investment programs and certain of the conflicts described in the first paragraph of this sub-section may arise.

*Proprietary Investments by the Adviser and/or its Related Persons - Initial Funding and Seed Investments*

In the ordinary course of business, and subject to compliance with applicable regulations, the Adviser or its related persons from time to time provide the initial funding ("JPMC Seed Capital") necessary to establish new funds for developing new investment strategies and products. These funds may be in the form of registered investment companies, private funds (such as partnerships), or limited liability companies, and may invest in the same securities as other client accounts. JPMC Seed Capital in any such seeded fund can be redeemed at any time generally without notice as permitted by the governing documentation of such funds and applicable regulations. Due to the requirements of the Volcker Rule, JPMC Seed Capital must be withdrawn within a period of one to three years following the launch of a fund (See Item 8.B, Regulatory Risk). A large redemption of shares by the Adviser or its related persons could result in the fund selling securities when it otherwise would not have done so, accelerating the realization of capital gains and increasing transaction costs. A large redemption of shares could also significantly reduce the assets of a fund, causing a higher expense ratio and decreased liquidity. From time to time, the Adviser uses derivatives to hedge all or a portion of these seed capital investments. JPMC Seed Capital may also subject a fund to additional regulatory restrictions. For example, seeded funds may be precluded from buying or selling certain securities, including IPOs. Where permitted these funds and accounts may, and frequently do, invest in the same securities as other funds and client accounts managed by the Adviser. The Adviser's policy is to treat seeded funds and accounts in the same manner as other funds and client accounts for purposes of order aggregation and allocation.

The Adviser or its related persons may acquire one or more investments in respect of a closed-end fund or client account before the closing or funding date of such fund or account (each, a "Seed Investment"). On or after the closing or funding date, the Adviser or its related person will sell the Seed Investment (or a fund interest attributable to the Seed Investment) to such fund or client account on pre-agreed terms. While the purchase price may take into account any decline in the fair market value of a Seed Investment, there is no guarantee that a Seed Investment will not continue to decline in value after the fund or account's purchase of the Seed Investment. Regardless of any decline in the fair market value of a Seed Investment, the fund or account may still be required to bear the closing costs and other expenses relating to such Seed Investment.

*Proprietary Investments by Employees' in JPMAM Pooled Investment Vehicles*

Certain of the Adviser's employees, and investment vehicles formed to facilitate investments by the Adviser's employees, are permitted to invest directly or indirectly in pooled vehicles managed by the Adviser and they may benefit from waived, rebated, or reduced fees and the investment performance of those pooled vehicles. Employees' investments in private placements or other securities must be pre-cleared. AM Compliance is responsible for reviewing these pre-clearance requests and monitoring the activities of employees holding such positions for conformity with the Adviser's policies.

The Volcker Rule prohibits or limits the ability of the Adviser and its related persons to engage in certain of these activities. For a more complete discussion of the Volcker Rule's restrictions please refer to Item 8.B, Regulatory Risk.

**Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Assets to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds**

When selecting underlying funds for client accounts, model portfolios (except Multi-Model Provider Arrangements), and funds that it manages, unless a categorical exception applies, the Adviser, in managing its MAS strategies and certain alternative investment strategies, generally limits its selection to JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and does not consider or canvass the universe of Unaffiliated Funds available, even though there may be Unaffiliated Funds that may be more appropriate for the client accounts or funds or that have superior historical returns. Certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds and client accounts within such strategies will invest in Unaffiliated Funds if one of the following categorical exceptions applies: (i) to gain exposure to underlying funds that pursue a passive index strategy that are not available through JPMAM, (ii) to meet certain specific client directed requests, and/or (iii) to meet certain regulatory requirements. When selecting

underlying funds for client accounts, model portfolios, and funds that it manages within its other investment strategies, the Adviser, absent certain exceptions, generally selects Unaffiliated Funds in order to meet account objectives.

For MAS portfolios that have allocations to private equity and private credit strategies, MAS client account sleeves in such strategies are managed by the Private Equity Group. For MAS portfolios that have an allocation to hedge funds, MAS client account sleeves in such strategies are managed by an Affiliate. Generally, allocations to such sleeves are invested in third-party managed private funds selected by the Adviser or an Affiliate, subject to investment guidelines provided by MAS.

*Investments in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds by Client Accounts*

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Adviser may allocate the assets of a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund, including a fund-of-funds, to another JPMorgan Affiliated Fund(s), which may be managed by one or more of the same portfolio managers. Similarly, the Adviser may allocate the assets of a separately managed account to a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund(s), which may be managed by one or more of the same portfolio managers of the respective separately managed account. These scenarios create potential conflicts of interest (discussed below in “Conflicts Related to the Advising of Multiple Accounts”), as well as conflicts related to asset allocation, and the timing of JPMorgan Affiliated Fund purchases and redemptions. The Adviser, its employees, and/or its Affiliates, including the JPMorgan Affiliated Fund’s portfolio managers, may receive increased compensation in the form of the fees and expenses charged by the underlying JPMorgan Affiliated Fund (if such fees and expenses are not waived). The Adviser has an incentive to allocate assets of a separately managed account or an Affiliated JPMorgan Fund to a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund that is small or pays higher fees to the Adviser or its Affiliates. In addition, the Adviser could have an incentive not to withdraw a separately managed account’s or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund’s investment from a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund in order to avoid or delay the withdrawal’s adverse impact on the underlying fund.

The Adviser has a conflict of interest to the extent that it recommends or invests client accounts in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds because the Adviser and/or its Affiliates benefit from increased allocations to the JPMorgan Affiliated Funds. In addition, certain Affiliates of the Adviser may receive distribution, placement, administration, custody, trust services or other fees for services provided to such funds.

The Adviser could have an incentive to allocate assets of a client account or JPMorgan Affiliated Fund to new JPMorgan Affiliated Funds to help such funds develop new investment strategies and products. The Adviser could have an incentive to allocate assets of the client accounts and JPMorgan Affiliated Funds to an underlying JPMorgan Affiliated Fund that is small, pays higher fees to the Adviser or its Affiliates, or to which the Adviser or its Affiliates provided seed capital. In addition, the Adviser could have an incentive not to withdraw its client’s investment from an underlying JPMorgan Affiliated Fund in order to avoid or delay the withdrawal’s adverse impact on the fund.

Certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, including funds-of-funds managed by the Adviser, and certain accounts managed by the Adviser or its Affiliates have significant ownership in certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds. The Adviser and its Affiliates face conflicts of interest when considering the effect redemptions may have on such funds and on other unitholders in deciding whether and when to redeem units. A large redemption of units by a fund-of-funds or by the Adviser acting on behalf of its discretionary clients could result in the underlying JPMorgan Affiliated Fund selling securities when it otherwise would not have done so, thereby increasing transaction costs. A large redemption could also significantly reduce the assets of the underlying fund, causing decreased liquidity and, depending on any applicable expense caps, a higher expense ratio or liquidation of the fund. The Adviser has policies and controls in place to govern and monitor its activities and processes for identifying and managing such conflicts of interest.

The portfolio managers and research analysts of certain funds-of-funds managed by the Adviser have access to the holdings and may have knowledge of the investment strategies and techniques of certain underlying JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, for example, because they are portfolio managers or research analysts for separately managed accounts following similar strategies as a JPMorgan Affiliated Fund or are part of the

team that provides research or manages the underlying fund. These individuals therefore face conflicts of interest in the timing and amount of allocations made to an underlying fund, as well as in the choice of an underlying fund.

#### Inclusion of JPMorgan Affiliated Funds in Model Portfolios

Certain model portfolios either consist of 100% JPMorgan Funds or a very significant percentage of JPMorgan Funds. The Adviser has a conflict of interest as there is a financial incentive in selecting JPMorgan Funds for the model portfolios because the Adviser and its Affiliates provide services and receive fees from the JPMorgan Funds and therefore, the model portfolios' investments in JPMorgan Funds will benefit the Adviser and its Affiliates. The fees that the Adviser and its Affiliates receive from the model portfolios' investments in the JPMorgan Funds are typically their only compensation with respect to the model portfolios. This conflict of interest may result in model portfolios with lower performance or higher fees than they would have had if the model portfolios did not invest in JPMorgan Funds. In addition, although the Adviser will consider client directed investments for inclusion in a model portfolio's recommendations, from time to time the Adviser may determine in its sole discretion that such client directed investments should be reduced to 0% to maintain the integrity of the model. In such a case, allocations to JPMorgan Funds will be increased which will result in additional compensation for the Adviser or its Affiliates. Additionally, when participating in Multi-Model Provider Arrangements where the Adviser primarily selects from JPMorgan Funds and funds affiliated with the co-model provider, the Adviser generally limits its selection of JPMorgan Funds to a set percentage of the model portfolio's overall allocation. This percentage may be: (i) set by the client or (ii) set at a percentage appropriate to, and in consideration of, the responsibilities and risks assumed by the Adviser which may be either 100% of or a significant percentage of JPMorgan Funds.

#### Investments in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds by JPMorgan Funds

Certain JPMorgan Funds limit their investments in JPMorgan Affiliated Funds to money market funds managed by the Adviser and may invest in Unaffiliated Funds as well.

### **Sub-Advisory Relationships**

#### Conflicts Related to the Engagement of Sub-Advisers

The Adviser engages affiliated and/or unaffiliated sub-advisers for certain client accounts and pooled investment vehicles. The Adviser typically compensates sub-advisers out of the advisory fees it receives from the vehicle, which creates an incentive for the Adviser to select sub-advisers with lower fee rates or to select affiliated sub-advisers. In addition, the sub-advisers have interests and relationships that create actual or potential conflicts of interest related to their management of the assets of such investment vehicle. Such conflicts of interest may be similar to, different from, or supplement those conflicts described herein relating to JPMC and the Adviser.

#### Conflicts Relating to the Adviser's Recommendations or Allocations of Client Fund of Funds Portfolio Assets to Underlying Funds Sub-Advised by the Adviser

When selecting underlying funds for client fund of funds receiving asset allocation services from the Adviser, the Adviser may, at the client's direction, select underlying funds advised by the client and sub-advised by the Adviser, resulting in the Adviser receiving fees for both its asset allocation services and for sub-advising such client-advised underlying funds. This conflict provides the Adviser with an incentive to allocate client fund of funds assets to: (i) an underlying fund it sub-advises rather than to another underlying fund investing in the same asset class sub-advised by another unaffiliated sub-adviser, or (ii) to increase allocation to an asset class for which the only underlying fund is sub-advised by it or the Adviser.

**JPMC's Policies and Regulatory Restrictions Affecting Client Accounts and Funds**

As part of a global financial services firm, the Adviser may be precluded from effecting or recommending transactions in certain client accounts and may restrict its investment decisions and activities on behalf of its clients due to applicable law, regulatory requirements, other conflicts of interest, information held by the Adviser or JPMC, the Adviser's and/or JPMC's roles in connection with other clients and in the capital markets, JPMC's internal policies, and/or potential reputational risk. As a result, client accounts managed by the Adviser may be precluded from acquiring, or disposing of, certain securities or instruments at any time. This includes the securities issued by JPMC. However, with respect to voting proxies on behalf of the Adviser's clients, the Adviser, as a fiduciary, will vote proxies independently and in the best interests of its clients, as described in Item 17, Voting Client Securities.

*Restrictions on Joint Transactions between Registered Investment Companies and Affiliates and Other Investment Limitations*

The Adviser and its Affiliates currently manage investment companies registered under the 1940 Act. The 1940 Act imposes certain restrictions on joint transactions between registered funds and Affiliates and such restrictions will from time to time preclude private funds from pursuing investing in an issuer to the extent any registered funds managed by the Adviser have or are contemplating investments in the same issuer, and vice versa. For example, the 1940 Act imposes limits on co-investment by registered funds and affiliated private funds in, among other instances, privately negotiated transactions. Such co-investments generally will not be permitted unless the registered fund obtains an exemptive order from the SEC or the transaction is otherwise permitted under existing regulatory guidance, such as transactions where price is the only negotiated term. This reduces the amount of transactions in which a registered fund and private funds managed by the Adviser can participate. As noted above under Risks of Investing alongside Regulated Funds, the Adviser, PEG RIC, and certain other investment funds advised by the Private Equity Group have received an exemptive order from the SEC pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(j) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder authorizing certain joint transactions that would otherwise be prohibited.

