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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Resource Partners, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, contact us at (828) 324-4420. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Resource Partners, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. The searchable IARD/CRD number for Resource Partners LLC is 114288.

Resource Partners, LLC is a registered investment adviser. Registration with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities authority does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Item 2 Material Changes

Form ADV Part 2 requires registered investment advisers to amend their brochure when information becomes materially inaccurate. If there are any material changes to an adviser's disclosure brochure, the adviser is required to notify you and provide you with a description of the material changes.

Since the filing of our last annual updating amendment, dated January 25, 2017 we have the following material changes to report:

- The Passport Account program has been replaced with the Ambassador account program. As such we have removed all references to Passport. We recommend that you review the Ambassador account program disclosures in Item 4 and Item 5.
- While there was a nominal transaction fee charged in Passport accounts, there are no transaction charges in Ambassador accounts.
- We have revised Item 5 to disclose the maximum advisory fees for Ambassador accounts. Please refer to Item 5 for more information.
- We have updated the *Billing on Cash Balances* section. Please refer to Item 5 to review this disclosure.
- We have updated the *Buying Securities on Margin and Margin Interest* section in Item 5 to disclose potential conflicts of interest.
- We have updated the *Compensation for the Sale of Securities or Other Investment Products* section in Item 5 to update the conflicts of interest associated with the compensation received in connection with the purchase and sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges, and service fees or 12b-1 fees, for the sale or holding of mutual funds. Specifically, persons providing investment advice to advisory clients on behalf of our firm can select or recommend, and in many instances will select or recommend, mutual fund investments in share classes that pay 12b-1 fees when clients are eligible to purchase share classes of the same funds that do not pay such fees and are less expensive. Refer to Item 5 for additional information on this topic.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

Description of Services and Fees

Resource Partners, LLC is a registered investment adviser based in Hickory, North Carolina. We are organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of North Carolina. We have been providing investment advisory services since 2007. Sherrill F. Young, Jr., Carl V. Cline, III and Sherrill F. Young III are our principal owners. Currently, we offer the following investment advisory services, which are personalized to each individual client:

- Financial Planning Services
- Portfolio Management Services/Ambassador Program
- Raymond James Consulting Services
- Pension Consulting Services

The following paragraphs describe our services and fees. Refer to the description of each investment advisory service listed below for information on how we tailor our advisory services to your individual needs. As used in this Brochure, the words "we", "our" and "us" refer to Resource Partners, LLC and the words "you", "your" and "client" refer to you as either a client or prospective client of our firm. Also, you may see the term Associated Person throughout this Brochure. As used in this Brochure, our Associated Persons are our firm's officers, employees, and all individuals providing investment advice on behalf of our firm.

Financial Planning Services

We offer broad-based, modular, and consultative financial planning services. Financial planning will typically involve providing a variety of advisory services to clients regarding the management of their financial resources based upon an analysis of their individual needs. If you retain our firm for financial planning services, we will meet with you to gather information about your financial circumstances and objectives. Once we specify those long-term objectives (both financial and non-financial), we will develop shorter-term, targeted objectives. Once we review and analyze the information you provide to our firm, we will deliver a written plan to you, designed to help you achieve your stated financial goals and objectives.

Financial plans are based on your financial situation at the time we present the plan to you, and on the financial information you provide to our firm. You must promptly notify our firm if your financial situation, goals, objectives, or needs change.

In limited circumstances, you may only require advice on a single aspect of the management of your financial resources. In these instances, we offer financial planning services in a modular format and/or general consulting services that address only those specific areas of interest or concern depending on your unique circumstances.

You are under no obligation to act on our financial planning recommendations. Should you choose to act on any of our recommendations, you are not obligated to implement the financial plan through any of our other investment advisory services. Moreover, you may act on our recommendations by placing securities transactions with any brokerage firm.

Portfolio Management Services

Persons associated with Resource Partners are registered representatives of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. ("RJFS") a licensed full service securities broker/dealer under federal and state securities laws, located in St. Petersburg, Florida, and member of FINRA/SIPC. RJFS is affiliated with Raymond James and Associates, Inc. ("RJA") which offers custodial and administrative services to investment advisors.

Ambassador Accounts:

We provide a fee-based account termed an "Ambassador" account through RJFS. Asset based fees are charged on these account assets. This allows clients to be provided with ongoing investment advice, asset allocation services and monitoring of securities holdings. There is a minimum account size of \$25,000 for this account type. We will manage the account on a non-discretionary basis (or discretionary, provided certain qualifications are met) according to the client's investment goals and objectives. The client is provided with quarterly portfolio summaries and performance analyses. This type of account can be utilized to buy, sell or otherwise trade stocks, bonds, mutual funds (at net asset value), exchange traded funds, options and preferred stocks. There are no transaction charges in Ambassador accounts. (See Item 5 below.)

Wrap Fee Programs

We offer Wrap Fees Programs administered by RJFS; *Ambassador Program* and *Raymond James Consulting Services (RJCS)*. Detailed information regarding these programs is provided in the Wrap Fee Program Brochure which will be provided to you upon request.

