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## **Item 2 Material Changes**

There have been no material changes since our last brochure update on March 17, 2023.

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## **Item 4 Advisory Business**

### **4 A. Describe your advisory firm, how long you have been in business and identify primary owners.**

Beaumont Capital Management LLC ("BCM") is an asset manager based in Boston, Massachusetts. In 2009, Beaumont Capital Management was created as a division of Beaumont Financial Partners, LLC in order to deliver tactical, quantitatively driven investment strategies to financial professionals, institutions, and individuals. In late 2019, Beaumont Capital Management, LLC was spun off from Beaumont Financial Partners, forming a separate legal entity registered with the SEC effective as of the close of business on December 31, 2019. In January 2022, BCM was acquired by Algorithmic Investment Models, LLC (AIM). Both BCM and AIM are now owned by a holding company, Algorithmic Research + Trading LLC (ART) but continue to exist as separate legal entities and conduct business as usual.

Beaumont Financial Partners, LLC organized in 1999, and its predecessor firm, Beaumont Trust Associates, started as a registered investment advisor in 1981. H & Co. Financial Services, Inc. (H & Co.) was also founded in the early 1980s and merged into Beaumont Financial Partners in October 2000.

Beaumont Capital Management (BCM), powered by Algorithmic Investment Models (AIM), is an asset manager that provides AI-based, quantitative portfolio solutions designed to give investors attractive returns and a smoother ride by seeking maximum returns while managing volatility. Additionally, the firm has a suite of proprietary quantitative tools and machine learning capabilities that can be employed to develop custom research and investment solutions for RIAs and institutional investors.

### **4 B. Describe the types of advisory services offered.**

As an ETF strategist, BCM offers portfolios based on three quantitatively driven investment systems: Decathlon, Paradigm, and Sector Rotation. All three systems share a similar philosophy but are different in construct. The Decathlon system is based on machine learning and uses pattern recognition technology to find desirable, repeating patterns in the price histories of the ETFs in its pool. Paradigm seeks to avoid periods of high volatility as large drawdowns often occur during periods of high volatility, and the strategy is implemented using factor or "smart beta" ETFs. The Sector Rotation system uses ETFs focused on the sectors of the S&P 500, is trend following, and is based on the premise that both positive and negative trends, once identified, tend to persist for long periods.

BCM primarily implements its strategies using Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). BCM predominantly offers these strategies to investment professionals and institutions via four main channels of business:

- (1) Wrap fee programs, also known as Turnkey Asset Management Programs ("TAMPs") and/or Model Management Platforms (MMPs);
- (2) Sub-advisory contracts, including sub-advisor to a mutual fund;
- (3) Dual (client) contracts and direct business; and
- (4) Solicitor arrangements.

The BCM strategies are offered in Separately Managed Account (SMA), Unified Managed Account (UMA), model manager and model delivery, and mutual fund formats.

BCM relies on the "Source Advisor" (hereinafter defined as an investment advisor or Registered Representative who appoints BCM as an investment manager for one or more of their investment advisory clients' accounts) to successfully implement the know-your-client and suitability requirements under most TAMP, MMP, and Sub-Advisory arrangements, and BCM is not involved in these processes for these channels. For dual contract, direct, and solicitor arrangements, in addition to any Source Advisor's work, BCM will review each client's current financial situation and ascertain their:

Investment objectives;

Risk tolerance, investment time horizons, and income needs;

Current investments and existing portfolio composition; and

Other information pertaining to their unique situation and familial considerations.

BCM will then work with each client to determine an overall asset allocation and help each client determine if a BCM portfolio might help them achieve their investment goals. BCM does not provide any other planning, tax, or advisory services.

As noted above, BCM also acts as sub-advisor to a mutual fund: the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund. Prior to July of 2022, the fund was known as the BCM Decathlon Moderate Fund and followed a different investment strategy. Advisors Preferred, LLC is the investment adviser to the fund. Advisors Preferred, LLC is not affiliated with BCM.

#### *Investment Management Services*

BCM also provides investment advisory services to individual clients, primarily clients who are employees of the Firm, and seeks to tailor its investment management services to meet the needs of its individual clients. In addition, BCM seeks to ensure, on a continuous basis, that client portfolios are managed in a manner consistent with those needs and objectives. BCM consults with clients on an initial and ongoing basis to assess their specific risk tolerance, time horizon, liquidity constraints and other related factors relevant to the management of their portfolios. Clients are advised to promptly notify BCM if there are changes in their financial situation or if they wish to place any limitations on the management of their portfolios. In designing and implementing customized models and portfolio strategies, BCM can manage, on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis, a broad range of investment strategies and vehicles. BCM primarily allocates client assets among various investment managers mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), closed-end funds ("CEFs"), individual equities, structured products, options, and debt securities in accordance with clients' stated investment objectives, risk profile and financial condition.

#### **4 C. Explain if, and how you tailor your advisory services to the individual needs of clients. Also, explain if clients may impose restrictions on securities or types of securities.**

As an ETF strategist, BCM does not tailor our strategies to investors' individual needs, nor do we allow restrictions to be placed on an account. Before agreeing to provide investment management services to sub-advisory, dual contract, and direct clients, BCM requires clients to affirm their understanding that the BCM strategies do not allow for tailoring to the individual needs of a specific client. To the extent that a client requires a more individualized service, BCM will not accept such business for lack

of suitability.

For TAMPs, MMPs, institutions, and solicitor opportunities, the Decathlon system is highly customizable and can be adapted to meet many mandates. Once these mandate strategy variants are set up, BCM cannot tailor to individual needs per the paragraph above.

**4 D. If you participate in wrap fee programs by providing portfolio management services, (1) describe the differences, if any, between how you manage wrap fee accounts and how you manage other accounts, and (2) explain that you receive a portion of the wrap fee for your services.**

BCM is a participating manager on multiple wrap programs. In a wrap fee program, a client is charged a single, bundled, or "wrap" fee for investment advice, brokerage services, and other administrative services. BCM receives an annual management fee, typically paid quarterly, from the total wrap fee paid by the client. The total wrap fee and BCM's management fee will vary by strategy, custodian, and wrap program based on the circumstances and services provided.

Accounts invested in BCM strategies via wrap programs are managed consistently with other clients in the same strategy. The investment decisions are based primarily on quantitatively researched, rules-based systems, and all clients invested in a given BCM strategy should have the same investment allocation and trade dates. In rare circumstances, due to actions of third parties, trades may not settle on the same date. Each wrap program and/or custodian has its own pre-determined trading schedules/trade cut-off times, account minimums, minimum fees as well as other terms and conditions and fees. BCM only receives a pre-determined management fee and receives no other compensation from a wrap program. Please see Item 5 for more information about fees and compensation.

