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Additional information about Research Affiliates also is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2 – Material Changes

As required by SEC Form ADV Part 2A (Brochure), Item 2 describes material changes made to the Brochure as previously filed. The date of our last annual update to this Brochure was March 4, 2011.

### Advisory Business

During 2011, Research Affiliates Global Holdings, LLC (RA Global Holdings) was formed as a holding company. Effective January 1, 2012, RA Global Holdings acquired 100% ownership of Research Affiliates, LLC (RALLC), when the owners of RALLC exchanged all ownership interest in RALLC for equivalent interest in RA Global Holdings. Investment advisory activities continue to be provided by RALLC as the SEC registered investment adviser. Robert D. Arnott, founder and CEO, is the trustee of our principal owner, the Arnott Family Trust, which owns more than 50% of RA Global Holdings.

During 2011, Research Affiliates terminated the Enhanced RAFI® Global Developed Strategy and offered two new strategies, Research Affiliates US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup> and Research Affiliates Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup>. The Research Affiliates Defeasement Strategy name was change to Research Affiliates LDI<sup>SM</sup>.

### Custody

Under federal securities law, we are deemed to have custody of client assets because an affiliate acts as the General Partner to the limited partnerships offered to clients. We do not have, and do not accept, physical care, or custody of any assets of any client. Limited partnership assets are held in the name of each limited partnership. Separately managed account assets are held in the name of each separately managed account client. Each limited partnership and separately managed account select a custodian and may be required to pay custodian fees. In the course of managing each limited partnership and separately managed account, clients incur brokerage and other transaction costs. See Item 12 Brokerage Practices for a discussion of how we make brokerage decisions that affect client accounts.

In the past, we have offered or delivered information about our qualifications and business practices to clients on at least an annual basis. As required by the SEC, we will ensure that clients receive a summary of material changes to this and subsequent brochures within 120 days of the close of our fiscal year.

From time to time, we may provide clients without charge, an amended Brochure disclosing changes or new information.

If you would like a copy of our Brochure, please contact our Chief Compliance Officer, Daniel M. Harkins at (949) 325-8700 or [harkins@rallc.com](mailto:harkins@rallc.com). Additional information about Research Affiliates is also available on SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

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## **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

Research Affiliates was founded in 2002 and is a global leader in innovative investing and asset allocation strategies. Our competitive advantage rests in the strength of our research and product development capabilities to respond to the current needs of the global investment community. Leveraging our strong research focus, we distribute products and services directly and in partnership with some of the world's leading financial institutions. These affiliations take the form of direct asset management, sub-advisory services, and licensing agreements.

During 2011, Research Affiliates Global Holdings, LLC (RA Global Holdings) was formed as a holding company. Effective January 1, 2012, RA Global Holdings acquired 100% ownership of Research Affiliates, LLC (RALLC), when the owners of RALLC exchanged all ownership interest in RALLC for equivalent interest in RA Global Holdings. Investment advisory activities continue to be provided by RALLC as the SEC registered investment adviser. Robert D. Arnott, founder and CEO, is the trustee of our principal owner, the Arnott Family Trust, which owns more than 50% of RA Global Holdings. Our office is located in Newport Beach, California.

### **Direct Asset Management**

We offer direct asset management services and custom solutions to meet a client's investment needs. Our direct clients include institutional funds, pension and profit sharing plans, charitable organizations, state or municipal government entities, investment companies, and high-net worth individuals. We offer a broad array of investment strategies for institutional investors through affiliated limited partnerships and separately managed accounts. Separately managed account clients may impose investment restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities.

We provide investment management services under a wrap fee arrangement offered by an unaffiliated broker dealer. Similar to other accounts that we manage, wrap fee clients may impose investment restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities, in the management of their account. In a wrap fee arrangement, we receive a portion of the wrap fee for providing investment management services.

### **Sub-Advisory Services**

We provide investment sub-advisory services to registered investment companies by creating a model portfolio, and providing updated input data and consulting services regarding the models. We also develop custom solutions to meet client needs. Many services described and offered by the firm are based on our patented and patent-pending intellectual property.

### **Licensing**

We license our intellectual property for use by third parties, including mutual funds, exchange traded funds and index providers for a fee. Licensees may use our intellectual property to develop investment strategies for managing accounts. In addition, services may include the development of model portfolios and indexes for a licensee's use.