Pension Consulting Services

We offer pension consulting services to employee benefit plans and their fiduciaries based upon the needs of the plan and the services requested by the plan sponsor or named fiduciary. In general, these services may include an existing plan review and analysis, plan-level advice regarding fund selection and investment options, education services to plan participants, investment performance monitoring, and/or ongoing consulting. These pension consulting services will be non-discretionary and advisory in nature. The ultimate decision to act on behalf of the plan shall remain with the plan sponsor or other named fiduciary.

We may also assist with participant enrollment meetings and provide investment-related educational seminars to plan participants on such topics as:

- Diversification
- Asset allocation
- Risk tolerance
- Time horizon

Our educational seminars may include other investment-related topics specific to the particular plan.

We may also provide additional types of pension consulting services to plans on an individually negotiated basis. All services, whether discussed above or customized for the plan based upon requirements from the plan fiduciaries (which may include additional plan-level or participant-level services) shall be detailed in a written agreement and be consistent with the parameters set forth in the plan documents.

Types of Investments

We offer advice on equity securities, warrants, corporate debt securities, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, investment company securities, US Government securities, options contracts on securities and commodities, futures contracts on securities and commodities, and interest in partnerships investing in real estate, oil and gas interests, and others.

Additionally, we may advise you on any type of investment that we deem appropriate based on your stated goals and objectives. We may also provide advice on any type of investment held in your portfolio at the inception of our advisory relationship.

You may request that we refrain from investing in particular securities or certain types of securities. You must provide these restrictions to our firm in writing.

Assets Under Management

As of January 8, 2018, we provide continuous management services for \$236,000,000 in client assets on a non-discretionary basis.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

Financial Planning Services

Fixed Fees: We charge a fixed fee for financial planning services, which generally ranges between \$500 and \$5,000. The fee is negotiable depending upon the complexity and scope of the plan, your financial situation, and your objectives. Generally, we require that 50% of the fee be paid in advance, with the remaining portion due upon completion of the services rendered. Services will be rendered within six months of the date of contract; therefore, under no circumstances will we require prepayment of a fee more than six months in advance and in excess of \$1,200. Factors that we consider when determining the cost of a financial plan, include but are not limited to:

1. The scope of the plan, i.e., plans that cover all aspects of your financial plan such as business succession, estate planning, retirement needs, education planning, and successor trusts, among others, would warrant a higher fee than a more simplistic situation covering typical financial needs for current money management and retirement.
2. Complexity of your financial situation, i.e., trusts, estates, business ownership, tax brackets and other personal needs.

Hourly Fees: We request specific consulting related services; we charge a negotiable hourly fee of \$250. These fees are calculated and payable at the completion of each session. Specific consulting services may be in the form of general advice given on retirement needs or education planning, among others. In these cases you would not be charged for a written financial plan but instead will only be billed for hourly consultation with a professional. The hours needed will vary from client to client. *In limited circumstances*, the time/cost could potentially exceed the initial estimate. In such cases, we will notify you and request that you pay an additional fee.

We may waive some or all of the financial planning fees if you choose to engage us for asset management services. Either party may terminate the financial planning agreement within five business days of entering into the agreement without penalty. After the five-day period, either party may terminate the agreement by providing written or verbal notice to the other. If you request termination verbally, we will send the client a letter of confirmation evidencing the effective termination date of the planning process. Upon such termination, we will refund any unearned fees to you.

Portfolio Management Services

AMBASSADOR Program

We offer the Ambassador account as an investment advisory account administered by RJA, primarily on a non-discretionary basis (or discretionary, provided certain qualifications are met). You will be provided with ongoing investment advice and monitoring of your securities holdings. These accounts offer you the ability to pay a single asset based advisory fee in lieu of commissions for each transaction. Ambassador accounts are utilized as the independent fee based platform for our clients.

The advisory fees for Ambassador Accounts are as follows:

Maximum Ambassador Fee on Investments:

Assets Under Management	Annual Fee
Up to \$1 million	2.25%
\$1 million up to \$2 million	2.00%
\$2 million up to \$5 million	1.75%
\$5 million up to \$10 million	1.50%
\$10 million and up	1.25%

*Fees are negotiable. Our current fee policy is that annual advisory fees for Ambassador accounts range from 1.00% to 1.25%. Fees are determined by the size of the account and the nature of the services provided.

For purposes of calculating and assessing asset-based fees, we use the term "Account Value," which may be different than the asset value as reported on brokerage statements provided by RJFS. Pursuant to our advisory agreement, Account Value is defined as the total absolute value of the securities in the Account, long or short, plus all credit balances, with no offset for any margin or debit balances. Accrued income is not included in the Ambassador Account Value upon which the asset-based fee is calculated. While accrued income will be included in performance calculations, its removal from the fee calculation in Ambassador accounts aligns billing practices with our financial services industry peers and reduces potential differences between the Account Value and asset values reported on brokerage statements.

The annual asset-based fee is paid quarterly, in advance. When an account is opened, the asset-based fee is billed for the remainder of the current billing period and is based on the initial contribution. Thereafter, the quarterly asset-based fee is paid in advance, is based on the account asset value on the last business day of the previous calendar quarter, and becomes due the following business day. If cash or securities, or a combination thereof, amounting to at least \$100,000, are deposited to or withdrawn from your account on an individual business day in the first two months of the quarter, RJFS will: (i) assess asset-based fees based on the value of the assets on the date of deposit for the pro rata number of days remaining in the quarter, or (ii) refund prepaid asset-based fees based on the value of the assets on the date of withdrawal for the pro rata number of days remaining in the quarter. No additional asset-based fees or adjustments to previously assessed asset-based fees will be made in connection with deposits or withdrawals that occur during the last month of the quarter unless requested by you. You authorize and direct RJA as Custodian to deduct our asset-based fees from

your account; you further authorize and direct the Custodian to send a quarterly statement to you which shows all amounts disbursed from your account. The brokerage statement will show the amount of the asset-based fee.

