

FIRM BROCHURE

(Part 2A of Form ADV)

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This brochure provides you with information about the qualifications and business practices of Fortress Capital, LLC. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this brochure, please contact Robert (“Bobby”) Samsel at 770.380.3663.

The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or by any state securities authority.

Fortress Capital is registered as an investment adviser with the Georgia Secretary of State. However, registration as an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training, only that Bobby Samsel has passed the Investment Advisor Law Exam (Series 65).

Additional information about Fortress Capital, LLC is available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. You can search this site by a unique identifying number known as a CRD number. The firm’s CRD number is 315689.

September 30, 2023

Item 2 Material Changes

A. Annual Update

This section of the brochure will reflect the annual update of any material changes that occurred since the previous delivery of the firm's brochure.

B. Full Brochure Available

Whenever you would like to receive a complete copy of the Firm Brochure, please contact the firm by telephone at 770.380.3663 or by email at bsamsel@outlook.com

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Item 4 Advisory Business

A. Firm Description

Fortress Capital, LLC (“Fortress Capital” or “Firm”) is a private investment advisory business organized as a Georgia limited liability company. The Firm was organized on May 21, 2021.

Fortress Capital’s current business activity consists of providing investment advisory services utilizing its investment strategy, including discretionary portfolio management services to qualifying individuals and entities through separately managed accounts and non-discretionary financial planning services.

The Firm’s sole managing member, Chief Compliance Officer, and investment adviser representative is Robert (Bobby) Samsel.

B. Types of Advisory Services

1. *Portfolio Management Services*

Fortress Capital provides discretionary portfolio management services to clients using separately managed accounts. Client accounts are invested using a single common investment strategy (Item 8 below). Prior to establishing a client relationship, Fortress Capital evaluates whether this strategy meets the investment goals for each prospective client.

2. *Financial Planning Services*

Fortress Capital also offers review and assessment of client investments in non-discretionary accounts that cannot be managed like other Fortress Capital accounts, such as employer sponsored (non-self directed) 401(k) plans.

C. Wrap Fee Programs

Fortress Capital is not a participant in, or a sponsor of, any wrap fee program.

D. Assets under Management

Fortress Capital manages \$2.2 million of client assets on a discretionary basis as of September 30, 2023.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

A. Advisory Fees

1. *Portfolio Management Services*

Fortress Capital’s standard fee structure for portfolio management services for qualified clients and non-qualified clients is outlined below.

As background, Section 205(a)(1) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 generally prohibits investment advisers from receiving performance based compensation from

clients, ie. ‘performance fees’. However, Rule 205-3 of the Advisers Act provides an exemption from such prohibition with respect to ‘qualified clients’. A client is considered a qualified client if it has (i) at least \$1.1 million in assets under management with the adviser; or (ii) a net worth of more than \$2.2 million.

i. **Qualified Clients.**

Qualified clients will pay Fortress Capital an annual performance-based fee in arrears (“Incentive Fee”). The Incentive Fee is equal to 10% of profits, based on the annual increase in a client account’s net asset value (whether realized or unrealized) at the end of each calendar year, excluding any client account contributions during the year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Incentive Fee will be paid with respect to a client’s account at a given time unless the net asset value of such client’s account at such time is greater than such account’s highest net asset value during any prior billing date (“High Water Mark”).

Fortress Capital will send an invoice to each qualified client and the Broker each year for the Incentive Fee, as applicable, respectively owed to Fortress Capital. Each such invoice sent shall be deemed correct and conclusive and binding upon a client unless a written objection from the client is received by Fortress Capital within ten (10) business days of the date such invoice was sent by Fortress Capital.

The respective Incentive Fee may be deducted directly from client’s account or paid via check or wire transfer to Fortress Capital in accordance with the advisory agreement between Fortress Capital and the client. The client shall ensure payment of applicable Incentive Fees owed to Fortress Capital within five (5) business days of the date such fees become due and payable.

