

**Brochure Supplement
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This brochure supplement provides information about Mr. Shuster that supplements The Sterling Group firm brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact our office, if you did not receive The Sterling Group firm brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Mr. Shuster is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

Mark A. Shuster was born in 1961 in San Gabriel, CA. He attended California State University, Fresno where he graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Business Management. He began his career in the financial services industry in 1986. He acquired his series 6, 63, 7, and 65 licenses. Since 2001, Mr. Shuster has served as Chairman and CEO of Shuster Financial Group, LLC, located in Pasadena, CA. He has been a registered representative of AXA Advisors, LLC since September of 1999.

Item 3 - Disciplinary Information

I am required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of my advisory business or integrity. I have no information applicable to this item to disclose.

Item 4 - Other Business Activities

Mr. Shuster is also an Investment Adviser Representative (“IAR”) of AXA Advisors, LLC. In such capacity, he may offer investment advisory and financial planning services, and may receive a set fee in connection with these services.

Mr. Shuster is also a Registered Representative with AXA Advisors, LLC (“AXA”), a registered broker/dealer and an insurance agent with AXA Network. In these capacities, he may sell securities and insurance products, and receive commissions and other payments as a result of these transactions. The receipt of commissions or other forms of compensation creates the potential for a conflict of interest. As an example, the potential for such conflict arises when your advisor changes roles to act as a Registered Representative and/or insurance agent to earn commissions on the sale of securities and/or insurance products that you may elect to purchase in order to implement the financial planning recommendations made by Mr. Shuster while acting in the investment advisor role. Mr. Shuster is required to disclose potential and actual conflicts of interest to you.

Mr. Shuster is a licensed insurance agent and has served as CEO of Shuster Financial & Insurance Services, Inc., (SFIS) a licensed employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm since 1988. SFIS sells insurance products and receives commissions and other forms of compensation as a result of these transactions. This presents a conflict of interest to the extent that they recommend the purchase of an insurance product which results in a commission being paid to them as insurance agents.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

I may receive the following forms of additional compensation:

I may receive compensation from product sponsors. However, such compensation may not be tied to the sale of any products. Compensation may include such items as gifts valued at less than \$100, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connections with an

educational meeting or marketing initiative. Product sponsors may also pay for education or training events that I attend.

Item 6 – Supervision

My advisory services are supervised by C. Hunt Salembier, Co-Operating Manager of The Sterling Group. Among other activities, this includes review of transactions, account suitability, and written correspondence including email. Mr. Salembier can be reached at (626)440-5995.