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## **NOTICE OF DATA BREACH**

Morgan Stanley values our relationship with you and we place the highest degree of importance on protecting your data. As your personal investment account provider and current or former stock plan administrator, we write to inform you of a data security incident relating to your personal information.

#### What Happened

In May 2021, a Morgan Stanley vendor that provides account maintenance services to our Stock Plan business notified Morgan Stanley that the vendor had suffered a data security incident. The incident involves your personal information related to your current or former stock plan account, which was obtained by an unauthorized individual. There was no data security breach of any Morgan Stanley applications in connection with this incident. The incident involves files that were in the vendor's possession, including encrypted files from Morgan Stanley. Although the files were encrypted while stored in a tool used by the vendor, we believe that the unauthorized individual was able to obtain the decryption key during the security incident.

#### What Information Was Involved

The following personal information was located in the files obtained from the vendor: name; address (last known address); date of birth; social security number; corporate company name.

## What We Are Doing

Morgan Stanley has reviewed the vendor's remediation of the incident. According to the vendor, the vulnerability that led to this incident was remediated in January of 2021. Although the data was obtained by the unauthorized individual around that time, the vendor did not discover the impact to Morgan Stanley until May 2021.

In addition, we have arranged with Experian to provide you with their Experian IdentityWorks<sup>™</sup> credit monitoring and fraud detection services for 24 months at no charge to you. To take advantage of this offer, please visit <a href="https://www.experianidworks.com/credit">https://www.experianidworks.com/credit</a> before September 30, 2021 and use code ABCDEFGHI to enroll in this complimentary offer.

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 1-877-890-9332 by September 30, 2021. Be prepared to provide engagement number B014687 as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.



## What You Can Do

In addition to enrolling in the credit monitoring service, we have included a list of resources for protecting yourself against potential misuse of your personal information with this letter.

# For More Information

We understand the importance you place on data security and we take our responsibility to protect your information very seriously. We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this matter may cause you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Client Service Center at 1-877-433-6144 at any time. Enclosed is a standard reference guide with additional information on the protection of personal information.

## Supplemental Information for the Protection of Personal Information

**Avoiding Phishing.** Please use caution when responding to third parties who request disclosure of your personal information via email, text or phone. This may include inquiries from third parties posing as bank officials, information security experts, government agencies and other trusted sources, in an effort to trick you into divulging your personal information.

You should never provide personal information, such as usernames, passwords, government issued personal identification numbers (e.g., U.S. Social Security Numbers), account numbers or any other confidential personal information via email request or screen pop-ups. Legitimate agencies/companies do not ask for this type of information in an email. We will never ask for your account password by email or by phone.

**Remain Vigilant**. As always, you should monitor your statements for any activity you do not recognize. Contact us immediately to report any suspicious activity.

You also should not click links or open attachments sent from atypical or unknown senders, even if they appear to be legitimate. Pay special attention to links that purportedly take you to websites or other resources related to this incident, or offer you services to assist with this incident. When in doubt, call your regular Morgan Stanley contact to verify the legitimacy of the communication.

Ordering Your Free Credit Report. You are entitled under U.S. law to one free credit report annually from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies. To order your credit report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll-free at 877-322-8228. We encourage you to remain vigilant by reviewing your account statements and monitoring your free credit reports.

**Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act Rights:** You also have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), which promotes the accuracy, fairness and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. More information is available at https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf.

**Obtaining a Police Report**: You may be entitled by state law to obtain a police report relating to this matter; however, to our knowledge, no such report exists. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. You can place a fraud alert or security freeze on your credit report, free of charge, by calling any of the toll-free numbers provided below. Unlike a fraud alert, you must place a security freeze on your credit file at each consumer reporting agency individually. For more information on fraud alerts and security freezes, you also may contact the FTC as described below. You may have to submit personal information to obtain the security freeze, including name, Social Security Number, date of birth, and photograph of a government ID.

Equifax Credit Information Services, Inc.	Experian Inc.	TransUnion LLC
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19022-2000
1-800-685-1111	888-397-3742	1-888-909-8872
www.equifax.com	www.experian.com	www.transunion.com

**Reporting Incidents**. If you become aware of an unauthorized transaction, please promptly contact your financial institution. Identity theft or fraud incidents should be promptly reported to law enforcement, the FTC or your state Attorney General. You can contact the FTC to learn more about identity theft:

Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20580 877-IDTHEFT (438-4338) www.ftc.gov/idtheft/



**Contacting State Authorities:** In certain states, you may be able seek assistance from state authorities for information about preventing or reporting suspected identity theft. Contact information for those authorities is provided below.

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Office of the Attorney General of Iowa Consumer Protection Division Hoover State Office Building 1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0106 (515) 281-5926 (888) 777-4590 (outside Des Moines metro area) consumer@ag.iowa.gov

## **New York Residents**

Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341
1 (800) 771-7755
https://ag.ny.gov/internet/privacy-and-identity-theft/

## **Oregon Residents**

Office of the Attorney General 1162 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4096 (503) 378-6002 https://www.doj.state.or.us/oregondepartment-of-justice/office-of-the-attorneygeneral/attorney-general-ellen-f-rosenblum/

# **Maryland Residents**

Office of the Attorney General 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202 https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/ (888) 743-0023

## **North Carolina Residents**

Office of the Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001 https://www.ncdoj.gov/ (877) 566-7226

## **Rhode Island Residents**

Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903 http://www.riag.ri.gov/ (401) 274-4400