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Additional information about PNC Capital Advisors, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 2. Material Changes

The following is a summary of the material changes that were made to this Brochure since the last annual update filed in March 2011:

We have decreased the fees charged in relation to our Large Cap Value, Large Cap Value Focused and Focused Equity strategies from:

0.75% in the initial \$5 million under management, 0.60% on the next \$10 million under management, **0.55%** on the next \$35 million under management and 0.45% on the remaining balance.

to:

0.75% in the initial \$5 million under management, 0.60% on the next \$10 million under management, **0.50%** on the next \$35 million under management and 0.45% on the remaining balance.

This change is effective March 30, 2012 for all new accounts invested in the Large Cap Value, Large Cap Value Focused and Focused Equity strategies.

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Item 4. Advisory Business

The Company

PNC Capital Advisors, LLC (“PNC Capital Advisors”) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PNC Bank, National Association (“PNC Bank”). PNC Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (“PNC”), a financial holding company.

The firm was formed in September 2009 from the business combination of PNC Capital Advisors, Inc (“PCA”) and Allegiant Asset Management Company (“Allegiant”) following the acquisition of National City Corporation, the parent of Allegiant, by PNC, the parent of PCA.¹

Investment Services

PNC Capital Advisors provides discretionary investment advisory services to registered investment companies, institutional accounts, and personal investment management accounts. PNC Capital Advisors is organized around seven highly-focused investment style teams. Each team functions with its own research, portfolio management and portfolio construction processes unique to its specialized investment style.

There are five equity investment management teams:

- Large Cap Advantage,
- Fundamental Value,
- Small Cap,
- Structured Equity, and
- International Growth.

We have also included the Balanced Allocation investment strategy in this brochure although that strategy includes investments in fixed income securities. (You can find more information about our investment strategies in Item 8 below).

PNC Capital Advisors also offers fixed income and municipal asset management. Those services are the subject of separate brochures that are available upon request from PNC Capital Advisors.

PNC Capital Advisors also serves as administrator to the PNC Funds and PNC Advantage Funds.

While the primary business of PNC Capital Advisors is providing continuous, discretionary advisory services, PNC Capital Advisors may also provide non-

¹ National City Corporation was acquired by PNC on December 31, 2008. As a result of the acquisition, Allegiant became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of PNC. PCA was also an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of PNC. On September 29, 2009, PNC Capital and Allegiant merged to form PNC Capital Advisors, LLC. As a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary, PNC Capital Advisors employees have no ownership interest in the firm, but they may receive common stock of PNC, the parent company, through incentive compensation and pension plans.

discretionary advisory services to clients, including affiliates. In such cases PNC Capital Advisors provides model portfolios, investment research and recommendations regarding overall portfolio construction and the purchase and sale of individual securities.

Wrap Fee Programs

PNC Capital Advisors participates in arrangements in which a third party offers PNC investment management services to its clients as a part of a program commonly referred to as a “wrap fee” program.² PNC Capital Advisors receives a fee from the third party for its participation as an investment adviser in these wrap fee programs.

As of December 31, 2011 PNC Capital Advisors had \$34.8 billion in assets under management, all of which is discretionary.

Item 5. Fees & Compensation

The fees that we charge for investment advisory services are specified in the agreement between PNC Capital Advisors and each of its advisory clients. Generally, fees are based on a standard fee schedule according to the investment discipline selected (a description of the investment strategies available in separately managed accounts are set out in Item 8 below).

Equity Strategies		
Strategy	Breakpoints	Fee
Large Cap Growth Advantage	Initial \$5 million	0.75%
Large Cap Value Advantage	Next \$10 million	0.60%
Large Cap Core Advantage	Next \$35 Million	0.50%
Large Cap Value Dividend Focus	Balance	0.45%
Large Cap Concentrated Advantage		
Large Cap Value	Initial \$5 million	0.75%
Large Cap Value Focused	Next \$10 million	0.60%
Focused Equity	Next \$35 Million	0.50%
	Balance	0.45%
International Growth	Initial \$25 million	0.75%
	Next \$25 million	0.65%
	Balance	0.55%

² A wrap fee program is an advisory program under which a specified fee or fees not based directly upon transactions in a client’s account is charged for investment advisory services and the execution of client transactions.

