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## **FORM ADV PART 2 BROCHURE**

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Hedeker Wealth Management Group, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact Dean Hedeker at 847-913-5594. 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 Hedeker Wealth Management Group, LLC is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The searchable IARD/CRD number for Hedeker Wealth Management Group, LLC is 124341.

Hedeker Wealth Management Group, 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

As a registered investment adviser, we must ensure that our brochure is current and accurate and makes full disclosure of all material facts relating to the advisory relationship. If there have been any material changes to our business or advisory practices since our last annual update, we will provide a description of such material changes here.

Since our last annual updating amendment dated February 10, 2014 we have not made any material changes to our advisory or business practices.

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## Item 4 Advisory Business

### Description of Services and Fees

Hedeker Wealth Management Group, LLC is a registered investment adviser based in Lincolnshire, Illinois. We are organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Illinois. Our firm has been providing investment advisory services since 2002. Dean Hedeker is our principal owner.

As used in this brochure, the words "we", "our" and "us" refer to Hedeker Wealth Management Group, 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.

The following paragraphs describe our services and fees. Please refer to the description of each investment advisory service listed below for information on how we tailor our advisory services to your individual needs.

### Portfolio Management Services

We offer discretionary and non-discretionary portfolio management services to our clients. Our investment advice is tailored to meet our clients' needs and investment objectives. If you retain our firm for portfolio management services, we will meet with you to determine your investment objectives, risk tolerance, and other relevant information (the "suitability information") at the beginning of our advisory relationship. We will use the suitability information we gather from our initial meeting to develop a strategy that enables our firm to give you continuous and focused investment advice and/or to make investments on your behalf. As part of our portfolio management services, we may customize an investment portfolio for you in accordance with your risk tolerance and investing objectives. Once we construct an investment portfolio for you, we will monitor your portfolio's performance on an ongoing basis, and will rebalance the portfolio as required by changes in market conditions and in your financial circumstances.

If you participate in our discretionary portfolio management services, we require you to grant our firm discretionary authority to manage your account. Discretionary authorization will allow our firm to determine the specific securities, and the amount of securities, to be purchased or sold for your account without your approval prior to each transaction. Discretionary authority is typically granted by the investment advisory agreement you sign with our firm, a power of attorney, or trading authorization forms. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing. If you enter into non-discretionary arrangements with our firm, we must obtain your approval prior to executing any transactions on behalf of your account.

We do not hold ourselves out a financial planning firm, but we may provide financial planning related services incidental to the portfolio management services. A certain level of financial planning is utilized in order to set appropriate goals and customize an investment strategy. Information obtained is used to identify risk tolerance, objectives, and appropriate asset allocation. We are not compensated separately for financial planning related services.

As part of our portfolio management services, we may use one or more sub-advisers to manage all or a portion of your account on a discretionary basis. The sub-adviser(s) may use one or more of their model portfolios to manage your account. We will regularly monitor the performance of your accounts managed by sub-adviser(s), and may hire and fire any sub-adviser without your prior approval. Our ability to hire and fire sub-advisers on your behalf is based on you granting our firm discretionary authority, which is typically granted by the investment advisory agreement you sign with our firm, a power of attorney, or trading authority forms. We will pay a portion of our advisory fee to the sub-adviser(s) we use; however, you will not pay our firm a higher advisory fee as a result of any sub-advisory relationships.

Our fee for portfolio management services is based on a percentage of your assets we manage and is set forth in the following fee schedule:

Equity and Balanced Portfolios:

<b><u>Assets Under Management</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized Fee</u></b>
\$250,000 to \$999,999	1.65%
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	1.25%
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	1.00%
\$10,000,000 and above	0.80%

Mutual Fund Portfolios:

<b><u>Assets Under Management</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized Fee</u></b>
\$0 to \$4,999,999	1.00%
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	0.75%
\$10,000,000 and above	0.65%

Fixed Income Portfolios:

<b><u>Assets Under Management</u></b>	<b><u>Annualized Fee</u></b>
Less than \$1,000,000	0.90%
\$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999	0.75%
\$5,000,000 to \$9,999,999	0.65%
\$9,999,999 and above	0.50%

Our annual portfolio management fee is billed and payable quarterly in advance based on the value of your account on the last day of the previous quarter.

If the portfolio management agreement is executed at any time other than the first day of a calendar quarter, our fees will apply on a pro rata basis, which means that the advisory fee is payable in proportion to the number of days in the quarter for which you are a client. Our advisory fee is negotiable, depending on individual client circumstances.

At our discretion, we may combine the account values of family members living in the same household to determine the applicable advisory fee. For example, we may combine account values for you and your minor children, joint accounts with your spouse, and other types of related accounts. Combining account values may increase the asset total, which may result in you r paying a reduced advisory fee based on the available breakpoints in our fee schedule stated above.

