



CERTIFICATE

We have verified the Disclosure Document (“the Document”) dated January 30, 2026 for Portfolio Management Services prepared by M/s. **APRICUS WEALTH INVESTMENT MANAGERS LLP**, a Portfolio Manager to be registered with SEBI under the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 (SEBI Reg. No. **INP000009302**), having its Registered Office at Flat no. 1105, 11th Floor, 1106 Skipper House, 22 Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, Connaught Place, Central Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110001.

The disclosure made in the document is made on the model disclosure document as stated in Schedule V of Regulation 22 of Securities and Exchange Board of India (Portfolio Managers) Regulations 2020.

Our certification is based on the examination of records, data made available and information & explanations provided to us.

Based on such examination we certify that:

- a. The Disclosure made in the document is true, fair and correct and
- b. The information provided in the Disclosure Document is adequate to enable the investors to make well-informed decisions.

The enclosed document is stamped and initialed / signed by us for the purpose of identification.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
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DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT
As required under Regulation 22 of Securities and Exchange Board of India
(Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020

I. Declaration:

- a) The Disclosure Document (hereinafter referred as the “**Document**”) has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (“**SEBI**”) along with the certificate in the prescribed format in terms of Regulation 22 of the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 (“**Regulations**”).
- b) The purpose of the Document is to provide essential information about the portfolio services in a manner to assist and enable the investors in making informed decision for engaging “**Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP**” (hereinafter referred as the “**Portfolio Manager**”) as the portfolio manager.
- c) The Document contains the necessary information about the Portfolio Manager required by an investor before investing and the investor may also be advised to retain the Document for future reference.
- d) The Disclosure Document is updated on January 30, 2026
- e) The name, phone number, e-mail address of the principal officer as designated by the Portfolio Manager along with the address of the Portfolio Manager is as follows:

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PART-I- Static Section:

1.Disclaimer

This Document has been prepared in accordance with the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 and filed with SEBI. This Document has neither been approved nor disapproved by SEBI nor has SEBI certified the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of this Document.

The distribution of this Document in certain jurisdictions may be restricted or totally prohibited and accordingly, persons who come into possession of this Document are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

2. Definitions

In this Disclosure Document, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions shall have the meaning assigned to them:

1. “**Act**” means the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
2. “**Accreditation Agency**” means a subsidiary of a recognized stock exchange or a subsidiary of a depository or any other entity as may be specified by SEBI from time to time.
3. “**Accredited Investor**” means any person who is granted a certificate of accreditation by an accreditation agency who:
 - (i) In case of an individual, HUF, family trust or sole proprietorship has:
 - (a) annual income of at least two crore rupees; or
 - (b) net worth of at least seven crore fifty lakh rupees, out of which not less than three crores seventy-five lakh rupees is in the form of financial assets; or
 - (c) annual income of at least one crore rupees and minimum net worth of five crore rupees, out of which not less than two crore fifty lakh rupees is in the form of financial assets.
 - (ii) In case of a body corporate, has net worth of at least fifty crore rupees;
 - (iii) In case of a trust other than family trust, has net worth of at least fifty crore rupees;
 - (iv) In case of a partnership firm set up under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, each partner independently meets the eligibility criteria for accreditation: *Provided that the Central Government and the State Governments, developmental agencies set up under the aegis of the Central Government or the State Governments, funds set up by the Central Government or the State Governments, qualified institutional buyers as defined under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, Category I foreign portfolio investors, sovereign wealth funds and multilateral agencies and any other entity as may be specified by the Board from time to time, shall deemed to be an accredited investor and may not be required to obtain a certificate of accreditation.*
4. “**Advisory Services**” means advising on the portfolio approach, investment and divestment of individual Securities in the Client’s Portfolio, entirely at the Client’s risk, in terms of the Regulations and the Agreement.
5. “**Agreement**” or “**Portfolio Management Services Agreement**” or “**PMS Agreement**” means agreement executed between the Portfolio Manager and its Client for providing portfolio management services and shall include all schedules and annexures attached

thereto and any amendments made to this agreement by the parties in writing, in terms of Regulation 22 and Schedule IV of the Regulations.

6. **“Applicable Law/s”** means any applicable statute, law, ordinance, regulation, rule, order, bye-law, administrative interpretation, writ, injunction, directive, judgment or decree or other instrument including the Regulations which has a force of law, as is in force from time to time.
7. **“Assets Under Management”** or **“AUM”** means aggregate net asset value of the Portfolio managed by the Portfolio Manager on behalf of the Clients.
8. **“Associate”** means (i) a body corporate in which a director or partner of the Portfolio Manager holds either individually or collectively, more than twenty percent of its paid-up equity share capital or partnership interest, as the case may be; or (ii) a body corporate which holds, either individually or collectively, more than twenty percent of the paid-up equity share capital or partnership interest, as the case may be of the Portfolio Manager.
9. **“Benchmark”** means an index selected by the Portfolio Manager in accordance with the Regulations, in respect of each Investment Approach to enable the Clients to evaluate the relative performance of the Portfolio Manager.
10. **“Board”** or **“SEBI”** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India established under section 3 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992.
11. **“Business Day”** means any day, which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a day on which the banks or stock exchanges in India are authorized or required by Applicable Laws to remain closed or such other events as the Portfolio Manager may specify from time to time.
12. **“Client(s)”** / **“Investor(s)”** means any person who enters into an Agreement with the Portfolio Manager for availing the services of portfolio management as provided by the Portfolio Manager.
13. **“Custodian(s)”** means an entity registered with the SEBI as a custodian under the Applicable Laws and appointed by the Portfolio Manager, from time to time, primarily for custody of Securities of the Client.
14. **“Depository”** means the depository as defined in the Depositories Act, 1996 (22 of 1996).
15. **“Depository Account”** means an account of the Client or for the Client with an entity registered as a depository participant under the SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations, 1996.
16. **“Direct on-boarding”** means an option provided to clients to be on-boarded directly with the Portfolio Manager without intermediation of persons engaged in distribution services.
17. **“Disclosure Document”** or **“Document”** means the disclosure document for offering portfolio management services prepared in accordance with the Regulations.

18. **“Distributor”** means a person/entity who may refer a Client to avail services of Portfolio Manager in lieu of commission/charges (whether known as channel partners, agents, referral interfaces or by any other name).
19. **“Eligible Investors”** means a Person who: (i) complies with the Applicable Laws, and (ii) is willing to execute necessary documentation as stipulated by the Portfolio Manager.
20. **“Fair Market Value”** means the price that the Security would ordinarily fetch on sale in the open market on the particular date.
21. **“Foreign Portfolio Investors”** or **“FPI”** means a person registered with SEBI as a foreign portfolio investor under the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2019 as amended from time to time.
22. **“Financial Year”** means the year starting from April 1 and ending on March 31 in the following year.
23. **“Funds”** or **“Capital Contribution”** means the monies managed by the Portfolio Manager on behalf of the Client pursuant to the Agreement and includes the monies mentioned in the account opening form, any further monies placed by the Client with the Portfolio Manager for being managed pursuant to the Agreement, the proceeds of sale or other realization of the portfolio and interest, dividend or other monies arising from the assets, so long as the same is managed by the Portfolio Manager.
24. **“Group Company”** shall mean an entity which is a holding, subsidiary, associate, subsidiary of a holding company to which it is also a subsidiary.
25. **“HUF”** means the Hindu Undivided Family as defined in Section 2(31) of the IT Act.
26. **“Investment Approach”** is a broad outlay of the type of Securities and permissible instruments to be invested in by the Portfolio Manager for the Client, taking into account factors specific to Clients and Securities and includes any of the current Investment Approach or such Investment Approach that may be introduced at any time in future by the Portfolio Manager.
27. **“IT Act”** means the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended and restated from time to time along with the rules prescribed thereunder.
28. **“Large Value Accredited Investor”** means an Accredited Investor who has entered into an Agreement with the Portfolio Manager for a minimum investment amount of ten crore rupees.
29. **“Non-resident Investors”** or **“NRI(s)”** shall mean non-resident Indian as defined in Section 2 (30) of the IT Act.
30. **“NAV”** shall mean Net Asset Value, which is the price; that the investment would ordinarily fetch on sale in the open market on the relevant date, less any receivables and fees due.
31. **“NISM”** means the National Institute of Securities Markets, established by the Board.