The asset-based fees charged to an Ambassador account include all execution and clearing charges except: (1) certain dealer-markups and odd lot differentials, transfer taxes, exchange fees mandated by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and any other charges imposed by law with regard to any transactions in the account; and (2) offering concessions and related fees for purchases of public offerings of securities as more fully disclosed in the prospectus.

For mutual funds that provide RJFS with a 12b-1 fee, that fee is credited to the client's Ambassador account as a fee offset. Such mutual fund related fees are paid only when provided in the mutual fund's prospectus. As a registered representative of RJFS, our IARs do not receive any part of these payments.

Mutual funds may, from time to time, direct trades through RJFS as consideration for the broker/dealer processing mutual fund transactions for the client. The client may also incur charges for other account services provided by RJA not directly related to the execution and clearing of transactions. These include: IRA custodial fees, safekeeping fees, interest charges on margin loans, and fees for legal or courtesy transfers of securities.

Multiple foreign governments impose financial transaction taxes on transactions in certain securities connected with the respective country. These assessed financial transaction taxes are passed on to affected client accounts. You should understand that international or global investment disciplines may invest in securities subject to these transaction taxes. A list of the securities transactions that will be subject to financial transaction taxes is available from us, or can be viewed at <http://www.raymondjames.com/transactiontaxes.htm>.

The annual advisory fees charged in the Ambassador programs are in addition to the management fees and operating expenses charged by open-end, closed-end and/or exchange traded funds. If a client intends to hold fund shares for an extended period of time, it may be less expensive for the client to purchase fund shares outside of these programs. Clients may be able to purchase mutual funds directly from their respective fund families without incurring the Adviser's advisory fee.

Shares of certain mutual funds offered in these programs may impose short-term trading charges (typically 1% - 2% of the amount originally invested) for redemptions made within a short period of time. These short-term charges are imposed by the mutual funds (and not RJFS or us) to deter "market timers" who trade actively in the fund's shares. These charges, operating expenses and management fees may increase the overall cost to the client by 1%-2% (or more) and are detailed in each fund's prospectus.

The Client Agreement may be terminated by the Client or our firm at any time upon providing notice pursuant to the provisions of Client Agreement. In the event of termination of this Agreement, Registrant will refund to the Client the prorated portion of the fee for the quarter of termination.

Investments Subject to Advisory Fee

The types of securities that Ambassador is designed to accommodate and which will be included in the account value for fee calculation purposes are as follows:

- Exchange-Listed Securities
- Mortgage-Backed Bonds
- OTC Securities
- Corporate Bonds

- Select Load Mutual Funds (wrap eligible shares)
- Select No-Load Mutual Funds Preferred and Convertible Preferred Stocks
- Unit Investment Trusts/Real Estate Investment Trusts
- Municipal Bonds
- Master Limited Partnerships (exchange traded)
- Closed-End and Exchange Traded Funds
- U.S. Government Bonds
- Call and Put Options (covered only in discretionary)
- Select No-Load Variable Annuities and Fixed Index Annuities
- Select Alternative Investment Products ie: Fee-Based Structured Products

Asset-Based Fee Aggregation

Participants in the Ambassador program may be entitled to a discounted asset-based fee if they maintain one or more related accounts within the program.

Related Accounts are accounts of an individual, his or her spouse, and their children under the age of twenty-one. The term includes individually owned accounts, individual retirement accounts (IRAs), self-directed accounts (i.e., directed by individual participants) under an employee benefit plan (ERISA plan) and ERISA plan accounts in which an individual is the sole participant. Thus, Related Accounts participating in the Ambassador program may be aggregated for advisory fee purposes, so that each account will pay a fee that is calculated on the basis of the total of all Related Accounts. It is your responsibility to identify all Related Accounts for purposes of qualifying for an aggregated account fee discount. While we may attempt to identify related accounts, we will not be held responsible for failing to consider any related accounts not listed by you.

Billing on Cash Balances

We assess advisory fees on cash sweep balances and money market funds ("cash") held in advisory accounts. Billing on cash balances, particularly when the cash balance is maintained for an extended period of time or comprises a significant portion of the Account Value, may create a financial incentive for a financial advisor to recommend maintenance of this cash versus investing in an otherwise advisory fee-eligible security. For example, it's generally expected that the advisory fee will be higher than the interest a client will earn on this cash balance through their sweep account or the return earned on money market funds, so the client should expect to achieve a negative return on this portion of their account, although such cash balances will not be subject to market risk (that is, risk of loss) typically associated with securities investments. As a result, clients should periodically re-evaluate whether their maintenance of a cash balance is appropriate in light of their financial situation and investment goals, and should understand that this cash may be held outside of their advisory account and not be subject to advisory fees. For cash sweeps in IRAs and ERISA plans, Raymond James uses its bank affiliate exclusively as a depository. Please see "Investment of Cash Reserves" below for additional information on cash sweep options.

