

# Regulation Best Interest Disclosure Statement

## Neuberger Berman BD LLC

This Regulation Best Interest (“Reg BI”) Disclosure Statement (“Reg BI Statement”) provides information about Neuberger Berman BD LLC (“NBBB,” “us,” “our,” or “we”). If you have any questions about the contents of this Reg BI Statement, please contact us at 212.476.9000 or email us at: [https://www.nb.com/conflicts\\_disclosure\\_nbbd/](https://www.nb.com/conflicts_disclosure_nbbd/). This Reg BI Statement is applicable to retail customers for whom we are acting as broker. If you are not a retail customer and would like additional information regarding the services provided to you by NBBB, please contact your NBBB Broker (as defined below).

## General Information Regarding NBBB

NBBB is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) as a broker-dealer and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (“SIPC”). While NBBB is also registered with the SEC as an investment adviser, it does not act as an investment adviser. Rather, investment advisory services are provided by NBBB’s advisory affiliates (“NBBB Advisory Affiliates”), including Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC (“NBIA”), which is also registered with the SEC as an investment adviser. NBBB is directly owned by NBIA, which is an indirect subsidiary of Neuberger Berman Group LLC (“NBG”).

NBG is a holding company, the subsidiaries of which (collectively referred to herein as the “Firm” or “Neuberger Berman”) provide a broad range of global investment solutions—equity, fixed income, multi-asset class and alternatives—to institutions and individuals through products including separately managed accounts, registered funds and private investment vehicles.

NBBB’s brokerage services, provided by both the Firm’s wealth advisors and portfolio managers in their capacity as associated persons of NBBB (“NBBB Brokers”), include buying and selling securities for retail customers on a customer-directed basis, making recommendations with respect to privately offered pooled investment vehicles managed by NBBB Advisory Affiliates (“NB Private Funds”) and certain pooled investment vehicles registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Investment Company Act,” and such vehicles, “NB Registered Funds”), and wealth planning services. NBBB Brokers may also recommend, on a limited and complementary basis, select third-party privately offered pooled investment vehicles (“Third-Party Private Funds,” and collectively with NB Private Funds, “Private Funds”) and pooled investment vehicles registered under the Investment Company Act (“Third-Party Registered Funds” and collectively with NB Registered Funds, “Registered Funds”) that have been first vetted through Neuberger Berman’s Private Wealth Investment Group’s (the “PW Investment Group”) diligence process. For most retail advisory clients of NBIA and for employees of NBBB and its affiliates, NBBB generally acts as broker in connection with the purchase and sale of securities and introduces those customers’ transactions and accounts to its clearing broker for clearance and settlement.

In addition, NBBB provides various other recommendations to retail customers, including (i) the equity investment goals and risk profiles selected by the retail customer, (ii) different types of accounts offered by NBBB and NBBB Advisory Affiliates (brokerage, advisory), (iii) trading on margin, and (iv) potential rollovers or transfers. As a general matter, other than interests in Private Funds and certain Registered Funds, and customers that have invested through the Brokerage Framework (as described below), NBBB and NBBB Brokers will not make recommendations with respect to any specific securities.

Certain existing retail customers have invested through an existing framework (“Brokerage Framework” and those customers, “Existing Brokerage Framework Customers”) where NBBB and NBBB Brokers provide asset allocation recommendations as among proprietary strategies managed by NBBB Advisory Affiliates (separately managed accounts (“NB SMAs”), NB Registered Funds, and NB Private Funds), which may include overlay strategies. The Brokerage Framework is no longer offered to new customers.

On a limited basis, certain NBBB Brokers may discuss available investment options with its customers for which NBBB’s trust company affiliates (“NB Trust Co”) provide investment services (“NB Trust Co Customers”), including asset allocation primarily among proprietary strategies (i.e., NB SMAs, NB Registered Funds, and NB Private Funds), with third-party strategies (separately managed accounts (“Third-Party SMAs”), Third-Party Registered Funds, and Third-Party Private Funds) available on a limited and complementary basis (as determined by the PW Investment Group). Complementary strategies are generally defined as strategies where there are meaningful differences in style (e.g., growth, value), investment vehicle (e.g., separately managed account, mutual fund, ETF), investment approach (e.g., active, passive, systematic/quantitative, a fully integrated or focused ESG/SRI process), or underlying securities/exposures (e.g., ADRs, currencies, region) from those strategies offered directly by NBBB Advisory Affiliates. In addition, Third-Party SMAs, third-party mutual funds and third-party ETFs are generally limited to those approved by the third-party separate account program provider (“Third-Party SMA Provider”).