In addition, potential conflicts of interest also exist when JPMC maintains certain overall investment limitations on positions in securities or other financial instruments due to, among other things, investment restrictions imposed upon JPMC by law, regulation, contract, or internal policies. These limitations have precluded and, in the future could preclude, certain accounts managed by the Adviser from purchasing particular securities or financial instruments, even if the securities or financial instruments would otherwise meet the investment objectives of such accounts. For example, there are limits on the aggregate amount of investments by affiliated investors in certain types of securities within a particular industry group that may not be exceeded without additional regulatory or corporate consent. There are also limits on aggregate positions in futures and options contracts held in accounts deemed owned or controlled by the Adviser and its Affiliates, including funds and client accounts managed by the Adviser and its Affiliates. If such aggregate ownership thresholds are reached, the ability of a client to purchase or dispose of investments, or exercise rights or undertake business transactions, will be restricted.

Potential conflicts of interest may also arise as a result of the Adviser's current policy to seek to manage its clients' accounts so that the various requirements and liabilities imposed pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Section 16" and the "Exchange Act", respectively) are not triggered. Section 16 applies to, among other things, "beneficial owners" of 10% or more of any security subject to reporting under the Exchange Act. In addition to certain reporting requirements, Section 16 also imposes on such "beneficial owner" a requirement to disgorge "short-swing" profits derived from the purchase and sale or sale and purchase of the security executed within a six-month period. The Adviser may be deemed to be a "beneficial owner" of securities held by its advisory clients. Consequently, and given the potential ownership level of the various accounts and funds managed by the Adviser for its clients, the Adviser may limit the amount of, or alter the timing of, purchases of securities in order not to trigger the foregoing requirements. As a result, certain contemplated transactions that otherwise would have been consummated by the Adviser on behalf of its clients may not take place, may be limited in their size or may be delayed.

Restrictions related to Material Non-public Information

The Adviser is not permitted to use MNPI in effecting purchases and sales in public securities transactions. In the ordinary course of operations, certain businesses within the Adviser may seek access to MNPI. For instance, the Adviser's syndicated loan and distressed debt strategies may utilize MNPI in purchasing loans and other debt instruments and from time to time, certain portfolio managers may be offered the opportunity on behalf of applicable clients to participate on a creditors committee, which participation may provide access to MNPI. In certain instances, personnel of JPMC may obtain information about an issuer that is material to the management of a client account and that will at times limit the ability of personnel of the Adviser to buy or sell securities of the issuer on behalf of a client. The results of the investment activities for a client's account may differ, at times significantly, from the results achieved by JPMC or by the Adviser for other client accounts. The intentional receipt of MNPI may give rise to a potential conflict of interest since the Adviser may be prohibited from rendering investment advice to clients regarding the public securities of such issuer and thereby potentially limiting the universe of public securities that the Adviser may purchase or potentially limiting the Adviser's ability to sell such securities. Similarly, where the Adviser declines access to (or otherwise does not receive or share within JPMC) MNPI regarding an issuer, the Adviser may base its investment decisions with respect to assets of such issuer solely on public information, thereby limiting the amount of information available to the Adviser in connection with such investment decisions. In determining whether or not to elect to receive MNPI, the Adviser will endeavor to act fairly to its clients as a whole.

Limitations on Investment Activities related to Economic or Trade Sanctions

Furthermore, the Adviser has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance generally with economic and trade sanctions-related obligations applicable directly to its activities (although such obligations are not necessarily the same obligations that its clients may be subject to). Such economic and trade sanctions prohibit, among other things, transactions with and the provision of services to, directly or indirectly, certain countries, territories, entities, and individuals. These economic and trade sanctions, and the application by the Adviser of its compliance policies and procedures in respect thereof, may restrict or limit a client account's investment activities. In addition, JPMC from time to time subscribes to or otherwise elects to become subject to investment policies on a firm-wide basis, including policies relating to environmental, social, and corporate governance. The Adviser may also limit transactions and activities for reputational or other reasons, including (i) when JPMC provides (or may provide) advice or services to an entity involved in such activity or transaction, (ii) when JPMC or a client is or may be engaged in the same or a related activity or transaction to that being considered on behalf of the client account, (iii) when JPMC or a client account has an interest in an entity involved in such activity or transaction, or (iv) when such activity or transaction on behalf of or in respect of the client account could affect JPMC, the Adviser, their clients, or their activities. JPMC may also become subject to additional restrictions on its business activities that could have an impact on the Adviser's client accounts' activities. In addition, the Adviser may restrict its investment decisions and activities on behalf of particular client accounts and not on behalf of other accounts.

**Conflicts Related to the Advising of Multiple Accounts**

Certain portfolio managers of the Adviser may manage multiple client accounts or investment vehicles. These portfolio managers are not required to devote all or any specific portion of their working time to specific client accounts or investment vehicles. Conflicts of interest do arise in allocating management time, services, or functions among such clients, including clients that may have the same or similar type of investment strategies. The Adviser addresses these conflicts by disclosing them to clients and through its supervision of portfolio managers and their teams. Responsibility for managing the Adviser's client accounts is organized according to investment strategies within asset classes. Generally, client accounts with similar strategies are managed by portfolio managers in the same portfolio management team using the same or similar objectives, approach, and philosophy. Therefore, client account holdings, relative position sizes, and industry and sector exposures generally tend to be similar across client accounts with similar strategies. However, the Adviser faces conflicts of interest when the Adviser's portfolio managers manage accounts with similar investment objectives and strategies. For example, investment opportunities that may potentially be appropriate for certain clients may also be appropriate for other clients including clients of JPMCB, other affiliated investment

advisers, and related persons, and as a result client accounts may have to compete for positions. There is no specific limit on the number of accounts which may be managed by the Adviser or its related persons. Once held by a client account, certain investments compete with other investments held by other client accounts of the Adviser and its related persons. The conflict associated with managing assets on behalf of different clients that compete with each other are heightened when the Adviser retains certain management, control, or consent rights over such assets, as in the case with managing real estate assets. The Adviser has controls in place to monitor and mitigate these potential conflicts of interest. See Conflicts Related to Allocation and Aggregation below for further details on this subject.

#### Conflicts of Interest Created by Contemporaneous Trading

Positions taken by a certain client account or the accounts of clients of related persons for whom the Adviser executes trades may dilute or otherwise negatively affect the values, prices, or investment strategies associated with positions held by a different client account. For example, this may occur when investment decisions for one client account are based on research or other information that is also used to support investment decisions by the Adviser for another client account following a different investment strategy(ies) or by an Affiliate of the Adviser in managing its clients' accounts. When an investment decision or strategy is implemented for an account ahead of, or contemporaneously with, similar investment decisions or strategies for the Adviser's or an Affiliate's other client accounts (whether or not the investment decisions emanate from the same research analysis or other information), market impact, liquidity constraints, or other factors could result in one account being disadvantaged or receiving less favorable investment results than the other account, and the costs of implementing such investment decisions or strategies could be increased.

In addition, it may be perceived as a conflict of interest when activity in one client account closely correlates with the activity in a similar account, such as when a purchase by one client account increases the value of the same securities previously purchased by another client account, or when a sale in one client account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second client account. Furthermore, if the Adviser manages accounts that engage in short sales of securities in which other accounts invest, the Adviser could be seen as harming the performance of one account for the benefit of the account engaging in short sales if the short sales cause the market value of the securities to fall. Also, certain private funds managed by the Adviser or its Affiliates hold exclusivity rights to certain investments and therefore, other clients of the Adviser are prohibited from pursuing such investment opportunities.

#### Investments in Different Parts of an Issuer's Capital Structure

A conflict of interest could arise when JPMC or one or more client accounts invest in different instruments or classes of securities of the same issuer than those in which other client accounts invest. In certain circumstances, JPMC or one or more client accounts that have different investment objectives could pursue or enforce rights with respect to a particular issuer in which JPMC or other client accounts have also invested. These activities are adverse to the interests of such other clients, and transactions for a client account will be impaired or effected at prices or terms that are less favorable than would otherwise have been the case had a particular course of action with respect to the issuer of the securities not been pursued with respect to JPMC or such other client account. For example, if JPMC or a client account holds debt instruments of an issuer and another client account holds equity securities of the same issuer, and the issuer experiences financial or operational challenges, JPMC, acting on behalf of itself or the client account that holds the debt instrument, may seek a liquidation of the issuer, whereas the other client account that holds the equity securities may prefer a reorganization of the issuer. In addition, an issuer in which a client account invests may use the proceeds of the client's investment to refinance or reorganize its capital structure, which could result in repayment of debt held by JPMC or another client account. If the issuer performs poorly following such refinancing or reorganization, the account's performance will suffer whereas JPMC's and/or the other account's performance will not be affected because JPMC and the other account no longer have an investment in the issuer. Conflicts are magnified with respect to issuers that become insolvent. It is possible that in connection with an insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, or similar proceeding, a client account will be limited (by applicable law, courts or otherwise) in the positions or actions it will be permitted to take due to other interests held or actions or positions taken by JPMC or other clients of JPMC.



*Conflicts Related to Allocation and Aggregation*

Potential conflicts of interest arise involving both the aggregation of trade orders and allocation of securities transactions or investment opportunities. Allocations of aggregated trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially filled due to limited availability, and allocation of investment opportunities raise a potential conflict of interest because the Adviser has an incentive to allocate trades or investment opportunities to certain accounts or funds. For example, the Adviser has an incentive to cause accounts it manages to participate in an offering where such participation could increase the Adviser's overall allocation of securities in that offering. In addition, the Adviser may receive more compensation from one account than it does from a similar account or may receive compensation based in part on the performance of one account, but not a similar account. This could incentivize the Adviser to allocate opportunities of limited availability to the account that generates more compensation for the Adviser.

The Adviser has established policies, procedures, and practices to manage the conflicts described above. The Adviser's allocation and order aggregation practices are designed to achieve a fair and equitable allocation and execution of investment opportunities among its client accounts over time, and these practices are designed to comply with securities laws and other applicable regulations. See Item 12.B, Order Aggregation for a complete description of the Adviser's allocation and aggregation practices. In addition to the aforementioned policies, procedures, and practices, the Adviser also monitors a variety of areas, including compliance with account guidelines, IPOs, new issue allocation decisions, and any material discrepancies in the performance of similar accounts.

*Conflicts Related to Allocation and Aggregation specific to Equities, GFICC, and Global Liquidity Strategies*

The fairness of a given allocation depends on the facts and circumstances involved, including the client's investment criteria, account size, and the size of the order. Allocations are made in the good faith judgment of the Adviser so that fair and equitable allocation will occur over time. In determining whether an allocation is fair and equitable, the Adviser considers account specific factors such as, availability of cash, liquidity needs of the account, risk/return profile of the account, exposure to the security, sector, or industry, and whether the account is participating in specialized strategies.

Generally, equity orders involving the same investment opportunity or managed by the same portfolio manager are aggregated and allocated across client accounts at average price, consistent with the Adviser's obligation to obtain best execution for its clients. If an aggregated order is not fully executed, subject to the exceptions below, participating accounts will typically be systematically allocated their requested allotment on a pro-rata, average price basis.

Non-pro rata allocations may occur across clients, including in fixed income securities due to the availability of multiple appropriate or substantially similar investments in fixed income strategies, as well as due to differences in benchmark factors, hedging strategies, or other reasons. In addition, investment opportunities sourced by one portfolio management team may not be made available to clients managed by other portfolio management teams.

Allocations may be adjusted under certain circumstances, for example in situations where pro-rata allocations would result in de minimis positions or odd lots. Furthermore, some clients may not be eligible to participate in an IPO/new issue where, for example, the investment guidelines for an account prohibit IPOs/new issues, the account is a directed brokerage account (including accounts in the Wrap and Unbundled Programs), or the account is owned by persons restricted from participating in IPOs/new issues or other applicable laws or rules, or prudent policies in any jurisdiction.