Investment of Cash Reserves

Raymond James has established a system in which cash reserves "sweep" daily to and from your investment account to cover purchases or to allow excess cash balances to immediately begin earning interest, subject to certain minimum balances. The account in which these cash reserves are held is considered the client's sweep account. Available sweep options include the Raymond James Bank Deposit Program ("RJBDP"), the Client Interest Program ("CIP") sponsored by Raymond James, and a proprietary class of money market funds (the "Eagle Class - JP Morgan Money Market Funds") of the JP Morgan Prime Money Market Fund and JP Morgan Tax Free Money Market Fund, managed by J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. ("J.P. Morgan") and offered by Eagle. Clients may select RJBDP, CIP, the Eagle Class - JP Morgan Money Market Funds, or any combination thereof.

With respect to cash reserves of advisory client accounts, the custodian of the account assets will determine where cash reserves are held. The custodian may offer one or multiple options to different account types (such as non-taxable and managed accounts). In addition, the custodian may, among other things, consider terms and conditions, risks and features, conflicts of interest, current interest rates, the manner by which future interest rates will be determined, and the nature and extent of insurance coverage (such as deposit protection from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") and Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC")). The custodian may change an investment option at any time by providing you with thirty (30) days advance written notice of such change, modification or amendment.

If you select the RJBDP option, you are responsible for monitoring the total amount of deposits held at each Bank in order to determine the extent of FDIC insurance coverage available. Raymond James is not responsible for any insured or uninsured portion of your deposits at any of the Banks.

Raymond James Bank and the interest rate it offers may differ from the yield on the Eagle Class - JP Morgan Money Market Funds and CIP, but Raymond James Bank generally earns more than the interest it pays on such balances. The Eagle Class - JP Morgan Money Market Funds are offered by Eagle through an agreement with J.P. Morgan. Under the agreement, Eagle, Eagle Fund Services, Inc. and Eagle Fund Distributors, Inc. (together, the "Eagle Affiliates"), and Raymond James and its affiliate RJFS are compensated by the Eagle Class - JP Morgan Money Market Funds and J.P. Morgan for, among other things, distribution costs, shareholder record-keeping activities, and the coordination and administration of the funds. Raymond James generally earns a higher rate of interest on CIP balances than the interest rate it pays on such balances. The income earned by the Eagle Affiliates and Raymond James is in addition to the asset-based fees that Raymond James receives from these accounts.

Where an unaffiliated third party acts as custodian of account assets, you and/or the custodian will determine where cash reserves are held.

Cash balances arising from the sale of securities, redemptions of debt securities, dividend and interest payments and funds received from you are transferred automatically on a daily basis to the your cash sweep account. When securities are sold, funds are deposited on the day after settlement date. Funds placed in your account by personal check usually will not be transferred to the sweep account until the second business day following the day that the deposit is credited to your investment account. Due to the foregoing practices, Raymond James may obtain federal funds prior to the date that deposits are credited to your investment account and thus may realize some benefit because of the delay in transferring such funds to their interest-bearing cash sweep account.

Buying Securities on Margin and Margin Interest

If suitable for you, you may open a margin account for the purpose of borrowing funds for securities purchases. If a margin account is opened, you will be charged interest on any credit balance extended to or maintained on your behalf at RJA. While the value of the margined security will appear as a debit on your statement the margin balance in an account(s) will be assessed asset-based advisory fees based on the gross value of the account(s) without any offset for margin or debit balances. With respect to short sales, the client will be assessed asset-based advisory fees based on the value of the security sold short, but not on the proceeds received upon initiation of the short sale. If you purchase securities on margin you should understand: 1) the use of borrowed money will result in greater gains or losses than otherwise would be the case without the use of margin, and 2) there will be no benefit from using margin if the performance of your account does not exceed the interest expense being charged on the margin balance plus the additional advisory fees assessed on the securities purchased using margin. Please read the Truth in Lending Statement carefully prior to opening a margin account. Fees for advice and execution on these securities are based on the total asset value of the

account. While a negative amount may show on your statement for the margined security as the result of a lower net market value, the amount of the fee is based on the absolute market value. This could create a conflict of interest where your IAR benefits from the use of margin creating a higher absolute market value and therefore receive a higher fee.

Pension Consulting Services

Our advisory fees for customized pension consulting services will be negotiated with the plan sponsor or named fiduciary on a case-by-case basis.

Either party to the pension consulting agreement may terminate the agreement upon 30-days' written notice to the other party. The pension consulting fees will be prorated for the payment period in which the termination notice is given and any unearned fees will be refunded to the client.

Additional Fees and Expenses

As part of our investment advisory services to you, we may invest, or recommend that you invest, in mutual funds and exchange traded funds. The fees that you pay to our firm for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds or exchange traded funds (described in each fund's prospectus) to their shareholders. These fees will generally include a management fee and other fund expenses. For accounts outside of the Ambassador account program or other wrap fee programs, those accounts will also incur transaction charges and/or brokerage fees when purchasing or selling securities. These charges and fees are typically imposed by the broker-dealer or custodian through which your account transactions are executed. We do not share in any portion of the brokerage fees/transaction charges imposed by the broker-dealer or custodian. To fully understand the total cost you will incur, you should review all the fees charged by mutual funds, exchange traded funds, our firm, and others. For information on our brokerage practices, refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section below.