## Strategies

We offer different investment strategies, many based on our patented and patent-pending intellectual property. Our research has shown that an index based on market capitalization tends to overweight overvalued stocks and underweight undervalued stocks, resulting in a performance drag. The RAFI<sup>®</sup> methodology attempts to capture the benefits of indexing and avoid the performance drag associated with cap-weighting by selecting and weighting stocks in an index using fundamental measures of company size e.g. cash flow, book value, sales, and dividends. The enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> strategy incorporates additional factors (e.g., quality of earnings, financial distress, etc.) along with more frequent rebalancing in comparison to a passive strategy.

The current investment strategies offered include the following:

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> US Large** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> US Large Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> US Large) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to large U.S. listed equities.

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> US Small** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> US Small Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> US Small) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to small U.S. listed equities.

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> International** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> International Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> International) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to internationally listed equities.

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Small International** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Small International Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Small International) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to internationally listed small equities.

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to listed equities in the emerging markets.

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global All Country** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global All Country Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> GAC) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to global, including emerging market equities.

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global All Country ex US** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global All Country ex US Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> GAC ex US) applies our Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> concept to foreign developed and emerging market equities.

We also offer investment strategies, based on portions of our patented and patent-pending intellectual property and other quantitative investment ideas such as:

**Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global Long Short** - The Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global Long Short Strategy (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Global Long Short) seeks to profit from the possible mispricing in global equity markets through long and short positions in individual equity securities. Positions are primarily derived from the difference between Research Affiliates Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> (RAFI<sup>®</sup>) weights and capitalization-based weights. RAFI<sup>®</sup> weights are calculated using Research Affiliates' proprietary methodology of index and portfolio construction, which selects and weights stocks

using fundamental measures of company size including sales, cash flow, dividends, and book value. The Enhanced RAFI® methodology incorporates additional factors, which may include quality of earnings and financial distress, among others. eRAFI® Global Long Short is managed to mitigate country and sector exposures while seeking market and dollar neutrality.

**Research Affiliates LDI<sup>SM</sup>** - The Research Affiliates LDI<sup>SM</sup> Strategy (RA LDI<sup>SM</sup>) seeks to defease a long-term bullet obligation. RA LDI<sup>SM</sup> uses a combination of T-Bond Futures, T-Note Futures, U.S. Treasury, and derivative instruments to synthetically replicate a long-duration strip. The strategy is based on our patented methodology that seeks structural alpha from linearizing the yield curve plus additional incremental returns through tactical implementation.

**Research Affiliates US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup>** - The Research Affiliates US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup> Strategy (RA US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup>) applies our Fundamental Index® concept to U.S. listed equities using a subset of the available companies that display low systematic risk.

**Research Affiliates Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup>** - The Research Affiliates Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup> Strategy (RA Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup>) applies our Fundamental Index® concept to a subset of large U.S. listed equities with the largest RAFI® signals, along with other active screens, creating a dynamic and adaptable active investment strategy.

From time to time, we may develop a customized investment strategy based on specific parameters from a client.

As of December 31, 2011, Research Affiliates managed approximately \$45.7 billion in assets, \$4.6 billion on a discretionary basis, and \$41.1 billion on a non-discretionary basis. In addition, licensees of Research Affiliates managed approximately \$42.2 billion.

#### **Education and business background of our senior management:**

ROBERT D. ARNOTT

Year of Birth: 1954

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.A. Applied Mathematics, Computer Science and Economics, University of California, Santa Barbara. Business Background: Member, Chairman and CEO, Research Affiliates, LLC, since May 2002; Registered representative, PA Distributors LLC, February 2003 - December 2004; Chairman, First Quadrant, L.P. ("FQ"), May 2002 - April 2004; Chief Executive Officer, FQ, March 1996 - May 2002; President and Board Director, First Quadrant Corp., April 1988 - March 1996; Strategist, Salomon Brothers, March 1987- April 1988; President, TSA Capital Management, March 1984 - February 1987; Vice President, The Boston Company, June 1977 - March 1984.