Clients should be aware that lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

ii. **Non-Qualified Clients.**

Non-qualified clients will pay Fortress Capital an annual management fee in arrears (“Management Fee”). The Management Fee is equal to 1% of the ending Net Assets for each such client’s account. “Net Assets” means the assets in the client’s account, plus or minus such client account’s profits and losses, increased for additional contributions and decreased for expenses and withdrawals during the year, as applicable.

The Management Fee is payable as of the last business day of each year and calculated before any accrual for or payment of the Management Fee.

Fortress Capital will send an invoice to each non-qualified client and the Broker each year for the Management Fee, as applicable, respectively owed to Fortress Capital. Each such invoice sent shall be deemed correct and conclusive and binding upon a client unless a written objection from the client is received by Fortress Capital within ten (10) business days of the date such invoice was sent by Fortress Capital.

The respective Management Fee may be deducted directly from client's account or paid via check or wire transfer to Fortress Capital in accordance with the advisory agreement between Fortress Capital and the client. The client shall ensure payment of applicable Management Fees owed to Fortress Capital within five (5) business days of the date such fees become due and payable.

Clients should be aware that lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

2. *Financial Planning Services*

For non-discretionary account advice (ie. employer sponsored retirement plans or other), such clients will pay Fortress Capital \$250 ("Flat Fee") for a one-time review and assessment. Upon the completion of a client's review and assessment, such client shall receive an invoice for the fee payable to Fortress Capital. Each such invoice sent shall be deemed correct and conclusive and binding unless a written objection from the client is received by Fortress Capital within ten (10) business days of the date such invoice was sent by Fortress Capital. Clients shall pay the respective fee directly to Fortress Capital via check or wire transfer. The client shall ensure payment of applicable Flat Fees owed to Fortress Capital within five (5) business days of the date such fees become due and payable.

Clients should be aware that lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

B. Refund Policy

Because fees are assessed in arrears, the Firm has no formal refund policy.

C. Other Fees & Expenses

Fortress Capital charges no other fees to clients. However, there may be additional costs associated with portfolio management. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by other third parties in connection with investments made through the account, including, but not limited to, annual maintenance, brokerage, clearance, custody and administrative fees.

D. Other Compensation

Neither Fortress Capital nor its adviser representative receive any compensation other than its advisory fees, as described in Item 5A.

Item 6 Performance-Based Fees

It should be noted that while performance fees can lead to conflicts of interest between an advisor and their clients due to potentially encouraging the advisor to be more aggressive than appropriate for the client, Fortress Capital clients operating under a performance based fee arrangement will still be invested the same way as all Fortress Capital standard discretionary accounts.

Item 7 Types of Clients

A. Types of Clients

Fortress Capital provides its services to qualifying individuals, high net worth individuals, and entities.

B. Conditions for Account Management

1. *Portfolio Management Services*

Fortress Capital generally requires a \$25,000 minimum account size for its portfolio management services. Fortress Capital may, in its sole discretion, raise or lower the minimum requirement with respect to certain accounts.

2. *Financial Planning Services*

No minimum account size is required for Fortress Capital's financial planning services.

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

A. Methods of Analysis

Fortress Capital's focus is on fundamental analysis of securities (mainly common stocks) to identify and acquire such securities issued by those companies that the Firm considers to have substantial economic value and/or long-term growth potential. The Firm is committed to investing in securities which exhibit these traits, and then, only when the Firm believes they are undervalued at the time of purchase.

To accomplish this, Fortress Capital uses 'bottom up' investment analysis which means the focus is to find and evaluate each security (or company) individually. Emphasis is placed on analyzing a company's financial statements, business model(s) and economics, management, history and prospects.

The Firm invests in equity securities, primarily consisting of common stocks. A guiding principle in the consideration of equity securities is that such securities represent a proportionate ownership interest in the earnings and assets of the issuing company. Therefore, client accounts will participate in the success or failure of any company in which they own common stock.

