



CIC Wealth, LLC

Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure

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This Form ADV Part 2A (“Disclosure Brochure”) provides information about the qualifications and business practices of CIC Wealth, LLC (“CIC Wealth” or the “Advisor”). If you have any questions about the content of this Disclosure Brochure, please contact the Advisor at (301) 816-4683.

CIC Wealth is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The information in this Disclosure Brochure has not been approved or verified by the SEC or by any state securities authority. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply any specific level of skill or training. This Disclosure Brochure provides information about CIC Wealth to assist you in determining whether to retain the Advisor.

Additional information about CIC Wealth and its Advisory Persons is available on the SEC’s website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with the Advisor’s firm name or CRD# 290198.

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Item 2 – Material Changes

Form ADV 2 is divided into two parts: *Part 2A (the "Disclosure Brochure")* and *Part 2B (the "Brochure Supplement")*. The Disclosure Brochure provides information about a variety of topics relating to an Advisor's business practices and conflicts of interest. The Brochure Supplement provides information about the Advisory Persons of CIC Wealth.

CIC Wealth believes that communication and transparency are the foundation of its relationship with clients and will continually strive to provide you with complete and accurate information at all times. CIC Wealth encourages all current and prospective clients to read this Disclosure Brochure and discuss any questions you may have with the Advisor.

Material Changes

There have been no material changes made to this Disclosure Brochure since the last filing and distribution to Clients.

Future Changes

From time to time, the Advisor may amend this Disclosure Brochure to reflect changes in our business practices, changes in regulations or routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. This complete Disclosure Brochure or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to you annually and if a material change occurs.

At any time, you may view the current Disclosure Brochure on-line at the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 290198. You may also request a copy of this Disclosure Brochure at any time, by contacting the Advisor at (301) 816-4683.

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Item 4 – Advisory Services

A. Firm Information

CIC Wealth, LLC (“CIC Wealth” or the “Advisor”) is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The Advisor is organized as a Limited Liability Company (“LLC”) under the laws of the State of Delaware. CIC Wealth was founded in 2017 and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIC Wealth Holdings, LLC. The majority owners of CIC Wealth Holdings, LLC are Michael Fein and Ryan Wibberley. This Disclosure Brochure provides information regarding the qualifications, business practices, and the advisory services provided by CIC Wealth.

B. Advisory Services Offered

CIC Wealth offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, businesses, retirement plans, and charitable organizations (each referred to as a “Client”).

The Advisor serves as a fiduciary to Clients, as defined under the applicable laws and regulations. As a fiduciary, the Advisor upholds a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client and seeks to mitigate potential conflicts of interest. CIC Wealth’s fiduciary commitment is further described in the Advisor’s Code of Ethics. For more information regarding the Code of Ethics, please see Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading.

Investment Management Services

CIC Wealth provides customized investment advisory solutions for its Clients. This is achieved through continuous personal Client contact and interaction while providing discretionary and non-discretionary investment management and related advisory services. CIC Wealth works closely with each Client to identify their investment goals and objectives as well as risk tolerance and financial situation in order to create a portfolio strategy. CIC Wealth will then construct an investment portfolio, consisting of low-cost, diversified mutual funds and/or exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”) to achieve the Client’s investment goals. The Advisor may also utilize individual stocks or bonds contracts to meet the needs of its Clients. The Advisor may retain certain legacy investments based on portfolio fit and/or tax considerations.

CIC Wealth will select, recommend and/or retain mutual funds on a fund by fund basis. Due to specific custodial and/or mutual fund company constraints, material tax consideration, and/or systematic investment plans, CIC Wealth will select, recommend and/or retain a mutual fund share class that does not have trading costs, but do have higher internal expense ratios than institutional share classes. CIC Wealth will seek to select the lowest cost share class available that is in the best interest of each Client and will ensure the selection aligns with the Client’s financial objectives and stated investment guidelines.

CIC Wealth’s investment approach is primarily long-term focused, but the Advisor may buy, sell or re-allocate positions that have been held for less than one year to meet the objectives of the Client or due to market conditions. CIC Wealth will construct, implement and monitor the portfolio to ensure it meets the goals, objectives, circumstances, and risk tolerance agreed to by the Client. Each Client will have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in their respective portfolio, subject to acceptance by the Advisor.

CIC Wealth evaluates and selects investments for inclusion in Client portfolios only after applying its internal due diligence process. CIC Wealth may recommend, on occasion, redistributing investment allocations to diversify the portfolio. CIC Wealth may recommend specific positions to increase sector or asset class weightings. The Advisor may recommend employing cash positions as a possible hedge against market movement. CIC Wealth may recommend selling positions for reasons that include, but are not limited to, harvesting capital gains or losses, business or sector risk exposure to a specific security or class of securities, overvaluation or overweighting of the position[s] in the portfolio, change in risk tolerance of the Client, generating cash to meet Client needs, or any risk deemed unacceptable for the Client’s risk tolerance.

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At no time will CIC Wealth accept or maintain custody of a Client's funds or securities, except for the limited authority as outline in Item 15 – Custody. All Client assets will be managed within the designated account[s] at the Custodian, pursuant to the terms of the advisory agreement, please see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

Retirement Accounts – When the Advisor provides investment advice to Clients regarding ERISA retirement accounts or individual retirement accounts (“IRAs”), the Advisor is a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (“ERISA”) and/or the Internal Revenue Code (“IRC”), as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. When deemed to be in the Client's best interest, the Advisor will provide investment advice to a Client regarding a distribution from an ERISA retirement account or to roll over the assets to an IRA, or recommend a similar transaction including rollovers from one ERISA sponsored Plan to another, one IRA to another IRA, or from one type of account to another account (e.g. commission-based account to fee-based account). Such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if the Advisor will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee as a result of the transaction. No client is under any obligation to roll over a retirement account to an account managed by the Advisor.

Financial Planning Services

CIC Wealth will typically provide a variety of financial planning and consulting services to Clients, pursuant to a written financial planning agreement. Services are offered in several areas of a Client's financial situation, depending on their goals and objectives.

Generally, such financial planning services involve preparing a formal financial plan or rendering a specific financial consultation based on the Client's financial goals and objectives. This planning or consulting may encompass one or more areas of need, including but not limited to, investment planning, retirement planning, personal savings, education savings, insurance needs, and other areas of a Client's financial situation.

A financial plan developed for, or financial consultation rendered to the Client will usually include general recommendations for a course of activity or specific actions to be taken by the Client. For example, recommendations may be made that the Client start or revise their investment programs, commence or alter retirement savings, establish education savings and/or charitable giving programs.

CIC Wealth may also refer Clients to an accountant, attorney or other specialists, as appropriate for their unique situation. For certain financial planning engagements, the Advisor will provide a written summary of the Client's financial situation, observations, and recommendations. For consulting or ad-hoc engagements, the Advisor may not provide a written summary. Plans or consultations are typically completed within six (6) months of contract date, assuming all information and documents requested are provided promptly.

