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Additional information about LPL also is available on the SEC's website at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/>.

ITEM 1 COVER PAGE

ITEM 2 MATERIAL CHANGES

The following is a summary of certain changes made to this Brochure from the time of the annual update of the Brochure dated March 31, 2023. The Brochure was updated to reflect the consolidation of the SAM I and SAM II programs. Strategic Asset Management was previously comprised of two programs, which provided for differences in the way that transaction fees were charged to an account. Following the consolidation, in the SAM Program, clients will pay LPL transaction charges for the purchase and sale of certain securities in the account, unless Advisor separately agrees with the client to bear transaction fees. If clients pay transaction charges, Advisor may recommend a greater volume of trading activity. When Advisor agrees to bear transaction charges on a client's behalf, Advisor may be subject to additional conflicts of interest and the transaction charges may be a factor Advisor considers in recommending trading activity. The consolidation of the SAM I and SAM II Programs resulted in the Program no longer being deemed a "wrap fee program." Because the Program is no longer a wrap fee program, the Brochure was also reorganized consistent with the SEC's requirements for non-wrap fee advisory programs.

In addition, since the time of the annual update of the Brochure dated March 31, 2023, Item 5 was also updated with information about additional fees that LPL receives from the issuers of structured products. Item 6 was updated to provide information about a conflict of interest your advisor faces when recommending investment products that follow a similar investment strategy. Item 9 was updated to provide information regarding disciplinary events, involving (i) FINRA sanctions in connection with LPL's failure to calculate and maintain its required customer reserve; (ii) a consent order with the Texas State Securities board for failure to supervise a broker-dealer agent/investment adviser agent's sales of structured products; (iii) FINRA sanctions in connection with LPL's supervisory systems and procedures relating to transmittal of customer funds by wire or check to third parties; (iv) a settlement with the Massachusetts Securities Division in connection with LPL's supervision of electronic signature practices at an LPL branch office in Massachusetts; and (v) FINRA sanctions in connection with supervisory systems and maintenance of books and records relating to brokerage direct business transactions, supervisory systems and misstatements about fees relating to brokerage product switch transactions, and supervisory systems relating to brokerage recommendations of publicly traded securities of business development companies (BDCs) to customers.

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ITEM 4 ADVISORY BUSINESS

Introduction

LPL Financial LLC ("LPL") is an investment advisor registered with the SEC pursuant to the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act"). LPL has provided advisory services as a registered investment advisor since 1975. Note that registration as an investment advisor with the SEC does not imply a certain level of skill or training. As of December 31, 2022, LPL managed approximately \$367,442,721,474 of client assets on a discretionary basis and approximately \$575,815,472 of client assets on a non-discretionary basis. LPL is owned 100% by LPL Holdings, Inc., which is owned 100% by LPL Financial Holdings Inc., a publicly held company.

Types of Advisory Services

LPL sponsors various types of advisory programs, including wrap fee programs, an advisor-enhanced digital advice program and mutual fund asset allocation programs. LPL makes these programs available to client directly and also through third party investment advisor firms ("Advisor"). This Brochure provides a description of LPL's Strategic Asset Management program (the "Program") when offered through an Advisor. For more information about LPL's advisory services and programs other than the Program, please contact your Advisor for a copy of a similar brochure that describes such service or program or go to <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov/>.

In the Program, Advisor, through its investment advisor representatives ("IARs"), provides ongoing investment advice and management on assets in the client's account. Advisor, through its IARs, provides advice on the purchase and sale of various types of investments, such as mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), interval funds, variable annuities, business development companies ("BDCs"), private equity, real estate investment trusts ("REITs"), equities, and fixed income securities. Advisor provides advice that is tailored to the individual needs of the client based on the investment objective chosen by the client. Clients may impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or groups of securities by contacting Advisor and providing the necessary written instructions.

Advisor obtains the necessary financial data from the client and assists the client in setting an appropriate investment objective for the account. Advisor obtains this information by having the client complete an Account Application which is a part of the Account Agreement. In quarterly communications, clients should contact Advisor if there have been any changes in the client's financial situation or investment objectives or if they wish to impose any reasonable restrictions on the management of the account or reasonably modify existing restrictions. Clients should be aware that the investment objective selected for the Program in the Account Application is an overall objective for the entire account and may be inconsistent with a particular holding and the account's performance at any time. Clients should further be aware that achievement of the stated investment objective is a long-term goal for the account.



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LPL acts as custodian to accounts, provides research information to Advisor and its IARs, provides brokerage and execution services as the broker-dealer on transactions, and performs administrative services, such as providing performance information to clients.

#### ITEM 5 FEES AND COMPENSATION

##### Fee Schedule

Clients in the Program pay LPL and Advisor an annual account fee ("Account Fee") for advisory services. The maximum Account Fee is 2.50%. The Account Fee is negotiable between the client and Advisor and is set out in the Account Application. The Account Fee is typically a straight percentage based on the value of all assets in the account, including cash holdings. The Account Fee is paid to LPL, and LPL retains up to 0.25% of the Account Fee, which is not shared with your Advisor or IAR, for its administrative, custodial and brokerage services based on the agreement between LPL and Advisor. LPL shares the remaining portion of the Account Fee with Advisor. Advisor is responsible for sharing its portion of the Account Fee with its IARs.

The Account Fee may be higher than the fee charged by other investment advisors for similar services. Advisor is responsible for determining the Account Fee to charge each client based on factors such as total amount of assets involved in the relationship, type of securities to be held in the program (e.g., mutual funds vs. individual securities), the complexity and mix of the portfolio, and the number and range of supplementary advisory and client related services to be provided to the account. Advisor may charge a client more or less than another client. Clients should consider the level and complexity of the advisory services to be provided when negotiating the Account Fee with Advisor.

##### How the Account Fee is Charged

LPL deducts the Account Fee and other fees and charges associated with a Program account from the account. LPL calculates and deducts the Account Fee in the method described in the Account Agreement, unless other arrangements are made in writing. If a client wishes to be billed for the Account Fee, rather than a deduction directly from the account, the client needs to make a request to LPL through Advisor or IAR. The Account Fee for certain alternative investments (such as non-exchange traded REITs, BDCs or hedge funds, each a "Non-Traded Alternative Investment") is calculated based on unaudited net asset values provided as estimates by the sponsor of the Non-Traded Alternative Investment (such unaudited net asset values, a "Fair Value"). Fair Values are provided by Non-Traded Alternative Investment sponsors on a reporting period basis, such as monthly or quarterly. LPL does not audit or confirm the accuracy of the Fair Values provided by the sponsors of Non-Traded Alternative Investments. Sponsors of Non-Traded Alternative Investments do not adjust previously determined Fair Values. The portion of the Account Fee calculated on a Non-Traded Alternative Investment reflects the Fair Value of the prior reporting period and will not reflect the current net asset value of the Non-Traded Alternative Investment as of the date of the Account Fee's calculation.

##### Payment in Advance and Refund of Pre-Paid Fees

LPL deducts the Account Fee quarterly in advance. If the Account Agreement is terminated before the end of the quarterly period, LPL will pay the client a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly Account Fee based on the number of days remaining in the quarter after the termination date. However, if the account is closed within the first six months by the client or as a result of withdrawals that bring the account value below the required minimum, LPL and Advisor reserve the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly Account Fee for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative costs of establishing the account (for example, the costs related to transferring positions in and out of the account, data entry in opening the account, reconciliation of positions in order to issue performance information, and re-registration of positions). After the termination date, LPL may convert the account to a brokerage account. In a brokerage account, client is charged a commission for each transaction, LPL and Advisor do not provide advisory services to the account, and Advisor and its IARs have no responsibility to provide ongoing investment advice.

##### Other Types of Fees and Expenses of LPL

LPL charges fees related to a Program account in addition to the Account Fee.



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- In the Program, clients do not pay Advisor or IAR brokerage commissions for transactions in the account; however, the client pays LPL a transaction charge for the purchase and sale of certain securities in the account. The transaction charges are set out in SAM Account Agreement and the Miscellaneous Account and Service Fee Schedule-Advisory. The transaction charges are paid to LPL to defray costs associated with trade execution; however, they are not directly related to transaction-related expenses of LPL and are a source of revenue to LPL. Transaction charges present conflicts of interest. For example, transaction charges vary depending on the type of security being purchased or sold (e.g., \$7 for equities, \$50 for fixed income), and therefore LPL earns more from transactions that result in an investment with a higher charge. In addition, where transaction charges apply, the more transactions a client enters into, the more compensation LPL receives. Transaction charges will not reduce the Account Fee you pay. Transaction charges are not shared with Advisor or its IARs. In the case of mutual funds and ETFs, the transaction charges vary depending on the type of security being purchased or sold. For more information, see the section of this Item 4 titled "Understanding Share Classes and Transaction Charges in SAM Accounts".
- In the Program, Advisor may also separately agree with the clients to bear the transaction charges for purchases and sales of certain securities in the account. If Advisor pays the transaction charges in an account, there is a different conflict of interest than if the client pays the transaction charges. Clients should understand that the cost to Advisor of transaction charges may be a factor that Advisor considers when deciding which securities to select and how frequently to place transactions in an account. For more information, see the section of this Item 5 titled "Understanding Share Classes and Transaction Charges in SAM Accounts" and the section of Item 12 titled "Brokerage Practices."
- LPL charges accounts with assets valued at less than \$100,000 an additional \$10 quarterly fee at the end of the quarter.
- Clients that hold hedge funds, managed futures, BDCs and certain REITs pay an annual alternative investment administrative fee per position, subject to a maximum per account per year.
- If an account is approved for trading on margin and the client has entered into a margin agreement with LPL, the client will be charged margin interest on any credit extended to or maintained by the client. LPL will retain a portion of any interest charged and may share with Advisor. This interest charge is in addition to the Account Fee. The Account Fee is not charged on any margin debit balance, rather only on the net equity of the account.
- Clients also pay LPL other additional miscellaneous administrative or custodial-related fees and charges that apply to a SAM account. LPL notifies clients of these charges at account opening and makes available a current list of these charges on its website at [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html). These fees include cash sweep fees, retirement account fees and termination fees, including, as applicable, an annual IRA maintenance fee, an annual qualified retirement plan maintenance fee, a fee for loans processed for qualified retirement plan and 403(b)(7) plan accounts and an account termination fee for processing a full account transfer to another financial institution. These miscellaneous fees are not directly based on the costs of the transaction or service by LPL, often include a profit to LPL, and certain of the fees are lowered or waived for certain customers.
- LPL may waive any fee it charges Client or Advisor in its sole discretion in whole or in part.

**Fees Charged by Third Parties**

There are other fees and charges that are imposed by third parties other than LPL that apply to investments in Program accounts. Some of these fees and charges are described below. If a client's assets are invested in mutual funds, ETFs or other pooled investment products, clients should be aware that there will be two layers of advisory fees and expenses for those assets. As a shareholder of a fund, Client will pay an advisory fee to the fund manager and other expenses charged by the fund. In the case of mutual funds that are funds of funds, there could be an additional layer of fees, including performance fees that vary depending on the performance of the fund. Client will also pay LPL and Advisor the Account Fee with respect to assets invested in mutual funds, ETFs and other pooled products. The mutual funds, ETFs and other pooled funds available in the program can be purchased directly outside of the Program. Therefore, clients could generally avoid an additional layer of fees by not using the advisory services of LPL, Advisor and its IARs and by making their own decisions regarding the investment.

Clients should understand that in many cases the mutual funds and mutual fund share classes offered through the Program charge higher fees and expenses than those that are not offered through the Program, and such other mutual funds and share



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classes may be equally or more appropriate for a client's account. As discussed below, a portion of the fees and expenses charged by certain mutual funds in the Program will be paid to LPL. Other financial services firm may offer the same mutual funds that are offered through the Program but at lower overall costs to investors than the costs that clients incur by investing through the Program.