Compensation for the Sale of Securities or Other Investment Products

Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are registered representatives with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., ("RJFS"), a securities broker-dealer, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. In their capacity as registered representatives, these persons receive compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of securities or other investment products, including asset-based sales charges, service fees or 12b-1 fees, for the sale or holding, of mutual funds. Compensation earned by these persons in their capacities as registered representatives is separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice to advisory clients on behalf of our firm who are registered representatives have an incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received rather than solely based on your needs. Persons providing investment advice to advisory clients on behalf of our firm can select or recommend, and in many instances will select or recommend, mutual fund investments in share classes that pay 12b-1 fees when clients are eligible to purchase share classes of the same funds that do not pay such fees and are less expensive. This presents a conflict of interest. You are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase securities products through any person affiliated with our firm who receives compensation described above.

Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed as independent insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products they sell to you. Insurance commissions earned by these persons are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm who are insurance agents have an incentive

to recommend insurance products to you for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs. However, you are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through any person affiliated with our firm.

At our discretion, we may offset our advisory fees to the extent our Associated Persons earn commissions in their separate capacities as registered representatives and/or insurance agents.

Any material conflicts of interest between you and our firm, or our employees are disclosed in this Disclosure Brochure. If at any time, additional material conflicts of interest develop, we will provide you with written notification of the material conflicts of interest or an updated Disclosure Brochure.

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

We do not accept performance-based fees or participate in side-by-side management. Performance-based fees are fees that are based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of a client's account. Side-by-side management refers to the practice of managing accounts that are charged performance-based fees while at the same time managing accounts that are not charged performance-based fees. Our fees are calculated as described in the *Fees and Compensation* section above, and are not charged on the basis of a share of capital gains upon, or capital appreciation of, the funds in your advisory account.

Item 7 Types of Clients

We offer investment advisory services to individuals, pension and profit sharing plans, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations, and other business entities.

RJFS generally imposes a minimum of \$25,000 to open and maintain an Ambassador account. However smaller accounts may be accepted based upon the specific circumstances of an account.

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

Our Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies

We may use one or more of the following methods of analysis or investment strategies when providing investment advice to you:

- Charting Analysis - involves the gathering and processing of price and volume information for a particular security. This price and volume information is analyzed using mathematical equations. The resulting data is then applied to graphing charts, which is used to predict future price movements based on price patterns and trends.
- Fundamental Analysis - involves analyzing individual companies and their industry groups, such as a company's financial statements, details regarding the company's product line, the experience and expertise of the company's management, and the outlook for the company's industry. The resulting data is used to measure the true value of the company's stock compared to the current market value.
- Technical Analysis - involves studying past price patterns and trends in the financial markets to predict the direction of both the overall market and specific stocks.
- Cyclical Analysis - a type of technical analysis that involves evaluating recurring price patterns and trends.
- Long Term Purchases - securities purchased with the expectation that the value of those securities will grow over a relatively long period of time, generally greater than one year.

- Short Term Purchases - securities purchased with the expectation that they will be sold within a relatively short period of time, generally less than one year, to take advantage of the securities' short-term price fluctuations.
- Margin Transactions - a securities transaction in which an investor borrows money to purchase a security, in which case the security serves as collateral on the loan.
- Option Writing - a securities transaction that involves selling an option. An option is the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a particular security at a specified price before the expiration date of the option. When an investor sells an option, he or she must deliver to the buyer a specified number of shares if the buyer exercises the option. The seller pays the buyer a premium (the market price of the option at a particular time) in exchange for writing the option.

Our investment strategies and advice may vary depending upon each client's specific financial situation. As such, we determine investments and allocations based upon your predefined objectives, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial horizon, financial information, liquidity needs, and other various suitability factors. Your restrictions and guidelines may affect the composition of your portfolio.

Charting and Technical Analysis - The risk of market timing based on technical analysis is that charts may not accurately predict future price movements. Current prices of securities may reflect all information known about the security and day to day changes in market prices of securities may follow random patterns and may not be predictable with any reliable degree of accuracy.

Fundamental Analysis - The risk of fundamental analysis is that information obtained may be incorrect and the analysis may not provide an accurate estimate of earnings, which may be the basis for a stock's value. If securities prices adjust rapidly to new information, utilizing fundamental analysis may not result in favorable performance.

Cyclical Analysis - Economic/business cycles may not be predictable and may have many fluctuations between long term expansions and contractions. The lengths of economic cycles may be difficult to predict with accuracy and therefore the risk of cyclical analysis is the difficulty in predicting economic trends and consequently the changing value of securities that would be affected by these changing trends.

Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that you should be prepared to bear. We do not represent or guarantee that our services or methods of analysis can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines. We cannot offer any guarantees or promises that your financial goals and objectives will be met. Past performance is in no way an indication of future performance.

Recommendation of Particular Types of Securities

As disclosed under the *Advisory Business* above, we primarily recommend all types of securities and we do not necessarily recommend one particular type of security over another since each client has different needs and different tolerance for risk. Each type of security has its own unique set of risks associated with it and it would not be possible to list here all of the specific risks of every type of investment. Even within the same type of investment, risks can vary widely. However, in very general terms, the higher the anticipated return of an investment, the higher the risk of loss associated with it.