Financial planning and consulting recommendations poses a conflict between the interests of the Advisor and the interests of the Client. For example, the Advisor has an incentive to recommend that Clients engage the Advisor for investment management services or to increase the level of investment assets with the Advisor, as it would increase the amount of advisory fees paid to the Advisor. Clients are not obligated to implement any recommendations made by the Advisor or maintain an ongoing relationship with the Advisor. If the Client elects to act on any of the recommendations made by the Advisor, the Client is under no obligation to implement the transaction through the Advisor.

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

CIC Wealth provides retirement plan advisory services on behalf of the retirement plans (each a “Plan”) and the company (the “Plan Sponsor”). The Advisor's retirement plan advisory services are designed to assist the Plan Sponsor in meeting its fiduciary obligations to the Plan and its Plan Participants. Each engagement is customized to the needs of the Plan and Plan Sponsor. Services generally include:

- Plan Participant Enrollment and Education Tracking
- Investment Oversight Services (ERISA 3(21))

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These services are provided by CIC Wealth serving in the capacity as a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). In accordance with ERISA Section 408(b)(2), the Plan Sponsor is provided with a written description of CIC Wealth's fiduciary status, the specific services to be rendered and all direct and indirect compensation the Advisor reasonably expects under the engagement.

Use of Independent Managers

CIC Wealth may recommend that a Client utilize one or more unaffiliated investment managers or investment platforms (collectively "Independent Managers") for all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio. In such instances, the Client may be required to authorize and enter into an investment management agreement with the Independent Manager that defines the terms in which the Independent Manager will provide its services. The Advisor will perform initial and ongoing oversight and due diligence over each Independent Manager to ensure the strategy remains aligned with its Clients' investment objectives and overall best interests. The Advisor will also assist in the development of the initial policy recommendations and managing the ongoing Client relationship. The Client, prior to entering into an agreement with an Independent Manager, will be provided with the Independent Manager's Form ADV 2A (or a brochure that makes the appropriate disclosures).

Private Fund Advisor

CIC Wealth also serves as the investment advisor to the CIC Private Credit Fund, a series of the Glide Fund Series, LLC. These services are detailed in the offering documents for the Fund, which include as applicable, operating agreements, private placement memorandum and/or term sheets, subscription agreements, separate disclosure documents, series supplements and all amendments thereto ("Offering Documents"). The Advisor manages the Fund based on the investment objectives, policies and guidelines as set forth in the respective Offering Documents and not in accordance with the individual needs or objectives of any particular investor therein. Each prospective investor interested in investing in the Fund is required to complete a subscription agreement in which the prospective investor attests as to whether such prospective investor meets the qualifications to invest in the Fund and further acknowledges and accepts the various risk factors associated with such an investment. CIC Wealth may recommend that certain Clients who meet certain qualifications invest into the Funds. The Advisor does not receive a separate advisory fee for its Investment Advisory services to the Funds, nor any other type of compensation from the Funds. Rather, the Advisor's only compensation is the advisory fee that it receives from the Client as discussed in Item 5 below.

C. Client Account Management

Prior to engaging CIC Wealth to provide investment advisory services, each Client is required to enter into one or more agreements with the Advisor that define the terms, conditions, authority and responsibilities of the Advisor and the Client. These services may include:

- Establishing an Investment Strategy – CIC Wealth, in connection with the Client, will develop a strategy that seeks to achieve the Client's goals and objectives.
- Asset Allocation – CIC Wealth will develop a strategic asset allocation that is targeted to meet the investment objectives, time horizon, financial situation and tolerance for risk for each Client.
- Portfolio Construction – CIC Wealth will develop a portfolio for the Client that is intended to meet the stated goals and objectives of the Client.
- Investment Management and Supervision – CIC Wealth will provide investment management and ongoing oversight of the Client's investment portfolio.

D. Wrap Fee Programs

CIC Wealth does not manage or place Client assets into a wrap fee program. Investment management services are provided directly by CIC Wealth.

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E. Assets Under Management

As of, December 31, 2023, CIC manages \$658,821,740 in Client assets, \$650,182,537 of which are managed on a discretionary basis and \$8,639,203 on a non-discretionary basis. Clients may request more current information at any time by contacting the Advisor.

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

The following paragraphs detail the fee structure and compensation methodology for services provided by the Advisor. Each Client engaging the Advisor for services described herein shall be required to enter into one or more agreements with the Advisor.

A. Fees for Advisory Services

Investment Management Services

Investment advisory fees are paid quarterly, in advance of each calendar quarter, pursuant to the terms of the agreement. Investment advisory fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior calendar quarter. Investment advisory fees range from 0.30% to 2.25% annually based on several factors, including: the complexity of the services to be provided, the level of assets to be managed, and the overall relationship with the Advisor. Relationships with multiple objectives, specific reporting requirements, portfolio restrictions and other complexities may be charged a higher fee.

The investment advisory fee in the first quarter of service is prorated from the inception date of the account[s] to the end of the first quarter. Fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor. The Client's fees will take into consideration the aggregate assets under management with the Advisor. All securities held in accounts managed by CIC Wealth will be independently valued by the Custodian. CIC Wealth will conduct periodic reviews of the Custodian's valuations.

The Advisor's fee is exclusive of, and in addition to, brokerage fees, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses, which may be incurred by the Client. However, the Advisor shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Financial Planning Services

CIC Wealth offers financial planning services either on an hourly basis, a fixed engagement fee or an annual retainer. Hourly engagements range up to \$350 per hour. Fixed engagement fees will be based upon the expected hours to complete the engagement at the hourly rate. Annual retainer fees range from \$250 to \$15,000 a year. Fees may be negotiable based on the nature and complexity of the services to be provided and the overall relationship with the Advisor. An estimate for total hours and/or total costs will be provided to the Client prior to engaging for these services.

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Fees for retirement plan advisory services are charged a quarterly asset-based fee of up to 0.60%, billed in advance, pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Retirement plan fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior calendar quarter. Fees may be negotiable depending on the size and complexity of the Plan.

Use of Independent Managers

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor will implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio utilizing one or more Independent Managers. To eliminate any conflict of interest, the Advisor does not earn any compensation from an Independent Manager. The Advisor will only earn its investment advisory fee as described above. Independent Managers typically do not offer any fee discounts but may have a breakpoint schedule which will reduce the fee with an increased level of assets placed under management with an Independent Manager. The terms of such fee arrangements are included in the Independent Manager's disclosure brochure and applicable contract[s] with the Independent Manager. The total blended fee, including the Advisor's fee and the Independent Manager's fee, will not exceed 2.00% annually.

