

## Part 2A of Form ADV: Firm Brochure

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of volScout, LLC (hereinafter “volScout” or “firm” or “we”). If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at (888)865-7268 or at brad@volScout.com

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

Additional information about volScout is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. The CRD number for volScout is 311426. Registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission does not imply any level of skill or training.

## Item 2. Summary of Material Changes

This Firm Brochure is our disclosure document prepared according to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) current requirements and rules. The Brochure provides you with a summary of volScout services and fees, professionals, certain business practices and policies, as well as actual or potential conflicts of interest, among other things. This Item is used to provide our clients with a summary of new and/or updated information; we will inform of the revision(s) based on the nature of the information as follows:

- Annual Update: We are required to update certain information at least annually, within 90 days of our firm's fiscal year end (FYE) of December 31. We will provide you with either a summary of the revised information with an offer to deliver the full revised Brochure within 120 days of our FYE or we will provide you with our revised Brochure that will include a summary of the changes in this Item.

Additional information about volScout, LLC is also available via the SEC's web site [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The SEC's web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with volScout, LLC who are registered, or are required to be registered, as investment adviser representatives of volScout, LLC.

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Item 4. Advisory Business

volScout, LLC (“volScout” or “we”) is a limited liability company organized in the state of Delaware in October 2020 and is applying to be a SEC-registered investment adviser. Brad Berggren and Jon Orseck are volScout’s Managing Partners. Brad Berggren is also volScout’s Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”). Securities Exchange Commission (“SEC”) registration itself does not require and should not be interpreted to imply any particular

level of skill or training. volScout's principal place of business is located in Westport, Connecticut.

volScout is an independent financial services firm that focuses on innovative and alternative investment solutions. The company is led by Senior Managing Partners with extensive asset management and derivative experience. The primary focus of the company will be to utilize listed options to attempt to create potentially enhanced risk-adjusted returns.

volScout provides discretionary and non-discretionary portfolio management, supervisory and evaluation services to institutions and ultra-high-net-worth individuals. volScout utilizes exchange-traded equity options to provide clients with potentially enhanced returns in certain circumstances with potentially reduced downside exposure. Some examples of typical strategies employed are covered call writing and the purchase of protective put options.

#### Services Limited to Specific Types of Investments

volScout generally limits its investment advice, overall advice and strategy to option-based strategies.

#### Regulatory Assets Under Management

As of 12/31/2020 we were actively managing \$0 of clients' assets on a discretionary basis and \$457mm on a non-discretionary basis. We expect that our assets will be sufficient to qualify for SEC registration within 90 days.

#### Item 5. Fees and Compensation

Generally, volScout's advisory fees are based on a percentage of assets under management as well as fixed fees. Fees and services are negotiated and vary based on factors such as client type, product type, asset class, pre-existing relationship, service levels, portfolio complexity, number of accounts, account size, anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets or based on other special client circumstances or requirements. Some clients pay higher or lower fees than other clients. Related accounts are aggregated, on a case by case basis, for fee calculation purposes in certain circumstances at the discretion of volScout.

Fees and related terms of payment of such fees for all volScout advisory services are governed by the written terms of the applicable agreement(s). In addition, clients may be subject to additional fees, such as brokerage and wrap-fee costs from their custodian.

### Advisory Fees in General

Clients should note that similar advisory services are available from other registered (or unregistered) investment advisers for higher, similar or lower fees.

### Negotiability of Fees

In certain circumstances, fees are negotiable. volScout groups certain related client accounts for the purposes of determining the annualized fee. Further, volScout waives or discounts advisory fees for family members and friends of the owners and employees of our firm.

These fee waivers or discounts are not generally available to all advisory clients of volScout. This does create a conflict of interest as certain persons will pay lower fees.

### Fee Calculation

Fees are typically calculated and charged in arrears, on a quarterly basis and will be provided to the client in writing.

### Termination of Advisory Relationship

A client agreement can be canceled at any time, by either party, for any reason upon receipt of prior written notice and subject to the specific timeframes delineated in the agreement. Upon termination of any account, any prepaid, unearned fees will be promptly refunded, and any earned, unpaid fees will be due and payable, subject to the specific timeframes delineated in the agreement.

### Limited Prepayment of Fees

Under no circumstances does volScout require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1,200 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

## Item 6. Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

volScout does not charge performance fees at this time.