Commercial Paper ("CP") is, in most cases, an unsecured promissory note that is issued with a maturity of 270 days or less. Being unsecured the risk to the investor is that the issuer may default. There is a less risk in asset based commercial paper ("ABCP"). The difference between ABCP and CP

is that instead of being an unsecured promissory note representing an obligation of the issuing company, ABCP is backed by securities. Therefore, the perceived quality of the ABCP depends on the underlying securities.

Certificates of deposit are generally the safest type of investment since they are insured by the federal government. However, because the returns are generally very low, it's possible for inflation to outpace the return. Likewise, US Government securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States government but it's also possible for the rate of inflation to exceed the returns.

Municipal securities, while generally thought of as safe, can have significant risks associated with them including, but not limited to: the credit worthiness of the governmental entity that issues the bond; the stability of the revenue stream that is used to pay the interest to the bondholders; when the bond is due to mature; and, whether or not the bond can be "called" prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same amount of interest or yield to maturity.

There are numerous ways of measuring the risk of equity securities (also known simply as "equities" or "stock"). In very broad terms, the value of a stock depends on the financial health of the company issuing it. However, stock prices can be affected by many other factors including, but not limited to: the class of stock (for example, preferred or common); the health of the market sector of the issuing company; and, the overall health of the economy. In general, larger, more well established companies ("large cap") tend to be safer than smaller start-up companies ("small cap") but the mere size of an issuer is not, by itself, an indicator of the safety of the investment.

Mutual funds and exchange traded funds are professionally managed collective investment systems that pool money from many investors and invest in stocks, bonds, short-term money market instruments, other mutual funds, other securities or any combination thereof. The fund will have a manager that trades the fund's investments in accordance with the fund's investment objective. While mutual funds and ETFs generally provide diversification, risks can be significantly increased if the fund is concentrated in a particular sector of the market, primarily invests in small cap or speculative companies, uses leverage (i.e., borrows money) to a significant degree, or concentrates in a particular type of security (i.e., equities) rather than balancing the fund with different types of securities. Exchange traded funds differ from mutual funds since they can be bought and sold throughout the day like stock and their price can fluctuate throughout the day. The returns on mutual funds and ETFs can be reduced by the costs to manage the funds. Also, while some mutual funds are "no load" and charge no fee to buy into, or sell out of, the fund, other types of mutual funds do charge such fees which can also reduce returns. Mutual funds can also be "closed end" or "open end". So-called "open end" mutual funds continue to allow in new investors indefinitely which can dilute other investors' interests.

Corporate debt securities (or "bonds") are typically safer investments than equity securities, but their risk can also vary widely based on: the financial health of the issuer; the risk that the issuer might default; when the bond is set to mature; and, whether or not the bond can be "called" prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same rate of return.

Options and warrants give an investor the right to buy or sell a stock at some future time at a set price. Options are complex investments and can be very risky, especially if the investor does not own the underlying stock. In certain situations, an investor's risk can be unlimited. The main difference between warrants and call options is that warrants are issued and guaranteed by the issuing company, whereas options are traded on an exchange and are not issued by the company. Also, the lifetime of a warrant is often measured in years, while the lifetime of a typical option is measured in months.

A real estate investment trust or REIT is a corporate entity which invests in real estate and/or engages in real estate financing. A REIT reduces or eliminates corporate income taxes. REITs can be publicly or privately held. Public REITs may be listed on public stock exchanges. REITs are required to declare 90% of their taxable income as dividends, but they actually pay dividends out of funds from operations, so cash flow has to be strong or the REIT must either dip into reserves, borrow to pay dividends, or distribute them in stock (which causes dilution). After 2012 the IRS will stop permitting stock dividends. Most REITs must refinance or erase large balloon debts this year and next. The credit markets are no longer frozen, but banks are demanding, and getting, harsher terms to re-extend REIT debt. Some REITs may be forced to make secondary stock offerings to repay debt, which will lead to additional dilution of the stockholders. Fluctuations in the real estate market can affect the REIT's value and dividends.

Futures are financial contracts obligating the buyer to purchase an asset (or the seller to sell an asset), such as a physical commodity or a financial instrument, at a predetermined future date and price. The primary difference between options and futures is that options give the holder the *right* to buy or sell the underlying asset at expiration, while the holder of a futures contract is *obligated* to fulfill the terms of his/her contract. Buyers and sellers in the futures market primarily enter into futures contracts to hedge risk or speculate rather than to exchange physical goods. Futures traders are advised to only use funds that have been earmarked as pure "risk capital" since the risks are that high.

A limited partnership is a financial affiliation that includes at least one general partner and a number of limited partners. The partnership invests in a venture, such as real estate development or oil exploration, for financial gain. The general partner does not usually invest any capital, but has management authority and unlimited liability. That is, the general partner runs the business and, in the event of bankruptcy, is responsible for all debts not paid or discharged. The limited partners have no management authority and confine their participation to their capital investment. That is, limited partners invest a certain amount of money and have nothing else to do with the business. However, their liability is limited to the amount of the investment. In the worst case scenario for a limited partner, he/she loses what he/she invested. Profits are divided between general and limited partners according to an arrangement formed at the creation of the partnership.