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B. Fee Billing

Investment Management Services

Investment advisory fees are calculated by the Advisor or its delegate and deducted from the Client's account[s] at the Custodian. The Advisor shall send an invoice to the Custodian indicating the amount of the fees to be deducted from the Client's account[s] at the beginning of the respective quarter. The amount due is calculated by applying the quarterly rate (annual rate divided by 4) to the total assets under management with CIC Wealth at the end of the prior quarter. Clients will be provided with a statement, at least quarterly, from the Custodian reflecting deduction of the investment advisory fee. It is the responsibility of the Client to verify the accuracy of these fees as listed on the Custodian's brokerage statement as the Custodian does not assume this responsibility. Clients provide written authorization permitting advisory fees to be deducted by CIC Wealth directly from their account[s] held by the Custodian as part of the investment advisory agreement and separate account forms provided by the Custodian.

Financial Planning Services

Financial planning fees may be invoiced up to fifty percent (50%) of the expected total fee upon execution of the financial planning agreement. The balance shall be invoiced upon completion of the agreed upon deliverable[s]. Annual retainer financial planning fees are invoiced by the Advisor on a monthly basis, in arrears of each month.

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan fees may be directly invoiced to the Plan Sponsor or deducted from the account of each Plan Participant, depending on the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement.

Use of Independent Managers

For Client accounts implemented through an Independent Manager, the Client's overall fees will include CIC Wealth's investment advisory fee (as noted above) plus investment management fees and/or platform fees charged by the Independent Manager. The Independent Manager will assume the responsibility for calculating the Client's fees and deducting all fees from the Client's account[s].

C. Other Fees and Expenses

Clients may incur certain fees or charges imposed by third parties, other than CIC Wealth, in connection with investments made on behalf of the Client's account[s]. The Client is responsible for all custody and securities execution fees charged by the Custodian, if applicable. The Advisor's recommended Custodian does not charge securities transaction fees for ETF and equity trades in a Client's account, provided that the account meets the terms and conditions of the Custodian's brokerage requirements. However, the Custodian typically charges for mutual funds and other types of investments. The fees charged by CIC Wealth are separate and distinct from these custody and execution fees.

In addition, all fees paid to CIC Wealth for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the expenses charged by mutual funds and ETFs to their shareholders, if applicable. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees and expenses will generally be used to pay management fees for the funds, other fund expenses, account administration (e.g., custody, brokerage and account reporting), and a possible distribution fee. A Client may be able to invest in these products directly, without the services of CIC Wealth, but would not receive the services provided by CIC Wealth which are designed, among other things, to assist the Client in determining which products or services are most appropriate for each Client's financial situation and objectives. Accordingly, the Client should review both the fees charged by the fund[s] and the fees charged by CIC Wealth to fully understand the total fees to be paid. Additionally, as noted above, the Advisor will select share classes which do not have trading costs, but do have higher internal expense ratios than institutional share classes. Please refer to Item 12 – Brokerage Practices for additional information.

D. Advance Payment of Fees and Termination

Investment Management Services

CIC Wealth may be compensated for its services in advance of the quarter in which investment advisory services are rendered. Either party may terminate the investment advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client may also terminate the investment advisory agreement within five (5)

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business days of signing the Advisor's agreement at no cost to the Client. After the five-day period, the Client will incur charges for bona fide advisory services rendered to the point of termination and such fees will be due and payable by the Client. The Advisor will refund any unearned, prepaid investment advisory fees from the effective date of termination to the end of the quarter. The Client's investment advisory agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

Financial Planning Services

CIC Wealth may require an advance deposit as described above. Either party may terminate the financial planning agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client may also terminate the financial planning agreement within five (5) business days of signing the Advisor's agreement at no cost to the Client. After the five-day period, the Client will incur charges for bona fide advisory services rendered to the point of termination and such fees will be due and payable by the Client. Hourly engagements are billed for the actual hours worked by the Advisor. Fixed fee engagements are billed based on the percentage of the engagement scope completed by the Advisor. Upon termination, the Advisor will refund any unearned, prepaid planning fees from the effective date of termination. The Client's financial planning agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

CIC Wealth is compensated for its retirement plan advisory services in advance of each quarter after services are provided. Either party may request to terminate the retirement plan advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. Upon termination, the Client shall be responsible for retirement plan advisory fees up to and including the effective date of termination. The Client's retirement plan services agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

Use of Independent Managers

In the event that the Advisor has determined that an Independent Manager is no longer in the Client's best interest or a Client should wish to terminate their relationship with the Independent Manager, the terms for termination will be set forth in the respective agreements between the Client and that Independent Manager. CIC Wealth will assist the Client with the termination and transition as appropriate.

E. Compensation for Sales of Securities

CIC Wealth does not buy or sell securities to earn commissions and does not receive any compensation for securities transactions in any Client account, other than the investment advisory fees noted above. However, certain Advisory Persons may earn additional compensation as described below.

Certain Advisory Persons are also registered representatives of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. ("PKS"). PKS is a registered broker-dealer (CRD No. 35747), member FINRA, SIPC. In one's separate capacity as a registered representative of PKS, the Advisory Person will implement securities transactions under PKS and not through CIC Wealth. In such instances, the Advisory Person will receive commission-based compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, including 12b-1 fees for the sale of investment company products. Compensation earned by the Advisory Person in one's capacity as a registered representative is separate and in addition to the Advisor's fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because the Advisory Person who is a registered representative has an incentive to effect securities transactions for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on the Client. Clients are not obligated to implement any recommendation provided by the Advisor nor Advisory Persons. Neither the Advisor nor Advisory Persons will earn ongoing investment advisory fees in connection with any products or services implemented in the Advisory Person's separate capacity as a registered representative. Please see Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations.

Certain Advisory Persons are also licensed as independent insurance professionals conducting business under CIC Risk Management Group, LLC, an affiliate of CIC Wealth. As an independent insurance professional, the Advisory Person may earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products they sell to Clients. Insurance commissions earned by these persons are separate and in addition to advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because the person providing investment advice on

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behalf of the Advisor who is also an insurance agent has an incentive to recommend insurance products to Clients for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on Clients needs. However, Clients are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through any Advisory Person affiliated with the Advisor. Please see Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations.

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

CIC Wealth does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by CIC Wealth are as described in Item 5 above and are not based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

CIC Wealth does not manage any proprietary investment funds or limited partnerships (for example, a mutual fund or a hedge fund) and has no financial incentive to recommend any particular investment options to its Clients.

Item 7 – Types of Clients

CIC Wealth offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, businesses, retirement plans, and charitable organizations. The amount of each type of Client is available on CIC Wealth's Form ADV Part 1A. These amounts may change over time and are updated at least annually by the Advisor. CIC Wealth generally requires a minimum relationship size of \$500,000 to effectively implement its investment process.

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

A. Methods of Analysis

A primary step in CIC Wealth's investment strategy is getting to know the clients – to understand their financial condition, risk profile, investment goals, tax situation, liquidity constraints – and assemble a complete picture of their financial situation. To aid in this understanding, CIC Wealth offers clients comprehensive financial planning. This approach is integral to the way that CIC Wealth does business. Once CIC Wealth has a true understanding of its clients' needs and goals, the investment process can begin, and the Firm can recommend strategies and investments that it believes are aligned with the clients' goals and risk profiles.