The wrap program sponsors, also known as Third Party Asset Management Programs (TAMPs) and/or Model Management Platforms (MMPs), are responsible for trade execution in most instances; therefore, the performance of two identical strategies may vary from one wrap program to another and from one custodian to another as trades are executed at different times.

**4 E. If you manage client assets, disclose the amount of client assets you manage on a discretionary basis and the amount of client assets you manage on a non-discretionary basis. Disclose the date "as of" which you calculated the amounts.**

As of December 31, 2023, BCM had ~\$2,202,911,265 in total assets under management and assets under advisement.

The amount of discretionary assets as of December 31, 2023 was ~\$155,335,629. This is the number that was reported as regulatory assets under management on Form ADV Part 1.

BCM's assets under advisement totaled ~\$2,047,575,636 as of December 31, 2023. This figure includes assets from model management programs and turnkey asset management programs.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

**5 A. Describe how you are compensated for your advisory services. Provide a fee schedule and disclose if the fees are negotiable.**

BCM is paid a management fee on the assets we manage. The management fee BCM receives differs depending on the strategy, the TAMP or MMP, the trading frequency of the strategy, and the costs associated with implementing each strategy. A fee schedule is set by each TAMP, MMP, custodian

and/or Source Advisor accessing the platform. BCM has no input to these fee schedules other than determining our management fee. Typically, any fee negotiation for advisor clients would be at or through the Source Advisor, custodian, TAMP, or MMP.

Under certain circumstances, a TAMP, broker-dealer, RIA, other platform or their advisors may request, and BCM will agree, that BCM avoid charging a Separately Managed Account (SMA) fee associated with their account(s). Under these arrangements, BCM will invest a substantive portion of a client's assets in one or more BCM sub-advised mutual funds. BCM will receive compensation through the sub-advisory fees of any BCM sub-advised mutual fund owned in these SMA accounts. The management fees for such Funds are described in the Fund's prospectus or other offering document. Depending on the sub-advised fund's size, expenses and other factors, the mutual fund fees received by BCM may be the same, more or less than the typical SMA fee charged without the inclusion of a BCM sub-advised fund. Small variances may occur due to assets under management of the BCM Fund. Under no circumstance will BCM collect both a sub-advisory fee and an SMA fee on the same assets. Certain expenses such as management and brokerage fees and custodian expenses are incurred by Funds and ETFs in which we may invest and are thus indirectly borne by the client in addition to any fee that we may charge. Situations may cause a conflict of interest with BCM choosing to invest in BCM sub-advised mutual funds for its SMA clients. To address this conflict of interest, BCM has adopted policies and procedures to ensure investment decisions are made in accordance with the fiduciary duties owed to each client and without consideration of BCM's financial interests.

For sub-advisory, dual contract, direct, and solicitor agreements, a BCM fee schedule is listed in each type of contract and is available upon request. The most common fee rate is 0.50%, but the fees that BCM receives differ depending on the channel, the size of the relationship, the strategy trade frequency, and the costs associated with researching and implementing each strategy. For "institutional sized" relationships or special circumstances, fees may be negotiated. The BCM Direct fee schedule is as follows:

<b>Strategy Suite</b>	<b>Account Size</b>	<b>SMA Annual Fee Rates</b>
BCM Sector Suite	\$100,000 to \$9,999,999	0.50%
	\$10,000,000 or more	Negotiable

<b>Strategy Suite</b>	<b>Account Size</b>	<b>SMA Annual Fee Rates</b>
BCM Decathlon Suite	\$100,000 to \$9,999,999	0.32%
	\$10,000,000 or more	Negotiable

<b>Strategy Suite</b>	<b>Account Size</b>	<b>SMA Annual Fee Rates</b>
BCM Paradigm U.S. Factor Suite	\$100,000 to \$9,999,999	0.50%
	\$10,000,000 or more	Negotiable

BCM does not double charge or receive duplicate fees for any services provided. For dual contract and sub-advisory business, there is a \$600 minimum account fee. This means accounts with a 0.50% strategy fee will pay more if the account is less than \$120,000.

For the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund, after the fund expenses are paid, BCM will share any remaining management fee with the fund's Adviser. The Adviser receives a management fee equal to 0.90% of the fund's assets under management. Please refer to the fund's prospectus for more detailed information regarding the fees and expenses associated with an investment in the fund.

Investment Advisory fees for individual clients will generally be charged 1.50% (150 basis points) on assets under management of the individual portfolio. Actual fees will vary, and some fees could be waived depending on the Agreement with the client.

**5 B. Describe whether you deduct fees from clients' assets or bill clients for fees incurred. If clients may select either method, disclose this fact. Explain how often you bill clients or deduct your fees.**

For the vast majority of BCM's clients, our fees are deducted from client accounts on a quarterly basis (some in arrears, some up front, as each TAMP and MMP has its own fee calculation process). For TAMPs, MMPs and most sub-advisory and dual contract business, the TAMP, MMP, fund, or source advisor normally calculates and deducts all fees. Fees for all channels are charged or refunded in a prorated manner to the end of the quarter upon inception or termination of an account. Custodial statements will reflect all fees deducted from an account.

For some dual contract, direct, and solicitor agreements, BCM management fees are also typically billed to client accounts.

A client, or BCM, may cancel the Investment Advisory Agreement at any time by providing five days' written notice to the other party. The notice period is to allow any outstanding transactions (trades, transfers, etc.) to settle. There is no termination fee for ending the relationship. In the event of a termination, the TAMP, MMP, custodian, source advisor, or, when appropriate, BCM will credit the client's account for any unearned fees paid to BCM. The fee and refund amounts are calculated on a pro rata basis for that (quarterly) period.

**5 C. Describe any other types of fees or expenses clients may pay in connection with your advisory services.**

BCM primarily uses ETFs and the custodial money market in the management of its SMA strategies. Exceptions may occur in institutional or co-mingled mutual fund accounts if disaggregating the ETFs or another alternative is less expensive to implement. Each ETF and money market will have its own management fee and other fees and expenses as described in the prospectus. In addition, there may be commissions associated with the buying or selling of these ETFs, depending on the custodian. Additional costs may include a spread paid between the bid and the ask prices of the securities being bought or sold.

