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### **FORM ADV PART 2 BROCHURE**

This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Granite Value Capital, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at 603-727-2328. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Granite Value Capital, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The searchable IARD/CRD number for Granite Value Capital, LLC is 150169.

## Item 2 Material Changes

Form ADV Part 2 requires registered investment advisers to amend their brochure when information becomes materially inaccurate. If there are any material changes to an adviser's disclosure brochure, the adviser is required to notify you and provide you with a description of the material changes.

Generally, Granite Value Capital, LLC will notify clients of material changes on an annual basis. However, where we determine that an interim notification is either meaningful or required, we will notify our clients promptly. In either case, we will notify our clients in a separate document.

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## Item 4 Advisory Business

### Description of Services and Fees

Granite Value Capital, LLC is a fee-only registered investment adviser based in Hanover, New Hampshire. Our firm is organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of New Hampshire. We have been providing investment advisory services since 2009. Anthony J. Abbate is our principal owner.

### Portfolio Management Services

We generally limit our services to discretionary and non-discretionary management of investment portfolios in accordance with your individual investment objectives. We may, however, provide financial planning services as part of an all-inclusive service, and that are included as part of the overall management fee (as described below). If you retain our firm for portfolio management services, we will enter into an agreement for services.

If you participate in our discretionary portfolio management services, we require you to grant our firm discretionary authority to manage your account. Discretionary authorization will allow our firm to determine the specific securities, and the amount of securities, to be purchased or sold for your account without your approval prior to each transaction. Discretionary authority is typically granted by the investment advisory agreement you sign with our firm, a power of attorney, and/or trading authorization forms. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing.

In limited circumstances, we may also manage advisory accounts on a non-discretionary basis, meaning specific client consent must be granted prior to each transaction. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.

You may make additions to and withdrawals from your account at any time, subject our right to terminate an account. You may withdraw account assets on notice to our firm, and subject to the usual and customary securities settlement procedures. However, we design our portfolios as long-term investments and asset withdrawals may impair the achievement of your specific investment objectives.

Our annual fee for portfolio management services varies (between 0.60% and 1.00%) depending upon the market value of the assets we manage on your behalf, and the type of investment management services we provide, as follows:

<u>PORTFOLIO VALUE</u>	<u>ANNUAL FEE</u>
Up to \$2,500,000.....	1.00%
2,500,001 to \$5,000,000.....	0.85%
5,000,001 to \$7,500,000.....	0.75%
7,500,001 to \$10,000,000.....	0.65%
Over \$10,000,000 .....	0.60%

Our annual portfolio management fee is billed and payable quarterly in arrears based on the value of your account on the last day of the previous quarter. If the agreement for services is executed at any time other than the first day of a calendar month, our fees will apply on a pro rata basis, which means that the advisory fee is payable in proportion to the number of days in the quarter for which you are a client.

We offer a discount of 20% to non-profit organizations. Certain pre-existing clients may be subject to a different fee schedule. In our sole discretion, we may negotiate to charge a lesser management fee based upon certain criteria (i.e., anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, pre-existing client, account retention, pro bono activities, etc.).

Our Agreement and/or the separate agreement you sign with the Financial Institution(s) for custodial and brokerage services may authorize our firm through the Financial Institution(s) to debit your account for the amount of our management fee and to directly remit that management fee to our firm in accordance with applicable custody rules. The Financial Institution(s) we recommend have agreed to send a statement to you, at least quarterly, indicating all amounts disbursed from your account including the amount of management fees paid directly to our firm. You should review all statements for accuracy. We will also receive a duplicate copy of your account statements. Please refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section below for additional disclosures on the Financial Institutions we recommend.

The Agreement for services will continue in effect until terminated by either party pursuant to the terms of the Agreement. You will incur a pro rata charge for services rendered prior to the termination of the Agreement, which means you will incur advisory fees only in proportion to the number of days in the quarter for which you are a client. Refunds are not applicable as our fees are payable quarterly in arrears.