32. **“Person”** includes an individual, a HUF, a corporation, a partnership (whether limited or unlimited), a limited liability company, a body of individuals, an association, a proprietorship, a trust, an institutional investor and any other entity or organization whether incorporated or not, whether Indian or foreign, including a government or an agency or instrumentality thereof.
33. **“Portfolio”** means the total holdings of all investments, Securities and Funds belonging to the Client.
34. **“Portfolio Manager”** means **Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP**, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, registered with SEBI as a portfolio manager bearing registration number INP000009302 and having its registered office at Flat No 1105, 11th Floor, 1106 Skipper House, 22 Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, Connaught Place, Central Delhi, New Delhi, National Capital Territory of Delhi, 110001, India.
35. **“Principal Officer”** means an employee of the Portfolio Manager who has been designated as such by the Portfolio Manager and is responsible for:
(i) the decisions made by the Portfolio Manager for the management or administration of Portfolio of Securities or the Funds of the Client, as the case may be; and
(ii) all other operations of the Portfolio Manager.
36. **“Regulations”** or **“SEBI Regulations”** means the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020, as amended/modified and reinstated from time to time and including the circulars/notifications issued pursuant thereto.
37. **“Related Party”** means –
- (i) a director, partner or his relative;
 - (ii) a key managerial personnel or his relative;
 - (iii) a firm, in which a director, partner, manager or his relative is a partner;
 - (iv) a private company in which a director, partner or manager or his relative is a member or director;
 - (v) a public company in which a director, partner or manager is a director or holds along with his relatives, more than two percent of its paid-up share capital;
 - (vi) any body corporate whose board of directors, managing director or manager is accustomed to act in accordance with the advice, directions or instructions of a director, partner or manager;
 - (vii) any person on whose advice, directions or instructions a director, partner or manager is accustomed to act:
- (provided that nothing in sub-clauses (vi) and (vii) shall apply to the advice, directions or instructions given in a professional capacity);

(viii) any body corporate which is— (A) a holding, subsidiary or an associate company of the Portfolio Manager; or (B) a subsidiary of a holding company to which the Portfolio Manager is also a subsidiary; (C) an investing company or the venturer of the Portfolio Manager (The investing company or the venturer of the Portfolio Manager means a body corporate whose investment in the Portfolio Manager would result in the Portfolio Manager becoming an associate of the body corporate);

(ix) a related party as defined under the applicable accounting standards;

(x) such other person as may be specified by the Board:

Provided that,

(a) any person or entity forming a part of the promoter or promoter group of the listed entity; or

(b) any person or any entity, holding equity shares:

(i) of twenty percent or more; or

(ii) of ten percent or more, with effect from April 1, 2023; in the listed entity either directly or on a beneficial interest basis as provided under section 89 of the Companies Act, 2013, at any time, during the immediate preceding Financial Year; shall be deemed to be a related party.

38. **“Securities”** means security as defined in Section 2(h) of the Securities Contract (Regulation) Act, 1956, provided that securities shall not include any securities which the Portfolio Manager is prohibited from investing in or advising on under the Regulations or any other law for the time being in force.

Any term used in this Document but not defined herein (but defined in the Regulations) shall have the same meaning as assigned to them in the Regulations.

3. Description

(i) History, Present Business and Background of the Portfolio Manager

The Portfolio Manager, Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP is incorporated on September 21, 2022, having its registered office at Flat No 1105, 11th Floor, 1106 Skipper House, 22 Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, Connaught Place, Central Delhi, New Delhi, National Capital Territory of Delhi, 110001, India. It is a SEBI registered portfolio manager bearing registration number INP000009302 since Mar 05, 2025.

It seeks to provide discretionary portfolio management services, non-discretionary portfolio management services and advisory services to High-Net-worth Individuals (HNIs), institutional clients, corporates, NRIs and other permissible class of investors

(ii) Promoters of the Portfolio Manager, Designated Partners and their background

1. Promoters and Designated Partners of the Portfolio Manager

(iii) Mr. Vikrant Gupta

Vikrant Gupta, a CFA charterholder, brings extensive experience in investment and portfolio management. He specializes in crafting personalized investment strategies aligned with clients' goals, conducting in-depth market research, and ensuring effective risk management. Previously, he worked as a Portfolio Manager at Insignia Financial in Melbourne, Australia, where he was part of the investment team responsible for managing \$6 Billion of institutional and retail funds. He was specifically managing the Income Builder and Listed Property investment strategies.

At Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP, Vikrant is responsible for portfolio management, investment research and risk management. In addition to fundamental research, in his capacity as Principal Officer, he is also responsible for developing and enhancing investment strategies that can generate value for client's portfolios. Investment team of the Portfolio Manager plans to leverage his experience, guidance and ethos of the group to generate superior risk-adjusted returns for clients.

(iv) Mr. Kunal Bhatia

Mr. Kunal Bhatia is a seasoned investment professional and CFA charterholder with expertise in investment advisory, portfolio strategy, and financial research. With a proven track record of helping clients achieve their financial goals, he has extensive experience in developing customized investment plans, conducting in-depth market analysis, and providing actionable insights on diverse financial instruments, including equities, REITs, mutual funds, and fixed-income securities.

Currently serving as the Principal Officer for the investment advisory arm at Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP, Kunal oversees advisory functions and contributes

significantly to research and strategic decision-making. Previously, he worked at iFast Financial India Private Limited, as a person associated with investment advice (PAIA) where he designed personalized portfolios and undertook primary research to uncover industry trends and assess business and management quality. In his earlier avatar, he practiced corporate law for 10 years and worked with preeminent firms like Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris and Touchstone Partners, Delhi.

Known for his analytical rigor and client-focused approach, Kunal excels in delivering high-quality investment solutions tailored to individual needs. He combines a deep understanding of markets with a commitment to ethical and professional standards, making him a trusted advisor in the financial domain

(v) Details of the services being offered: Discretionary, Non-Discretionary and Advisory

The Portfolio Manager proposes to primarily carry-on discretionary portfolio management services and if opportunity arises thereafter, then it also proposes to render non-discretionary portfolio management services and advisory services.

Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP shall provide the above services to the following category of clients:

Client Category	Nature of services
Indian resident individuals, non – resident Indians, bodies corporate, partnership firms, trust, societies, association of persons, limited liability partnership and such other persons as may be deemed by the Portfolio Manager to be eligible to avail the services of the Portfolio Manager	Discretionary/ Non-discretionary/ Advisory
Foreign Portfolio Investors and their sub - accounts	Discretionary/ Non-discretionary/ Advisory

The key features of all the said services are provided as follows:

(a) Discretionary Services:

Under this service, the Portfolio Manager can exercise any degree of discretion in the investments or management of Assets of the Client. The choice as well as the timings of the investment decisions would rest solely with the Portfolio Manager. The portfolio

managers' Decision (taken in good faith) in deployment of the Clients' account is absolute and final and cannot be called in question or be open to review at time during the currency of the agreement or any time thereafter except on the ground of malafide, fraud, conflict of interest or gross negligence. The acts done by the Portfolio Manager will be in accordance with the relevant Acts, Regulations, guidelines and notifications in force from time to time.

(b) Non - Discretionary Services:

Under this service, Portfolio Manager will consult the client to manage the portfolio of the Client. The acts of the Portfolio Manager will be in accordance with the instructions of the Client from time to time. The Client will have complete discretion to decide on the investment (type of securities, quantum, value)

(c) Advisory Services:

Under this service, the Portfolio Manager will provide advice to the Client on investments in general or any specific advice required by the Clients. The Portfolio Manager will render the advice suitable to the Client as per the Client's needs and the same can be binding or non – binding in nature in accordance with the terms mentioned in the agreement. The execution of the advice will solely be the Client's responsibility.

- 4. Penalties, pending litigation or proceedings, findings of inspection or investigations for which action may have been taken or initiated by any regulatory authority:**
- i. All cases of penalties imposed by SEBI or the directions issued by SEBI under the SEBI Act or rules or regulations made thereunder.**
None.
 - ii. The nature of the penalty/direction.**
None.
 - iii. Penalties/fines imposed for any economic offence and/ or for violation of any securities laws.**
None.
 - iv. Any pending material litigation/legal proceedings against the Portfolio Manager/key personnel with separate disclosure regarding pending criminal cases, if any.**
None.
 - v. Any deficiency in the systems and operations of the Portfolio Manager observed by the SEBI or any regulatory agency.**
None.
 - vi. Any enquiry/ adjudication proceedings initiated by SEBI against the Portfolio Manager or its partners, principal officer or employee or any person directly or indirectly connected with the Portfolio Manager or its partners, principal officer or employee, under the SEBI Act or rules or regulations made thereunder.**
None.