Clients should also understand that in many cases the share class offered for a particular mutual fund available through the Program (the "Program Share Class") charges higher fees and expenses than other share classes that are offered by the same fund but are not available through the Program. Program Share Classes are selected by LPL, in certain cases, because the mutual funds pay to LPL a portion of the fees and expenses charged by Program Share Classes as compensation for the administrative and recordkeeping services LPL provides with respect to LPL clients who invest in the Program Share Classes, as discussed below under "Participation or Interest in Client Transactions."

Certain of the mutual funds available for investment in the Program may be affiliated with Advisor. Therefore, investment in an affiliated mutual fund generates additional compensation to Advisor or its affiliates, including, among other types of compensation, fund-level management fees.

If the account is invested in a mutual fund that charges a fee if a redemption is made within a specific time period after the investment under a fund's frequent trading policy, client will be charged a redemption fee. If a mutual fund has a frequent trading policy, the policy can limit a client's transactions in shares of the fund (e.g., for rebalancing, liquidations, deposits or tax harvesting).

If client holds a variable annuity as part of an account, there are mortality, expense and administrative charges, subaccount management fees, fees for additional riders on the contract and charges for excessive transfers within a calendar year imposed by the variable annuity sponsor. If a client holds a REIT or BDC as part of an account, there are dealer management fees and other organizational, offering and pricing expenses imposed by the REIT or BDC, as applicable. If client holds a UIT in an account, UIT sponsors charge creation and development fees or similar fees. Further information regarding fees assessed by a mutual fund, variable annuity, alternative investment (such as a REIT, BDC or hedge fund) or UIT is available in the appropriate prospectus or offering document, which is available upon request from the IAR or from the product sponsor directly.

#### Important Information When Funding an Account

**Ineligible Securities.** When transferring securities into a Program account, client should be aware that certain securities may not be eligible for the account. In such case, the securities may be rejected, sold after the transfer, or moved to a brokerage account. Note that when an ineligible security is transferred into an account and subsequently sold or moved to a brokerage account, the advisory fee will be charged on such asset for the period of time the security was held in the Program account.

**Surrender Charges or CDSCs.** If client transfers a previously purchased investment into a Program account, such as a mutual fund, annuity or alternative investment, or liquidates the previously purchased investment and transfers the proceeds into an account, client may be charged a fee (sometimes called a "surrender charge," "contingent deferred sales charge" or "CDSC") upon the sale or redemption in accordance with the investment product's prospectus. In many cases, the CDSC is only charged if a client does not hold the security for a minimum period of time. In particular, if a client transfers a previously purchased mutual fund (such as a Class C share) into an account that is subject to a CDSC, then the client will pay that charge when the mutual fund is sold.

**Previously Paid Commissions.** Clients should be aware that securities transferred into an account may have been subject to a commission or sales load when the security was originally purchased. Client should understand that, after the transfer into an account, an advisory fee will be charged based on the total assets in the account, including the transferred security. Depending on the share class and fee structure of the previously purchased mutual fund, LPL can receive fees such as 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping fees and revenue sharing from the previously purchased mutual fund until the position is liquidated and subsequently invested. In other words, if you paid IAR or another financial professional recently an upfront commission on the previously purchased security, you will be paying a new ongoing advisory fee going forward to IAR for advice on that same security.



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Loss of Benefits. If client will be funding the account with the proceeds of a sale or liquidation of an annuity, client should understand that client may be giving up guaranteed living or death benefits that were provided through the annuity, and will not be provided through a Program account.

When transferring securities into an account, client should consider and speak to IAR about whether:

- a CDSC will apply, and the length of time before the CDSC expires;
- there will be a loss of a guaranteed benefit, in the case of an annuity;
- a commission was previously paid on the security;
- client wishes for the security to be managed as part of the account and be subject to an advisory fee; or
- client wishes to hold the security in a brokerage account that is not managed and not subject to an advisory fee.

Advisor may charge fees in addition to the Account Fee. Clients should refer to the Brochure of Advisor for more information regarding fees charged by Advisor.

Clients also incur charges imposed by third parties or LPL in connection with investments made through their accounts, including, but not limited to, taxes and charges required by law or imposed by exchanges or regulatory bodies. For example, an industry-wide charge mandated by a regulator applies to sales of certain securities. The amount of this regulatory fee may vary over time, and because variations might not be immediately known to LPL, the amount may be estimated and assessed in advance. To the extent that such estimated amount differs from the actual amount of the regulatory fee, LPL retains the excess. These charges will be reflected on transaction confirmations and/or periodic statements.

#### Understanding Share Classes in SAM Accounts

Except with respect to Sweep Funds described in the section of Item 11 labeled "Participation or Interest in Client Transactions," LPL makes available for purchase only one share class per mutual fund in the Program, which can be titled, for example, as "Class I," "institutional," "investor," "retail," "service," "administrative" or "platform" share classes ("Program Shares"). Program Shares are no-load or load-waived share classes and therefore not subject to any upfront sales charge. Share classes previously available in the Program prior to November 21, 2016, such as Class A Shares that are subject to 12b-1 fees, can still be held but not purchased in the Program ("Non-Surviving Share Classes"). A client also may transfer Non-Surviving Share Classes into client's account. Any 12b-1 fees received by LPL from mutual funds in the Program (other than Sweep Funds) will be credited to the client account. Because the Non-Surviving Share Class could have a higher overall expense ratio than the Program Shares, the Non-Surviving Share class could cost the client more than Program Shares, even after the 12b-1 fees is credited to the account.

Client should understand that the Program Share class offered for a particular mutual fund through the Program in many cases will not be the least expensive share class that the mutual fund makes available. Program Share classes are selected by LPL in certain cases because the share class pays LPL compensation for the administrative and recordkeeping services LPL provides to the mutual fund. Other financial services firms may offer the same mutual fund at a lower overall cost to the investor than is available through the Program.

#### Understanding Transaction Charges in SAM Accounts

Clients, when participating in the Program, should also understand that LPL charges clients a transaction charge of \$0, \$4.50 or \$26.50 for mutual fund purchases and redemptions. The applicable transaction charge varies depending on the amount of recordkeeping fees that LPL receives from the mutual fund and/or whether the sponsor of the mutual fund participates in LPL's Mutual Fund No Transaction Fee Network ("MF NTF Network") described below.

When a mutual fund participating in the MF NTF Network is purchased in an account, the mutual fund's sponsor directs a payment to LPL on behalf and for the benefit of the client that is used exclusively as a credit to defray the bona fide transaction charge obligations of the client's account. When a participating mutual fund is sold in an account, LPL waives the transaction charge. Clients also should be aware that mutual funds participating in the MF NTF Network typically have higher ongoing





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internal expenses that can be used to offset payments made by sponsors for transaction charge waivers, and this can reduce the investment returns over time relative to other share classes of the same fund.

The Program also offers an ETF No Transaction Fee Network (“ETF NTF Network”). LPL typically charges a transaction charge of \$9 for transactions in ETFs, however, for certain ETFs in the ETF NTF Network, the ETF sponsors direct a payment to LPL on behalf and for the benefit of Client that is used as a credit to defray all or a portion of the bona fide transaction charge obligations of the Account. To the extent the sponsor does not pay the entire transaction charge amount, LPL waives the remaining portion to bring the cost to Client to \$0.

For purchases of other ETFs in the ETF NTF Network in the Program, the sponsor pays LPL a flat annual amount and/or a fee based on the non-retirement client account assets invested in ETF NTF Network funds, and LPL waives the transaction charge. In the case of certain of these fee arrangements, the sponsor pays LPL a combination of a flat fee and asset-based fee for ETFs. The asset-based fee paid to LPL for certain ETFs will be higher based on the ETF’s expense ratio. These arrangements present a conflict of interest because LPL has an incentive to select more expensive ETFs. In addition, as described in more detail below in Item 8, LPL Research provides asset allocation model portfolios for Advisor or IAR to use with clients. Certain of these model portfolios include ETFs participating in the ETF NTF Network that are more expensive and pay more fees to LPL. However, these conflicts are mitigated insofar as the sponsor fees are not shared with Advisor or IAR who selects the ETFs for the client. For further details and an updated list of ETF sponsors for the ETF NTF Network, please refer to the Disclosures page on [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html).

The ETF NTF Network creates a conflict of interest because Advisor has a financial incentive to select ETFs participating in the ETF NTF Network to avoid paying the transaction charges. Clients should consider such conflict when monitoring the purchase of ETFs in recognition of the overall fee and other arrangements with LPL and Advisor for management of the account. This conflict can cause clients to pay higher overall fees and expenses and have an impact on the investment performance of the account. In particular, clients should be aware that participating ETFs typically have higher ongoing internal expenses than other ETFs that can be used to offset payments made by sponsors for transaction charge waivers. To the extent that LPL receives from a sponsor of an ETF participating in the ETF NTF Network a flat fee or an asset-based fee that exceeds bona fide transaction charge obligations of the participating client accounts, the payment creates a conflict of interest as further described below as revenue sharing.

When Advisor agrees to bear transaction charges on behalf of a client and a participating mutual fund or ETF is purchased in the account, the mutual fund or ETF sponsor defrays all or a portion of the transaction charge otherwise borne by Advisor, and LPL waives the remaining amount of the transaction charge. For all ERISA Accounts for which Advisor agrees to bear transaction costs on behalf of a client, LPL waives the transaction charge to Advisor when a participating mutual fund or ETF is purchased or sold.

#### Transaction Charge Considerations

When the client pays the transaction charges, Advisor may recommend greater volume of trading activity than when it has a financial incentive to limit such transactions. Moreover, clients should understand that engaging in frequent trading will result in paying more transaction charges and will increase the overall costs associated with the Account. These costs impact the performance of the Account. LPL has a conflict of interest insofar as it has a financial incentive to engage in trading for the Account to generate transaction charges. Clients should also note that the Account Fee being charged in the Program may take the payment of transaction charges into consideration. That is, the Account Fee charged to SAM accounts may be lower than the Account Fee charged to other types of accounts to the extent that the transaction charges are factored into the overall Account Fee charged to such accounts.

If Advisor has agreed to pay transaction costs on behalf of the client, the cost to Advisor of transaction charges may be a factor that Advisor, through its IARs, considers when deciding which securities, mutual funds or ETFs to select and whether or not to place transactions in the account. Similar to clients, the transaction charges borne by Advisor vary based on the type of transaction (e.g., mutual fund, ETF, equity or fixed income security). Advisor has a financial incentive to recommend transactions



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in certain securities that carry lower fees (e.g., transactions involving equity securities may be recommended over fixed income securities because of the lower transaction charge) or to limit the overall number of transactions it recommends to clients. In particular, Advisor has a financial incentive to select NTF Funds or ETFs that participate in the ETF NTF Network to avoid paying or to lower the transaction charges over others that may be more suitable for the client. Clients should consider such conflict when monitoring the purchase of NTF Funds or ETFs that participate in the ETF NTF Network in recognition of the overall fee and other arrangements with LPL and Advisor for management of the account. All such conflicts may have an impact on the investment performance of the client's account.

#### **Mutual Fund 12b-1 Fees; Recordkeeping Services and Compensation; Revenue Sharing Arrangements; Other Product Related Compensation**

Some mutual funds and Program Share Classes in the Program charge shareholders a 12b-1 fee. To the extent a mutual fund or a Program Share Class charges a 12b-1 fee, the fee will be paid to LPL by the mutual fund. Any 12b-1 fees paid to LPL by mutual funds (other than Sweep Funds) that are held in Program accounts will be credited to the account.

LPL performs recordkeeping, administrative and shareholder services on behalf of mutual funds and receives compensation for the services based on mutual fund holdings of Program clients. These services include establishing and maintaining accounts with funds, facilitating settlement of funds, responding to customer inquiries and requests, and maintaining sub-account records reflecting the issuance, exchange or redemption of shares by the Program account. A type of recordkeeping service that LPL provides to certain mutual fund families is to process transactions on an omnibus basis, which means that LPL consolidates client trades into one daily trade with a fund, and maintains all pertinent shareholder information for the fund. In some cases LPL earns recordkeeping compensation with respect to a Program Share Class but does not earn recordkeeping compensation, or earns less recordkeeping compensation, with respect to other share classes of the same fund that are not offered through the Program. If LPL does not provide omnibus services to a mutual fund, then fund shares are traded on a networked basis, which means LPL submits a separate trade for each individual client trade to the fund. In that case, LPL maintains only certain elements of the fund's shareholder information.