Additions to your account may be in cash or securities; however, we expressly reserve the right to liquidate any transferred securities, or decline to accept particular securities into your account. We may consult with you about the options and ramifications of transferring securities. However, you are advised that when transferred securities are liquidated, they are subject to transaction fees, fees assessed at the mutual fund level (i.e. contingent deferred sales charge) and/or tax ramifications. You are also advised to promptly notify our firm if there are ever any changes in your financial situation or investment objectives or if you wish to impose any reasonable restrictions upon our the management services.

### **Advisory Services to Retirement Plans and Plan Participants**

We offer various levels of advisory and consulting services to employee benefit plans ("Plan") and to the participants of such plans ("Participants"). The services are designed to assist plan sponsors in meeting their management and fiduciary obligations to Participants under the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act ("ERISA"). Pursuant to adopted regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor, we are required to provide the Plan's responsible plan fiduciary (the person who has the authority to engage us as an investment adviser to the Plan) with a written statement of the services we provide to the Plan, the compensation we receive for providing those services, and our status.

The services we provide to your Plan are described in the paragraphs above and in the advisory agreement that you sign. Our compensation for these services is described is based on the fee Portfolio Management fee schedule, but may be negotiated at the Plan level based on the size and complexity of the plan and services required. The final negotiated fee will be detailed in the advisory agreement. We do not reasonably expect to receive any other compensation, direct or indirect, for the services we provide to the Plan or Participants, unless the plan sponsor directs us to deduct our fee

from the plan or directs the plan record-keeper to issue payment for our fee out of the plan. If we receive any other compensation for such services, we will (i) offset the compensation against our stated fees, and (ii) we will promptly disclose the amount of such compensation, the services rendered for such compensation and the payer of such compensation to you.

Granite Value Capital, LLC is a state registered investment adviser and represents that it is not subject to any disqualification as set forth in Section 411 of ERISA. In performing fiduciary services, we are acting either as a non-discretionary fiduciary of the Plan as defined in Section 3(21) under ERISA, or as a discretionary fiduciary of the plan as defined in Section 3(38) under ERISA, as set forth in the arrangement with each Plan sponsor.

### **Types of Investments**

We primarily offer advice and allocate your assets among individual equity and debt securities, mutual funds, and exchange traded funds; however, we will also recommend other types of investments as appropriate for you since each client has different needs and different tolerance for risk. We may advise you on any type of investment that we deem appropriate based on your stated goals and objectives. We may also provide advice on any type of investment held in your portfolio at the inception of our advisory relationship. Each type of security has its own unique set of risks associated with it and it would not be possible to list here all of the specific risks of every type of investment. Even within the same type of investment, risks can vary widely. However, in very general terms, the higher the anticipated return of an investment, the higher the risk of loss associated with it.

There are numerous ways of measuring the risk of equity securities (also known simply as "equities" or "stock"). In very broad terms, the value of a stock depends on the financial health of the company issuing it. However, stock prices can be affected by many other factors including, but not limited to: the class of stock (for example, preferred or common); the health of the market sector of the issuing company; and, the overall health of the economy. In general, larger, better established companies ("large cap") tend to be safer than smaller start-up companies ("small cap") but the mere size of an issuer is not, by itself, an indicator of the safety of the investment.

Corporate debt securities (or "bonds") are typically safer investments than equity securities, but their risk can also vary widely based on: the financial health of the issuer; the risk that the issuer might default; when the bond is set to mature; and, whether or not the bond can be "called" prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same interest rate.

Mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) are professionally managed collective investment systems that pool money from many investors and invest in stocks, bonds, short-term money market instruments, other mutual funds, other securities or any combination thereof. The fund will have a manager that trades the fund's investments in accordance with the fund's investment objective. While mutual funds and ETFs generally provide diversification, risks can be significantly increased if the fund is concentrated in a particular sector of the market, primarily invests in small cap or speculative companies, uses leverage (i.e., borrows money) to a significant degree, or concentrates in a particular type of security (i.e., equities) rather than balancing the fund with different types of securities. ETFs differ from mutual funds since they can be bought and sold throughout the day like stock and their price can fluctuate throughout the day. The returns on mutual funds and ETFs can be reduced by the costs to manage the funds. Also, while some mutual funds are "no load" and charge no fee to buy into, or sell out of, the fund other types of mutual funds do charge such fees which can also reduce returns. Mutual funds can also be "closed end" or "open end". So-called "open end" mutual funds continue to allow in new investors indefinitely which can dilute other investors' interests.

