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Additional information about Long Island Financial Advisors, Inc. also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

References herein to Long Island Financial Advisors, Inc. as a "registered investment adviser" or any reference to being "registered" does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Item 2 Material Changes

Since the previous Annual Amendment filing on March 20, 2015, this ADV Part 2A, this Firm Brochure has not been materially amended.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

- A. Long Island Financial Advisers, Inc. (the “Registrant”) is a corporation formed on September 3, 2002 in the State of New York. The Registrant became registered as an Investment Adviser Firm in December 2002. The Registrant is owned by Mark J. Snyder, who also serves as the Registrant’s President.
- B. As discussed below, the Registrant offers to its clients (individuals, business entities, trusts, estates and charitable organizations, pension and profit sharing plans, etc.) investment advisory services, and, to the extent specifically requested by a client, financial planning and related consulting services.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

The client can engage the Registrant to provide discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services on a wrap or non-wrap *fee* basis as described below. If a client engages the Registrant on a wrap fee basis the client will pay a single fee for bundled services (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody). The services included in a wrap fee agreement will depend upon each client’s particular need. If the client determines to engage the Registrant on a non-wrap fee basis the client will select individual services on an unbundled basis, paying for each service separately (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody).

Before Registrant provides investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client’s investment objectives. Thereafter, the Registrant will allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objectives. Once allocated, the Registrant provides ongoing monitoring and review of account performance and asset allocation as compared to client investment objectives

NON-WRAP FEE BASIS

The client can engage the Registrant to provide discretionary investment advisory services on a non-wrap *fee* basis. The Registrant’s annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value and type of assets placed under management as set forth in Item 5 below.

WEALTH MANAGMENT PROGRAM

The Registrant also offers its clients the Wealth Management Program (the “*Program*”), sponsored by *Royal*. Under the *Program*, the Registrant is able to offer participants discretionary investment management services, for a single specified annual *Program* fee, inclusive of trade execution, custody, reporting, and investment management fees. The complete list of services, schedule of *Program* fees is set forth in the Part 2A – Appendix 1 Brochure created by *Royal* and provided by the Registrant to its clients prior to or concurrent with their engagement in the *Program*.

The *Program* provides comprehensive investment management of client assets through the provision of web based asset allocation tools, as well as execution, clearing and custodial services. With respect to its asset allocation services, the *Program* utilizes Ibbotson Associates to provide clients access to risk tolerance assessment, efficient frontier plotting, fund profiling and performance data, as well as portfolio optimization and re-balancing tools.

The *Program* may be offered by the Registrant on a 1) *Discretionary Trading Basis* or 2) *Discretion Limited To Maintenance Of The Initial Agreed Upon Asset Allocation*. In an account with Discretionary Trading, Registrant may purchase or sell load waived, no-load mutual funds and other equity and debt securities for accounts not included in the initial asset allocation, without obtaining specific client approval for each transaction. In an account with *Discretion Limited To Maintenance Of The Initial Agreed Upon Asset Allocation*, the Registrant will only purchase or sell securities which have been approved by clients in advance. The Registrant will initiate an initial asset allocation with the client's prior review and approval. However, the Registrant may rebalance the account to maintain the initial agreed upon asset allocation, without prior client consent.

The complete list of services, terms and conditions for client participation in the *Program*, and associated fees are set forth in detail in the Royal Part 2A – Appendix 1 Brochure, which is presented to all prospective *Program* participants in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Part 2A Appendix 1 of Form ADV. The Royal Part 2A – Appendix 1 Brochure is incorporated into this Brochure by reference. All prospective *Program* participants should read both the Registrant's Brochure and the Royal Part 2A – Appendix 1 Brochure, and ask any corresponding questions that they may have, prior to participation in the *Program*. Royal shall serve as the custodian for *Program* accounts.

Please Note: As indicated in the Royal Part 2A – Appendix 1 Brochure, participation in the *Program* may cost more or less than purchasing such services separately. As also indicated in the Royal Part 2A – Appendix 1 Brochure, the *Program* fee charged by Registrant for participation in the *Program* may be higher or lower than those charged by other sponsors of comparable wrap fee programs.

OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES

Registrant also provides both investment management services to clients relative to (1) variable annuity products that they may own, or (2) their individual employer-sponsored retirement plans. In so doing, Registrant either directs or recommends the allocation of client assets among the various investment subdivisions which comprise the variable annuity product or the investment alternatives that comprise the retirement plan. For these services, Registrant's management fee is paid quarterly in arrears, the amount of which management fee shall vary based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. If the variable annuity product was sold by the Registrant's President, Mark. J. Snyder, on a commission basis in his capacity as a registered representative of *Royal*, the Registrant's management fee is waived. With respect to retirement plans, the client acknowledges and understands that the Registrant's management is limited to the investment alternatives permitted under the plan. The client assets shall be maintained at either the specific insurance company that issued the variable annuity product which is owned by the client, or at the custodian designated by the retirement plan sponsor.

INDEPENDENT MANAGERS.

In addition, for those clients that require an enhanced and/or specialized level of asset management services, Registrant may also recommend that certain clients authorize the active discretionary management of a portion of their assets by and/or among certain independent investment manager(s) (the "*Independent Manager(s)*"). The Registrant may allocate (and/or recommend that the client allocate) a portion of a client's investment assets among unaffiliated independent investment managers in accordance

with the client's designated investment objective(s). In such situations, the *Independent Manager(s)* shall have day-to-day responsibility for the active discretionary management of the allocated assets. The Registrant shall continue to render investment supervisory services to the client relative to the ongoing monitoring and review of account performance, asset allocation and client investment objectives. Factors which the Registrant shall consider in recommending *Independent Manager(s)* include the client's designated investment objective(s), management style, performance, reputation, financial strength, reporting, pricing, and research. The investment management fees charged by the designated *Independent Manager(s)*, together with the fees charged by the corresponding designated broker-dealer/custodian of the client's assets, may be exclusive of, and in addition to, Registrant's investment advisory fee set forth above. In addition to the fees charged by the Registrant, the designated *Independent Manager(s)* and corresponding broker-dealer/custodian, the client, relative to any mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, shall incur charges imposed at the fund level (i.e. management fees and other fund expenses). Certain *Independent Manager(s)* may impose a minimum asset size for new accounts.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES

To the extent requested by a client, the Registrant *may* determine to provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on a stand-alone fee basis. Registrant's planning and consulting fees are negotiable depending upon the level and scope of the service(s) required and the professional(s) rendering the service(s). In the event the client terminates Registrant's financial planning services, the balance, if any, of Registrant's fee shall be refunded to the client. Prior to engaging the Registrant to provide planning or consulting services, clients are generally required to enter into a *Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), describing the scope of the services to be provided, and the portion of the fee that is due from the client prior to Registrant commencing services. If requested by the client, Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for implementation purposes, including the Registrant's President Mark J. Snyder and/or representatives, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of Royal Alliance Associates and/or and as licensed insurance agents. (*See* disclosure at Item 10 C.1 and Item 10 C.8) The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from the Registrant. **Please Note:** If the client engages any such recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. **Please Also Note:** It remains the client's responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in his/her/its financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

MISCELLANEOUS

Non-Investment Consulting/Implementation Services. If requested by the client, the Registrant may provide consulting services regarding non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Neither the Registrant, nor any of its representatives, serves as an attorney and no portion of the Registrant's services should be construed as same. To the extent requested by a client, the Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for certain non-investment implementation

purposes (i.e. attorneys, accountants, insurance, etc.), including representatives of the Registrant in their separate registered/licensed capacities as discussed below. The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from the Registrant.

Please Note (Wrap/Managed Account programs): In the event that Registrant is engaged to provide investment management services as part of an unaffiliated wrap-fee program, Registrant will be unable to negotiate commissions and/or transaction costs. Under a wrap program, the wrap program sponsor arranges for the investor participant to receive investment advisory services, the execution of securities brokerage transactions, custody and reporting services for a single specified fee. Participation in a wrap program may cost the participant more or less than purchasing such services separately. In the event that Registrant is engaged to provide investment management services as part of an unaffiliated managed account program, Registrant will likewise be unable to negotiate commissions and/or transaction costs. If the program is offered on a non-wrap basis, the program sponsor will determine the broker-dealer through which transactions must be effected, and the amount of transaction fees and/or commissions to be charged to the participant investor accounts.