CIC Wealth's investment committee selects assets and products from across many asset classes, including global and domestic equities, taxable and non-taxable fixed income, mutual funds, ETFs and alternative investments such as real estate investment trusts and business development companies. Once the investment committee reviews and approves products, such as mutual funds, ETFs and alternative investments, they are added to the Firm's model portfolios and list of products and may be purchased and sold by CIC Wealth advisors for clients. Similarly, CIC Wealth may select certain external managers to manage a portion of its clients' assets. The investment committee also reviews and approves the external managers in which the Firm has placed client assets. Overall investment strategies recommended to each client generally emphasize long-term ownership of a diversified portfolio of marketable and non-marketable investments intended to provide consistent after-tax, risk-adjusted, economic returns. Advisors retain the discretion to depart from the Firm's model portfolios for individual clients but may need approval to purchase or recommend certain products.

CIC Wealth generally (but not exclusively) recommends broad diversification via a long-term asset allocation strategy -- diversified both across asset classes and within investment styles -- in an effort to improve the risk and return potential of client portfolios. More specifically, CIC Wealth may recommend multiple asset classes (both liquid and illiquid), market capitalizations, market styles, and geographic regions to provide diversification. Marketable asset classes recommended by CIC Wealth primarily include equities, fixed income securities, no-load mutual funds, ETFs, and alternative investments. Investment recommendations may also include: warrants, corporate debt securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, U.S. government securities, and interests in limited partnerships.

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Client portfolios with similar investment objectives and asset allocation goals may own different securities and investments. The client's portfolio size, tax sensitivity, desire for simplicity, long-term wealth transfer objectives, time horizon and choice of custodian are all factors that influence CIC Wealth's investment recommendations.

Investment advice given to clients more often than not includes recommending long-term purchases or holding on to certain assets. However, other investment strategies that may also be recommended include short-term purchases. Other strategies that may be employed include shorting, with Chief Compliance Officer approval.

B. Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves certain investment risks. Securities may fluctuate in value or lose value. Clients should be prepared to bear the potential risk of loss. CIC Wealth will assist Clients in determining an appropriate strategy based on their tolerance for risk and other factors noted above. However, there is no guarantee that a Client will meet their investment goals.

While the methods of analysis help the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in these methods of analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included below in Item 13 – Review of Accounts.

Each Client engagement will entail a review of the Client's investment goals, financial situation, time horizon, tolerance for risk and other factors to develop an appropriate strategy for managing a Client's account. Client participation in this process, including full and accurate disclosure of requested information, is essential for the analysis of a Client's account[s]. The Advisor shall rely on financial and other information provided by the Client or their designees without the duty or obligation to validate the accuracy and completeness of the provided information. It is the responsibility of the Client to inform the Advisor of any changes in financial condition, goals or other factors that may affect this analysis.

The risks associated with a particular strategy are provided to each Client in advance of investing Client accounts. The Advisor will work with each Client to determine their tolerance for risk as part of the portfolio construction process. Following are some of the risks associated with the Advisor's investment approach:

Market Risks

The value of a Client's holdings may fluctuate in response to events specific to companies or markets, as well as economic, political, or social events in the U.S. and abroad. This risk is linked to the performance of the overall financial markets.

ETF Risks

The performance of ETFs is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the ETFs will fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the funds. In addition, ETFs have a trading risk based on the loss of cost efficiency if the ETFs are traded actively and a liquidity risk if the ETFs has a large bid-ask spread and low trading volume. The price of an ETF fluctuates based upon the market movements and may dissociate from the index being tracked by the ETF or the price of the underlying investments. An ETF purchased or sold at one point in the day may have a different price than the same ETF purchased or sold a short time later.

Bond Risks

Bonds are subject to specific risks, including the following: (1) interest rate risks, i.e. the risk that bond prices will fall if interest rates rise, and vice versa, the risk depends on two things, the bond's time to maturity, and the coupon rate of the bond. (2) reinvestment risk, i.e. the risk that any profit gained must be reinvested at a lower rate than was previously being earned, (3) inflation risk, i.e. the risk that the cost of living and inflation increase at a rate that exceeds the income investment thereby decreasing the investor's rate of return, (4) credit default risk, i.e. the risk associated with purchasing a debt instrument which includes the possibility of the company defaulting on its repayment obligation, (5) rating downgrades, i.e. the risk associated with a rating agency's downgrade of

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the company's rating which impacts the investor's confidence in the company's ability to repay its debt and (6) Liquidity Risks, i.e. the risk that a bond may not be sold as quickly as there is no readily available market for the bond.

Mutual Fund Risks

The performance of mutual funds is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the mutual funds will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities that make up the funds. The price of a mutual fund is typically set daily therefore a mutual fund purchased at one point in the day will typically have the same price as a mutual fund purchased later that same day.

Initial Public Offerings

Investments in initial public offerings (or shortly thereafter) may involve higher risks than investments issued in secondary public offerings or purchases on a secondary market due to a variety of factors, including, without limitation, the limited number of shares available for trading, unseasoned trading, lack of investor knowledge of the issuer and limited operating history of the issuer. In addition, some companies in initial public offerings are involved in relatively new industries or lines of business, which may not be widely understood by investors. Some of these companies may be undercapitalized or regarded as developmental stage companies, without revenues or operating income, or the near-term prospects of achieving them. These factors may contribute to substantial price volatility for such securities and, thus, for the value of the company's shares.

Structured Notes

Complexity – Structured notes are complex financial instruments. Clients should understand the reference asset(s) or index(es) and determine how the note's payoff structure incorporates such reference asset(s) or index(es) in calculating the note's performance. This payoff calculation may include leverage multiplied on the performance of the reference asset or index, protection from losses should the reference asset or index produce negative returns, and fees. Structured notes may have complicated payoff structures that can make it difficult for clients to accurately assess their value, risk and potential for growth through the term of the structured note. Determining the performance of each note can be complex and this calculation can vary significantly from note to note depending on the structure. Notes can be structured in a wide variety of ways. Payoff structures can be leveraged, inverse, or inverse-leveraged, which may result in larger returns or losses. Clients should carefully read the prospectus for a structured note to fully understand how the payoff on a note will be calculated and discuss these issues with CIC Wealth.

Market Risk – Some structured notes provide for the repayment of principal at maturity, which is often referred to as "principal protection." This principal protection is subject to the credit risk of the issuing financial institution. Many structured notes do not offer this feature. For structured notes that do not offer principal protection, the performance of the linked asset or index may cause clients to lose some, or all, of their principal. Depending on the nature of the linked asset or index, the market risk of the structured note may include changes in equity or commodity prices, changes in interest rates or foreign exchange rates, and/or market volatility.

