

**Part 2A of Form ADV: *Firm Brochure***

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at 703-548-2555 or [alicia@mcginnpenninger.com](mailto:alicia@mcginnpenninger.com). The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Registration with the SEC or with any state securities authority does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information about McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. also is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our firm's CRD number is 107396.

## **Item 2    Material Changes**

The SEC adopted "Amendments to Form ADV" in July, 2010. This Firm Brochure, dated 03/05/2024, is our disclosure document prepared according to the SEC's new requirements and rules. As you will see, this document is a narrative that is substantially different in form and content, and includes some new information that we were not previously required to disclose.

After our initial filing of this Brochure, this Item will be used to provide our clients with a summary of new and/or updated information. We will inform you of the revision(s) based on the nature of the updated information.

Consistent with the new rules, we will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business' fiscal year. Furthermore, we will provide you with other interim disclosures about material changes as necessary.

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## **Item 4    Advisory Business**

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. is a SEC-registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in VA. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. began conducting business in 1992.

Listed below are the firm's principal shareholders (i.e., those individuals and/or entities controlling 25% or more of this company).

- Bernard Francis McGinn, CIO

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. offers the following advisory services to our clients:

### **INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Our firm primarily provides investment advisory services, also known as asset management services. For the majority of client accounts, McGinn employs a large cap value equity investment strategy. On a case by case basis, we may build fixed income portfolios for clients at their request. On a very limited basis, we provide asset allocation guidance and execution to clients who have requested those services. We manage all accounts on a discretionary basis. Clients may impose reasonable restriction on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

We manage these advisory accounts on a discretionary basis.

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Once the client's portfolio has been established, we review the portfolio quarterly, and if necessary, rebalance the portfolio on an annual basis, based on the client's individual needs.

Our investment recommendations are not limited to any specific product or service offered by a broker-dealer or insurance company and will generally include advice regarding the following securities:

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Foreign issuers
- Warrants
- Commercial paper
- Municipal securities
- Mutual fund shares
- United States governmental securities
- Options contracts on securities

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be implemented when consistent with the client's stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and suitability.

## **MUTUAL FUND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

### **Sub-Adviser**

McGinn Investment Management is a sub-advisor to the Union Street Partners Value Fund.

McGinn Investment Management (MIM) employs a long-term, large-cap value equity focused investment strategy. Purchases are often contrarian in nature, resulting in a portfolio of companies we believe trade significantly below intrinsic value. Investment decisions are based on a thorough analysis of a company's core story and how that story will impact the company's future earnings, cash flow and other pertinent financial ratios. Companies purchased traditionally have low price-to-earnings, price-to-book value, and price-to-cash flow ratios. Portfolio companies have a proven track record of success and what we believe to be sustainable competitive advantages. It is MIM's belief that these companies will improve their financial ratios over a reasonable time frame based upon their historical ability to overcome adversity. MIM maintains a focused strategy, investing in only our best ideas.

The Union Street Partners Value Fund follows the same investment strategy as outlined above. Exceptions to the primary investment strategy are rare but do exist.

Interested investors should refer to the Mutual Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") for important information regarding objectives, investments, time-horizon, risks, fees, and additional disclosures. These documents are available on-line at [www.unionstreetvaluefund.com](http://www.unionstreetvaluefund.com)

Prior to making any investment in the Mutual Fund, investors and prospective investors should carefully review these documents for a comprehensive understanding of the terms and conditions applicable for investment in the Mutual Fund.

## **AMOUNT OF MANAGED ASSETS**

As of 12/31/2023, we were actively managing \$162,621,483 of clients' assets on a discretionary basis.