5. Services Offered

- (i) The present investment objectives and policies including the types of securities in which it generally invests shall be clearly and concisely stated in the Document for easy understanding of the potential investor.**

Investment Objective of Apricus Wealth Sterling Equity Strategy

Over the long term (5 years or greater) we aim to achieve returns better than inflation and our equity benchmark BSE 500 TRI.

- (ii) Investment Approach of the Portfolio Manager**

Please refer to **Annexure I** for more details

- (iii) The policies for investments in associates/group companies of the portfolio manager and the maximum percentage of such investments therein subject to the applicable laws/regulations/guidelines.**

The Portfolio Manager will not be making investments on behalf of the Client in its associates/group companies.

- (iv) Distributors:** The Portfolio Manager may

- (i) appoint channel partners/distributors to on-board the Client

- (ii) On-board the Client directly without intermediation of any channel partners/distributors.

6. Risk factors

A. General Risks Factors

- (1) Investment in Securities, whether on the basis of fundamental or technical analysis or otherwise, is subject to market risks which include price fluctuations, impact cost, basis risk etc.
- (2) The Portfolio Manager does not assure that the objectives of any of the Investment Approach will be achieved and investors are not being offered any guaranteed returns. The investments may not be suitable to all the investors.
- (3) Past performance of the Portfolio Manager does not indicate the future performance of the same or any other Investment Approach in future or any other future Investment Approach of the Portfolio Manager.
- (4) The names of the Investment Approach do not in any manner indicate their prospects or returns.
- (5) Appreciation in any of the Investment Approach can be restricted in the event of a high asset allocation to cash, when stock appreciates. The performance of any Investment Approach may also be affected due to any other asset allocation factors.
- (6) When investments are restricted to a particular or few sector(s) under any Investment Approach; there arises a risk called non-diversification or concentration risk. If the sector(s), for any reason, fails to perform, the Portfolio value will be adversely affected.
- (7) Each Portfolio will be exposed to various risks depending on the investment objective, Investment Approach and the asset allocation. The investment objective, Investment Approach and the asset allocation may differ from Client to Client. However, generally, highly concentrated Portfolios with lesser number of stocks will be more volatile than a Portfolio with a larger number of stocks.
- (8) The values of the Portfolio may be affected by changes in the general market conditions and factors and forces affecting the capital markets, in particular, level of interest rates, various market related factors, trading volumes, settlement periods, transfer procedures, currency exchange rates, foreign investments, changes in government policies, taxation, political, economic and other developments, closure of stock exchanges, etc.
- (9) The Portfolio Manager shall act in fiduciary capacity in relation to the Client's Funds and shall endeavour to mitigate any potential conflict of interest that could arise while dealing in a manner which is not detrimental to the Client.

B. Risk associated with equity and equity related instruments

- (10) Equity and equity related instruments by nature are volatile and prone to price fluctuations on a daily basis due to macro and micro economic factors. The value of equity and equity related instruments may fluctuate due to factors affecting the securities markets such as volume and volatility in the capital markets, interest rates, currency exchange rates,

changes in law/policies of the government, taxation laws, political, economic or other developments, which may have an adverse impact on individual Securities, a specific sector or all sectors. Consequently, the value of the Client's Portfolio may be adversely affected.

(11) Equity and equity related instruments listed on the stock exchange carry lower liquidity risk, however the Portfolio Manager's ability to sell these investments is limited by the overall trading volume on the stock exchanges. In certain cases, settlement periods may be extended significantly by unforeseen circumstances. The inability of the Portfolio Manager to make intended Securities purchases due to settlement problems could cause the Client to miss certain investment opportunities. Similarly, the inability to sell Securities held in the Portfolio may result, at times, in potential losses to the Portfolio, should there be a subsequent decline in the value of Securities held in the Client's Portfolio.

(12) Risk may also arise due to an inherent nature/risk in the stock markets such as, volatility, market scams, circular trading, price rigging, liquidity changes, de-listing of Securities or market closure, relatively small number of scrip's accounting for a large proportion of trading volume among others.

C. Risk associated with debt and money market securities

(13) Interest Rate Risk

Fixed income and money market Securities run interest-rate risk. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of existing fixed income Securities fall and when interest rate falls, the prices increase. In case of floating rate Securities, an additional risk could arise because of the changes in the spreads of floating rate Securities. With the increase in the spread of floating rate Securities, the price can fall and with decrease in spread of floating rate Securities, the prices can rise.

(14) Liquidity or Marketability Risk

The ability of the Portfolio Manager to execute sale/purchase order is dependent on the liquidity or marketability. The primary measure of liquidity risk is the spread between the bid price and the offer price quoted by a dealer. The Securities that are listed on the stock exchange carry lower liquidity risk, but the ability to sell these Securities is limited by the overall trading volumes. Further, different segments of Indian financial markets have different settlement cycles and may be extended significantly by unforeseen circumstances.

(15) Credit Risk

Credit risk or default risk refers to the risk that an issuer of a fixed income security may default (i.e., will be unable to make timely principal and interest payments on the security). Because of this risk corporate debentures are sold at a higher yield above those offered on government Securities which are sovereign obligations and free of credit risk. Normally, the value of a fixed income security will fluctuate depending upon the changes in the perceived level of credit risk as well as any actual event of default. The greater the credit risk, the greater the yield required for someone to be compensated for the increased risk.

(16) Reinvestment Risk

This refers to the interest rate risk at which the intermediate cash flows received from the Securities in the Portfolio including maturity proceeds are reinvested. Investments in fixed income Securities may carry re-investment risk as interest rates prevailing on the interest or maturity due dates may differ from the original coupon of the debt security. Consequently, the proceeds may get invested at a lower rate.

D. Risk associated with derivatives instruments

(17) The use of derivative requires an understanding not only of the underlying instrument but of the derivative itself. Derivative products are leveraged instruments and can provide disproportionate gains as well as disproportionate losses to the investor. Execution of such strategies depends upon the ability of the Portfolio Manager to identify such opportunities. Identification and execution of the strategies to be pursued by the Portfolio Manager involve uncertainty and decision of Portfolio Manager may not always be profitable. No assurance can be given that the Portfolio Manager will be able to identify or execute such strategies.

(18) Derivative products are specialized instruments that require investment techniques and risk analysis different from those associated with stocks and bonds. Derivatives require the maintenance of adequate controls to monitor the transactions entered into, the ability to assess the risk that a derivative adds to the portfolio and the ability to forecast price of interest rate movements correctly. The risks associated with the use of derivatives are different from or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. Other risks include settlement risk, risk of mispricing or improper valuation and the inability of the derivative to correlate perfectly with underlying assets, rates and indices, illiquidity risk whereby the Portfolio Manager may not be able to sell or purchase derivative quickly enough at a fair price.

E. Risk associated with investments in mutual fund schemes

(19) Mutual funds and securities investments are subject to market risks and there is no assurance or guarantee that the objectives of the schemes will be achieved. The various factors which impact the value of the scheme's investments include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in markets, interest rates, prevailing political and economic environment, changes in government policy, tax laws in various countries, liquidity of the underlying instruments, settlement periods, trading volumes, etc.

(20) As with any securities investment, the NAV of the units issued under the schemes can go up or down, depending on the factors and forces affecting the capital markets.

(21) Past performance of the sponsors, asset management company (AMC)/fund does not indicate the future performance of the schemes of the fund.

(22) The Portfolio Manager shall not be responsible for liquidity of the scheme's investments which at times, be restricted by trading volumes and settlement periods. The

time taken by the scheme for redemption of units may be significant in the event of an inordinately large number of redemption requests or of a restructuring of the schemes.

- (23) The Portfolio Manager shall not responsible, if the AMC/ fund does not comply with the provisions of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996 or any other circular or acts as amended from time to time. The Portfolio Manager shall also not be liable for any changes in the offer document(s)/scheme information document(s) of the scheme(s), which may vary substantially depending on the market risks, general economic and political conditions in India and other countries globally, the monetary and interest policies, inflation, deflation, unanticipated turbulence in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices or other rates or prices, the performance of the financial markets in India and globally.
- (24) The Portfolio Manager shall not be liable for any default, negligence, lapse error or fraud on the part of the AMC/the fund.
- (25) While it would be the endeavor of the Portfolio Manager to invest in the schemes in a manner, which will seek to maximize returns, the performance of the underlying schemes may vary which may lead to the returns of this portfolio being adversely impacted.
- (26) The scheme specific risk factors of each of the underlying schemes become applicable where the Portfolio Manager invests in any underlying scheme. Investors who intend to invest in this portfolio are required to and are deemed to have read and understood the risk factors of the underlying schemes.

