

## "Open Architecture" Corporate Trustee Platform

When it comes to offering a corporate trustee for a personal trust account, Morgan Stanley has an open architecture corporate trustee platform. We have legal arrangements with several third-party trust companies and banks who can serve as trustee, co-trustee or successor trustee for your personal trust.

Your Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor works with Morgan Stanley Trust Specialists to review your trust document and analyze your situation to recommend a selection of corporate trustee partners who they believe may be the "right fit" for your situation. This arrangement includes compelling investment management platforms available through Morgan Stanley. Our platform includes:

- A wide range of fiduciary and trust administration services offered by third party corporate trustees
- Annual due diligence performed by Morgan Stanley on its corporate trustee partners
- An array of investment management solutions provided by Morgan Stanley and your Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor
- Access to the global range of resources and experienced investment professionals available at Morgan Stanley
- Personalized local service and support from your Financial Advisor and Trust Specialist

## **Structure**

The relationship you have with Morgan Stanley and your Financial Advisor is maintained:

- Trust assets are held with your Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley
- Corporate trustee partners retain Morgan Stanley and your Financial Advisor to manage trust assets using Morgan Stanley investment platforms
- Electronic connectivity between Morgan Stanley and third-party trust company partners for the accurate and quick transmission of account data on a daily and secured basis.



Trusts are not necessarily appropriate for all clients. There are risks and considerations which may outweigh any potential benefits. Establishing a trust will incur fees and expenses which may be substantial. Trusts often incur ongoing administrative fees and expenses such as the services of a corporate trustee or tax professional.

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Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC does not accept appointments nor will it act as a trustee but it will provide access to trust services through an appropriate third-party corporate trustee.

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