Strategy	Breakpoints	Fee
Mid Cap Value	Initial \$25 million Next \$25 million Balance	0.80% 0.60% 0.50%
Structured Small Cap Growth Structured Small Cap Value Structured Small Cap Core Small Cap Equity	Initial \$25 million Next \$25 million Balance	0.90% 0.80% 0.70%
Balanced Allocation	Initial \$10 million Next \$40 million Balance	0.65% 0.60% 0.55%

The advisory fee schedule does not include custody, brokerage commissions, taxes and other fees and expenses related to the purchase, sale or disposition of assets in accounts managed by PNC Capital Advisors.

For separately managed accounts invested in its equity strategies, PNC Capital Advisors generally requires a minimum account size of \$2 million in assets for domestic equity strategies, \$5 million for index strategies, and \$10 million for the International Growth strategy. Minimum equity management fees are \$32,500 for large cap equity strategies, \$45,000 for small cap equity strategies and \$150,000 for the International Growth strategy.³

As a result of mergers or acquisitions, PNC Capital Advisors manages existing accounts on a different fee schedule. In addition, PNC Capital Advisors provides investment management services for wrap products that have fee schedules based on the individual characteristics of the product and/or the sponsor.

Generally, a client may terminate an investment management agreement upon 30 days written notice unless otherwise mutually agreed upon. If an arrangement is terminated, the fees are prorated.

The fee for separately managed accounts is payable quarterly in arrears and is computed based on the value of the assets under management at the end of each calendar quarter. Clients are billed directly for fees incurred in separately managed accounts. PNC Capital Advisors provides invoices to the clients that show the amount of the fee, the value of the assets on which the fee was based, and the specific manner in which the fee was calculated. Fees for partial periods are pro-rated.

³ Account minimums and fees may be negotiable on a case-by-case basis based on potential growth, account size, and services rendered. PNC Capital's minimum account size varies, depending primarily on the investment style and other factors.

Mutual Funds

The administration and investment advisory fees that PNC Capital Advisors receives as a service provider to the PNC Funds and PNC Advantage Funds are set out in the registration statement and/or financial filings of those funds.

Other Fees or Expenses

Clients may incur expenses in addition to the fees paid to PNC Capital Advisors. For example, clients may incur costs such as brokerage commissions, transaction fees, custodial fees, transfer taxes, wire transfer fees, and other fees and taxes assessed to brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual funds and exchange traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus and/or financial filings. To avoid the duplication of fees, we do not charge a direct advisory fee to clients who are invested in the PNC Funds and PNC Advantage Funds.

Additional Compensation

Neither PNC Capital Advisors nor its employees accept compensation, including asset-based sales charges or service fees, from any person for the sale of securities or other investment products.

Item 6. Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management

PNC Capital Advisors does not charge performance-based advisory fees.

Item 7. Types of Clients

PNC Capital Advisors provides investment management services to high net worth individuals and institutional investors, including registered investment companies, private investment funds, charitable institutions, foundations, municipalities, endowment funds, corporations, corporate pension and profit-sharing plans and Taft-Hartley plans.

For separately managed accounts invested in its equity strategies, PNC Capital Advisors generally requires a minimum account size of \$2 million in assets for domestic equity strategies, \$5 million for index strategies, and \$10 million for the International Growth strategy.

Item 8. Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

PNC Capital Advisors approaches equity investment management with a team orientation. Each team functions with its own research, portfolio management and portfolio construction processes unique to its specialized investment style.

The equity strategy offerings include:

Large Cap Advantage Strategies

The Large Cap Advantage strategies invest in common stocks of publicly traded U.S. companies with a minimum stock market capitalization of \$2 billion. The investment process integrates both quantitative and fundamental analysis within a rigorous decision-making framework that encompass multi-factor modeling, fundamental analysis, and portfolio construction. Our multi-factor modeling focuses on earnings growth, earnings surprise, price momentum, stability of earnings and valuation factors. Fundamental analysis is done to identify a reward-to-risk ratio for every security in the portfolio, with a focus on identifying opportunities for earnings upside potential. We seek to construct portfolios invested in equity securities that will participate in market advances, but also protect against market declines. We offer five Advantage strategies based on this approach:

- **Large Cap Value Advantage Strategy** gives more weight to value factors such as price-to-earnings and price-to-book ratios to identify companies trading at a discount to intrinsic value.
- **Large Cap Core Advantage Strategy** gives approximately equal weight to stability of earnings, growth and value factors in its analysis of investment opportunities.
- **Large Cap Growth Advantage Strategy** gives more weight to growth factors such as earnings growth and momentum in its analysis of investment opportunities.
- **Large Cap Concentrated Advantage Strategy** invests in the 30 highest ranked stocks according to the multi-factor model which are held in the Advantage Value, Core and Growth portfolios. The equally weighted portfolio is constructed without any sector level constraints.
- **Large Cap Value Dividend Focus Strategy** gives approximately equal weight to earnings stability, growth and valuation factors to construct a portfolio of equity securities which provide a relatively attractive dividend yield with the potential for aggregate dividend income growth.

Fundamental Value Equity Strategies

The Fundamental Value Equity strategies invest in value-oriented common stocks of publicly traded U.S. companies. The Fundamental Value Team utilizes a bottom-up

approach focused on estimating intrinsic value and a range around their intrinsic value estimates. The Team looks to buy companies at a discount to intrinsic value with a margin of safety, and prefers companies with growing intrinsic value over time. The Team seeks to avoid companies with weak balance sheets and weak business models. Intrinsic value is estimated using a discounted cash flow methodology. The Team uses a multitude of sources to build our valuation and fundamental analysis, ranging from a sector or industry level to more company specific variables. The same investment process is applied for the following strategies:

- **Large Cap Value Strategy** invests in a diversified portfolio of value-oriented common stocks of publicly-traded U.S. companies with a minimum stock market capitalization of \$3 billion.
- **Large Cap Value Focused Strategy** invests in a non-diversified portfolio of value-oriented common stocks of publicly-traded U.S. companies with a minimum stock market capitalization of \$1 billion.
- **Focused Equity Strategy** invests in a non-diversified portfolio of value oriented equity securities with a minimum market capitalization of \$1 billion.
- **Mid Cap Value Strategy** invests in diversified portfolio of value-oriented common stocks of U.S. companies with market capitalizations generally in line with the market capitalization of the Russell Mid Cap Value Index, currently between \$750 million and \$15 billion.

Small Cap Equity Strategy

The Small Cap Equity strategy invests in a diversified portfolio of publicly-traded U.S. equity securities with stock market capitalization between \$100 million and \$3 billion. The Small Cap Equity investment process is primarily a bottom-up approach to equity selection, focused on an analysis of a company's cash flow return on investment. We believe that wealth is created through the long-term ownership of profitable, growing businesses. But many of the standards commonly used to assess corporate performance are flawed and accounting distortions can obscure actual results. We seek to identify companies trading at a discount to their current cash flow value and apply a discount rate using economic variables such as taxes, inflation, risk, real return, and regulations and make adjustments for size, leverage, and volatility. The outcome of this process is an overall value for the business. In addition, we look for companies that are part of a strong or growing industry, whose management understands how to create value for shareholders and deploy capital, that have low debt and a consistent dividend policy, and that are market leaders with respect to the product or service they provide

Structured Strategies

Systematic stock evaluation, portfolio optimization, fundamental oversight and continual evaluation drive the structured equity process. We believe quantitative methods can be developed to capture fundamental insights and capitalize on systematic market inefficiencies. Therefore, stock selection needs to be based upon sound scientific

evidence, and the key drivers of future stock performance which are company valuation, fundamentals and investor interest. Technology enables us to identify attractive stocks in a systematic, disciplined and timely manner.

- **Structured Small Cap Value Strategy** - invests in common stocks of U.S. companies with stock market capitalizations approximately equivalent to those that fall in the lowest 15% of publicly-traded companies that are represented in the Russell 2000 Value Index that are believed to be conservatively valued relative to the securities of comparable companies.
- **Structured Small Cap Core Strategy** - invests in common stocks of U.S. companies with stock market capitalizations approximately equivalent to those that fall in the lowest 15% of publicly traded companies that are represented in the Russell 2000 Index that possess both value and growth characteristics.
- **Structured Small Cap Growth Strategy** - invests in common stocks of U.S. companies with stock market capitalizations approximately equivalent to those that fall in the lowest 15% of publicly traded companies that are represented in the Russell 2000 Growth Index and have prospects for accelerated earnings or revenue growth.