A variable annuity is a form of insurance where the seller or issuer (typically an insurance company) makes a series of future payments to a buyer (annuitant) in exchange for the immediate payment of a lump sum (single-payment annuity) or a series of regular payments (regular-payment annuity). The payment stream from the issuer to the annuitant has an unknown duration based principally upon the date of death of the annuitant. At this point the contract will terminate and the remainder of the fund accumulated forfeited unless there are other annuitants or beneficiaries in the contract. Annuities can be purchased to provide an income during retirement. Unlike fixed annuities that make payments in fixed amounts or in amounts that increase by a fixed percentage, variable annuities, pay amounts that vary according to the performance of a specified set of investments, typically bond and equity mutual funds. Many variable annuities typically impose asset-based sales charges or surrender charges for withdrawals within a specified period. Variable annuities may impose a variety of fees and expenses, in addition to sales and surrender charges, such as: mortality and expense risk charges; a administrative fees; underlying fund expenses; and changes for special features, all of which can reduce the return. Earnings in a variable annuity do not provide all the tax advantages of 401(k)s and other before-tax retirement plans. Once the investor starts withdrawing money from their variable annuity, earnings are taxed at the ordinary income rate, rather than at the lower capital gains rates applied to other non-tax-deferred vehicles which are held for more than one year. Proceeds of most variable annuities do not receive a "step-up" in cost basis when the owner dies like stocks, bonds, and mutual funds do. Some variable annuities offer "bonus credits". These are usually not free. In order to fund them, insurance companies typically impose mortality and expense charges and surrender charge periods. In an exchange of an existing annuity for a new annuity (so-called 1035 exchanges) the new variable annuity

may have a lower contract value and a smaller death benefit; may impose new surrender charges or increase the period of time for which the surrender charge applies; may have higher annual fees; and provide another commission for the broker.

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

Resource Partners, LLC has been registered and providing investment advisory services since 2007. Neither our firm nor any of our management persons has any reportable disciplinary information.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

We have not provided information on the financial industry activities and affiliations listed below because we do not have any relationship or arrangement that is material to our advisory business or to our clients.

1. 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)
2. other investment adviser or financial planner
3. futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor
4. banking or thrift institution
5. accountant or accounting firm
6. lawyer or law firm
7. insurance company or agency
8. pension consultant
9. real estate broker or dealer
10. sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships

Registrations with Broker-Dealer

Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are registered representatives with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc., a securities broker-dealer, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation.

Recommendation of Other Advisers

We may recommend that you use a third party money manager ("TPMM") based on your needs and suitability. We will receive compensation from the TPMM for recommending that you use their services. These compensation arrangements present a conflict of interest because we have a financial incentive to recommend the services of the third party adviser. You are not obligated, contractually or otherwise, to use the services of any TPMM we recommend.

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

Description of Our Code of Ethics

We strive to comply with applicable laws and regulations governing our practices. Therefore, our Code of Ethics includes guidelines for professional standards of conduct for our Associated Persons. Our goal is to protect your interests at all times and to demonstrate our commitment to our fiduciary duties of honesty, good faith, and fair dealing with you. All of our Associated Persons are expected to adhere strictly to these guidelines. Our Code of Ethics also requires that certain persons associated with our firm submit reports of their personal account holdings and transactions to a qualified representative of our firm who will review these reports on a periodic basis. Persons associated with our firm are also

required to report any violations of our Code of Ethics. Additionally, we maintain and enforce written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse or dissemination of material, non-public information about you or your account holdings by persons associated with our firm.

Our Code of Ethics is available to you upon request. You may obtain a copy of our Code of Ethics by contacting Sherrill F. Young, Jr. at 828-324-4420.

Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

Neither our firm nor any of our Associated Persons has any material financial interest in client transactions beyond the provision of investment advisory services as disclosed in this Brochure.

Personal Trading Practices

Our firm or persons associated with our firm may buy or sell securities for you at the same time we or persons associated with our firm buy or sell such securities for our own account. We may also combine our orders to purchase securities with your orders to purchase securities ("block trading"). Refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section below for information on our block trading practices.

A conflict of interest exists in such cases because we have the ability to trade ahead of you and potentially receive more favorable prices than you will receive. To eliminate this conflict of interest, it is our policy that neither our Associated Persons nor we shall have priority over your account in the purchase or sale of securities.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

We recommend the brokerage and custodial services of RJFS, a securities broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. We believe that RJFS provides quality execution services for you at competitive prices. Price is not the sole factor we consider in evaluating best execution. We also consider the quality of the brokerage services provided by RJFS, including the value of research provided, the firm's reputation, execution capabilities, commission rates, and responsiveness to our clients and our firm. In recognition of the value of research services and additional brokerage products and services RJFS provides, you may pay higher commissions and/or trading costs than those that may be available elsewhere.

Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits

We do not have any soft dollar arrangements

Brokerage for Client Referrals

We do not receive client referrals from broker-dealers in exchange for cash or other compensation, such as brokerage services or research.

Directed Brokerage

Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm who are registered representatives of RJFS will recommend RJFS to you for brokerage services. These individuals are subject to applicable rules that restrict them from conducting securities transactions away from RJFS unless RJFS provides the representative with written authorization to do so. Therefore, these individuals are generally limited to conducting securities transactions through RJFS. It may be the case that RJFS charges higher transactions costs and/or custodial fees than another broker charges for the same types of services. If transactions are executed through RJFS, these individuals (in their separate capacities as registered representatives of RJFS) may earn commission-based compensation as result of placing the recommended securities transactions through RJFS. This practice presents a conflict of interest because these registered representatives have an incentive to effect securities transactions for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs. You may utilize the

broker-dealer of your choice and have no obligation to purchase or sell securities through such broker as, we recommend. However, if you do not use RJFS, we may not be able to accept your account. Refer to the *Fees and Compensation* section above for more information on the compensation received by registered representatives who are affiliated with our firm.