Issuance Price and Note Value – The price of a structured note at issuance will likely be higher than the fair value of the structured note on the date of issuance. Issuers now generally disclose an estimated value of the structured note on the cover page of the offering prospectus, allowing investors to gauge the difference between the issuer's estimated value of the note and the issuance price. The estimated value of the notes is likely lower than the issuance price of the note to investors because issuers include the costs for selling, structuring and/or hedging the exposure on the note in the initial price of their notes. After issuance, structured notes may not be re-sold on a daily basis and thus may be difficult to value given their complexity.

Liquidity – The ability to trade or sell structured notes in a secondary market is often very limited as structured notes (other than exchange-traded notes known as ETNs) are not listed for trading on security exchanges. As a result, the only potential buyer for a structured note may be the issuing financial institution's broker-dealer affiliate or the broker-dealer distributor of the structured note. In addition, issuers often specifically disclaim their intention to repurchase or make markets in the notes they issue. Clients should, therefore, be prepared to hold a structured note to its maturity date, or risk selling the note at a discount to its value at the time of sale.

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Credit Risk – Structured notes are unsecured debt obligations of the issuer, meaning that the issuer is obligated to make payments on the notes as promised. These promises, including any principal protection, are only as good as the financial health of the structured note issuer. If the structured note issuer defaults on these obligations, investors may lose some, or all, of the principal amount they invested in the structured notes as well as any other payments that may be due on the structured notes.

Private Fund Investments

Private investment funds involve various risk factors, including, but not limited to, potential for complete loss of principal, liquidity constraints and lack of transparency. A complete discussion of these risks is set forth in each fund's respective offering documents, which will be provided to each Client for review and consideration. Unlike liquid investments that a Client may maintain, private investment funds do not provide daily liquidity or pricing. The following summaries some of the key risks for private fund investments. Investors are urged to read the specific fund memorandum for a complete list of risks:

- **No Assurance.** There can be no assurance that the Series or any Portfolio Fund will be successful in achieving its investment objective or that the strategies pursued by The Series Advisor or any Underlying Manager will be successful.
- **Valuation.** There will generally be no readily available market prices for interests in the Portfolio Funds held by the Series. The Series' valuation procedures provide that the fair value of the Series' assets allocated to Portfolio Funds ordinarily will be the value determined for each Portfolio Fund in accordance with the Portfolio Fund's valuation policies. Furthermore, for those assets for which the valuations are provided by the Underlying Manager, the Managing Member will have little or no means of independently verifying valuations provided by such Underlying Managers. If such valuations are inaccurate for any reason, the Series' valuation will also be inaccurate.
- **Valuation overstatement or understatement risk:** The Series will use a Valuation methodology deemed appropriate using industry standards. If those industry standards change or if there is new regulatory requirements, these changes could have a material impact on the Series. The valuation of Life Settlements is based on projected cash flows, which depend upon an unknown length of time for which the insured will live. If a life expectancy estimate underestimates how long an insured may live, the Series may experience a lower investment return. Inaccurate forecasting of an insured's life expectancy could result from, among other things: advances in medical treatment resulting in deaths occurring later than forecast, inaccurate diagnosis or prognosis, changes of lifestyle habits, or the individual's ability to fight disease resulting in improved health, fraud, or misrepresentation by the insured. Although qualified physicians' estimates may be used, such a valuation will ultimately be a matter of informed judgment, there is no guarantee the Net Asset Value will not be overstated or understated, and the Underlying Managers cannot accept responsibility for consequent incorrect valuations.
- **Validity of (adjusted) life expectancy tables:** Each Life Settlement, through the Underlying Managers, will be valued using various industry recognized valuation tables. There is no guarantee that the valuation of a Life Settlement will be not overstated or understated in the event that outdated statistics are used and the Series Advisor, The Managing Member or the 20 Administrator cannot accept responsibility for consequent incorrect valuation of a Life Settlement as the Series will estimate the performance based on data received from the third parties of the Underlying Managers.
- **Fraud risk:** Although the Managing Member and Series Advisor will conduct a reasonable level of due diligence in advance of investing in an Underlying Manager, there is a risk that the Managing Member, Series Advisor or Underlying Manager may be defrauded. Among other types of fraud that may exist at the Underlying Manager level, an insured may misrepresent the status of his/her illness, may fail to disclose all beneficiaries, or may sell a Life Settlement to more than one purchaser. If the Series is exposed to such fraud, the return on investment may be adversely affected.
- **Availability risk:** The continuity of the Series is dependent on its ongoing ability to purchase Life Settlement policies, through the Underlying Managers. Changes in circumstances may result in a reduced supply of Life Settlements. Such changes could result from, among other things: (i) improvement in the economy overall, generating higher investment returns to insureds; (ii) improvements in health insurance coverage, limiting the need of insureds to obtain funds to pay the cost of their medical treatment; (iii) a change in law requiring the Underlying Managers to apply more stringent credit

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standards in purchasing Life Settlements; (iv) the entry into the market of less reputable third- party brokers who submit inaccurate or false Life Settlement information on behalf of insureds; (v) the establishment of new licensing requirements for the market participants and a delay in complying, or an inability to comply, with such new requirements; or (vi) refusal of the insurance company that issued the policy to consent to its transfer. A change in the availability of Life Settlements could adversely affect the Series' ability to execute its investment strategy and meet its investment objective. The Series will therefore be dependent on its ability to find an adequate supply of Life Settlements, through the Underlying Managers.

- *Life Settlement pricing risks:* Beginning in 2004, the Life Settlements market has witnessed an inflow of funding. Most of these investment groups have elected to use either the life expectancy at the lower confidence level, or they have used some variations of the mortality curves provided by life expectancy firms. This practice of purchasing Life Settlements with shorter life expectancies derived from a lower confidence level has created a competitive pricing arena. An increase in the competitiveness in pricing may make it more difficult for the Series to purchase Life Settlements, through the Underlying Managers, in an expedient manner and result in lower margins on the investments.
- *Missing insured:* There is a risk that an insured with whom it has been entered into a contract for an Underlying Manager may go missing, or that there may be a delay in ascertaining that an insured has died, or in obtaining the required documentation needed to claim the insured's death benefit. The Underlying Managers could incur substantial delays in collecting death benefits which would affect investment performance. In some States, the regulator may limit the frequency of contact that the Underlying Managers, through its tracking firms, can make to the insured in order to obtain his/her medical records, hence further causing delays.
- *Counterparty risk:* There is a counterparty risk in respect of the solvency of the insurance company during the period a Life Settlement is held to maturity. There is no guarantee that the insurance companies will meet their obligations to make payment on maturity. The Underlying Managers attempt to manage counterparty risk by limiting the exposure to any single insurance company obligor, and by only buying policies written by insurers that meet its rating requirements.
- The Series relies on the Underlying Managers to locate and evaluate Life Settlements to be purchased, to administer the Life Settlements, and to process claims. If, as a result of insolvency or liquidation, or otherwise, the Underlying Managers were to cease servicing the Life Settlements, it may be difficult to find a suitable successor adviser. Any successor adviser may 21 have less experience and be less capable in evaluating Life Settlements, processing claims, and managing collection systems.
- *Tax Risks:* policy maturities may be subject to large tax withholdings which will reduce the returns of investors. Where appropriate, the Underlying Managers, will implement structures that are available to reduce that withholding rate.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Investing in securities and other investments involve a risk of loss that each Client should understand and be willing to bear. Clients are reminded to discuss these risks with the Advisor.