## Overview of this Reg BI Statement

This Reg BI Statement provides information regarding the material facts relating to the scope and terms of our relationship with you,

including the capacity in which we and NBBB Brokers act; the material fees and costs that apply to your transactions, holdings, and accounts; the type and scope of services we provide, including any material limitations on the securities or investment strategies involving securities we recommend; the basis for and risks associated with our recommendations; and material facts relating to conflicts of interest associated with our recommendations.

For additional information regarding NBBB and its brokerage services, or your brokerage account ("Brokerage Account"), please see the Form CRS for NBIA and NBBB at <https://www.nb.com/en/us/regulatory-disclosures/form-crs-nbia-nbbd> and NBBB's Conflict Disclosures at [https://www.nb.com/conflicts\\_disclosure\\_nbbd/](https://www.nb.com/conflicts_disclosure_nbbd/). You can also request this information from your NBBB Broker.

For additional free information regarding NBBB and NBBB Brokers, including disciplinary events, please visit <https://brokercheck.finra.org/>.

This Reg BI Statement does not apply to advisory services offered by NBBB Advisory Affiliates, including NBIA. For additional information on NBIA please see NBIA's Form ADV Part 2A brochure at <https://www.nb.com/en/us/regulatory-disclosures/adv-part-2a>.

## Material Facts About Our Relationship With You – Capacity

Any recommendations regarding your Brokerage Account are made in a broker-dealer capacity. In addition, with respect to Existing Brokerage Framework Customers and NB Trust Co Customers, any recommendations made by, or discussions with, NBBB and NBBB Brokers regarding allocations to your advisory accounts are made in a broker-dealer capacity. However, if you invest through the NB Private Wealth Advisory Program ("PW Advisory Program") (where NBIA, on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis, allocates the retail customers' assets among proprietary strategies and select non-proprietary strategies) or NBIA's Guided Portfolio Solutions Program ("GPS Program") (where the PW Investment Group provides asset allocations and investment management by discretionarily allocating the customer's assets among a portfolio of mutual funds and ETFs managed by NBBB Advisory Affiliates based on the risk profile selected by the customer), recommendations made or advice provided to you with respect to allocations to your advisory accounts will be made by NBIA and its supervised persons.

NBBB has no discretionary authority over your Brokerage Account and can only purchase or sell securities or execute investment strategies that you authorize. This means that you, the customer, make the ultimate decision regarding the purchase or sale of securities or other investments or the allocation of assets recommended by us. Accordingly, you, the customer, must approve each transaction prior to execution.

## Material Facts About NBBB's Relationship With You – Material Fees and Costs

The following describes the material fees and costs that apply to recommendations made by NBBB to you:

**NB SMAs:** If, based on NBBB's recommendation (for Existing Brokerage Framework Customers) or a customer direction, a retail customer invests in an NB SMA, retail customers generally enter into account agreements whereby brokerage services are provided by NBBB and advisory services are provided by NBIA. Generally, those accounts are billed "all-inclusive" advisory fees that include NBBB's brokerage fees. There are a limited number of existing NBIA advisory clients for whom NBBB buys and sell securities who are subject to separate brokerage commissions and other execution and transaction-related costs in addition to their advisory fees. In addition, to the extent a customer has entered into an arrangement with a third-party financial intermediary, including another broker-dealer or custodian, the customer may incur fees, commissions, expenses or other charges as a result thereof.

Commissions paid to NBBB are charged on a transaction basis. Advisory fees charged by NBIA are provided in NBIA's Form ADV, Part 2A brochure at <https://www.nb.com/en/us/regulatory-disclosures/adv-part-2a> and your advisory agreement with NBIA.

**Registered Funds:** If, based on NBBB's recommendation (for Existing Brokerage Framework Customers) or a customer direction, a retail customer invests in a Registered Fund, NBBB will generally purchase the shares of the Registered Fund in the retail customer's Brokerage Account. The retail customer will be subject to the fees and expenses of the Registered Fund, which are disclosed in the summary prospectus, prospectus or statement of additional information ("Offering Documents") of the Registered Fund that will be delivered to the customer by mail by the customer's custodian after the purchase of shares in any Registered Fund in the customer's account. If you would like a copy of the Offering Documents of any Registered Fund recommended by NBBB, please contact your NBBB Broker (or, for NB Registered Funds, visit [www.nb.com/en/us/funds/](http://www.nb.com/en/us/funds/) or call 877.628.2583).