International Growth Strategy

The International Equity Team takes an active approach to asset management, believing that there are persistent structural inefficiencies in the market for large cap growth international equity securities. The International Growth investment process is a function of bottom-up security scoring within a top-down country allocation framework. The fundamental research effort applied to each selected stock draws on a wide variety of data sources, including economic, industry and company sources, as well as street research and company financial statements. The country allocation model provides data for the underlying factors including valuation, economic growth, risk, and momentum. This process serves as a guideline for the country and regional weights of the portfolio.

Balanced Allocation Strategy

The Balanced Allocation strategy applies a blended investment style and invests in a diversified portfolio of common stocks, fixed income securities and cash equivalents with varying asset allocations depending on our assessment of market conditions. Generally, we will invest 45% to 75% in equity securities, such as common stocks and convertible securities, 25% to 55% in fixed income securities, such as corporate bonds, U.S. government and agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities, and up to 30% of its net assets in cash, cash equivalent, or other types of short-term money market instruments. The Fund may invest in companies with stock market capitalizations of at least \$100 million. The dollar-weighted average maturity of the fixed income allocation is normally expected to range from four to twelve years, but may vary in response to market conditions.

The equity strategies described above may use derivatives as a substitute for taking a position in an underlying asset, to increase returns, to manage risk or as a part of a hedging strategy. Although we may invest in derivatives of any kind, we generally use futures contracts and option on futures contracts for the purpose of managing exposure to the securities markets or to movements in interest rates or currency values.

Risk Management

Risk is an inevitable condition of investments. At the same time, riskless investments do not garner attractive returns over longer investment horizons so controlling risks is a primary responsibility of any investment manager. The primary risks in equity investment strategies are:

Market Risk – Equity investments are subject to the risk that the securities markets will go down in value, including the possibility that the markets will go down sharply and unpredictably.

Allocation Risk - The strategy's performance could be hurt if the adviser's asset allocation decisions prove to be incorrect.

Foreign Risk - Investing in foreign countries poses additional risks since political and economic events unique to a country or region will affect those markets and their issuers.

Emerging Market Risk - The risk of foreign investments typically are greater in emerging and less developed markets.

Value Investing Risk - The Fund is subject to the risk that value stocks might fall out of favor with investors and underperform other asset types.

Growth Investing Risk - The Fund is subject to the risk that growth stocks may fall out of favor with investors and underperform other asset types.

Small Companies Risk - Small capitalization companies may be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic events than larger, more established companies. In particular, these small companies may have limited product lines and financial resources.

Derivatives Risk - Investments in derivatives involve risks different from the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets. Derivatives can be volatile, illiquid and difficult to value, and an imperfect correlation may exist between changes in the value of a derivative and the other investments.

PNC Capital Advisors addresses these risks through its rigorous fundamental analysis of the securities in which it invests, through portfolio diversification, and by purchasing investments at a discount to intrinsic value, which is intended to provide a measure of risk control in the form of downside protection.

Item 9. Disciplinary History

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of firm or the integrity of the firm's management in this item. PNC Capital Advisors has no legal or disciplinary events to report.

Item 10. Other Financial Industry Activities & Affiliations

PNC Capital Advisors is part of a broad financial services organization and is therefore affiliated with other entities engaged in a variety of financial services businesses. In some cases, the Firm has business arrangements with its affiliates that are material to its advisory business or to its clients. These are described in more detail below and, in some cases, may cause PNC Capital Advisors or a related person's interests to diverge from the best interests of our clients.

The following entities are affiliated with PNC Capital Advisors through its parent, The PNC Financial Services Group:

PNC Investments LLC

PNC Investments LLC ("PNC Investments") a wholly owned subsidiary of PNC Bank, National Association ("PNC Bank") is a registered broker dealer and investment adviser which provides full service brokerage and wrap fee programs to its clients. Possible conflicts of interest that may exist between PNC Investments and PNC Capital Advisors are discussed under *Affiliated Transactions*, below.