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, regulatory or disciplinary events involving CIC Wealth or its management persons.

CIC Wealth values the trust Clients place in the Advisor. The Advisor encourages Clients to perform the requisite due diligence on any advisor or service provider that the Client engages. The backgrounds of the Advisor and its Advisory Persons are available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 290198.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Merchant Wealth Management Holdings, LLC

Merchant Wealth Management Holdings, LLC ("Merchant Wealth"), a subsidiary of Merchant Investment Management, LLC ("Merchant Investment"), owns a minority, non-controlling interest in CIC Wealth. Merchant Investment, through subsidiaries other than Merchant Wealth, has ownership interests in various companies that

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provide investment and other consulting services to financial firms, including investment advisors (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Investment Solutions"). CIC Wealth is provided access to use the Investment Solutions by entering into an agreement directly with the third party providing the investment solution. These Investment Solutions may include, but are not limited to, third party money managers, private investments, pooled investment vehicles, or other investment products for which a commission is earned. Engagement of and with these Investment Solutions poses a potential conflict of interest due to the minority ownership interest that Merchant Investment's various subsidiaries own in the third parties providing these Investment Solutions. Through Merchant Investment's minority ownership interests in the third parties that provide these Investment Solutions, Merchant Investment will benefit from additional revenue that is generated when the CIC Wealth engages any of these third-party service providers. Accordingly, CIC Wealth may have an incentive to engage one or more of these Investment Solutions. In an effort to ensure these conflicts of interest are addressed, CIC Wealth has implemented a risk control and disclosure framework, the objective of which is for CIC Wealth to select Investment Solutions that are in the best interest of the Client. CIC Wealth is not controlled by Merchant Wealth or Merchant Investment and is operated independently where Merchant Investment and all other related subsidiaries are not involved with the services offered by CIC Wealth and maintains its own office space.

Sextant Securities, LLC

CIC Wealth, in which Merchant Investment has an [indirect] minority, non-controlling ownership interest [through Merchant Wealth], may engage Sextant Securities, LLC ("Sextant"), a Broker-Dealer owned by Merchant Investment, to access certain investment products, which may include, but not be limited to, private equity funds, open-ended and close-ended mutual funds, and other products for which Sextant earns a commission if they are sold (herein "Security Offering"). As a result of Merchant Investment's ownership of Sextant, Merchant Investment may benefit from revenue and/or placement fees received by Sextant if CIC Wealth invests any Client funds into a Security Offering. Accordingly, CIC Wealth may have an incentive to invest Client funds into a Security Offering. Neither CIC Wealth nor its IARs will receive any additional compensation for investing Client funds into a Security Offering or Sextant. In addition, there is no requirement for CIC Wealth to recommend to a Client a Security Offering offered through Sextant.

Prior to recommending a Security Offering, CIC Wealth will conduct appropriate due diligence to ensure that any recommendation to invest Clients funds into a Security Offering aligns with the Client's investment needs and objectives. In addition, CIC Wealth will provide additional disclosure information to each Client, which will include relevant details regarding material financial interests and compensation surrounding the Security Offering.

Maxim Income Opportunity Fund II, L.P.

CIC Wealth may recommend that Clients invest into the Maxim Income Opportunity Fund II, L.P. (herein "Maxim"), a Security Offering of Sextant. Individual owners of Merchant Wealth, in their separate capacity, have material ownership interests in Maxim. As a result, these individuals stand to benefit financially from additional investments made into Maxim and from returns generated by Maxim. These individual owners of Maxim, who also have an indirect ownership interest in CIC Wealth, would benefit financially in their individual capacity if CIC Wealth invests Client funds into Maxim. As a result, CIC Wealth may have an incentive to invest Client funds into Maxim.

Maxim invests in non-traded REITs that may be in speculative areas of the real estate market or incorporate debt, which is generally excluded from the investment recommendations made directly by CIC Wealth, as disclosed in Item 8 above. Prior to the recommendation of Maxim, CIC Wealth conducts appropriate due diligence to ensure any recommendation to a Client to invest into Maxim aligns with the Client's investment needs and objectives.

CIC Wealth will conduct appropriate due diligence to ensure any recommendation to a Client to invest into Maxim aligns with the Client's investment needs and objectives. In addition, CIC Wealth will provide additional disclosure information to each Client, which will include relevant details regarding material financial interests and compensation surrounding Maxim. In addition, neither CIC Wealth nor its IARs will receive any additional compensation for investing Client funds into Maxim. Lastly, there is no requirement for CIC Wealth to recommend Maxim to Clients, nor are Clients obligated to invest into Maxim.

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Broker-Dealer Affiliation

As noted in Item 5, certain Advisory Persons are also registered representatives of PKS. In one's separate capacity as a registered representative of PKS, the Advisory Person will receive commissions for the implementation of recommendations for commissionable transactions. Clients are not obligated to implement any recommendation provided by the Advisory Person. Neither the Advisor nor the Advisory Person will earn ongoing investment advisory fees in connection with any services implemented in the Advisory Person's separate capacity as a registered representative.

Insurance Agency Affiliations

As noted in Item 5, certain Supervised Persons are also licensed insurance professionals of CIC Risk Management Group, LLC, an affiliate of CIC Wealth. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from one's role with Parkview. As an insurance professional, the Advisory Person (and CIC Risk) will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. The Advisory Person is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by an Advisory Persons or the Advisor.

Use of Independent Managers

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor may implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio with one or more Independent Managers. The Advisor does not receive any compensation nor does this present a material conflict of interest. The Advisor will only earn its investment advisory fee as described in Item 5.A.

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

A. Code of Ethics

CIC Wealth has implemented a Code of Ethics (the "Code") that defines the Advisor's fiduciary commitment to each Client. This Code applies to all persons associated with CIC Wealth ("Supervised Persons"). The Code was developed to provide general ethical guidelines and specific instructions regarding the Advisor's duties to the Client. CIC Wealth and its Supervised Persons owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client. It is the obligation of CIC Wealth's Supervised Persons to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code, but also to the general principles that guide the Code. The Code covers a range of topics that address employee ethics and conflicts of interest. To request a copy of the Code, please contact the Advisor at (301) 816-4683.

B. Personal Trading with Material Interest

CIC Wealth allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. CIC Wealth does not act as principal in any transactions. In addition, the Advisor does not act as the general partner of a fund, or advise an investment company. CIC Wealth does not have a material interest in any securities traded in Client accounts.