The compensation LPL receives from a fund for recordkeeping, administrative and shareholder services is based on the amount of Program client assets that are invested in the fund (up to 0.30% annually), or the number of positions held by Program clients in the fund (up to \$25 per position). In addition, LPL charges a setup fee to product sponsors when adding new investment products or share classes of an investment product to LPL's investment platforms. In the case of exchange traded products, LPL receives up to \$7,500 per product and up to an additional \$15,000 per product for complex exchange-traded products and ETPs that require special due diligence. In the case of alternative investments, LPL receives up to \$30,000 for initial products, and up to \$15,000 for follow-on product offerings or additional share classes. In the case of mutual funds, LPL receive a one-time set up fee of up to \$40,000 to add the sponsor to its recordkeeping platform, which is the sum of a \$15,000 due diligence fee and a setup fee of \$5,000 per fund (up to a maximum of \$25,000 total for all funds). In the case of UITs, LPL receives up to \$5,000 per product. In the case of annuities, LPL typically receives a one-time onboarding/networking setup fee of up to \$100,000 from the annuity product sponsor to reimburse LPL for associated technology-related costs. LPL does not share this compensation with Advisor or its IARs.

LPL has fee arrangements with investment advisors or distributors ("sponsors") of mutual funds, ETFs, annuities, alternative investment products and structured products that are available for purchase through the Program, called revenue sharing. Under these arrangements, the sponsor pays LPL a fee (typically quarterly) based on the amount of client sales or assets invested in the sponsor's funds or products or a fixed fee, and LPL provides marketing support to the sponsor and allows the sponsor to access LPL IARs so that the sponsor can promote such funds or products. The maximum revenue sharing fee received by LPL under these arrangements is 0.15% annually of LPL clients' investments in an investment product, and certain sponsors also pay a tiered flat fee based on customer assets of up to \$1,000,000 in the case of ETFs. LPL does not accept revenue sharing fees for assets held in retirement accounts. LPL does not require that a sponsor participate in revenue sharing arrangements for the sponsor's funds or products to be selected for a Portfolio. In many cases, LPL receives compensation from





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a fund or product for the provision of services in addition to LPL's receipt of revenue sharing payments from the sponsors, including 12b-1 fees and mutual fund recordkeeping fees (described above).

Revenue sharing payments are generally higher for investment products with higher expense ratios (the overall fee paid by an investor in the product). Additionally, revenue sharing payments for some ETFs are based on management fees and will be higher for ETFs with higher expense ratios, both because LPL is paid a portion of the higher fees and because generally the percentage rate that LPL gets paid increases for investment products with higher expense ratios. As a result, LPL has an increased incentive to choose investment products that charge more in fees and to promote or recommend these investment products so that LPL earns more, and that could cause lower performance for client accounts. Other investment products with lower fees that are not party to revenue sharing agreements are available. Higher expense ratios will cause an investor to earn less on an investment than a comparable investment with a lower expense ratio. This results in a conflict of interest between clients and LPL because the revenue sharing arrangements give LPL an incentive to recommend investments that could cause lower performance for client accounts. However, these conflicts are mitigated insofar as the revenue sharing payments LPL receives are not shared with Advisor or the IAR who selects or recommends the investment products for client accounts.

LPL has network fee arrangements with sponsors of fee-based variable annuities, pursuant to which LPL receives compensation based on the number of LPL customer positions held with the variable annuity sponsor (up to \$6.00 per position per year). LPL does not share this compensation with Advisor. From time to time, LPL receives a reallowance of the public offering price per unit on units of certain UITs and structured products sold by LPL during the initial offering period.

The revenue that LPL receives from 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping compensation and revenue sharing arrangements is an important revenue stream and presents conflicts of interest that affect LPL's ability to provide clients with unbiased, objective investment advice concerning the selection of products and share classes for a Portfolio in the case of Portfolios designed by LPL. In particular, LPL has a financial incentive: (i) to select a product or a Program Share Class that charges a 12b-1 fee and/or pays recordkeeping compensation to LPL over another comparable product or a share class that does not charge 12b-1 fees or pay recordkeeping compensation; (ii) to select a product sponsored by a company that makes revenue sharing payments to LPL, instead of another comparable product whose sponsor does not make such payments; and (iii) to select a product or a Program Share Class that charges 12b-1 fees, pays recordkeeping compensation to LPL, or whose sponsor makes revenue sharing payments to LPL that, in each case, are comparatively higher than those charged or paid by another comparable product or share class or a sponsor of such products or share classes. Such other comparable products and/or share classes may be more appropriate for a client than the product or Program Share Class offered through the Program. Additionally, LPL receives significantly more revenue sharing from fund sponsors for which LPL's clients have the largest holdings, which creates a conflict of interest for LPL to promote and recommend those investments. LPL's website at [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html) identifies the mutual funds that pay recordkeeping compensation and the sponsors that make revenue sharing payments to LPL.

LPL credits to clients any 12b-1 fees it receives from mutual funds (other than the Sweep Funds), and therefore, LPL does not have an incentive to select one fund or Program Share Class over another solely on the basis of the 12b-1 fee. In addition, LPL does not share 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping fees or revenue sharing payments with Advisor or its IARs, and, therefore, there is no financial incentive for Advisor or its IAR to select one fund or a Program Share Class over another comparable fund or share class on the basis of the 12b-1 fee, recordkeeping compensation and revenue sharing payments that the fund or Program Share Class charges or provides to LPL. Although LPL does not share recordkeeping fees or revenue sharing payments with Advisor or IARs, such fees and payments will increase LPL's profits and indirectly benefit Advisor and IARs, for example by being used by LPL to support marketing or training costs.

LPL provides investment consulting services to the investment advisor of the Optimum Funds mutual fund family. These services include assisting the investment advisor in determining whether to engage, maintain or terminate sub-advisors for the Optimum Funds. As compensation for these services, LPL receives an investment consulting fee of up to 0.22% of fund assets from the investment advisor to the Optimum Funds. In addition, a senior executive officer of LPL serves as a Trustee of the Optimum Funds. The Optimum Funds are available to be purchased and sold in a Program account. The receipt of this investment consulting compensation by LPL presents a conflict of interest, because LPL has a financial benefit if an Optimum Fund is purchased in an



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account. However, the investment consulting compensation is retained by LPL and is not shared with Advisor and IARs. Therefore, there is no financial incentive for Advisor and IAR to recommend an Optimum Fund for purchase in a Program account.

LPL receives a fee from the issuers of structured products for administrative services and related support LPL provides in connection with the structuring and distribution of these products. This fee can be up to 0.75% of the principal amount of a trade and generally varies among products according to the complexity of the structuring. This fee is not shared with Advisor or its IAR who recommends these products to clients. Client should review the product offering documents for additional details.

#### Important Things to Consider About Fees on a SAM Account

- The Account Fee is an ongoing fee for investment advisory services and other administrative and custodial services. The Account Fee may cost the client more than purchasing the Program's services separately. Factors that bear upon the cost of the account in relation to the cost of the same services purchased separately include the:
  - type and size of the account
  - historical and or expected size or number of trades for the account, and
  - number and range of supplementary advisory and client-related services provided to the client.
- Clients participating in the Program do not pay Advisor commissions on transactions but do pay LPL transaction charges. Transaction charges for the securities purchased and sold in an account may also cost the client more than purchasing the Program's services separately. As with any fee, transaction charges reduce the overall amount of your investment portfolio.
- The Account Fee may cost the client more than if assets were held in a traditional brokerage account. Advisor also may be a broker-dealer and may be able to service clients in a brokerage account. In a brokerage account, a client pays a broker-dealer representative a sales commission for transactions, and the representative has no duty to provide ongoing advice with respect to the account. If the client plans to follow a buy and hold strategy for the account or does not wish to purchase ongoing investment advice or management services, the client should consider opening a brokerage account rather than a Program account. In addition, LPL may only offer certain products in an advisory account, even though there is a version of the product or a similar product that may be lower cost and could be available in a brokerage account, and vice versa.
- LPL offers certain alternative products, including certain non-traded alternative investments, only in brokerage accounts. This means that clients can only purchase those investments by paying a commission or other brokerage fee. Depending on the length of time that a client holds such an investment, it may cost more to pay the commission than it would if the investment was available in a SAM or other advisory account and the client paid the annual Account Fee on the investment. LPL considered that those products ordinarily are intended to be part of a buy and hold strategy in making the decision not to offer these alternative products in advisory accounts.
- Advisor and its IARs recommending the Program to the client receives compensation as a result of the client's participation in the Program. This compensation includes a portion of the Account Fee and also may include other compensation, such as bonuses, awards or other things of value offered by LPL to Advisor or by LPL or Advisor to the IAR. For example, LPL may pay a bonus to Advisor or its IARs in the form of reimbursement of fees that Advisor or its IARs pay to LPL for administrative services. In particular, pursuant to the agreement between LPL and Advisor, LPL pays Advisor an amount, in addition to a percentage of the client's Account Fee, based on the current market value of all client assets Advisor maintains in LPL advisory programs, including the Program. This amount is paid from the portion of the fee retained by LPL, and payment of this amount does not result in any higher or additional client fees. Therefore, this additional portion of the fee provides Advisor a greater financial benefit if more client assets are invested in LPL advisory programs. The amount of compensation that Advisor receives from LPL may be more or less than what Advisor and its IARs would receive if the client participated in other LPL programs, programs of other investment advisors or paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services. Therefore, Advisor and its IARs may have a financial incentive to recommend a Program account over other programs and services.
- The investment products available to be purchased in the Program can be purchased by clients outside of a SAM account, through broker-dealers or other investment firms not affiliated LPL and Advisor.



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- Clients should consider the impact of fees and expenses on their investment portfolio, as described in the informational brochure titled "How Fees and Expenses Affect Your Portfolio" on [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html) under "Investor Regulatory & Educational Resources."

#### ITEM 6 PERFORMANCE BASED FEES AND SIDE-BY-SIDE MANAGEMENT

This Item is not applicable. LPL and Advisor do not accept performance-based fees.

#### ITEM 7 TYPES OF CLIENTS

The Program is available for individuals, IRAs, banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, pension and profit sharing plans, including plans subject to ERISA, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, state and municipal government entities, corporations and other business entities.

A minimum account value of \$10,000 is generally required for the Program. In certain instances, LPL will permit a lower minimum account size.

#### ITEM 8 METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS

Advisor, through its IARs, chooses the research methods, investment strategy and management philosophy used in managing a SAM account. It is important to note that no methodology or investment strategy is guaranteed to be successful or profitable. Advisor and its IARs have access to various research reports, including those provided by LPL's Research Department, to which he/she may refer in determining which securities to purchase or sell.

LPL's Research Department makes recommendations regarding asset allocation, mutual funds, model portfolios, and variable annuity subaccounts. Advisor and IARs may or may not follow these recommendations in managing SAM I and SAM II program accounts. LPL Research also constructs asset allocation model portfolios and provides recommendations on the funds to populate the model portfolios. In constructing these models, LPL Research uses the following investment strategies: Diversified and Alternative Strategy. Although these descriptions are written in terms of individual equities and/or bonds, they include mutual funds or ETFs whose portfolios consist of the type of equities or bonds referenced.