Private Investment Funds. Registrant may provide investment advice regarding unaffiliated private investment funds, including real estate investment trusts, on either a fee or commission basis (commission basis in the Registrant's President's and/or representatives' separate individual capacities as registered representatives of *Royal*). The advisory fee or commission to be paid to the Registrant (or is President and/or representatives) is in addition to the fees to be paid to the investment fund sponsor and/or manager as set forth in the fund offering documents. The Registrant's role relative to the private investment funds shall be limited to its initial and ongoing due diligence and investment monitoring services. If a client determines to become a private fund investor, the amount of assets invested in the fund(s) shall be included as part of "assets under management" for purposes of Registrant calculating its investment advisory fee. Registrant's clients are under absolutely no obligation to consider or make an investment in a private investment fund(s).

Please Note: Private investment funds generally involve various risk factors, including, but not limited to, potential for complete loss of principal, liquidity constraints and lack of transparency, a complete discussion of which is set forth in each fund's offering documents, which will be provided to each client for review and consideration. Unlike liquid investments that a client may maintain, private investment funds do not provide daily liquidity or pricing. Each prospective client investor will be required to complete a Subscription Agreement, pursuant to which the client shall establish that he/she is qualified for investment in the fund, and acknowledges and accepts the various risk factors that are associated with such an investment.

Please Also Note: Valuation. In the event that the Registrant references private investment funds owned by the client on any supplemental account reports prepared by the Registrant, the value(s) for all private investment funds owned by the client shall reflect the most recent valuation provided by the fund sponsor. If the fund sponsor does not provide a post-purchase valuation, then the valuation shall reflect the initial purchase price (and/or a value as of a previous date) or the current value(s) (either the initial purchase price and/or the most recent valuation provided by the fund sponsor). If the valuation reflects the initial purchase price (and/or a value as of a previous date), then the

current value(s) (to the extent ascertainable) **could be significantly more or less than the original purchase price.** The client's advisory fee shall be based upon such reflected fund value(s).

Non-Discretionary Service Limitations. Clients that determine to engage the Registrant on a non-discretionary investment advisory basis must be willing to accept that the Registrant cannot effect any account transactions without obtaining prior verbal consent to any such transaction(s) from the client. Thus, in the event of a market correction during which the client is unavailable, the Registrant will be unable to effect any account transactions (as it would for its discretionary clients) without first obtaining the client's verbal consent.

Client Obligations. In performing its services, Registrant shall not be required to verify any information received from the client or from the client's other professionals, and is expressly authorized to rely thereon. Moreover, each client is advised that it remains his/her/its responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in his/her/its financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing/evaluating/revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

Disclosure Statement. A copy of the Registrant's written Brochure as set forth on ADV Part 2A, ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 (as applicable) and ADV Part 2B shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the *Investment Advisory Agreement or Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement*.

Retirement Plan Rollovers-No Obligation/Conflict of Interest: A client leaving an employer typically has four options regarding an existing retirement plan (and may engage in a combination of these options): (i) leave the money in his/her former employer's plan, if permitted, (ii) roll over the assets to his/her new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, (iii) roll over to an IRA, or (iv) cash out the account value (which could, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). The Registrant may recommend that a client roll over plan assets to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") managed by the Registrant. As a result the Registrant and its representatives may earn an asset-based fee. In contrast, a recommendation that a client or prospective client leave his or her plan assets with his/her former employer or roll the assets to a plan sponsored by a new employer will generally result in no compensation to the Registrant (unless clients engage the Registrant to monitor and/or manage the account while maintained at his/her employer). The Registrant has an economic incentive to recommend that a client roll over plan assets into an IRA that the Registrant will manage **or** to engage the Registrant to monitor and/or manage the account while maintained at the client's employer. There are various factors that the Registrant may consider before recommending a rollover, including but not limited to: (i) the investment options available in the plan versus the investment options available in an IRA, (ii) fees and expenses in the plan versus the fees and expenses in an IRA, (iii) the services and responsiveness of the plan's investment professionals versus the Registrant's, (iv) protection of assets from creditors and legal judgments, (v) required minimum distributions and age considerations, and (vi) employer stock tax consequences, if any. **No client is under any obligation to roll over plan assets to an IRA managed by the Registrant or to engage the Registrant to monitor and/or manage the account while maintained at the client's employer. Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding its prospective engagement and the corresponding conflict of interest presented by such engagement.**

