

FORM ADV

UNIFORM APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTRATION AND REPORT BY EXEMPT REPORTING ADVISERS

Primary Business Name: CLIFFWATER LLC	CRD Number: 132167
Other-Than-Annual Amendment - All Sections	Rev. 10 / 2021
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WARNING: Complete this form truthfully. False statements or omissions may result in denial of your application, revocation of your registration, or criminal prosecution. You must keep this form updated by filing periodic amendments. See Form ADV General Instruction 4.

Item 1 Identifying Information

Responses to this Item tell us who you are, where you are doing business, and how we can contact you. If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 1 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only. General Instruction 5 provides information to assist you with filing an *umbrella registration*.

A. Your full legal name (if you are a sole proprietor, your last, first, and middle names):
CLIFFWATER LLC

B. (1) Name under which you primarily conduct your advisory business, if different from Item 1.A.
CLIFFWATER LLC

List on [Section 1.B. of Schedule D](#) any additional names under which you conduct your advisory business.

(2) If you are using this Form ADV to register more than one investment adviser under an *umbrella registration*, check this box ☐

If you check this box, complete a Schedule R for each relying adviser.

C. If this filing is reporting a change in your legal name (Item 1.A.) or primary business name (Item 1.B.(1)), enter the new name and specify whether the name change is of
☐ your legal name or ☐ your primary business name:

D. (1) If you are registered with the SEC as an investment adviser, your SEC file number: 801-63344
(2) If you report to the SEC as an *exempt reporting adviser*, your SEC file number:
(3) If you have one or more Central Index Key numbers assigned by the SEC ("CIK Numbers"), all of your CIK numbers:

CIK Number
1659851

E. (1) If you have a number ("CRD Number") assigned by the *FINRA's CRD* system or by the IARD system, your *CRD* number: 132167

If your firm does not have a *CRD* number, skip this Item 1.E. Do not provide the *CRD* number of one of your officers, employees, or affiliates.

(2) If you have additional *CRD* Numbers, your additional *CRD* numbers:

the end of your most recently completed fiscal year?

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G.

Mailing address, if different from your *principal office and place of business* address:

Number and Street 1:

City:

State:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

H.

If you are a sole proprietor, state your full residence address, if different from your *principal office and place of business* address in Item 1.F.:

Number and Street 1:

City:

State:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

I.

Do you have one or more websites or accounts on publicly available social media platforms (including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn)?

Yes

No

If "yes," list all firm website addresses and the address for each of the firm's accounts on publicly available social media platforms on [Section 1.I. of Schedule D](#). If a website address serves as a portal through which to access other information you have published on the web, you may list the portal without listing addresses for all of the other information. You may need to list more than one portal address. Do not provide the addresses of websites or accounts on publicly available social media platforms where you do not control the content. Do not provide the individual electronic mail (e-mail) addresses of employees or the addresses of employee accounts on publicly available social media platforms.

J.

Chief Compliance Officer

(1) Provide the name and contact information of your Chief Compliance Officer. If you are an *exempt reporting adviser*, you must provide the contact information for your Chief Compliance Officer, if you have one. If not, you must complete Item 1.K. below.

Name:

Telephone number:

Number and Street 1:

City:

Other titles, if any:

Facsimile number, if any:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Electronic mail (e-mail) address, if Chief Compliance Officer has one:

(2) If your Chief Compliance Officer is compensated or employed by any *person* other than you, a *related person* or an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that you advise for providing chief compliance officer services to you, provide the *person's* name and IRS Employer Identification Number (if any):

Name:

IRS Employer Identification Number:

K.

Additional Regulatory Contact Person: If a person other than the Chief Compliance Officer is authorized to receive information and respond to questions about this Form ADV, you may provide that information here.

Name:

Telephone number:

Number and Street 1:

City:

Titles:

Facsimile number, if any:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Electronic mail (e-mail) address, if contact person has one:

L.

Do you maintain some or all of the books and records you are required to keep under Section 204 of the Advisers Act, or similar state law, somewhere other than your *principal office and place of business*?

Yes

No

If "yes," complete [Section 1.L. of Schedule D](#).

M.

Are you registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority*?

Yes

No

Answer "no" if you are not registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority, even if you have an affiliate that is registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority. If "yes," complete [Section 1.M. of Schedule D](#).

N.

Are you a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934?

Yes

No

O.

Did you have \$1 billion or more in assets on the last day of your most recent fiscal year?

If yes, what is the approximate amount of your assets:

☐ \$1 billion to less than \$10 billion

☒ \$10 billion to less than \$50 billion

☐ \$50 billion or more

For purposes of Item 1.O. only, "assets" refers to your total assets, rather than the assets you manage on behalf of clients. Determine your total assets using the total assets shown on the balance sheet for your most recent fiscal year end.

