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

References herein to Pegasus Group, LLC 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

There have been no material changes made to this ADV Part 2A, Brochure since the March 29, 2017 annual update filing. However, since that time, this Brochure has been amended to include enhancements at Items 4, 5, 12, and 14, including disclosure regarding retirement rollovers, advisory fees and economic benefits.

Pegasus Group, LLC's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding this Brochure.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

- A. Pegasus Group, LLC (the “Registrant”) is a limited liability company formed on May 31, 2002 in the State of New York. The Registrant became registered as an Investment Adviser Firm in July 2001. The Registrant is owned by Long Beach Investors, LLC and Pegasus Asset Management, Inc. John M. Sebastiano and Rodd D. Berro are the Registrant’s Principal owners.
- B. As discussed below, the Registrant, through its affiliated SEC registered investment advisor, Pegasus Asset Management, Inc. (“Pegasus”) (SEC File No. 801-3186, CRD# 104766) offers to its clients (currently: individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and business entities) investment advisory services. The Registrant does not hold itself out as providing financial planning and related consulting services.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

The client can determine to engage the Registrant, pursuant to the sub-advisory agreement between Registrant and Pegasus to provide discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee-only* basis. The Registrant’s annual investment advisory fee is based upon a percentage (%) of the market value of the assets placed under the Registrant’s management. Before Registrant provides investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client’s investment objectives to be managed by Pegasus. The Registrant will then allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objectives. Once allocated, the Registrant provides ongoing monitoring and review of asset allocation as compared to client investment objectives.

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Limitations of Financial Planning and Non-Investment Consulting / Implementation Services. Although the Registrant does not hold itself out as providing financial planning, estate planning or accounting services, to the extent specifically requested by the client, the Registrant, pursuant to the sub-advisory agreement between Registrant and Pegasus may provide limited consultation services to its investment management clients on investment and non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Registrant shall not receive any separate or additional fee for any such consultation services. Neither the Registrant, nor any of its representatives, serves as an attorney, accountant, or licensed insurance agent, and no portion of the Registrant’s services should be construed as legal, accounting, or insurance brokerage services. Accordingly, Registrant does not prepare estate planning documents, tax returns, or sell insurance products. 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.). 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 their financial situation or investment objectives for the

purpose of reviewing, evaluating and revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

Sub-Advisor Arrangement. The Registrant is affiliated with Pegasus Asset Management, Inc. (SEC# 801-3186, CRD# 104766) ("Pegasus"), and Sports & Entertainment Investment Advisers, LLC (SEC# 801-108742, CRD# 285611), both of which are SEC-registered investment adviser Firms. Registrant shall engage Pegasus to provide investment management services on a sub-advisory basis according to the terms and conditions of a written Sub-Advisory Agreement. With respect to its sub-advisory services, Registrant will maintain both the initial and ongoing day-to-day relationship with the client, including initial and ongoing determination of client suitability for the client's designated investment strategies and/or programs. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions concerning the Registrant's sub-advisory arrangements.**

Retirement Plan Rollovers – No Obligation / Conflict of Interest. A client or prospective 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 the former employer's plan, if permitted, (ii) roll over the assets to the new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, (iii) roll over to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA"), or (iv) cash out the account value (which could, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). If the Registrant recommends that a client roll over their retirement plan assets into an account to be managed by the Registrant, such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if the Registrant will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee as a result of the rollover. To the extent that Registrant recommends that clients roll over assets from their retirement plan to an IRA managed by Registrant, then Registrant represents that it and its investment adviser representatives are fiduciaries under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), or the Internal Revenue Code, or both. **No client is under any obligation to roll over retirement plan assets to an account managed by Registrant. The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the conflict of interest presented by such a rollover recommendation.**

ERISA / IRC Fiduciary Acknowledgment. If the client is: (i) a retirement plan ("Plan") organized under ERISA; (ii) a participant or beneficiary of a Plan subject to Title I of ERISA or described in section 4975(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, with authority to direct the investment of assets in his or her Plan account or to take a distribution; (iii) the beneficial owner of an IRA acting on behalf of the IRA; or (iv) a Retail Fiduciary with respect to a plan subject to Title I of ERISA or described in section 4975(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code; then the Registrant represents that it and its representatives are fiduciaries under ERISA or the Internal Revenue Code, or both, with respect to any investment advice provided by the Registrant or its representatives or with respect to any investment recommendations regarding an ERISA Plan or participant or beneficiary account.

Cash Positions. Depending upon perceived or anticipated market conditions/events (there being no guarantee that such anticipated market conditions/events will occur), the Registrant may maintain cash and cash equivalent positions (such as money market funds) for defensive and liquidity purposes. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all such cash positions are included as part of assets under management for purposes of calculating the Registrant's advisory fee.