### **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

#### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SERVICES FEES**

The annualized fee for Portfolio Management Services is charged as a percentage of assets under management, according to the following schedule:

### **Assets Under Management**

### **Annual Fee**

On the first \$1,500,000	1.00% annually
On the next \$1,500,000	0.85% annually
Assets over \$3,000,000	0.65% annually

Our fees are billed quarterly, in advance, at the beginning of each calendar quarter based upon the value (market value or fair market value in the absence of market value), of the client's account at the end of the previous quarter. Fees will be debited from the account in accordance with the client authorization in the Client Services Agreement.

A minimum of **\$500,000** of assets under management is required for this service. This account size may be negotiable under certain circumstances. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size and determining the annualized fee.

***Limited Negotiability of Advisory Fees:*** Although McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. has established the aforementioned fee schedule(s), we retain the discretion to negotiate alternative fees on a client-by-client basis. Client facts, circumstances and needs are considered in determining the fee schedule. These include the complexity of the client, assets to be placed under management, anticipated future additional assets; related accounts; portfolio style, account composition, reports, among other factors. The specific annual fee schedule is identified in the contract between the adviser and each client.

We may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size requirements and determining the annualized fee.

Discounts, not generally available to our advisory clients, may be offered to family members and friends of associated persons of our firm.

### **MUTUAL FUND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FEES**

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. charges an asset-based fee for this service. The fee arrangement, termination, and refund policies are described in the Mutual Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

Portfolio management clients of our firm who also invest in the Union Street Partners Value Fund will pay only those fees charged to investors by the Mutual Fund, i.e., the value of the client's investment in the Mutual Fund is excluded from our quarterly portfolio management fee calculation.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

***Termination of the Advisory Relationship:*** A client agreement may be canceled at any time, by either party, for any reason upon written notice. As disclosed above, certain fees are paid in advance of services provided. Upon termination of any account, any prepaid, unearned fees will be promptly refunded. In calculating a client's reimbursement of fees, we will pro rate the reimbursement according to the number of days remaining in the billing period.

***Mutual Fund Fees:*** All fees paid to McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds and/or ETFs to their shareholders. These fees and expenses are described in each

fund's prospectus. These fees will generally include a management fee, other fund expenses, and a possible distribution fee. If the fund also imposes sales charges, a client may pay an initial or deferred sales charge. A client could invest in a mutual fund directly, without our services. In that case, the client would not receive the services provided by our firm which are designed, among other things, to assist the client in determining which mutual fund or funds are most appropriate to each client's financial condition and objectives. Accordingly, the client should review both the fees charged by the funds and our fees to fully understand the total amount of fees to be paid by the client and to thereby evaluate the advisory services being provided.

***Wrap Fee Programs and Separately Managed Account Fees:*** Clients participating in separately managed account programs may be charged various program fees in addition to the advisory fee charged by our firm. Such fees may include the investment advisory fees of the independent advisers, which may be charged as part of a wrap fee arrangement. In a wrap fee arrangement, clients pay a single fee for advisory, brokerage and custodial services. Client's portfolio transactions may be executed without commission charge in a wrap fee arrangement. In evaluating such an arrangement, the client should also consider that, depending upon the level of the wrap fee charged by the broker-dealer, the amount of portfolio activity in the client's account, and other factors, the wrap fee may or may not exceed the aggregate cost of such services if they were to be provided separately. We will review with clients any separate program fees that may be charged to clients.

***Additional Fees and Expenses:*** In addition to our advisory fees, clients are also responsible for the fees and expenses charged by custodians and imposed by broker dealers, including, but not limited to, any transaction charges imposed by a broker dealer with which an independent investment manager effects transactions for the client's account(s). Please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section (Item 12) of this Form ADV for additional information.

***Grandfathering of Minimum Account Requirements:*** Pre-existing advisory clients are subject to McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's minimum account requirements and advisory fees in effect at the time the client entered into the advisory relationship. Therefore, our firm's minimum account requirements will differ among clients.

