

### Client Relationship Summary December 20, 2023

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#### What investment services and advice can you provide me?

Our firm provides discretionary investment advisory services to retail investors through separately managed accounts (a "Separate Account") as well as in connection with third-party wrap fee programs offered to retail investors ("SMA Programs"). Additionally, FAV provides these services to certain retail investors through digital investment advisory programs (the "Digital Programs"), which use a proprietary investment algorithm to develop a portfolio of one or more funds based on the information you provide to us, such as your risk tolerance and your investment goal(s) and other factors. The Digital Program portfolios will generally consist of collective investment trusts and/or U.S. Registered Funds, and in some cases will include or consist entirely of one or more funds for which our firm serves as investment adviser or sub-adviser ("Affiliated Funds").

If we are acting as a discretionary adviser or sub-adviser, we determine which investments your account will purchase, hold or sell. Certain advisers also arrange for the selection of broker-dealers and the execution and settlement of trades when agreed to in your investment management agreement, and such activities are performed in accordance with that agreement, our internal policies, commercial practice, and applicable law.

We review your portfolios in Separate Accounts and SMA Programs in accordance with your investment guidelines. The frequency, depth, and nature of account reviews are often determined pursuant to the terms of the investment management agreement with the client (or in the case of certain SMA Programs, with the SMA Program sponsor), or by the mandate selected by you and your particular needs. Under the Digital Programs, the proprietary investment algorithm reassesses and rebalances your portfolio at pre-determined intervals, every time you provide updated information and as the adviser updates its capital markets expectations for the algorithm.

Each of the Separate Accounts, the SMA Programs and the Digital Programs require a minimum initial investment amount, unless special circumstances are present, such as the existence of a related account already managed by one of our advisers or an affiliate. See Items 4 and 7 of your adviser's Form ADV Part 2A brochure (the "Brochure"), available at <u>mmm.franklintempleton.com/CRS</u>, for more information about all of that adviser's services and minimum investment requirements.

<i>Questions to consider</i> <i>asking us</i>	<ul> <li>Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or why not?</li> <li>How will you choose investments to recommend to me?</li> <li>What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?</li> </ul>
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### What fees will I pay?

Fee arrangements (including amount and frequency of assessment) vary by client and/or product and are based on several different factors. Investment management fees for Separate Accounts and SMA Programs are generally calculated under contractual agreements as a percentage of the market value of assets under management. Asset-based fees for SMA Programs are generally higher than a typical asset-based advisory fee as they include most transaction costs and fees to a broker-dealer or bank that has custody of such assets. The SMA Program sponsor's Form ADV brochure generally contains specific information on program fees. Fees charged for utilizing the Digital Programs vary based on the value of assets under management and the

degree to which a portfolio is composed of Affiliated Funds; although, in some cases there will be a minimum monthly fee.

Where we receive higher fees from certain accounts, there will be an economic incentive, even if we do not act on such incentive, to favor such accounts over accounts paying lower fees. Similarly, the more assets in a client's account the more we will receive in fees, and therefore we have an incentive to encourage clients to increase the assets in their account. *These and other conflicts of interest are discussed more fully in your adviser's Brochure, available at <u>mnw.franklintempleton.com/CRS</u>.* 

In addition to the fees described above, Separate Account clients typically bear other costs associated with their accounts or portfolio investments, including, but not limited to: custody fees; brokerage costs; auditing fees; transfer agency fees; taxes, duties and other governmental charges (including regulatory, licensing and filing expenses and fees, and the costs and expenses for their preparation); and transfer and registration fees or similar expenses. Similarly, SMA Program clients, in addition to the program sponsor's inclusive or "wrap" fee, are subject to additional costs and fees, including, but not limited to: commissions on transactions executed by a non-designated broker-dealer, expenses of underlying investment pools, and certain costs or charges imposed by the sponsor or a third party. With respect to accounts that invest in Affiliated Funds, these accounts will also indirectly bear the Affiliated Fund fees and expenses as fund shareholders.

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying. *Read more about the fees your account will or may incur in Item 5 of your adviser's Brochure, available at <u>nnw.franklintempleton.com/CRS</u>.* 

Questions to consider asking us Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments. If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

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

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

Certain Separate Accounts, SMA Programs and Digital Program portfolios invest some or all of a client's assets into Affiliated Funds, which creates a conflict of interest in certain circumstances where we receive investment advisory and other fees from the Affiliated Fund but not from unaffiliated funds or other securities (although any investments in such unaffiliated securities are still generally subject to the fees applicable to those securities). While assets invested in Affiliated Fund's fees applicable to all investors in such fund, some or all of which we will receive, and, in the cases noted above, additional service fees. The receipt of such fees presents a conflict of interest in providing investment advice based on the compensation to be received rather than client interests.

From time to time we may also recommend that you buy an asset from, or sell an asset to, our firm (commonly called a "principal transaction"). These transactions present an inherent conflict of interest because we are on both sides of the transaction. We will comply with applicable legal requirements to conduct such a transaction including, when required, notifying you in writing of the transaction and obtaining your consent.

As another example, portfolio managers and other investment professionals of our advisers are permitted to manage their personal investment accounts, subject to limitations under Franklin Templeton's personal investments and insider trading policy. This activity will, from time to time, give rise to conflicts of interest because these individuals have access to confidential information concerning the security holdings, trading activities and financial circumstances of some or all of an adviser's clients.

These and other conflicts are discussed further in your adviser's Brochure, available at <u>mmm.franklintempleton.com/CRS</u>, including in Item 11.

## *Questions to consider* How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?

### How do your financial professionals make money?

Our investment professionals receive a base salary, discretionary cash incentive bonus (both cash and equity), additional restricted equity compensation opportunities, and a benefits package. Reviewed annually, compensation is based on individual measured performance, team- and business-unit performance, the salary range for an investment professional's level of responsibility based on third-party provided compensation information, and our firm's guidelines. Generally, our investment professionals are not directly provided financial incentives to favor one retail investor's account over another. However, the structure of certain investment professional's compensation may give rise to potential conflicts of interest, as their base pay and bonus tend to increase with additional and more complex responsibilities that, in certain instances, include increased assets under management. As such, there may be an indirect relationship between our investment professionals' sales and relationship management efforts and their discretionary bonus.

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

Yes. Visit <u>www.Investor.gov/CRS</u> for a free and simple search tool to research us and our financial professionals.

Questions to considerAs a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what<br/>type of conduct?

If you have any questions about the contents of this relationship summary, would like to request up-to-date information, or for copies of your Adviser's Brochure or this relationship summary, please contact Global Client Service Support via email at <u>GlobalClientServiceSupportAmericas@franklintempleton.com</u> or by calling 650-312-3000.

Questions to consider	- Who is my primary contact person? Are they a representative of an
asking us	investment adviser or a broker-dealer?
0	- Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?