Use of Mutual Funds: While the Registrant may recommend allocating investment assets to mutual funds that are not available directly to the public, the Registrant may also recommend that clients allocate investment assets to publically-available mutual funds that he/she/it could obtain without engaging Registrant as an investment advisor. However, if a client or prospective client determines to allocate investment assets to publically-available mutual funds without engaging Registrant as an investment advisor, he/she/it would not receive the benefit of Registrant's initial and ongoing investment advisory services.

- C. The Registrant shall provide investment advisory services specific to the needs of each client. Prior to providing investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client's investment objective(s). Thereafter, the Registrant shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The client may, at anytime, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant's services.
- D. There is no significant difference between how the Registrant manages wrap fee accounts and non-wrap fee accounts. However, as stated above, if a client determines to engage the Registrant on a wrap fee basis the client will pay a single fee for bundled services (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody) (*See* Item 4 B). The services included in a wrap fee agreement will depend upon each client's particular need. If the client determines to engage the Registrant on a non-wrap fee basis the client will select individual services on an unbundled basis, paying for each service separately (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody). **Please note:** When managing a client's account on a wrap fee basis, the Registrant shall receive as payment for its investment advisory services, the balance of the wrap fee after all other costs incorporated into the wrap fee have been deducted.
- E. As of December 31, 2015, the Registrant managed \$14,886,100 in assets under management on a discretionary basis and \$12,988,157 in assets under management on a non-discretionary basis.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

A. NON-WRAP FEE BASIS

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide discretionary and/or non-discretionary investment advisory services on a negotiable *fee* basis. The Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value and type of assets placed under the Registrant's management (generally between 1.00% and 2.50%) as follows:

<u>Market Value of Portfolio</u>	<u>Annual Fee %</u>
\$0-\$249,999.99	2.50%
\$250,000-\$499,999.99	2.25%
\$750,000-\$1,249,999.99	1.75%
\$1,250,000-\$1,999,999.99	1.50%
\$2,000,000-\$4,999,999.99	1.25%
\$5,000,000-\$24,999,999.99	1.00%

WEALTH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

If a client determines to engage the Registrant to provide investment management services on a wrap fee basis in accordance with the Registrant's Program, the services offered under, and the corresponding terms and conditions pertaining to, the Program are discussed in the Wrap Fee Program Brochure, a copy of which is presented to all prospective Program participants. Under the Program, the Registrant is able to offer participants discretionary investment management services, for a single specified annual Program fee, inclusive of trade execution, custody, reporting, and investment management fees. The current annual *Program* fee charges a maximum of 2.50% depending upon the amount and type of the *Program* assets.

OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES

Registrant also provides both investment management services to clients relative to (1) variable annuity products that they may own, or (2) their individual employer-sponsored retirement plans. For these services, Registrant's management fee is paid quarterly in arrears, the amount of which management fee shall vary (*between 0.25% and 1.00%*) based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. If the variable annuity product was sold by the Registrant's President, Mark. J. Snyder, on a commission basis in his capacity as a registered representative of *Royal*, the Registrant's management fee is waived.

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES FEES

To the extent requested by a client, the Registrant *may* determine to provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on a stand-alone fee basis. Registrant's planning and consulting fees are negotiable, but generally range from \$200.00 to \$1000 on a fixed fee basis, and from \$100 to \$200 on an hourly rate basis, depending upon the level and scope of the service(s) required and the professional(s) rendering the service(s). In the event the client terminates Registrant's financial planning services, the balance, if any, of Registrant's fee shall be refunded to the client.