BCM invests in both ETFs and individual stocks in the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund.

It is important to note that other fees, including platform, custodial, and trading fees, will vary by custodian. Other fees paid by the client may include short-term trading fees, trade-away fees, wire fees, and other miscellaneous fees for services provided. Commissions and fees are sometimes negotiable at each custodian. The custodian/broker keeps 100% of all commission and transaction fees. A platform sponsor or custodian may charge additional minimum fees if certain account size minimums, or other requirements, are not met. BCM will not receive any of the commissions or fees mentioned in this answer.

Please see item 5 A. for more information.

**5 D. Disclose if your clients either may or must pay your fees in advance, and how they may obtain a refund and how it would be calculated if the advisory contract is terminated.**

As discussed in question 5 A., the fee billing methodology is determined by each TAMP or MMP.



Some bill in advance, some in arrears. For business channels/arrangements where BCM is responsible for billing, BCM bills quarterly in advance using third party software. There are no termination fees. Any terminated account would have the unearned fee refunded on a pro-rata basis.

**5 E. Disclose if you or any of your supervised persons accepts compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products.**

Neither BCM nor its supervised persons receive compensation tied directly to the sale of securities. All employees, including the sales team, have an ownership interest in the firm and receive a salary, profit distributions, and are eligible for a discretionary bonus. No client will pay any additional fee due to these arrangements.

There are instances when an ETF sponsor or other vendor will contribute to the cost of BCM attending a conference or similar industry event. BCM is ETF sponsor agnostic, and no associate receives any compensation due to these arrangements. Conversely, BCM may also provide modest support to an event hosted by an advisor or other distributor of the BCM strategies.

Please see Item 6 for related information.

## **Item 6 Performance-Based Fees & Side-By-Side Management**

**If you or any supervised person accept performance-based fees or manage accounts that are charged a performance-based fee and charged another type of fee.**

BCM does not currently charge performance-based fees or any other fee except our management fees as described above.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

**Describe the types of clients to whom you generally provide investment advice.**

BCM provides investment advice to many types of clients including:

1. Unaffiliated RIAs and broker-dealers
2. TAMP, MMP, or wrap programs
3. Private family or multi-family offices
4. Bank and trust companies
5. Individuals/families
6. Trusts/estates
7. IRAs, 401(k), pension, profit sharing and other retirement plans
8. Corporations, non-profits
9. As sub-advisor to a mutual fund

Many TAMPs, MMPs and/or custodians set their own account minimums or charge minimum account fees. BCM has direct client account minimums of \$250,000 for all BCM strategies and a \$600 minimum account fee. For example, accounts with a 0.50% strategy fee will pay more if the account is less than \$120,000. However, related client accounts can be aggregated for acceptance, and if two accounts are used, the minimum client size is \$300,000 with a \$100,000 account minimum. Client minimums go up by \$50,000 for each account used in the aggregation (\$350,000 for three accounts; \$400,000 for four

accounts; etc.). In limited circumstances, account minimums are negotiable at BCM's discretion. Depending on the TAMP, MMP, and custodian, related accounts may also be aggregated for purposes of applying the fee schedule.

## **Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies & Risk of Loss**

### **8 A. Describe the methods of analysis and investment strategies you use in formulating investment advice or managing assets. Explain the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear**

BCM uses three quantitatively researched systems to manage assets. BCM conducts in-house research for all strategies. The BCM Investment Committee reviews the research for all BCM strategies daily and conducts formal meetings to review the strategies when necessary. BCM has discretion to use public third-party sources of research for the fundamentally managed allocation of certain BCM strategies. BCM has full discretion on all three investment systems, including the frequency of trading. BCM has a shared services agreement in place with sister company Algorithmic Investment Models (AIM) which allows for AIM principals to participate on the investment committee and act as portfolio managers for the products.

The Decathlon system is designed to identify repeating patterns in market data caused by investor behavior. The global events that drive markets are constantly changing, but we believe investor behavior, specifically human reactions to varied market events, remains constant. By utilizing machine learning, specifically genetic programming, we believe the Decathlon system can identify these repeating patterns and use them to predict the relative returns of various securities. Every day, the Decathlon system produces rankings of an investment pool of ~240 ETFs representing the liquid global investment opportunity set (including many asset classes, multiple market capitalizations, global geographic exposure, and a broad selection of fixed income and currency ETFs). BCM manages this pool of ETFs based on desired exposure, liquidity, cost, and other factors. Therefore, the pool is subject to change. As of the third quarter of 2020, Decathlon is managed on a more flexible trading schedule. The BCM Investment Committee compares each day's rankings to the portfolio's holdings and determines whether the current portfolio is sufficiently representative of the rankings. If trades are deemed necessary, the Committee determines the highest impact trades and seeks to "surgically" move the portfolio towards the rankings while limiting portfolio turnover. The investment committee aims to hold the purchased ETFs for 30 calendar days (or 25 trading days), but now has the flexibility to more quickly adjust positions when warranted by the model's signals. Decathlon's process is subject to ongoing research and enhancement, with the goal of continuous improvement. The algorithms used by the system are usually optimized at least quarterly, or more frequently as dictated by market conditions. Decathlon is asset class agnostic, and the asset allocation for each model (ignoring prospectus constraints) is typically determined by the ETF rankings. Additional rules seeking to meet fiduciary duties or custom specifications or to limit risk, expense, and tax consequences are also applied.

The Paradigm system's objective is to limit volatility and drawdown while pursuing desirable risk-adjusted returns in a core U.S. Equity portfolio, by identifying periods when equity investors are less likely to receive adequate compensation for assuming equity market risk. In such periods, the system can shift the portfolio towards traditionally defensive equity factors and/or allocate up to 100% of the portfolio in a cash substitute, typically a short-term fixed income ETF. Currently, we apply the Paradigm system to six commonly accepted equity factors: Momentum, Value, Dividend, Low Volatility, Quality, and Size. We believe factors provide differentiated risk exposures with low cross-correlations, excluding market exposure, and therefore may produce more consistent and distinct signals. Factor ETFs may introduce concentration risk as each factor ETF owns a subset of the broad market with similar securities. The Paradigm system analyzes the short- and long-term realized volatility for each individual factor. When realized volatility rises above an optimized threshold of short- and/or long-term

realized volatility, the factor is deemed to be in a "volatile paradigm," and that factor's allocation will be reduced or eliminated. Factors that remain in the portfolio after the primary volatility analysis are then risk weighted, with factors realizing lower relative volatility being given larger weights and vice versa. The maximum buy position is 30%. The BCM Paradigm strategies have the ability to trade on a weekly basis (which may result in higher trading costs due to more frequent trades), but have typically traded less frequently. BCM sets a "drift" percentage to minimize smaller trades from being processed and help to reduce unnecessary trading costs. The drift is essentially an allowable variance to the target allocation.