- *Diversified.* The Diversified investment strategy seeks to promote capital appreciation while taking a reasonable amount of risk to achieve that goal. The strategy is subject to minimal constraints, which allows for a relatively pure implementation of LPL Research's recommendation. In general, Diversified portfolios should be considered by investors seeking investments in primarily stocks and bonds, along with the occasional non-traditional asset class to take advantage of potential market opportunities. Diversified portfolios will hold primarily traditional asset classes. Secondly, if a non-traditional asset class represents the investment that provides the best means of taking advantage of a market opportunity, it will be included in the recommendation. The non-traditional investments included in Diversified portfolios are more standard, such as conservative balanced strategies. Diversified portfolios tend to be steady in their number of positions. These portfolios tend to remain consistently diversified.
- *Alternative Strategy.* The Alternative Strategy investment strategy seeks to promote capital appreciation while taking a reasonable amount of risk to achieve that goal. Unlike the Diversified investment strategy, which may have an allocation to alternative strategy or non-traditional assets classes, this portfolio typically has an allocation to non-traditional asset classes. This strategy extends the diversification beyond the core style box asset classes into strategies with lower correlation to stocks and bonds in order to lower risk, as defined by standard deviation and maximum drawdown (peak to trough loss), while attempting to maintain long-term performance similar to other portfolios in the same investment objective.

For each of the above investment strategies, LPL Research recommends a strategic or tactical version.

- *Strategic.* Strategic portfolios typically have a three- to five-year time horizon. The allocations within these portfolios are intended to help take advantage of market opportunities LPL Research believes will occur or persist throughout that time frame. Although LPL Research recommends investments through a three- to five-year lens, LPL Research may recommend



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that these portfolios be traded for fine tuning throughout the year. For clients who take a longer-term view or are more tax sensitive, a strategic implementation may be more appropriate.

- **Tactical.** Tactical portfolios are more flexible and are designed to help take advantage of short-, mid-, and long-term opportunities the markets present. LPL Research recommends that these portfolios invest in opportunities for as short as one week and as long as five years. Due to the tactical nature, the trading is notably more frequent than strategic portfolios. Tactically managed portfolios should be considered by clients who wish to take advantage of shorter-term market opportunities that may arise and are not opposed to the prospect of more frequent trading.

It is important to note that although LPL Research makes available its recommendations and investment strategies, Advisor and its IARs may take into consideration these recommendations and strategies to a limited extent or not at all. Clients should contact Advisor through its IAR for additional information on the particular investment strategy used for the account. It is also important to note that Advisor and its IARs may use a combination of investment strategies.

### Types of Investments and Risks

In the Program, Advisor through its IARs can recommend many different types of securities, including mutual funds, unit investment trusts ("UITs"), closed end funds, ETFs, ETNs, variable annuity subaccounts, equities, fixed income securities, interval funds, options, hedge funds, managed futures, BDCs, private equity, REITs, and structured products. LPL and Advisor determine the types of investments that are eligible to be purchased in SAM I and SAM II program accounts. Investing in securities involves the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Described below are some particular risks associated with some types of investments available in the Program.

- **Market Risk.** This is the risk that the value of securities owned by an investor may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** This is the risk that fixed income securities will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates; a bond or a fixed income fund with a longer duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a bond or bond fund with a shorter duration.
- **Credit Risk.** This is the risk that an investor could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security is unable or unwilling to meet its financial obligations.
- **Liquidity Risk.** This is the risk that an investor would not be able to sell or redeem an investment quickly, or would not be able to sell or redeem an investment quickly without significantly affecting the price. Liquidity risk is heightened when markets are distressed. Generally, alternative investments have higher liquidity risk than equities, fixed income securities or mutual funds or ETFs.
- **Issuer-Specific Risk.** This is the risk that the value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more *volatile* than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the value of the market as a whole.
- **Investment Company Risk.** To the extent a client account invests in ETFs or other investment companies, its performance will be affected by the performance of those other investment companies. Investments in ETFs and other investment companies are subject to the risks of the investment companies' investments, as well as to the investment companies' expenses. If a client account invests in other investment companies, the client account may receive distributions of taxable gains from portfolio transactions by that investment company and may recognize taxable gains from transactions in shares of that investment company, which would be taxable when distributed.
- **Concentration Risk.** To the extent a client account concentrates its investments by investing a significant portion of its assets in the securities of a single issuer, industry, sector, country or region, the overall adverse impact on the client of adverse developments in the business of such issuer, such industry or such government could be considerably greater than if they did not concentrate their investments to such an extent.
- **Sector Risk.** To the extent a client account invests more heavily in particular sectors, industries, or sub-sectors of the market, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors, industries, or sub-sectors. An individual sector, industry, or sub-sector of the market may be more volatile, and may perform differently, than the



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broader market. The several industries that constitute a sector may all react in the same way to economic, political or regulatory events. A client account's performance could be affected if the sectors, industries, or sub-sectors do not perform as expected. Alternatively, the lack of exposure to one or more sectors or industries may adversely affect performance.

- *Alternative Strategy Mutual Funds.* Certain mutual funds available in the Program invest primarily in alternative investments and/or strategies. Investing in alternative investments and/or strategies may not be appropriate for all investors and involves special risks, such as risks associated with commodities, real estate, leverage, selling securities short, the use of derivatives, potential adverse market forces, regulatory changes and potential illiquidity. There are special risks associated with mutual funds that invest principally in real estate securities, such as sensitivity to changes in real estate values and interest rates and price volatility because of the fund's concentration in the real estate industry. These types of funds tend to have higher expense ratios than more traditional mutual funds. They also tend to be newer and have less of a track record or performance history.
- *Closed-End/Interval Funds.* Clients should be aware that closed-end funds available within the Program may not give investors the right to redeem their shares, and a secondary market may not exist. Therefore, clients may be unable to liquidate all or a portion of their shares in these types of funds. While the fund may from time to time offer to repurchase shares, it is not obligated to do so (unless it has been structured as an "interval fund"). In the case of interval funds, the fund will provide limited liquidity to shareholders by offering to repurchase a limited amount of shares on a periodic basis, but there is no guarantee that clients will be able to sell all of the shares in any particular repurchase offer. In some cases, there may be an additional cost to investors who redeem before holding shares for a specified amount of time. The repurchase offer program may be suspended under certain circumstances.
- *Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs).* ETFs are typically investment companies that are legally classified as open end mutual funds or UITs. However, they differ from traditional mutual funds, in particular, in that ETF shares are listed on a securities exchange. Shares can be bought and sold throughout the trading day like shares of other publicly-traded companies. ETF shares may trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. This difference between the bid price and the ask price is often referred to as the "spread." The spread varies over time based on the ETF's trading volume and market liquidity, and is generally lower if the ETF has a lot of trading volume and market liquidity and higher if the ETF has little trading volume and market liquidity. Although many ETFs are registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 like traditional mutual funds, some ETFs, in particular those that invest in commodities, are not registered as an investment company. ETFs may be closed and liquidated at the discretion of the issuing company.
- *Exchange-Traded Notes (ETNs).* An ETN is a senior unsecured debt obligation designed to track the total return of an underlying market index or other benchmark. ETNs may be linked to a variety of assets, for example, commodity futures, foreign currency and equities. ETNs are similar to ETFs in that they are listed on an exchange and can typically be bought or sold throughout the trading day. However, an ETN is not a mutual fund and does not have a net asset value; the ETN trades at the prevailing market price. Some of the more common risks of an ETN are as follows: The repayment of the principal, interest (if any), and the payment of any returns at maturity or upon redemption are dependent upon the ETN issuer's ability to pay. In addition, the trading price of the ETN in the secondary market may be adversely impacted if the issuer's credit rating is downgraded. The index or asset class for performance replication in an ETN may or may not be concentrated in a specific sector, asset class or country and may therefore carry specific risks. ETNs may be closed and liquidated at the discretion of the issuing company.
- *Leveraged and Inverse ETFs, ETNs and Mutual Funds.* Leveraged ETFs, ETNs and mutual funds, sometimes labeled "ultra" or "2x" for example, are designed to provide a multiple of the underlying index's return, typically on a daily basis. Inverse products are designed to provide the opposite of the return of the underlying index, typically on a daily basis. These products are different from and can be riskier than traditional ETFs, ETNs and mutual funds. Although these products are designed to provide returns that generally correspond to the underlying index, they may not be able to exactly replicate the performance of the index because of fund expenses and other factors. This is referred to as tracking error. Continual re-setting of returns within the product may add to the underlying costs and increase the tracking error. As a result, this may prevent these products from achieving their investment objective. In addition, compounding of the returns can produce a divergence from the underlying index over time, in particular for leveraged products. In highly volatile markets with large





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positive and negative swings, return distortions may be magnified over time. Some deviations from the stated objectives, to the positive or negative, are possible and may or may not correct themselves over time. To accomplish their objectives, these products use a range of strategies, including swaps, futures contracts and other derivatives. These products may not be diversified and can be based on commodities or currencies. These products may have higher expense ratios and be less tax-efficient than more traditional ETFs, ETNs and mutual funds.

- **Options.** Option trading is permitted in the Program. Clients should be aware that the use of options involves additional risks. The risks of covered call writing include the potential for the market to rise sharply. In such case, the security may be called away and the Program account will no longer hold the security. When purchasing options there is the risk that the entire premium paid (the purchase price) for the option can be lost if the option is not exercised or otherwise sold prior to the option's expiration date. When selling (or "writing") options, the risk of loss can be much greater if the options are written uncovered ("naked"). The risk of loss can far exceed the amount of the premium received for an uncovered option and in the case of an uncovered call option the potential loss is unlimited.
- **Other Complex Exchange Traded Products.** Certain clients meeting qualification standards may also purchase other complex exchange traded products, which may be structured as ETFs, ETNs or as other types of securities. Similar to leveraged and inverse products, these other complex products differ, often significantly, from traditional ETFs, ETNs and mutual funds and can be significantly more speculative and volatile. Other complex exchange traded products are often not designed to be held long term. These products include, for example, futures-linked exchange traded products ("Futures Linked ETPs") and cryptocurrency-related exchange traded products ("Cryptocurrency ETPs"). Futures Linked ETPs are intended to provide exposure to reference assets like commodities. However, Futures Linked ETPs are not designed to track the spot price of the referenced asset, but instead track the price of futures contracts. The performance of a Futures Linked ETP may deviate significantly from the performance of the spot price of the reference asset, especially over longer periods. Cryptocurrency ETPs are exposed to cryptocurrency, decentralized digitized assets that often rely on blockchain technology. Cryptocurrency ETPs are highly speculative and extremely volatile. Cryptocurrency is part of a new and evolving industry, and neither the technology nor regulatory regime for cryptocurrency is settled. Cryptocurrency ETPs may trade in over-the-counter markets and may not be afforded all of the investor protections of other exchange-traded products. Certain Futures Linked ETPs invest in cryptocurrency futures, which could magnify the risks described above.
- **Structured Products.** Structured products are securities derived from another asset, such as a security or a basket of securities, an index, a commodity, a debt issuance, or a foreign currency. Structured products frequently limit the upside participation in the reference asset. Structured products are senior unsecured debt of the issuing bank and subject to the credit risk associated with that issuer. This credit risk exists whether or not the investment held in the account offers principal protection. The creditworthiness of the issuer does not affect or enhance the likely performance of the investment other than the ability of the issuer to meet its obligations. Any payments due at maturity are dependent on the issuer's ability to pay. In addition, the trading price of the security in the secondary market, if there is one, may be adversely impacted if the issuer's credit rating is downgraded. Some structured products offer full protection of the principal invested, others offer only partial or no protection. Investors may be sacrificing a higher yield to obtain the principal guarantee. In addition, the principal guarantee relates to nominal principal and does not offer inflation protection. An investor in a structured product never has a claim on the underlying investment, whether a security, zero coupon bond, or option. There may be little or no secondary market for the securities and information regarding independent market pricing for the securities may be limited. This is true even if the product has a ticker symbol or has been approved for listing on an exchange. Tax treatment of structured products may be different from other investments held in the account (e.g., income may be taxed as ordinary income even though payment is not received until maturity). Structured CDs that are insured by the FDIC are subject to applicable FDIC limits.
- **Business Development Companies (BDCs).** BDCs are types of closed-end investment companies, which are available to clients meeting certain qualification standards. Generally, BDCs invest primarily in the debt and equity of private and/or small U.S. companies and may offer distribution rates generated through potentially significant credit and liquidity risk exposures amplified through leverage. As with other high-yield investments, such as floating-rate/leveraged loan funds, private REITs and limited partnerships, investors are exposed to significant market, credit, interest rate and liquidity risks. In





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addition, BDCs run the risk of over-leveraging their relatively illiquid portfolios. Due to the illiquid nature of non-traded BDCs, investors' exit opportunities may be limited only to periodic share repurchases by the BDC. A tender offer pursuant to a share redemption program may be oversubscribed so that the BDC accepts only a pro rata portion of the shares a client tenders during a redemption program. In such cases, a client may experience significant delays (including, potentially, indefinite delays) to exit from the investment. In addition, share redemption programs may be shut down at any time at the discretion of the issuer's board. Also, BDCs may fund distributions from offering proceeds or borrowings, which may constitute a return of capital and reduce the amount of capital available to make investments. In some cases, there may be an additional cost to investors who redeem before holding the shares for a specified number of years.