You may request that we refrain from investing in particular securities or certain types of securities. You must provide these restrictions to our firm in writing.

### **Assets Under Management**

As of January 25, 2012, we manage \$42,439,508 in client assets on a discretionary basis. We are not currently providing services on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

Please refer to the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure for information on our advisory fees, fee paying arrangements, and refund policy according to each service we offer.

### **Additional Fees and Expenses**

As part of our investment advisory services to you, we may invest, or recommend that you invest, in mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs). The fees that you pay to our firm for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds or ETFs (described in each fund's prospectus) to their shareholders. These fees will generally include a management fee and other fund expenses. You will also incur transaction charges and/or brokerage fees when purchasing or selling securities. These charges and fees are typically imposed by the broker-dealer or custodian through whom your account transactions are executed. We do not share in any portion of the brokerage fees/transaction charges imposed by the broker-dealer or custodian. To fully understand the total cost you will incur, you should review all the fees charged by mutual funds, exchange traded funds, our firm, and others. For information on our brokerage practices, please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section of this Disclosure Brochure.

Retirement Plans and Plan Participants - We do not reasonably expect to receive any other compensation, direct or indirect, for the services we provide to the Plan or Participants. If we receive any other compensation for such services, we will (i) offset the compensation against our stated fees, and (ii) we will promptly disclose the amount of such compensation, the services rendered for such compensation and the payer of such compensation to you.

Any material conflicts of interest between you and our firm, or our employees are disclosed in this Disclosure Brochure. If at any time, additional material conflicts of interest develop, we will provide you with written notification of the material conflicts of interest or an updated Disclosure Brochure.

## **Item 6 Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management**

We do not accept performance-based fees or participate in side-by-side management. Side-by-side management refers to the practice of managing accounts that are charged performance-based fees while at the same time managing accounts that are not charged performance-based fees. Performance-based fees are fees that are based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of a client's account. Our fees are calculated as described in the *Advisory Business* section above, and are not charged on the basis of a share of capital gains upon, or capital appreciation of, the funds in your advisory account.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

We offer investment advisory services to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations, and other business entities.

In general, we require a minimum of \$500,000 to open an advisory account. At our discretion, we may waive this minimum account size. For example, we may waive the minimum if you appear to have significant potential for increasing your assets under our management. We may also combine account values for you and your minor children, joint accounts with your spouse, and other types of related accounts to meet the stated minimum.

## **Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss**

### **Our Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies**

We may use one or more of the following methods of analysis or investment strategies when providing investment advice to you:

- **Fundamental Analysis** - involves analyzing individual companies and their industry groups, such as a company's financial statements, details regarding the company's product line, the experience and expertise of the company's management, and the outlook for the company's industry. The resulting data is used to measure the true value of the company's stock compared to the current market value.
- **Long Term Purchases** - securities purchased with the expectation that the value of those securities will grow over a relatively long period of time, generally greater than one year.
- **Short Term Purchases** - securities purchased with the expectation that they will be sold within a relatively short period of time, generally less than one year, to take advantage of the securities' short-term price fluctuations.

At the inception of an advisor/client relationship, we will determine your asset allocation with the assistance of a questionnaire. Your responses are instrumental in developing your investment policy statement, which dictates how much should be invested in stocks and bonds. You should understand that the equity portion of your portfolio is determined to be the portion of the portfolio with the greatest risk.

The equity portion of your portfolio will be invested in 35 to 45 individual stocks. When purchasing individual stocks, we attempt to minimize risk by focusing on businesses that are profitable and/or have strong balance sheets. At the time of purchase for your account, all stocks sell at a low valuation relative to that company's earnings, its balance sheet or at a 30 percent to 50 percent discount from our estimate of the underlying company's private market value.

Our investment strategies and advice will vary depending upon each client's specific financial situation. As such, we determine investments and allocations based upon your predefined objectives, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial horizon, financial information, liquidity needs, and other various suitability factors. Your restrictions and guidelines may affect the composition of your portfolio.