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 their responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating or revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

Portfolio Activity. Registrant has a fiduciary duty to provide services consistent with the client's best interest. As part of its investment advisory services, Registrant will review client portfolios on an ongoing basis to determine if any changes are necessary based upon various factors, including but not limited to investment performance and changes in the client's investment objectives. Based upon these and other factors, there may be extended periods of time when Registrant determines that changes to a client's portfolio are neither necessary nor prudent. Notwithstanding, there can be no assurance that investment decisions made by Registrant will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

Disclosure Statement. A copy of the Registrant's written disclosure statement as set forth on Part 2 of Form ADV shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the Investment Advisory Agreement.

- 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 any time, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant's services.
- D. The Registrant does not participate in a wrap fee program.
- E. As of December 31, 2017 the Registrant had \$38,910,310 in assets under management on a discretionary basis.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

- A. The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee-only* basis.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES

If a client determines to engage the Registrant, through Pegasus to provide discretionary investment advisory services on a *fee-only* 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 (between 0.50% and 1.25%) as follows:

<u>Market Value of Portfolio</u>	<u>% of Assets</u>
First \$1,000,000	1.25%
Next \$1,000,000	1.00%
Next \$1,000,000	0.75%
Over \$3,000,000	0.50%

In limited circumstances, the Registrant's investment advisory fee is negotiable at Registrant's sole discretion, depending upon objective and subjective factors including but not limited to: the amount of assets to be managed; portfolio composition; the scope and complexity of the engagement; the anticipated number of meetings and servicing needs; related accounts; future earning capacity; anticipated future additional assets; the professional(s) rendering the service(s); prior relationships with the Registrant and/or its representatives, and negotiations with the client. As a result of these factors, similarly situated clients could pay different fees, the services to be provided by the Registrant to any particular client could be available from other advisers at lower fees, and certain clients may have fees different than those specifically set forth above. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above fee determination.**

- B. Clients may elect to 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 shall deduct fees and/or bill clients quarterly in advance, based upon the market value of the assets on the last business day of the previous quarter.
- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise or an individual client's circumstances require, the Registrant generally recommends that Charles Schwab and Co., Inc., an SEC-registered and FINRA member broker-dealer ("Schwab") serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets. Broker-dealers such as Schwab 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, certain exchange traded fund and fixed income securities transactions). In addition to Registrant's investment advisory fee, brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level and disclosed in the applicable prospectus (i.e. management fees and other fund expenses).

The fees charged by the applicable broker-dealer/custodian, and the charges imposed at the fund level, are in addition to Registrant's investment advisory fees referenced in this Item 5.

Asset-Based Pricing Arrangements and Limitations. With respect to client accounts managed by Pegasus, Registrant may recommend that clients enter into an "Asset-Based" pricing agreement with the account broker-dealer/custodian. Under an "Asset-Based" pricing arrangement, the Broker-dealer/custodian charges a fee for all account commissions/transactions based on a fixed percentage of the amount of assets placed in their custody and/or on their platform, and not based upon the number of transactions executed. Generally in an Asset-Based pricing arrangement, the applicable fixed percentage fee decreases as the account value increases. In the alternative, the broker-dealer/custodian could charge a separate commission/transaction fee upon the execution of account transactions. This is referred to as a "Transaction-Based" pricing arrangement. Under a Transaction-Based pricing arrangement, the amount of fees charged by the broker-dealer/custodian to the client will vary depending upon the number of and type of transactions that are placed for the account. Under either scenario, the fees charged by the respective broker-dealer/custodian are separate from, and in addition to the advisory fee payable by the client to Registrant.

Registrant's recommendation that a client enter into an Asset-Based pricing agreement with the account broker-dealer/custodian would depend upon whether, based upon anticipated account size and activity, Registrant reasonably believes that the client would benefit from the available pricing arrangement. However, account investment decisions are often more heavily driven by security selection and anticipated market conditions, as opposed to the amount of transaction fees payable by clients to the account broker-dealer/custodian.

Clients may request at any time to switch between Asset-Based pricing and Transaction-Based pricing arrangements, however, there can be no assurance that the volume of transactions will be consistent from year-to-year given changes in market events and security selection. Therefore, given the variances in trading volume and pricing arrangements, any decision by clients to switch between Asset-Based or Transaction-Based pricing could prove to be economically disadvantageous. **Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding Asset-Based versus Transaction- Based pricing.**

- D. Registrant's annual investment advisory 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. The Registrant does not require a minimum annual fee or asset level for investment advisory services. 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. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives accept compensation from the sale of securities or other investment products.

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 currently include: individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and business entities. The Registrant does not require a minimum annual fee or asset level for investment advisory services.

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)
- Trading (securities sold within thirty (30) days)

Please Note: Investment Risk. Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear, including the complete loss of principal investment. Past performance may not be indicative of future results. 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 Registrant) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s). Investment strategies such as asset allocation, diversification, or rebalancing do not assure or guarantee better performance and cannot eliminate the risk of investment losses. There is no guarantee that a portfolio employing these or any other strategy will outperform a portfolio that does not engage in such strategies.

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 and Trading - 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. Trading, an investment strategy that requires the purchase and sale of securities within a thirty (30) day investment time period, involves a very short investment time period but will incur higher transaction costs when compared to a short term investment strategy and substantially higher transaction costs than a longer term investment strategy.