F. Risk arising out of Non-diversification

- (27) The investment according to investment objective of a Portfolio may result in concentration of investments in a specific security / sector/ issuer, which may expose the Portfolio to risk arising out of non-diversification. Further, the portfolio with investment objective to invest in a specific sector / industry would be exposed to risk associated with such sector / industry and its performance will be dependent on performance of such sector / industry. Similarly, the portfolios with investment objective to have larger exposure to certain market capitalization buckets, would be exposed to risk associated with underperformance of those relevant market capitalization buckets. Moreover, from the style orientation perspective, concentrated exposure to value or growth stocks based on the requirement of the mandate/strategy may also result in risk associated with this factor.

G. Risk arising out of investment in Associate and Related Party transactions

- (28) All transactions of purchase and sale of securities by portfolio manager and its employees who are directly involved in investment operations shall be disclosed if found having conflict of interest with the transactions in any of the client's portfolio.
- (29) The Portfolio Manager may utilize the services of its group companies or associates for managing the portfolios of the client. In such scenarios, the Portfolio Manager shall endeavor to mitigate any potential conflict of interest that could arise while dealing with such group companies/associates by ensuring that such dealings are at arm's length basis.

- (30) The Portfolios may invest in its Associates/ Related Parties relating to portfolio management services and thus conflict of interest may arise while investing in securities of the Associates/Related Parties of the Portfolio Manager. Portfolio Manager shall ensure that such transactions shall be purely on arms' length basis and to the extent and limits permitted under the Regulations. Accordingly, all market risk and investment risk as applicable to securities may also be applicable while investing in securities of the Associates/Related Parties of the Portfolio Manager.

7. Nature of expenses

The following are the general costs and expenses to be borne by the Clients availing the services of the Portfolio Manager. However, the exact nature of expenses relating to each of the following services is annexed to the Agreement in respect of each of the services provided.

i. Investment Management fee (Fixed Fee):

Management Fees: The Client pays a management fee of up to 2.0% p.a. of AUM excluding GST. The management fees will be accrued on daily closing AUM and charged on monthly/ quarterly basis.

ii. Advisory fees:

The advisory fees relate to the advisory services offered by the Portfolio Manager to the client. The fee may be a fixed charge or a percentage of the quantum of the funds being advised as agreed in the Agreement.

iii. Performance fee:

The Client pays a performance fee up to 20% of the return over and above a hurdle rate of 8% p.a. or as mutually decided to be charged annually or upon withdrawal of funds by the Client, whichever is earlier, on High Watermark basis.

iv. Exit Load:

The Portfolio Manager may charge early withdrawal fee as a percentage of the value of the Portfolio /withdrawn Portfolio as per the terms and conditions of a particular Product as agreed in the Agreement

v. Custodian Fee

The charges relate to opening and operation of Depository accounts, custody and transfer charges for Securities, dematerialization and re-materialization and other charges in connection with the operation and management of the Depository accounts.

vi. Registrar and Transfer Agent Fees

Charges payable to registrars and transfer agents in connection with transfer of Securities including stamp charges, cost of affidavits, notary fees, postage, courier and other related charges. Similarly, charges payable to registrars and transfer agents in connection with services such as collection of applications together with payments from clients, redemption of investments, maintenance of client accounts, preparation & mailing statements of

accounts and other client reports, responding to enquiries made by clients etc.

vii. Brokerage and transaction cost.

The investments under the strategies of the portfolio manager would be done through the registered members of the stock exchanges who charge brokerage at a percentage per transaction which are subject to change from time to time. In addition to the brokerage, there are demat transaction charges and other charges like GST, stamp duty, transaction costs including bank charges, turnover tax, securities transaction tax or any other tax levied by statutory authorities on the purchase and sale of securities and entry or exit loads (if any) on units of mutual funds.

viii. Other fees and expenses:

- a) Securities lending related expenses: The charges pertaining to lending of Securities and costs associated with transfers of Securities connected with the lending operations would be recovered.
- b) Certification and professional charges: Charges payable for outsourced professional services like accounting, auditing, taxation and legal services etc. for documentation, notarizations, certifications, attestations required by bankers or regulatory authorities including legal fees etc would be recovered.
- c) Services related expenses: Charges in connection with day-to-day operations like courier expenses, stamp duty, service tax, postal, telegraphic and any other out of pocket expenses as may be incurred by the portfolio manager would be recovered.
- d) Direct Clients: Clients can get onboarded and opt for services of Portfolio Manager, without any intermediation of persons engaged in distribution services. Prospective investors may directly contact us at given coordinates (email & number).
- e) Any other incidental and ancillary charges: All incidental and ancillary expenses not covered above but incurred by the Portfolio Manager on behalf of the Client for the Services and expenses incurred by the Portfolio Manager in terms of the Agreement shall be charged to the Client.

8. Taxation

A. General

The following information is based on the tax laws in force in India as of the date of this Disclosure Document and reflects the Portfolio Manager's understanding of applicable provisions. The tax implications for each Client may vary significantly based on residential status and individual circumstances. As the information provided is generic in nature, Clients are advised to seek guidance from their own tax advisors or consultants regarding the tax treatment of their income, losses, and expenses related to investments in the portfolio management services. The Client is responsible for meeting advance tax obligations as per applicable laws.

B. Tax deducted at source

In the case of resident clients, the income arising by way of dividend, interest on securities, income from units of mutual fund, etc. from investments made in India are subject to the provisions of tax deduction at source (TDS). Residents without Permanent Account Number (PAN) are subjected to a higher rate of TDS.

In the case of non-residents, any income received or accrues or arises; or deemed to be received or accrue or arise to him in India is subject to the provisions of tax deduction at source under the IT Act. The authorized dealer is obliged and responsible to make sure that all such relevant compliances are made while making any payment or remittances from India to such non-residents. Also, if any tax is required to be withheld on account of any future legislation, the Portfolio Manager shall be obliged to act in accordance with the regulatory requirements in this regard. Non-residents without PAN or tax residency certificate (TRC) of the country of his residence are currently subjected to a higher rate of TDS.

The Finance Act, 2021 introduced a special provision to levy higher rate for TDS for the residents who are not filing income-tax return in time for previous two years and aggregate of TDS is INR 50,000 or more in each of these two previous years. This provision of higher TDS is not applicable to a non-resident who does not have a permanent establishment in India and to a resident who is not required to furnish the return of income.

C. Long term capital gains

Where investment under portfolio management services is treated as investment, the gain or loss from transfer of Securities shall be taxed as capital gains under section 45 of the IT Act.

Period of Holding

The details of period of holding for different capital assets for the purpose of determining long term or short term capital gains are explained hereunder:

Securities	Position upto 22 July 2024	Period of Holding	Position on or after 23 July 2024	Period of Holding	Characterization
Listed Securities (other than unit) and units of equity oriented mutual funds, unit of UTI, zero coupon bonds	More than twelve (12) months	More than twelve (12) months	Long-term capital asset	Twelve (12) months or less	Short-term capital asset
Unlisted shares of a company	More than twenty-four (24) months	More than twenty-four (24) months	Long-term capital asset	Twenty-four (24) or less	Short-term capital asset
Other Securities (other than Specified Mutual Fund or Market Linked Debenture acquired on or after 1 April 2023; or unlisted bond or unlisted debenture)	More than Thirty-six (36) months	More than twenty-four (24) months	Long-term capital asset	Thirty-six (36) months or less	Twenty-four (24) or less
Specified Mutual Fund or Market Linked Debenture acquired on or after 1 April 2023	Any period	Any period	Short-term capital asset		
Unlisted bond or unlisted debenture	More than 36 months	Long-term capital asset	36 months or less	Any period	Short-term capital asset

• **Definition of Specified Mutual Fund:**

Before 1st April 2025:

“Specified Mutual Fund” means a Mutual Fund by whatever name called, where not more than thirty-five per cent of its total proceeds is invested in the equity shares of domestic companies.

On and after 1st April 2025:

“Specified Mutual Fund” means, —

(a) a Mutual Fund by whatever name called, which invests more than sixty-five per cent. of its total proceeds in debt and money market instruments; or

(b) a fund which invests sixty-five per cent. or more of its total proceeds in units of a

fund referred to in sub-clause (a).