***ERISA Accounts:*** McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. is deemed to be a fiduciary to advisory clients that are employee benefit plans or individual retirement accounts (IRAs) pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income and Securities Act ("ERISA"), and regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), respectively. As such, our firm is subject to specific duties and obligations under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code that include among other things, restrictions concerning certain forms of compensation. To avoid engaging in prohibited transactions, McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. may only charge fees for investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons do not receive any commissions or 12b-1 fees, or conversely, investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons receive commissions or 12b-1 fees, however, only when such fees are used to offset McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's advisory fees.

***Advisory Fees in General:*** Clients should note that similar advisory services may (or may not) be available from other registered (or unregistered) investment advisers for similar or lower fees.

***Limited Prepayment of Fees:*** Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

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

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. does not charge performance-based fees.

## Item 7 Types of Clients

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- Individuals (other than high net worth individuals)
- High net worth individuals
- Investment companies (including mutual funds)
- Pension and profit sharing plans (other than plan participants)

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

### METHODS OF ANALYSIS

We use the following methods of analysis in formulating our investment advice and/or managing client assets:

**Charting.** In this type of technical analysis, we review charts of market and security activity in an attempt to identify when the market is moving up or down and to predict how long the trend may last and when that trend might reverse.

**Fundamental Analysis.** We attempt to measure the intrinsic value of a security by looking at economic and financial factors (including the overall economy, industry conditions, and the financial condition and management of the company itself) to determine if the company is underpriced (indicating it may be a good time to buy) or overpriced (indicating it may be time to sell).

Fundamental analysis does not attempt to anticipate market movements. This presents a potential risk, as the price of a security can move up or down along with the overall market regardless of the economic and financial factors considered in evaluating the stock.

**Technical Analysis.** We analyze past market movements and apply that analysis to the present in an attempt to recognize recurring patterns of investor behavior and potentially predict future price movement.

Technical analysis does not consider the underlying financial condition of a company. This presents a risk in that a poorly-managed or financially unsound company may underperform regardless of market movement.



**Risks for all forms of analysis.** Our securities analysis methods rely on the assumption that the companies whose securities we purchase and sell, the rating agencies that review these securities, and other publicly-available sources of information about these securities, are providing accurate and unbiased data. While we are alert to indications that data may be incorrect, there is always a risk that our analysis may be compromised by inaccurate or misleading information.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGIES**

We use the following strategy(ies) in managing client accounts, provided that such strategy(ies) are appropriate to the needs of the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations:

**Long-term purchases.** We purchase securities with the idea of holding them in the client's account for a year or longer. Typically we employ this strategy when:

- we believe the securities to be currently undervalued, and/or
- we want exposure to a particular asset class over time, regardless of the current projection for this class.

A risk in a long-term purchase strategy is that by holding the security for this length of time, we may not take advantage of short-term gains that could be profitable to a client. Moreover, if our predictions are incorrect, a security may decline sharply in value before we make the decision to sell.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

We are required to disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of our advisory business or the integrity of our management.

Our firm and our management personnel have no reportable disciplinary events to disclose.

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

McGinn Investment Management, Inc. is the sub-advisor to the Union Street Partners Value Fund (USPVX) which is owned by a registered investment advisory firm, Union Street Partners LLC. McGinn Investment Management, Inc. owns 50% of Union Street Partners LLC.

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

Our firm has adopted a Code of Ethics which sets forth high ethical standards of business conduct that we require of our employees, including compliance with applicable federal securities laws.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. and our personnel owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards our clients, and have an obligation to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code of Ethics but to the general principles that guide the Code.

Our Code of Ethics includes policies and procedures for the review of quarterly securities transactions reports as well as initial and annual securities holdings reports that must be submitted by the firm's access persons. Among other things, our Code of Ethics also requires the prior approval of any acquisition of securities in a limited offering (e.g., private placement) or an initial public offering. Our code also provides for oversight, enforcement and recordkeeping provisions.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's Code of Ethics further includes the firm's policy prohibiting the use of material non-public information. While we do not believe that we have any particular access to non-public information, all employees are reminded that such information may not be used in a personal or professional capacity.