Fortress Capital uses a variety of tools in its analysis including, but not limited to SEC filings, company annual reports and 10-K's, press releases, newspapers, industry trade publications, periodicals, books, articles, interviews, transcripts, and company specific research reports.

B. Investment Strategies

Investment Strategy

The Firm's sole investment strategy is that of long-term capital growth. The Firm's approach is towards investing with a long-term time horizon, and although Fortress Capital does not impose minimum investment periods (a.k.a. 'lock-out periods'), it is the desire of

the firm to only engage with clients who share a similar investment horizon, preferably 5-10 years, and hopefully longer.

The Firm may invest or trade in all types of equity and invests each client's assets in a portfolio of securities issued by and traded on U.S. and non-U.S. securities exchanges in well-recognized, established capital markets. The Firm may invest or trade in all types of equity and debt securities including common and preferred stock, debt securities convertible into common or preferred stock or other types of securities, bonds, notes, zero coupon bonds, fixed income securities, options, warrants and investment company securities.

Ordinarily, clients portfolio's are invested primarily in equity securities of U.S. and non-U.S. based companies. Client portfolio's are not required, however, to be fully invested in equity securities at all times. In fact, the Firm may frequently maintain a portion of its clients total assets under management in cash or securities generally considered to be equivalent to cash including, but non limited to, short-term U.S. Government securities and bank Certificates of Deposit.

Depending upon market conditions and opportunities, cash positions may, at any given time, be a significant percentage of the clients net assets under management. No margin or leverage of any kind is employed in client portfolios.

Framework and Philosophy

Fortress Capital views stocks as fractional ownership shares of real businesses, that is, the Firm approaches investing in stocks the same way one would approach investing in any business—by analysing the business's fundamentals, cash flows, earnings, management, history, economic advantages and disadvantages, company specific risks, and capital structure. The Firm regards short-term fluctuations in stock prices (a.k.a. 'volatility') as an opportunity to occasionally purchase stocks below, and oftentimes well below, their intrinsic value, or estimated worth. In other words, the Firm seeks to invest in the best businesses it can, at the most attractive prices.

The Firm invests in stocks when they are offered in the market at prices representing a discount to their intrinsic value. The Firm believes this margin of safety (difference between price and value) provides a better way to manage risk than attempting to time the overall market, over-diversify, or use other techniques that are commonly employed by other investment professionals.

Since Fortress Capital's investment strategy relies on in-depth analysis of each individual security in client portfolios, the Firm practices a portfolio management style that is highly concentrated. A typical client account may hold between 6 and 10 stocks (although this number can be below 6 or above 10 depending on prevailing conditions and current market opportunities). Fortress Capital believes that constructing a portfolio in this way, with positions that are well researched and well understood, will produce better returns in the long run than would be achieved in trying to limit volatility through excessive diversification, engaging in active day-to-day trading or trying to time market positions. However, this concentrated approach often leads to higher volatility than one may experience in a more widely diversified portfolio or index fund.

The Firm typically sells an equity security of a company when that company experiences deteriorating fundamentals, earnings progress or business prospects fall short of the Firm's expectations, its valuation appears excessive relative to its expected future earnings, or the Firm simply misvalued the security at time of purchase.

The above summary of Fortress Capital's investment strategy and philosophy are not designed to be comprehensive. Please contact the Firm with any questions pertaining to its method of analysis, investment strategy, or of the various risks involved.

C. Material Risks

Notwithstanding the investment strategy or methods of analysis employed by Fortress Capital, the assets of each client's account are subject to risk of devaluation or permanent capital loss.

You should understand that there are inherent risks associated with investing, and, depending on the risk occurrence, you may suffer loss of all, or part of your principal investment.

