## **Company Brochure - ADV Part 2A**

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# **Bionic Capital LLC**

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Bionic Capital LLC ["Bionic Capital"]. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at 321-574-8052 or <u>dean@bioniccapital.com</u>. Information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Bionic Capital is an investment advisor registered with the State of Florida. The registration of an Investment Advisor does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about Bionic Capital is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u>. Search by firm name "Bionic Capital" or by firm CRD number 150240.

### Item 2 – Material Changes

Due to a merger between the Charles Schwab Corporation and TD AMERITRADE, most of Bionic Capital's client assets are now held at Schwab Institutional. There are no other material changes to report.

This Firm Brochure is our disclosure document prepared according to regulatory requirements and rules. Consistent with the rules, Bionic Capital ensures that clients receive our company Brochure, including a summary of any material changes, within 120 days of the close of our fiscal year.

We will provide a new Brochure as necessary based on material changes or new information, at any time, without charge. Our Brochure may be requested by contacting Dean Erickson, CFA, Manager and CEO, at 321-574-8052 or <u>dean@bioniccapital.com</u>.

Additional information about Bionic Capital is available via the SEC's website <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u>. The SEC's website also provides information about any persons affiliated with Bionic Capital who are registered or are required to be registered, as investment advisor representatives of Bionic Capital.

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#### Item 4 – Advisory Business

Bionic Capital may serve the investment and wealth management needs of individuals, families, foundations, endowments, and other institutions. Currently, the firm provides investment advisory services primarily to non-institutional clients. The company is organized under the laws of the State of Florida and is founded, owned, and managed by Dean Erickson, CFA.

Bionic Capital advises on and manages public markets investments including stocks, bonds, exchange-traded funds ["ETFs"], closed-end funds ["CEFs"], and mutual funds. We may also advise on private market investments, including third-party hedge funds, and cryptocurrency investments. We manage client assets on a discretionary basis only. Each investment management solution, including diversification and asset allocation profile, is tailored to the specific client based on their needs, goals, time horizons, and risk tolerance. Because of these and other factors, client portfolios may differ from one another and may differ substantially. Although we serve as a wealth management and problem-solving resource for every client, we do not hold ourselves out as financial planners.

We consider non-investment-related factors in determining client solutions, including existing unrealized gains, tax brackets, and client preferences, among many others. Clients may impose restrictions upon the types of securities held in their portfolios. There is no guarantee that any investment portfolio will be successful and clients may lose money.

Bionic Capital will explain the fee structure, account minimums, risks, and potential benefits of investing to each client, and supply each client with this Brochure and any applicable third-party and other disclosures.

As of March 30, 2024, Bionic Capital managed approximately \$24 million in client assets, all on a discretionary basis.

#### Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

Bionic Capital is typically compensated through a management fee calculated as a percentage of assets under management at month-end. Fees are deducted directly from client accounts, with prior client approval, each month, in arrears.

Bionic Capital's standard advisory fee rate ranges from 0.50% to 1.0%. Rates and minimum account sizes are negotiable. Our standard fee schedule is as follows:

Assets Managed	Fee Rate
\$0 - \$1,000,000	1.00%
\$1,000,001 - \$3,000,000	0.75%
\$3,000,001 - \$5,000,000	0.60%
Over \$5,000,000	0.50%

Fee calculations are made as follows: (yearly percentage fee X # of days in month/365) X month-end net asset value (total value less any margin borrowings) = monthly advisory fee

Example: (1.00% X 31/365) X \$450,000 = \$382.19/monthly fee

Bionic Capital may be deemed to have constructive custody due to its ability to withdraw management fees directly from client accounts. To avoid physical custody, Bionic Capital receives written authorization to withdraw fees from each client account, its custodian sends client statements showing fee deductions at least as often as we charge fees, and it sends clients fee invoices at or around the time of fee deductions.

Fees are charged after service is rendered, so no refunds will be available. An advisory contract may be terminated either by the client or by Bionic Capital with thirty days' written notice (physical or electronic). Lower fees for comparable services may be available elsewhere. It is the client's responsibility to confirm that any fees charged are correct.

Bionic Capital's advisory fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses that may be incurred. Clients may incur charges imposed by custodians, brokers, and other third parties, such as fees charged by fund managers, custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Bionic Capital shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

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

Bionic Capital does not charge nor accept performance-based fees (fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client).

#### Item 7 – Types of Clients

Bionic Capital may provide portfolio management services to individuals, high net-worth individuals, corporate pension and profit-sharing plans, Taft-Hartley plans, charitable institutions, foundations, endowments, municipalities, registered mutual funds, private investment funds, trust programs, sovereign funds, foreign funds such as UCITs and SICAVs, and other U.S. and international institutions.