A copy of our Code of Ethics is available to our advisory clients and prospective clients. You may request a copy by email sent to [amagnier@mcginninvests.com](mailto:amagnier@mcginninvests.com), or by calling us at 703-548-2555.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. and individuals associated with our firm are prohibited from engaging in principal transactions.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. and individuals associated with our firm are prohibited from engaging in agency cross transactions.

The principal of McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. is also a principal of Union Street Partners LLC, the investment advisor to the Union Street Partners Value Fund (the Fund). McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. has primary responsibility for investment management decisions pertaining to the Fund. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. and our members, officers and employees will devote to the Fund as much time as we deem necessary and appropriate to manage the Fund's business. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. and our affiliates are not restricted from forming additional investment funds, entering into other investment advisory relationships or engaging in other business activities, even though such activities may be in competition with the Fund and/or may involve substantial time and resources of our firm and our affiliates. Potentially, such activities could be viewed as creating a conflict of interest in that the time and effort of our management personnel and employees will not be devoted exclusively to the business of the Fund, but could be allocated between the business of the Fund and other of our business activities and those of our affiliates.

Clients who invest in the Fund are not charged any additional advisory fees other than the advisory fee paid to the advisor of the fund. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. manages the Fund on a discretionary basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund's prospectus and stated investment objectives.

As previously disclosed in this brochure, McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. is the investment adviser to an affiliated mutual fund. Please refer to "Advisory Business" (Item 4) and "Fees and Compensation" (Item 5) for a detailed explanation of this relationship and important conflict of interest disclosure.

In addition, access persons of our firm are required to report all personal securities transactions conducted in our affiliated mutual fund(s).

Our Code of Ethics is designed to assure that the personal securities transactions, activities and interests of our employees will not interfere with (i) making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients and (ii) implementing such decisions while, at the same time, allowing employees to invest for their own accounts.

Our firm and/or individuals associated with our firm may buy or sell for their personal accounts securities identical to or different from those recommended to our clients. In addition, any related person(s) may have an interest or position in a certain security(ies) which may also be recommended to a client.

It is the expressed policy of our firm that no person employed by us may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account, thereby preventing such employee(s) from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.

We may aggregate our employee trades with client transactions where possible and when compliant with our duty to seek best execution for our clients. In these instances, participating clients will receive an average share price and transaction costs will be shared equally and on a pro-rata basis. In the instances where there is a partial fill of a particular batched order, we will allocate all purchases pro-rata, with each account paying the average price. Our employee accounts will be included in the pro-rata allocation.

As these situations represent actual or potential conflicts of interest to our clients, we have established the following policies and procedures for implementing our firm's Code of Ethics, to ensure our firm complies with its regulatory obligations and provides our clients and potential clients with full and fair disclosure of such conflicts of interest:

1. No principal or employee of our firm may put his or her own interest above the interest of an advisory client.
2. No principal or employee of our firm may buy or sell securities for their personal portfolio(s) where their decision is a result of information received as a result of his or her employment unless the information is also available to the investing public.
3. It is the expressed policy of our firm that no person employed by us may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account. This prevents such employees from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.
4. Our firm requires prior approval for any IPO or private placement investments by related persons of the firm.
5. We have established procedures for the maintenance of all required books and records.
6. All of our principals and employees must act in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations governing registered investment advisory practices.
7. We require delivery and acknowledgment of the Code of Ethics by each supervised person of our firm.
8. We have established policies requiring the reporting of Code of Ethics violations to our senior management.
9. Any individual who violates any of the above restrictions may be subject to termination.

## Item 12 Brokerage Practices

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. does not have any soft-dollar arrangements and does not receive any soft-dollar benefits.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. requires that clients provide us with written authority to determine the broker-dealer to use and the commission costs that will be charged to our clients for these transactions.