- **High-Yield Debt.** High-yield debt is issued by companies or municipalities that do not qualify for "investment grade" ratings by one or more rating agencies. The below investment grade designation is based on the rating agency's opinion of an issuer that it has a greater risk to repay both principal and interest and a greater risk of default than those issuers rated investment grade. High yield debt carries greater risk than investment grade debt. There is the risk that the potential deterioration of an issuer's financial health and subsequent downgrade in its rating will result in a decline in market value or default. Because of the potential inability of an issuer to make interest and principal payments, an investor may receive back less than originally invested. There is also the risk that the bond's market value will decline as interest rates rise and that an investor will not be able to liquidate a bond before maturity.
- **Hedge Funds and Non-Traded Managed Futures.** Hedge funds and non-traded managed futures funds are available to clients meeting certain qualification standards. Investing in these funds involves additional risks including, but not limited to, the risk of investment loss due to the use of leveraging and other speculative investment practices, currency and interest rate risk, lack of liquidity and performance volatility. In addition, these funds are not required to provide periodic pricing or valuation information to investors and may involve complex tax structures and delays in distributing important tax information. Clients should be aware that these funds are not liquid as there is no secondary trading market available. At the absolute discretion of the issuer of the fund, there may be certain repurchase offers made from time to time. However, there is no guarantee that client will be able to redeem the fund during the repurchase offer. In some cases, there may be an additional cost to investors who redeem before holding shares for a specified amount of time. Issuers typically accept redemption requests only periodically (monthly or quarterly), and often have the discretion to suspend redemptions in times of market stress. Even after a redemption request is accepted, the redemption proceeds may not be available for a significant period of time following the effective date of the redemption. A portion of the redemption proceeds may also be withheld to account for potential future adjustments to the valuation of the security. Funds of hedge funds are pooled investments in several hedge funds. Expenses in funds of hedge funds are typically higher than mutual funds. Because they may invest in a number of private hedge funds, funds of funds also bear a part of the fees and expenses of those underlying hedge funds.
- **REITs.** REITs invest in real estate, and there are special risks associated with investing in real estate, including, but not limited to, sensitivity to changes in real estate values, the risk of investment loss due to the use of leveraging and other speculative investment practices, interest rate risk, lack of liquidity and performance volatility. Non-Traded REITs, which are available to clients meeting certain qualification standards, are not required to provide annual valuations until two years and 150 days after reaching the minimum capital raise required to begin purchasing properties. This threshold is generally outlined in the product's prospectus. Non-Traded REITs may fund distributions from offering proceeds or borrowings, which may constitute a return of capital and reduce the amount of capital available to invest in new assets. Clients should be aware that these securities may not be liquid as there is no secondary trading market available. At the absolute discretion of the issuer of the security, there may be certain repurchase offers made from time to time. However, there is no guarantee that client will be able to redeem the security during the repurchase offer. Issuers may repurchase shares at a price below net asset value. The repurchase program may also be suspended under certain circumstances.
- **Private Equity Funds.** Private equity investments are speculative and involve significant risks. It is possible that investors may lose some or all of their investment. The risks associated with private equity include: limited diversification, the use of leverage, and limited liquidity. The investment timeline for private equity can be a decade or more. Some issuers or general



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partners may penalize limited partners who redeem before holding units for a specified amount of time, or may disallow redemptions entirely.

- **Variable Annuities.** If client purchases a variable annuity that is part of the Program, client will receive a prospectus and should rely solely on the disclosure contained in the prospectus with respect to the terms and conditions of the variable annuity. Clients should also be aware that certain riders purchased with a variable annuity may limit the investment options and the ability to manage the subaccounts. Some products may charge a recapture or redemption fee for contracts or benefits not held for a specified period of time or that do not follow stated withdrawal terms.
- **Non-traded Products.** Non-traded products do not trade on a securities exchange and are not publicly traded. Consequently, non-traded products can be riskier than products that are publicly traded because the product cannot be sold readily in a market by the investor. The non-traded product may offer to redeem shares from investors, but such share redemptions are typically subject to limitations. Share redemptions may also require that shares be redeemed at a discount and there is no guarantee that client will be able to redeem the security during the repurchase offer. In addition, non-traded products may lack share value transparency because there is no market price readily available. Without share value transparency, investors may not be able to assess the value or performance of the non-traded product.
- **Margin Accounts.** Client should be aware that margin borrowing involves additional risks. Margin borrowing will result in increased gain if the value of the securities in the account go up, but will result in increased losses if the value of the securities in the account goes down. LPL, acting as the client's creditor, will have the authority to liquidate all or part of the account to repay any portion of the margin loan, even if the timing would be disadvantageous to the client. For performance illustration purposes, the margin interest charge will be treated as a withdrawal and will, therefore, not negatively impact performance reports.
- **Pledging Assets.** LPL has partnered with certain banks to help facilitate clients' access to collateralized non-purpose lines of credit; however, clients are not required to use the banks in LPL's program, and can work directly with other banks ("non-partner banks") to negotiate loan terms or obtain other financing arrangements. Clients who choose to use non-partner banks should notify Advisor of the amount of the line of credit. In these collateralized lending arrangements, clients borrow from the bank and pay interest to the bank. In some cases, Advisor, through IAR, may recommend that a client seeking to access funds (for purposes other than purchasing securities) hold his securities investments and instead utilize a non-purpose line of credit collateralized by the assets in his advisory account. Unless Advisor, through IAR, specifically recommends that a client hold his securities investments and instead utilize a collateralized line of credit to access funds, the decision regarding whether to arrange for a collateralized loan and the decision to draw down on such a loan are not covered by a client's advisory relationship with LPL or Advisor. While Advisor, through IAR, may assist the client with facilitating a line of credit, clients are responsible for independently evaluating the terms of the loan and deciding whether the loan meets their needs. Clients also should be aware that pledging assets in an account to secure a loan involves additional risks. The bank holding the loan has the authority to liquidate all or part of the securities at any time without your prior notice in order to maintain required maintenance levels, or to call the loan at any time. As a practical matter, this may cause you to sell assets and realize losses in a declining market. Moreover, the ability of Advisor and IAR to make recommendations for the account may be restricted by collateral requirements imposed by the bank. These restrictions or a forced liquidation may interfere with your long term investment goals and/or result in adverse tax consequences. Further, you should note that the returns on accounts or on pledged assets may not cover the cost of loan interest and advisory fees. Clients should be aware that LPL's collateralized loan program is one way, among many, for clients to raise necessary cash. Before pledging assets in an account, clients should carefully review the loan agreement, loan application and any forms required by the bank and any other forms and disclosures provided by LPL. For a list of the banks currently participating in LPL's collateralized lending program, please visit [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html), click on "Account Disclosures, Agreements, Fee Schedules & Conflicts of Interest," and then "Third Party Compensation and Related Conflicts of Interest."
- **Equity Securities.** Common and preferred stock represents the equity ownership of a company. Stock markets are volatile and the price of equity securities fluctuates based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. The value of equity securities may also decline due to factors that affect particular industries or particular issuers. The values of equity securities may be more volatile than those of other asset classes.



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- *Debt Securities.* Debt securities, such as bonds, involve interest rate risk, credit risk, extension risk, prepayment risk, and other types of risks. In addition, the value of debt securities may fluctuate in response to market movements or issues that affect particular industries or issuers. When interest rates fall, the issuers of debt securities may prepay principal more quickly than expected, and investors may have to reinvest the proceeds at a lower interest rate. This is known as “prepayment risk.” When interest rates rise, debt securities may be repaid more slowly than expected, and the value of the debt security can fall sharply. This is known as “extension risk.” Certain types of debt securities may be subject to “call and redemption risk,” which is the risk that the issuer may call a bond for redemption before it matures and the investor may lose income.
- *Cyber Security Risk.* Failures or breaches of the electronic systems of securities market participants or the issuers of securities can cause significant losses for investors.
- *Foreign Securities Risk.* Foreign investments involve special risks not present in U.S. investments that increase an investor’s potential to lose money. Among other issues, custody of securities in foreign markets, changes in foreign currency exchange rates, foreign economic and market conditions, actions adverse to investors taken by foreign governments, lack of governmental oversight or regulation of securities markets, underdeveloped settlement and clearing services, and foreign withholding taxes may negatively affect the value of investments in foreign securities.
- *Values-Based and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Investing Risk.* Values-based investing or ESG investing, also known as “socially responsible investing,” “sustainable investing,” or “impact investing,” focuses on the social values or environmental, social, and governance standards or the sustainability factors of an investment. Some values-based investing strategies focus on factors relating to an individual investor’s personal or religious values, such as “biblical investing,” while other strategies focus on issues like environmental impact. Some values-based investment strategies use values-based criteria to supplement financial analysis when considering a particular issuer or security, while others affirmatively select “socially responsible” investments or screen out or exclude investments in companies that engage in certain activities. Values-based investing may limit the type and number of investments available in a strategy and cause the strategy to underperform other strategies without a values-based focus or with a focus that involves a different type of focus or screening methodology. Values-based strategies may underperform the market as a whole. Companies and issuers selected in a values-based strategy may not or may not continue to demonstrate values-based characteristics. Different investors likely have different opinions about what types of investments are socially responsible.
- *Comparable Products.* LPL offers various mutual funds, ETFs, and other investment products that have similar or identical investment strategies but different fee and expense arrangements. For example, LPL sells both mutual funds and ETFs that are designed to track an index of securities, such as the S&P 500 Index. A mutual fund and an ETF following an identical strategy have different fees and expenses that affect your investment return. Those fees and expenses include direct costs like sales loads, commissions, and other transaction costs, and indirect costs at the product level like advisory or management fees, distribution expenses (12b-1 fees), and other administrative, shareholder servicing and transfer agent fees. The impact of those fee and expenses on your investment returns also varies based on the size of your initial investment, the length of time you hold the investment, and other factors. The differences in fees and expenses, and additional differences in compensation paid directly by product sponsors like revenue sharing, mean that LPL and Advisor generally will earn more compensation for selling one investment product than another. As a result, LPL and Advisor have a conflict of interest because of the financial incentive to recommend investment products that pay more compensation if a less expensive comparable product could be used to achieve a customer’s investment objective.
- *Annuity Products.* If investor client invests in annuity products in a Program account, client should be aware of the specific risks and limitations of the annuity products. Clients should be aware that certain riders purchased with a variable annuity may limit the investment options and the ability to manage the subaccounts. Some products may charge a recapture or redemption fee for contracts or benefits not held for a specified period of time or that do not follow stated withdrawal terms. Registered Index Linked Annuities (RILAs) are insurance products tied to the performance of a market index, offering the positive returns of the index up to a cap and providing a buffer for a certain level of negative returns. RILAs are subject to risks associated with other investment products, including market risk, and the total loss of principal is possible. If client



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purchases an annuity product that is part of the Program, client will receive a prospectus with respect to the terms and conditions of the annuity product.