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

#### Investing in securities involves the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

In making discretionary investment decisions, Bionic Capital uses a variety of publicly available investment research and informational resources. Resources include those from Morningstar<sup>®</sup>, Standard and Poor's, Thomson Reuters, Argus, Jaywalk, First Call, TheStreet.com, and other nationally known providers, as well as CNBC, Bloomberg, Barron's, Wall Street Journal, Yahoo Finance, and Google Finance, among others. Fundamental valuations and technical analysis may be considered in buying and selling investments. Portfolio allocation and rebalancing tools from our custodians, SCHWAB Institutional, Interactive Brokers, and other third parties may be used to help maintain appropriate diversification and risk levels for clients. Bionic Capital does not attempt to meet strict exposure levels to every asset class or geography or to replicate the returns of any particular index.

Depending upon a client's risk profile and preferences, equity and index options, merger investing, inverse or leveraged ETFs, and alternative strategies may be utilized in an attempt to add portfolio returns while managing risk.

**Risk Disclosures**: Bionic Capital makes every attempt to suit an investment strategy to the needs and desires of the client and to ensure its appropriateness, but each client is responsible for understanding the risks of the various securities and products that may be utilized. Prospective clients should list in writing specific securities and products they wish NOT to be utilized in their investment portfolios before entering into an advisory contract.

Due to the risks inherent in options investing, prospective clients of any options strategy must read "Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options," and its updated disclosures, copies of which are available through our website, <u>www.bioniccapital.com</u>, and through your investment advisor representative.

Merger investing involves investing in company takeover targets before or after a merger announcement and is not suitable for most investors. Merger investing can be complex and involve significant and varied risks. Large investment losses may occur.

Alternative strategies may include long/short strategies, managed futures, and commodities investing and are not suitable for all investors. An alternative strategy may not achieve its desired purpose and can lose money.

Shorting strategies are subject to a number of risks and are not suitable for all investors. Short selling involves increased risks and costs, and you may lose more than the amount you invest.

The general risks of ETF investing and the specific risks of leveraged and inverse ETFs should be understood before a prospective client enters into an advisory contract. **Inverse and leveraged ETFs are not suitable for all investors. These ETFs should be utilized only by investors who (a) understand the risks associated with the use of leverage, (b) understand the consequences of seeking daily leveraged investment results, and (c) understand the risks of shorting.** 

The more an ETF invests in leveraged instruments, the more the leverage will magnify any gains or losses on those investments. Inverse ETFs involve certain risks, which include increased volatility due to the ETFs' possible use of short sales of securities and derivatives, such as options and futures. The ETFs' use of derivatives, such as futures, options, and swap agreements, may expose the ETF's shareholders to additional risks that they would not be subject to if they invested directly in the securities underlying those derivatives. Leveraged and inverse ETFs seek to provide investment results that match the performance of a specific benchmark, before fees and expenses, daily. Because these ETFs seek to track the performance of their benchmark daily, mathematical compounding, especially concerning those Funds that use leverage as part of their investment strategy, may prevent a fund from correlating with the monthly, quarterly, annual, or other period performance of its benchmark. Due to the compounding of daily returns, leveraged and inverse ETFs' returns over periods other than one day will likely differ in amount and possibly direction from the benchmark return for the same period. For those ETFs that consistently apply leverage, the value of the ETF's shares will tend to increase or decrease more than the value of any increase or decrease in its benchmark index. These ETFs generally rebalance their portfolios daily, increasing exposure in response to that day's gains or reducing exposure in response to that day's losses. Daily rebalancing will impair an ETF's performance if the benchmark experiences volatility.

#### **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

Bionic Capital has no legal or disciplinary events to disclose that would be material to your evaluation of Bionic Capital or the integrity of Bionic Capital's management.

#### Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

There are no other financial industry activities or affiliations at the current time.

#### Item 11 – Code of Ethics

Bionic Capital has adopted the CFA Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct ["the Code of Ethics"] for all of its current and future employees, regardless of whether they possess a CFA charter. Bionic Capital claims compliance with the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct. This claim has not been verified by the CFA Institute. Company employees must:

• Act with integrity, competence, diligence, respect, and in an ethical manner with the public, clients, prospective clients, employers, employees, colleagues in the investment profession, and other participants in the global capital markets.

 $\cdot$  Place the integrity of the investment profession and the interests of clients above their own personal interests.

 $\cdot$  Use reasonable care and exercise independent professional judgment when conducting investment analysis, making investment recommendations, taking investment actions, and engaging in other professional activities.

• Practice and encourage others to practice in a professional and ethical manner that will reflect credit on us and the profession.

· Promote the integrity of, and uphold the rules governing capital markets.

 $\cdot$  Maintain and improve their professional competence and strive to maintain and improve the competence of other investment professionals.