Clients must include any limitations on this discretionary authority in this written authority statement. Clients may change/amend these limitations as required. Such amendments must be provided to us in writing.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. will block trades where possible and when advantageous to clients. This blocking of trades permits the trading of aggregate blocks of securities composed of assets from multiple client accounts, so long as transaction costs are shared equally and on a pro-rated basis between all accounts included in any such block.

Block trading may allow us to execute equity trades in a timelier, more equitable manner, at an average share price. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. will typically aggregate trades among clients whose accounts can be traded at a given broker, and generally will rotate or vary the order of brokers through which it places trades for clients on any particular day.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's block trading policy and procedures are as follows:

- 1) Transactions for any client account may not be aggregated for execution if the practice is prohibited by or inconsistent with the client's advisory agreement with McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. , or our firm's order allocation policy.
- 2) The trading desk in concert with the portfolio manager must determine that the purchase or sale of the particular security involved is appropriate for the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives and with any investment guidelines or restrictions applicable to the client's account.
- 3) The portfolio manager must reasonably believe that the order aggregation will benefit, and will enable McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. to seek best execution for each client participating in the aggregated order. This requires a good faith judgment at the time the order is placed for the execution. It does not mean that the determination made in advance of the transaction must always prove to have been correct in the light of a "20-20 hindsight" perspective. Best execution includes the duty to seek the best quality of execution, as well as the best net price.
- 4) Prior to entry of an aggregated order, a written order ticket must be completed which identifies each client account participating in the order and the proposed allocation of the order, upon completion, to those clients.
- 5) If the order cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated pro rata among the participating client accounts in accordance with the initial order ticket or other written statement of allocation. However, adjustments to this pro rata allocation may be made to participating client accounts in accordance with the initial order ticket or other written statement of allocation. Furthermore, adjustments to this pro rata allocation may be made to avoid having

odd amounts of shares held in any client account, or to avoid excessive ticket charges in smaller accounts.

6) Generally, each client that participates in the aggregated order must do so at the average price for all separate transactions made to fill the order, and must share in the commissions on a pro rata basis in proportion to the client's participation. Under the client's agreement with the custodian/broker, transaction costs may be based on the number of shares traded for each client.

7) If the order will be allocated in a manner other than that stated in the initial statement of allocation, a written explanation of the change must be provided to and approved by the Chief Compliance Officer no later than the morning following the execution of the aggregate trade.

8) McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's client account records separately reflect, for each account in which the aggregated transaction occurred, the securities which are held by, and bought and sold for, that account.

9) Funds and securities for aggregated orders are clearly identified on McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's records and to the broker-dealers or other intermediaries handling the transactions, by the appropriate account numbers for each participating client.

10) No client or account will be favored over another.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. may recommend that clients establish brokerage accounts with the Schwab Institutional division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab"), a FINRA registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, to maintain custody of clients' assets and to effect trades for their accounts. Although we recommend that clients establish accounts at Schwab, it is the client's decision to custody assets with Schwab. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab.

Schwab provides McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. with access to its institutional trading and custody services, which are typically not available to Schwab retail investors. These services generally are available to independent investment advisers on an unsolicited basis, at no charge to them so long as a total of at least \$10 million of the adviser's clients' assets are maintained in accounts at Schwab Institutional. These services are not contingent upon our firm committing to Schwab any specific amount of business (assets in custody or trading commissions). Schwab's brokerage services include the execution of securities transactions, custody, research, and access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment.

For our client accounts maintained in its custody, Schwab generally does not charge separately for custody services but is compensated by account holders through commissions and other transaction-related or asset-based fees for securities trades that are executed through Schwab or that settle into Schwab accounts.

Schwab Institutional also makes available to our firm other products and services that benefit McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. but may not directly benefit our clients' accounts. Many of these products and services may be used to service all or some substantial number of our client accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab.