PNC Realty Investors, Inc.

PNC Realty Investors, Inc. ("PNC Realty") an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. provides investment supervisory services to institutional investors in connection with investments in commercial real estate throughout the United States. PNC Realty Investors and PNC Capital Advisors share management personnel; however, we do not believe this creates a conflict of interest for PNC Capital Advisors' clients.

PNC Capital Markets, LLC

PNC Capital Markets, LLC, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., offers loan syndication, public finance underwriting and advisory services, securities underwriting and trading, private placements, asset securitizations and merger and acquisition advisory services. Possible conflicts of interest that may exist between PNC Capital Markets, LLC and PNC Capital Advisors are discussed under *Affiliated Transactions*, below.

BlackRock Inc.

BlackRock Inc. (“BlackRock”), a publicly traded investment management firm headquartered in the United States, manages assets on behalf of institutions and individuals worldwide through a variety of equity and balanced, fixed income, cash management and alternative investment products. The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. owns approximately 20% of BlackRock and PNC Investments is indirectly affiliated with a significant number of BlackRock investment adviser and broker dealer subsidiaries.⁴ Possible conflicts of interest that may exist between BlackRock Affiliates and PNC Capital Advisors are discussed under *Affiliated Transactions*, below.

PNC IG Fund GP, LLC

PNC IG Fund GP, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of PNC Capital Advisors, serves as General Partner to the PNC International Growth Fund L.P. The general partner is a co-investor in the PNC International Growth Fund L.P., whose interests may diverge from the best interests of other investors in the fund, which in some cases may be clients of PNC Capital Advisors. This may present potential conflicts of interest for PNC Capital Advisors’ clients. PNC Capital Advisors has adopted policies and procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to help mitigate these conflicts of interest.

PNC Bank, National Association

PNC Bank, National Association, a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, is a full service bank engaged in traditional lending, cash and/or treasury management and other services.

PNC Capital Advisors has been retained by its parent company, PNC Bank to provide investment advisory services pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement. PNC Capital Advisors’ clients may retain PNC Bank to serve as a custodian for client assets. In addition, PNC Capital Advisors’ clients may also retain PNC Bank to provide trust and fiduciary services including, but not limited to: management of distributions, compliance, fiduciary tax preparation, reporting and record keeping in accordance with the trust documents and the needs of the beneficiaries and investment support services.

PNC Capital Advisors has entered into a separate agreement with PNC Bank to provide model portfolios, investment research and investment recommendations.

Although PNC Capital Advisors is committed to acting in the best interests of our clients, in some situations there may be conflict of interest between the Firm’s interests and a client’s interests or there may be conflicts in the interests of multiple clients. Many of these conflicts of interest are inherent in operating an investment advisory business. For example, PNC Capital Advisors may have an incentive to resolve a matter in favor of clients that are affiliates of the Firm over clients that are not affiliates of the Firm. PNC

⁴ Those subsidiaries include BlackRock Realty Advisors, BlackRock Advisors LLC, BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., BlackRock International, Limited, BlackRock Capital Management, Inc., BlackRock Investments, Inc., BlackRock Investment Management LLC, BlackRock Capital Markets LLC, BlackRock Fund Advisors, BlackRock Execution Services, and BlackRock Kelso Capital Advisors.

Capital Advisors has adopted policies and procedures that it believes are reasonably designed to help mitigate these conflicts of interest.

Affiliates of PNC Capital Advisors may provide advice to their clients with respect to investment strategies that are similar to or the same as strategies offered by PNC Capital Advisors. Those advisory affiliates may purchase on behalf of their clients the same securities that PNC Capital Advisors may purchase for our clients. As a result, the interests of PNC Capital Advisors' clients may conflict with the interests of the clients of these affiliated advisers. For example, if an investment adviser affiliate implements a portfolio management decision for its client ahead of, or contemporaneously with, a decision PNC Capital Advisors makes for its client(s), the market impact of the decision made by the Firm's advisory affiliate could result in one or more of PNC Capital Advisors' clients receiving less favorable trading results than they otherwise would. PNC Capital Advisors' trade allocation and trade aggregation procedures do not typically apply to portfolio management decisions and trading executed by investment advisory affiliates for their clients that are not clients of PNC Capital Advisors.