*Conflicts Related to Allocation and Aggregation specific to Alternative Strategies*

Investments that are within the investment objectives of a client of the Adviser's alternatives product groups may be suitable for other clients or prospective clients of the respective product group, and the Adviser will

from time to time have a conflict in acting in the best interest of all clients in allocating investment opportunities. These include, among others, conflicts with respect to the Adviser having an incentive to allocate opportunities to: larger clients; clients with whom the Adviser would like to develop a new relationship; accounts for which the investment is also suitable where fees to the Adviser may be higher; affiliated clients; and/or clients that share a common consultant. To mitigate these conflicts, each of the alternatives product groups has developed an investment allocation policy and accompanying procedures that provide that the Adviser will allocate investment opportunities and make purchase and sale decisions among client accounts in a manner that it considers to be fair and equitable to all clients. In accordance with these policies and procedures, the alternatives product groups will generally allocate investments on a pro-rata basis, will operate allocation queues, or will use other methodologies that are designed to ensure investments are allocated in a fair and equitable manner over time. All such investment allocation decisions reflect numerous factors based upon the Adviser's good faith assessment of the best use of such limited opportunities relative to the objectives, limitations, and requirements of each of its clients and applying a variety of factors (including, but not limited to, investment size, location, portfolio diversification, legal, regulatory, and political considerations, contractual constraints, timing constraints, and ability to access financing). In some cases, the application of such factors results in allocations to certain eligible alternatives funds or accounts to the exclusion of others and vice versa. For example, the Adviser allocates certain investments to specific clients on an individualized basis in response to a client's particular mandate (including as a result of such clients sourcing a transaction), which may result in other accounts receiving a smaller or no allocation. Furthermore, a client account in a multi-participation strategy across client accounts that utilizes a queue or rotational allocation methodology may be disadvantaged if such client does not participate in an investment opportunity undertaken by other accounts (e.g., due to client specific guidelines, choosing not to participate where the client has discretion) as it may result in all accounts in such multi-participation strategy moving to the bottom of the queue. For more details on the allocation practices of private funds advised by the Adviser, please refer to the offering documents for such funds.

#### Conflicts Related to Co-Investment Opportunities

The Adviser faces conflicts of interest when the amount of an investment opportunity available to a private fund exceeds the amount the private fund can invest and the Adviser decides to offer co-investment opportunities to other clients and Affiliates, including any strategic investors that have a significant financial and business relationship with the Adviser. The Adviser may have an incentive to offer such co-investment opportunities to such parties to maintain its existing relationship with such parties, to influence such parties' decision to participate in other financial or business relationships, or to benefit an Affiliate. The Adviser or an Affiliate of the Adviser at times will have the discretion to grant co-investment rights and to determine the terms of any co-investment by such private fund, and the terms on which such other co-investors invest could be substantially different, and potentially more favorable, than the terms on which such fund invests. In addition, a conflict of interest exists when the co-investors invest in different instruments or classes of securities than such private fund as described above in "Investments in Different Parts of an Issuer's Capital Structure". Generally, co-investors will invest in a transaction either directly or through a co-investment vehicle alongside the fund.

The Adviser may absorb certain expenses borne in connection with consummation of such co-investments, which typically includes costs associated with the establishment and operation of a co-investment vehicle or negotiations of joint venture agreements on behalf of such co-investors. However, the Adviser will not absorb similar expenses or costs incurred by the fund in connection with the portion of these co-investments being made by the fund and such expenses and costs will be treated as expenses of the fund. In certain instances, the Adviser may cause a private fund to invest on behalf of certain co-investors with a view to selling down a portion of such investment to the co-investors at a later time. The private fund may not receive compensation for such activities and if the potential co-investors breach their covenant to purchase such investment, the private fund may have an allocation to an investment that is larger than originally anticipated. The private fund may also bear the entire portion of any breakup fees, costs, or expenses or, if the excess portion of such investment has not been sold, the fund may bear the entire portion of any other fees, costs, and expenses related to such investment, hold a larger than expected investment in such portfolio company, and could realize lower than expected returns from such investment.

The Adviser may offer client accounts or certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds co-investment opportunities sourced by an asset manager in which JPMC holds a strategic investment or economic interest. JPMC's relationship with the asset manager may influence the Adviser in selecting, managing, or disposing of such co-investments. JPMC will receive fees or other compensation with respect to both the Adviser's client accounts or certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds, and the clients of the asset manager, which participate in such co-investments. Any advisory fees or other compensation, including carried interest, received by JPMC in connection with the asset manager's investments or other activities will not be shared with the Adviser's client accounts or certain JPMorgan Affiliated Funds.

Potential Conflicts Relating to Follow-On Investments

From time to time, the Adviser will provide opportunities to its client accounts to make investments in companies in which certain other client accounts have already invested. Such follow-on investments can create conflicts of interest, such as the determination of the terms of the new investment and the allocation of such opportunities among the Adviser's accounts. Follow-on investment opportunities may be available to client accounts with no existing investment in the issuer, resulting in the assets of a client account potentially providing value to, or otherwise supporting the investments of, other client accounts. Please refer to Item 6, Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management, for a non-exclusive list of various factors considered in connection with allocation-related decisions for client accounts. Client accounts may also participate in releveraging and recapitalization transactions involving companies in which other client accounts have invested or will invest. Conflicts of interest in recapitalization transactions arise between client accounts with existing investments in a company and client accounts making an initial investment in the company, which have opposing interests regarding pricing and other terms.

Continuation Vehicle Considerations

A fund or client account managed by the Adviser may, from time to time, hold an interest in an investment fund that is the subject of a continuation or restructuring vehicle. In such instances, the Adviser may elect to "roll" such fund's or client account's interest in such investment fund and participate in the applicable continuation or restructuring vehicle or sell the fund's or client account's interest in connection with such transaction, and for any such restructuring, any other client account or advised fund may be an investor in any such continuation or restructuring vehicle. In addition, the Adviser may cause a fund or a client account, from time to time, to elect to participate as an investor in a restructuring or continuation vehicle when another client account or advised fund may be divesting its interest in the same underlying investment as part of the same or related transaction. In all situations, the Adviser will determine in its sole discretion whether to participate, roll or sell the advised fund's or client account's interest in connection with such transaction based on the facts and circumstances that it determines to be appropriate for the fund or client account at such time, regardless of whether the other client account or advised fund is participating in such transaction.

Side Letters; Preferential Terms

The Adviser, on its own behalf or on behalf of a fund, from time to time enters into side letters or other similar agreements with clients in connection with their admission to the fund without the approval of any other client in the fund. The side letters or other similar agreements have the effect of establishing rights under, altering, or supplementing the terms of the governing documents of the fund with respect to one or more such investors in a manner more favorable to such investors than those applicable to other investors. Such rights or terms in any such side letter typically include, one or more of the following: (i) fee and other economic arrangements with respect to such investor, including, but not limited to, reductions, modifications, or waivers of fees and expense caps or partial or total reimbursement or rebate of certain fees, charges, and/or expenses; (ii) excuse or exclusion rights applicable to particular investments or withdrawal or transfer rights from the investment vehicle, including as a result of an investor's specific policies or certain violations of federal, state, or non-U.S. laws, rules or regulations, such as so-called "pay-to-play" rules with respect to public pension plan investors, (which may materially increase the percentage interest of other investors in, and their contribution obligations, for future investments and expenses, and reduce the overall size of the

fund); (iii) additional or modified reporting obligations of the Adviser (or similar managing fiduciary) or other enhanced information or notice rights for certain investors; (iv) waiver of certain confidentiality obligations, including where certain disclosures are required by federal or state "sunshine" laws; (v) prior consent of the Adviser (or similar managing fiduciary) to certain transfers by such investor; (vi) special rights with respect to co-investment allocation and participation; (vii) rights or terms necessary in light of particular legal, regulatory or policy characteristics of an investor; (viii) potential mandatory waivers of compensation as a result of certain violations of law with regard to public pension plan investors; (ix) additional obligations and restrictions of the Adviser (or similar managing fiduciary) with respect to the structuring of any particular investment in light of the legal, tax and regulatory considerations of particular investors; (x) agreements to assist with the taking or defending of tax positions; and (xi) certain obligations and restrictions on the applicable general partner (or similar managing fiduciary) with respect to the exercise of its discretion on certain matters, including amendments, exercising default remedies and waiving confidentiality or terms.

Furthermore, JPMC and the Adviser from time to time enter into strategic partnerships directly or indirectly with investors that commit significant capital to a range of products and investment ideas sponsored by JPMC and/or the Adviser. Such arrangements typically include JPMC or the Adviser granting certain preferential terms to such investors, including waived fees or blended fee and carried interest rates that are lower than those applicable to the fund when applied to the entire strategic partnership.

### **Potential Conflicts Relating to Valuation**

There is an inherent conflict of interest where the Adviser or its Affiliate values securities or assets in client accounts or provides any assistance in connection with such valuation and the Adviser is receiving a fee based on the value of such assets. Overvaluing certain positions held by clients will inflate the value of the client assets as well as the performance record of such client accounts which would likely increase the fees payable to the Adviser. The valuation of investments may also affect the ability of the Adviser to raise successor or additional funds. As a result, there may be circumstances where the Adviser is incentivized to determine valuations that are higher than the actual fair value of investments.

In addition, the Adviser may value identical assets differently in different funds due to different valuation guidelines applicable to such private funds or different third-party pricing vendors, among other reasons. Furthermore, certain units within JPMC may assign a different value to identical assets than the Adviser because these units may have certain information regarding valuation techniques and models or other information relevant to the valuation of a specific asset or category of assets, which they do not share with the Adviser. The various lines of business within the Adviser typically will be guided by specific policies and requirements with respect to valuation of client holdings. Such policies may include valuations that are provided by third-parties, when appropriate, as well as comprehensive internal valuation methodologies.

On occasion, the Adviser utilizes the services of affiliated pricing vendors for assistance with the pricing of certain securities. For additional information regarding affiliated pricing vendors, see Item 10.C, Material Relationships or Arrangements with Affiliated Entities. In addition, securities for which market quotations are not readily available, or are deemed to be unreliable, are fair valued in accordance with established policies and procedures. Fair value situations could include, but are not limited to:

- A significant event that affects the value of a security;
- Illiquid securities;
- Securities that have defaulted or are de-listed from an exchange and are no longer trading; or
- Any other circumstance in which it is determined that current market quotations do not accurately reflect the value of the security.

### **Companies with an Ownership Interest in JPMC Stock**

Certain unaffiliated asset management firms (each, an "unaffiliated asset manager") through their funds and separately managed accounts currently hold a 5% or more ownership interest in JPMC publicly traded stock.

Ownership interests in this range or of greater amounts present a conflict of interest when the Adviser purchases publicly traded securities of the unaffiliated asset manager or invests in funds that are advised by such unaffiliated asset manager, on behalf of client accounts or JPMorgan Affiliated Funds. The Adviser does not receive any additional compensation for client accounts' or JPMorgan Affiliated Funds' investments in publicly traded securities or funds of an unaffiliated asset manager as a result of its ownership interest in JPMC stock. JPMC monitors ownership interests in JPMC for regulatory purposes and to identify and mitigate actual and perceived conflicts of interest. As of February 26, 2025, the Vanguard Group, Inc. and BlackRock, Inc. hold more than a 5% interest in JPMC.

## ITEM 12 Brokerage Practices

### **A. Factors Considered in Selecting or Recommending Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions**

The Adviser continually assesses the ability of trade execution venues to provide best execution for the Adviser's client accounts on a consistent basis and in accordance with the Adviser's best execution policies and procedures. In order to obtain best execution, the Adviser considers some or all of the following execution factors, depending on the order, when selecting the most appropriate venue or counterparty:

- The size of the order relative to other orders in the same financial instrument
- The need to minimize the possible market impact
- Access to liquidity/natural order flow
- Whether or not the security is traded on an exchange or OTC
- The client mandate and client restrictions
- Evaluation of the counterparty, including creditworthiness, among other factors
- Clearance and settlement reliability and capabilities
- Commissions rates and other costs
- Characteristics of the execution venue(s) to which the order can be directed
- Any other relevant factor

When assessing the relative importance of these factors, the Adviser will also consider the characteristics of the client's account, the client's order, and the financial instruments that are the subject of the order and the execution venues to which that order can be directed.