- B. Clients may have the Registrant's advisory fees deducted from their custodial account. Both Registrant's *Investment Advisory Agreement* and the custodial/ clearing agreement may authorize the custodian to debit the account for the amount of the Registrant's investment advisory fee and to directly remit that management fee to the Registrant in compliance with regulatory procedures. In the limited event that the Registrant bills the client directly, payment is due upon receipt of the Registrant's invoice. The Registrant's investment management fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. Clients whose assets are managed within the *Program* will have their accounts debited for investment management fees on a quarterly basis, in arrears, based upon the market value of assets on the last day of the previous quarter.
- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise or an individual client's circumstances require, the Registrant shall generally recommend that *Royal* and/or *Pershing* serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets. Broker-dealers such as *Royal* and/or *Pershing* charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions (i.e. transaction fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and fixed income securities transactions). Clients will incur, in addition to Registrant's investment management fee, brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, and, relative

to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses).

- D. Registrant's annual investment management fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter. Clients whose assets are managed within the the *Program* will have their accounts debited for investment management fees on a quarterly basis, in arrears, based upon the market value of assets on the last day of the previous quarter. The Registrant does not generally require an annual minimum fee or asset level for investment advisory services for its investment advisory services, other than for Independent Managers as noted above in item 4B. However, Registrant, in its sole discretion, may reduce its annual minimum fee and/or charge a lesser investment 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, negotiations with client, etc.).

The *Investment Advisory Agreement* between the Registrant and the client will continue in effect until terminated by either party by written notice in accordance with the terms of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Upon termination, the Registrant shall refund the pro-rated portion of the advanced advisory fee paid based upon the number of days remaining in the billing quarter.

- E. **Commission Transactions.** In the event that the client desires, the client can engage certain of the Registrant's representatives, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of *Royal*, an SEC registered and FINRA member broker-dealer, to implement investment recommendations on a commission basis. In the event the client chooses to purchase investment products through *Royal*, *Royal* will charge brokerage commissions to effect securities transactions, a portion of which commissions *Royal* shall pay to Registrant's representatives, as applicable. The brokerage commissions charged by *Royal* may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers. In addition, *Royal*, as well as Registrant's representatives, relative to commission mutual fund purchases, may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 trailing commission compensation directly from the mutual fund company during the period that the client maintains the mutual fund investment.

1. **Conflict of Interest:** The recommendation that a client purchase a commission product from *Royal* presents a *conflict of interest*, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend investment products based on commissions received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from *Royal*. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**
2. **Please note:** Clients may purchase investment products recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated broker dealers or agents.
3. The Registrant does not receive more than 50% of its revenue from advisory clients as a result of commissions or other compensation for the sale of investment products the Registrant recommends to its clients.

4. When Registrant's representatives sell an investment product on a commission basis, the Registrant does not charge an advisory fee in addition to the commissions paid by the client for such product. When providing services on an advisory fee basis, the Registrant's representatives do not also receive commission compensation for such advisory services (except for any ongoing 12b-1 trailing commission compensation that may be received as previously discussed). **However**, a client may engage the Registrant to provide investment management services on an advisory fee basis and separate from such advisory services purchase an investment product from Registrant's representatives on a separate commission basis.

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

Neither the Registrant nor any supervised person of the Registrant accepts performance-based fees.

Item 7 Types of Clients

The Registrant's clients shall generally include individuals, business entities, trusts, estates and charitable organizations. The Registrant does not generally require an annual minimum fee or asset level for investment advisory services, other than for Independent Managers as noted above in Items 4 B and 5 A.