We will send you an invoice for the payment of our advisory fee, or we will deduct our fee directly from your account through the qualified custodian holding your funds and securities. We will deduct our advisory fee only when you have given our firm written authorization permitting the fees to be paid directly from your account. Further, the qualified custodian will deliver an account statement to you at least quarterly. These account statements will show all disbursements from your account. You should review all statements for accuracy. We will also receive a duplicate copy of your account statements.

You may terminate the portfolio management agreement upon written notice to our firm. You will incur a pro rata charge for services rendered prior to the termination of the portfolio management agreement, which means you will incur advisory fees only in proportion to the number of days in the quarter for which you are a client. If you have pre-paid advisory fees that we have not yet earned, you will receive a prorated refund of those fees.

## **Wrap Fee Program**

We offer a wrap fee program, which is a type of investment program that provides clients access to management services and/or allocation models for a single fee that includes administrative fees, management fees, and transaction costs. If you participate in our wrap fee program, you will pay our firm a single fee, which includes our money management fees, certain transaction costs, and custodial and administrative costs. We receive a portion of the wrap fee for our services. The overall cost you will incur if you participate in our wrap fee program may be higher or lower than you might incur by separately purchasing the types of securities available in the program.

To compare the cost of the wrap fee program with non-wrap fee portfolio management services, you should consider the frequency of trading activity associated with our investment strategies and the brokerage commissions charged by TD Ameritrade, Inc., or Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. and the advisory fees charged by investment advisers.

## **Types of Investments**

We primarily offer advice on equity securities, corporate debt securities, certificates of deposit, municipal securities, investment company securities, U.S. Government securities, options contracts on securities, 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.

In general, we manage wrap fee accounts on a discretionary basis based on a long-term investment strategy. However, we manage non-wrap fee accounts on either a discretionary or a non-discretionary basis, and may include a short-term investment strategy in managing this type of account. A long-term investment strategy will typically involve investing in securities that are anticipated to grow in value over a relatively long period of time. On the other hand, a short-term investment strategy will typically involve purchasing and selling securities within a relatively short period of time based on these securities' short-term price fluctuations.

If you participate in our wrap fee program, we will provide you with a separate Wrap Fee Program Brochure explaining the program and costs associated with the program.

## **Assets Under Management**

As of January 23, 2015, we provide continuous management services for \$210,000,000 in client assets on a discretionary basis, and \$6,600,000 in client assets on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

Please refer to the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure for information on our advisory fees, fee deduction arrangements, and refund policy according to each service we offer.

## **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. You 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, please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section of this Brochure.

### **Other Financial Activities**

Legal and accounting services are offered through entities affiliated with our firm through common control and ownership. Dean R. Hedeker, Principal/Chief Compliance Officer/Member of our firm is the owner of Dean R. Hedeker, Ltd., a law Firm specializing in Estate Planning, Tax, and Trust law. Fees and services will be separate and distinct from advisory fees and services offered through our firm. We expect that our clients to whom we offer advisory services may also be clients of Dean R. Hedeker, Ltd. You are under no obligation to utilize the services offered by Mr. Hedeker through any affiliated entity.

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

We do not accept performance-based fees or participate in side-by-side management. 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. Performance-based fees are fees that are based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of a client's account. Our fees are calculated as described in the *Advisory Business* 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.

In general, we require a minimum of \$250,000 to open and maintain an advisory account. At our discretion, we may waive this minimum account size. For example, we may waive the minimum if you appear to have significant potential for increasing your assets under our management. We may also combine account values for you and your minor children, joint accounts with your spouse, and other types of related accounts to meet the stated minimum.

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

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.

### **Methods of Analysis**

We may use one or more of the following methods of analysis when formulating investment advice:

- **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.

As part of our analysis, we may also consider the recommendations and research provided by other management firms specializing in fixed income securities. All recommendations are evaluated by Dean Hedeker, and he retains sole discretion as to whether or not to act on any research or recommendations provided by such specialist.

#### ***Associated Risks***

**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.

**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.

#### ***Investment Strategies***

We may use one or more of the following investment strategies when managing your accounts:

- **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.
- **Options Trading/Writing**: a securities transaction that involves buying or selling (writing) an option. If you write an option, and the buyer exercises the option, you are obligated to purchase or deliver a specified number of shares at a specified price at the expiration of the option regardless of the market value of the security at expiration of the option. Buying an option gives you the right to purchase or sell a specified number of shares at a specified price until the date of expiration of the option regardless of the market value of the security at expiration of the option.
- **Trading** (in general, selling securities within 30 days of purchasing the same securities) as an investment strategy when managing your account(s). Trading is not a fundamental part of our overall investment strategy, but we may use this strategy occasionally when we determine that it is suitable given your stated investment objectives and tolerance for risk.