Each order executed on behalf of a client account will be unique in its characteristics due to the prevailing market conditions, liquidity, investment strategy, and investment guidelines at the time such order is executed. While the relative importance assigned to the execution factors will vary, generally the Adviser prioritizes price and cost factors (both explicit and implicit) in obtaining best execution. However, there are instances where other factors take precedence. Such instances may occur under the following circumstances: trade costs are uniform or negligible across counterparties for equity and fixed income products, speed of execution may be more important due to the nature of the order, or a trade order is large in comparison to the liquidity of the relevant financial instrument in the market.

The Adviser is responsible for determining that the level of commission paid for each trade is reasonable in light of the service received. Commissions on brokerage transactions may be subject to negotiation. Negotiated commissions take into account the difficulty involved in execution, the extent of the broker's commitment of its own capital (if any), the amount of capital involved in the transaction, and any other services offered by the broker.

## Wrap Fee Programs

Although the Adviser has discretion to select broker dealers other than the Sponsor or its Affiliates (except in model delivery programs), the Adviser generally places such trades through the Sponsor because the wrap fee paid by each Wrap client only covers execution costs on trades executed through the Sponsor or its Affiliates. For additional information regarding trading away practices for Wrap accounts as well as a list of Wrap Program Strategies that trade away, see the Trading Away Practices for Wrap and Unbundled Accounts section within Item 4.D.

### 1. Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits

The Adviser's primary objective in broker-dealer selection is to comply with its duty to seek best execution of orders for clients. Best execution does not necessarily mean the lowest commission or price, but involves consideration of a number of factors as noted above in Item 12.A, Factors Considered in Selecting or Recommending Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions.

Subject to the Adviser's best execution policy, the Adviser uses a portion of the commissions generated when executing client transactions to acquire external research and brokerage services ("soft dollar benefits") in a manner consistent with the "safe harbor" requirements of Section 28(e) of the Exchange Act. The products and services obtained from the use of client commissions qualify as permissible under the "safe harbor" of Section 28(e).

For accounts considered in scope of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II ("MiFID II"), the Adviser has transitioned the payment of costs associated with the purchase of external research from equity trading commissions to such costs being directly paid by the Adviser to the extent permitted. However, there are certain broker-dealers that will not accept payments from the Adviser for those MiFID II accounts due to the expiration of the SEC's no action relief that they previously relied upon. The Adviser and those clients may still benefit from external research that those broker-dealers continue to provide. Trading commissions are not a feature of non-equity markets and costs are imposed through price spreads. The inducement requirements within MiFID II cover both equity and non-equity markets and, therefore, the Adviser will pay certain broker-dealers for research used by the Adviser with respect to MiFID II accounts and will not pass the costs through to other clients.

For all other accounts and as permitted under the Section 28(e) safe harbor, as it has been interpreted by the SEC, the Adviser may utilize client's equity trading commissions to purchase eligible brokerage and research services where those services provide lawful and appropriate assistance in the decision-making process, and the amount of the client commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the products or services provided by the broker-dealer. While the Adviser generally seeks the most favorable price in placing its orders, an account may not always pay the lowest price available, but generally orders are executed within a competitive range. The Adviser will review commission rates within each market to determine whether they remain competitive. The Adviser may select brokers who charge a higher commission than other brokers, if the Adviser determines in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the services provided. On a semi-annual basis, the Adviser utilizes a defined framework which compares and assesses the value of the research received from research providers (both traditional brokers and independent research providers).

In general, the Adviser's soft dollar arrangements relate to its equity trading. The Adviser does not currently have any soft dollar arrangements with broker-dealers for fixed income transactions.

#### Client Commission Sharing Arrangements

The Adviser makes payments for permissible soft dollar benefits for accounts not considered in scope of MiFID II either via a portion of the commission paid to the executing broker, or through client commission sharing arrangements ("CCSA"s). CCSAs enable the Adviser to effect transactions, subject to best execution, through brokers who agree to allocate a portion of eligible commissions into a pool that can be used to pay for research from those brokers and providers with which the Adviser does not have a brokerage relationship.

Often the research obtained with CCSA credits is third party research (i.e., research not produced by the executing broker). However, the Adviser may allocate a portion of the CCSA credits to the value that it assigns to the executing broker's proprietary research, where the broker does not assign a hard dollar value to the research it provides, but rather bundles the cost of such research into the commission structure. In the event of a broker-dealer's default or bankruptcy, CCSA credits may become unavailable for the benefits described above. Clients that elect not to participate in CCSAs generally pay the same commission rate as the accounts participating in the program, however, no portion of their commissions are credited to the CCSA research pool maintained by the executing broker-dealer.

Participating in CCSAs enables the Adviser to consolidate payments for brokerage and research services through one or more channels using accumulated client commissions or credits from transactions executed through a particular broker-dealer to obtain brokerage and research services provided by other firms. Such arrangements also help to ensure the continued receipt of brokerage and research services while facilitating the Adviser's ability to seek best execution in the trading process. The Adviser believes CCSAs are useful in its investment decision-making process by, among other things, providing access to a variety of high quality research, individual analysts, and resources that the Adviser might not otherwise be provided absent such arrangements.

When the Adviser uses client brokerage commissions to obtain research or brokerage services, the Adviser receives a benefit because it does not need to produce or pay for the research or brokerage services itself. As a result, the Adviser has an incentive to select a particular broker-dealer in order to obtain research, CCSA payments or brokerage services from that broker-dealer, rather than to obtain the lowest price for execution. Where applicable, the Adviser has established a separation of the trade execution decision from the selection of research providers through CCSAs.

#### Allocation of Soft Dollar Benefits

The research obtained via soft dollars may be used to benefit any of the Adviser's clients, not only for the client accounts that generated the credits. Additionally, the research is not generally allocated to client accounts proportionately to the soft dollar credits that the accounts generate. Also, the Adviser may share research reports, including those that have been obtained as soft dollar benefits, with related persons. The cost of external research consumed by accounts considered in scope of MiFID II is paid directly by the Adviser to broker-dealers that accept such cash payments or, for broker-dealers that do not, may be attributable to soft dollar credits generated by the Adviser's other client accounts that are considered outside the scope of MiFID II.

#### Products and Services Acquired with Client Brokerage Commissions

The types of products and services that the Adviser acquired with client brokerage commissions during the last fiscal year included: research analysis and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy; economic, market, and accounting analysis; and other services relating to effecting securities transactions and functions incident thereto.

Research may be provided via written reports, electronic systems, telephone calls, or in-person meetings. The products and services obtained from use of client commission qualify as permissible under the "safe harbor" of Section 28(e).

The Adviser does not use client commissions to purchase quotation services, or computer hardware/software, even though these may be permitted in some jurisdictions.

## **2. Brokerage for Client Referrals**

The Adviser does not select broker-dealers to receive client referrals. The factors used by the Adviser in selecting broker-dealers to execute trades are described above.

### 3. Directed Brokerage

The Adviser does not routinely recommend, request or require that clients direct the Adviser to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer. However, under certain conditions, the Adviser may accept written direction from a client, including those participating in Wrap or Unbundled Programs, to direct brokerage commissions from that client's account to specific brokers, including an Affiliate of the Adviser, in return for services provided by the brokers to the client. Due to the Adviser's overall objective of effecting client transactions consistent with its duty to seek best execution, the Adviser generally will accept only a limited percentage of clients' directed brokerage trade requests. The Adviser reserves the right to decline directed brokerage instructions where it believes such trading direction could interfere with its fiduciary duties, or for other reasons, determined in the Adviser's sole discretion. For example, the Adviser generally will not enter client orders with a directed broker when a pending order has been placed with a different broker based on the Adviser's evaluation of its best execution criteria.

In certain circumstances, an ETF creation or redemption unit may consist in whole or in part of cash, and the "Authorized Participants" (as defined in Key Terms) transacting in such units may request that related trades for the underlying securities of such ETF be directed back to such Authorized Participant's broker-dealer for execution.

Where a client directs the use of a particular broker-dealer, it is possible that the Adviser may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of such client's transactions, and the client's account may be disadvantaged as a result of a less favorable execution price and/or higher commissions. In addition, less favorable execution prices and/or higher commissions could result from the client account's inability to participate in aggregate orders or other reasons.

Client accounts that direct brokerage may have execution of their orders delayed, since, in an effort to achieve orderly execution of transactions, execution of orders for client accounts that have directed the Adviser to use particular broker-dealers may, in certain circumstances, be made after the Adviser completes the execution of non-directed orders. This delay may negatively affect the price paid or received in the purchase or sale of securities, respectively, by a client account electing to direct brokerage.

### **B. Order Aggregation**

The Adviser has aggregation and allocation practices in place that are designed to reasonably promote fair and equitable allocations of investment opportunities among its client accounts over time and to promote compliance with applicable regulatory requirements. Such practices are designed to reasonably ensure that accounts are treated in a fair and equitable manner.

The Adviser generally aggregates contemporaneous purchase or sale orders of the same security across multiple client accounts and funds, including affiliated and seeded funds, and accounts managed by the Adviser's Affiliates, including JPMCB and JPMS (the "Participating Accounts"). Pursuant to the Adviser's trade aggregation and allocation policies and procedures, the Adviser determines the appropriate facts and circumstances under which it will aggregate trade orders depending on the particular asset class, investment strategy or sub-strategy or type of security or instrument and timing of order flow and execution.

In general, orders involving the same investment opportunity are aggregated, consistent with the Adviser's obligation to obtain best execution for its clients. Partially completed orders will generally be allocated among Participating Accounts on a pro-rated average price basis. No one account may be systematically favored over another in the allocation of trade orders. Similarly, accounts are to be treated in a non-preferential manner, such that allocations are not based upon the client, account performance, fee structure, or the portfolio manager.



When Participating Accounts' orders are aggregated, the orders will be placed with one or more broker-dealers or other counterparties for execution. When an aggregated order or block trade is completely filled, the Adviser generally allocates the securities or other instruments purchased or the proceeds of any sale among the Participating Accounts, based on such accounts' relative size. Adjustments or changes may be made and allocations may be made on a basis other than pro-rata under certain circumstances such as to avoid odd lots or small allocations or to satisfy account cash flows or to comply with investment guidelines. For example, when a pro-rata allocation of an IPO/New Issue would result in de minimis allocation relative to the size of a Participating Account, such allocation may be reallocated to other Participating Accounts. However, as previously discussed in the Proprietary Investments by the Adviser and/or its Related Persons - Initial Funding and Seed Investments section within Item 11.B, seeded funds together with any other funds or accounts deemed ineligible pursuant to FINRA Rule 5130 are precluded from participating in IPOs and shall not be considered Participating Accounts for purposes of such IPO/New Issue transactions. In addition, if the order at a particular broker-dealer or other counterparty is filled at several different prices, through multiple trades, generally all Participating Accounts will receive the average price and where applicable, pay the average commission, subject to odd lots, rounding, and market practice.

Where the Adviser has an automated solution to deliver Equity model portfolios, typically for institutional clients, the Adviser will send updated model portfolios to multiple clients simultaneously. For certain institutional clients that specified delivery requirements, they will have different delivery times. For clients with models that require certain customization or manual adjustments, they typically are not part of the simultaneous distribution due to operational considerations. For these programs, including wrap and unbundled programs, the Adviser utilizes a rotation, as further described below.

#### Wrap and Unbundled Programs

Transactions for Wrap and Unbundled accounts are generally not included in the aggregation process with the Adviser's institutional client accounts because transactions for Wrap and Unbundled accounts are typically executed through a broker-dealer selected by or affiliated with the Sponsor. However, trades for different Wrap or Unbundled Programs may be aggregated if the programs utilize the same executing broker or other counterparty. If aggregated trades are fully executed, Participating Accounts will be allocated their requested allotment on an average price basis. If aggregated trades are only partially executed, Participating Accounts will receive a pro rata (i.e., in proportion) allocation of the available shares based on their requested allotment. Wrap or Unbundled accounts, as with other client mandates, may experience sequencing delays and costs associated with negative market movement. The Adviser attempts to minimize such delays and costs and not systematically favor one Sponsor over another.