#### ITEM 9 DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

LPL entered into a settlement with the SEC in connection with LPL's failure to comply with its Customer Identification Program procedures. The SEC found that LPL willfully violated Section 17(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 17a-8 thereunder and was a cause of a third party's violations of Sections 17(a)(2) and (3) of the Securities Act and Section 206(2) of the Advisers Act. The SEC ordered LPL to cease and desist from committing or causing any further violations of these laws and regulations, censured LPL for its conduct, and ordered the payment of disgorgement and prejudgment interest totaling \$141,202 (deemed satisfied based on LPL's voluntary remedial payment of \$4,118,876 to the impacted client), and the payment of a civil money penalty of \$750,000.

As part of a voluntary self-reporting initiative in 2019, LPL entered into a settlement with the SEC in which the SEC found that LPL willfully violated Section 206(2) and 207 of the Advisers Act in connection with inadequate disclosure to clients of its and its associated persons' conflicts of interest related to its receipt of 12b-1 fees and/or its selection of mutual fund share classes that pay such fees. The SEC ordered LPL to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations of Sections 206(2) and 207 of the Advisers Act, censured it for its conduct, and ordered the payment of disgorgement and prejudgment interest to affected investors totaling \$9,333,516.

LPL, as a broker-dealer, is a member of FINRA and has found to be in violation of FINRA's rules related to its brokerage activities. In particular, LPL consented to sanctions related to the following matters:

- LPL's supervisory systems and maintenance of books and records relating to brokerage direct business transactions, supervisory systems and misstatements about fees relating to brokerage product switch transactions, and supervisory systems relating to brokerage recommendations of publicly traded securities of business development companies (BDCs) to customers, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$5.5 million, restitution to impacted customers, and an undertaking to certify that LPL has remediated the systems and procedures for making recommendations of BDCs (2023).
- LPL's supervisory systems and procedures relating to the transmittal of customer funds by wire or check to third parties and maintenance of related books and records, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$3,000,000, restitution to impacted clients, and an undertaking to identify and pay restitution to affected customers for certain other improper transfers (2023).
- LPL's failure to accurately calculate its customer reserve requirement, failure to maintain a sufficient customer reserve, failure to maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the Securities and Exchange Act and FINRA rules, and failure to maintain accurate books and records, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$300,000 (2022).
- LPL's self-reporting of potential issues related to certain C-share purchase suitability reviews and its supervisory systems and procedures relating to waivers of front-end sales charges for rollovers of 529 savings plan investments from one state plan to another, resulting in a censure and payment of restitution to impacted customers (2021).
- LPL's supervisory systems and procedures relating to record retention, fingerprinting and screening of certain associated persons, and supervision of consolidated reports, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$6,500,000 and an undertaking to review and enhance related policies, systems and procedures (2020).
- LPL's supervisory systems and procedures relating to changes in the authority of custodians of accounts established under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and/or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$300,000, and an undertaking to review and enhance its policies, systems, and procedures related to supervision of such accounts (2019).
- The effectiveness of LPL's anti-money laundering program, LPL's failure to amend certain Forms U4 and U5, and LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to Forms U4 and U5 reporting requirements, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$2,750,000 and an undertaking to review the process used to disclose customer complaints on Forms U4 and U5 (2018).
- LPL's brokerage supervisory and disclosure procedures related to the sale of certain brokered certificates of deposit in brokerage accounts, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$375,000 (2018).



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- LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to the creation and distribution of certain required account notices, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$900,000, and an undertaking to review affected processes (2016).
- LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to the format in which certain electronic records were retained, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$750,000 (2016).
- LPL's various brokerage supervisory procedures, including those related to the sale of complex non-traditional ETFs, variable annuity ("VA") contracts, real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and other products in brokerage accounts, as well as LPL's failure to monitor and report trades and deliver trade confirmations, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$10,000,000, and restitution of \$1,664,592 (2015).
- LPL's processing and supervision of the sale of alternative investments, including non-traded REITs, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$950,000 (2014).
- LPL's systems and procedures related to the review and retention of email, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$7.5 million, and establishment of a fund of \$1.5 million to cover payments to eligible former brokerage customer claimants who may not have received all emails in connection with their claim (2013).

LPL, as a broker-dealer, is regulated by each of the 50 states and has been the subject of orders related to the violation of state laws and regulations in connection with its brokerage activities. In particular, LPL entered into consent orders related to the following matters:

- LPL's supervision of electronic signature practices at an LPL branch office in Massachusetts, resulting in a fine of \$250,000 and an undertaking to conduct an internal review of certain related policies and procedures (Massachusetts or "MA", 2023).
- LPL's supervision of an LPL broker-dealer/investment adviser agent's sales of structured products, resulting in a censure, an offer of restitution to impacted clients, and a fine of \$125,000 (Texas, 2022).
- LPL's supervision of two LPL broker-dealer and/or investment adviser agents who pled guilty to charges of fraudulent practices with LPL customers, resulting in a cease and desist order, a fine of \$350,000 and a \$150,000 contribution for financial literacy and investor education initiatives, training and related materials (Connecticut, 2021).
- LPL's supervision of an LPL representative under a heightened supervision plan, resulting in a cease and desist order; a fine of \$275,000; payments of restitution, disgorgement and investigative costs; and offers of payment of surrender charges in connection with variable annuity contracts for impacted customers (New Hampshire or "NH", 2020).
- LPL's failure to timely register (or maintain the registration of) certain agents in MA and failure to amend Forms U4 and U5 for certain agents registered in MA, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$1,100,000, and an undertaking to review and enhance its policies and procedures related to registering its agents in MA and filing reportable events (MA, 2019).
- LPL's brokerage supervisory procedures relating to email review and annual branch office examinations, resulting in a civil penalty of \$450,000 and an undertaking for third-party review of related processes (Indiana, 2018).
- The sale of unregistered, non-exempt securities in violation of state registration requirements, resulting (upon entry of the individual consent order) in payment to each participating state or jurisdiction of a civil penalty of \$499,000, reimbursement of certain investigative expenses, remediation through repurchase of certain securities and payment of losses to certain affected customers, and certain additional undertakings (Settlement with up to 53 members of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), 2018).
- The sale of non-traded alternative investments in excess of prospectus standards or LPL's internal guidelines and the maintenance of related books and records, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$950,000, a \$25,000 contribution to an investor education fund and remediation of losses to impacted customers (New Jersey, 2017).
- LPL's supervisory practices for LPL representatives located on the premises of a credit union, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$1,000,000, and an undertaking to avoid investor confusion specific to the name under which the credit union does business and review LPL's related policies and procedures (MA, 2017).
- LPL's oversight of certain VA transactions, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$975,000, restitution to clients and former clients of an LPL representative, disgorgement of commissions retained by LPL in connection with such IAR's VA sales, and an





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undertaking to review such representative's brokerage and advisory activities and LPL's related policies and procedures (MA, 2017).

- The sale in brokerage accounts of non-traded REITs in excess of prospectus standards, state concentration limits or LPL's internal guidelines, resulting in an aggregate civil penalty of \$1,425,000, reimbursement of certain investigative expenses and remediation of losses to impacted customers (Global settlement with certain members of NASAA, 2015).
- The sale of non-traded REITs in excess of prospectus standards, state concentration limits or LPL's internal guidelines, resulting in an administrative fine of \$250,000, reimbursement of investigative costs of \$250,000, a \$250,000 contribution to an investor education fund and remediation of losses to impacted customers (NH, 2015).
- The sale of leveraged and inverse leveraged ETFs ("Leveraged ETFs"), resulting in an administrative fine of \$50,000 (Delaware), a penalty of \$200,000 (MA), restitution to Delaware customers in an amount up to \$150,000, restitution to MA customers in an amount up to \$1,600,000, and an agreement to make certain changes in its supervisory system with respect to Leveraged ETFs (2015).
- Failure to implement procedures related to the use of senior-specific titles by LPL representatives as required under MA law, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$250,000 (2015).
- Failure to detect improper and fraudulent conduct by an LPL representative, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$500,000, and restitution to impacted customers; and failure to adequately enforce supervisory procedures and maintain certain books and records required under Illinois law in connection with certain VA exchange transactions, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$2,000,000, and restitution to impacted customers (2014).

For more information about those state events and other disciplinary and legal events involving LPL, client should refer to Investment Advisor Public Disclosure at <https://adviserinfo.sec.gov> or FINRA BrokerCheck at <https://brokercheck.finra.org>.

**ITEM 10 OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

LPL is a broker-dealer registered with FINRA and the SEC. As a broker-dealer, LPL transacts business in various types of securities, including mutual funds, stocks, bonds, commodities, options, private and public partnerships, variable annuities, REITs and other investment products. LPL is registered to operate in all 50 states and has primarily an independent-contractor sales force of registered representatives and investment advisor representatives dispersed throughout the United States. LPL has a dedicated team of employee IARs in its home office who service certain accounts, and also a small subset of IARs who operate their own offices or are located on the premises of certain financial institutions and are IARs who are employees of LPL Employee Services, LLC, an LPL-affiliated company. If required for their positions with a registered broker-dealer, LPL's principal executive officers are securities licensed as registered representatives of LPL. LPL is also registered as an introducing broker with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In addition, LPL is qualified to sell insurance products in all 50 states.

LPL and The Private Trust Company, N.A. ("PTC"), a federally chartered non-depository bank licensed to provide trust services in all 50 states, are related persons. PTC serves as IRA custodian for SAM program accounts set up as IRAs and receives an annual maintenance fee for this service. PTC also provides personal trustee services to clients for a variety of administrative fiduciary services, which services may relate to a Program account. Because LPL and PTC are affiliated companies and share in revenues, there is a financial benefit to the companies if a client uses PTC as a custodian or for personal trustee services, or if a PTC client uses LPL as an investment advisor. PTC's IRA custodian and trustee services and related fees are established under a separate engagement between the client and PTC.

Fiduciary Trust Company of New Hampshire ("FTC"), a non-depository trust company, is a related person of LPL. FTC provides custodial and various other recordkeeping and services to IRAs and certain employer-sponsored plans maintained through non-SAM Program accounts. Because LPL and FTC are affiliated companies and share in revenues, there is a financial benefit to the companies if a client is referred to or otherwise elects to engage with FTC for services under another LPL program, and uses LPL as the investment advisor or broker-dealer. FTC's custodial and recordkeeping services and related fees are established under a separate engagement between the client and FTC.





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Fortigent, LLC ("Fortigent"), is a registered investment advisor and related person of LPL. From time to time, LPL registered representatives may enter into agreements with Fortigent for research and reporting services.

#### ITEM 11 CODE OF ETHICS, PARTICIPATION OR INTEREST IN CLIENT TRANSACTIONS AND PERSONAL TRADING

##### Code of Ethics and Personal Trading

LPL has adopted a code of ethics that includes guidelines regarding personal securities transactions of its employees and IARs. The code of ethics permits LPL employees and IARs to invest for their own personal accounts in the same securities that LPL and IARs purchase for clients in SAM program accounts. This presents a conflict of interest because trading by an employee or IAR in a personal securities account in the same security on or about the same time as trading by a client can disadvantage the client. LPL addresses this conflict of interest by requiring in its code of ethics that LPL employees and IARs report certain personal securities transactions and holdings to LPL. LPL has procedures to review personal trading accounts for front-running. In addition, employees in LPL's Research Department are required to obtain pre-clearance prior to purchasing certain securities for a personal account. Employees and IARs are also required to obtain pre-approval for investments in private placements and initial public offerings. A copy of the LPL code of ethics is available to clients or prospective clients upon request and is available at [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html).

##### Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

Purchases of mutual fund, UIT or alternative investment shares may be processed through the firm's proprietary account resulting in the purchase being characterized as principal transactions for certain reporting purposes. In such case, the shares will be purchased at the fund's net asset value, and no additional charges will be applied to such transactions as a result of the firm's use of a proprietary account. LPL does not otherwise engage in principal transactions with its clients in the Program.