- **Definition of debt and money market instruments:**

“debt and money market instruments” shall include any securities, by whatever name called, classified or regulated as debt and money market instruments by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

- **Definition of Market Linked Debenture:**

“Market Linked Debenture” means a security by whatever name called, which has an underlying principal component in the form of a debt security and where the returns are linked to the market returns on other underlying securities or indices, and includes any security classified or regulated as a market linked debenture by SEBI.

- **For listed equity shares in a domestic company or units of equity oriented fund or business trust:**

The Finance Act 2018 changed the method of taxation of long-term capital gains from transfer of listed equity shares and units of equity oriented fund or business trust.

As per section 112A of the IT Act, long term capital gains exceeding INR 1 lakh arising on transfer of listed equity shares in a company or units of equity oriented fund or units of a business trust is taxable at 10%, provided such transfer is chargeable to STT. This exemption limit has been increased from INR 1 lakh to INR 1.25 lakh and tax rate has been increased from 10% to 12.5% with effect from 23 July 2024. Further, to avail such concessional rate of tax, STT should also have been paid on acquisition of listed equity shares, unless the listed equity shares have been acquired through any of the notified modes not requiring to fulfil the pre-condition of chargeability to STT.

Long term capital gains arising on transaction undertaken on a recognized stock exchange located in any International Financial Services Centre and consideration is paid or payable in foreign currency, where STT is not chargeable, is also taxed at a rate of 10%. This benefit is available to all assesseees. This tax rate is increased from 10% to 12.5%.

The long term capital gains arising from the transfer of such Securities shall be calculated without indexation. In computing long term capital gains, the cost of acquisition (COA) is an item of deduction from the sale consideration of the shares. To provide relief on gains already accrued upto 31 January 2018, a mechanism has been provided to “step up” the COA of Securities. Under this mechanism, COA is substituted with FMV, where sale consideration is higher than the FMV. Where sale value is higher than the COA but not higher than the FMV, the sale value is deemed as the COA.

Specifically in case of long term capital gains arising on sale of shares or units acquired originally as unlisted shares/units up to 31 January 2018, COA is substituted with the “indexed COA” (instead of FMV) where sale consideration is higher than the indexed COA. Where sale value is higher than the COA but not higher than the indexed COA, the sale value is deemed as the COA. This benefit is available only in the case where the shares or units, not listed on a recognised stock exchange as on the 31 January 2018, or which became the property of the assessee in consideration of share which is not listed on such exchange as on the 31 January 2018 by way of transaction not regarded as transfer under section 47 (e.g. amalgamation, demerger), but listed on such exchange subsequent to the date of transfer, where such transfer is in respect of sale of unlisted equity shares under an offer for sale to the public included in an initial public offer.

The CBDT has clarified that 10% withholding tax will be applicable only on dividend income distributed by mutual funds and not on gain arising out of redemption of units.

No deduction under Chapter VI-A or rebated under Section 87A will be allowed from the above long term capital gains.

- **For other capital assets (securities and units) in the hands of resident of India:**

Long-term capital gains in respect of capital assets (all securities and units other than listed shares and units of equity oriented mutual funds and business trust) is chargeable to tax at the rate of 20% plus applicable surcharge and education cess, as applicable. The capital gains are computed after taking into account cost of acquisition as adjusted by cost inflation index notified by the Central Government and expenditure incurred wholly and exclusively in connection with such transfer. This tax rate is reduced from 20% to 12.5%; but no indexation benefit will be available with effect from 23 July 2024.

As per Finance Act, 2017, the base year for indexation purposes has been shifted from 1981 to 2001 to calculate the cost of acquisition or to take Fair Market Value of the asset as on that date. Further, it provides that cost of acquisition of an asset acquired before 1 April 2001 shall be allowed to be taken as Fair Market Value as on 1 April 2001.

- **For capital assets in the hands of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs):**

Long term capital gains, arising on sale of debt securities, debt oriented units (other than units purchased in foreign currency and capital gains arising from transfer of such units by offshore funds referred to in section 115AB) are taxable at the rate of 10% under Section 115AD of the IT Act. This tax rate has been increased from 10% to 12.5% with effect from 23 July 2024. Such gains would be calculated without considering benefit of (i) indexation for the cost of acquisition and (ii) determination for capital gain/loss in foreign currency and reconversion of such gain/loss into the Indian currency.

Long term capital gains, arising on sale of listed shares in the company or units of equity oriented funds or units of business trust and subject to conditions relating to payment of STT, are taxable at 10% as mentioned earlier. This tax rate has been increased from 10% to 12.5% with effect from 23 July 2024.

- **For other capital asset in the hands of non-resident Indians:**

Under section 115E of the IT Act, any income from investment or income from long-term capital gains of an asset other than specified asset as defined in Section 115C (specified assets include shares of Indian company, debentures and deposits in an Indian company which is not a private company and securities issued by Central Government or such other Securities as notified by Central Government) is chargeable at the rate of 20%. Income by way of long-term capital gains of the specified asset is, however, chargeable at the rate of 10% plus applicable surcharge and cess (without benefit of indexation and foreign currency fluctuation). This tax rate has been increased from 10% to 12.5% with effect from 23 July 2024.

D. Short term capital gains

Section 111A of the IT Act provides that short-term capital gains arising on sale of listed equity shares of a company or units of equity-oriented fund or units of a business trust are chargeable to income tax at a concessional rate of 15%, plus applicable surcharge and cess, provided such transactions are entered on a recognized stock exchange and are chargeable to Securities Transaction Tax (STT). This tax rate has been increased from 15% to 20% with effect from 23 July 2024. However, the above shall not be applicable to transactions undertaken on a recognized stock exchange located in any International Financial Services Centre and where the consideration for such transaction is paid or payable in foreign currency. Further, Section 48 provides that no deduction shall be allowed in respect of STT paid for the purpose of computing Capital Gains.

Short term capital gains in respect of other capital assets (other than listed equity shares of a company or units of equity oriented fund or units of a business trust) are chargeable to tax as per the relevant slab rates or fixed rate, as the case may be.

The Specified Mutual Funds or Market Linked Debentures acquired on or after 1 April 2023 will be treated as short term capital asset irrespective of period of holding as per Section 50AA of the IT Act. The unlisted bonds and unlisted debentures have been brought within the ambit of Section 50AA of the IT Act with effect from 23 July 2024.

E. Profits and gains of business or profession

If the Securities under the portfolio management services are regarded as business/trading assets, then any gain/loss arising from sale of such Securities would be taxed under the head “Profits and Gains of Business or Profession” under section 28 of the IT Act. The gain/ loss is to be computed under the head “Profits and Gains of Business or Profession” after allowing normal business expenses (inclusive of the expenses incurred on transfer) according to the

provisions of the IT Act.

Interest income arising on Securities could be characterized as 'Income from other sources' or 'business income' depending on facts of the case. Any expenses incurred to earn such interest income should be available as deduction, subject to the provisions of the IT Act.

F. Losses under the head capital gains/business income

In terms of section 70 read with section 74 of the IT Act, short term capital loss arising during a year can be set-off against short term as well as long term capital gains. Balance loss, if any, shall be carried forward and set-off against any capital gains arising during the subsequent 8 assessment years. A long-term capital loss arising during a year is allowed to be set-off only against long term capital gains. Balance loss, if any, shall be carried forward and set-off against long term capital gains arising during the subsequent 8 assessment years.

Business loss is allowed to be carried forward for 8 assessment years and the same can be set off against any business income.

G. General Anti Avoidance Rules (GAAR)

GAAR may be invoked by the Indian income-tax authorities in case arrangements are found to be impermissible avoidance arrangements. A transaction can be declared as an impermissible avoidance arrangement if the main purpose of the arrangement is to obtain a tax benefit and which satisfies one of the 4 (four) below mentioned tainted elements:

- The arrangement creates rights or obligations which are ordinarily not created between parties dealing at arm's length;
- It results in directly / indirectly misuse or abuse of the IT Act;
- It lacks commercial substance or is deemed to lack commercial substance in whole or in part;
- It is entered into, or carried out, by means, or in a manner, which is not normally employed for bona fide purposes.