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

- A. The Registrant may utilize the following methods of security analysis:
 - Charting - (analysis performed using patterns to identify current trends and trend reversals to forecast the direction of prices)
 - Fundamental - (analysis performed on historical and present data, with the goal of making financial forecasts)
 - Technical - (analysis performed on historical and present data, focusing on price and trade volume, to forecast the direction of prices)

The Registrant may utilize the following investment strategies when implementing investment advice given to clients:

- Long Term Purchases (securities held at least a year)
- Short Term Purchases (securities sold within a year)

Please Note: Investment Risk. Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by the Registrant) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

- B. The Registrant's methods of analysis and investment strategies do not present any significant or unusual risks. However, every method of analysis has its own inherent

risks. To perform an accurate market analysis the Registrant must have access to current/new market information. The Registrant has no control over the dissemination rate of market information; therefore, unbeknownst to the Registrant, certain analyses may be compiled with outdated market information, severely limiting the value of the Registrant's analysis. Furthermore, an accurate market analysis can only produce a forecast of the direction of market values. There can be no assurances that a forecasted change in market value will materialize into actionable and/or profitable investment opportunities.

The Registrant's primary investment strategies - Long Term Purchases, Short Term Purchases - are fundamental investment strategies. However, every investment strategy has its own inherent risks and limitations. For example longer term investment strategies require a longer investment time period to allow for the strategy to potentially develop. Shorter term investment strategies require a shorter investment time period to potentially develop but, as a result of more frequent trading, may incur higher transactional costs when compared to a longer term investment strategy.

- C. Currently, the Registrant primarily allocates client investment assets among various individual equity and fixed income securities, mutual funds and/or exchange traded funds, on a discretionary and non-discretionary basis in accordance with the client's designated investment objective(s).

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

The Registrant has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

- A. As disclosed above in Item 5 E, certain of Registrant's representatives are also registered representatives of Royal Alliance Associates, Inc. ("*Royal*") an SEC registered and FINRA member broker-dealer.
- B. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or a representative of the foregoing.
- C. **Registered Representatives of Royal.** As disclosed above in 5 E, certain of Registrant's representatives, are registered representatives of *Royal*, an SEC Registered and FINRA member broker-dealer. Clients may choose to engage Registrant's representatives, including Registrant's President Mark J. Snyder, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of *Royal*, to implement investment recommendations on a commission basis.

Conflict of Interest: The recommendation by Registrant's representatives including Registrant's President, Mark J. Snyder, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of *Royal*, that a client purchase a securities commission product presents a ***conflict of interest***, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend securities products based on commissions received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from Registrant's representatives, including Registrant's President Mark J. Snyder. Clients are reminded that they may purchase investment products

recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated broker dealers. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

Other Investment Adviser. The Registrant is affiliated with Mark J. Snyder Financial Services, Inc., ("MJSFS") an SEC registered investment adviser firm. MJSFS offers investment management and, to the extent specifically requested, financial planning and consulting services to its clients. MJSFS offers its services to individuals, trusts, estates and charitable organizations, and business entities. The Registrant's President, Mark J. Snyder, also serves as the President of MJSFS. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

Conflict of Interest: The recommendation by Registrant or its representatives that a client seek investment advisory services from MJSFS presents a potential *conflict of interest*, as Registrant could have the incentive to make such a recommendation based on fees received from that client, rather than a particular client's need. Accordingly, Registrant and its representatives do not generally refer clients to MJSFS to receive investment advisory services. Clients are reminded that they are not under any obligation to pursue investment advisory services from MJSFS. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above.**

Certified Public Accountants. Certain Associated Person(s) of Registrant, in their individual capacities, are Certified Public Accountants. Registrant does not render accounting advice nor tax preparation services to its clients. In the event Registrant refers clients to such Associated Persons to receive various accounting services, all such Associated Persons shall render such services in their individual capacity as certified public accountants. Registrant shall not receive any portion of the fees charged (referral or otherwise) by such Associated Persons for accounting services rendered.