Affiliate Transactions

PNC Capital Advisors or its affiliates may from time to time recommend to their clients' investments in transactions in which PNC Capital Advisors or its affiliates act as financial advisor or a broker-dealer or in securities which are underwritten, issued, packaged or serviced by an affiliate. These affiliates may receive compensation as a result of these transactions, if these transactions were to occur.

Mutual Funds

PNC Capital Advisors serves as the investment adviser and administrator to the PNC Funds and PNC Advantage Funds (collectively, the "Funds"), which are open-end registered investment companies. The advisory services and the administrative services agreements between PNC Capital Advisors and the Funds are subject to the supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Funds. All of the members of the Board are independent of PNC Capital Advisors and its affiliates. PNC Capital Advisors does not believe that these relationships create material conflicts of interest between PNC Capital Advisors and its clients.

PNC Capital Advisors also acts as investment adviser to the United Association S&P 500 Index Fund (the "UA Index Fund"). The advisory services agreement between PNC Capital Advisors and the UA Index Fund is subject to the supervision of the Board of the UA Index Fund. All of the members of the Board are independent of PNC Capital Advisors and its affiliates. PNC Capital Advisors does not believe that this relationship create material conflicts of interest between PNC Capital Advisors and its clients.

Solicitor Fees

PNC Capital Advisors may enter into an agreement with a broker-dealer or registered investment advisor in which PNC Capital Advisors pays a set percentage of the management fee and/or performance-based incentive fee to the referring broker-dealer or registered investment adviser. In some cases, these arrangements may be with an affiliate

of PNC Capital Advisors. These arrangements, often referred to as Solicitor's Agreements, are more specifically discussed in Item 14 below.

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

Code of Ethics & Personal Trading

PNC Capital Advisors has adopted a Code of Ethics which consists of certain general principals including: (1) advisory personnel must place client interests before their own, (ii) the personal securities transactions of PNC Capital Advisors personnel must avoid even the appearance of a conflict with client interests and (iii) PNC Capital Advisors personnel must avoid actions or activities that allow, or appear to allow, them to profit or benefit from their position with respect to clients, or that would otherwise bring into question their independence or judgment. In addition, the Code of Ethics also includes provisions relating to the reporting of personal securities holdings and trading activity. All supervised persons at PNC Capital Advisors must acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics annually. A copy of the Code of Ethics will be provided to any client or prospective client upon request.

PNC Capital Advisors employees are also subject to the PNC Employee Conduct Policies which cover matters including compliance with law, conflicts of interest, insider trading, outside activities, and safeguarding confidential information.

Participation in Client Transactions

While PNC Capital Advisors will generally not purchase securities from or sell securities to its affiliates on behalf of client accounts, if PNC Capital Advisors were to purchase securities from or sell securities to its affiliates, the affiliated broker-dealer would receive compensation for such transactions, including commissions, if effected on an agency basis. PNC Capital Advisors may participate in transactions where an affiliate is part of an underwriting syndicate. Any purchases of affiliate-underwritten securities for investment company clients are performed in accordance with Rule 10f-3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Generally, PNC Capital Advisors does not act as principal or broker with respect to transactions effected on behalf of its clients. PNC Capital Advisors may, however, engage in cross transactions for its clients' accounts. In such transactions, PNC Capital Advisors (not acting as a broker) trades securities between client accounts as permitted by the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

PNC Capital Advisors may, when appropriate, invest or recommend that clients invest in shares of mutual funds for which PNC Capital Advisors or its affiliates provide advisory or other services.

PNC Capital Advisors, its employees and its affiliates may buy or sell securities that PNC Capital Advisors recommends to its clients. To avoid conflicts which may arise in that

context, PNC Capital Advisors has adopted policies and procedures regarding personal securities trading for its employees. Advisory personnel are required to receive approval before trading in certain securities. In order to prevent advisory persons from personally benefiting from investment recommendations that are under consideration for, or which have been made for PNC Capital Advisors' clients, approval will not be granted to trade if the security is currently under consideration or has been recently traded, subject to certain exceptions as provided in PNC Capital Advisors' policies and procedures regarding personal securities trading. To enforce the preclearance requirement, employees are required to hold securities accounts with certain approved broker-dealers that provide electronic transmission of securities transactions and holdings, unless an exemption applies or a waiver has been granted.