**Private Funds:** If, based on NBBB's recommendation or a customer direction, a retail customer invests in a Private Fund, the retail customer will purchase the interests of the Private Fund, and those interests will generally be held in the retail customer's Brokerage Account. The retail customer will be subject to the fees and expenses of the Private Fund, which are disclosed in the Private Fund's offering memorandum or private placement memorandum (the "Private Fund Offering Documents") that will be provided to the customer prior to the customer's subscription to any Private Fund. As disclosed in the applicable Private Fund Offering Documents, NB Private Wealth customers that invest in certain NB Private Funds will be subject to an annual Access Fee equal to 0.250% of the amount on which the NB Private Fund's management fee is charged, which fee will be paid by the applicable NB Private Fund to NBBB for placement and onboarding services. If you would like a copy of a Private Fund Offering Document for any Private Fund recommended by NBBB, please contact your NBBB Broker.

**NB Trust Co Customers:** NB Trust Co Customers should refer to their agreements with NB Trust Co, or contact the customer's NBBB Broker for fee information.

In addition, if the customer enrolls in additional services, retail customers of NBBB will be subject to other fees and expenses (e.g., fees related to check-writing privileges and debit card use) that are not retained by NBBB. For additional information regarding those fees and expenses, please see your transaction confirmations, account statements and the Form CRS for NBBB and NBIA at <https://www.nb.com/en/us/regulatory-disclosures/form-crs-nbia-nbbd>, or contact your NBBB Broker.

Wealth Planning Analyses are provided at no additional charge. NBBB does not charge account or service fees for Brokerage Accounts.

Purchases and sales of securities pursuant to customer-directed transactions are not subject to Reg BI, but are subject to various commissions and fees that are negotiated with customers.

## Material Facts About NBBB's Relationship With You – Type and Scope of Services

NBBB Brokerage Accounts are generally only available to employees and to retail advisory customers of NBIA on an accommodation basis.

NBBB makes recommendations with respect to NB Private Funds and certain NB Registered Funds and, on a limited and complementary basis, select Third-Party Private Funds and Third-Party Registered Funds.

For Existing Brokerage Framework Customers, NBBB's asset allocation recommendations are generally limited to proprietary strategies managed by NBBB Advisory Affiliates (e.g., NB SMA, NB Registered Funds, and NB Private Funds). For NB Trust Co Customers, NBBB's asset allocation recommendations are primarily to proprietary strategies (i.e., NB SMAs, NB Registered Funds, and NB Private Funds), and third-party strategies are available only on a limited and complementary basis. Available Third-Party SMAs, Third-Party Mutual Funds, and Third-Party ETFs are generally those approved by the Third-Party SMA Provider. NB Trust Co Customers are subject to different terms and different fees, and should carefully review their agreement with NB Trust Co.

From time to time, NBBB provides one-time wealth planning analyses to certain retail customers (based on information provided to NBBB by those retail customers), which are intended solely for informational and discussion purposes to educate retail customers on financial planning topics and to help them better understand their financial profile and evaluate possible investment options.

NBBB does not provide any ongoing or periodic review, follow-up or monitoring. With respect to Existing Brokerage Framework Customers and NB Trust Co Customers, in connection with asset allocation recommendations, NBBB will confirm the retail customer's investment objectives on at least an annual basis, but does not provide any ongoing monitoring of a retail customer's accounts or investments.

NBBB does not act in the capacity of an investment adviser. If you wish to receive investment advisory services, you can seek the services of one of the NBBB Advisory Affiliates, including NBIA.

Retail customers can engage in self-directed transactions in securities (including interests in NB Registered Funds and NB Private Funds). Your purchases and sales of securities that are not recommended by us are not subject to Reg BI and can cause your account to perform in a way that is inconsistent with our recommendations.

NBBB does not act with discretion over customers' accounts assets; the retail customer makes the decision regarding any purchase or sale of securities or any asset allocation recommended by NBBB. NB Trust Co Customers should review their agreement with NB Trust Co to determine who makes the decisions with respect to the assets for which NB Trust Co provides investment services. For additional information on the type and scope of brokerage services provided by NBBB to you, please see your brokerage agreement with NBBB.

## Material Limitations

NBBB's recommendations regarding securities are generally limited to NB Private Funds and certain NB Registered Funds, and on a limited and complementary basis, select Third-Party Private Funds and Third-Party Registered Funds. For Existing Brokerage Framework Customers, NBBB's recommendations regarding securities or investment strategies involving securities are generally limited to proprietary strategies of products managed by NBBB Advisory Affiliates (i.e., generally all of the NB SMA strategies, NB Registered Funds and NB Private Funds). For NB Trust Co Customers, NBBB's asset allocation recommendations are made primarily to proprietary strategies (i.e., NB SMAs, NB Registered Funds, and NB Private Funds), and third-party strategies are only available on a limited and complementary basis. Because third-party strategies recommended by NBBB are limited to those that are complementary to proprietary strategies, certain third-party strategies will not be recommended because of their similarities to a proprietary strategy, including third-party strategies that have better performance records or lower fees than the corresponding proprietary strategy.