#### ***Tax Considerations***

Our strategies and investments may have unique and significant tax implications. However, unless we specifically agree otherwise, and in writing, tax efficiency is not our primary consideration in the management of your assets. Regardless of your account size or any other factors, we strongly recommend that you continuously consult with a tax professional prior to and throughout the investing of your assets.

Moreover, as a result of revised IRS regulations, custodians and broker-dealers will begin reporting the cost basis of equities acquired in client accounts on or after January 1, 2011. Our firm will either instruct the custodian to use the *first-in, first-out* "FIFO" accounting method for calculating and reporting the cost basis of your investments or the custodian will default to the FIFO method where no instruction is given.

#### ***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" section in this Brochure, we primarily recommend equity securities and fixed income securities (bonds); however, we may recommend other types of investments that we deem suitable and/or appropriate for your account. 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.

Individual equity securities (also known simply as "equities" or "stock") are assessed for risk in numerous ways. Price fluctuations and market risk are the most significant risk concerns. As such, the value of your investment can increase or decrease over time. Furthermore, you should understand that stock prices can be affected by many factors including, but not limited to, the overall health of the economy, the health of the market sector or industry of the issuing company, and national and political events. When investing in stock, it is important to focus on the average returns achieved over a given period of time, across a well-diversified portfolio.

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.

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.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

On April 18, 2005, the NASD instituted a proceeding which alleged that from April 11, 2003 through January 14, 2004, Certes Capital Securities acting through Kozak and Hedeker, failed to prevent Gaspero, an unregistered Associated Person of Certes, from controlling and actively engaging in the securities business of Certes.

Without admitting or denying the allegations of the NASD complaint, Mr. Hedeker consented to the sanctions of Censure and a Monetary fine of \$40,000.

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

### **Arrangements with Affiliated Entities**

We are affiliated with Dean R. Hedeker, Ltd., a law firm, through common control and ownership. If you require certain types of legal services, we may recommend that you use Dean R. Hedeker, Ltd. Our advisory services are separate and distinct from the compensation paid to Dean R. Hedeker, Ltd. for their services.

Attorneys are governed by the professional organizations to which they belong and must comply with the practice and ethics rules of those organizations. These rules may prohibit paying or receiving referral fees to or from investment advisers that are not members of the same organization.

### **Recommendation of Other Advisers**

We may recommend that you use a third party adviser ("TPA") based on your needs and suitability. We will receive compensation from the TPA 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, to use the services of any TPA 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 Dean Hedeker at 847-913-5594.

### **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"). Please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section in this Brochure 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 mitigate 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**

### **Recommendation of Broker-Dealers**

We endeavor to select brokers or dealers that provide quality services at reasonable commission rates and fees. The reasonableness of commissions and fees is based on several factors, including the broker's ability to provide professional services, competitive commission rates, volume discounts, execution price negotiations, and other services.

Our firm typically recommends that you establish brokerage accounts with the Schwab Institutional division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab Institutional"), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC/NYSE, and/or with TD Ameritrade Institutional, a division of TD Ameritrade, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC/NFA (hereinafter "TD Ameritrade"), among others, to maintain custody of the client's assets and to effect trades for your accounts.

Schwab Institutional provides us with access to its institutional trading and operations services, which are typically not available to Schwab retail investors. These services generally are available to independent investment advisers at no charge to them so long as a total of at least \$10 million of the adviser's clients account assets are maintained at Schwab Institutional. Schwab Institutional services may include research, brokerage, custody, access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise available only to institutional investors or would require significantly higher minimum initial investments. Schwab Institutional also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but may not benefit your accounts. These include software and other technology that provide access to your account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements), facilitate trade execution, provide research, pricing information and

other market data, facilitate payment of our fees from your accounts, and assist with back-office support, recordkeeping and client reporting. The availability to our firm of the foregoing products and services is not contingent upon us committing to Schwab Institutional any specific amount of business (assets in custody or trading).

Our firm participates in the institutional advisor program (the "Program") offered by TD Ameritrade Institutional. TD Ameritrade Institutional is a division of TD Ameritrade Inc., member FINRA/SIPC/NFA ("TD Ameritrade"), an unaffiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer and FINRA member. TD Ameritrade offers to independent investment advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance and settlement of transactions. We receive some benefits from TD Ameritrade through our participation in the program. (Please see the disclosure below.) We may also receive benefits such as assistance with conferences and educational meetings from product sponsors.

### **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.

### **Cross Trades**

In very rare instances, primarily in the case of bond trades, we may instruct the broker to effect a cross trade. Cross trades are trades whereby we effectively "swap out" a bond or other fixed income product from one client to another which eliminates the spread on each side of the transaction. We do not receive any additional or transactional based compensation for this practice. As a policy, we will only engage in cross trades if the result is beneficial to both parties.