The Sector Rotation system is designed to limit volatility and drawdown of a core U.S. Equity portfolio through trend-following by owning, in equal weights, the sectors of the S&P 500 Index that have a positive trend. By defaulting towards an equal weight portfolio, the portfolio should be inherently more diversified than a market-cap weighted portfolio and thus generally less volatile. The system determines positive trends by utilizing multiple moving averages and additional volatility inputs. ETFs that are identified as having a positive trend are owned in equal weights. When fewer than five sectors are owned, we add a 25% allocation to a broad U.S. Equity ETF to maintain adequate portfolio diversification. If three or fewer sectors are owned, the portfolio will begin to get defensive by allocating to high quality, short duration bond ETFs or money market in 25% increments as the remaining sectors lose positive momentum and are sold. For example, if ten sectors are owned, each sector will have a 10% allocation in the portfolio; and if two sectors are owned, 50% of the portfolio will be invested in equities—with up to 25% of the portfolio allocated to a broad U.S. Equity ETF and 12.5% in each of the two sectors—and 50% of the portfolio may be allocated to a money market or a short-term bond ETF. The BCM Sector strategies have the ability to trade on a weekly basis (which may result in higher trading costs due to more frequent trades), or on a monthly basis.

BCM has the ability to set a "drift" percentage to minimize smaller trades from being processed and help reduce unnecessary trading costs. The drift is essentially an allowable variance to the target allocation.

BCM adds its own global macroeconomic overlay and investment themes for the fundamentally managed International Equity and Global Macro Growth allocations in the Sector Rotation strategies. The global macro and international equity portions of the strategies may incur additional risk due to the added economic, currency exchange, political, social, and regulatory uncertainty and volatility.

There is also a fundamental high quality fixed income allocation. The investments for these fixed income components are typically determined during discussions, with research presented at weekly Investment Committee meetings.

In addition to these measures, our analysis includes the study, and daily review of, numerous trade publications, blogs, brokerage research, and corporate reports. We also utilize Bloomberg as a primary research tool.

It is important for investors to understand that investing in any type of security, including ETFs, involves material risks, including loss of principal. ETFs holding equities, commodities, and other risk assets typically experience more volatility over time than those that hold bonds. Bonds come with their own inherent risks, including interest rate risk, duration risk, credit risk, and reinvestment risk.

As applicable, the source advisor or the BCM relationship manager discusses investment risks with clients at the onset of the relationship to ensure the investor understands the risks associated with their investment strategy before investing their money.

*It is important for clients to understand that no investment result is guaranteed, and that any BCM strategy can suffer large losses. Clients should be prepared to bear this risk.* While all BCM strategies

seek to mitigate unusually high volatility and portfolio losses, small to mid-sized losses are inherent in the investment process, and these will be experienced in all of the BCM strategies. There can be no assurance that a client will achieve his or her investment objectives.

The BCM strategies are not appropriate for all investors. While some of the strategies are intended to serve as standalone solutions, others are designed to be a supplement to, and not a substitute for, a well-diversified investment portfolio.

Please refer to the prospectus and statement of additional information for a detailed discussion of the investment strategy and methodology of the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund.

**8 B. For each significant investment strategy or method of analysis used, explain the material risks involved. Explain any significant or unusual risk and disclose how, if applicable, frequent trading can affect performance.**

BCM's quantitatively driven strategies are tactical in nature and thus may have higher turnover and trading costs than other investment strategies. Higher trading costs will reduce performance commensurately. However, many major custodians have eliminated all trading commissions on ETF trades, while others have limited commission waivers in place, and others may offer asset-based pricing.

A material risk to owning a BCM strategy is timing risk associated with large asset allocation changes (i.e. selling a risk asset to own a short-term bond ETF). While all three BCM systems have rules that seek to avoid whipsaw, past trends, patterns and results may not repeat, and whipsaw (the process of selling to avoid future losses only to have the markets reverse sharply) may occur. This risk is also affected by the trading frequency of the strategy involved (i.e. weekly versus monthly).

A client's actual position weighting may vary from their long-term target allocations due to the tactical nature of the strategies (a strategy getting more defensive or more aggressive), market fluctuation, investment gains/losses, contributions and/or withdrawals, and other circumstances. For direct BCM clients or solicitor arrangements, BCM asks clients to notify their Relationship Manager promptly, in writing, of changes to their financial situation and/or their investment objectives that may warrant a change to their long-term investment allocations.

Another material risk involves continuing research risk. While BCM strives to ensure that all research that seeks to enhance a strategy has been fully tested and vetted, there are no assurances the intended enhancements will materialize and add value. The BCM strategies may not be effective in all market conditions. The BCM strategies carry management risk, as there is no guarantee that the judgments of the BCM investment committee in implementing the models are sound or will result in profitable investments.

*Sector Rotation:* As with any equity strategy, the risk of a material loss is present despite the design of the strategies and their objective to avoid large losses. The strategic asset allocation within each sector rotation strategy will vary by strategy. This strategic asset allocation will typically equal weight the sectors owned. This approach, as opposed to market weighting, often leads to the BCM sector strategies being overweight or underweight to some sectors of the S&P 500. This could result in the strategy incurring concentration (non-diversification) risks. Material risks also include investing in developed and emerging market equity and bond ETFs, commodity ETFs, currency ETFs, as well as U.S. based equity and bond ETFs.

*BCM Paradigm:* The suite utilizes a software system that attempts to allocate a higher percentage of the strategy to investment candidates that look attractive shorter-term, and less or none at all to those that are viewed as being less attractive shorter-term. This decision is predicated on a set of models

created based on a variety of timeframes using ETF and index price data converted into a volatility signal from which an ultimate determination is made about each candidate's overall attractiveness, i.e., a trade-off between potential return and potential risk (both volatility and drawdown). Factor ETFs may introduce concentration risk as each factor ETF owns a subset of the broad market with similar securities.