Schwab's products and services that assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts include software and other technology that

- i. provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements);
- ii. facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts;
- iii. provide research, pricing and other market data;
- iv. facilitate payment of our fees from clients' accounts; and
- v. assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping and client reporting.

Schwab Institutional also offers other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services may include:

- i. compliance, legal and business consulting;
- ii. publications and conferences on practice management and business succession; and
- iii. access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants and insurance providers.

Schwab may make available, arrange and/or pay third-party vendors for the types of services rendered to McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. . Schwab Institutional may discount or waive fees it would otherwise charge for some of these services or pay all or a part of the fees of a third-party providing these services to our firm. Schwab Institutional may also provide other benefits such as educational events or occasional business entertainment of our personnel. In evaluating whether to recommend or require that clients custody their assets at Schwab, we may take into account the availability of some of the foregoing products and services and other arrangements as part of the total mix of factors we consider and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by Schwab, which may create a potential conflict of interest.

## **Item 13    Review of Accounts**

### **MUTUAL FUND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

**REVIEWS:** McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. continually reviews and monitors the Mutual Fund's holdings in accordance with the investment objectives as detailed in the Fund Prospectus.

**REPORTS:** Clients should refer to the Fund Prospectus for information regarding regular reports to the fund by McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. .

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

It is McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's policy not to engage solicitors or to pay related or non-related persons for referring potential clients to our firm.

It is McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. 's policy not to accept or allow our related persons to accept any form of compensation, including cash, sales awards or other prizes, from a non-client in conjunction with the advisory services we provide to our clients.

## **Item 15 Custody**

We previously disclosed in the "Fees and Compensation" section (Item 5) of this Brochure that our firm directly debits advisory fees from client accounts.

As part of this billing process, the client's custodian is advised of the amount of the fee to be deducted from that client's account. On at least a quarterly basis, the custodian is required to send to the client a statement showing all transactions within the account during the reporting period.

Because the custodian does not calculate the amount of the fee to be deducted, it is important for clients to carefully review their custodial statements to verify the accuracy of the calculation, among other things. Clients should contact us directly if they believe that there may be an error in their statement.

In addition to the periodic statements that clients receive directly from their custodians, we also send account statements directly to our clients on a quarterly basis. We urge our clients to carefully compare the information provided on these statements to ensure that all account transactions, holdings and values are correct and current.

Our firm does not have actual or constructive custody of client accounts.

## **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

Clients may hire us to provide discretionary asset management services, in which case we place trades in a client's account without contacting the client prior to each trade to obtain the client's permission.

Our discretionary authority includes the ability to do the following without contacting the client:

- determine the security to buy or sell; and/or
- determine the amount of the security to buy or sell

Clients give us discretionary authority when they sign a discretionary agreement with our firm, and may limit this authority by giving us written instructions. Clients may also change/amend such limitations by once again providing us with written instructions.

As previously disclosed in Item 4 of this brochure, our firm does not provide discretionary asset management services.

## **Item 17 Voting Client Securities**

Rule 206(4)-6 and rule amendments under the Advisers Act addresses an investment advisor's fiduciary obligation to its Clients when the adviser has authority to vote their proxies.

As a matter of firm policy, McGinn Investment Management, Inc. (MIM) does not vote proxies on behalf of clients unless required by the client such as the Union Street Partners Value Fund. When client exceptions are made to the McGinn's proxy voting rule, MIM will generally vote proxies in accordance with the company's Board of Directors' recommended action unless MIM believes the Board of Directors' recommendation is not in the best interest of the client in

which case the Registrant may either abstain from the vote or vote against the proposal. Therefore, although our firm may provide investment advisory services relative to client investment assets, 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. Clients are responsible for instructing each custodian to forward to the client copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to the client's investment assets.

We do not offer any consulting assistance regarding proxy issues to clients.