A copy of the Code of Ethics will be made available to any client or prospect upon request and is available through the company's website, <u>www.bioniccapital.com</u>, and the CFA Institute's website, <u>https://www.cfainstitute.org/en/ethics/codes/code-of-ethics-and-standards-of-professional-conduct</u>

Bionic Capital is a fiduciary and must act in the best interest of its clients. At times, Bionic Capital may purchase or sell for client accounts securities in which Bionic Capital, its affiliates, supervised persons and/or clients, directly or indirectly, have a position of interest. Subject to satisfying the Code of Ethics and applicable laws, officers, directors, employees and all supervised persons of Bionic Capital and its affiliates may trade for their own accounts in securities which are recommended to and/or purchased for Bionic Capital's clients. Despite the company's best efforts, there is a possibility that such persons and affiliates might benefit from market activity by a client in a security held by an employee. Trading is continually monitored to reasonably prevent conflicts of interest between Bionic Capital and its clients.

Certain affiliated accounts may trade in the same securities with client accounts on an aggregated basis when consistent with Bionic Capital's obligation of best execution. In such circumstances, the affiliated and client accounts will share commission costs equally and receive securities at a total average price. Bionic Capital will retain records of the trade order (specifying each participating account) and its allocation. Completed orders will be allocated as specified, per custodial requirements. Partially filled orders will be allocated on a pro-rata basis if cost practicable.

Bionic Capital makes every effort to aggregate trade positions when possible and allocate trades fairly to its clients. Because Bionic Capital may utilize multiple custodians, trading platforms, and strategies, there is no guarantee that every client will receive the same price for their securities.

All supervised persons at Bionic Capital must acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics annually, or as amended.

#### Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

Soft dollars are considered benefits provided to an investment firm (Bionic Capital) by a custodian or broker-dealer from commissions or fees received by that custodian for client accounts or funds managed by the investment firm. Bionic Capital receives no direct soft dollar payments from any provider.

However, it does receive economic benefits from its choice of custodian(s) due to receiving trading and asset allocation technology, brokerage services, and economic and securities research, among other benefits, in exchange for placing client accounts with the custodian. At least once annually, Bionic Capital reviews its choice of custodian(s) and the benefits it receives and attempts to determine the costs and benefits to its clients.

We review our custodians and their brokerage services to ensure fairness and best practices, including those for trading and order routing, for our clients. Before accounts are opened, clients receive a disclosure from their custodian that explains these practices.

Bionic Capital makes every effort to select financially strong, cost-competitive custodians and brokers that offer a wide range of valuable services to our clients and currently utilize the services of Schwab Institutional, Altruist, and Interactive Brokers. We believe our choices of all third-party providers have been made in the best interests of our clients.

#### Item 13 – Review of Accounts

Investment accounts are normally reviewed each business day by Dean Erickson, CFA, the company's CEO and Chief Investment Officer. Market opportunities and risk exposures are assessed. Changes in investments may be triggered by material market, economic or political events, and other factors, or by changes in a client's financial situation. Clients are solely responsible for alerting their investment advisor representative to changes in their financial situation. Client reviews are available on an as-requested basis, typically occurring once per year, and may be conducted by email, phone, Skype, or other video platforms. Client reviews are conducted by Mr. Erickson or the client's investment advisor representative, if not Mr. Erickson.

Clients generally receive monthly statements listing all securities positions, current market values, and monthly account activity from their custodian. Clients also receive online account access to facilitate their review of positions, valuations, and activity.

#### Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Bionic Capital does not pay and does not receive revenue for client referrals.

#### Item 15 – Custody

Bionic Capital handles no client cash, checks or securities and is not deemed to have physical custody of client assets. Clients currently receive statements directly from the third-party broker-dealer, bank, or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains clients' investment assets. Bionic Capital may be deemed to have constructive custody due to its ability to withdraw fees directly from client accounts. Refer to Item 5 for more information.

#### Item 16 – Investment Discretion

Bionic Capital requires discretionary authority from the client at the outset of an advisory relationship to select the identity and amount of securities to be bought or sold. In all cases, however, such discretion is to be exercised in a manner consistent with the stated investment objectives for the particular client account.

Bionic Capital observes the investment policies, limitations, and restrictions of the clients it advises. Investment guidelines and restrictions must be provided to Bionic Capital in writing.

#### **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

The client shall be responsible for voting proxies on their shares. However, if the Client contractually chooses not to vote their proxies, the Advisor may, in its sole discretion, vote the Client's proxies as it determines is in the best interest of said Client. In no event is the Advisor obligated to vote the client proxies.

#### Item 18 – Financial Information

Registered investment advisors are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about their financial condition. Bionic Capital has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.

#### Item 19 – Requirements for State-Registered Advisors

Dean Erickson, CFA, is the Managing Member, CEO, Chief Investment Officer, and Chief Compliance Officer of Bionic Capital and is responsible for firm management and compliance, investment advice, and portfolio management. Born in 1958, he is a 1982 graduate of Brown University with a degree in mathematical economics.

