

# Firm Overview

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## The Aptus Team

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"The essence of investment management is the management of risks, not the management of returns. Well-managed portfolios start with this precept."

- Benjamin Graham

## Investment Services for Independent Advisors

- Founded in Fairhope, Alabama in 2013
- \$4.2 billion in Assets Under Mgmt as of March 2022
- 100% Employee-Owned
- Active ETFs and total portfolio solutions\*
- Objective: distinctive return streams and proactive risk management, *not* return-starved risk management
- Create, execute, and over-communicate through the lens of "simple beats complex"

*\*Aptus Capital Advisor claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®).*

## Drawdown Patrol Investing

- **Diversify beyond just asset classes**
- **Reduced drawdown for better behavior**
- **Reduced drag from taxes and trading**
- **Upside capture through structure not timing**

**We aim to balance risk and returns for three reasons:**

- To be able to allocate to areas of higher return (stocks).
- To reduce drawdown and the emotions that come with it.
- To turn market drawdowns into opportunity.

Aptus strives to help advisors impact clients, in every way possible. To us, the best business is the one with the happiest clients...it's our mission to help you deepen the trust and confidence of those relying on your guidance.



Understand current process  
and client expectations



Identify areas of commonality  
and customization



Fortify existing portfolios with  
specialized risk management



Develop cohesive communications  
to continuously educate clients

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Aptus as a partner, helping you help clients