Investing in securities involves various risks, including, but not limited to, the following:

General Market Risk. This is the risk that the market value of client accounts will decline, perhaps sharply and unpredictably; or fail to rise, for various reasons including changes (potential or perceived) in U.S. or foreign economies, financial markets, interest rates, in liquidity of investments and in other factors including terrorism, war (cyber or otherwise), natural disasters, public health events, or the like. The resulting short-term and long-term effects and consequences of such events and factors on global and local economies and specific countries, regions, businesses, industries, or companies cannot necessarily be foreseen or predicted.

Volatility Risk Due to Concentration. Over time, through many business cycles and times of economic uncertainty, stocks and bonds have generally returned positive returns above inflation. However, in the short-term, security prices can gyrate substantially. This price volatility is sometimes correlated with a change in business prospects of the company, but oftentimes the volatility is unrelated to (or an exaggeration of) its underlying business condition. It is therefore essential for investors to recognize that volatility can be a very dangerous risk in the case that their investment capital is urgently needed. The Firm's position on so-called volatility risk is to engage with clients who have a minimum of 5 year (and preferably 7 years, or longer) investment time horizons to ensure that client portfolio positions will not need to be suddenly liquidated in order to meet near term client financial obligations from volatile equity or related investments.

Again, the Firm manages client portfolios for long-term capital appreciation, and not to minimize short-term volatility, and you should expect higher than average volatility in your account than you might experience if you invest in an index fund or more widely diversified portfolio.

Risks of Investing with an Investment Adviser. Performance of individual securities can vary widely. The investment decisions of the Firm may cause the client's assets to underperform other investments, benchmark indices, the market in general, or even other investment managers with similar strategies. The Firm may be incorrect in assessing a particular security. The Firm may not always buy securities at the lowest possible prices or

sell securities at the highest possible prices. As with any investment, there can be no guarantee the Firm will achieve its investment objective.

Value Investing Risk. Investing in undervalued securities involves the risk that such securities may never reach their expected market value, either because the market fails to recognize a security's intrinsic value or the expected value or growth potential was misjudged by the Firm at time of purchase. Such securities may decline in value.

While this information provides a synopsis of the events that may affect your investments, this listing is not exhaustive.

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

Fortress Capital and its employees have not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events related to past or present investment clients.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

A. Financial Industry Activities

Fortress Capital is not a registered broker-dealer and does not have an application pending to register as a broker-dealer. Furthermore, none of Fortress Capital's management or supervised persons is registered as representatives of, or has an application pending to register as representatives of, a broker-dealer.

B. Financial Industry Affiliations

Fortress Capital is not a registered futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor, and does not have an application pending to register as such. Furthermore, none of Fortress Capital's management or supervised persons is registered as, or has applications pending to register as, an associated person of any such entity.

C. Other Material Relationships

Fortress Capital does not have any arrangements that are material to its advisory business or its clients with a related person who is a broker-dealer, investment company, other investment advisor, financial planning firm, commodity pool operator, commodity trading adviser, futures commission merchant, banking or thrift institution, accounting firm, law firm, insurance company or agency, pension consultant, real estate broker or dealer, or an entity that creates or packages limited partnerships other than those already disclosed herein.

D. Other Investment Advisers

Fortress Capital does not have any arrangements that are material to its advisory business or its clients with other investment advisers.

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

A. Code of Ethics

Fortress Capital personnel must act in an ethical and professional manner. In view of the foregoing and applicable provisions of relevant law, Fortress Capital has determined to adopt a Code of Ethics to specify and prohibit certain types of transactions deemed to create conflicts of interest (or at least the potential for or the appearance of such a conflict), and to establish reporting requirements and enforcement procedures relating to personal trading by Fortress Capital personnel. Fortress Capital's Code of Ethics, which specifically deals with professional standards, insider trading, personal trading, gifts and entertainment, and fiduciary duties, establishes ideals for ethical conduct based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty, and trust. The Firm will provide a copy of its Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.