- C. Currently, the Registrant, through Pegasus, primarily allocates client investment assets among various individual equity and fixed income securities, and, to a lesser extent, among various mutual funds and exchange traded funds on a 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. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a 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. **Other Investment Advisers.** As indicated in Item 4 above, the Registrant is affiliated with Pegasus Asset Management, Inc. (SEC# 801-3186, CRD# 104766), and Sports & Entertainment Investment Advisers, LLC (SEC# 801-108742, CRD# 285611), both of which are SEC-registered investment adviser firms. Registrant shall engage Pegasus Asset Management, Inc. to provide investment management services on a sub-advisory basis. This arrangement does not present a conflict of interest, because clients do not incur additional or increased advisory fees as a result.
- D. The Registrant does not receive, directly or indirectly, compensation from investment advisors that it recommends or selects for its clients.

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 representatives 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 presents a 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 an Access Person of the Registrant must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of 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 presents a 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 and Pegasus generally recommend that investment management accounts be maintained at Schwab. 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 and Pegasus consider in recommending Schwab (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 seek 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 the 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. Soft Dollar Benefits

While Registrant does not receive "soft dollars" as described below, in return for effecting securities transactions through Capital Institutional Services, Inc., an SEC-registered and FINRA member broker dealer, Pegasus has received certain investment research products or services to assist Pegasus in its investment decision-making process for the client pursuant to Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (generally referred to as a "soft dollar" arrangement). This arrangement presents an inherent conflict of interest because Pegasus is incentivized to recommend that a client select Capital Institutional Services, Inc. as designated broker-dealer for their accounts based on its receipt of "soft dollar" benefits, rather than based on client's needs. While the soft dollar arrangement between Pegasus and Capital Institutional Services, Inc. has been terminated with respect to transactions moving forward and therefore the conflict of interest is mitigated, Pegasus continues to utilize the "soft dollar benefits" it previously received in conformity with that arrangement. Investment research products or services received by Pegasus may include, but are not limited to, analyses pertaining to specific securities, companies or sectors; market, financial and economic studies and forecasts; financial publications, portfolio management systems, and statistical and pricing services. Although the commissions paid by Pegasus' and Registrant's clients have complied with the Registrant's duty to seek best execution, a client may pay a commission that is higher

than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where Pegasus and/or Registrant determined, in good faith, that the commission 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 the broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Registrant has and will continue to will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. Although the investment research products or services that may be obtained by Pegasus will generally be used to service all its direct and indirect clients, a brokerage commission paid by a specific client may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing that specific client's account. With respect to investment research products or services obtained by Pegasus that have a mixed use of both a research and non-research (i.e., administrative, etc.) function, Pegasus has and will continue to make a reasonable allocation of the cost of the product or service according to its use, the percentage of the product or service that provides assistance to Pegasus' investment decision-making process will be paid for with soft dollars while that portion which provides administrative or other non-research assistance will be paid for by Pegasus with hard dollars. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by Capital Institutional Services, Inc., are exclusive of, and in addition to, the investment management fee incurred by the client. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and the conflict of interest presented.**

Non-Soft Dollar Research and Additional Benefits

Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Registrant receives from Schwab (or could receive from other broker-dealer/custodians, unaffiliated investment managers, vendors, investment platforms, and/or product/fund sponsors) 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. The support services that Registrant obtains can include: 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 free consulting services, discounted and/or free travel and 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 referenced 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. The receipt of these support services and products presents a conflict of interest, because the Registrant may be incentivized to recommend that clients utilize Schwab as a broker-dealer/custodian based upon its interest in receiving ongoing support services and products, rather than based on a client's particular need. However, Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at Schwab as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to Schwab 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, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and the conflict of interest presented.**

2. The Registrant does not receive referrals from broker-dealers.
3. **Directed Brokerage.** 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, the 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. **Please Also Note:** Transactions for directed accounts will generally be executed following the execution of portfolio transactions for non-directed accounts. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement.**

- B. 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 a monthly basis by the Registrant's Principals, Rodd D. Berro, John M. Sebastiano and/or its representatives. All investment supervisory and financial planning 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, investment objectives and account performance with the Registrant on an annual basis, as applicable.

- 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 with transaction confirmation notices and regular summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian for the client accounts. Those clients to whom Registrant provides investment advisory services will also receive a quarterly report from the Registrant.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A.1. above, the Registrant receives economic benefits such as support services and/or products without cost or at a discount from Schwab. Registrant can also receive similar support services and/or products from various other broker-dealers/custodians. Registrant's clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at Schwab or any other broker-dealers/custodians or other entities as a result of this arrangement. There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to Schwab 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 arrangements. **The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and the conflict of interest presented.**
- 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 their 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 with transaction confirmation notices and regular summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian for the client accounts. Those clients to whom Registrant provides investment advisory services will also receive a quarterly report from the Registrant.

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, the client shall be required to execute an Investment Advisory Agreement, naming the Registrant as the 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, Courtney J. Barba, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.