Our strategies and investments may have unique and significant tax implications. However, unless we specifically agree otherwise, and in writing, tax efficiency is not our primary consideration in the management of your assets. Regardless of your account size or any other factors, we strongly recommend that you continuously consult with a tax professional prior to and throughout the investing of your assets.

### **Risk of Loss**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that you should be prepared to bear. We do not represent or guarantee that our services or methods of analysis can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines.



We cannot offer any guarantees or promises that your financial goals and objectives will be met. Past performance is in no way an indication of future performance. Please refer to the *Types of Investments* section above for additional disclosures on this topic.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

Anthony J. Abbate, Managing Director and Chief Compliance Officer of Granite Value Capital, LLC has been actively engaged in the financial services industry since January of 2000. Neither our firm nor Mr. Abbate has any disciplinary or arbitration history.

## **Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

Anthony J. Abbate provides estate review and reconciliation services for attorneys and other professionals for which he receives a fee. Advisory clients will not be solicited to use these services or the services of any other professional for which Mr. Abbate performs these services.

## **Item 11 Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading**

### **Description of Our Code of Ethics**

We have adopted a Code of Ethics that sets the standards of conduct expected of our Associated Persons and that requires compliance with applicable securities laws. Our Code of Ethics contains written policies that are reasonably designed to prevent the unlawful use of material non-public information by our firm or any of our Associated Persons. All of our Associated Persons are expected to adhere strictly to these guidelines. Our Code of Ethics also requires that certain of our personnel (called "Access Persons") report their personal securities holdings and transactions and obtain pre-approval of certain investments such as initial public offerings and limited offerings.

Unless specifically permitted in our Code of Ethics, none of our Access Persons may effect for themselves or for their immediate family (i.e., spouse, minor children, and adults living in the same household as the Access Person) any transactions in a security which is being actively purchased or sold, or is being considered for purchase or sale, on behalf of any of our clients. When we are purchasing or considering for purchase any security on behalf of a client account, no Access Person may effect a transaction in that security prior to the completion of the purchase or until a decision has been made not to purchase such security.

Similarly, when we are selling or considering the sale of any security on behalf of a client, no Access Person may effect a transaction in that security prior to the completion of the sale or until a decision has been made not to sell such security. These requirements are not applicable to: (i) direct obligations of the Government of the United States; (ii) money market instruments, bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper, repurchase agreements and other high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements; (iii) shares issued by mutual funds or money market funds; and (iv) shares issued by unit investment trusts that are invested exclusively in one or more mutual funds.

Our Code of Ethics is available to you upon request. You may obtain a copy of our Code of Ethics by contacting Anthony J. Abbate at 603-727-2328.

### **Participation or Interest in Client Transactions**

Neither our firm nor any of our Associated Persons has any material financial interest in client transactions beyond the provision of investment advisory services as disclosed in this brochure.

## **Personal Trading Practices**

Our firm or our Associated Persons may buy or sell securities for you at the same time we or persons associated with our firm buy or sell such securities for our own account. We may also combine our orders to purchase securities with your orders to purchase securities ("block trading"). Please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section in this Brochure for information on our block trading practices. A conflict of interest exists in such cases because we have the ability to trade ahead of you and potentially receive more favorable prices than you will receive. To eliminate this conflict of interest, it is our policy that neither our Associated Persons nor our firm shall have priority over your account in the purchase or sale of securities.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

We routinely recommend the brokerage and custodial services of Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services and its affiliates (collectively referred to as "Fidelity"), a securities broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. We may only implement our investment management recommendations after you have arranged for and furnished our firm with all information and authorization regarding accounts with appropriate financial institutions. Financial institutions include, but are not limited to, Fidelity, and any other broker-dealer we recommend, any broker-dealer directed by you, trust companies, banks, etc. (collectively referred to as "Financial Institution(s)"). You may incur certain charges imposed by the Financial Institution(s) and other third parties such as custodial fees, charges imposed directly by a mutual fund or exchange traded fund in the account, which shall be disclosed in the fund's prospectus

(e.g., fund management fees and other fund expenses), deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to our advisory fee.