In such cases, the tax authorities are empowered to reallocate the income from such arrangement, or recharacterize or disregard the arrangement. Some of the illustrative powers are:

- Disregarding or combining or recharacterising any step in, or a part or whole of the arrangement;
- Ignoring the arrangement for the purpose of taxation law;
- Relocating place of residence of a party, or location of a transaction or situation of an asset to a place other than provided in the arrangement;
- Looking through the arrangement by disregarding any corporate structure; or

- Recharacterising equity into debt, capital into revenue, etc.

The GAAR provisions would override the provisions of a treaty in cases where GAAR is invoked. The necessary procedures for application of GAAR and conditions under which it should not apply, have been enumerated in Rules 10U to 10UC of the Income-tax Rules, 1962. The Income-tax Rules, 1962 provide that GAAR should not be invoked unless the tax benefit in the relevant year does not exceed INR 3 crores.

On 27 January 2017, the CBDT has issued clarifications on implementation of GAAR provisions in response to various queries received from the stakeholders and industry associations. Some of the important clarifications issued are as under:

- Where tax avoidance is sufficiently addressed by the Limitation of Benefit Clause (LOB) in a tax treaty, GAAR should not be invoked.
- GAAR should not be invoked merely on the ground that the entity is located in a tax efficient jurisdiction.
- GAAR is with respect to an arrangement or part of the arrangement and limit of INR 3 crores cannot be read in respect of a single taxpayer only.

H. FATCA Guidelines

According to the Inter-Governmental Agreement read with the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) provisions and the Common Reporting Standards (CRS), foreign financial institutions in India are required to report tax information about US account holders and other account holders to the Indian Government. The Indian Government has enacted rules relating to FATCA and CRS reporting in India. A statement is required to be provided online in Form 61B for every calendar year by 31 May. The reporting financial institution is expected to maintain and report the following information with respect to each reportable account:

- (a) the name, address, taxpayer identification number and date and place of birth;
- (b) where an entity has one or more controlling persons that are reportable persons:
 - (i) the name and address of the entity, TIN assigned to the entity by the country of its residence; and
 - (ii) the name, address, date of birth, place of birth of each such controlling person and TIN assigned to such controlling person by the country of his residence.
- (c) account number (or functional equivalent in the absence of an account number);
- (d) account balance or value (including, in the case of a cash value insurance contract or annuity contract, the cash value or surrender value) at the end of the relevant calendar year; and
- (e) the total gross amount paid or credited to the account holder with respect to the account

during the relevant calendar year.

Further, it also provides for specific guidelines for conducting due diligence of reportable accounts, viz. US reportable accounts and other reportable accounts (i.e. under CRS).

I. Goods and Services Tax on services provided by the portfolio manager

Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be applicable on services provided by the Portfolio Manager to its Clients. Accordingly, GST at the rate of 18% would be levied on fees if any, payable towards portfolio management fee.

9. Accounting policies

Following accounting policies are followed for the portfolio investments of the Client:

A. Client Accounting

- (1) The Portfolio Manager shall maintain a separate Portfolio record in the name of the Client in its book for accounting the assets of the Client and any receipt, income in connection therewith as provided under Regulations. Proper books of accounts, records, and documents shall be maintained to explain transactions and disclose the financial position of the Client's Portfolio at any time.
- (2) The books of account of the Client shall be maintained on an historical cost basis.
- (3) Transactions for purchase or sale of investments shall be recognised as of the trade date and not as of the settlement date, so that the effect of all investments traded during a Financial Year are recorded and reflected in the financial statements for that year.
- (4) All expenses will be accounted on due or payment basis, whichever is earlier.
- (5) The cost of investments acquired or purchased shall include brokerage, stamp charges and any charges customarily included in the broker's contract note. In respect of privately placed debt instruments any front-end discount offered shall be reduced from the cost of the investment. Sales are accounted based on proceeds net of brokerage, stamp duty, transaction charges and exit loads in case of units of mutual fund. Securities transaction tax, demat charges and Custodian fees on purchase/ sale transaction would be accounted as expense on receipt of bills. Transaction fees on unsettled trades are accounted for as and when debited by the Custodian.
- (6) Tax deducted at source (TDS) shall be considered as withdrawal of portfolio and debited accordingly.

B. Recognition of portfolio investments and accrual of income

- (7) In determining the holding cost of investments and the gains or loss on sale of investments, the "first in first out" (FIFO) method will be followed.
- (8) Unrealized gains/losses are the differences, between the current market value/NAV and the historical cost of the Securities. For derivatives and futures and options, unrealized gains and losses will be calculated by marking to market the open positions.
- (9) Dividend on equity shares and interest on debt instruments shall be accounted on accrual basis. Further, mutual fund dividend shall be accounted on receipt basis.
- (10) Bonus shares/units to which the security/scrip in the portfolio becomes entitled will be recognized only when the original share/scrip on which bonus entitlement accrues are traded on the stock exchange on an ex-bonus basis.

- (11) Similarly, right entitlements will be recognized only when the original shares/security on which the right entitlement accrues is traded on the stock exchange on the ex-right basis.
- (12) In respect of all interest-bearing Securities, income shall be accrued on a day-to-day basis as it is earned.
- (13) Where investment transactions take place outside the stock exchange, for example, acquisitions through private placement or purchases or sales through private treaty, the transactions shall be recorded, in the event of a purchase, as of the date on which the scheme obtains an enforceable obligation to pay the price or, in the event of a sale, when the scheme obtains an enforceable right to collect the proceeds of sale or an enforceable obligation to deliver the instruments sold.

C. Valuation of portfolio investments

- (14) Investments in listed equity shall be valued at the last quoted closing price on the stock exchange. When the Securities are traded on more than one recognised stock exchange, the Securities shall be valued at the last quoted closing price on the stock exchange where the security is principally traded. It would be left to the portfolio manager to select the appropriate stock exchange, but the reasons for the selection should be recorded in writing. There should, however, be no objection for all scrips being valued at the prices quoted on the stock exchange where a majority in value of the investments are principally traded. When on a particular valuation day, a security has not been traded on the selected stock exchange, the value at which it was traded on another stock exchange may be used. When a security is not traded on any stock exchange on a particular valuation day, the value at which it was traded on the selected stock exchange or any other stock exchange, as the case may be, on the earliest previous day may be used provided such date is not more than thirty days prior to the valuation date.
- (15) Investments in units of a mutual fund are valued at NAV of the relevant scheme. Provided investments in mutual funds shall be through direct plans only.
- (16) Debt Securities and money market Securities shall be valued as per the prices given by third party valuation agencies or in accordance with guidelines prescribed by Association of Portfolio Managers in India (APMI) from time to time.
- (17) Unlisted equities are valued at prices provided by independent valuer appointed by the Portfolio Manager basis the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Valuation (IPEV) Guidelines on a semi-annual basis.
- (18) In case of any other Securities, the same are valued as per the standard valuation norms applicable to the mutual funds.

The Investor may contact the customer services official of the Portfolio Manager for the purpose of clarifying or elaborating on any of the above policy issues.

The Portfolio Manager may change the valuation policy for any particular type of security consequent to any regulatory changes or change in the market practice followed for valuation of similar Securities. However, such changes would be in conformity with the Regulations.

10. Investors services

The Portfolio Manager seeks to provide the Clients a high standard of service. The Portfolio Manager is committed to put in place and upgrade on a continuous basis the systems and procedures that will enable effective servicing through the use of technology. The Client servicing essentially involves:

- (a) Reporting portfolio actions and client statement of accounts at pre-defined frequency;
- (b) Attending to and addressing any client query with least lead time;
- (c) Ensuring portfolio reviews at predefined frequency.

Client has an option for direct onboarding without intermediation of person engaged in distribution services.

Name, address and telephone number of the investor relation officer who shall attend to the investor queries and complaints:

Name	Mr. Shantanu Kant
Designation	Compliance Officer
Address	Flat no. 1105, 11th Floor, 1106 Skipper House, 22 Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, Connaught Place, Central Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110001
Telephone No	+91 9810312124
Email id	operations@apricuswealth.in

Grievance redressal and dispute settlement mechanism:

The aforesaid personnel of the Portfolio Manager shall attend to and address any Client query/concern/grievance at the earliest. The Portfolio Manager will ensure that this official is vested with the necessary authority and independence to handle Client complaints. The aforesaid official will immediately identify the grievance and take appropriate steps to eliminate the causes of such grievances to the satisfaction of the Client. Effective grievance management would be an essential element of the Portfolio Manager's portfolio management services and the aforesaid official may adopt the following approach to manage grievance effectively and expeditiously:

- (1) Quick action-** As soon as any grievance comes to the knowledge of the aforesaid personnel, it would be identified and resolved. This will lower the detrimental effects of the grievance.