Block Trades

We combine multiple orders for shares of the same securities purchased for advisory accounts we manage (this practice is commonly referred to as "block trading"). We will then distribute a portion of the shares to participating accounts in a fair and equitable manner. The distribution of the shares purchased is typically proportionate to the size of the account, but it is not based on account performance or the amount or structure of management fees. Subject to our discretion regarding factual and market conditions, when we combine orders, each participating account pays an average price per share for all transactions and pays a proportionate share of all transaction costs. Accounts owned by our firm or persons associated with our firm may participate in block trading with your accounts; however, they will not be given preferential treatment.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

Sherrill F. Young, Jr., Managing Member of Resource Partners, LLC and the advisory representatives of our firm will monitor your accounts on a continuous basis and will conduct account reviews at least annually and upon your request to ensure that the advisory services provided to you and/or the portfolio mix are consistent with your current investment needs and objectives. Additional reviews may be conducted based on various circumstances, including, but not limited to:

- contributions and withdrawals,
- year-end tax planning,
- market moving events,
- security specific events, and/or,
- changes in your risk/return objectives.

The Custodian will provide you with quarterly reports. We may prepare quarterly performance reports and/or additional reports in conjunction with client meetings and account reviews. Such reports typically contain positions, performance and characteristics of the portfolio relative to you specific benchmarks.

We will review financial plans as needed, depending on the arrangements made with you at the inception of your advisory relationship to ensure that the planning advice and/or asset allocation recommendations made to you are consistent with your stated investment needs and objectives. We recommend meeting with you at least annually to review and update your plan if needed. Additional reviews will be conducted upon your request. Such reviews and updates may be subject to our then current hourly rate. We will not provide regular written reports for financial planning and consulting services. If you implement financial planning advice through Raymond James or other broker-dealers, you will receive trade confirmations and monthly or quarterly statements from relevant custodians.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

We do not receive any compensation from any third party in connection with providing investment advice to you nor do we compensate any individual or firm for client referrals.

Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed insurance agents, and are registered representatives with RJFS, a securities broker-dealer, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. For information on the conflicts of interest this presents, and how we address these conflicts, refer to the *Fees and Compensation* section above.

Item 15 Custody

We directly debit your account(s) for the payment of our advisory fees. This ability to deduct our advisory fees from your accounts causes our firm to exercise limited custody over your funds or securities. We do not have physical custody of any of your funds and/or securities. Your funds and securities will be held with a bank, broker-dealer, or other independent, qualified custodian. You will receive account statements from the independent, qualified custodian(s) holding your funds and securities at least quarterly. The account statements from your custodian(s) will indicate the amount of our advisory fees deducted from your account(s) each billing period. You should carefully review account statements for accuracy.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

If you enter into non-discretionary arrangements with our firm, we will obtain your approval prior to the execution of any transactions for your account(s).

Item 17 Voting Client Securities

Proxy Voting

We will not vote proxies on behalf of your advisory accounts. At your request, we may offer you advice regarding corporate actions and the exercise of your proxy voting rights. If you own shares of common stock or mutual funds, you are responsible for exercising your right to vote as a shareholder.

In most cases, you will receive proxy materials directly from the account custodian. However, in the event we were to receive any written or electronic proxy materials, we would forward them directly to you by mail, unless you have authorized our firm to contact you by electronic mail, in which case, we would forward any electronic solicitation to vote proxies.

Item 18 Financial Information

We are not required to provide financial information to our clients because we do not:

- require the prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees and six or more months in advance, or
- take custody of client funds or securities, or
- have a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet our commitments to you.

Item 19 Requirements for State Registered Advisers

We are a federally registered investment adviser; therefore, we are not required to respond to this item.

Item 20 Additional Information

Your Privacy

We view protecting your private information as a top priority. Pursuant to applicable privacy requirements, we have instituted policies and procedures to ensure that we keep your personal information private and secure.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to any nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. In the course of servicing your account, we may share some information with our service providers, such as transfer agents, custodians, broker-dealers, accountants, consultants, and attorneys.

We restrict internal access to nonpublic personal information about you to employees, who need that information in order to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical and procedural safeguards that comply with regulatory standards to guard your nonpublic personal information and to ensure our integrity and confidentiality. We will never sell information about you or your accounts to anyone. We do not share your information unless it is required to process a transaction, at your request, or required by law.

You will receive a copy of our privacy notice prior to or at the time you sign an advisory agreement with our firm. Thereafter, we will deliver a copy of the current privacy policy notice to you on an annual basis. Contact Sherrill F. Young, Jr. at 828-324-4420, if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Trade Errors

In the event a trading error occurs in your account, our policy is to restore your account to the position it should have been in had the trading error not occurred. Depending on the circumstances, corrective actions may include canceling the trade, adjusting an allocation, and/or reimbursing the account. If a trade error results in a profit, the trade error will be corrected in the trade error account of the executing broker-dealer and you will not keep the profit.