He attained the Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1987. He began his career at Miller Tabak & Company in New York City as an options trader and arbitrageur, before managing a merger arbitrage portfolio for the same firm. Subsequently, he worked at Moseley Securities in their high-yield bond department and at Bear Stearns where he assisted a hedge fund portfolio manager.

For more than fifteen years, Mr. Erickson was a private investor, not associated with any investment firm. More recently, he was a financial advisor at UBS Financial Services, LLC from 2006 to 2008 and an independent financial advisor with Erickson Capital. He founded Bionic Capital LLC in 2009 and the newly organized Bionic Capital LLC in 2021.

## **CFA Charter Financial Advisor Statement for SEC Form ADV**

The Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charter is a globally respected, graduate-level investment credential established in 1962 and awarded by CFA Institute — the largest global association of investment professionals.

There are currently more than 90,000 CFA charter holders working in 135 countries. To earn the CFA charter, candidates must: 1) pass three sequential, six-hour examinations; 2) have at least four years of qualified professional investment experience; 3) join CFA Institute as members; and 4) commit to abide by, and annually reaffirm, their adherence to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

#### **High Ethical Standards**

The CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, enforced through an active professional conduct program, require CFA charter holders to:

- Place their clients' interests ahead of their own
- Maintain independence and objectivity
- Act with integrity
- Maintain and improve their professional competence
- Disclose conflicts of interest and legal matters

### **Global Recognition**

Passing the three CFA exams is a difficult feat that requires extensive study (successful candidates report spending an average of 300 hours of study per level). Earning the CFA charter demonstrates mastery of many of the advanced skills needed for investment analysis and decision-making in today's quickly evolving global financial industry. As a result, employers and clients are increasingly seeking CFA charter holders—often making the charter a prerequisite for employment.

Additionally, regulatory bodies in 19 countries recognize the CFA charter as a proxy for meeting certain licensing requirements, and more than 125 colleges and universities around the world have incorporated a majority of the CFA Program curriculum into their finance courses.

#### **Comprehensive and Current Knowledge**

The CFA Program curriculum provides a comprehensive framework of knowledge for investment decision making and is firmly grounded in the knowledge and skills used every day in the investment profession. The three levels of the CFA Program test a proficiency with a wide range of fundamental and advanced investment topics, including ethical and professional standards, fixed-income and equity analysis, alternative and derivative investments, economics, financial reporting standards, portfolio management, and wealth planning.

The CFA Program curriculum is updated every year by experts from around the world to ensure that candidates learn the most relevant and practical new tools, ideas, and investment and wealth management skills to reflect the dynamic and complex nature of the profession.

To learn more about the CFA charter, visit <u>www.cfainstitute.org</u>.

## **Brochure Supplement - ADV Part 2B**

**Supervised Persons** 

**Dean Erickson** 

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This Brochure Supplement provides information about Dean Erickson that supplements the Bionic Capital Brochure and is herein incorporated. Please contact Dean Erickson, CFA, Manager and CEO, at the above phone number if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement or company Brochure.

Additional information about Dean Erickson is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u>.

#### Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience

Dean Erickson, born in 1958, is the owner, manager, and CEO of Bionic Capital LLC. After graduating from Brown University with a degree in Mathematical Economics in 1982, he began his investment career at Miller Tabak & Company in New York City as an options trader and arbitrageur, before managing a merger arbitrage portfolio for the same firm. He subsequently worked at Moseley Securities in their high-yield bond department and at Bear Stearns where he assisted a hedge fund portfolio manager. He attained the Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1987. In 2006, he became a financial advisor in the Beverly Hills office of UBS Financial Services. In 2009, he founded Bionic Capital LLC and in 2021 he founded the newly organized Bionic Capital LLC. He oversees all client investments and firm activities.

#### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

Registered investment advisors are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of each supervised person providing investment advice. There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose for Dean Erickson.

#### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

From time to time, Dean Erickson invests in and brokers domain names. This activity has no bearing or effect on Bionic Capital LLC and its business practices.

#### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

There is no information pertinent to additional compensation.

#### Item 6 – Supervision

Dean Erickson, CFA, is the CEO, Chief Investment Officer (CIO), and Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) for Bionic Capital, and he oversees all activities of the company. Mr. Erickson reviews all company accounts, places trade orders, and reviews completed trades to ensure appropriateness and accuracy. All company email correspondence is archived as required by law to protect clients. If you have any questions about the company's practices, Dean Erickson can be reached at 321-574-8052.

#### Item 7- Requirements for State-Registered Advisors

This item pertains to bankruptcies and illegal activities of the supervised person(s). There are no bankruptcies or illegal activities to disclose for Dean Erickson.