Factors that we consider in recommending Fidelity or any other broker-dealer to you include their respective financial strength, reputation, execution, pricing, research, and service. Fidelity enables our firm to obtain many mutual funds without transaction charges and other securities at nominal transaction charges. The commissions and/or transaction fees charged by Fidelity may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers. The commissions you pay shall comply with our duty to obtain "best execution." However, you may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where we determine, in good faith, that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including among others, the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Consistent with the foregoing, while we will seek competitive rates, we may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client transactions. If you request that we arrange for the execution of securities brokerage transactions for your account, we will direct such transactions through broker-dealers that we reasonably believe will provide best execution. We will periodically and systematically review our policies and procedures regarding recommending broker-dealers to you in light of our duty to obtain best execution.

Consistent with obtaining best execution, brokerage transactions may be directed to certain broker-dealers in return for investment research products and/or services which assist our firm in the investment decision-making process. Such research generally will be used to service all of our clients, but brokerage commissions paid by one client may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing that client's portfolio. The receipt of investment research products and/or services as well as

the allocation of the benefit of such investment research products and/or services poses a conflict of interest. We may receive from Fidelity, without cost to our firm, computer software and related systems support, which allow us to better monitor your accounts maintained at Fidelity. We may receive the software and related support without cost because we render investment management services to clients that maintain assets at Fidelity. The software and related systems support may benefit our firm, but not you directly. In fulfilling our duties to you, we endeavor at all times to put your interests first. You should be aware; however, that our receipt of economic benefits from a broker-dealer creates a conflict of interest since these benefits may influence our choice of broker-dealer over another broker-dealer that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services. Additionally, we may receive the following benefits from Fidelity through the Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services Group: receipt of duplicate client confirmations and bundled duplicate statements; access to a trading desk that exclusively services its Institutional Wealth Services Group participants; access to block trading which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions and then allocate the appropriate shares to client accounts; and access to an electronic communication network for client order entry and account information.

### **Directed Brokerage**

In limited circumstances, and at our discretion, some clients may instruct our firm in writing to use one or more particular brokers to execute some or all of the transactions in their accounts. If you choose to direct our firm to use a particular broker, you will negotiate terms and arrangements for your account with the broker-dealer, and we will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to aggregate trades with other client accounts (as described below at *Block Trades*). As a result, you may pay higher commissions or other transaction costs or greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the account than would otherwise be the case. Thus, when directing brokerage business, you should consider whether the commission expenses, execution, clearance, and settlement capabilities that you will obtain through your broker are adequately favorable in comparison to those that we would otherwise obtain for you. Subject to our duty to obtain best execution, we may decline your request to direct brokerage if, in our sole discretion, such directed brokerage arrangements would result in additional operational difficulties.

### **Block Trades**

Transactions for each client generally will be effected independently, unless we decide to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. We may, but are not obligated to, combine multiple orders for shares of the same securities purchased for advisory accounts we manage (this practice is commonly referred to as "block trading"). We will then distribute a portion of the shares to participating accounts in a fair and equitable manner. The distribution of the shares purchased is typically proportionate to the size of the account, but it is not based on account performance or the amount or structure of management fees. Subject to our discretion regarding factual and market conditions, when we combine orders, each participating account pays an average price per share for all transactions and pays a proportionate share of all transaction costs on any given day. Accounts owned by our firm or persons associated with our firm may participate in block trading with your accounts; however, they will not be given preferential treatment.

We combine multiple orders for shares of the same securities purchased for discretionary accounts; however, we do not combine orders for non-discretionary accounts. Accordingly, non-discretionary accounts may pay different costs than discretionary accounts pay. If you enter into non-discretionary arrangements with our firm, we may not be able to buy and sell the same quantities of securities for you and you may pay higher commissions, fees, and/or transaction costs than clients who enter into discretionary arrangements with our firm.