Conflict of Interest: The recommendation by Registrant that a client engage its Associated Person(s) representatives the capacity as Certified Public Accountant(s) presents a *conflict of interest*, as Registrant could have the incentive to make such a recommendation based on funds received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to engage such Associated Person(s) in such a capacity and clients are reminded that they may engage other non-affiliated Certified Public Accountants. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

Licensed Insurance Agents. Registrants representatives in their individual capacities, including Registrant's President Mark J. Snyder, are licensed insurance agents, and may recommend the purchase of certain insurance-related products on a commission basis. As referenced in Item 4 B above, clients can engage certain of Registrant's representatives to effect insurance transactions on a commission basis.

Conflict of Interest: The recommendation by Registrant's representatives including Registrant's President, Mark J. Snyder, in their individual capacities as licensed insurance agents, that a client purchase an insurance commission product presents a *conflict of interest*, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend investment products based on commissions received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from Registrant's representatives, including Registrant's President

Mark J. Snyder. Clients are reminded that they may purchase investment products recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated insurance agents. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

- D. The Registrant does not recommend or select other investment advisors for its clients for which it receives a fee.

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

- A. The Registrant maintains an investment policy relative to personal securities transactions. This investment policy is part of Registrant's overall Code of Ethics, which serves to establish a standard of business conduct for all of Registrant's Associated Persons that is based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty and trust, a copy of which is available upon request.

In accordance with Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Registrant also maintains and enforces written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material non-public information by the Registrant or any person associated with the Registrant.

- B. Neither the Registrant nor any related person of Registrant recommends, buys, or sells for client accounts, securities in which the Registrant or any related person of Registrant has a material financial interest.
- C. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities that are also recommended to clients. This practice may create a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a potential conflict of interest. Practices such as "scalping" (i.e., a practice whereby the owner of shares of a security recommends that security for investment and then immediately sells it at a profit upon the rise in the market price which follows the recommendation) could take place if the Registrant did not have adequate policies in place to detect such activities. In addition, this requirement can help detect insider trading, "front-running" (i.e., personal trades executed prior to those of the Registrant's clients) and other potentially abusive practices.

The Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of each of the Registrant's "Access Persons". The Registrant's securities transaction policy requires that Access Person of the Registrant must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the their current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person's current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date the Registrant selects; provided, however that at any time that the Registrant has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

- D. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities, at or around the same time as those securities are recommended to clients. This practice creates a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a

position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a potential conflict of interest. As indicated above in Item 11 C, the Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transaction and securities holdings of each of Registrant's Access Persons.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

- A. In the event that the client requests that the Registrant recommend a broker-dealer/custodian for execution and/or custodial services (exclusive of those clients that may direct the Registrant to use a specific broker-dealer/custodian), Registrant generally recommends that investment management accounts be maintained at *Royal and/or Pershing*. Prior to engaging Registrant to provide investment management services, the client will be required to enter into a formal *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions under which Registrant shall manage the client's assets, and a separate custodial/clearing agreement with each designated broker-dealer/custodian.

Factors that the Registrant considers in recommending *Royal and/or Pershing* (or any other broker-dealer/custodian to clients) include historical relationship with the Registrant, financial strength, reputation, execution capabilities, pricing, research, and service. Although the commissions and/or transaction fees paid by Registrant's clients shall comply with the Registrant's duty to obtain best execution, a client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where the Registrant determines, in good faith, that the commission/transaction fee is reasonable. 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 services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Registrant will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Registrant's investment management fee. The Registrant's best execution responsibility is qualified if securities that it purchases for client accounts are mutual funds that trade at net asset value as determined at the daily market close.

1. Research Benefits. Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Registrant may receive from *Royal and/or Pershing* (or another broker-dealer/custodian, investment platform, and/or mutual fund sponsor) without cost (and/or at a discount) support services and/or products, certain of which assist the Registrant to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such institutions. Included within the support services that may be obtained by the Registrant may be investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by Registrant in furtherance of its investment advisory business operations.

As indicated above, certain of the support services and/or products that *may* be received may assist the Registrant in managing and administering client accounts. Others do not directly provide such assistance, but rather assist the Registrant to manage and further develop its business enterprise.

Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at *Royal and/or Pershing* as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to *Royal and/or Pershing* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.