For its Wrap and Unbundled Programs, including non-discretionary model delivery programs, the Adviser has an established mechanism for creating a random trade rotation (i.e., a randomly generated sequence) among such Sponsors and programs, which determines the order in which trade instructions (or the updated model for the non-discretionary model delivery) are transmitted to each Sponsor. The trade rotation seeks to allocate trading opportunities such that, over time, no Sponsor or program receives preferential treatment as a result of the timing of the receipt of its trade (or updated model) instructions. Note, sometimes when a Sponsor is next in line to trade, a Sponsor's platform will not permit it to receive its trade instructions (or updated model) because its platform is down for system maintenance or closes after market hours. In those instances, the Sponsor will be skipped in the rotation and will receive the trade instructions (or updated model) when its platform reopens. Programs which have different investment strategies or which trade on a different frequency are traded on their own rotation cycle. The Adviser creates a separate trade rotation for discretionary and non-discretionary programs and attempts to begin each rotation at about the same time. For the discretionary programs trade rotation, except for strategies where the Sponsor has indicated it will aggregate orders with other existing orders on the Sponsor's desk (e.g. strategies where JPMCB is the Sponsor), the Adviser waits for the Sponsor (or step-out broker) to confirm that trades were executed before moving to the next program in the sequence. Step-out trades for multiple Sponsors may be aggregated together when certain criteria are met. For additional discussion of order aggregation of Wrap and Unbundled accounts, see The Adviser's Affiliates section below. For the non-discretionary programs trade rotation, the Adviser proceeds to the next program after transmitting the model without awaiting confirmation from the Sponsor.

For certain Unbundled Programs sponsored by the Adviser's affiliate, JPMCB, as stipulated in its contractual agreement, the Adviser will not send trades to the Sponsor for execution but is responsible for the trading and execution of these accounts. In these circumstances, trades will be aggregated with the Adviser's other equity accounts, where applicable, as described above.

### **Exceptions to Order Aggregation and Allocation Practices**

The Adviser does not aggregate orders where aggregation is not appropriate or practicable from the Adviser's operational or other perspectives or if doing so would not be appropriate in light of applicable regulatory considerations. For example, time zone differences, trading instructions, cash flows, separate trading desks, illiquid nature of investment strategies, or portfolio management processes may, among other factors, result in separate, non-aggregated trades.

The Adviser may be able to negotiate a better price and lower commission rate on aggregated trades than on trades that are not aggregated. However, the Adviser is not required to aggregate trades and when trade orders are not aggregated, the Participating Accounts will not benefit from a better price and lower commission rate or lower transaction cost that might have been available had the trades been aggregated.

For certain strategies (particularly fixed income, and, where applicable, real estate), the Adviser allocates orders based on a trade rotation process to determine which type of account is to be traded in which order. Under this process, each portfolio management team may determine the length of its trade rotation period and the sequencing schedule for different categories of clients within this period. For example, some portfolio management teams employ an account size based rotation where the Adviser's larger Participating Accounts are traded alternately with the Adviser's smaller Participating Accounts. Within a given trading period, the sequencing schedule establishes when and how frequently a given client category will trade first in the order of rotation.

The Adviser allocates certain Fund Investments and PEG Co-Investments to specific clients on an individualized basis in response to a client's particular mandate, including mandates in which the clients may source deals, and may result in other PEG accounts receiving a smaller (or no) allocation to such investments.

### *Digital Tools - Model Portfolios and Portfolio Analysis*

As noted above in the Digital Tools - Model Portfolios and Portfolio Analysis section within Item 4.B, in respect of Digital Services, the Adviser provides impersonal non-discretionary investment services to Digital Users who may utilize such services in connection with their provision of investment services to their clients. Such Digital Services include recommendations being made by the Adviser contemporaneously to, or investment advisory decisions made contemporaneously for, other clients of the Adviser. As a result, the Adviser has already provided the recommendations to clients before Digital Users receive the updated model portfolios. In this circumstance, trades ultimately placed by the Digital User for its clients may be subject to price movements, particularly with large orders or where the securities are thinly traded, which may result in the Digital User's clients receiving prices that are less favorable than the prices obtained by the Adviser's clients.

### *Execution of Orders on Behalf of Adviser's Affiliates*

The Adviser executes various trading strategies for certain clients simultaneously with the trading activities of other clients (including certain clients of JPMCB, JPMS, or other affiliated investment advisers and other related persons). These activities will be executed through the Adviser's appropriate trading desk in accordance with the Adviser's trading policies and procedures. Indications of interest for new issues will be aggregated for clients of the Adviser and certain clients of JPMCB, affiliated investment advisers and related persons, and will be allocated in a manner that is intended to be fair and equitable in accordance with the Adviser's allocation policy. As a result, the Adviser's clients receive a smaller allotment of securities, including

fewer shares of a new issue, where there is participation by clients of JPMCB, affiliated investment advisers and related persons in such securities.

In order to minimize potential execution costs arising from the market impact of trading the same securities, the Adviser may implement trade order volume controls. Similar controls have been implemented for the Adviser's and advisory affiliates' Wrap clients that participate in simultaneous trading activity of the same security. Where Wrap account orders coincide with the trade orders for institutional and other clients of the Adviser, the Wrap account order flow will be subject to the previously mentioned order volume controls and will be delayed if such controls are binding.

### **Account Errors and Resolutions**

Account errors, trade errors, and other operational mistakes occasionally occur in connection with the Adviser's management of funds and client accounts. The Adviser has developed policies and procedures that address the identification and correction of such errors and generally require that errors caused by the Adviser and affecting a client's account be resolved promptly and fairly subject to the considerations set forth below. Errors can result from a variety of situations, including portfolio management (e.g., inadvertent violation of investment restrictions), trading, processing or other functions (e.g., miscommunication of information, such as wrong number of shares, wrong price, wrong account, raising the order as a buy rather than a sell and vice versa).

The intent of the policies and procedures is to restore a client account to the appropriate financial position as determined in good faith by the Adviser based on what it considers reasonable in light of all relevant facts and circumstances surrounding the error. The Adviser makes its determinations pursuant to its error policies and procedures on a case-by-case basis, in its discretion, based on factors it considers reasonable. Relevant facts and circumstances the Adviser may consider include, among others, the nature of the service being provided at the time of the incident, whether intervening causes, including the action or inaction of third parties, caused or contributed to the incident, specific applicable contractual and legal restrictions and standards of care, whether a client's investment objective was contravened, the nature of a client's investment program, whether a contractual guideline was violated, the nature and materiality of the relevant circumstances, and the materiality of any resulting losses. Under certain circumstances, the Adviser may consider whether it is possible to adequately address an error through cancellation, correction, reallocation of losses and gains or other means.

Consistent with the applicable standard of care, the Adviser's policies and procedures and client agreements generally do not require perfect implementation of investment management decisions, trading, processing or other functions performed by the Adviser. Therefore, not all mistakes will be considered compensable to the client. Imperfections in the implementation of investment decisions, quantitative strategies, financial modeling, trade execution, cash movements, portfolio rebalancing, processing instructions or facilitation of securities settlement, imperfection in processing corporate actions, or imperfection in the generation of cash or holdings reports resulting in trade decisions may not constitute compensable errors, depending on the materiality and other facts and circumstances. In addition, in managing accounts, the Adviser may establish non-public, formal or informal internal targets, or other parameters that may be used to manage risk, manage sub-advisers or otherwise guide decision-making, and a failure to adhere to such internal parameters will not be considered an error.

## **ITEM 13**

### **Review of Accounts**

#### **A. Frequency and Nature of Review of Client Accounts**

The Adviser periodically reviews client accounts utilizing product-specific review processes. Accordingly, account reviews may differ across various product groups. The Adviser's portfolio managers are generally responsible for the daily management and review of the accounts under their supervision.

Each product group conducts reviews of its portfolio managers' accounts. Such reviews examine compliance with clients' investment objectives and account guidelines, account performance, and the Adviser's current investment processes and practices. An account review is conducted by a team which includes as applicable the product group's investment director, portfolio managers, and/or individuals from other appropriate functional areas.

With respect to Wrap accounts, the Adviser monitors client accounts on a periodic basis for deviations in account holdings from the investment strategy. The Adviser has established certain thresholds by which account holdings are measured. In the event such deviations outside the thresholds are detected, appropriate action is taken, including the purchase and/or sale of securities, to re-balance the account with the investment strategy.

The information in this Brochure does not include all the specific review features associated with each investment strategy or applicable to a particular client account. Clients are urged to ask questions regarding the Adviser's review process applicable to a particular strategy or investment product.

### **B. Factors Prompting Review of Client Accounts Other than a Periodic Review**

In addition to periodic reviews, the Adviser may perform reviews as it deems appropriate or otherwise required. Additional reviews of client accounts may be triggered by client request, compliance monitoring, guideline monitoring, industry factors, market developments, statutory or regulatory changes, and any issues that may have been identified with respect to a client account. Events that trigger reviews of client accounts are generally directed to the attention of investment professionals covering relevant businesses and functions and business management.

With respect to Wrap and Unbundled accounts, additional reviews are performed as needed for client requests, client and firm restrictions, and any issue that may arise with respect to a client account.

### **C. Content and Frequency of Account Reports to Clients**

The Adviser regularly provides written reports to clients that are tailored to the type of investments included in the client's account. The Adviser regularly provides or makes available one or more of the following types of account reports:

- A statement of assets (typically monthly or quarterly) including a description of each asset with cost and current market values;
- A statement of transactions (typically monthly or quarterly) detailing account activity;
- Performance reports (typically monthly or quarterly); and
- Quarterly and audited annual financial statements which include a portfolio overview, investment vehicle summary, and schedule of investments.

Clients generally have the option of receiving these reports via postal mail, e-mail, fax, or online via a secure client website.

Investors in pooled investment vehicles managed by the Adviser receive reports described in the offering or organizational document for the relevant vehicle, or as required by law, rule, or regulation.

With respect to Wrap clients, the Sponsor has primary responsibility for client contact and reporting.

**ITEM 14****Client Referrals and Other Compensation****A. Economic Benefits Received from Third-Parties for Providing Services to Clients**

The Adviser does not receive economic benefits from someone who is not a client for providing investment advisory services to its clients.

As discussed in Item 11.B, however, the Adviser derives ancillary benefits from providing investment advisory services to clients. For example, allocating assets of a multi-manager portfolio to an unaffiliated investment adviser or allocating the assets of a fund-of-funds to a fund advised by an unaffiliated investment adviser may help the Adviser or its Affiliates enhance their relationships with the unaffiliated investment adviser or its Affiliates, facilitate additional business development and enable the Adviser and its Affiliates to obtain additional business and generate additional revenue. For more information, see the JPMC Acting in Multiple Commercial Capacities section within Item 11.B.

The Code of Ethics, the Code of Conduct and other related policies and procedures adopted by the Adviser restrict the receipt of personal benefits by employees of the Adviser or its Affiliates in connection with the Adviser's business. Subject to compliance policies, in limited circumstances exceptions may be made for certain nominal non-cash gifts, meals, refreshments and entertainment provided in the course of a host-attended business-related meeting or other occasion. For more information, see Item 11.A, Code of Ethics and Personal Trading.

**B. Compensation to Non-Supervised Persons for Client Referrals**

The Adviser directly or indirectly compensates affiliated and unaffiliated referral agents for client referrals in accordance with applicable laws, including Rule 206(4)-1 under the Advisers Act, when applicable. The compensation generally consists of a cash payment that is computed either as a percentage of the Adviser's fees or as a percentage of the client's assets invested with the Adviser as a result of the referral. Such compensation is paid entirely out of the Adviser's own resources and therefore, does not result in any additional charges to the clients. When the Adviser compensates an unaffiliated referral agent, it does so pursuant to a written agreement, in accordance with Rule 206(4)-1.

Additionally, the Adviser or its Affiliates also compensates JPMC employees for referring clients to the Adviser in accordance with applicable laws.

**ITEM 15****Custody**

The Adviser generally does not maintain physical custody of its clients' assets. Client assets are typically held by a qualified custodian pursuant to a separate custody agreement. However, pursuant to Rule 206(4)-2 under the Advisers Act, in certain circumstances the Adviser may be deemed to have custody of client assets.