C. Personal Trading in Same Securities as Clients

CIC Wealth allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Owning the same securities recommended (purchase or sell) to Clients presents a conflict of interest that, as fiduciaries, must be disclosed to Clients and mitigate through policies and procedures. As noted above, the Advisor has adopted the Code to address insider trading (material non-public information controls); gifts and entertainment; outside business activities and personal securities reporting. When trading for personal accounts, Supervised Persons have a conflict of interest if trading in the same securities. The fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of its Clients can be violated if personal trades are made with more advantageous terms than Client trades, or by trading based on material non-public information. This risk is mitigated by CIC Wealth requiring reporting of personal securities trades by its Supervised Persons for review by the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") or delegate. The Advisor also adopted written policies and procedures to detect the misuse of material, non-public information.

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D. Personal Trading at Same Time as Client

While CIC Wealth allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients, such trades are typically aggregated with Client orders or traded afterward. **At no time will CIC Wealth, or any Supervised Person of CIC Wealth, transact in any security to the detriment of any Client.**

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

A. Recommendation of Custodian[s]

CIC Wealth does not have discretionary authority to select the broker-dealer/custodian for custody and execution services. The Client will engage the broker-dealer/custodian (herein the "Custodian") to safeguard Client assets and authorize CIC Wealth to direct trades to the Custodian as agreed upon in the investment advisory agreement. Further, CIC Wealth does not have the discretionary authority to negotiate commissions on behalf of Clients on a trade-by-trade basis.

Where CIC Wealth does not exercise discretion over the selection of the Custodian, it will recommend the Custodian to Clients for custody and execution services. Clients are not obligated to use the Custodian recommended by the Advisor and will not incur any extra fee or cost associated with using a custodian not recommended by CIC Wealth. However, the Advisor may be limited in the services it can provide if the recommended Custodian is not engaged. Further, as CIC Wealth's Advisory Persons are also registered representatives of PKS, the Advisor may be limited in using other broker-dealers/custodians as PKS must approve the use of any outside broker-dealer/custodian.

CIC Wealth may recommend the Custodian based on criteria such as, but not limited to, reasonableness of commissions charged to the Client, services made available to the Client, its reputation, and/or the location of the Custodian's offices. CIC Wealth will generally recommend that Clients establish their account[s] at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab"), a FINRA-registered broker-dealer and member SIPC. Schwab will serve as the Client's "qualified custodian". CIC Wealth maintains an institutional relationship with Schwab, whereby the Advisor receives economic benefits from Schwab. Please see Item 14 below.

Following are additional details regarding the brokerage practices of the Advisor:

1. Soft Dollars - Soft dollars are revenue programs offered by broker-dealers/custodians whereby an advisor enters into an agreement to place security trades with a broker-dealer/custodian in exchange for research and other services. **CIC Wealth does not participate in soft dollar programs sponsored or offered by any broker-dealer/custodian. However, the Advisor receives certain economic benefits from the Custodian. Please see Item 14 below.**

2. Brokerage Referrals - CIC Wealth does not receive any compensation from any third party in connection with the recommendation for establishing an account.

3. Directed Brokerage - All Clients are serviced on a "directed brokerage basis", where CIC Wealth will place trades within the established account[s] at the Custodian designated by the Client. Further, all Client accounts are traded within their respective account[s]. The Advisor will not engage in any principal transactions (i.e., trade of any security from or to the Advisor's own account) or cross transactions with other Client accounts (i.e., purchase of a security into one Client account from another Client's account[s]). CIC Wealth will not be obligated to select competitive bids on securities transactions and does not have an obligation to seek the lowest available transaction costs. These costs are determined by the Custodian.

B. Aggregating and Allocating Trades

The primary objective in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities for Client accounts is to obtain the most favorable net results taking into account such factors as 1) price, 2) size of the order, 3) difficulty of

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execution, 4) confidentiality and 5) skill required of the Custodian. CIC Wealth will execute its transactions through the Custodian as authorized by the Client.

CIC Wealth may aggregate orders in a block trade or trades when securities are purchased or sold through the Custodian for multiple (discretionary) accounts in the same trading day. If a block trade cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the initial pre-allocation or other written statement. This must be done in a way that does not consistently advantage or disadvantage any particular Client accounts.

Item 13 – Review of Accounts

A. Frequency of Reviews

Securities in Client accounts are monitored on a regular and continuous basis by Advisory Persons of CIC Wealth and periodically by Frank Cappadora, Jr., Chief Compliance Officer of CIC Wealth. Formal reviews are generally conducted at least annually or more frequently depending on the needs of the Client.

B. Causes for Reviews

In addition to the investment monitoring noted in Item 13.A., each Client account shall be reviewed at least annually. Reviews may be conducted more frequently at the Client's request. Accounts may be reviewed as a result of major changes in economic conditions, known changes in the Client's financial situation, and/or large deposits or withdrawals in the Client's account[s]. The Client is encouraged to notify CIC Wealth if changes occur in the Client's personal financial situation that might adversely affect the Client's investment plan. Additional reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events.

C. Review Reports

The Client will receive brokerage statements no less than quarterly from the Custodian. These brokerage statements are sent directly from the Custodian to the Client. The Client may also establish electronic access to the Custodian's website so that the Client may view these reports and their account activity. Client brokerage statements will include all positions, transactions and fees relating to the Client's account[s]. The Advisor may also provide Clients with periodic reports regarding their holdings, allocations, and performance.

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

A. Compensation Received by CIC Wealth

CIC Wealth does not receive commissions or other compensation from product sponsors, broker-dealers or any un-related third party. CIC Wealth may refer Clients to various unaffiliated, non-advisory professionals (e.g. attorneys, accountants, estate planners) to provide certain financial services necessary to meet the goals of its Clients. Likewise, CIC Wealth may receive non-compensated referrals of new Clients from various third-parties.

Participation in Institutional Advisor Platform

CIC Wealth has established an institutional relationship with Schwab through its "Schwab Advisor Services" unit, a division of Schwab dedicated to serving independent advisory firms like CIC Wealth. As a registered investment advisor participating on the Schwab Advisor Services platform, CIC Wealth receives access to software and related support without cost because the Advisor renders investment management services to Clients that maintain assets at Schwab. Services provided by Schwab Advisor Services benefit the Advisor and many, but not all services provided by Schwab will benefit Clients. In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits from a custodian creates a potential conflict of interest since these benefits may influence the Advisor's recommendation of this custodian over one that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services.

Services that Benefit the Client – Schwab's institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of Client's funds and securities. Through

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Schwab, the Advisor may be able to access certain investments and asset classes that the Client would not be able to obtain directly or through other sources. Further, the Advisor may be able to invest in certain mutual funds and other investments without having to adhere to investment minimums that might be required if the Client were to directly access the investments.

Services that May Indirectly Benefit the Client – Schwab provides participating advisors with access to technology, research, discounts and other services. In addition, the Advisor receives duplicate statements for Client accounts, the ability to deduct advisory fees, trading tools, and back-office support services as part of its relationship with Schwab. These services are intended to assist the Advisor in effectively managing accounts for its Clients, but may not directly benefit all Clients.

