### CLIENT RELATIONSHIP SUMMARY

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Metropolitan Capital Investment Banc (MCIB) is a broker-dealer registered with FINRA and the Securities and Exchange Commission. This summary concerns the products and services that are available from us in our capacity as a broker-dealer. This summary will also discuss the different fee structures and potential conflicts of interest. Please consider carefully the information detailed in this summary. Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ based on a number of factors. It is important that you understand these differences and ask questions as they arise.

Free and simple tools are available to research firms and financial professionals at <a href="https://www.Investor.gov/CRS">https://www.Investor.gov/CRS</a>, which also provides educational materials about broker/dealers, investment advisors, and investing.

#### What investment services and advice can you provide to me?

We provide brokerage services to retail investors. As a broker-dealer, MCIB offers private offerings in which we help the issuing company bring a securities offering to the private market. We offer a limited number of products. Other firms could offer a wider variety of products some of which might have lower costs.

MCIB does not exercise discretion over the purchases and sales of securities. Although MCIB conducts ongoing due diligence regarding its private offerings, MCIB is not privy to communication between you and the issuer. Consequently, MCIB does not monitor a retail investor's holdings. Further, MCIB has no investment account minimums. Depending on the offering, there may be minimum investment amount requirements. Additional information on our offerings may be found by reviewing our FINRA Broker Check Report at <a href="https://brokercheck.finra.org/firm/summary/148820">https://brokercheck.finra.org/firm/summary/148820</a>. We offer recommendations to retail investors that have been determined to be in their best interest according to the guidelines outlined in SEC Regulation Best Interest.

#### Questions for you to ask your representative:

Given my financial situation, should I choose a brokerage 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?

For brokerage services, retail investors are charged commissions for private offerings. The commission is paid by the issuing company. However, any commission paid by the issuing company is money that cannot be put to use in other projects and may affect the performance of your investment. Additionally, there may be other fees paid indirectly through the issuing company. Please refer to the Private Placement Memorandum (PPM) and contact your financial professional if you have questions regarding fees.

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. The greater the amount of money you allocate to MCIB's offerings, the more you will pay in commissions.

#### 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?

• How do you determine what fee I will be charged?

#### **Legal Obligations**

# What are your legal obligations to me when providing recommendations? How else does your firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

When we provide you with a recommendation as your broker-dealer, 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 recommendations and investment advice we provide you. The most effective way for MCIB to address conflicts of interest is to clearly disclose any conflicts of interest in plain language.

#### Here are some examples to help you understand what this means:

Since brokerage commissions are charged on a trade basis, a retail investor would be charged more when there are more trades in his or her account, therefore we may have an incentive to encourage a retail investor to participate in more offerings. However, as mentioned earlier, the private offerings that MCIB brings to market are highly illiquid. Commissions on investment products vary and we may have an incentive to recommend a product that pays a higher commission. We may receive additional compensation from issuers to help market their offering. Finally, one of our financial professionals may also be employed by the issuer in another capacity. If this is the case, it will be prominently disclosed to you in the PPM.

#### How do your financial professionals make money?

As a broker-dealer, MCIB receives compensation through commissions generated for securities sales. These commissions are shared with your financial professional. The more money you invest into the private offerings recommended by your financial professional, the more money your financial professional will make. This is an inherent conflict of interest. Your financial professional receives no other compensation from MCIB related to your investments. However, some of our financial professionals are also employed by Metropolitan Capital Bank & Trust, which is an affiliate of MCIB.

#### **Questions to ask your financial professional:**

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

#### **Disciplinary History**

No. Neither Metropolitan Capital Investment Banc nor any of its financial professionals has any legal or disciplinary history. Visit <a href="www.Investor.gov/CRS">www.Investor.gov/CRS</a> for a free and simple search tool to research our firm and our financial professionals.

#### Questions to ask your financial professional:

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

#### **Additional Information**

Retail investors can find additional information about our services, up to date information or request a copy of this relationship summary by visiting our website <a href="https://www.metcapbank.com/investment-banking">www.metcapbank.com/investment-banking</a> or calling 312-640-2300.

To report a problem to the SEC, visit Investor.gov or call the SEC's toll-free investor assistance line at (800) 732-0330. To report a problem to FINRA, visit FINRA.org or call FINRA's toll-free investor assistance line at (240) 386-4357.

#### 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?