## **Item 13 Review of Accounts**

Dean R. Hedeker, Principal, of Hedeker Wealth Management Group, LLC will monitor your accounts on a continuous basis and will recommend a meeting and formal account review at least quarterly to ensure the advisory services provided to you and that the portfolio mix are consistent with your investment needs and objectives. Additional reviews may be conducted upon your request and 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.

We may prepare reports in conjunction with such meetings and account reviews. You will receive trade confirmations and monthly or quarterly statements from your account custodian(s).

## Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

As disclosed under Item 12 above, we participate in TD Ameritrade's institutional customer program and our firm may recommend TD Ameritrade to Clients for custody and brokerage services. There is no direct link between our participation in the program and the investment advice it gives to its Clients, although our firm receives economic benefits through its participation in the program that are typically not available to TD Ameritrade retail investors. These benefits include the following products and services (provided without cost or at a discount): receipt of duplicate Client statements and confirmations; research related products and tools; consulting services; access to a trading desk serving our firm's participants; access to block trading (which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions for execution and then allocate the appropriate shares to Client accounts); the ability to have advisory fees deducted directly from Client accounts; access to an electronic communications network for Client order entry and account information; access to mutual funds with no transaction fees and to certain institutional money managers; and discounts on compliance, marketing, research, technology, and practice management products or services provided to our firm by third-party vendors. TD Ameritrade may also have paid for business consulting and professional services received by our firm. Some of the products and services made available by TD Ameritrade through the program may benefit our firm but may not benefit our Client accounts. These products or services may assist our firm in managing and administering Client accounts, including accounts not maintained at TD Ameritrade. Other services made available by TD Ameritrade are intended to help our firm manage and further develop its business enterprise. The benefits received by our firm or its personnel through participation in the program do not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to TD Ameritrade. As part of its fiduciary duties to clients, our firm endeavors at all times to put the interests of its clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits by our firm or its related persons in and of itself creates a potential conflict of interest and may indirectly influence our choice of TD Ameritrade for custody and brokerage services.

Our firm may receive succession planning, practice valuation and Equity management services from third-party vendors through our participation in the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management Program. In addition to meeting the minimum eligibility criteria for participation in the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management Program, we may have been selected to participate in the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management Program based on the amount and potential profitability to TD Ameritrade of the assets in, and trades placed for, client accounts maintained with TD Ameritrade.

TD Ameritrade is a discount broker-dealer independent of and unaffiliated with our firm and there is no employee or agency relationship between TD Ameritrade and our firm. TD Ameritrade has established the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management program as a means of assisting independent unaffiliated Advisors to grow and maintain their respective investment advisory business. TD Ameritrade does not supervise our firm and has no responsibility for our firm's management of client portfolios or our firm's other advice or services to clients.

Our firm's participation in the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management Program raises potential conflicts of interest. Our firm may encourage its clients to custody their assets at TD Ameritrade and whose client accounts are profitable to TD Ameritrade. Consequently, in order to participate in the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management Program, our firm may have an incentive to recommend to clients that the assets under management by our firm be held in custody with TD Ameritrade and to place transactions for client accounts with TD Ameritrade. Our firm's participation in the TD Ameritrade Institutional Equity Management Program does not relieve our firm of the duty to seek best execution of trades for client accounts.

## Item 15 Custody

Provided we receive your written authorization, will instruct your custodian to 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 either Schwab Institutional, a division of Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., or TD Ameritrade Institutional, both 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**

You may grant our firm discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be purchased or sold for your account(s) without obtaining your consent or approval prior to each transaction. Before we can buy or sell securities on your behalf, you must first sign our discretionary management agreement, a power of attorney, and/or trading authorization forms.

You may specify investment objectives, guidelines, and/or impose certain conditions or investment parameters for your account(s). For example, you may specify that the investment in any particular stock or industry should not exceed specified percentages of the value of the portfolio and/or restrictions or prohibitions of transactions in the securities of a specific industry or security. Please refer to the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure for more information on our discretionary management services.

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**

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**

Our firm does not have any financial conditions or impairments that would prevent us from meeting our contractual commitments to you. We do not take physical custody of client funds or securities, or serve as trustee or signatory for client accounts, and we do not require the prepayment of fees six or more months in advance and in excess of \$1,200. Therefore, we are not required to include a financial statement with this brochure.

## **Item 19 Requirements for State Registered Investment 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 not 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. Please contact Dean Hedeker at 847-913-5594 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 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 held at the executing broker-dealer and you will not keep the profit. Money held in the trade error account can be withdrawn at any time. Any monies remaining in the error account at the end of the calendar year will be distributed to our firm by the broker- dealer.