Services that May Only Benefit the Advisor – Schwab also offers other services to CIC Wealth that may not benefit the Client, including: educational conferences and events, financial start-up support, consulting services and discounts for various service providers. Access to these services creates a financial incentive for the Advisor to recommend Schwab, which results in a potential conflict of interest. CIC Wealth believes, however, that the selection of Schwab as Custodian is in the best interests of its Clients.

B. Client Referrals from Promoters

If a Client is introduced to the Advisor by either an unaffiliated or affiliated party (herein a “Promoter”), the Advisor compensates that Promoter a fee in accordance with Rule 206(4)-1 of the Advisers Act and any corresponding state securities requirements. Any such compensation shall be paid solely from the investment advisory fees earned by the Advisor, and shall not result in any additional charge to the Client.

Item 15 – Custody

CIC Wealth does not accept or maintain custody of any Client accounts, except for the authorized deduction of the Advisor’s fees. All Clients must place their assets with a “qualified custodian”. Clients are required to engage the Custodian to retain their funds and securities and direct CIC Wealth to utilize that Custodian for the Client’s security transactions. Clients should review statements provided by the Custodian and compare to any reports provided by CIC Wealth to ensure accuracy, as the Custodian does not perform this review. For more information about custodians and brokerage practices, see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

If the Client gives the Advisor authority to move money from one account to another account, the Advisor may have custody of those assets. In order to avoid additional regulatory requirements, the Custodian and the Advisor have adopted safeguards to ensure that the money movements are completed in accordance with the Client’s instructions.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

CIC Wealth generally has discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be bought or sold in Client accounts without obtaining prior consent or approval from the Client. However, these purchases or sales may be subject to specified investment objectives, guidelines, or limitations previously set forth by the Client and agreed to by CIC Wealth. Discretionary authority will only be authorized upon full disclosure to the Client. The granting of such authority will be evidenced by the Client’s execution of an investment advisory agreement containing all applicable limitations to such authority. All discretionary trades made by CIC Wealth will be in accordance with each Client’s investment objectives and goals.

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

CIC Wealth does not accept proxy-voting responsibility for any Client. Clients will receive proxy statements directly from the Custodian. The Advisor will assist in answering questions relating to proxies, however, the Client retains the sole responsibility for proxy decisions and voting.

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Item 18 – Financial Information

Neither CIC Wealth, nor its management, have any adverse financial situations that would reasonably impair the ability of CIC Wealth to meet all obligations to its Clients. Neither CIC Wealth, nor any of its Advisory Persons, have been subject to a bankruptcy or financial compromise. CIC Wealth is not required to deliver a balance sheet along with this Disclosure Brochure as the Advisor does not collect advance fees of \$1,200 or more for services to be performed six months or more in the future.

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Privacy Policy

Effective: March 15, 2024

Our Commitment to You

CIC Wealth, LLC ("CIC Wealth" or the "Advisor") is committed to safeguarding the use of personal information of our Clients (also referred to as "you" and "your") that we obtain as your Investment Advisor, as described here in our Privacy Policy ("Policy").

Our relationship with you is our most important asset. We understand that you have entrusted us with your private information, and we do everything that we can to maintain that trust. CIC Wealth (also referred to as "we", "our" and "us") protects the security and confidentiality of the personal information we have and implements controls to ensure that such information is used for proper business purposes in connection with the management or servicing of our relationship with you.

CIC Wealth does not sell your non-public personal information to anyone. Nor do we provide such information to others except for discrete and reasonable business purposes in connection with the servicing and management of our relationship with you, as discussed below.

Details of our approach to privacy and how your personal non-public information is collected and used are set forth in this Policy.

Why you need to know?

Registered Investment Advisors ("RIAs") must share some of your personal information in the course of servicing your account. Federal and State laws give you the right to limit some of this sharing and require RIAs to disclose how we collect, share, and protect your personal information.

What information do we collect from you?

Driver's license number	Date of birth
Social security or taxpayer identification number	Assets and liabilities
Name, address and phone number[s]	Income and expenses
E-mail address[es]	Investment activity
Account information (including other institutions)	Investment experience and goals

What Information do we collect from other sources?

Custody, brokerage and advisory agreements	Account applications and forms
Other advisory agreements and legal documents	Investment questionnaires and suitability documents
Transactional information with us or others	Other information needed to service account

How do we protect your information?

To safeguard your personal information from unauthorized access and use we maintain physical, procedural and electronic security measures. These include such safeguards as secure passwords, encrypted file storage and a secure office environment. Our technology vendors provide security and access control over personal information and have policies over the transmission of data. Our associates are trained on their responsibilities to protect Client's personal information.

We require third parties that assist in providing our services to you to protect the personal information they receive from us.

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How do we share your information?

An RIA shares Client personal information to effectively implement its services. In the section below, we list some reasons we may share your personal information.

Basis For Sharing	Do we share?	Can you limit?
Servicing our Clients We may share non-public personal information with non-affiliated third parties (such as administrators, brokers, custodians, regulators, credit agencies, other financial institutions) as necessary for us to provide agreed upon services to you, consistent with applicable law, including but not limited to: processing transactions; general account maintenance; responding to regulators or legal investigations; and credit reporting. CIC Wealth shares Client information with Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments, Inc. ("PKS"). This sharing is due to the oversight PKS has over certain Supervised Persons of the Advisor. You may also contact us at any time for a copy of the PKS Privacy Policy.	Yes	No
Marketing Purposes CIC Wealth does not disclose, and does not intend to disclose, personal information with non-affiliated third parties to offer you services. Certain laws may give us the right to share your personal information with financial institutions where you are a customer and where CIC Wealth or the client has a formal agreement with the financial institution. We will only share information for purposes of servicing your accounts, not for marketing purposes.	No	Not Shared
Authorized Users Your non-public personal information may be disclosed to you and persons that we believe to be your authorized agent[s] or representative[s].	Yes	Yes
Information About Former Clients CIC Wealth does not disclose and does not intend to disclose, non-public personal information to non-affiliated third parties with respect to persons who are no longer our Clients.	No	Not Shared

State-specific Regulations

California	In response to a California law, to be conservative, we assume accounts with California addresses do not want us to disclose personal information about you to non-affiliated third parties, except as permitted by California law. We also limit the sharing of personal information.
Massachusetts	In response to a Massachusetts law, clients must "opt-in" to share non-public personal information with non-affiliated third parties before any personal information is disclosed. We may disclose non-public personal information to other financial institutions with whom we have joint business arrangements for proper business purposes in connection with the management or servicing of your account.

Changes to our Privacy Policy

We will send you a copy of this Policy annually for as long as you maintain an ongoing relationship with us. Periodically we may revise this Policy and will provide you with a revised Policy if the changes materially alter the previous Privacy Policy. We will not, however, revise our Privacy Policy to permit the sharing of non-public personal information other than as described in this notice unless we first notify you and provide you with an opportunity to prevent the information sharing.

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Any Questions?

You may ask questions or voice any concerns, as well as obtain a copy of our current Privacy Policy by contacting us at (301) 816-4683.

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