Side-by-Side Management refers to multiple client relationships where an adviser manages advisory client relationships and portfolios on a simultaneous basis for individuals, businesses, institutions and also mutual funds and/or hedge funds. In such circumstances, potential conflicts of interest arise by and between the clients and the mutual and hedge funds, e.g., performance fee arrangements. volScout has relationships and certain side-by-side management potential or actual conflicts of interests to the

extent that volScout has several types of clients including other funds which have differing fee arrangements. Conflicts of interest, if any, will be fully disclosed to the client in writing prior to accepting any funds for investment.

All employees at volScout are paid on a salary plus bonus (if any) basis.

The client must understand the proposed method of compensation and its risks prior to entering into the contract which is provided to the client in writing. Performance-based fees will only be charged in accordance with the requirements of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Principals of our firm do invest alongside our clients on occasion, which does create a conflict of interest. This is disclosed to all clients at or prior to engaging volScout.

#### Item 7. Types of Clients

volScout intends to provide various advisory services to institutions (including pension funds, foundations and endowments), family offices and ultra-high-net-worth individuals.

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

volScout employs the following types of analysis to formulate client recommendations:

For each client, volScout's methods of analysis include, but are not limited to, understanding overall market conditions as well as sub sectors of the market to then determine appropriate investment strategies in order to meet certain stated objectives. These strategies include the use of a variety of securities including equities, fixed income, and derivatives. As such, there will be significant qualitative and quantitative analysis in proper security selection, and/or structure of the portfolio for each strategy. These strategies will seek to follow the overall investment guidelines set forth in their investment management agreement. The security types utilized in each strategy are disclosed to the investor in writing at or prior to the time the investment is made.

#### Risk of Loss

Market: Either the stock market as a whole, or the value of an individual company, will fluctuate in value. This risk will cause a client's investment portfolio to increase or decrease in value. This is also referred to as systemic risk.

Equity (Stock) Market: Common stocks are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value as market confident in and perceptions of their issuers change. If you held common stock, or common stock

equivalents, of any given issuer, you would generally be exposed to greater risk than if you held preferred stocks and debt obligations of the issuer.

**Industry:** When investing in stock positions, there is always a certain level of company or industry specific risk that is inherent in each investment. This is also referred to as unsystematic risk and can be reduced through appropriate diversification. There is the risk that the company will perform poorly or have its value reduced based on factors specific to the company or its industry.

**Derivatives:** Derivatives are subject to greater potential fluctuations in value than investment in the underlying securities. Purchasing and selling derivatives are highly specialized activities and entail greater than ordinary investment risk.

**Fixed Income:** When investing in bonds, there is the risk that the issuer will default on the bond and be unable to make payments. Further, individuals who depend on set amounts of periodically paid income face the risk that inflation will erode their spending power. Fixed-income investors receive set, regular payments that face the same inflation risk.

**Mutual Funds:** When investing in a mutual fund, there are additional expenses based on the pro rata share of the mutual fund's operating expenses, including the potential duplication of management fees. The risk of owning a mutual fund generally reflects the risks of owning the underlying securities the mutual fund holds.

**Private Funds:** Investing in private funds carries certain risks including liquidity, credit, market, refinancing, operational, currency, control, and transparency.

**Dependence on Management:** The success of volScout is be highly dependent on the expertise and performance of the principal officers. The loss of one or more of these individuals could have a material adverse effect on the performance of the adviser.

**Risks in General:** Investments are not guaranteed and you can potentially lose money on your investments. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Investors or prospective investors should carefully review all of the offering and organizational documents and reports for any strategy under consideration for investment for a detailed explanation of many of the risks associated with any particular investment.

Clients should understand that investing in any securities including equities, fixed income, mutual funds, derivatives, and private funds involves a risk of loss of both income and principal that a client must be prepared to bear.

Item 9. Disciplinary Information

Registered investment management firms are required to disclose any material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of our firm or the integrity of our management. volScout has no reportable disciplinary or legal events to disclose.

Item 10. Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

volScout provides various services and has material business arrangements with unaffiliated entities in connection with such services.