We will not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of the aggregation. In the event we determine that a prorated allocation is not appropriate under the particular circumstances, the allocation will be made based upon other relevant factors, which may include: (i) when only a small percentage of the order is executed, shares may be allocated to the account with the smallest order or the smallest position or to an account that is out of line with respect to security or sector weightings relative to other portfolios, with similar mandates; (ii) allocations may be given to one account when one account has limitations in its investment guidelines which prohibit it from purchasing other securities which are expected to produce similar investment results and can be purchased by other accounts; (iii) if an account reaches an investment guideline limit and cannot participate in an allocation, shares may be reallocated to other accounts (this may be due to unforeseen changes in an account's assets after an order is placed); (iv) with respect to sale allocations, allocations may be given to accounts low in cash; (v) in cases when a pro rata allocation of a potential execution would result in a de minimis allocation in one or more accounts, we may exclude the account(s) from the allocation; the transactions may be executed on a pro rata basis among the remaining accounts; or (vi) in cases where a small proportion of an order is executed in all accounts, shares may be allocated to one or more accounts on a random basis.

### **Item 13 Review of Accounts**

For those clients to whom we provide investment management services, we monitor those portfolios as part of an ongoing process while regular account reviews are conducted on at least a quarterly basis. Anthony J. Abbate, Managing Director and Chief Compliance Officer of Granite Value Capital, LLC will conduct the reviews. You are encouraged to discuss your needs, goals, and objectives with our firm, and to keep us informed of any changes in this information. We will contact you at least annually to review the previous services provided and/or recommendations and to discuss the impact resulting from any changes in your financial situation and/or investment objectives. Additional reviews may be conducted at your request, or based on various circumstances, including, but not limited to, contributions and withdrawals, year-end tax planning, market moving events, security specific events, and/or, changes in your risk/return objectives.

We will provide you with a written report that may include such relevant account and/or market-related information such as an inventory of account holdings and account performance no less than semi-annually.

### **Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

We do not directly or indirectly compensate non-employee (outside) consultants, individuals, and/or entities (Solicitors) for client referrals.

Please refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section above for disclosures on research and other benefits we may receive resulting from our relationship with Fidelity.

## Item 15 Custody

As paying agent for our firm, your independent custodian will directly debit your account(s) for the payment of our advisory fees. This ability to deduct our advisory fees from your accounts may deem our firm to have limited custody\* over your funds or securities. We do not have physical custody of any of your funds and/or securities. Your funds and securities will be held with a bank, broker-dealer, or other independent, qualified custodian. (1) We will only deduct fees as provided by your written authorization. (2) You will receive a bill showing the fee, the value of your assets on which the fee is based, and the specific manner in which the fee is calculated. (3) You will receive account statements from the independent, qualified custodian(s) holding your funds and securities at least quarterly. The account statements from your custodian(s) will indicate the amount of our advisory fees deducted from your account(s) each billing period. You should compare our statements with the statements from your account custodian(s) to reconcile the information reflected on each statement. If you have a question regarding your account statement or if you did not receive a statement from your custodian, please contact Anthony J. Abbate at 603-727-2328.

*\*New Hampshire does not deem our firm to have custody of client funds/securities where advisory fees are directly deducted from the client's account if we are in compliance with the steps noted above pursuant to RSA Section 421-B:4.IV(f).*

## Item 16 Investment Discretion

Before we can buy or sell securities on your behalf, you must first sign our discretionary management agreement, a power of attorney, and/or trading authorization forms.

You may grant our firm discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be purchased or sold for your account(s) without obtaining your consent or approval prior to each transaction. You may specify investment objectives, guidelines, and/or impose certain conditions or investment parameters for your account(s). For example, you may specify that the investment in any particular stock or industry should not exceed specified percentages of the value of the portfolio and/or restrictions or prohibitions of transactions in the securities of a specific industry or security. Please refer to the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure for more information on our discretionary management services.

In limited circumstances, we may also manage advisory accounts on a non-discretionary basis, meaning specific client consent must be granted prior to each transaction. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.

## Item 17 Voting Client Securities

We will not vote proxies on behalf of your advisory accounts. At your request, we may offer you advice regarding corporate actions and the exercise of your proxy voting rights. If you own shares of common stock or mutual funds, you are responsible for exercising your right to vote as a shareholder.

## Item 18 Financial Information

We are not required to provide financial information to our clients because we do not:

- require the prepayment of more than \$500 in fees and six or more months in advance, or
- take custody of client funds or securities, or

- have a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet our commitments to you.