- (2) Acknowledging grievance-** The aforesaid officer shall acknowledge the grievance put forward by the Client and look into the complaint impartially and without any bias.
- (3) Gathering facts-** The aforesaid official shall gather appropriate and sufficient facts explaining the grievance's nature. A record of such facts shall be maintained so that these can be used in later stage of grievance redressal.
- (4) Examining the causes of grievance-** The actual cause of grievance would be identified. Accordingly, remedial actions would be taken to prevent repetition of the grievance.
- (5) Decision making -** After identifying the causes of grievance, alternative course of actions would be thought of to manage the grievance. The effect of each course of action on the existing and future management policies and procedure would be analyzed and accordingly decision should be taken by the aforesaid official. The aforesaid official would execute the decision quickly.
- (6) Review -** After implementing the decision, a follow-up would be there to ensure that the grievance has been resolved completely and adequately.

Grievances/concerns, if any, which may not be resolved/satisfactorily addressed in aforesaid manner shall be redressed through the administrative mechanism by the designated Compliance Officer, namely Mr. Shantanu Kant and subject to the Regulations. The Compliance Officer will endeavor to address such grievance in a reasonable manner and time. The coordinates of the Compliance Officer are provided as under:

Name	Mr. Shantanu Kant
Designation	Compliance Officer
Address	Flat no. 1105, 11th Floor, 1106 Skipper House, 22 Fire Brigade Lane, Barakhamba, Connaught Place, Central Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India, 110001
Telephone No	+919810312124
Email id	operations@apricuswealth.in

If the Client still remains dissatisfied with the remedies offered or the stand taken by the Compliance Officer, the Client and the Portfolio Manager shall abide by the following mechanisms:

Any dispute unresolved by the above internal grievance redressal mechanism of the Portfolio Manager, can be submitted to arbitration under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The arbitration shall be before three arbitrators, with each party entitled to appoint an arbitrator and the third arbitrator being the presiding arbitrator appointed by the two arbitrators. Each party will bear the expenses / costs incurred by it in appointing the arbitrator and for the arbitration proceedings. Further, the cost of appointing the presiding arbitrator will be borne equally by both the parties. Such arbitration proceedings shall be held

at Delhi and the language of the arbitration shall be English. The courts of Delhi shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to adjudicate upon the claims of the parties.

Without prejudice to anything stated above, the Client can also register its grievance/complaint through SCORES (SEBI Complaints Redress System), post which SEBI may forward the complaint to the Portfolio Manager and the Portfolio Manager will suitably address the same. SCORES is available at <http://scores.sebi.gov.in>.

ODR Portal could be accessed, if unsatisfied with the response. Your attention is drawn to the SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/OIAE/OIAE_IAD-1/P/CIR/2023/131 dated July 31, 2023, on “Online Resolution of Disputes in the Indian Securities Market”. A common Online Dispute Resolution Portal (“ODR Portal”) which harnesses conciliation and online arbitration for resolution of disputes arising in the Indian Securities Market has been established. ODR Portal can be accessed via the following link - <https://smartodr.in/>

11. Details of the diversification policy of the portfolio manager

The portfolio manager implements a well-defined diversification aimed at balancing risk and return effectively. This policy emphasizes spreading investments across various sectors and industries to achieve broad market exposure. Additionally, the portfolio typically includes a balanced number of holdings to maintain a diversified yet focused investment approach, thereby seeking to optimize risk-adjusted returns while minimizing concentration risks.

12. Custody of Securities

- i) Custody of all Securities of the Client shall be with the Custodian who shall be appointed, from time to time, at the discretion of the Portfolio Manager.
- ii) The Custodian shall act on instructions of the Portfolio Manager.
- iii) All such custodian fees, charged by the Custodian shall be payable by the Client.
- iv) The Portfolio Manager shall not be liable for any act of the Custodian, done with or without the instruction of the Portfolio Manager, which may cause or is likely to cause any loss or damage to the Client.

Sr	Service Provider	SEBI Registration #	Nature of Service Provided
1	ICICI Bank	IN/CUS/005	Custodian and safe keeping services

13. General

Prevention of Money Laundering

The Portfolio Manager shall presume that the identity of the Client and the information disclosed by the Client is true and correct. It will also be presumed that the funds invested by the Client through the services of the Portfolio Manager come from legitimate sources / manner only and does not involve and is not designated for the purpose of any contravention or evasion of the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, PML Laws, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and/or any other Applicable Law in force and the investor is duly entitled to invest the said funds.

To ensure appropriate identification of the Client(s) under its Know Your Client (KYC) policy and with a view to monitor transactions in order to prevent money laundering, the Portfolio Manager (itself or through its nominated agency as permissible under Applicable Laws) reserves the right to seek information, record investor's telephonic calls and/or obtain and retain documentation for establishing the identity of the investor, proof of residence, source of funds, etc.

Where the funds invested are for the benefit of a person (beneficiary) other than the person in whose name the investments are made and/or registered, the Client shall provide an undertaking that the Client, holding the funds/securities in his name, is legally authorised/entitled to invest the said funds/securities through the services of the Portfolio Manager, for the benefit of the beneficiaries.

The Portfolio Manager will not seek fresh KYC from the Clients who are already KYC Registration Agency (KRA) compliant except the information required under any new KYC requirement. The Clients who are not KRA compliant, the information will be procured by the Portfolio Manager and uploaded.

The Portfolio Manager, and its directors, shareholders, employees, agents and service providers shall not be liable in any manner for any claims arising whatsoever on account of freezing the Client's account/rejection of any application or mandatory repayment/returning of funds due to non-compliance with the provisions of the PML Laws and KYC policy. If the Portfolio Manager believes that transaction is suspicious in nature within the purview of the PML Laws, then it will report the same to FIU-IND.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Document, the provisions of the Regulations, PML Laws and the guidelines there under shall be applicable. Clients/Investors are advised to read the Document carefully before entering into an Agreement with the Portfolio Manager.

PART-II- Dynamic Section:

14. Client Representation:

- (i) The Portfolio Manager has obtained a certificate of registration to function as a portfolio manager on Mar 05, 2025 and therefore has no record of representing any persons/entities in the capacity of a portfolio manager before registration.

Details of clients as on December 31, 2025

Category of Clients	As on	No. of Clients	Fund Managed (Rs. Cr.)	Discretionary/ Non-Discretionary (if available)
Associates / group companies (last 3 Years)	31/12/2025	4	5.8	Discretionary
Associates / group companies (last 3 Years)	31/12/2025	0	0	Non-Discretionary
Others (last 3 years)	31/12/2025	25	34.74	Discretionary
Others (last 3 years)	31/12/2025	0	0	Non-Discretionary
Total	-	29	40.53	

- (ii) Complete disclosure in respect of transactions with related parties as per the standards specified by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India- No Such Transaction.

15. The Financial Performance of Portfolio Manager

The Financial Performance of the portfolio manager based on audited financial statements and in terms of procedure specified by the Board for assessing the performance is enclosed as **Annexure J**.

16. Performance of the Portfolio Manager

Portfolio Management performance of the portfolio manager for the last three years, and in case of discretionary portfolio manager disclosure of performance indicators calculated using 'Time Weighted Rate of Return' method in terms of Regulation 22 of the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020.

INVESTMENT APPROACH WISE RETURNS IN (TWRR Returns%) as on 31st December 2025								
Sr. no	Investment Approach Name	AUM IN CRORE	1 Mont h	3 Mont hs	6 Mont hs	1 Yea r	2 Year s	Since Incepti on
1	APRICUS WEALTH STERLING EQUITY STRATEGY	40.53	0.56	5.88	4.63			6.05
2	BSE 500 TRI		-0.24	5.02	1.63			5.37

17. Audit Observations for preceding three years

There were no adverse observations in the audit report of last financial year.

18. Details of investments in the securities of related parties of the Portfolio Manager:
Investments in the securities of associates/related parties of Portfolio Manager:

Sr. No.	Investment Approach, if any	Name of the associate/ related party	Investment amount (cost of investment) as on last day of the previous calendar quarter (INR in crores)	Value of investment as on last day of the previous calendar quarter (INR in crores)	Percentage of total AUM as on last day of the previous calendar quarter
1	APRICUS WEALTH STERLING EQUITY STRATEGY	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

For and on behalf of Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP

Mr. Vikrant Gupta DPIN: 10020602 Designated Partner	:	
Mr. Kunal Bhatia DPIN: 05115385 Designated Partner	:	

Place: New Delhi

Date: 30-01-2026

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Annexure I

Investment Approach

Apricus Wealth Sterling Equity Strategy

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

Over the long term (5 years or greater) we aim to achieve returns better than inflation and our equity benchmark BSE 500 TRI.