For certain ETFs and stocks, LPL executes trades in fractional shares of those securities as an accommodation to clients. There is not an active open market for fractional shares, and executing trades with LPL is most often the only form of liquidity for a client that holds fractional shares in his or her account. LPL does not receive any compensation in addition to advisory fees for executing trades in fractional shares for a client's advisory account. LPL will only buy and sell fractional shares when a client is also trading whole shares of the security, in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, or to sell remaining fractional shares to close a position. Trades in fractional shares will happen on the same day and at the same price as a trade in whole shares, or otherwise at market closing price.

##### Collateralized Lending Arrangements

LPL has partnered with certain banks to help facilitate clients' access to non-purpose lines of credit collateralized by their investment accounts. Because of LPL's arrangements with the banks participating in the program, clients may be limited in their ability to negotiate the most favorable loan terms. Clients are not required to use the banks in LPL's program, and can work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other, potentially more favorable, financing arrangements. If a Client obtains a loan from a non-partner bank, he should notify Advisor of the amount of the line of credit. Clients should understand that the interest and additional fees paid to the bank in connection with the loan are separate from and in addition to the advisory fees the client pays LPL for its advisory services on the account.

LPL receives third party compensation from participant banks based on the amount of outstanding loans. Compensation can be up to 0.75% of the outstanding loan amount. This compensation to LPL varies, and, therefore, LPL can earn more or less depending on the bank selected by the client. The receipt of compensation poses a conflict of interest to LPL because LPL has a financial incentive for the client to select a bank in the program, and a participating bank that pays LPL more than other participating banks. However, LPL does not share this compensation with Advisor or IARs, and therefore, Advisor and IAR do not have a financial incentive if one bank is selected over another. LPL, Advisor, and IARs have an interest in continuing to receive investment advisory fees, which gives LPL, Advisor, and IARs an incentive to recommend that clients borrow money rather than liquidate some of their assets managed by LPL/Advisor. This incentive creates a conflict of interest for LPL, Advisor, and IARs when advising clients seeking to access funds on whether they should liquidate assets or instead hold their securities.



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investments and utilize a line of credit secured by assets in their account. Because LPL, Advisor, and IARs are compensated primarily through advisory fees paid on clients' accounts, they also have an interest in managing an account serving as collateral for a loan in a manner that will preserve sufficient collateral value to support the loan and avoid a bank call. This may present a conflict of interest with clients because it could incentivize LPL, Advisor, or IARs to recommend more conservative, lower performing investments to maintain the stability of the account.

For additional disclosures regarding LPL's collateralized lending program, including a list of the banks currently participating in the program, please visit [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html), click on "Account Disclosures, Agreements, Fee Schedules & Conflicts of Interest," and then "Third Party Compensation and Related Conflicts of Interest."

#### Cash Sweep Arrangements

If a client has an eligible account, cash balances will be automatically invested in an interest-bearing Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC")-insured cash account (an "ICA") (or under certain unlikely circumstances, into money market mutual funds). LPL receives a fee equal to a percentage (up to 6%) of the average daily deposit balance in the ICA, a portion of which LPL pays to Advisor. The fee paid to LPL is applied across all deposit accounts taken in the aggregate; therefore, on some accounts, fees to LPL may be higher or lower than this amount. The fees paid to LPL for its sweep programs reduces the interest rate paid on your cash funds, and depending on the interest rate and other market factors, LPL may receive a majority of the interest as fees. For additional information on the ICA, please see the ICA Disclosure Booklet available from Advisor through its IAR.

For ICA Overflow Balances maintained in Client Cash Accounts, LPL makes money depending on how those free credit balances are invested or deposited. Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3, LPL can (i) deposit cash balances into a segregated deposit account at its banks, thereby making interest on the Client Cash Account balances deposited, or (ii) invest the cash balances in securities backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, thereby making money on any yield generated by such securities. The amount LPL will earn from these sources will vary based on market forces and the contracts for deposit arrangements that LPL is able to secure with its banks. LPL may use both or either of these vehicles at its sole discretion. Any amounts LPL receives pursuant to these sources will be reduced by the interest payable to you on such Client Cash Account balances, and further reduced by the cost of borrowing any funds necessary to meet its reserve requirements under Rule 15c3-3. For example, LPL may earn interest or a return by investing in short-term U.S. Government or Agency instruments or by using these balances to fund margin loans to its customers at a lower funding cost than would otherwise be the case.

For the narrow set of ineligible accounts, cash balances are automatically invested in a money market fund. For more information about the types of accounts that are ineligible for the ICA, please consult with Advisor. The Sweep Funds available in the Program pay 12b-1 fees higher than other money market funds. With respect to the J.P. Morgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund, LPL receives compensation of up to 0.25% annually of assets for services it provides for the funds. Together, the 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping fees, marketing support payments, and other compensation from Sweep Funds and their sponsors, allow LPL to receive up to 1% annually of LPL client assets in the Sweep Funds. Advisor earns fees based on the amount of assets in the Sweep Funds.

This compensation that LPL and Advisor receive related to the ICA (including any ICA overflow mechanism) and the Sweep Funds is in addition to the Account Fee that LPL, Advisor and IAR receive with respect to the assets in the sweep investment. This compensation related to the ICA and Sweep Funds is an important revenue stream and presents a conflict of interest because LPL and Advisor have a financial benefit if cash balances are maintained in the ICA or funds. LPL shares a portion of this compensation with Advisor.

Clients should understand that, depending on interest rates and other market factors, the yields on the ICA and Sweep Funds have been, and may continue in the future to be, lower than the aggregate fees and expenses received by LPL for a client's participation in the cash sweep programs. This may result in a client experiencing a negative overall investment return with respect to cash reserves in the cash sweep programs. Interest rates under ICA may be lower than the interest rates available if clients make deposits directly with a bank or other depository institution outside of the Program or invests in a money market



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fund or other cash equivalent. Clients should compare the terms, interest rates, required minimum amounts and other features of the ICA program with other types of accounts and investments for cash.

#### Non-Sweep Money Market Mutual Fund Investments

Clients are able to invest cash balances in a limited number of money market mutual funds other than as part of a sweep arrangement (such funds, "Money Market Funds"). Depending on interest rates and other market factors, investment returns of money market mutual funds have been, and may continue in the future to be, lower than the aggregate fees and expenses charged by LPL for a client's participation in the Program. This may result in a client experiencing a negative overall investment return with respect to cash reserves invested in the Money Market Funds. As described above, under "Fees Charged by Third Parties," clients should understand that in many cases the Program Share Class offered for a particular Money Market Fund charges higher fees and expenses than other share classes that are offered by the same Money Market Fund but are not available through the Program. A Program Share Class is selected by LPL, in certain cases, because the Money Market Fund pays to LPL a portion of the fees and expenses charged by the fund as compensation for the administrative, shareholder servicing, and recordkeeping services LPL provides with respect to LPL clients who invest in the Program Share Class, as discussed above under "Participation or Interest in Client Transactions." The Money Market Funds typically pay higher recordkeeping and shareholder servicing fees than other mutual funds available in the Program. LPL receives compensation of up to 0.30% annually of the LPL client assets invested in the Money Market Funds for recordkeeping, shareholder servicing and administrative services it provides for the funds. LPL also receives up to 0.10% annually of the LPL client non-retirement assets invested in the Money Market Funds in connection with marketing support services LPL provides to the fund sponsors. This compensation related to Money Market Funds presents a conflict of interest to LPL because LPL has a financial benefit if cash is invested in the Money Market Funds. However, Advisor, and not LPL, is the investment advisor responsible for cash management.

Unlike other types of mutual funds available in the Program, LPL makes available Money Market Funds from only a limited number of mutual fund sponsors. By making available a limited number of Money Market Funds, LPL is able to negotiate greater compensation from the fund companies for services it provides to the funds. Because of the limited number of Money Market Funds available in the Program and the fees paid by those funds, other money market mutual funds not available through the Program are likely to have higher returns than the Money Market Funds.

In addition, LPL has received a waiver from the Money Market Funds to allow a lower investment minimum for the Program Share class of the than that set out in the prospectus; however, LPL imposes its own minimum investment amounts that are higher than minimums that may apply if a client were to invest in the Money Market Funds through another firm outside of the Program. In light of the investment minimums that LPL imposes with respect to the Money Market Funds, an investment in the Money Market Funds outside of the Program or an investment in one of the many other money market mutual funds offered outside of the Program would likely be more economically advantageous than an investment in the Money Market Funds through the Program. LPL does not charge transaction charges on Money Market Funds.

#### Credit Cards

As part of its cash management services, LPL makes available for its customers credit cards through a partner bank. LPL receives a flat fee for each new activated credit card that is used by the cardholder in the first 90 days. LPL also receives a portion of the transaction volume of the cardholder's account. LPL's portion of the transaction volume varies depending on the number of LPL active cardholder accounts.

#### Other Clients

Clients should understand that LPL, Advisor and IAR perform advisory and/or brokerage services for various other clients, and that LPL, Advisor and IAR may give advice or take actions for those clients that differ from the advice given to the client. The timing or nature of any action taken for the account also may be different.



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### **ITEM 12 BROKERAGE PRACTICES**

LPL does not receive research or other products or services other than execution from a broker-dealer in connection with client securities transactions (“soft dollar benefits”). LPL does not consider, in selecting or recommending broker-dealers, whether LPL or a related person of LPL receives client referrals from a broker-dealer or third party.

In the Program, LPL requires that clients direct LPL as the sole and exclusive broker-dealer to execute transactions in the Program account. LPL may be paid transaction charges for processing trades, which presents a conflict of interest. Clients should understand that not all advisors require their clients to direct brokerage. By directing brokerage to LPL, clients may be unable to achieve the most favorable execution of client transactions. Therefore, directed brokerage may cost clients more money. In addition, in the case of mutual funds, execution is made at the net asset value of the fund.

If LPL as broker purchases a new issue security on behalf of client accounts, the execution price may include a concession to the dealers participating in the syndicate. Although LPL is not part of the syndicate and does not receive this concession, the concession is included in the price and is in addition to the Account Fee.

An IAR of Advisor may aggregate transactions in equity and fixed income securities for a client with other clients to improve the quality of execution. When transactions are so aggregated, the actual prices applicable to the aggregated transactions will be averaged, and the client account will be deemed to have purchased or sold its proportionate share of the securities involved at the average price obtained. For partially filled orders, an IAR may allocate trades pro-rata or on a random basis to treat clients fairly and not favor one client over another. Advisor or IAR may determine not to aggregate transactions, for example, based on the size of the trades, the number of client accounts, the timing of the trades, the liquidity of the securities and the discretionary or non-discretionary nature of the trades. If Advisor and IARs do not aggregate orders, some clients purchasing securities around the same time may receive a less favorable price than other clients. This means that this practice of not aggregating may cost clients more money.

### **ITEM 13 REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS**

LPL provides Advisor with an exception reporting system that flags accounts for criteria such as performance, trading activity, and concentration on a quarterly or monthly basis, depending upon the nature of the exception. Advisor oversees the process for reviewing flagged accounts. LPL provides Advisor and clients with regular written reports regarding their accounts. LPL provides detailed performance information annually describing account performance and positions, with additional performance information available upon request. LPL also provides an additional year-end report for accounts not established on a calendar quarter basis. In addition, LPL sends to clients trade confirmations and account statements showing transactions, positions, and deposits and withdrawals of principal and income. LPL does not send trade confirmations for systematic purchases, systematic redemptions and systematic exchanges. Portfolio values and returns shown in performance information for the year-end time period may include mutual fund dividends paid out prior to December 31 but that were posted to the account within the first 2 business days of the subsequent year. The inclusion of such dividends in the year-end performance report may cause discrepancies between the report and the account statement client receives from LPL for the same period.