## **Item 19 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers**

Refer to the Part(s) 2B for background information about management personnel and those giving advice on behalf of our firm.

Our firm is not actively engaged in any business other than giving investment advice.

Neither our firm, nor any persons associated with our firm are compensated for advisory services with performance-based fees. Please refer to the "Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management" section above for additional information on this topic.

Neither our firm, nor any of our management persons have any reportable arbitration claims, civil, self-regulatory organization proceedings or administrative proceedings.

Neither our firm, nor any of our management persons have a material relationship or arrangement with any issuer of securities.

## **Item 20 Additional Information**

### **Your Privacy**

We view protecting your private information as a top priority. Pursuant to applicable privacy requirements, we have instituted policies and procedures to ensure that we keep your personal information private and secure.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to any nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. In the course of servicing your account, we may share some information with our service providers, such as transfer agents, custodians, broker-dealers, accountants, consultants, and attorneys.

We restrict internal access to nonpublic personal information about you to employees, who need that information in order to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical and procedural safeguards that comply with regulatory standards to guard your nonpublic personal information and to ensure our integrity and confidentiality. We will not sell information about you or your accounts to anyone. We do not share your information unless it is required to process a transaction, at your request, or required by law.

You will receive a copy of our privacy notice prior to or at the time you sign an advisory agreement with our firm. Thereafter, we will deliver a copy of the current privacy policy notice to you on an annual basis. Please contact Anthony J. Abbate at 603-727-2328 if you have any questions regarding this policy.

### **Trade Errors**

In the event a trading error occurs in your account, our policy is to restore your account to the position it should have been in had the trading error not occurred. Depending on the circumstances, corrective actions may include canceling the trade, adjusting an allocation, and/or reimbursing the account. If a trade error results in a profit in your individual account, you will keep the profit.

**Class Action Lawsuits**

We do not determine if securities held by you are the subject of a class action lawsuit or whether you are eligible to participate in class action settlements or litigation nor do we initiate or participate in litigation to recover damages on your behalf for injuries as a result of actions, misconduct, or negligence by issuers of securities held by you.



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BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT**

This brochure supplement provides information about Anthony J. Abbate that supplements Granite Value Capital, LLC's firm brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Anthony J. Abbate at 603-727-2328 if you did not receive Granite Value Capital, LLC's firm brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Anthony J. Abbate is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).



## Item 2 Educational Background and Business Experience

### **ANTHONY J. ABBATE, CFA**

*Year of Birth:* 1970

*Formal Education:*

- University of Notre Dame - 1992, BBA, Finance and Business Economics

*Business Background Preceding Five Years:*

- Granite Value Capital, LLC, Managing Director, 04/2009 - Present
- US Trust/Bank of America, Portfolio Manager, 1/2000 - 03/2009

*Certifications:*

- Chartered Financial Analyst [CFA], 1997

This designation is issued by the CFA Institute and is granted to individuals who meet one of the following prerequisites: possess an undergraduate degree and four years of professional experience investment decision making; or four years qualified work experience (full time, but not necessarily investment related). The candidate is required to follow a self study program involving 250 hours of study for each of the following three disciplines: Level One: Ethics & Professional Standards; Level Two: Investment Tools & Asset Classes; and Level Three: Portfolio Management & Wealth Planning. Once the designation is issued, no further Continuing Education is required.

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Mr. Abbate does not now, nor has he ever had, any disciplinary activity.

## Item 4 Other Business Activities

Beyond Mr. Abbate's capacity as Principal of Granite Value Capital, LLC, he is not engaged in any other business activity.

## Item 5 Additional Compensation

Mr. Abbate does not receive any additional compensation beyond that received as a result of his capacity as Principal of Granite Value Capital, LLC.

## Item 6 Supervision

Mr. Abbate is the Principal, Chief Compliance Officer, and sole advisory representative of Granite Value Capital, LLC; therefore, supervision is not required.

## Item 7 Requirements for State Registered Advisers

Mr. Abbate does not have any reportable arbitration claims, has not been found liable in a reportable civil, self-regulatory organization or administrative proceeding, and has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.