INVESTMENT HORIZON

Since equity returns are maximized if held for the whole market cycle and business cycle of the targeted companies, our investment horizon for the portfolio will be at least 5 years.

TYPE OF SECURITIES

Long only Listed Equity, REITs, INVITs and ETFs.

ASSET ALLOCATION

- **Listed Equity- Up to 100%**
- **REITs- Upto 100%**
- **INVITS- Up to 100%**
- **ETFs- Upto 100%**

STRATEGY

Equity

INVESTMENT STRATEGY

Long-term fundamentals driven investing with a sharp focus on risk management by emphasizing on downside protection – return of capital scores over return on capital. When making an investment, our aim is to adopt a simple and stable approach to investment management while preserving the value of capital.

We aim to achieve this by investing in companies with demonstratable competitive advantage or strong market leadership, quality management, and available at reasonable valuations.

INVESTMENT PROCESS

We utilise quantitative parameters and qualitative filters to narrow our investment universe.

Quantitative filters – high return on capital and return on equity, sustainable margin profile, balance sheet strength and favourable valuation.

Qualitative filters: percentage of the company held by the promoter, increase or decrease in shareholding by promoters. Additionally, ideas and knowledge are gathered through a wide range of sources, including reading periodicals, journals, newspapers, blogs, broker reports and annual reports, consulting industry experts, and peer network.

Research and Analysis: For the businesses of interest, we conduct a detailed analysis of its competitive position within the market / sector it operates in, understand operational aspects and get comfortable with financial information – particularly cash flows and balance sheet.

We also enhance our knowledge by conducting company visits where possible and meet various industry stakeholders to expand our knowledge of specific stocks and industries. For instance, speaking or interacting with current and ex-employees. We attempt to understand a company's culture, structure and reasons for management's behaviour and actions as they are clear long term drivers of shareholder returns.

Our north star in terms of business selection are promoters and management (key people) of the company with high integrity, understandable business model and favorable industry dynamics.

PORTFOLIO CONSTRUCTION

While we are market cap and sector agnostic, we design a focussed portfolio of 20-35 stocks that is diversified by industry group and geography. Our approach to portfolio construction is of a “**Swiss Army Knife**” given the dynamic nature of the Indian market. Broadly we have a growth mindset and allocate portfolio capital using the following portfolio weights:

- i. Stalwarts/Growth Companies (established high quality businesses and businesses growing at fast clip) (40-60%)
- ii. Cyclicals (20-30%)

- iii. Asset Plays (10-20%)
- iv. Special Situations (like spin-offs, mergers and acquisitions etc.) (10-20%)

Undeployed funds will be held in liquid fund of SEBI approved mutual funds, ETFs or bank balances based upon identified market regime or if equity valuations are determined to be high.

Maintenance and monitoring of portfolio: We have an investment process geared towards monitoring business performance more than stock performance. We evaluate businesses on a quarterly basis as they report their financial and business performance to the wider market along with periodic feedback from industry participants. Portfolio turnover is low and we manage risk in the portfolio through appropriate capital allocation ie position sizing.

Sell Process: We sell our holdings in a stock under three broad scenarios:

- (a) Stock has reached extreme valuation parameters compared to its long term growth prospects
- (b) Our original investment thesis is proven to be incorrect/flawed ie we made a mistake
- (c) We find better investment alternatives and require capital freedom

BENCHMARK

Our strategy is underpinned by constructing a diversified portfolio of 20-35 companies investing across sectors. This being a flexi-cap strategy, we would invest in best ideas across market capitalization across Large-Caps, Mid-Caps and Small-Caps. The appropriate benchmark to compare performance would be BSE 500 TRI as it is the closest SEBI approved benchmark that matches our investment approach.

Rationale for benchmark: Comparing the performance of a portfolio against a relevant benchmark like the BSE 500 TRI helps investors assess how well their investments are performing relative to the broader market. It provides a standard for evaluating investment returns. BSE 500 TRI represents a diversified basket of stocks, investors can assess whether the portfolio's returns adequately compensate for the risks taken.

USE OF DERIVATIVES

The portfolio manager will not be making use of any Derivatives.

Annexure J

Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP PAN: ABZFA6293R LLPIN- ABC-4926 Balance Sheet as at 31 March, 2025				
(Amount in Rs.)				
Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024	
I EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
1 Partners' Funds				
(a) Partners' Capital Account	3a	55,000,000	25,000,000	
(i) Partners' Contribution	3b	-292,905	527,913	
(ii) Partners' Current Account	4	-	-	
(b) Reserves and surplus		54,707,095	25,527,913	
2 Current liabilities				
(a) Short-term borrowings		-	-	
(b) Trade payables		-	-	
(c) Other current liabilities	5	124,452	85,596	
(d) Short-term provisions	6	559,300	20,080	
		683,752	105,676	
Total		55,390,847	25,633,589	
II ASSETS				
1 Non-current assets				
(a) Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets				
(i) Property, Plant and Equipment	7	261,687	20,910	
(ii) Intangible assets	7	91,116	34,921	
(b) Non-current investments	8	46,028,874	21,482,131	
		46,381,677	21,537,962	
2 Current assets				
(a) Current investments	9	5,000,000	2,500,000	
(b) Trade receivables	10	10,695	-	
(c) Cash and bank balances	11	1,581,042	1,285,814	
(d) Other current assets	12	2,417,433	309,813	
		9,009,170	4,095,627	
Total		55,390,847	25,633,589	
Brief about the Entity	1			
Summary of significant accounting policies	2			
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements				

For APRICUS WEALTH INVESTMENT MANAGERS LLP

"AUDITORS REPORT"
As per our report of even date annexed
For Harish Devesh & Associates
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Harish Kumar
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Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP PAN: ABZFA6293R LLPIN- ABC-4926 Statement of Profit and Loss for the year ended 31 March, 2025				
		(Amount in Rs.)		
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2025	31 March 2024
I	Revenue from operations	13	3,419,512	1,939,040
II	Other income	14	2,106,450	549,152
III	Total Income (I+II)		5,525,962	2,488,192
IV	Expenses:			
(a)	Employee benefits expense	15	300,300	44,250
(b)	Finance costs			
(c)	Depreciation and amortization expense	16	54,343	25,581
(d)	Other expenses	17	2,030,984	1,154,830
	Total expenses		2,385,627	1,224,661
V	Profit/(loss) before exceptional and extraordinary items, partners' remuneration and tax (III- IV)		3,140,335	1,263,531
VI	Exceptional items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)			
VII	Profit/(loss) before extraordinary items, partners' remuneration and tax (V-VI)		3,140,335	1,263,531
VIII	Extraordinary items (specify nature & provide note/delete if none)			
IX	Profit before Partners' Remuneration and tax (VII-VIII)		3,140,335	1,263,531
X	Partners' Remuneration		800,110	846,118
XI	Profit before Tax (IX-X)		2,339,925	415,413
XII	Tax expense:			
(a)	Current tax		559,300	20,080
	Total Tax Expense		559,300	20,080
	Profit/(Loss) for the year (XII-XVI)		1,780,625	395,333
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

For APRICUS WEALTH INVESTMENT MANAGERS LLP

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FORM C

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 (Regulation 22)

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We confirm that:

- (i) the Disclosure Document forwarded to SEBI is in accordance with the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 and the guidelines and directives issued by SEBI from time to time;
- (ii) the disclosures made in the Document are true, fair and adequate to enable the investors to make a well-informed decision regarding entrusting the management of the portfolio to us / investment through the Portfolio Manager; Information updated in Part II Dynamic section of the Disclosure documents is true, fair and correct;
- (iii) the Disclosure Document has been duly certified by an independent Chartered Accountant, as on January 30, 2026. The details of the Chartered Accountants are as follows:

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Proprietor: Mr. Amit Kumar Sarawgi
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(enclosed is a copy of the Chartered Accountants' certificate to the effect that the disclosures made in the Document are true, fair and adequate to enable the investors to make a well-informed decision).

For and on behalf of Apricus Wealth Investment Managers LLP



Mr. Vikrant Gupta
Designation: Principal Officer
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