*BCM Decathlon:* The BCM Decathlon strategies are predictive in nature based on historical price patterns in various markets, sectors, etc. and will own ten equal weight positions from the ETF pool. Additional risk associated with these strategies is quantitative risk. Our models are designed to utilize past market data in an effort to anticipate future patterns. If future market movement significantly differs from the past, the patterns the system identified may not repeat as expected. Material risks also include investing in developed and emerging market equity and bond ETFs, commodity ETFs, currency ETFs, as well as U.S. based equity and bond ETFs. In addition, the strategies may focus on a particular sector or theme, and thus concentration risk may also be present.

As with all investments, there are associated inherent risks, including loss of principal. Many factors affect the value and performance of investments. Fixed income investments are subject to inflationary, credit, market, and interest rate risks. Stock markets, especially foreign markets, are volatile and can decline significantly in response to adverse issuer, political, regulatory, market, or economic developments. Sector and factor investments concentrate in a particular industry or investment attribute, and the investments' performance could depend heavily on the performance of that industry or attribute and be more volatile than the performance of less concentrated investment options and the market as a whole. Securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations tend to be more volatile and illiquid than larger company stocks. Smaller companies may have no, or relatively short, operating histories or be newly public companies. Foreign securities are subject to interest rate, currency exchange rate, economic, and political risks, all of which are magnified in emerging markets.

ETFs typically trade like stocks and are subject to investment volatility and the potential for loss. The principal amounts invested in ETFs are not protected, guaranteed or insured. Diversification into many ETFs does not ensure a profit or protect an investor from loss. The risks above are particularly significant for ETFs that focus on a single country or region. High portfolio turnover and frequent trading can result in lower returns due to an increase in trading costs, as well as an increase in realized capital gains/losses, which may increase the taxes paid by an investor.

Geopolitical events, natural and environmental disasters, public health threats, and other extraordinary events may occur and disrupt securities markets, leading to adverse effects on client investments. Clients may incur major losses in the event of disrupted markets and other events in which historical pricing relationships become materially distorted.

BCM may be subject to operational and information security risks due to cybersecurity attacks, as it is dependent on technology to perform essential business functions. Successful cybersecurity attacks may adversely impact BCM and its clients.

Risks particular to the mutual fund which BCM sub-advises are set forth in the fund's prospectus and are not addressed in this brochure.

**8 C. If you recommend primarily a particular type of security, explain the material risks involved.**

BCM primarily uses ETFs and the custodial money markets in all of its strategies. Exceptions may occur in institutional accounts or in the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund where disaggregation or other vehicles may be used if determined to be more cost effective. Additionally, in the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund, up to 20% of the portfolio has the ability to invest in individual stocks. Material risks

include ordinary market risks as described above and concentration and liquidity risks. Concentration risk occurs when a strategy's holdings are concentrated in a limited number or type of security or in a particular region. Liquidity risk is the risk that a client account may not be able to buy or sell a security at a favorable price or time. In addition to an ETF being concentrated in a common set of securities, there may be additional concentration risk if multiple ETFs with an overlapping exposure are owned at the same time. Decathlon has a maximum position size of 10%, but more than one ETF with similar risk characteristics may be owned. For purchases, Paradigm has a 30% maximum position size, and Sector Rotation has a 25% maximum position size, so a particular theme, sector or industry may be significantly over- or underweight in all three systems.

BCM periodically reviews the liquidity provided by each ETF in the investment pools. BCM screens ETFs for liquidity prior to using them. Liquidity can be in the form of the create/redeem process or in the normal trading markets. While we screen for adequate liquidity, there can be no assurance that a purchase or sale will not have an undue impact on the price of the purchase or sale. BCM will consider removing an ETF from a strategy's investment pool if it cannot meet the necessary minimum liquidity levels.

For certain types of commodity and currency ETFs, there may be unfavorable tax treatment, specifically higher tax rates, under certain conditions. In addition, an ETF may trade above or below its Net Asset Value (NAV), or the aggregate value of the underlying basket of securities of the index the ETF is tracking.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

**Disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of your advisory business or the integrity of your management.**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to report.

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

### **10 A. Disclose any registrations as a broker-dealer or a registered representative.**

BCM is not registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") as a broker-dealer. Some BCM employees are registered representatives with Ceros Financial Services, Inc. (member FINRA/SIPC) and assist with distribution of the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund.

In January 2022, Beaumont Capital Management (BCM) was acquired by Algorithmic Investment Models, LLC (AIM). Both BCM and AIM are now owned by a holding company, Algorithmic Research + Trading LLC (ART), but continue to exist as separate legal entities and conduct business as usual. BCM is powered by Algorithmic Investment Models (AIM), an affiliated asset manager registered with the State of Massachusetts, that provides AI-based, quantitative portfolio solutions designed to give investors attractive returns and a smoother ride by seeking maximum returns while managing volatility. Additionally, AIM has a suite of proprietary quantitative tools and machine learning capabilities that can be employed to develop custom research and investment solutions for RIAs and institutional investors. Certain managing members of AIM have a shared services agreement with BCM which allows individuals covered by the agreement to provide investment advice services such as participating on investment committees' for financial products managed by the parties and/or acting as a portfolio manager for such financial products.

**10 B. Disclose any registrations (i.e. futures commission merchant, commodities, etc.).**

There are no registrations to report.

**10 C. Describe any relationship or arrangement, material to your advisory business or to your clients that you or any of your management persons have with any related person listed below:**

**1. Broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer**

None.

**2. Investment company or other pooled investment vehicle (including a mutual fund, closed-end investment company, unit investment trust, private investment company or "hedge fund," and offshore fund)**

Pursuant to an agreement with Advisors Preferred, LLC, BCM acts as sub-advisor to the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund, providing investment advisory services primarily with respect to ETF investments. These ETF investments may also be used in other BCM strategies, as described elsewhere in this brochure. Advisors Preferred is a federally registered investment adviser located at 1445 Research Boulevard, Suite 530, Rockville, MD 20850. The Decathlon Market Neutral Fund is distributed by Ceros Financial Services, Inc. (member FINRA/SIPC). Advisors Preferred is compensated by the fund for its role as investment adviser to the fund on the basis of assets under management.

**3. Other investment adviser or financial planner**

Other than advisors being our main client base as described above, as well as our arrangement with Advisors Preferred referenced in the previous question, we have no relationship with any investment advisor that is materially different.

**4. Futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor**

None.

**5. Banking or thrift institution**

None.

**6. Accountant or accounting firm**

None.

**7. Lawyer or law firm**

None.

**8. Insurance company or agency**

None.

**9. Pension consultant**

None.