The Adviser is deemed to have custody of client assets in the following circumstances:

- When the Adviser or a related person acts in any capacity that gives it legal ownership of, or access to, client assets, (e.g., when the Adviser serves as a general partner, managing member, or comparable position for certain pooled investment vehicles).

Clients in such private funds will receive the fund's annual audited financial statements. Such clients should review these statements carefully. If clients in the private funds do not receive audited financial statements in a timely manner, they should contact the Adviser immediately.

- When, with respect to certain separately managed accounts, the Adviser or a related person directly or indirectly holds client funds or securities, or has authority to obtain possession of them. The Adviser is deemed to have custody if it is authorized or permitted to withdraw client funds or securities maintained with a custodian upon its instruction to the custodian.

Clients will receive account statements at least quarterly directly from their broker-dealer, bank or other qualified custodian. Separately managed account clients may also receive a statement of assets from the Adviser. Clients are encouraged to compare the account statements that they receive from their qualified custodian with those that they receive from the Adviser. If clients do not receive statements at least quarterly and in a timely manner from their qualified custodian, they should contact the Adviser immediately.

- When an Affiliate of the Adviser acts as custodian for Wrap accounts or when the Adviser has the ability to deduct its advisory fees directly from a Wrap account.

In such cases, the Sponsor or the custodian will send required periodic account statements to the Wrap client. The Wrap client should carefully review and reconcile the custodian statements to ensure that they reflect appropriate activity in the Wrap account. If clients do not receive periodic accounts statements from their qualified custodian in a timely manner, they should contact the Adviser or their Sponsor immediately.

## ITEM 16

### Investment Discretion

As described in Item 4.B, Description of Advisory Services, the Adviser provides both discretionary and non-discretionary investment advisory services. For discretionary mandates, the Adviser and client execute an investment advisory agreement authorizing the Adviser to act on behalf of the client's account. Execution of such agreement authorizes the Adviser to supervise and direct the investment and reinvestment of assets in the client's account on the client's behalf and at the client's risk.

The scope of the Adviser's discretionary authority is defined by the terms of its written agreement with each client, which may include certain limitations. These terms include objective and investment guidelines that the client establishes for the account. For JPMorgan Funds, the Adviser's investment discretion may be limited by certain federal securities laws and tax laws that require diversification of investments and impose other limitations.

For an additional discussion of risks related to the Adviser's discretionary authority, please refer to Item 6, Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management.

## ITEM 17

### Voting Client Securities

#### **A. Policies and Procedures Relating to Voting Client Securities**

For accounts where the client has delegated proxy voting authority to the Adviser, the Adviser has adopted and implemented policies and procedures pursuant to Rule 206(4)-6 of the Advisers Act that are reasonably designed to ensure that it votes client securities in the best interest of clients, which procedures include how the Adviser addresses material conflicts of interest. To ensure that the proxies are voted in the best interests of its clients and to address material conflicts of interest, the Adviser has adopted detailed guidelines for voting proxies on specific types of issues (the "Proxy Voting Guidelines"). The Proxy Voting Guidelines address proxy voting with respect to a wide variety of topics including: shareholder voting rights, anti-takeover defenses, board structure, the election of directors, executive and director compensation, mergers and corporate restructuring, and social and environmental issues. Because the regulatory framework and the

business cultures vary from region to region, the Proxy Voting Guidelines take into account such variations with separate Proxy Voting Guidelines covering the regions of (1) North America, (2) Europe, Middle East, Africa, Central America and South America, (3) Asia (ex Japan), and (4) Japan. The Proxy Voting Guidelines have been developed with input from portfolio managers and analysts and investment stewardship specialists (as applicable) and approved by the applicable proxy committee ("Proxy Committee", as defined below) with the objective of encouraging corporate action that enhances shareholder value. The Proxy Voting Guidelines are proprietary to the Adviser and reflect the Adviser's views on proxy matters as informed by its investment experience and research over many years of proxy voting. Certain guidelines are prescriptive ("Prescribed Guidelines") meaning they specify how the Adviser will vote a particular proxy proposal except where the Adviser, pursuant to its procedures, determines to vote in a manner contrary to its Prescribed Guidelines also known as an "Override". Other guidelines contemplate voting on a case by case basis. Individual company facts and circumstances vary. In some cases, the Adviser may determine that, in the best interest of its clients, a particular proxy item should be voted in a manner that is not consistent with the Prescribed Guidelines. Clients may obtain a copy of the Adviser's Proxy Voting Guidelines by contacting their client service representative or financial adviser or by visiting the JPMorgan Funds website. Clients may obtain a copy of the Adviser's information about how the Adviser voted the client's proxies by contacting their client service representative or financial adviser, or with respect to JPMorgan Funds, by visiting the JPMorgan Funds website. In limited circumstances, if agreed by the Adviser, clients in separately managed accounts may direct the Adviser to vote the clients' proxies according to the clients' own policies or policies of a third party that are selected by the clients. In such circumstances, the Adviser provides administrative support but does not have voting discretion.

The Adviser may not vote proxies for which it has voting discretion in certain instances including, without limitation, when it identifies a material conflict of interest, when securities are out on loan and have not been recalled, in certain markets that have share blocking or other regulatory restrictions, when the proxy materials are not available in time for the Adviser to make a voting decision or cast a vote, or for certain non-U.S. securities positions if, in the Adviser's judgement, the expense and administrative inconvenience or other burdens outweigh the benefits to clients of voting the securities.

### **Proxy Administrator and Proxy Committee**

To oversee and monitor the proxy voting process, the Adviser has established a Proxy Committee and appointed a proxy administrator (the "Proxy Administrator") in each global location where proxies are voted. Each Proxy Committee is composed of members and invitees including a Proxy Administrator and senior officers from among the Investment, Legal, Compliance, and Risk Management Departments. The primary functions of each Proxy Committee include: (1) reviewing and approving the Proxy Voting Guidelines annually; (2) providing advice and recommendations on general proxy-voting matters including potential or material conflicts of interests escalated to it from time to time as well as on specific voting issues to be implemented by the Adviser; and (3) determining the independence of any third-party vendor to which it has delegated proxy voting responsibilities (such as, for example, delegation when the Adviser has identified a material conflict of interest) and to conclude that there are no conflicts of interest that would prevent such vendor from providing such proxy voting services prior to delegating proxy responsibilities.

### **Mitigating Conflicts of Interests**

#### *Material Conflicts of Interest*

Regulations under the Advisers Act require that the proxy-voting procedures adopted and implemented by a U.S. investment adviser include procedures that are reasonably designed to address material conflicts of interest that may arise between the investment adviser's interests and those of its clients. In order to maintain the integrity and independence of the Adviser's investment processes and decisions, including proxy-voting decisions, and to protect the Adviser's decisions from influences that could lead to a vote other than in a client's best interests, JPMC (including the Adviser) has adopted policies and procedures that address (i) the handling of conflicts, (ii) that establish information barriers and controls for safeguarding confidential

information, and (iii) that restrict the use of MNPI. Material conflicts of interest are further avoided by voting in accordance with the Adviser's predetermined Prescribed Guidelines.

Given the breadth of the Adviser's products and service offerings, it is not possible to enumerate every circumstance that could give rise to a material conflict. Examples of such material conflicts of interest that could arise include, without limitation, circumstances in which:

- Management of a client or prospective client, distributor or prospective distributor of its investment management products, or critical vendor, is soliciting proxies and failure to vote in favor of management may harm the Adviser's relationship with such company and materially impact the Adviser's business;
- A personal relationship between an officer of the Adviser and management of a company or other proponent of a proxy proposal could impact the Adviser's voting decision;
- The proxy being voted is for JPMC stock or for JPMorgan Affiliated Funds;
- When an Affiliate of the Adviser is an investment banker or has rendered a fairness opinion with respect to the matter that is the subject of the proxy vote;

Please note third-party U.S. mutual funds and ETFs are voted by an Independent Voting Service (as defined below).

Depending on the nature of the conflict, the Adviser may elect to take one or more of the following measures, or other appropriate action:

- Removing certain Adviser personnel from the proxy voting process;
- "Walling off" personnel with knowledge of the conflict to ensure that such personnel do not influence the relevant proxy vote;
- Voting in accordance with the applicable Prescribed Guidelines, if any, if the application of the Proxy Guidelines would objectively result in the casting of a proxy vote in a predetermined manner; or
- Delegating the vote to an independent third party, if any, that will vote in accordance with its own determination. However, the Adviser may request an exception to this process to vote against a proposal rather than referring it to an independent third party ("Exception Request") where the Proxy Administrator has actual knowledge indicating that a JPMC affiliate is an investment banker or rendered a fairness opinion with respect to the matter that is the subject of a proxy vote. The Proxy Committee shall review the Exception Request and shall determine whether the Adviser should vote against the proposal or whether such proxy should still be referred to an independent third party due to the potential for additional conflicts or otherwise.

#### Potential Conflicts of Interest

In the course of its proxy voting or engagement activities, the Adviser may identify potential conflicts of interests. To the extent that the Proxy Administrator determines that certain activities give rise to the potential for a material conflict of interest for a particular proxy vote, the Proxy Administrator shall escalate to the relevant Proxy Committee to determine if the matter gives rise to a material conflict of interest and if so, what actions should be taken. Sales and marketing professionals will be precluded from participating in the decision-making process. The resolution of all potential and actual material conflict issues will be documented in order to demonstrate that the Adviser acted in the best interests of its clients

#### Use of Independent Voting Services

Subject to the oversight by the relevant Proxy Committee, the Adviser may retain the services of independent voting service providers ("Independent Voting Services") to assist with functions, such as coordinating with client custodians to ensure that all proxy materials are processed in a timely fashion, recordkeeping, acting as an agent to execute the Adviser's voting Guidelines, providing proxy research and analysis, and to provide



certain conflict of interest-related services. In arriving at their voting decisions the Adviser's investment professionals may review the research provided by a third party such as Independent Voting Services. Such research may include but is not limited to data, such as comparative data on company peers, background on directors, and company controversies.

For certain pooled investment vehicles that are index replication portfolios, the Adviser is permitted in certain instances to delegate its proxy voting authority, in whole or in part, to an Independent Voting Service. For the Tax-Smart Index strategies, the Adviser delegates full proxy voting authority to an Independent Voting Service. On or about May 1, 2025, for the Tax-Smart Index Strategies, the Adviser will delegate full proxy voting authority to an Independent Voting Service only for certain securities, such as bank holding companies. For such pooled investments vehicles and strategies, this delegation may occur where the Adviser is restricted under applicable laws from voting a particular security or to permit the Adviser to utilize exemptions applicable to positions in bank or bank holding company stocks. Additionally, where securities are held only in certain passive index tracking portfolios and not held in the Adviser's actively managed accounts, the proxy may be voted in accordance with an Independent Voting Service's recommendation if the Proxy Voting Guidelines require a case by case determination.

#### **B. No Authority to Vote Client Securities and Client Receipt of Proxies**

If a client chooses not to delegate proxy voting authority to the Adviser, the right to vote securities is retained by the client or other designated person. In such situations, the client will generally receive proxies or other solicitations directly from the custodian or transfer agent. The Adviser does not recommend or advise clients how to vote proxies, nor does it share with clients how it intends to vote proxies for clients for which it has proxy voting authority.

Proxies for securities that are out on loan normally cannot be voted, as title passes to the borrower of the securities. For accounts where the client has delegated proxy voting authority to the Adviser, the Adviser is not responsible for recalling securities to vote proxies for securities that have been loaned from the client's account unless the Adviser is directly involved in a client's securities lending arrangement because it is a party to the client's securities lending agreement and/or the Adviser makes the decision to loan the client's securities or unless expressly agreed with the client. Please note that the Adviser will not be deemed to be directly involved in a securities lending arrangement simply because an Affiliate of the Adviser serves as lending agent for a client.

### **ITEM 18**

#### **Financial Information**

##### **A. Balance Sheet**

Pursuant to SEC instructions, the Adviser is not required to include its balance sheet as part of this Brochure.

##### **B. Financial Conditions Likely to Impair Ability to Meet Contractual Commitments to Clients**

The Adviser is not subject to any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to clients.

