

**BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT**

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This brochure supplement provides information about Jon M. Kmett that supplements the SFE Investment Counsel Inc. (SFE) Firm Brochure and Wrap Fee Program Brochure. You should have received a copy of one or both brochures. Please contact us at (213) 612-0220 or [tmccasland@sfeic.com](mailto:tmccasland@sfeic.com) if you did not receive an SFE brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement. Additional information about Jon M. Kmett is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

### **JON M. KMETT**

*Year of Birth:* 1953

*Formal Education after High School:*

- University of Southern California, B.S. Business Administration (Accounting)
- Golden Gate University Graduate Program in Taxation

*Business Background for the Preceding Five Years:*

- President, Treasurer and Member of the Investment Committee of SFE Investment Counsel Inc. and its affiliate Stern Fisher Edwards Inc (1989 to present)
- General Securities Representative (Series 7 and 63), General Securities Principal (Series 24), Financial and Operations Principal (Series 27), and Registered Options Principal (Series 4) licenses with Stern Fisher Edwards Inc

*Professional Designations:*

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), inactive

*Minimum Qualifications:* To receive a CPA license from the California Board of Accountancy, individuals are required to demonstrate their knowledge and competence by obtaining a bachelor's degree, including 24 semester units in accounting-related subjects and 24 semester units in business-related subjects (accounting courses beyond the 24 required units may apply toward the business units); passing the Uniform CPA Exam; completing two years of general accounting experience supervised by a CPA with an active license; and passing an ethics course.

### Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

Advisors are required to disclose legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of this supervised person. We do not have any events to report for Jon Kmett.

### Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Jon Kmett is also actively engaged as a registered representative and partial owner of Stern Fisher Edwards Inc, a FINRA/SIPC member broker-dealer and affiliate of SFE. Clients who participate in our separately managed account programs typically establish a brokerage account with Stern Fisher Edwards Inc for custody and transaction execution.

No SFE employee receives any commission compensation for trades. Nevertheless, a potential conflict of interest exists. Commission revenue and other fees generated by Stern Fisher Edwards Inc are used to reimburse SFE for operating costs we incur on behalf of Stern Fisher Edwards Inc. Therefore SFE and Jon Kmett indirectly receive a financial benefit from directing commission transactions to Stern Fisher Edwards Inc. We do not feel this is a material conflict of interest.

The functional nature of a broker-dealer creates a basic conflict of interest in that Stern Fisher Edwards Inc and SFE have both a fiduciary duty to provide advice to clients and self interest in receiving commissions on transactions. We generally address possible sales conflicts through our account management process and our compensation policy. Our comprehensive client review process is designed to make portfolio recommendations focused solely on your needs. Transaction requests are typically initiated by a portfolio manager, approved by your client relationship manager, and finally reviewed by our Investment Committee. If a conflict is noted, the transaction will not be executed or will be reversed. We feel our compensation policy also reduces the possibility of conflicts in that none of our employees receive compensation based upon commissions. There is no personal incentive to generate commissions from client accounts.

In our initial consultation with a prospective client, we explain that commissionable securities sales create a conflict. We discuss SFE's fiduciary duty to the client and how our client review process works. If a client prefers, we offer our All Inclusive Managed Account program (a "wrap" account) that effectively eliminates this conflict as commission charges are waived.

## Item 5 – Additional Compensation

There is no arrangement where any supervised person at SFE who provides advisory services receives an economic benefit from someone who is not a client.

## Item 6 – Supervision

As president of SFE, Jon Kmett is primarily responsible for supervision of its Registered Investment Advisors. Mr. Kmett is supervised in general by our firm's Board of Directors, of which he is a member. His advisory activities are specifically supervised by SFE's Chief Compliance Officer, Teri McCasland, whose telephone number is (213) 612-0220.

In addition, his managed accounts are typically reviewed twice each quarter by SFE's Investment Committee. The Investment Committee is comprised of all eight employee-owners of SFE, namely Earl W. Fisher (Chairman), Fred M. Edwards (Vice Chairman), Jon M. Kmett (President), Charles E. Bohlen, Jr. (Vice President), Teri M. McCasland (Vice President), Edward J. Ternan (Vice President), David J. Thomsen (Manager) and James T. Moylan (Manager). During these reviews, the Investment Committee looks at specific client account holdings and recent transactions. The review is conducted to confirm that the account is in line with the client's investment objectives and risk tolerance and is appropriately positioned based on market conditions. Any changes in client financial status or objectives are noted, as well as recent performance of the account.

## Item 7 – Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

We are an SEC registered adviser and therefore not registered with any state securities authorities.