B. Participation of Interest in Client Transactions

Fortress Capital does not recommend to clients or buy or sell securities for client accounts in which it has a mutual financial interest.

C. Proprietary Trading

At times, Fortress Capital personnel may buy or sell securities for their own accounts that the Firm has also recommended to clients. Fortress Capital will always document any transactions that could be construed as conflicts of interest. To mitigate or remedy any conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest, the Firm will monitor its proprietary and personal trading reports for adherence to our Code of Ethics.

D. Simultaneous Trading

From time to time, the Firm's personnel may buy or sell securities for themselves at or around the same time as clients. In any instance where similar securities are being bought or sold, the Firm will uphold its fiduciary duty by always transacting on behalf of its clients before transacting for its own benefit.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

Fortress Capital will select and recommend broker-dealers or custodians based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, ease of administration, quality of execution, commission rates, and pre-existing agreements. Currently, Fortress Capital has elected to use Charles Schwab & Co. (the "Broker") as its preferred broker-dealer/custodian for client accounts. Fortress Capital may consider additional broker-dealers/custodians as client needs arise.

A. Brokerage for Client Referrals

When selecting or recommending broker-dealers to clients, Fortress Capital does not consider whether it receives client referrals from a broker-dealer or third party.

B. Directed Brokerage

Fortress Capital recommends that clients utilize a broker to execute transactions. This arrangement is designed to maximize efficiency and to be cost effective for our clients. By requiring clients to use our specific custodian, we seek to achieve most favorable execution of client transactions.

While Fortress Capital does not ordinarily permit clients to direct brokerage, this matter be given due consideration depending on the needs of the client.

C. Order Aggregation

Fortress Capital may, at times, aggregate sale and purchase orders of securities for advisory accounts with similar orders in order to obtain the best pricing averages and minimize trading costs. This practice is reasonably likely to result in administrative costs to Fortress Capital. Clients also benefit relatively with better purchase or sale execution prices, lower commission expenses or beneficial timing of transactions, or a combination of these and other factors. Our policies and procedures mandate aggregating multiple orders. Aggregate orders will be allocated to client accounts in a systematic, non-preferential manner.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

A. Periodic Reviews

Client accounts are reviewed at least monthly. The Chief Compliance Officer is responsible for conducting the review of such accounts.

B. Intermittent Review Factors

Intermittent reviews may be triggered by substantial market fluctuation, economic or political events.

C. Client Reports

Fortress Capital does not prepare separate written client reports. Clients will receive a report at least quarterly from the Broker, detailing account performance. Clients can also elect to receive electronic monthly statements and can access their account online at any time in between reporting periods. In addition to the report from the Broker, the Firm may occasionally provide a letter to clients containing brief commentary on individual portfolio positions, investing experiences and learnings, or other relevant client communication.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

A. Economic Benefits from Others

Fortress Capital does not receive an economic benefit (such as sales awards or other prizes) from any third party for providing investment advice or other advisory services to its clients.

B. Compensation to Unaffiliated Third Parties

Fortress Capital currently does not compensate any other person for client referrals.

Item 15 Custody

For clients that do not have their fees deducted directly from their account(s), Fortress Capital does not have any custody of such client funds or securities. For clients that have their fees deducted directly from their account(s) and have provided Fortress Capital with authorization to do so, Fortress Capital will have limited custody over such clients' funds or securities.

At no time will Fortress Capital accept full custody of client funds or securities in the capacity of a custodial broker-dealer. At all times, custody of all client accounts will be held by Charles Schwab & Co. brokerage firm.

If a client receives account statements from both Charles Schwab & Co. and Fortress Capital, such client is urged to compare such account statements and advise Fortress Capital of any discrepancies between them.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

Fortress Capital maintains limited power of authority of client accounts with respect to securities to be bought and sold and the amount of such assets to be bought and sold. This authority is granted pursuant to each managed account agreement.