JASON C. HSU, PhD

Year of Birth: 1974

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.S., Summa Cum Laude, Physics, California Institute of Technology, 1996; Ph.D., Finance, University of California, Los Angeles, 2004. Business Background: Managing Director, Chief Investment Officer, Research Affiliates, LLC, since January 2009; Managing Director, Research & Investment Management, Research Affiliates, LLC, May 2002 - January 2009; Assistant VP, Derivatives Research and Trading, Far Eastern Securities 1998-1999; Consultant to Farmers Insurance Group, Global Window Partners, the VirtualStockExchange.com, Taiwan National Association of Securities Dealers; Instructor Financial Management, Taiwan National University of Political Science (NCCU) 1997-1998; Instructor Financial Economics, Shanghai University, 1998; Research fellow, Center for Business Economics and Computational Finance at NCCU.

KATRINA F. SHERRERD, PhD, CFA

Year of Birth: 1957

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.S. Finance, McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia, 1979; M.S. Transportation Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1983; Ph.D. Finance, Darden School, University of Virginia 1987. Business Background: Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer, Research Affiliates, LLC, since January 2009; Managing Director, Strategic Planning and Affiliate Relations, Research Affiliates, LLC, November 2006 - January 2009; Managing Director, CFA Institute, 1987-2007. Visiting professor, Darden School, University of Virginia, 2004-2006. Lecturer, McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia, 1983-1992.

FEIFEI LI, PhD

Year of Birth: 1978

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.A. Finance, Tsinghua University, 2000; Ph.D. Finance, University of California, Los Angeles, 2005. Business Background: Director, Research, Research Affiliates, LLC, since January 2009; Associate Director, Research, Research Affiliates, LLC, December 2007 - December 2008; Vice President, Manager, Research, Research Affiliates, LLC, May 2007 - December 2007; Vice President, Research, Research Affiliates, LLC, January 2007 - April 2007; Senior Research Associate, Research, Research Affiliates, LLC, July 2005 - December 2006.

JOHN M. WEST, CFA

Year of Birth: 1973

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.S. Finance, University of Arizona, Business Administration, 1996. Business Background: Director, Product Specialist, Research Affiliates, LLC, since January 2009; Associate Director and Product Specialist, Research Affiliates, LLC, April 2008 - December 2008; Associate Director, Marketing and Affiliate Relations, Research Affiliates, LLC, December 2007 - March 2008; Vice President and Product Specialist, Research Affiliates, LLC, September 2007 - December 2007; Vice President, Research Affiliates, LLC, September 2006 - August 2007; Senior Consultant and Vice President, Research, Wurts & Associates, 1997-2006; Performance Analyst, Wurts & Associates, 1996-1997.

CHRISTOPHER BRIGHTMAN, CFA

Year of Birth: 1961

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.A. Finance, Virginia Tech, 1983; MBA, Loyola University Maryland, 1989. Business Background: Director, Strategy, Research Affiliates, LLC, since May 2010; Chief Executive Officer, UVIMCO, December 2004 – March 2010; Chief Investment Officer, Strategic Investment Group, March 2001 – December 2004.

MICHAEL LARSEN

Year of Birth: 1962

(Member of Investment Committee)

Education: B.S. Business and Accounting, University of Nebraska, 1985; M.A. Asian Studies, Darden School, University of Virginia 1991. Business Background: Director, Affiliate Relations, Research Affiliates, LLC, since January 2011; Associate Director, Affiliate Relations, Research Affiliates, LLC, January 2009 – January 2011; Vice President, Affiliate Relations, Research Affiliates, LLC, September 2007 – January 2009; Independent Consultant, October 2005 – September 2007; Managing Director, Investment Advisory Services and Chief Investment Officer, The Threshold Group, LLP, June 2004 – October 2005; Managing Director, Private Client Services, Trust Company of the West, June 1998 – May 2004.

DANIEL M. HARKINS

Year of Birth: 1949

Education: B.A. History, University of Kansas, 1971; J.D. University of Kansas Law School, 1974. Business Background: Chief Legal and Chief Compliance Officer, Research Affiliates, LLC, since September 2009; Associate Director, Investment Operations, Research Affiliates, LLC, since May 2009; Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Counsel, Research Affiliates, LLC, March 2008-May 2009; Compliance Counsel, Research Affiliates, LLC, November 2006 - March 2008; Partner, The Feldhake Law Firm, 2001-2006.

## Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

Separately managed account fees are based on the terms of individual investment management agreements. Fees are negotiated on a case-by-case basis. Most separately managed accounts are billed quarterly, in arrears, based on a percentage of assets under management. Accounts may have fees based on a combination of a percentage of assets under management and a performance fee based on returns above a specific market benchmark. Each separately managed account may have its own fee schedule and structure for calculating assets under management for billing purposes. The majority of our separately managed account clients are billed based on the average of the three month-ending custodian market values of the applicable quarter. Clients receive quarterly fee invoices and are responsible for arranging payment to us. Typically, we receive payments by wire for the fees due.

