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At Houston-based Adell, Harriman & Carpenter, Inc. (AHC), women's leadership has helped shape the firm since its founding in 1995. Female ownership has long been embedded in the firm's structure, and today more than half of the executive team is female - a culture established well before the financial industry began recognizing women as a rapidly growing client segment.

AHC's approach centers on disciplined portfolio construction, thoughtful tax strategy, and long-term stewardship. Portfolios are customized for each client and built security by security using individual stocks and bonds aligned with their goals, risk tolerance, and overall financial picture. Clients work directly with Principals who oversee portfolio construction, trading, and ongoing management.

AHC's longstanding female leadership strengthens our understanding of clients' financial priorities, life transitions, and long-term goals. Women today represent the fastest-growing segment of wealth holders in the United States, driven by rising earnings, longevity, and generational wealth transfers. With decades of experience advising female clients, AHC has developed a thoughtful approach to helping women make confident financial decisions.

That leadership is reflected across the firm.

Leia P. Carpenter, CFA, founding Principal, has advised individuals and families on investment management and financial planning for more than three decades. A Rice University graduate, she began her investment career in 1990 and has been a Principal of AHC since 1999. Known for her disciplined approach and long-term client relationships, Leia helps families navigate



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complex financial decisions across generations. She is a member of the CFA Society of Houston and sings in the choir and teaches Bible study at her church.

Jennifer Barron, CIMA®, Principal, partners with individuals, families, and nonprofits to design customized portfolios aligned with their long-term goals. She earned a BBA in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin and brings nearly three decades of investment experience, including leadership roles at Eaton Vance, American Century Investments, and AIM Distributors. A fourth-generation Houstonian, Jennifer serves as incoming Treasurer of the Ladies for Literacy Guild, Chair of the St. Agnes Academy Foundation Board, and is active with VICTORY Houston, where she co-chaired the 2024 Rally Ball that raised more than \$1.5 million for cancer research locally.

Cynthia Wolff, J.D., General Counsel, leads the firm's compliance, governance, and risk management while assisting clients with estate planning matters. She helps

ensure the firm maintains the highest standards of fiduciary responsibility while supporting clients through complex planning decisions. Cynthia earned her undergraduate degree from Tulane University and her law degree from LSU Law School. A fourth-generation Houstonian, she is an alumna of the Center for Houston's Future Business and Civic Leadership Forum and was named a 2025 Breakthrough Woman by the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce.

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