Item 17 Voting Client Securities

Fortress Capital does not ask for, nor accept, voting authority for client securities, as applicable.

Item 18 Financial Information

A. Balance Sheet Requirement

Fortress Capital does not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in advisory fees per client, six months or more in advance.

B. Bankruptcy Petition

Fortress Capital has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten (10) years.

Item 19 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

A. Firm Management

Fortress Capital has one managing member, Robert Samsel. Mr. Samsel is the investment adviser representative of Fortress Capital. Mr. Samsel's education and business background can be found in the attached Brochure Supplement (Form ADV 2B).

B. Other Business Activities

Fortress Capital is not engaged in any other business other than providing investment advisory services.

C. Performance-Based Fees

Fortress Capital does receive performance-based compensation, as described in Item 5A. Performance-based compensation may create an incentive for Fortress Capital to make investments on behalf of clients that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation.

D. Disciplinary Reporting Disclosure

D.1. Arbitration Claims

Neither Fortress Capital nor its management personnel has been found liable in any arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500 involving an investment or investment-related business or activity, fraud, false statements or omissions, theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property, bribery, forgery counterfeiting, or extortion, or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices.

D.2. Civil, Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO), or Administrative Proceeding

Neither Fortress Capital nor its management personnel has been found liable in any civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding involving an investment or investment related business or activity, fraud, false statements or omissions, theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion, or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices.

E. Relationships or Arrangements with Securities Issuers

Neither Fortress Capital nor its management personnel has a relationship or arrangement with any issuer of securities.

PRIVACY POLICY

Fortress Capital does not disclose nonpublic personal information about its clients or former clients to any persons other than as described below. Fortress Capital collects information about its clients (such as name, address, social security number, assets and income) from discussions with clients, from documents that clients may deliver to Fortress Capital (such as account applications) and in the course of providing services. In order to service its client accounts and effect client transactions, Fortress Capital may provide client personal information to its affiliates and to firms that assist it in servicing client accounts and which have a need for such information. Fortress Capital does not otherwise provide information about its clients to outside firms, organizations or individuals, except as required by law. Any party that receives this information will use it only for the services required and as allowed by applicable law or regulations and is not permitted to share or use this information for any other purpose.

NOTICE:

These brochure supplements provide information about the Investment Adviser Representatives of Fortress Capital, LLC. You should have received a copy of the Brochure for Fortress Capital, as well. Please contact Robert Samsel, Managing Member and Chief Compliance Officer, if you did not receive Fortress Capital's brochure. You can also contact Mr. Samsel if you have any questions about the content of the attached supplements.

Brochure Supplement
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Year of Birth: 1976

Item 2 Education and Business Experience

Educational Background:

B.S.B.A., Finance, University of Florida 1998

Related Business Experience:

Managing Member

Fortress Capital, LLC 2021-Present

Finance Director

Zep, Inc. *Private-equity owned* 2019-2021

Controller

Vanderlande, *Foreign held subsidiary of Toyota Industries Corporation* 2018-2019

Finance Manager

Colgate-Palmolive Company, *Fortune 500* 2000-2016

Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Mr. Samsel does not have any legal or disciplinary events material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation.

Item 4 Other Business Activities

Mr. Samsel is not involved in any other business activities.

Item 5 Additional Compensation

Mr. Samsel does not receive any economic benefit from any third party for providing advisory services.

Item 6 Supervision

Mr. Samsel is the sole Managing Member and the Chief Compliance Officer of Fortress Capital. Mr. Samsel is also responsible for providing advice to clients. Fortress Capital administers supervision through application of its written policies and procedures.

Item 7 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

A.1 Arbitration Claims

None. See Item 19 D of Part 2A (Firm Brochure).

A.2 Self-Regulatory Organization or Administrative Proceedings

None. See Item 19D of Part 2A (Firm Brochure).

B. IAR Bankruptcy Petitions

Robert Samsel has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the last 10 years.