As described in Item 4 Advisory Business, we provide investment management services within a wrap fee program offered by an unaffiliated broker dealer. Wrap fee client accounts are charged a single quarterly fee, for the management and trading of their account assets. We receive a

portion of the fee collected by the wrap account sponsor, as compensation for providing investment management services. Wrap fee accounts may have different fee schedules and billing structures that require payment of fees in advance. Clients that terminate their contract prior to the end of a billing period are entitled to a pro-rata refund of any unearned fees, based on the number of days remaining from the date of termination notice to the end of the billing period.

Fees for a limited partnership are calculated at the limited partner level, collected by the limited partnership, and paid to Research Affiliates, LLC monthly in arrears. Investors have the option to base management fees based on a percentage of assets under management or a combination of a percentage of assets under management and a performance fee based on returns above a specific market benchmark. The Private Placement Memorandum contains a standard fee schedule, but fees may be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

For investment companies that we sub-advise, fees are paid by the fund advisor/manager to Research Affiliates in arrears based on a percentage of the average daily asset value of assets under management. Each sub-advisory agreement is negotiated on a case-by-case basis with the fund manager.

For licensing arrangements, compensation is received in arrears. In general, fees are based on a percentage of average daily asset value of assets under management of the licensee. In other cases, our fee may be based on a portion of the fee collected by the Licensee from its client. Each licensing arrangement, including fee compensation structure, is negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

For direct management accounts, in addition to the advisory fees payable to us, clients will incur brokerage and other transaction costs in connection with the management of their account. The costs are paid directly to an unaffiliated broker dealer, custodian, or other service provider. We do not receive, directly or indirectly any of these costs charged the clients. Please refer to Item 12 Brokerage Practices for more information.

None of our employees receives, directly or indirectly, any compensation from the sale of securities or investments that are purchased or sold for client accounts. As a result, we are a “fee only” investment adviser. We do not have any potential conflicts of interest that relate to any additional and undisclosed compensation from our clients or the assets that we manage.

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

Within any given investment strategy that we offer, we may have direct management clients, separately managed accounts and limited partnership investors, with different fee schedules. One client may have an asset-based fee, while another client has an incentive-based fee. While there is a potential conflict of interest due to the possibility we could earn a higher fee on one account versus another, our investment discipline is quantitative and rules based, and where possible all accounts within a strategy are traded at the same time, which mitigates the conflicts.

Conflicts that may potentially arise between one strategy and another are also mitigated by our quantitative and rules based investment discipline. Changes in portfolio construction and

transactions are based on a stated time-table or on client controlled contributions and withdrawals.

## **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

We provide investment advisory services to institutional investors including pension and profit sharing plans, charitable organizations, foundations, endowments, state or municipal government entities, registered investment companies, affiliated limited partnerships, and high-net-worth individuals.

Minimum investment in any of our limited partnerships is typically \$5,000,000. Minimum investment for our separately managed accounts is \$100,000,000. We reserve the right to waive the minimum investment on a case-by-case basis.

The general partner of each of our limited partnerships is an affiliate of ours. Limited partnership interests are not offered or sold through any public offerings, and are offered to qualified investors only by Private Placement Memorandum and Limited Partnership Agreement and are not registered securities under the Securities Act of 1933.

## **Privacy Notice to Clients**

We do not disclose nonpublic personal information about our current or former clients except as permitted or required by law. We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about our clients to those employees who need to know the information to perform specific job functions. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to safeguard nonpublic information. With client permission, clients may be identified in our firm's representative client lists.

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

As discussed in Item 4 Advisory Business, we offer several investment strategies to clients, including many based on a variation of our patented and patent-pending, Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> methodology. The Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> method uses measures of company size to gauge the economic footprint of a company e.g. cash flow, sales, book value and dividends, rather than market capitalization, to select and weight stocks and create an indicative portfolio or index. The Enhanced Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> strategy incorporates additional factors such as quality of earnings and financial distress for analysis.