Proxies relating to managed mutual funds

MIM will generally vote proxies for mutual funds in which MIM serves as the investment advisor unless required by applicable legal, regulatory or contractual requirements to pass such vote to the fund shareholders.

MIM will generally vote proxies in accordance with management recommendations as described below. MIM reserves the right to deviate from the general provisions contained within any part of this policy, and to vote against any issue regardless of the nature of the issue, if by doing so we protect the fund shareholders' interest and value. In the event of such deviation, documentation regarding such vote will be maintained in MIM's books and records.

#### ➤ Routine Matters

On routine matters, MIM will support management and vote in accordance with the following:

- In analyzing directors and boards, the policy we follow generally supports the election of recommended directors.
- Our policy will support recommended auditor ratification;
- We generally support management proposals on executive compensation including equity compensation plans, allowing management and board discretion to design and implement effective compensation programs. Similarly, our guidelines will support management advisory votes on compensation and will vote in favor of executive compensation arrangements in connection with merger transactions with the belief that an independent compensation committee is in the best position to design an appropriate compensation program for the company. Further, we follow management's recommendation for proposals on the frequency of such advisory votes;
- We recognize that having sufficient available authorized common and preferred shares allows companies flexibility to take advantage of rapidly developing opportunities as well as to effectively operate the business. Therefore, we will support proposals to increase both common and preferred shares;
- We will vote against shareholder proposals not supported by management, thereby allowing management and the board discretion to address issues generally raised by shareholder proponents.

#### ➤ Voting Procedures

Proxy statements are to be reviewed and voted by the mutual fund's portfolio manager/s or another designated person. A record will be made and maintained of all votes. MIM reserves the right to vote contrary to its stated policy if it believes in its sole opinion that to do so would be in the best interests of its clients and fund shareholders.

MIM may abstain from voting a proxy if it concludes that the effect on the Fund shareholders'



economic interests or the value of the portfolio holding is indeterminable or insignificant. MIM may also abstain from voting if it concludes the cost of voting is disproportionate to the economic impact the vote would have on the portfolio holdings. A record of reasons for any such abstention by MIM will be maintained.

➤ Conflicts of Interest

Any conflict of interest will be resolved in the best interests of the mutual fund's shareholders. In the event that a material conflict of interest is identified or believed to exist, MIM will review such conflict with its Chief Compliance Officer and the mutual fund's proxy voting policies and procedures.

MIM shall also maintain record of any conflicts of interest that were identified with any specific vote, and if so, what action was taken to resolve the conflict with respect to each vote cast.

➤ Proxy Vote Record Retention

MIM shall maintain records of proxies voted in accordance with Section 204-2 of the Act. MIM shall also keep a copy of its policies and procedures and each written request from a Client for proxy voting records and MIM's written response to any Client request, either written or oral, for such records. All proxy voting records are to be retained for five years.

➤ Form N-PX Filing

MIM shall be responsible for ensuring that it maintains a complete proxy vote log and confirms the timely voting of proxies. The proxy vote log will be maintained in such a manner that the following information is contained within the log in accordance with the requirements of submitting Form N-PX for proxies voted on behalf of MIM's mutual fund(s) Clients:

- the name of the issuer;
- the exchange ticker symbol, if available;
- the CUSIP number, if available;
- the shareholder meeting date;
- whether MIM cast its vote on the matter;
- how MIM cast its vote on the matter (for, against, abstain, or withhold regarding the election of directors); and
- whether MIM cast its vote for or against management.

MIM shall provide the information necessary to complete the Form N-PX to the appropriate fund service provider/administrator who will timely submit the filings, generally prior to August 31 for the 12-month period ended June 30 each year.

## ***Item 18 Financial Information***

As an advisory firm that maintains discretionary authority for client accounts, we are also required to disclose any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual obligations. McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. has no additional financial circumstances to report.

Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 per client more than six months in advance of services rendered. Therefore, we are not required to include a financial statement.

McGinn Penninger Investment Mgmt. has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.