Hal Peterson

Hal Peterson began his career in the mid 1980's with the Wall Street firm Kidder Peabody & Company in his hometown of Denver, Colorado. At Kidder Peabody, he provided investment advice and management to business owners and executives. He relocated to Seattle, Washington with the firm in 1987. In 1989 Hal moved to Austin, TX to become Co-Portfolio Manager for the First City Texas Trust Dept. After two years, he assumed the lead role overseeing approximately $600 million in assets for a wide range of institutions, foundations, endowments, families, entrepreneurs, and executives. The bank was purchased by Frost Bank in 1993 and in 1994 Hal moved to Nations Bank as Co-Portfolio Manager in their Trust Dept. Within a year, he assumed the lead role, ultimately overseeing the management of $1.6 billion in assets for what became the Bank of America Private Bank and is now US Trust.

In the summer of 2000, Hal formed Strategic Capital Advisors, LLP as an independent Registered Investment Advisor along with two partners. The firm served high net worth entrepreneurs, foundations, endowments, and family offices. Changing its name to Durbin Bennett Peterson Private Wealth Management, LLP in 2004, the firm grew to approximately $950 million. In May of 2014, Hal sold his interest in the firm and formed Castle Hill Advisors, LLC to continue his work advising a select number of significant families, family offices, endowments, and foundations. Castle Hill changed its name to Mission Hill Advisors, LLC in the spring of 2017. After selling the firm to a large advisory business in 2018, Hal repurchased Mission Hill and continues to serve individuals, endowments, foundations, and family offices.

Hal earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics from Colorado State University. He earned the Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) designation at the Wharton School through the Investment Management Consultants Association (IMCA) and has completed the Association's Advanced Investment Strategist (AIS) Program. He is a member of the Austin Society of Financial Analysts, the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute, the Chartered Alternative Investments Analyst (CAIA) Association, and the Council on Foundations.

Hal currently serves as a Trustee of Huston-Tillotson University where he is Chairman of the University Endowment. He is the Chair of the Endowment Committee and member of the Finance Committee and the Administrative Board of the Tarrytown United Methodist Church. He is also a member of the President's Advisory Council of the Texas Methodist Foundation (TMF). Hal was previously Treasurer, and Chair of the Investment Committee of The Seton Fund, and was a member of the Development Committee for the Dell Seton Medical Center at the University of Texas. He is past Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Austin Community Foundation, where he was Chairman of the Investment Committee, and served on the Governance, Executive, Impact, and Development Committees. He is past Chair of the Investment Committee of the St. Andrew's Episcopal School Endowment. Hal is a founding member of the Advisory Board of the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas overseeing the Master of Science in Finance (MSF) program. He mentors graduate students and is a guest lecturer at the McCombs School of Business and is a past instructor for the Investments Course of the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) program in the Executive Education Department at the University of Texas.

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