##### **C. Bankruptcy Filings**

The Adviser has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.

**APPENDIX A**  
**Global Equities, GFICC, Global Liquidity, and MAS**  
**Separate Account Fee Schedules**

**US Equities Fee Schedules**

**US Equity - Core Strategies**

<u>JPM US Research Market Neutral</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM US Analyst Large Cap Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Analyst Sustainable</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM US Large Cap Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	\$125,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.300
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Large Cap Core 130/30</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM US Tax Managed Large Cap Leaders</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$5,000,000	1.000
Next	\$5,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Hedged Equity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US REI 100</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.300
Next	Balance	0.200
Minimum Investment:	\$75,000,000	

<u>JPM US REI 150</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.350
Next	Balance	0.250
Minimum Investment:	\$75,000,000	

<u>JPM US REI 50</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.100
Minimum Investment:	\$75,000,000	

<u>JPM US Tax Aware Disciplined Equity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$75,000,000	

<u>JPM US GARP</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM Small &amp; Mid Cap Enhanced Equity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.35
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Structured Small Cap Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.850
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Structured Small Cap Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.850
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Sustainable Leaders</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.340
Next	Balance	0.300
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

### **US Equity - Value Strategies**

<u>JPM US Equity Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Focused Dividend Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000	

<u>JPM US Large Cap Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	\$125,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Mid Cap Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.700
Next	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Value Advantage</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.650
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM US REITs</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.650
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

<u>JPM US Small Cap Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.900
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US SMID Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

**US Equity - Growth Strategies**

<u>JPM US Equity Focus</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.650
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Large Cap Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Growth Advantage</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.650
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Mid Cap Equity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.700
Next	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Mid Cap Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.700
Next	\$25,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Technology</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

<u>JPM US Small Cap Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$25,000,000	0.900
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$35,000,000	

**International Equities Fee Schedules****International Equity - Europe Strategies**

<u>JPM Euroland</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.450
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Euroland Dynamic</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Dynamic</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Dynamic Small Cap</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.450
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Research Enhanced Index (ESG)</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$300,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Small Cap</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Small Cap Sustainable</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Europe Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**International Equity - Global Strategies**

<u>JPM ACWI Research Enhanced Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$300,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Climate Change Solutions</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.750
Next	\$100,000,000	0.650
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Equity Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.450
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Equity Income Unconstrained</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.450
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Focus</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Healthcare</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Natural Resources</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Research Enhanced Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$300,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Select</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Unconstrained</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

### **International Equity - International Strategies**

<u>JPM International</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM International Equity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM International Equity Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	\$50,000,000	0.500
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM International Focus</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM International Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.550
Next	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	



<u>JPM International Opportunities</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM International Research Enhanced Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.240
Next	\$400,000,000	0.200
Next	Balance	0.180
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM International Research Enhanced Index 100</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$300,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM International Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.550
Next	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

#### **International Equity - Convertibles Strategies**

<u>JPM Convertibles Balanced Broad</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	\$100,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Convertibles Balanced Defensive</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	\$100,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Convertibles Balanced Focus</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	\$100,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Convertibles Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.500
Next	\$100,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

### **Emerging Markets and Asia Pacific Equities Strategies**

#### **Emerging Markets Equity - GEM Core Strategies**

<u>JPM GEM Analyst</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.650
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM GEM Diversified</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.550
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM GEM Diversified Plus</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM GEM Opportunities</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.750
Next	Balance	0.700
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM GEM Research Enhanced Equities</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$300,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

#### **Emerging Markets Equity - GEM Fundamental Strategies**

<u>JPM GEM Discovery</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.800
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM GEM Focused Institutional</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.750
Next	Balance	0.700
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM GEM Small Cap</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.850
Next	Balance	0.800
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Emerging Markets Equity - GEM Income Strategy**

<u>JPM GEM Income Institutional</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.650
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Emerging Markets Equity - Latin America Strategies**

<u>JPM Brazil</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Latin America</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Asia Pacific Equity - APAC Income Strategy**

<u>JPM APAC Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Asia Pacific Equity - APAC Regional Strategies**

<u>JPM Asia Analyst</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.550
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Pacific Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Pacific Developed</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Pacific Equity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Pacific Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Pacific Developed</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.650
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Pacific Sustainable</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Pacific Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Pacific Small Cap</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Asia Small Cap</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.800
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Asia Pacific Equity - ASEAN Strategy**

<u>JPM ASEAN</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Asia Pacific Equity - Greater China Strategies**

<u>JPM China Analyst</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.550
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Hong Kong</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM China</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM China A Shares</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Greater China</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Asia Pacific Equity - India Strategy**

<u>JPM India</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Asia Pacific Equity - Japan Strategies**

<u>JPM Japan Analyst</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan 50 (DDM)</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan Growth</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.550
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan Growth Unconstrained</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan REI</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$300,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan Small/Mid Cap</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.800
Next	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Japan Value</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.600
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**GFICC Fee Schedules****US Fixed Income - Core Strategies**

<u>JPM Short Duration - Core</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.200
Next	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$100,000,000	0.125
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$200,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.060
Next	Balance	0.040
Minimum Investment:	\$150,000,000	

<u>JPM Short Duration Customized</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.150
Next	\$100,000,000	0.120
Next	\$300,000,000	0.100
Next	\$500,000,000	0.080
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$150,000,000	

<u>JPM Short Duration Core Plus</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.250
Next	\$50,000,000	0.200
Next	\$100,000,000	0.175
Next	\$100,000,000	0.150
Next	\$200,000,000	0.130
Next	\$500,000,000	0.110
Next	Balance	0.090
Minimum Investment:	\$500,000,000	

<u>JPM US Fixed Income Intermediate Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.300
Next	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$150,000,000	0.225
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$150,000,000	

<u>JPM Core Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.300
Next	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$150,000,000	0.225
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$150,000,000	

<u>JPM Core Investment Grade</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.300
Next	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$150,000,000	0.225
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Core Plus Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.350
Next	\$75,000,000	0.300
Next	\$150,000,000	0.270
Next	Balance	0.200
Minimum Investment:	\$400,000,000	

<u>JPM Core Plus Institutional</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.300
Next	\$75,000,000	0.260
Next	\$150,000,000	0.230
Next	Balance	0.170
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Inflation Managed Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.350
Next	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$150,000,000	0.225
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Real Return Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.150
Next	\$100,000,000	0.130
Next	Balance	0.110
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM US Government Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.200
Next	\$100,000,000	0.150
Next	Balance	0.100
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$150,000,000	0.200
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	



<u>JPM Mortgage-Backed Securities</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.250
Minimum Investment:	\$150,000,000	

<u>JPM Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.750
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

<u>JPM Securitized</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.450
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

**International Fixed Income - Core Strategies**

<u>JPM Global Short Duration Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.200
Next	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$100,000,000	0.125
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$200,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.060
Next	Balance	0.040
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Euro Aggregate Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.210
Next	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$200,000,000	0.170
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Aggregate Bond (Hedged)</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.210
Next	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$200,000,000	0.17
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Aggregate Bond (Unhedged)</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.210
Next	\$200,000,000	0.190
Next	\$200,000,000	0.17
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Government Short Duration Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.180
Next	\$200,000,000	0.160
Next	\$200,000,000	0.140
Next	Balance	0.120
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Government Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.160
Next	\$200,000,000	0.140
Next	\$200,000,000	0.120
Next	Balance	0.100
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Currency Strategies**

<u>JPM Active Currency Overlay</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.300
Next	\$150,000,000	0.200
Next	Balance	0.100
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Passive Currency Hedging</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.020
Minimum Investment:	\$750,000,000	

**US High Yield Strategies**

<u>JPM Upper Tier High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	Balance	0.300
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Broad Opportunistic High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	Balance	0.300
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Leveraged Loan</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	Balance	0.300
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Short Duration High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	Balance	0.300
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Global High Yield Strategies**

<u>JPM Broad High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	\$300,000,000	0.300
Next	Balance	0.250
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

<u>JPM Global High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	\$300,000,000	0.300
Next	Balance	0.250
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

<u>JPM European High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	\$300,000,000	0.300
Next	Balance	0.250
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM High Quality High Yield</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.450
Next	\$100,000,000	0.350
Next	\$300,000,000	0.300
Next	Balance	0.250
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

**US Investment Grade Credit Strategies**

<u>JPM US Intermediate Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$75,000,000	

<u>JPM US Investment Grade Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**International Investment Grade Credit Strategies**

<u>JPM Euro Corporate Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Financial Sector Bonds</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Global Corporate Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.350
Next	\$50,000,000	0.250
Next	\$100,000,000	0.200
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Short Duration Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Emerging Markets Debt Strategies**

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Blend - Global</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Blend - Regional</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Sustainable Debt</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Investment Grade - Global</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Investment Grade - Regional</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Single Country - Asia</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Single Country - LatAm</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Corporate Debt - Global</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Local Currency Debt - Global</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.700
Next	Balance	0.500
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Emerging Markets Hard Currency Sovereign</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.600
Next	Balance	0.400
Minimum Investment:	\$50,000,000	

**Municipal Bond Strategy**

<u>JPM Municipal Short - Intermediate Municipal Bond</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.200
Next	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$100,000,000	0.125
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$200,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.060
Next	Balance	0.040
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Liability Driven Investing Strategies**

<u>JPM Extended Duration</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Extended Duration Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Long Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Long Credit High Quality</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Long Duration</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.300
Next	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$150,000,000	0.220
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Long Duration Investment Grade</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$75,000,000	0.250
Next	\$75,000,000	0.225
Next	\$150,000,000	0.175
Next	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Global Liquidity Strategies**

**Liquidity Strategies**

<u>JPM Liquidity USD Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

<u>JPM Liquidity USD Government</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

<u>JPM Liquidity USD Municipal</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM EMEA Liquidity</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

<u>JPM Liquidity EUR Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Liquidity GBP Credit</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

### **Managed Reserves Strategies**

<u>JPM USD Managed Reserves</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	



<u>JPM Euro Managed Reserves</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

<u>JPM GBP Managed Reserves</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.150
Next	\$50,000,000	0.120
Next	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$300,000,000	0.080
Next	\$500,000,000	0.070
Next	Balance	0.060
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

### **Multi-Asset Solutions Strategies**

#### **Glide Path Strategies**

<u>JPM Custom Glide Path</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$1,500,000,000	0.050
Next	\$1,000,000,000	0.040
Next	\$1,000,000,000	0.030
Next	Balance	0.020
Minimum Investment:	\$500,000,000	

<u>JPM Custom Glide Path</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$3,500,000,000	0.020
Next	\$3,500,000,000	0.015
Next	Balance	0.010
Minimum Investment:	\$3,500,000,000	

<u>JPM SmartRetirement Income</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$500,000,000	0.460
Next	\$500,000,000	0.440
Next	\$500,000,000	0.410
Next	\$500,000,000	0.390
Next	\$500,000,000	0.370
Next	\$500,000,000	0.350
Next	Balance	0.320
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

**Liability Aware Strategy**

<u>JPM Liability Aware Conservative</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$50,000,000	0.450
Next	\$50,000,000	0.400
Next	Balance	0.350
Minimum Investment:	\$25,000,000	

**Alternative Beta Strategies**

<u>JPM Diversified Risk</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.650
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

**Thematic Strategy**

<u>JPM Global Carbon Transition</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.150
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

**Market Cap Weighted Equity Strategies**

<u>JPM MSCI Canada Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.190
Next	\$200,000,000	0.170
Next	Balance	0.140
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI EAFE Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.090
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI Europe ex-UK Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$200,000,000	0.085
Next	Balance	0.070
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI Japan Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.160
Next	\$200,000,000	0.140
Next	Balance	0.110
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI Pacific ex-Japan Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.160
Next	\$200,000,000	0.140
Next	Balance	0.110
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI U.S. REIT Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.120
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI UK Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.060
Next	\$200,000,000	0.050
Next	Balance	0.040
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI USA IMI Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.050
Next	\$200,000,000	0.040
Next	Balance	0.030
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

<u>JPM MSCI World Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	\$100,000,000	0.100
Next	\$400,000,000	0.085
Next	Balance	0.070
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM Russell 2000 Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.070
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM S&amp;P 400 Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.070
Minimum Investment:	\$100,000,000	