### **ITEM 14 CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

#### **Other Compensation**

LPL and LPL employees receive additional compensation, business entertainment and gifts from product sponsors. However, such compensation may not be tied to the sales of any products. Compensation may include such items as gifts valued at less than \$100 annually, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connection with educational meetings, customer appreciation events or marketing or advertising initiatives. Product sponsors may also pay for, or reimburse LPL for the costs associated with, education or training events that may be attended by LPL employees, Advisor, its employees and IARs and for LPL-sponsored conferences and events. LPL and LPL employees also receive reimbursement from product sponsors for technology-related costs, such as those to build systems, tools and new features to aid in serving customers.



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LPL employees provide sales support resources to IARs of Advisor that use LPL advisory programs. The compensation that LPL pays to these employees varies based on the assets in LPL's different advisory programs. These employees have an incentive to promote certain advisory programs to IARs of Advisor over other advisory programs. These employees also earn more compensation when IARs of Advisor transition client assets from brokerage accounts to advisory accounts, and have a financial incentive to encourage IARs of Advisor to transition brokerage accounts to advisory.

LPL receives compensation in the form of earnings on its short-term investment of cash in Program accounts prior to the time the cash is invested for the account. These earnings are generally known as "float." Cash in the account would typically result from contributions to the account or sales of securities in the account. For accounts that opt out of the sweep program, the accounts may remain in free credit balances. In such case, LPL receives compensation in the form of earnings on cash.

In the event a trade error occurs in an account, and such error is determined to be caused by LPL, LPL typically will cancel the trade and remove the resulting monetary loss to client from the account. If a trade correction is required as a result of client (e.g., if client does not make full payment for purchases or fails to deliver negotiable securities for liquidations before trade settlement), LPL typically will cancel the trade and any resulting monetary loss will be borne by the client. In the case of a trade that requires a correction as described above and that resulted in a monetary gain to the client, such gain will be removed from the account and can result in a financial benefit to LPL.

#### ITEM 15 CUSTODY

LPL is a qualified custodian as defined in Rule 206(4)-2 under the Advisers Act and maintains custody Program client funds and securities in a separate account for each client under the client's name. LPL as a qualified custodian sends account statements showing all transactions, positions, and all deposits and withdrawals of principal and income. LPL sends account statements monthly or quarterly when the account has had activity or quarterly if there has been no activity. Clients should carefully review those account statements.

Although most securities available in Program accounts are custodied at LPL, there are certain securities managed as part of the account that are held at third parties, and not at LPL. For example, hedge funds and managed futures are often held directly with the investment sponsor. For those outside positions, client will receive confirmations and statements directly from the investment sponsor.

For outside positions not custodied at LPL, LPL may receive information (e.g., number of shares held and market value) from these investment sponsors and display that information on statements and reports prepared by LPL. Such information also may be used to calculate performance in performance reports prepared by LPL. Although LPL believes that the information it receives from the investment sponsors is reliable, LPL recommends that you refer to the statements and reports you receive directly from the investment sponsor and compare them with the information provided in any statements or reports from LPL. The statements and reports you receive from LPL with respect to outside positions should not replace the statements and reports you receive directly from the investment sponsor.

#### ITEM 16 INVESTMENT DISCRETION

In the Program, Advisor typically provides advisory services on a non-discretionary basis, and therefore, it is the client who directs the purchase and sale of securities in the account. In some cases, the client may provide discretionary authorization to the Advisor and its IAR for transactions in its Program account by signing a Discretion Authorization Form, allowing the IAR to place trades without seeking the prior specific consent of the client for each transaction. Provided, however, when exercising discretionary authority, an Advisor IAR is not permitted to purchase shares of funds advised by the Advisor's affiliates or Equitable-branded variable annuity products without client consent, as discussed in Section 16 of the Advisor's Form ADV Part 2A.



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#### **ITEM 17 VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES**

In the Program, LPL, Advisor and IARs do not accept authority to vote client securities. Clients retain the right to vote all proxies that are solicited for securities held in the account. Clients will receive proxies or other solicitations from LPL. When LPL delivers mutual fund shareholder reports and proxies to clients, LPL is reimbursed by the mutual fund for the delivery costs. The maximum fee that can be charged for delivery is set by New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) rules. If LPL uses a vendor to perform the delivery, the vendor seeks reimbursement from the mutual fund on LPL's behalf and in certain cases remits a portion of the reimbursement to LPL. If clients have questions regarding the solicitation, they should contact the contact person that the issuer identifies in the proxy materials or their IAR. In addition, LPL, Advisor and IARs do not accept authority to take action with respect to legal proceedings relating to securities held in the account.

#### **ITEM 18 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

LPL is a qualified custodian as defined in Rule 206(4)-2 under the Advisers Act and is therefore not required to include a balance sheet for its most recent financial fiscal year. LPL is not aware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments to clients, nor has it been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.

#### **Brochure Supplements**

Accompanying this Brochure are Brochure Supplements for individual employees or officers of LPL. Note that although these individuals are responsible for investment research provided by LPL, they are not the individuals responsible for the ongoing individualized investment advice provided to a particular client. For more information about Advisor and an IAR servicing the account, client should contact Advisor or IAR.





## BROCHURE SUPPLEMENTS

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Note that although these LPL employees or officers included in these Brochure Supplements are responsible for investment advice provided by LPL they are not the IARs responsible for the ongoing individualized investment advice provided to a particular client. For more information about the IAR managing the account, client should refer to the Brochure Supplement for the IAR, which should have been provided by the IAR along with the LPL Financial Brochure and these Brochure Supplements at the time client opened the account. If client did not receive a Brochure Supplement for the IAR, the client should contact the IAR or LPL at [lplfinancial.adv@lplfinancial.com](mailto:lplfinancial.adv@lplfinancial.com).

### **Marc Andrew Zabicki**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Marc Zabicki was born in 1966. He has a BS in Economics from Florida State University and he is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He is Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research for LPL Research and has been with the firm since 2020. Prior to joining LPL, he was Chief Investment Officer at Bower Hill Capital Management.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Zabicki is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Zabicki receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could

incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

#### **Supervision**

Mr. Zabicki is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs, and he reports to Rob Pettman, Executive Vice President. The advice provided by Mr. Zabicki is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"), Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.



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### **Louis James Carpenetti**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Louis James Carpenetti was born in 1971. He has a BS in Management from Palm Beach Atlantic University, an MBA from Georgia College & State University, a CFA Charterholder and has earned the CFP® certification. He is Senior Vice President of Trading at LPL and joined LPL in July 2021. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Carpenetti was Managing Director for Truist for 22 years serving in a variety of management and trading capacities.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Carpenetti is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Carpenetti receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

#### **Supervision**

As Senior Vice President, Mr. Carpenetti is responsible for trade execution in LPL's advisory programs, subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### **Garrett Fish**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Garrett Fish was born in 1969. He has a BA in Japanese History from Bates College and is a CFA Charterholder. He

is a Senior Vice President and Head of Model Portfolio Management at LPL and joined LPL in 2022. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Fish was a Portfolio Manager at JPMorgan Asset Management.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Fish is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Fish receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

#### **Supervision**

Mr. Fish reports to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Fish is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### **Jason Hoody**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Jason Hoody was born in 1975. He has a BS in Political Science from Clarkson University, an MA in International Affairs from American University, an MS in Finance from Johns Hopkins University, and is a CFA Charterholder. He is a Senior Vice President in Research at LPL and joined LPL in 2015. Prior to joining LPL, he was a Vice President at BB&T and an analyst at KPMG.



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### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

### **Other Business Activities**

None.

### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Hoody receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### **Supervision**

Mr. Hoody reports to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Hoody is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### **Kristian Kerr**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Kristian Kerr was born in 1977. He has a BBA in International Business from Schiller International University in Madrid, Spain. He is a Senior Vice President and the Head of Macro Strategy at LPL and joined LPL in 2023. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Kerr worked at Citi Private Bank as the Western Region Head of Foreign Exchange & Macro.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Kerr does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Kerr receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### **Supervision**

Mr. Kerr reports to Mr. Zabicki, the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Kerr is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### **Jeffrey Roach**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Jeffrey Roach was born in 1973. He has a BS in Mathematics from Bob Jones University and a MA and PhD in Economics from Clemson University. He is Chief Economist at LPL and joined LPL in 2022. Prior to joining LPL, Dr. Roach was Senior US Economist for Visa Inc, Managing Director, Economist at MacroView Partners and Chief Economist at Horizon Investments.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Dr. Roach is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Dr. Roach receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based



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on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### Supervision

Dr. Roach reports to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Dr. Roach is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### Adam Turnquist

#### Educational Background and Business Experience

Adam Turnquist was born in 1984. He has a BS from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. He is Chief Technical Strategist and joined LPL in 2022. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Turnquist worked as a Vice President, Technical Research Analyst at Piper Sandler.

#### Disciplinary Information

None.

#### Other Business Activities

Mr. Turnquist is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### Additional Compensation

Mr. Turnquist receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing

the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### Supervision

Mr. Turnquist reports up to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Turnquist is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### Lawrence Dean Gillum

#### Educational Background and Business Experience

Lawrence Gillum was born in 1974. He has a BS from University of Florida and a Master in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, Keenan Flagler Business School. He is Vice President of Research at LPL and joined LPL in 2021. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Gillum served as a Director at Raymond James where he oversaw fixed income research within the firm's discretionary model platform.

#### Disciplinary Information

None.

#### Other Business Activities

Mr. Gillum is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### Additional Compensation

Mr. Gillum receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return,



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and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### Supervision

Mr. Gillum reports up to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Gillum is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### Jina Yoon

#### Educational Background and Business Experience

Jina Yoon was born in 1983. She has a BS and MEng from Cornell University. She is Chief Alternate Investment Strategist at LPL and joined LPL in 2023. Prior to joining LPL, Ms. Yoon was the Head of Portfolio Management & Senior Portfolio Manager at Nomura Private Capital. Prior to Nomura, she served both Institutional and Private Wealth Clients as the Head of Tactical Strategies at Credit Suisse.

#### Disciplinary Information

None.

#### Other Business Activities

Ms. Yoon does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### Additional Compensation

Ms. Yoon receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### Supervision

Ms. Yoon reports up to Mr. Zabicki, the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Ms. Yoon is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### Quincy Krosby

#### Educational Background and Business Experience

Quincy Krosby was born in 1948. She has an MPhil and PhD from The London School of Economics. She is Chief Global Strategist at LPL and joined LPL in 2022. Prior to joining LPL, Ms. Krosby worked at Prudential Financial as Chief Market Strategist.

#### Disciplinary Information

None.

#### Other Business Activities

Ms. Krosby is a registered representative of LPL. However, she does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### Additional Compensation

Ms. Krosby receives a regular salary.

### Supervision

Ms. Krosby reports to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. This is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.





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### **Jeffrey Alan Buchbinder**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Jeffrey Alan Buchbinder was born in 1971. He has a BA in Economics from Northwestern University and an MBA from Duke University. He is Chief Equity Strategist and Portfolio Manager for LPL Financial Research and has been with the firm since 2003. Prior to joining LPL, he served as an Equity Research Associate at Sanford C. Bernstein. Prior to Bernstein, he was an Equity Research Associate at Deutsche Bank.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Buchbinder is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Buchbinder receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

#### **Supervision**

Mr. Buchbinder reports up to Mr. Zabicki, Chief Investment Officer and the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Buchbinder is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

### **George Smith**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

George Smith was born in 1983. He has a BS in Mathematics from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom (UK). He is Portfolio Strategist at LPL and joined LPL in 2013. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Smith worked in London, UK for Legal and General Investment Management (LGIM) and Goldman Sachs Asset Management (GSAM).

#### **Disciplinary Information**

None.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Smith is a registered representative of LPL. However, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Smith receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Since the bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research, it presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

#### **Supervision**

Mr. Smith reports up to Mr. Zabicki, the Director of Research of LPL, who is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Smith is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The CCO, Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The Advisory Compliance Department can be reached at (800) 877-7210.