Item 11. Code of Ethics, Participation in Client Transactions and Personal Trading  
Code of Ethics Disclosure

volScout has adopted a Code of Ethics which sets forth high ethical standards of business conduct that we require of our employees, including compliance with applicable federal securities laws. The Code of Ethics includes policies and procedures for the review of quarterly securities transactions reports as well as initial and annual securities holdings reports that must be submitted by the firm's access persons. Among other things, the Code of Ethics also requires the prior approval of any acquisition of securities in a limited offering (e.g., private placement) or an initial public offering. The Code of Ethics also provides for oversight, enforcement and recordkeeping. A copy of volScout's Code of Ethics is available to our advisory clients and prospective clients upon request to the Chief Compliance Officer, at the firm's principal office address or via email: [brad@volScout.com](mailto:brad@volScout.com).

volScout or individuals associated with our firm on occasion buy or sell securities identical to those recommended to customers for their personal accounts. In addition, any related person(s) can potentially have an interest or position in a certain security(ies) which is also be recommended to a client. This creates a conflict of interest which the firm monitors on an ongoing basis and will be disclosed at or prior to signing any investment management agreement.

No supervised person shall purchase or sell, directly or indirectly, any security in which he or she has, or by reason of such transaction acquires, any direct or indirect beneficial interest within a determined amount of calendar days after any client trades in that security unless all of the transactions contemplated by the client in that security have been completed prior to such transaction. If a securities transaction is executed by a client

within the prohibited time period after an access person executed a transaction in the same security, the CCO shall review the supervised person's and the client's transactions to determine whether the supervised person did not meet his or her fiduciary duties to the client in violation of the Code of Ethics.

As certain situations represent a conflict of interest, we have established the following restrictions in order to ensure our fiduciary responsibilities:

1. No principal or employee of our firm is permitted to buy or sell securities for their personal portfolio(s) where their decision is substantially derived, in whole or in part, by reason of his or her employment unless the information is also available to the investing public on reasonable inquiry. No principal or employee of our firm will put his or her own interest to that of the advisory client.
2. volScout maintains records of securities transactions and holdings for anyone associated with our business with access to advisory recommendations. Holdings are reviewed on a regular basis by the Chief Compliance Officer.
3. All of our principals and employees must act in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations governing registered investment advisory practices.
4. volScout emphasizes the unrestricted right of the client to decline to implement any advice rendered.
5. Any individual not in observance of the above is be subject to disciplinary action or termination.

#### Item 12. Brokerage Practices

As a registered investment adviser, volScout has a best execution responsibility. Best execution is defined by many factors including cost of execution (including commission and/or execution efficiency), ease of execution and settlement and overall relationship.

##### Soft Dollars:

volScout does not have any formal or informal soft-dollar arrangements and do not receive any soft-dollar benefits.

##### Brokerage for Client Referrals:

volScout does not consider when selecting or recommending broker-dealers, whether volScout or a related person receives client referrals from a broker-dealer or third party. At this point, volScout has no such referral agreements.

**Directed Brokerage:**

volScout does not request or require that a client direct volScout to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer.

**Item 13. Review of Accounts**

Bradley Berggren, Managing Partner and CCO and Jon Orseck, Managing Partner, are responsible for client account reviews. These individuals will continuously and daily monitor the underlying securities in client accounts. Similarly, the administrative, evaluation, and security selection/portfolio services will receive daily monitoring.

**Item 14. Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Other than already described in this Brochure, volScout does not receive any additional compensation from third parties for providing investment advice to our clients, and we do not compensate anyone for client referrals.

**Item 15. Custody**

Custody is defined as any legal, actual or constructive ability by our firm to access client funds or securities. volScout does not have custody of any client funds or securities.

volScout urges all of our clients to carefully review and compare their volScout quarterly reviews of account holdings and/or performance results to those they receive from their custodian.

**Item 16. Investment Discretion**

As noted in Item 4, volScout provides advisory and sub-advisory services to various types of clients. volScout does have discretionary authority to manage securities accounts on behalf of some of its clients. volScout's roles and obligations are outlined in the relevant investment management agreement.

Item 17. Voting Client Securities

As a matter of firm policy, our firm does not vote proxies on behalf of clients. Clients would receive their proxies and other solicitations directly from their custodian or transfer agent and retain sole responsibility for voting.

volScout will neither advise nor act on behalf of the client in legal proceedings involving companies whose securities are held in the client's account(s), including, but not limited to, the filing of "Proofs of Claim" in class action settlements.

volScout clients can obtain a copy of our complete proxy voting policies and procedures by contacting volScout administration directly.

Item 18. Financial Information

Under no circumstances will we collect fees in excess of \$1,200 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

As a registered investment management firm, volScout is required in this Item to provide you with information about any financial condition or financial commitment likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual and fiduciary commitments to our clients. volScout and its principals have no financial events or proceedings to disclose.