<u>JPM S&amp;P 500 Equity Index</u>	Assets Under Management	Fee as a % of Assets
First	Balance	0.040
Minimum Investment:	\$200,000,000	

<b>Key Terms</b>	
<b>1940 Act</b>	: means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
<b>55ip</b>	: means 55I, LLC, an affiliated SEC-registered investment adviser.
<b>Access Persons</b>	: means persons with access to non-public information regarding the Adviser's recommendations to clients, purchases, or sales of securities for client accounts and advised funds.
<b>ADRs</b>	: means American Depositary Receipts.
<b>Adviser</b>	: means J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.
<b>Advisers Act</b>	: means the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.
<b>Affiliate</b>	: means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is under common control with, or is controlled by that Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct and cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.
<b>Affiliated Index Provider</b>	: means that an affiliated person of a fund, or the adviser, sub-adviser or promoter of the fund acts as the administrator of the index.
<b>Agent Lending Business Unit of JPMCB</b>	: means the agent lending business unit of JPMCB.
<b>AI</b>	: means artificial intelligence.
<b>AI Tools</b>	: means programs and systems that utilize AI, machine learning, probabilistic modeling, and other data science technologies.
<b>Alternative Fund</b>	: means an alternative investment vehicle and its investors.
<b>AM</b>	: means the Asset Management business of JPMAM.
<b>APAC</b>	: means Asia Pacific.
<b>ASEAN</b>	: means the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.
<b>Authorized Participant</b>	: is typically a large financial institution that enters into an agreement with an ETF distributor to create and redeem shares of the fund. Authorized Participants play a key role in the primary market for ETF shares because they are the only investors allowed to interact directly with the fund.
<b>BHCA</b>	: means the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.
<b>Brochure</b>	: means the Adviser's Form ADV, Part 2A.
<b>CCSA</b>	: means a client commission sharing arrangement.
<b>CD</b>	: means certificate of deposit.
<b>CFTC</b>	: means the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.
<b>Code of Conduct</b>	: means the JPMC firm-wide policies and procedures that sets forth restrictions regarding confidential and proprietary information, information barriers, private investments, outside business activities and personal trading.
<b>Code of Ethics</b>	: means the Code of the Ethics of JPMAM, which is designed to ensure that JPMIM employees comply with applicable federal securities laws and place the interests of clients first in conducting personal securities transactions.
<b>Covenant-lite</b>	: means a loan agreement that has fewer covenants to protect the lender and fewer restrictions on the borrower regarding payment terms, income requirements and collateral.
<b>CPO</b>	: means commodity pool operator.

<b>Credit Facility</b>	: means a line of credit issued by JPMCB.
<b>CTA</b>	: means commodity trading advisor.
<b>Digital Services</b>	: means impersonal, non-discretionary portfolio research services, digital tools and analysis.
<b>Digital Users</b>	: means financial advisers and other representatives of a registered investment adviser to whom the Adviser provides Digital Services.
<b>Dodd-Frank</b>	: means the U.S. Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, as amended.
<b>Equity or Equities</b>	: means the Global Equity product group that manages equity investments for the Adviser's clients.
<b>ECN</b>	: means electronic communication networks and alternative trading systems.
<b>ESG</b>	: means Environmental, Social, and Governance factors.
<b>ETF</b>	: means exchange-traded fund.
<b>Exception Request</b>	: means a request from an investment professional(s) to the Proxy Administrator to vote against a proxy where the Proxy Administrator has actual knowledge indicating that an Affiliate is an investment banker or rendered a fairness opinion with respect to the matter that is the subject of a proxy vote rather than refer the vote to an independent third party.
<b>Exchange Act</b>	: means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
<b>Fannie Mae</b>	: means the Federal National Mortgage Association.
<b>FCA</b>	: means the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority.
<b>FCM</b>	: means futures commission merchant.
<b>FDIC</b>	: means Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
<b>Federal Reserve</b>	: means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
<b>FINRA</b>	: means the U.S. Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.
<b>Freddie Mac</b>	: means the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.
<b>Fund Investments</b>	: means investments in third-party managed private equity funds.
<b>GFICC</b>	: means the Global Fixed Income, Currency & Commodities product group that manages fixed income, currency and commodity investments for the Adviser's clients.
<b>Ginnie Mae</b>	: means the Government National Mortgage Association.
<b>Global Liquidity</b>	: means the Global Liquidity product group that manages liquidity and managed reserves investments for the Adviser's clients.
<b>GSS</b>	: means the Global Special Situations product group, which manages certain alternative investment strategies for the Adviser's clients.
<b>GSS Funds</b>	: means funds and vehicles managed by the Global Special Situations product group.
<b>GTAA</b>	: means Global Tactical Asset Allocation, an MAS strategy.
<b>Hedging Instruments</b>	: means forward, swap and option contracts or other financial instruments with similar characteristics, including, without limitation, forward foreign currency exchange contracts, currency and interest rate swaps, options and short sales.
<b>Independent Voting Service</b>	: means third-party independent voting service provider.
<b>Index Solutions</b>	: means Index Solutions, the product group within Multi-Asset Solutions that offers a range of strategies that seek to provide returns corresponding to target Market Cap Weighted Equity Indexes.

<b>Interfund Lending</b>	: means abiding by internal guidelines and an exemptive order from the SEC permitting a fund to borrow from another mutual fund managed by the Adviser.
<b>IPOs</b>	: means initial public offerings.
<b>JPMAM</b>	: means J.P. Morgan Asset Management, which is the marketing name for the AM businesses of JPMC.
<b>JPMAWM</b>	: means J.P. Morgan Asset & Wealth Management.
<b>JPMC</b>	: means JPMorgan Chase & Co., a publicly traded company, and its affiliates worldwide.
<b>JPMC Seed Capital</b>	: means when the Adviser or related persons provide initial funding necessary to establish a new fund.
<b>JPMCB</b>	: means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., an affiliated national banking association.
<b>JPMDS</b>	: means JPMorgan Distribution Services, Inc., an affiliated broker-dealer of JPMIM that serves as a distributor and shareholder servicing agent for the JPMorgan Funds.
<b>JPMII</b>	: means J.P. Morgan Institutional Investments Inc., an affiliated broker-dealer of JPMIM used to facilitate the distribution of certain pooled investment funds.
<b>JPMIM</b>	: means J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc.
<b>JPMorgan Affiliated Funds</b>	: means mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, collective investment funds, and other pooled investment vehicles managed by the Adviser and/or its affiliates.
<b>JPMorgan ETF</b>	: means exchange-traded funds for which the Adviser acts as investment adviser.
<b>JPMorgan Funds</b>	: means mutual funds or ETFs advised by JPMIM or its affiliates.
<b>JPMorgan Money Market Fund</b>	: means mutual funds or ETFs that utilize a money market strategy and are advised by JPMIM or its affiliates.
<b>JPMS</b>	: means J.P. Morgan Securities LLC.
<b>Kezar</b>	: means Kezar Trading, LLC, an SEC registered broker-dealer and alternative trading system.
<b>LIBOR</b>	: means the London Interbank Offering Rate.
<b>Management Persons</b>	: means the Adviser's principal executive officers, directors and members of the Adviser's investment committees.
<b>MAS</b>	: means Multi-Asset Solutions, the product group that manages multi-asset investments, quantitative beta investments, passive index trackers, and model portfolios for the Adviser's clients.
<b>MiFID II</b>	: means the Markets in Financial Instrument Directive II.
<b>MLCD</b>	: means Market-Linked Certificates of Deposit.
<b>MLP</b>	: means master limited partnership.
<b>MNPI</b>	: means material, non-public information. MNPI is information not generally disseminated to the public that a reasonable investor would likely consider important in making an investment decision.
<b>Model Delivery Sponsor</b>	: means Sponsor to whom the Adviser delivers non-discretionary models.
<b>Non-traded REIT</b>	: a non-traded, perpetual-life REIT that has shares registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
<b>NFA</b>	: means the National Futures Association.
<b>OECD</b>	: means the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

<b>OTC</b>	: means over-the-counter.
<b>Participating Account</b>	: means an account that is included in aggregation when trading equity and certain fixed income instruments where there are contemporaneous purchase or sale orders of the same security across multiple client accounts, including affiliated and seeded funds.
<b>PEDM</b>	: means private equity distribution management.
<b>PEG Co-Investments</b>	: means co-investments in private equity portfolio companies made by the Adviser's Private Equity Group alongside third-party sponsors.
<b>PEG Regulated Fund</b>	: means an investment fund managed by the Private Equity Group which is registered with the SEC as an investment company
<b>PEG RIC</b>	: means a closed-end investment company that is registered under the 1940 Act advised by the Private Equity Group of the Adviser.
<b>Person</b>	: means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is under common control with, or is controlled by that Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" (including, with correlative meaning, the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with"), as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct and cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.
<b>Prescribed Guidelines</b>	: means certain guidelines that specify how the Adviser will vote a particular proxy proposal.
<b>PricingDirect</b>	: means PricingDirect Inc., an approved pricing vendor and an affiliate of the Adviser.
<b>Private Equity Group</b>	: means the product group that manages private equity investments for the Adviser's clients.
<b>Proxy Administrator</b>	: means the professional for the applicable region who is responsible for oversight of the Adviser's Guidelines and the proxy voting process including (along with the Investment Stewardship teams and portfolio management teams) responsibility for voting proxies as described in the Guidelines.
<b>Proxy Committee</b>	: means the committee for the applicable region that is responsible for oversight of the Advisor's proxy voting process.
<b>Proxy Voting Guidelines</b>	: means the detailed guidelines for voting proxies on specific types of issues including: shareholder voting rights, anti-takeover defenses, board structure, the election of directors, executive and director compensation, mergers and corporate restructuring and social and environmental issues.
<b>QEPs</b>	: means certain highly accredited clients who participate in commodity pools or open managed accounts known as Qualified Eligible Persons. The categories of persons who qualify as QEPs are listed in CFTC Regulation 4.7(a).
<b>QS</b>	: means Quantitative Solutions, the product group within Multi-Asset Solutions that manages a range of systematic investment strategies.
<b>RaaS</b>	: means Risk as a Service.
<b>REIT</b>	: means real estate investment trust.
<b>Sale Leaseback</b>	: means an arrangement whereby a property owner enters into an agreement to sell a property to a buyer and then leases the property back from the buyer for a designated period.
<b>SEC</b>	: means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.
<b>Section 16</b>	: means Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

<b>Seed Investment</b>	: One or more investments acquired by the Adviser or its related persons in respect of a closed-end fund or client account before the closing or funding date of such fund or account.
<b>Self-Indexed Account</b>	: means a fund or other account for which an affiliated person of the fund, or the adviser, sub-adviser or promoter of the fund or account will serve as the index administrator.
<b>SMA</b>	: means separately managed account.
<b>SMID</b>	: means the small and mid-cap investment strategy within the Adviser's Equities product group.
<b>Sponsor</b>	: means third-parties and affiliates of the Adviser that sponsor, organize or administer a Wrap Program or selects or provides advice to clients regarding the selection of other investment advisers in the Wrap Program.
<b>SRO</b>	: means self-regulatory organization.
<b>Supervised Persons</b>	: means any of the Adviser's officers, directors (or other persons occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), or employees, or any other person who provides investment advice on the Adviser's behalf and is subject to the Adviser's supervision or control.
<b>Tax-Smart Strategies</b>	: means the Tax-Smart Active and Tax-Smart Index strategies.
<b>ThemeBot</b>	: means a JPMAM proprietary system using machine learning and natural language processing.
<b>Unaffiliated Funds</b>	: means investment vehicles managed by advisers who are not affiliated with JPMIM.
<b>Unbundled or Unbundled Programs</b>	: means an investment advisory program under which clients do not pay a single, all-inclusive fee to the Sponsor for investment advisory services, custody services, and the execution of client transactions, but may pay a separate fee to the investment adviser and/or pay for transaction costs separately, based on trading activity in the client's account.
<b>Volcker Rule</b>	: refers to § 619 (12 U.S.C. § 1851) of the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
<b>Wrap or Wrap Programs</b>	: means an investment advisory program under which a client pays a single, all-inclusive (or "wrap") fee to the Sponsor for investment advisory services, custody services, and the execution of client transactions.