To assist in the portfolio construction process, we utilize a broad spectrum of information from industry vendors including, financial publications, corporate activities, third-party research materials, annual reports, prospectuses and regulatory filings. Each strategy offered is rules based and offers broad market exposures, investment diversification, and are relatively low cost investment alternative compared to similar investment strategies.

Although we work hard to preserve clients' capital and achieve real growth of client wealth, investing in securities involves risk of loss that each client should be prepared to bear. Stock and

bond markets fluctuate significantly over time, and certain strategies may impose more risk than others may. As a result, clients investing in our strategies risk loss of the assets we manage. We do not guarantee any level of performance or that clients will not experience a loss in the value of their assets.

In general, the strategies we offer involve more trading activity compared to traditional passive indexing strategies, but involve less trading activity compared to traditional active management strategies. Within the Fundamental Index<sup>®</sup> strategies, individual portfolio weights are rebalanced quarterly and reconstituted annually. When comparing investment managers or strategies, trading frequency is one of many factors to consider. Frequent trading of securities can have a negative effect on investment performance due to the increased brokerage commissions and related costs involved.

Investments in our affiliated limited partnerships present risks such as: dependence on key individuals, increased regulatory scrutiny, lack of liquidity, restrictions on resale, heavy reliance on market data and investment selection process, activities of the affiliated General Partner and Investment Adviser, changing economic conditions, and general investment and trading risks.

#### Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

We are obligated to disclose any disciplinary event that would be material to clients and prospective clients evaluating Research Affiliates<sup>®</sup>. At this time, we do not have any disciplinary events to report. This statement applies to our firm and every employee.

#### Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

We license our intellectual property to registered investment advisors, investors and index providers on a customized basis. The terms, fees and services provided under each arrangement are negotiated on a case-by-case basis.

Research Affiliates is the investment adviser for and provides investment management services to each of the following affiliated limited partnerships: Research Affiliates Capital, L.P. (RACLP), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> International, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> International), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> US Large, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> US Large), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global Long Short, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Global Long Short), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> US Small, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> US Small), Research Affiliates LDI 2040, L.P. (RA LDI<sup>SM</sup>), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Small International, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Small International), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global All Country Ex-US L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> GAC Ex-US), Enhanced RAFI<sup>®</sup> Global All Country, L.P. (eRAFI<sup>®</sup> GAC), Research Affiliates US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup>, L.P. (RA US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup>), and Research Affiliates Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup>, L.P. (RA Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup>). Each limited partnership is considered a single client.

A related affiliate, Research Affiliates Management, LLC (Research Affiliates Management), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of RA Global Holdings, is the general partner of eRAFI<sup>®</sup> International, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> US Large, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Global Long Short, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> US Small, RA LDI<sup>SM</sup>, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Emerging Markets, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> Small International, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> GAC Ex-US, eRAFI<sup>®</sup> GAC, RA US Low Volatility<sup>SM</sup>, and RA Fundamental Active<sup>SM</sup>. Arnott Family Trust, a related person

of RA Global Holdings, Research Affiliates and Research Affiliates Management, is the general partner of RACLP. Other investment strategies may be developed and brought to market as necessary.

Research Affiliates Global Advisors Limited (RA Global Advisors) is a Hong Kong based company, providing support services to certain, non-advisory licensees of Research Affiliates in greater Asia. RA Global Advisors, a wholly owned subsidiary of RA Global Holdings, does not have any client other than Research Affiliates.

A conflict of interest exists when we, as an investment adviser, recommend that a perspective client purchase an interest in one or more of our affiliated limited partnerships. We (or one of our affiliates) will receive, directly or indirectly, fees paid by clients that invest in our affiliated limited partnerships. The fee may be higher or lower than the fee a client may pay elsewhere for similar investment strategies or services. Although not eliminated, the conflict of interest is minimized, so long as a recommendation to purchase our affiliated limited partnership is suitable for the client based on a review of a Qualifying Questionnaire, Limited Partnership Agreement, Subscription Agreement, and the belief that the client may benefit from investing in such offerings.

### Item 11 – Code of Ethics

We do not, directly or indirectly, buy or sell securities to or from any client. However, our employees may purchase, sell or hold positions in securities recommended to clients. We have developed policies and procedures requiring pre-approval of certain securities transactions by our Compliance Department. Our employees are restricted from any transactions in their own account, or accounts they are related to or control, where such transactions may be detrimental to a client. In general, employees are prohibited from purchasing and selling the same security within any 30-day period. Any exceptions must be approved by our Chief Compliance Officer.