Item 12. Brokerage Practices

Broker Selection & Best Execution

In executing portfolio transactions and selecting brokers or dealers, PNC Capital Advisors seeks the best overall terms available on behalf of a client's account. In assessing the best overall terms available for any transaction, PNC Capital Advisors considers the full range and quality of a broker's services including execution capability, trading expertise, accuracy of execution, commission rates, research, reputation and integrity, fairness in resolving disputes, financial responsibility and responsiveness.⁵ PNC Capital Advisors has established a committee to oversee and approve the selection of brokers and dealers, the allocation of brokerage commissions and to monitor best execution.

PNC Capital Advisors has also entered into a number of commission sharing arrangements in an effort to unbundle research from execution. PNC Capital Advisors uses commission management systems, allowing the firm to concentrate trading activity with alternative trading services and other sell-side brokerage firms that have meaningful order flow. The commission management system allocates a portion of the commission to pay for execution services, and a portion is allocated to pay for research. Commissions allocated to research are used to pay for research services provided by independent third parties as well as research provided by non-core brokerage firms.

Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits

PNC Capital Advisors may also consider the research services provided by the brokers with whom trades are placed. These services assist the firm in the decision-making process, and may include, but are not limited to, industry and company reports, economic forecasts, strategy, and quotation services. Certain brokers through whom PNC Capital Advisors executes trades may provide unsolicited proprietary research (research created or developed by the broker) to us. The research could include a wide variety of reports,

⁵ The firm utilizes Investment Technology Group's Logic platform for transaction cost analysis. The software enables the firm to assess a variety of factors such as liquidity, bid ask spread, volatility, and market impact. Based on this data, the firm can more effectively prioritize trading and appropriately select trading venues and strategies that reduce transaction costs.

charts, publications and proprietary data on such matters as economic strategy, credit analysis, or market conditions and projections. It may also include attendance at conferences and meetings with management representatives of issuers and with other analysts and specialists. Research obtained is used for the benefit of all of the adviser's accounts.

Receipt of research from brokers who execute client trades involves conflicts of interest. An adviser using client brokerage commissions to obtain research or other products or services receives a benefit because it does not have to produce or pay for the research, products or services itself. Consequently, the adviser may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker based on its interest in receiving research or other products or services, rather than on its clients' interest in receiving most favorable execution.

Brokers providing research services, even on an unsolicited basis, may charge commissions for executing portfolio transactions that are higher than the amount of commissions that other brokers would charge for effecting the same transactions. PNC Capital Advisors will execute portfolio transactions through these brokers only if it has determined that such brokers provide best execution.

Directed Brokerage & Aggregated Trades

Although we discourage the use of client-directed brokerage, we do have clients who request directed trades. Transactions for these clients will generally be executed following the execution of portfolio transactions in other client accounts where PNC Capital Advisors has full discretion to execute trades. In the event that we do accommodate a directed brokerage relationship, our standard operating procedure is to place the trade with an executing broker on our approved broker list with instructions to complete the trade through the client-directed broker.

PNC Capital Advisors has a trade allocation policy that allows it to select brokers for accounts where the client has given us full discretion. Trades in discretionary accounts are aggregated together and traded first. Directed brokerage accounts, in which the client has directed us to use a specific broker, are grouped together and placed in random order by broker. Directed accounts may pay higher brokerage commissions because we may not be able to aggregate orders to reduce transaction costs, or the client may receive less favorable execution.

When a trade is partially filled, the shares are allocated on a pro-rata basis to the appropriate client accounts. All blocked or grouped trades are allocated to the participating accounts at average cost. At times, a partial fill may consist of a number of shares, or position, so small as to not make a meaningful impact for any client if the order was distributed on pro rata basis. PNC Capital Advisors may then evaluate the order to determine a fair and equitable alternate manner of allocation. For example, in the case of a sale, an account with liquidity needs may take precedence over one without such concerns.

