

Blue Water Asset Management, LLC
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Blue Water Asset Management is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as an investment adviser and, as such, we provide advisory services rather than brokerage services. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ and it is important for you, our client, to understand the differences. Additionally, free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at [Investor.gov/CRS](https://investor.gov/CRS), which also provides educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing. This document is a summary of the services and fees we offer to "retail" investors, which are natural persons who seek or receive services primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

Conversation Starters: It is important for you to understand your account, its terms and limitations, and the relationship you have with Blue Water Asset Management, LLC. Each section in this document offers a series of "Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional" that offers prompts you may want to ask to further discuss our relationship, our processes and the fees charged for our services.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer the following investment advisory services to retail investors: **Financial Planning Services; Portfolio Management Services; Pension Consulting Services and Selection of Other Advisers.** Detailed information regarding our services, fees and other disclosures can be found in our Form ADV Part 2A Brochure Items 4, 7, and 8 by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/175362>.

- **Account Monitoring** - If you open an investment account with our firm, as part of our standard service we will monitor your investments on an ongoing basis.
- **Investment Authority** - We manage investment accounts on a *discretionary* basis whereby **we will decide** which investments to buy or sell for your account. We have discretion to select, retain or replace third-party managers to manage your accounts. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased or sold for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing.
- **Investment Offerings** - We provide advice on various types of investments. Our services are not limited to a specific type of investment or product.
- **Account Minimums and Requirements** - In general, we do not require a minimum dollar amount to open and maintain an advisory account; however, we have the right to terminate your account if it falls below a minimum size which, in our sole opinion, is too small to manage effectively.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional:

- ***Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Why or Why Not?***
- ***How will you choose investments to recommend to me?***
- ***What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education and other qualifications?***
- ***What do these qualifications mean?***

What fees will I pay?

The following summarizes the principal fees and costs associated with engaging our firm for investment advisory services. For detailed information, refer to our Form ADV Part 2A Brochure, Items 5 and 6 by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/175362>.

- **Asset Based Fees** - Payable quarterly in advance up to 1.50% annually. Since the fees we receive are asset-based (i.e. based on the value of your account), we have an incentive to increase your account value which creates a conflict especially for those accounts holding illiquid or hard-to-value assets;
- **Hourly Fees** - Payable in arrears \$175-\$275/hr;
- **Fixed Fees** - Payable as invoiced \$500-\$5,000;
- **Other Advisory Fees** - In addition to our fees, you will also pay:
 - Advisory fees charged by third party money managers, which are separate and apart from our fees.

In addition to our principal fees and costs, other common fees and costs that may be applicable to our clients include:

- Trading costs imposed by the custodian;
- Account maintenance fees;
- Fees related to mutual funds and exchange-traded funds;
- Transaction charges when purchasing or selling securities; and
- Other product-level fees associated with your investments.

You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of

money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional:

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

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

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

- **Third-Party Payments:** Some of our financial professionals are registered representatives of Silver Oak Securities, Inc. ("Silver Oak"), an SEC registered broker-dealer and investment adviser. Your financial professional may offer your brokerage services through Silver Oak or investment advisory services through our firm, Blue Water Asset Management, LLC. Brokerage services and investment advisory services are different, and the fees we, and Silver Oak, charge for those services are different. It is important that you understand the differences. In particular, your financial professional may earn additional transaction-based compensation and have additional conflicts of interest as a result of providing brokerage services through Silver Oak. You are encouraged to learn more about Silver Oak by reviewing <https://silveroaksecurities.com/> and having a discussion with your financial professional. This practice presents a conflict of interest because they have an incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received rather than solely based on your needs.
- **Other Third-Party Payments:** Certain persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed as independent insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products. Insurance commissions are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because they have an incentive to recommend insurance products to you for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs.

Refer to our Form ADV Part 2A Brochure by clicking this link <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/175362> to help you understand what conflicts exist.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional:

- **How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?**

How do your financial professionals make money?

Our Company and the financial professional servicing your account(s) are compensated based on the amount of client assets they service. This presents a conflict of interest as they are incentivized to increase the assets in your account. Additionally, some representatives are also dually registered as a broker-dealer representative and/or insurance agents and may receive additional compensation based on securities or insurance product sales. Our Company strives to abide by its fiduciary duty to you and mitigate these conflicts of interests by always acting in your best interest. You are under no obligation to purchase securities or insurance products through any person affiliated with our Company.

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

Yes, while our firm currently does not have legal or disciplinary history to disclose, one of our financial professionals in our Lansing location has a disciplinary disclosure. These events are disclosed in either our Form ADV or the specific individual's Form U4. These documents can be found by going to Investor.gov/CRS.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional:

- **As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?**

You can find additional information about your investment advisory services and request a copy of the relationship summary at 616-447-1600 or click the link provided <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/firm/brochure/175362>.

Key Questions to Ask Your Financial Professional:

- **Who is my primary contact person?**
- **Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer?**
- **Who can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?**