

Ascend Investment Partners

PRIVACY NOTICE

Maintaining the trust and confidence of our clients is a high priority. That is why we want you to understand how we protect your privacy when we collect and use information about you, and the steps that we take to safeguard that information. This notice is provided to you on behalf of Kesler, Norman & Wride, LLC dba Ascend Investment Partners (“Ascend Investment Partners”).

Information We Collect: In connection with providing investment products, financial advice, or other services, we obtain non-public personal information about you, including:

- Information we receive from you on account applications, such as your address, email address, phone number, date of birth, Social Security Number, occupation, financial goals, assets and income;
- Information about your transactions with us, our affiliates, or others;
- Information about your visits to our website. We store records of the activities on our sites in our web server logs, which automatically capture and save the information electronically. The information we collect helps us administer the site, analyze its usage, protect the website and its content from inappropriate use, and improve the user’s experience.
- Ascend Investment Partners does receive information regarding marketing eligibility from affiliates to make solicitations. In doing so, all persons will have the opportunity to opt-out of providing their email address to the chosen third party and will have the ability to opt out of receiving solicitations from our firm at any time. The third party may retain your email address, please refer to the their party’s privacy policy for additional information.
- Information received from credit or service bureaus or other third parties, such as your credit history or employment status.

Categories of Information We Disclose: We may only disclose information that we collect in accordance with this policy. Ascend Investment Partners does not sell customer lists and will not sell your name to telemarketers.

Categories of Parties to Whom We Disclose: We will not disclose information regarding you or your account at Ascend Investment Partners, except under the following circumstances:

- To entities that perform services for us or function on our behalf, including financial service providers, such as a clearing broker-dealer, investment company, or insurance company, other investment advisers;
- To third parties who perform services or marketing, client resource management, or other parties to help manage your account on our behalf;
- To your attorney, trustee or anyone else who represents you in a fiduciary capacity;
- To our attorneys, accountants, or auditors; and
- To government entities or other third parties in response to subpoenas or other legal processes as required by law or to comply with regulatory inquiries.

How We Use Information: Information may be used among companies that perform support services for us, such as data processors, client relationship management technology, technical systems consultants, and programmers, or companies that help us market products and our services to you for a number of purposes, such as:

- **To protect your accounts/non-public information** from unauthorized access or identity theft;
- **To process your requests** such as securities purchases and sales;
- **To establish or maintain an account with an unaffiliated third party**, such as a clearing broker-dealer providing services to you, marketing firm, and/or Ascend Investment Partners;
- **To service your accounts**, such as by issuing checks and account statements;
- **To comply** with Federal, State, and Self-Regulatory Organization requirements;
- **To keep you informed** about financial services of interest to you.

Regulation S-AM: Under Regulation S-AM, a registered investment adviser is prohibited from using eligibility information that it receives from an affiliate to make a marketing solicitation unless: (1) the potential marketing use of that information has been clearly, conspicuously and concisely disclosed to the consumer; (2) the consumer has been provided a reasonable opportunity and a simple method to opt out of receiving the marketing solicitations; and (3) the consumer has not opted out.

Regulation S-ID: Regulation S-ID requires our firm to have an Identity Theft Protection Program (ITPP) that controls reasonably foreseeable risks to customers or to the safety and soundness of our firm from identity theft. We have developed an ITPP to adequately identify and detect potential red-flags to prevent and mitigate identity theft.

Our Security Policy: We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to those individuals who need to know that information to provide products or services to you and perform their respective duties. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural security measures to safeguard confidential client information.

Cyber Security: Internal policies and procedures are in place to address cyber security. A copy of this policy is available upon request.

Departing Investment Adviser Representatives (“IARs”): If your IAR’s affiliation with Ascend Investment Partners ends and he or she joins a non-affiliated securities broker-dealer or registered investment adviser, Ascend Investment Partners will permit the IAR to use certain client contact information to solicit clients to join the IAR’s new financial services provider. The client contact information that the IAR may use is limited to your name, address, email address, phone number and account title.

Certain states have adopted a requirement for you to approve the sharing of information in advance, otherwise known as an “opt-in” choice. If you live in an “opt-in” state (e.g., California, Massachusetts, Maine, Alaska, North Dakota or Vermont), then Ascend Investment Partners will require your consent to share your information with unaffiliated third parties who are not servicing your account. State requirements vary and may change without notice.

Succession Planning: In the event that the owner(s) of Ascend Investment Partners retire, become incapacitated, or perish unexpectedly, your information would be disclosed to an unaffiliated third party for the purposes of facilitating a business succession plan. A change in control of ownership of Ascend Investment Partners would require your consent, as dictated by your signed agreement with Ascend Investment Partners, in order to continue providing services to you.

Your Right to Opt Out: Federal privacy laws give you the right to restrict us from sharing your personal financial information. These laws balance your right to privacy with Ascend Investment Partners’ need to provide information for normal business purposes. You have the right to opt out of sharing certain information with affiliated and unaffiliated companies of our firm. Choosing to restrict the sharing of your personal financial information will not apply to (1) your information that we may share with companies that help promote and market our own products or products offered under a joint agreement with another company; (2) records of your transactions--such as your loan payments, credit card or debit card purchases, and checking and savings account statements--to firms that provide data processing and mailing services for our firm; (3) information about you in response to a court order; and (4) your payment history on loans and credit cards to credit bureaus. If you opt out, you limit the extent to which Ascend Investment Partners can provide your personal financial information to non-affiliated companies.

Closed or Inactive Accounts: If you decide to close your account(s) or become an inactive customer, our Privacy Policy will continue to apply to you.

Complaint Notification: Please direct complaints to: Garrett Smith at Kesler, Norman & Wride, LLC *dba* Ascend Investment Partners, 175 Historic 25th Street, Suite 200, Ogden, UT 84401; (801) 476-1200.

Changes to This Privacy Policy: If we make any substantial changes in the way we use or disseminate confidential information, we will notify you. If you have any questions concerning this Privacy Policy, please contact us at: Kesler, Norman & Wride, LLC *dba* Ascend Investment Partners, 175 Historic 25th Street, Suite 200, Ogden, UT 84401; (801) 476-1200.