

**Effective Date:** March 1, 2026

**Data Controller:** DARJAN Development, LLC | ASCENDIA

**COOKIE POLICY**

This Cookie Policy explains what cookies are, how ASCENDIA and DARJAN may use cookies and similar tracking technologies on this Website, what choices you have regarding cookies, and how to contact us with questions. This policy should be read alongside our Privacy Policy.

**3.1 What Are Cookies?**

Cookies are small text files that are placed on your device (computer, tablet, or mobile phone) when you visit a website. They are widely used to make websites function more efficiently, provide website operators with useful analytics, and enhance user experience. Cookies are stored on your device and are read by the website each time you visit. In addition to cookies, we may use similar tracking technologies including but not limited to:

- Web Beacons (Pixel Tags): Tiny transparent images embedded in web pages or emails that track opening and engagement
- Local Storage: Browser-based storage technology used to save preferences locally on your device
- Session Storage: Temporary storage that persists only for the duration of a browser session
- Analytics Scripts: JavaScript code that collects information about how visitors interact with the Website

**3.2 Types of Cookies We Use**

**A. STRICTLY NECESSARY COOKIES**

These cookies are essential for the Website to function properly and cannot be disabled. They do not collect personally identifiable information.

- Session cookies that enable navigation between pages
- Security cookies that help protect against fraudulent activity
- Load-balancing cookies that ensure Website performance

**B. PERFORMANCE AND ANALYTICS COOKIES**

These cookies collect information about how visitors use the Website, helping us understand which pages are most popular, how visitors navigate the site, and where improvements are needed. All information collected is aggregated and anonymized.

- Google Analytics or equivalent analytics platform cookies
- Page load time measurement cookies
- Error tracking cookies

**C. FUNCTIONALITY COOKIES**

These cookies allow the Website to remember choices you make and provide enhanced, personalized features. They may be set by us or by third-party providers whose services we use.

- Language preference cookies
- User interface customization cookies
- Form auto-fill preference cookies

**D. MARKETING AND TARGETING COOKIES (IF APPLICABLE)**

If we use any advertising or remarketing features, these cookies track your browsing habits to deliver relevant content. We will obtain your explicit consent before placing any such cookies. Currently, we do not engage in paid advertising or retargeting campaigns, but we reserve the right to do so in the future with appropriate notice and consent mechanisms.

**3.3 Specific Cookies We Use**

Cookie Name	Provider	Purpose	Duration
_ga	Google Analytics	Distinguishes unique users	2 years
_gid	Google Analytics	Distinguishes unique users	24 hours
_gat	Google Analytics	Throttles request rate	1 minute
Cookie consent	ASCENDIA-DARJAN	Records consent preferences	1 year

Cookie Name	Provider	Purpose	Duration
session_id	ASCENDIA-DARJAN	Maintains session state	Session

Note: This table represents anticipated cookies. Actual cookies may vary depending on the Website platform, plugins, and third-party services in use. We will update this table as cookies change.

### 3.4 Cookie Consent

In accordance with applicable laws, including the EU ePrivacy Directive and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), you consent we place non-essential cookies on your device. When you first visit the Website, you will be presented with a cookie consent banner that allows you to:

Accept all cookies, Accept only strictly necessary cookies, Customize your cookie preferences by category. Your consent is recorded and stored via a consent cookie. You may withdraw or modify your consent at any time by accessing the cookie settings tool on the Website.

### 3.5 How to Control and Delete Cookies

You have multiple options for controlling cookies:

#### A. Browser Settings:

Most web browsers allow you to control cookies through their settings. You can set your browser to:

- Block all cookies
- Block third-party cookies only
- Alert you when cookies are being set
- Delete cookies when you close your browser

Browser-specific instructions for managing cookies:

- Google Chrome: Settings > Privacy and Security > Cookies and other site data
- Mozilla Firefox: Options > Privacy & Security > Cookies and Site Data
- Apple Safari: Preferences > Privacy > Manage Website Data
- Microsoft Edge: Settings > Cookies and Site Permissions > Cookies and Site Data
- Opera: Settings > Advanced > Privacy & Security > Cookies

#### B. Opt-Out of Analytics:

You may opt out of Google Analytics tracking at any time by installing the Google Analytics Opt-out Browser Add-on, available at: [tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout](https://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout)

IMPORTANT: If you disable or reject cookies, some features of the Website may not function properly, and your user experience may be diminished. Strictly necessary cookies cannot be disabled, as they are essential for the Website to operate.

### 3.6 Third-Party Cookies

Certain third-party services integrated with our Website may place cookies on your device independently. These third parties include (but may not be limited to):

- Google Analytics / Google LLC: Web analytics and performance measurement
- LinkedIn: Professional networking integration and content sharing features
- Social media platforms: If social sharing buttons or feeds are embedded
- Email service providers: If newsletter or communication sign-up forms are embedded

We do not control third-party cookies and are not responsible for them. We encourage you to review the cookie and privacy policies of any third-party services. We will endeavor to ensure third parties we may partner with respect and comply with applicable privacy laws.

### 3.7 Changes to Cookie Policy

We may update this Cookie Policy reflect changes in technology, law, or our practices. We may notify of material changes by displaying a notice. Your continued use of the Website after changes constitutes acceptance of the revised Cookie Policy.

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF LEGAL POLICIES

By accessing and using the ASCENDIA Website, you acknowledge that you have read, understood, and agree to be bound by all four components of this Legal Policies: the Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy, Cookie Policy, Disclaimers, and Contact. These policies collectively constitute the complete legal framework governing your use of the Website.

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