P. Provide your *Legal Entity Identifier* if you have one:

A *legal entity identifier* is a unique number that companies use to identify each other in the financial marketplace. You may not have a *legal entity identifier*.

SECTION 1.B. Other Business Names

No Information Filed

SECTION 1.F. Other Offices

Complete the following information for each office, other than your *principal office and place of business*, at which you conduct investment advisory business. You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 1.F. for each location. If you are applying for SEC registration, if you are registered only with the SEC, or if you are an *exempt reporting adviser*, list only the largest twenty-five offices (in terms of numbers of *employees*).

Number and Street 1: 477 MADISON AVENUE		Number and Street 2: 16TH FLOOR	
City: NEW YORK	State: New York	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 10022

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 212-317-4350	Facsimile Number, if any: 212-317-4351
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If this office location is also required to be registered with FINRA or a *state securities authority* as a branch office location for a broker-dealer or investment adviser on the Uniform Branch Office Registration Form (Form BR), please provide the *CRD* Branch Number here:

How many *employees* perform investment advisory functions from this office location?
56

Are other business activities conducted at this office location? (check all that apply)

☐ (1) Broker-dealer (registered or unregistered)

☐ (2) Bank (including a separately identifiable department or division of a bank)

☐ (3) Insurance broker or agent

☒ (4) Commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

☐ (5) Registered municipal advisor

☐ (6) Accountant or accounting firm

☐ (7) Lawyer or law firm

Describe any other *investment-related* business activities conducted from this office location:

Complete the following information for each office, other than your *principal office and place of business*, at which you conduct investment advisory business. You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 1.F. for each location. If you are applying for SEC registration, if you are registered only with the SEC, or if you are an *exempt reporting adviser*, list only the largest twenty-five offices (in terms of numbers of *employees*).

Number and Street 1:	
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Telephone Number:
262-424-9601

Facsimile Number, if any:

If this office location is also required to be registered with FINRA or a *state securities authority* as a branch office location for a broker-dealer or investment adviser on the Uniform Branch Office Registration Form (Form BR), please provide the *CRD* Branch Number here:

How many *employees* perform investment advisory functions from this office location?
15

Are other business activities conducted at this office location? (check all that apply)
☐ (1) Broker-dealer (registered or unregistered)
☐ (2) Bank (including a separately identifiable department or division of a bank)
☐ (3) Insurance broker or agent
☐ (4) Commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)
☐ (5) Registered municipal advisor
☐ (6) Accountant or accounting firm
☐ (7) Lawyer or law firm

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Number and Street 1:
888 SAN CLEMENTE DRIVE

City:
NEWPORT BEACH

State:
California

Number and Street 2:
SUITE 180

Country:
United States

ZIP+4/Postal Code:
92660

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number:
949-209-4410

Facsimile Number, if any:

If this office location is also required to be registered with FINRA or a *state securities authority* as a branch office location for a broker-dealer or investment adviser on the Uniform Branch Office Registration Form (Form BR), please provide the *CRD* Branch Number here:

How many *employees* perform investment advisory functions from this office location?
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Are other business activities conducted at this office location? (check all that apply)
☐ (1) Broker-dealer (registered or unregistered)
☐ (2) Bank (including a separately identifiable department or division of a bank)
☐ (3) Insurance broker or agent
☐ (4) Commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)
☐ (5) Registered municipal advisor
☐ (6) Accountant or accounting firm
☐ (7) Lawyer or law firm

Describe any other *investment-related* business activities conducted from this office location:

SECTION 1.I. Website Addresses

List your website addresses, including addresses for accounts on publicly available social media platforms where you control the content (including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook and/or LinkedIn). You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 1.I. for each website or account on a publicly available social media platform.

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: HTTP://WWW.BDCS.COM

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	HTTPS://WWW.CLIFFWATERFUNDS.COM
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://www.linkedin.com/company/cliffwater
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	HTTPS://WWW.CLIFFWATER.COM
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://www.youtube.com/@Cliffwater
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	HTTP://WWW.CLIFFWATERDIRECTLENDINGINDEX.COM

SECTION 1.L. Location of Books and Records

Complete the following information for each location at which you keep your books and records, other than your *principal office and place of business*. You must complete a separate Schedule D, Section 1.L. for each location.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
CLIFFWATER LLC

Number and Street 1: 477 MADISON AVENUE		Number and Street 2: 16TH FLOOR	
City: NEW YORK	State: New York	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 10022

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: (212) 317-4350	Facsimile number, if any: (212) 317-4351
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This is (check one):

☒ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☐ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
CLIFFWATER OFFICE - RESEARCH MATERIALS.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
IRON MOUNTAIN INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, LLC

Number and Street 1: 15624 ROXFORD STREET		Number and Street 2:	
City: SYLMAR	State: California	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 91342

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: (818) 612-0684	Facsimile number, if any: (800) 934-5348
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This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.