Item 13. Review of Accounts

PNC Capital Advisors and its portfolio managers review their portfolios on an ongoing basis. The process generally includes a review of specific securities held, the asset mix of the portfolio, the availability of cash for investment, the performance of the portfolio, and major market and economic developments and their effect on the portfolio. In addition, certain portfolios follow a model portfolio technique. Portfolios are reviewed for compliance with client imposed restrictions and investment guidelines as well as strategy guidelines. Portfolio managers, investment officers and their research teams meet at least weekly to discuss market developments, economic outlooks, review individual securities and credit ratings, if applicable. PNC Capital Advisors' Account Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the performance of client portfolios, within twelve months of an account opening and annually thereafter, to determine whether accounts are being managed consistently within each investment strategy.

Item 14. Client Referrals and Other Compensation

PNC Capital Advisors may enter into written agreements with affiliated and third party solicitors (referred to as "Solicitors") to refer potential clients to PNC Capital Advisors as permitted by applicable laws. A potential client referred to PNC Capital Advisors by a Solicitor who becomes a client of PNC Capital Advisors will not pay higher investment management fees as a result of the referral.⁶

PNC Capital Advisors also has entered into a number of agreements where it agrees to make additional cash payments out of its own resources to financial intermediaries that sell or offer shares of investment companies advised by PNC Capital Advisors. Such payments are in addition to any distribution (12b-1) and/or shareholder service fees paid by the investment companies. These additional payments may be made to financial intermediaries, including affiliates that provide shareholder servicing, sub-administration, record-keeping and/or sub-transfer agency services, marketing support and/or access to sales meetings for the investment companies. Cash compensation also may be paid to financial intermediaries for inclusion of the PNC Funds and PNC Advantage Funds on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list or in other sales programs, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulators. These payments are sometimes referred to as "revenue sharing."

⁶ Certain solicitors who are employees of affiliates of PNC Capital Advisors may be considered covered associates of PNC Capital Advisors for purposes of rule 206(4)-5, the "Pay-to-Play" rule.

Item 15. Custody

PNC Capital Advisors does not provide custodial services to its clients. Client funds and securities are held with banks or registered broker-dealers that are “qualified custodians”. These may include PNC Bank and other affiliates of PNC Capital Advisors.

Clients should receive at least quarterly statements sent by the qualified custodians directly to the clients and we urge you to carefully review those statements and compare the custodial records to the reports that we provide you. The information in our reports may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

Item 16. Investment Discretion

PNC Capital Advisors usually receives discretionary authority from the client at the outset of an advisory relationship. The Firm’s authority is set out in the investment advisory agreement. In all cases, we observe investment limitations and restrictions that are set out in the investment management agreement.

Item 17. Voting Client Securities

PNC Capital Advisors will vote proxies for client accounts if designated by written agreement. The general principle of PNC Capital Advisors’ Proxy Voting Policy is to vote securities prudently in the best long-term economic interest of its clients considering all relevant factors and without undue influence from individuals or groups who may have an economic interest in the outcome of a proxy vote.

PNC Capital Advisors has a proxy voting committee (the “Committee”) responsible for voting proxies for which the firm has authority to vote. The Committee has engaged Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS), an independent third party, to assist the Committee in the voting, research and record-keeping associated with the firm’s proxy voting responsibilities and has adopted general guidelines for voting proxies. Although these Guidelines are to be followed as a general policy for routine matters, in all cases each proxy will be considered based on the relevant facts and circumstances.

The Committee also monitors for material conflicts of interest that may arise when voting a proxy between the interest of PNC Capital Advisors’ clients and the interests of PNC Capital Advisors and its affiliates. If the Committee believes a material conflict of interest exists, the Committee may vote in accordance with the Guidelines on routine matters, defer to the recommendations of ISS on non-routine matters, or take other action to protect the interests of the firm’s clients.

Written requests for copies of the complete Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures should be directed to PNC Capital Advisors at 1900 East Ninth Street, 15th Floor, Cleveland, OH 44114, Attn: Compliance.

Item 18. Financial Information

In certain circumstances, registered investment advisers are required in this Item to provide you with financial information or disclosures about their financial condition. PNC Capital Advisors has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and has never been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.