**10. Real estate broker or dealer**

None.

**11. Sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships**

None.

Beaumont Financial Partners, LLC signed a licensing agreement with the principals of, and purchased a 10% ownership position in, AIM in 2012. Beaumont increased its ownership to 20% in 2018. BCM acquired the license and ownership in AIM on December 31, 2019 per the terms of the separation agreement between Beaumont Financial Partners, LLC and Beaumont Capital Management LLC. AIM provided investment research to BCM for its Decathlon strategies. In return for the research provided, BCM paid the principals of AIM a portion of the fees received by BCM from applicable strategies. BCM had a licensing agreement with AIM to receive their research. In January 2022, BCM was acquired by Algorithmic Investment Models, LLC (AIM). Upon the acquisition, both BCM and AIM became wholly owned subsidiaries of a newly formed holding company, Algorithmic Research + Trading LLC (ART), but continue to exist as separate legal entities and conduct business as usual. Profits are distributed amongst the owners in ART and are distributed based on respective percentage ownership.

BCM has entered two qualified and vetted solicitor arrangements. BCM does not receive additional compensation due to solicitor relationships, other than through fees generated from additional client assets, and the client generally will not pay additional fees because of these arrangements. The solicitor's compensation is negotiated between BCM and the solicitor, and the client does not pay an additional fee unless specifically disclosed and acknowledged in advance in the solicitor's fee disclosure. The solicitor is required to provide notice and certain required documentation to the client in accordance with the applicable State and/or Federal Rules.

**10 D. Disclose if you receive compensation, directly or indirectly, for recommending or selecting other investment advisors for your clients.**

BCM is an asset manager and typically does not recommend or select other investment advisors. In the event that BCM does recommend another investment advisor to a client, and some or all of that client's portfolio is invested in a BCM strategy, BCM would receive indirect compensation in the form of the BCM management fee.

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

**11 A. If you are an SEC-registered advisor, briefly describe your code of ethics adopted pursuant to SEC rule 204A1 (or similar state rule). Explain that you will provide a copy of your Code of Ethics to any client or prospective client upon request.**

BCM has a Code of Ethics (the "Code") which is updated as needed on an ongoing basis. As summarized by the SEC, Rule 204A-1 states: "The codes of ethics must set forth standards of conduct expected of advisory personnel and address conflicts that arise from personal trading by advisory personnel. Among other things, the rule requires advisers' supervised persons to report their personal securities transactions..."

At the onset of their employment at BCM, new employees receive training and sign an



acknowledgement of their understanding of the Code. Additionally, each year all employees recertify their understanding of and compliance with this document. The Code of Ethics specifically addresses employee trading, conflicts of interest, and compliance protocols in an effort to educate employees and prevent wrongdoing from occurring. It also includes a section regarding compliance review of initial employee holdings and the quarterly review of all employees' personal trades to ensure necessary trade pre-authorizations were obtained.

The Code addresses various other items as well, including information about employee reporting of violations they discover; insider trading; employee education and acknowledgement; and record keeping requirements.

BCM will provide a copy of its Code of Ethics, upon request, to any client or prospective client. Please submit requests by email ([compliance@investbcm.com](mailto:compliance@investbcm.com)).

**11 B. If securities in which you or a related person has a material financial interest are recommended to clients, or bought or sold for client accounts, describe your practice and discuss the conflicts of interest it presents.**

BCM is only compensated by its advisory, sub-advisory, and management fees and has no material interest in any other security/investment. These fees are not based on the securities bought or sold in client accounts; nor is employee compensation based on the ETF investments made on behalf of clients or by recommending or using specific ETFs.

BCM and its related persons do not buy securities from or sell securities to clients; act as a general partner in a partnership for purposes of soliciting client investments; or act as an investment adviser to an investment company that is recommended to clients.

**11 C. If you or a related person invests in the same securities, or related securities, that you recommend to clients, describe your practice and discuss the conflicts of interest this presents.**

BCM employees can and have invested in the same securities or BCM strategies as clients.

BCM employees and partners are encouraged to pursue personal investments as part of the firm's investment-oriented culture, and able to invest in BCM's strategies if those strategies are appropriate to help meet their financial goals. Compliance has implemented policies and procedures designed to mitigate any potential conflicts of interest. If BCM employees invest in a BCM strategy, such accounts trade with client accounts as part of a block trade. Employees are not required to obtain pre-approval from Compliance for trades made within a BCM strategy. We believe this policy does not present a conflict of interest.

For employee personal trades outside of the BCM strategies, Compliance pre-clearance is required for any securities issued by individual companies. When an employee submits a trade for pre-approval, Compliance will check with a Portfolio Manager to ensure the purchase or sale is not being contemplated by a BCM strategy before approving the trade. Compliance attempts to avoid approving trades that will violate, or give the appearance of violating, the rules of front-running and other regulations. The clients' best interest is the primary consideration before approving or executing employee trades. To the extent possible, employee trades will be blocked with client trades. Compliance also conducts post-trade review of employee personal account statements to ensure BCM's policies and procedures governing securities trading were not violated.

BCM associates can generally place trades in mutual funds and ETFs without compliance approval, given the inability of an individual to affect the market price or obtain inside information that is material to the price. ETF trades are reviewed each quarter to ensure that the trades are not creating the

appearance of a conflict with firm trading. Employees making investment decisions are barred from transacting in ETFs that the firm is transacting in on the same day. Non-investment decision making employees do not have advanced knowledge of firm investment decisions. BCM associates are, however, required to obtain pre-approval of personal transactions in any mutual fund BCM sub-advises. This policy is in place to address any potential conflicts of interest related to their knowledge of a fund's activities.

**11 D. If you or a related person recommends securities to clients, or buys or sells securities for client accounts, at or about the same time that you or a related person buys or sells the same securities for their own account, describe your practice and discuss the conflicts of interest it presents.**

Please see response to Items 10 and 11 C.

As mentioned above, all active employee and client account transactions in the same strategy are executed in block trades by a TAMP/custodian when possible. Instances where trades for a strategy may not receive the same price as other accounts being traded include when an account is changing strategies (from one to another) or new money is being invested (because the trades would be submitted separately from the active strategy trade submissions). Similarly, wrap program trades placed at different custodians will not always get the same execution price, and each channel may have different execution prices as each program/custodian/firm executes at different times.

