



## Hershey Trust Company

### **HERSHEY TRUST COMPANY WELCOMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND CORPORATE SECRETARY**

HERSHEY, Pa., July 21, 2023 -- Hershey Trust Company (“HTC”) announced today that Jerel A. Hopkins has been named Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary.

Mr. Hopkins joins Hershey Trust Company from Macquarie Asset Management in Philadelphia where he has been since 2004 and most recently serving as Managing Director, Corporate Secretary, Associate General Counsel and Chief Integration Officer. Mr. Hopkins brings 24 years of legal experience to HTC including experience in state government, corporate, securities and global asset management. He is a graduate of the Wharton School of Business at University of Pennsylvania where he earned his bachelor’s degree in Economics and a graduate of Villanova University School of Law where he earned his Juris Doctorate. Mr. Hopkins is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

“We are excited to have Jerel join HTC to lead our legal team and to serve in the critical role of Corporate Secretary. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise in the financial space in addition to bringing a passion for working with and mentoring our younger generation through his volunteer efforts. He will be a vital member of our team to assist in serving the Hershey mission with excellence,” stated Leslie K. Lenzo, CFA, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of Hershey Trust Company.

#### **About Hershey Trust Company**

Founded in 1905 by Milton S. Hershey, Hershey Trust Company is a Pennsylvania-chartered trust company that serves as Trustee of, and investment advisor to, the Milton Hershey School Trust, the M.S. Hershey Foundation, and the Hershey Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust. By providing top-tier trust and investment management services, Hershey Trust Company helps these trusts, and the organizations they support, achieve their long-term goals in advancing the legacy and vision of Milton and Catherine Hershey in perpetuity.

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