All employees are required to provide duplicate copies of brokerage statements to our Compliance Department. The statements are reviewed quarterly by our Compliance Department to monitor compliance with personal trading policies and restrictions. All employees certify in writing, on a quarterly basis, that all reportable personal securities transactions have been reported to our Compliance Department.

We have adopted policies and procedures concerning the possession of and use of material non-public information. All employees receive a copy of our Compliance Manual, and any update, which includes written policies and procedures relevant to personal trading and non-public information.

We believe that our Code of Ethics complies with the Investment Advisers Act and the Investment Company Act (if applicable). The Code of Ethics establishes standards of business conduct, states that we will conduct our business in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, and outlines our duties and responsibilities as a fiduciary to our clients. A copy of our Code of Ethics is available upon request.

## Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

For certain limited partnerships and separately managed accounts, we have engaged the services of an unaffiliated third-party, Parametric Portfolio Associates LLC (Parametric), a Seattle, Washington based SEC Registered Investment Adviser, to handle front, middle and back office support functions for our clients. Please refer to Parametric's disclosure document for more information on this Item. Parametric's disclosure document can be found on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

For the accounts that we manage in-house, we generally have the authority to make investment decisions without prior consultation with the client. At any time, clients may place limitations or restrictions on our discretionary authority in the management of their account. Clients communicate such limitations or restrictions in writing to us. In the management of client assets, we observe the investment policies, limitations, and restrictions of each client for which we advise.

A client may give us discretion for selecting a broker on their behalf. In such cases, we consider the following factors when selecting a brokerage firm: quality of execution, clearance and settlement capabilities, financial stability, and commission rates and cost. Considering the circumstances, our overall objective in effecting portfolio transactions is to obtain the best combination of price and execution for our clients.

In some cases, we provide investment management services under a wrap-fee arrangement offered by an unaffiliated broker dealer. Within a wrap-fee arrangement, a client pays a single fee that covers the management fee and the broker's execution costs of all portfolio transactions.

For mutual funds which we sub-advise, we have no authority to determine the specific securities bought or sold, the amount of such securities, the broker dealer used, or the commission rate to be paid.

We have a policy that we do not engage in "soft dollar" arrangements that are related to securities brokerage transactions. We may receive the use of products, research or services from third parties, but they are not paid for through brokerage activities. We do not receive compensation, benefits, products, research or services from any broker dealer to whom we direct brokerage transactions beyond normal brokerage services.

## Item 13 – Review of Accounts

Portfolios that we directly manage are reviewed daily by the responsible portfolio manager dedicated to the specific investment strategy. This review includes security and derivative positions, cash balances, and margin requirements. A summary of this review is distributed daily to the Director of Investment Management.

Estimated performance of all portfolios, both directly managed and delegated to Parametric is reviewed daily. This review includes performance over various time horizons and summary position information such as valuation ratios, weighted average market capitalization, and beta

estimates. Evidence of unusual performance or positions prompts a review of detailed portfolio positions. Detailed position reports are sent to us by Parametric daily.

Final performance calculations for all portfolios and composites are reviewed and approved monthly by our Investment Operations and Compliance Departments. Our GIPS Committee meets on a quarterly basis to review the performance of composites and related portfolios. Evidence of unusual individual portfolio performance compared to its composite prompts a review to explain the performance. The individuals participating in the GIPS Committee may include representatives from Investment Management, Investment Operations, Accounting, Legal and Compliance, Client Services, Affiliate Relations and Strategic Operations.

The nature and frequency of written reports provided to clients are determined primarily by the particular needs of each client and client instructions. Generally, clients (including limited partners), receive monthly reports from us. In addition, clients receive at a minimum, separate quarterly or more frequent, account statements from the broker dealer, bank or other qualified custodian detailing all cash and asset transactions and activity within their account. In general, meetings with clients are held according to the stated desires of each client. Client reports may include a written analysis of all assets under management, portfolio characteristics, and current and historical performance.

For mutual funds that we sub-advise, we provide daily, monthly and annual reports relating to portfolio construction, portfolio performance, and/or other reports to the fund as required by the fund manager or SEC rules. Actual holdings in a fund's portfolio are under the control of the fund manager.