BCM has several policies, including a Code of Ethics, to address the potential for conflicts of interest which may arise through personal trading. Compliance may restrict the timing that employees may trade a security under consideration by the Investment Committee for client accounts. In addition, the firm has policies and procedures intended to address and prevent insider trading.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

**12 A. Describe the factors that you consider in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for client transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation**

**1.a-f - Related to research and soft dollar benefits, markups or markdowns.**

As described above, BCM does not typically choose the broker-dealer or custodian used. Custodial selection is done by the source advisor or client for TAMP, MMP, sub-advisory, dual contract and institutional arrangements. For direct and some solicitor business, the client must choose one of the custodians with which we have trading and other electronic connectivity in order to manage their account.

BCM does not engage in any soft dollar commission arrangements or any markups or markdown arrangements.

**2.a-b - Disclose any potential incentives in recommending a specific broker-dealer.**

BCM and its supervised persons do not have any incentive to recommend a specific broker-dealer. Please also see Item 14 B for additional information.

**3. Directed Brokerage.**

BCM does not allow Directed Brokerage by any client.

**12 B. Discuss whether and under what conditions you aggregate the purchase or sale of**

## **securities for various client accounts.**

Please see item 11 C. For the trading that BCM controls, it is our policy to aggregate trades of accounts on a common custodian and, if circumstances warrant and permit, we may aggregate trades for multiple custodians. For trading that BCM does not control, BCM may recommend that a TAMP/custodian segregate and/or aggregate the trades for certain securities.

When buying or selling large share amounts, aggregating shares and requesting RFQ's (Request for Quote) from liquidity providers (LPs) may improve execution. This is particularly true when transacting in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). When transacting in ETFs, LPs have the ability to buy or sell the underlying basket of securities that make up an ETF and create or redeem shares of the ETF. This process allows the LP to access the trading liquidity of the ETFs underlying holdings, in addition to the ETF's own on exchange trading liquidity. As part of our best execution duties, we may find a better price at one LP versus another and may suggest that LP be used at the custodial and/or TAMP level. Although BCM attempts to assist TAMPs and custodians, the TAMPs and custodians are ultimately responsible for trade execution.

Please also see Item 10 C. for additional brokerage information and Items 11 C. and 11 D. for additional aggregation practices.

## **Item 13 Review of Accounts**

### **13 A. Indicate the frequency of review of client accounts and the nature of the review.**

As BCM is primarily an asset manager, the most common review is from the Investment Committee (IC) at the strategy and position level.

The BCM Investment Committee members receive a daily position, performance, and attribution report for all strategies along with up-to-date signals from the three quantitatively driven systems. The BCM Investment Committee members review and discuss this information daily and the IC will meet formally to discuss portfolio changes as needed. The IC has a standing meeting bi-weekly but typically only meets when it is necessary, which may be more or less frequently than the standing meeting. The Portfolio Managers conduct quarterly calls and write quarterly reports as other means of keeping clients and advisors abreast of the BCM strategies.

The custodians/TAMPs/MMPs are responsible for handling cash deposits/withdrawals and ensuring that each account is invested according to the applicable BCM model portfolio. For most sub-advisory, dual contract, direct and solicitor business, BCM uses certain third-party account management systems. These systems allow us to see, on a daily basis, any account out of model and take appropriate action. The Source Advisor also bears the responsibility to review each account for investment in the correct BCM strategy, suitability, and know-your-client requirements. For direct business, please see item 4 B. for related information. The client is responsible for informing BCM of any material change to their financial circumstances that would warrant an account review. Otherwise, the above outlined review process would also apply.

### **13 B. If you review client accounts on other than a periodic basis, describe the factors that trigger a review.**

Please see Item 13 A.

### **13 C. Describe the content and indicate the frequency of regular reports you provide to clients regarding their accounts. State whether these reports are written.**

BCM produces quarterly reviews and holds quarterly calls for clients. We also send timely communications to our clients during times of market stress or for other timely situations. BCM is not responsible for sending performance reports to most clients; this is the responsibility of the custodian, the TAMP, the MMP, and/or the Source Advisor. For direct business or if requested, our third-party account management systems produce industry standard performance and position reports (including the number of shares, the positions and symbols, the cost basis, any dividend income, and return by position and account) that can be sent to clients based on their preference. Some clients may want no written reports from BCM as what they receive from the custodian is sufficient; some may want quarterly reports from both BCM and the custodian/TAMP/MMP. It is client need driven. However, all clients will still receive custodial statements directly from their custodian.

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

### **14 A. If someone who is not a client provides an economic benefit to you for providing investment advice or other advisory services to your clients, generally describe the arrangement.**

Please see Items 5 A-E. There are instances where an ETF sponsor or other vendor will contribute some or all of the cost of BCM attending/speaking at a conference or similar industry event. BCM is ETF sponsor agnostic, and we select the ETFs we use based on factors such as the exposure desired, index followed, liquidity, expense ratio, no K-1s and length of track record.

### **14 B. If you or a related person directly or indirectly compensates any person who is not your supervised person for client referrals, describe the arrangement and compensation.**

BCM has implemented solicitation arrangements with unaffiliated third parties in accordance with applicable rules under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

- Clients are informed of any such arrangements, and the nature of the relationship as applicable, at the time of the referral and prior to entering into an advisory agreement with BCM.
- The solicitor will provide a copy of BCM's Disclosure Document (Form ADV Part 2) to the client.
- BCM will not sign a contract with a client referred by a solicitor until proof that the required solicitor's disclosures (including this Form ADV Part 2) have been provided to the client is given to BCM by the solicitor.
- Solicited clients generally will not pay additional fees or commissions for a solicitor's service. The solicitor's disclosure document will fully identify additional fees, if any.
- The solicitor does not have a disciplinary history.

BCM has employees who are investment advisory representatives of the firm. BCM may pay these employees additional compensation for their efforts in bringing in new clients and servicing existing clients.

BCM occasionally will compensate certain financial intermediaries, including TAMPs, MMPs, broker-dealers, and investment advisors, to promote our investment advisory services through:

- Increased visibility on their website or portal system;
- Participation in their marketing efforts;
- Participation in client events;
- Opportunities for BCM personnel to present its investment strategies to the intermediary's sales force and/or clients at conferences, seminars, webinars, or other programs (or helping to facilitate or provide financial assistance for such events);
- Access (in some cases, on a preferential basis over other competitors) to individual members of their sales force or management as incentives to certain financial intermediaries to promote our

investment advisory services.

We compensate financial intermediaries differently depending on the aforementioned service(s) they provide.