NBBB only recommends Private Funds to retail customers who are eligible to invest by meeting certain financial sophistication requirements, including status as accredited investors and qualified purchasers under applicable securities laws, and only recommends Registered Funds to retail customers who are U.S. residents and eligible to invest in those funds.

## General Basis for Recommendations

NBBB seeks to help customers achieve their unique investment objectives and to deliver custom solutions drawn from the capabilities of a global investment management firm. In designing holistic wealth management solutions, NBBB and NBBB Brokers take the time to understand each retail customer's "Investment Profile" (e.g., as applicable, the retail customer's age, other investments, financial situation and needs, tax status, short- and long-term investment objectives, investment experience, investment time horizon, liquidity needs, risk tolerance, estate planning needs, generational giving and philanthropic desires, and any other relevant information the retail customer discloses to NBBB or NBBB Brokers) in connection with each recommendation. Underscoring that there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach, NBBB and NBBB Brokers work with each retail customer to recommend investments and, where applicable, asset allocations that align with the needs and financial goals of the retail customer.

## Material Risks Associated with Brokerage Recommendations

While NBBB will take reasonable care in developing and making recommendations with respect to each retail customer, investments in securities and other financial instruments involve risk, and retail customers can lose some or all of their money. All investments and investment strategies involving securities involve risk of loss, including the potential loss of a retail customer's entire investment, which the retail customer should be prepared to bear. There is no guarantee that any retail customer will meet the customer's investment goals, or that NBBB's recommended investments or, where applicable, asset allocations will perform as anticipated.

The investment performance and the success of any particular investment or investment strategy can never be predicted or guaranteed, and the value of a customer's investments will fluctuate due to market conditions and other factors. Investments are subject to various market, liquidity, currency, economic, political and other risks. **Past performance of any security or investment strategy is not indicative of future performance.**

Retail customers that open an NBIA advisory account, including an NB SMA, should review NBIA's Form ADV, Part 2A brochure at <https://www.nb.com/en/us/regulatory-disclosures/adv-part-2a>.

Retail customers should consult the offering documents for any security that NBBB recommends, including Registered Funds and Private Funds, for a discussion of risks associated with the particular fund. If you would like a copy of any Offering Documents or Private Fund Offering Documents prior to purchasing shares of an Registered Fund or interests in a Private Fund, respectively, please contact your NBBB Broker (or, for NB Registered Funds, you can also visit [www.nb.com/en/us/funds/](http://www.nb.com/en/us/funds/) or call 877.628.2583).

In addition to the investment-specific risks associated with investments and investment strategies involving securities, there are other potential risks associated with any relationship with financial intermediaries, such as NBBB. For example, as the use of technology increases, NBBB and NBBB Advisory Affiliates may be more susceptible to operational or information security-related risks. A breach in cybersecurity refers to both intentional and unintentional events that may cause NBBB or an NBBB Advisory Affiliate to lose proprietary information or operational capacity or suffer data corruption. Cybersecurity breaches of NBBB's or NBBB Advisory Affiliates' third-party service providers or issuers in which customers and clients invest may also subject NBBB or NBBB Advisory Affiliates to many of the same risks associated with direct cybersecurity breaches. Cybersecurity breaches can cause disruptions and affect business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, impediments to trading, the inability to transact business, destruction to equipment and systems, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs or additional compliance costs.

## Standard of Conduct under Regulation Best Interest

Reg BI requires that NBBB and NBBB Brokers act in the best interest of the retail customer at the time a recommendation of a security or an investment strategy involving a security is made, without placing the financial or other interest of NBBB or the NBBB Broker ahead of the interest of the retail customer.

The requirement under Reg BI that NBBB and NBBB Brokers act in the best interest of the retail customer is limited to recommendations of a security or investment strategy involving securities by NBBB and NBBB Brokers.

## Material Facts Regarding Conflicts of Interest

Reg BI defines a conflict of interest associated with a recommendation as "an interest that might incline a broker, dealer, or a natural person who is an associated person of a broker or dealer — consciously or unconsciously — to make a recommendation that is not disinterested."

When NBBB or an NBBB Broker provides you with a recommendation regarding securities or investment strategies involving securities, NBBB and the NBBB Broker must act in your best interest at the time the recommendation is made without putting their interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way NBBB and NBBB Brokers make money and otherwise conduct business creates conflicts with your interests. Where possible, NBBB has taken steps to mitigate or eliminate material conflicts of interest associated with recommendations regarding securities and investment strategies involving securities. For a detailed discussion of the material conflicts of interest associated with the recommendations provided by NBBB and NBBB Brokers, please see NBBB's Conflict Disclosures at [https://www.nb.com/conflicts\\_disclosure\\_nbbd/](https://www.nb.com/conflicts_disclosure_nbbd/).