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The Fed Keeps Sweetening The Deal For QSF Investors

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Today marked the first Federal Reserve meeting under new Chairman Jerome Powell. As expected, the Fed raised the overnight funding rate a quarter point to 1.50-1.75% and indicated that it would deliver up to 3 more rate increases this year. ARX anticipates shorter-term interest rates will continue to gradually rise to 2.50-3.00% over the next 12-18 months.

This recent market activity is creating the perfect environment for Qualified Settlement Fund participants. The measured pace of rate increases means QSF investors will enjoy increasingly higher earnings over the next few years, with minimal risk of capital depreciation.

ARX specializes in constructing customized portfolios, comprised of a diversified mix of government-guaranteed securities and conservative money market instruments. Each of our QSFs are:

- Customized to meet the specific needs of each settlement.
- Designed to deliver attractive earnings on your attorney fees in the QSF.
- Invested to defray a portion of claimant case administration and MDL/JCCP common benefit expenses.
- Constructed to offer an outsourced administration and claimant payment processing capability, frequently at no cost to your firm.

About ARX Management:

Founded by professionals with direct experience in the mass tort and institutional investment management fields, ARX offers an unmatched mix of expertise relevant to administering Qualified Settlement Funds. Prior to establishing ARX in 2011, our partners actively managed \$8 billion in fixed income assets together for a large institutional asset manager. Our expertise investing conservative capital preservation products, such as money market and enhanced cash strategies, is directly applicable to the management of institutional QSFs.

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