2. The Registrant does not receive referrals from broker-dealers.
3. The Registrant does not generally accept directed brokerage arrangements (when a client requires that account transactions be effected through a specific broker-dealer). In such client directed arrangements, the client will negotiate terms and arrangements for their account with that broker-dealer, and Registrant will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to "batch" the client's transactions for execution through other broker-dealers with orders for other accounts managed by Registrant. As a result, client 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.

Please Note: In the event that the client directs Registrant to effect securities transactions for the client's accounts through a specific broker-dealer, the client correspondingly acknowledges that such direction may cause the accounts to incur higher commissions or transaction costs than the accounts would otherwise incur had the client determined to effect account transactions through alternative clearing arrangements that may be available through Registrant. Higher transaction costs adversely impact account performance.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement.

- B. To the extent that the Registrant provides investment management services to its clients, the transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless the Registrant decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. The Registrant may (but is not obligated to) combine or "bunch" such orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among the Registrant's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders

placed for each client account on any given day. The Registrant shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of such aggregation.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

- A. For those clients to whom Registrant provides investment supervisory services, account reviews are conducted on an ongoing basis by the Registrant's Principals and Chief Compliance Officer. All investment supervisory clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to advise the Registrant of any changes in their investment objectives and/or financial situation. All clients (in person or via telephone) are encouraged to review financial planning issues (to the extent applicable), investment objectives and account performance with the Registrant on an annual basis.
- B. The Registrant *may* conduct account reviews on an other than periodic basis upon the occurrence of a triggering event, such as a change in client investment objectives and/or financial situation, market corrections and client request.
- C. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. The Registrant may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A.1 above, the Registrant may receive an indirect economic benefit from *Royal* and/or *Pershing*. The Registrant, without cost (and/or at a discount), may receive support services and/or products from *Royal* and/or *Pershing*.

Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at *Royal* and/or *Pershing* as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to *Royal* and/or *Pershing* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.

- B. If a client is introduced to the Registrant by either an unaffiliated or an affiliated solicitor, Registrant *may* pay that solicitor a referral fee in accordance with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and any corresponding state securities law requirements. Any such referral fee shall be paid solely from the Registrant's investment management fee, and shall not result in any additional charge to the client. If the client is introduced to the Registrant by an unaffiliated solicitor, the solicitor, at the time of the solicitation, shall disclose the nature of his/her/its solicitor relationship, and shall provide each prospective client with a copy of the Registrant's written Brochure with a copy of the written disclosure statement from

the solicitor to the client disclosing the terms of the solicitation arrangement between the Registrant and the solicitor, including the compensation to be received by the solicitor from the Registrant.

Item 15 Custody

The Registrant shall have the ability to have its advisory fee for each client debited by the custodian on a quarterly basis. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. The Registrant may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

Please Note: To the extent that the Registrant provides clients with periodic account statements or reports, the client is urged to compare any statement or report provided by the Registrant with the account statements received from the account custodian. **Please Also Note:** The account custodian does not verify the accuracy of the Registrant's advisory fee calculation.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide investment advisory services on a discretionary basis. Prior to the Registrant assuming discretionary authority over a client's account, client shall be required to execute *Investment Advisory Agreement*, naming the Registrant as client's attorney and agent in fact, granting the Registrant full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the assets in the client's name found in the discretionary account.

Clients who engage the Registrant on a discretionary basis may, at anytime, impose restrictions, **in writing**, on the Registrant's discretionary authority. (i.e. limit the types/amounts of particular securities purchased for their account, exclude the ability to purchase securities with an inverse relationship to the market, limit or proscribe the Registrant's use of margin, etc.).

Item 17 Voting Client Securities

- A. The Registrant does not vote client proxies. Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities beneficially owned by the client shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the client's investment assets.
- B. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian. Clients may contact the Registrant to discuss any questions they may have with a particular solicitation.

Item 18 Financial Information

- A. The Registrant does not solicit fees of more than \$1,200, per client, six months or more in advance.
- B. The Registrant is unaware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments relating to its discretionary authority over certain client accounts.
- C. The Registrant has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

ANY QUESTIONS: The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Mark J. Snyder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.