## **Item 15 Custody**

**If a qualified custodian sends quarterly, or more frequent, account statements directly to your clients, explain that clients will receive them, and that they will also receive account statements from you. Include a statement urging clients to compare the account statements**

As an ETF strategist, BCM relies on the custodian, the TAMP, MMP, and/or the Source Advisor to send statements, trade confirmations, and/or performance reporting to end clients.

For direct clients and solicitor arrangements, if requested, BCM may send basic reporting and/or performance statements. Clients are encouraged to review their custodian account statements and confirmations closely, and contact BCM promptly if they have any questions. The calculated values may vary slightly between BCM and a custodian. This may occur if one side bases the value on trade date whereas the other values securities based on the settlement date, or if a custodian has slightly different security prices. If a client notices any major discrepancies or any suspicious activity while reviewing their statements from the custodian or a report received directly from BCM, they should contact their relationship manager or BCM's Chief Compliance Officer immediately at 888-777-0535.

BCM does not maintain physical custody of client funds or securities, nor does it accept the delivery of funds or securities in the form of cash or in the name of the firm. Custodians send, or make available, monthly or quarterly statements, depending on the custodian, directly to clients. These statements include details about the account balances, market value of securities held, and all individual transactions executed in the account during the period. Confirmations are provided by each custodian to clients based on the delivery method selected, and clients are often able to sign up for continuous electronic account access.

Neither BCM nor its employees have any trustee or other powers to withdraw funds from a BCM managed account, so there will be no need to have an annual surprise audit under SEC Rule 206(4)-2.

## **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

**Describe the procedures you follow before you assume discretionary authority to manage client accounts and any limitations the client may place on this authority.**

BCM accepts discretionary authority to manage client accounts and the underlying securities on clients' behalf through investment advisory agreements. In order to actively manage client assets, BCM must have authority to trade in client accounts and specify the number of securities to invest. Before directing investment of an account's principal and income, BCM ensures that clients and a firm representative sign a contract granting discretionary authority to BCM on the client's account. Although it is not current practice to do so, BCM's direct client Advisory Agreement gives BCM authority to select and use sub-advisors if any future need arises. Please see Item 4 C. for more information on this authority.

Clients may not place any restrictions on BCM's discretionary authority. With thousands of accounts on over a dozen TAMP/MMP platforms and channels, BCM does not have the capability to manage the strategies without full discretionary authority or the authority granted us in the TAMP/MMP contracts.

## Item 17 Voting Client Securities

**17 A. Do you have, or will you accept, authority to vote client securities, and briefly describe your voting policies and procedures, including those adopted pursuant to SEC rule 206(4)-6. Explain to clients that they may obtain a copy of your proxy voting policies and procedures upon request.**

BCM does not vote proxies on behalf of its clients unless contractually obligated to do so. BCM's own Investment Advisory Agreements grant BCM the legal ability to vote proxies in case a future need arises, but state that BCM's policy is generally not to vote proxies. Accordingly, we are not required to take action on proxy votes with respect to the accounts governed by these contracts.

In some cases, however, BCM may be obligated by other contractual terms to vote proxies for certain accounts; in such cases, BCM will uphold this obligation and has designed policies and procedures to ensure voting occurs in a manner that reflects the best interest of the affected clients. For any proxy received and for which BCM is legally required to vote, BCM will vote with management's recommendation, unless there are unusual or extenuating circumstances. BCM will keep records of proxy materials and votes.

As a matter of practice, proxy votes on ETFs are relatively rare compared to individual equities and other types of securities. If our current proxy policy changes, we will promptly notify our clients. To obtain a copy of BCM's proxy voting policy, please contact [compliance@investbcm.com](mailto:compliance@investbcm.com).

Advisors Preferred, LLC, as investment adviser to the Decathlon Market Neutral Fund, will retain all proxy voting responsibilities with respect to the fund.

**17 B. If you do not have authority to vote client securities, disclose this fact. Explain whether clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent or from you.**

Please see 17 A. above. Most custodial account applications give the client the option to have proxy ballots sent directly to them or to their Source Advisor. Unless contractually obligated, BCM will not vote proxies on their behalf. Direct clients are encouraged to contact their relationship manager with any proxy related questions.

## Item 18 Financial Information

**18 A. If you require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance, include a balance sheet for your most recent fiscal year.**

**Note: If you are a sole proprietor...**

**Note: If you have not completed your first fiscal year, include a balance sheet dated not more than 90 days prior to the date of your brochure.**

**Exception: You are not required to respond to Item 18.A of Part 2A if you also are: (i) a qualified custodian as defined in SEC rule 206(4)-2 or similar state rules; or (ii) an insurance company.**

**18 B. If you have discretionary authority or custody of client funds or securities, or you require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance...**

**Note: With respect to Items 18.A and 18.B, if you are registered or are registering with one or more of the state securities authorities...**

**18 C. If you have been the subject of a bankruptcy petition...**

Items 18 A. through 18 C. do not apply.

## **Item 19 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers**

**A. If you are registering or are registered with one or more state securities authorities...**

**B. Describe any business in which you are actively engaged**

**C. In addition to the description of your fees in response to Item 5 of Part 2A, if you or a supervised person is compensated for advisory services with performance-based fees, explain how these fees will be calculated.**

**D. If you or a management person has been involved in one of the events listed below: 1. an award or otherwise found liable in an arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500 2. An award or otherwise found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding**

**E. In addition to any relationship or arrangement described in response to Item 10.C. of Part 2A, describe any relationship or arrangement that you or any of your management persons have with any issuer of securities that is not listed in Item 10.C. of Part 2A.**

19 A. through 19 E. are not applicable. BCM has registered with the SEC and is not a State-Registered Advisor.

## **Item 20 Other, Miscellaneous Items, Beaumont's Office Locations**

### **Beaumont's Office Locations**

The BCM home office is located at 125 Newbury Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02116. BCM has several employees that work from their home offices in Florida, New Jersey, Phoenix, and Massachusetts.

### **Class Action Settlements**

Periodically, the securities held in client accounts may be the subject of class actions lawsuits. BCM has no obligation to determine if the securities held by clients are subject to a pending or resolved class action lawsuit, nor any duty to evaluate a client's eligibility to participate in the proceeds of a securities class action settlement. Furthermore, BCM has no obligation or responsibility to initiate litigation, submit a claim or recover damages on behalf of clients who may have been impacted because of actions, misconduct, or negligence by corporate management of issuers whose securities are/were held in client accounts.