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

We have entered into relationships with unrelated third parties for client referrals in accordance with rules 206(4)-3 and 206(4)-5 of the Investment Advisers Act. Such third parties may solicit qualified investors for limited partnerships or separately managed accounts. In such arrangements, we may pay a percentage of the fee we receive from accounts that have been referred to us to the person making the referral, a solicitor. In cases where solicitors refer clients to us, clients receive a separate written disclosure statement from the solicitor before an account is opened with us. The disclosure explains, among other things, the nature of our affiliation with the solicitor, if any, and a description of the compensation the solicitor receives from us. It is our policy that if we pay referral fees to a solicitor for any account, the fee schedule applicable to that client's account will be the same as the schedule that would have applied to accounts of similar size receiving similar services where no referral fees are paid.

#### Item 15 – Custody

Under federal securities law, we are deemed to have custody of client assets because an affiliate acts as the General Partner to the limited partnerships offered to clients. We do not have, and do not accept, physical care, or custody of any assets of any client. Limited partnership assets are held in the name of each limited partnership. Separately managed account assets are held in the name of each separately managed account client. Each limited partnership and separately

managed account select a custodian and may be required to pay custodian fees. In the course of managing each limited partnership and separately managed account, clients incur brokerage and other transaction costs. See Item 12 Brokerage Practices for a discussion of how we make brokerage decisions that affect client accounts.

In all cases, custody shall be maintained with a qualified custodian (brokers/dealers, banks, trust companies, or other qualified institutions). The qualified custodian will maintain client assets and typically send directly to each limited partnership and separately managed account quarterly or more frequent account statements detailing all cash and asset transactions and activity within their accounts. We urge clients to compare the account statements they receive from their qualified custodian to the statements provided by us. Account statement balances may occasionally differ from custodial statements due to accounting practices, reporting dates, or security valuation methodologies of certain securities. For tax and other purposes, the custodial statement is the official record for the account and assets.

### Item 16 – Investment Discretion

For the limited partnerships and separately managed accounts, we generally have the authority to make investment decisions without prior consultation with the client. Our contract with each client provides for such authority. Client directed investment guidelines may limit the scope of investment discretion. As a result, clients can impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities. Clients communicate such restrictions to us in writing.

In one case, we provide investment management services under a wrap-fee arrangement offered by an unaffiliated broker dealer. Within a wrap-fee arrangement, a client pays a single fee that covers the management fee and the broker's execution costs of all portfolio transactions. We receive a portion of this fee as compensation for providing our discretionary investment management services. Our contract with the client provides for such authority. Client investment guidelines may or may not limit the scope of potential investments. As a result, the client can impose restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities. The Client communicates such restrictions in writing to us.

A client may give us discretion for selecting a broker on their behalf. In such cases, we consider the following factors when selecting a brokerage firm: quality of execution, clearance and settlement capabilities of the broker, its financial stability, and commissions and cost.

For mutual funds that we are sub-advise, we have no authority to determine the specific securities bought or sold, the amount of such securities, the broker dealer used, or the commission rate to be paid.

As of December 31, 2011, we managed approximately \$4.6 billion in client assets on a discretionary basis.

### Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

For some limited partnership and separately managed accounts, we have retained the services of a third party vendor to vote proxies absent prior client directive. To the extent we vote proxies

in-house, we are responsible to act in the best interest of our clients. To the extent that an engaged third party votes proxies on behalf of the firm and our clients, the third party provider shall vote proxies in a manner consistent with our proxy voting policies and procedures. Each client retains the right at all times to withdraw the proxy voting authority by providing us a written notice of withdrawal of authorization. A copy of our proxy voting policies and procedures is available upon request.

The policies provide guidance so that the third party and we act in a manner intended to be prudent, diligent and in the best interest of our clients. In the event that we are required to vote a proxy that could result in a conflict between a client's best interests and the interests of our firm, we may seek the advice of a knowledgeable, independent third party as to how to vote. If a client would like to know how we voted any proxy in their account, please contact us and we will provide the information. The third party provider and we are not responsible or liable for failing to vote any proxy where receipt of proxy materials or related shareholder communications is untimely.

Due to the significant cost associated with voting proxies in relation to international equities, such proxies are generally not voted on. Domestic proxies for which we, or the third party are authorized to vote will be voted "with management", unless otherwise directed by client.

### Item 18 – Financial Information

We are required in this Item to provide certain financial information or disclosures about our financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to our clients. We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and have not been the subject of any bankruptcy proceeding.