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BROCHURE

This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Payant Financial Services, Inc. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at 813-633-7333. 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 Payant Financial Services is also available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. The searchable IARD/CRD number for Payant Financial Services is 134854.

Payant Financial Services, Inc. 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.

Generally, American Planning Services, Inc. will notify clients of material changes on an annual basis. However, where we determine that an interim notification is either meaningful or required, we will notify our clients promptly. In either case, we will notify our clients in a separate document.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

Description of Services and Fees

We are a registered investment adviser based in Sun City Center, Florida. We are organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and we have been providing investment advisory services since 1998. Thomas Payant is our principal owner. Currently, we offer the following investment advisory services, which are personalized to each individual client:

- **Financial Planning Services**
- **VISION2020 Program**
- **Managed Assets Program**
- **Third Party Advisory Services**
- **Variable Product Management**

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. 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. We refer to Associated Persons who provide investment advice as Investment Adviser Representatives ("IARs") or Advisory Representatives throughout this Brochure. As used in this brochure, the words "we", "our" and "us" refer to Payant Financial Services and our IARs. The words "you", "your" and "client" refer to you as either a client or prospective client 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 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.

We charge a fixed fee for financial planning services which generally ranges between \$750 - \$3,000. The fee is negotiable depending upon the complexity and scope of the plan, your financial situation, and your objectives. In the alternative we may charge an hourly fee for certain financial planning services at a rate of \$250 per hour which is negotiable depending on the scope and complexity of the plan, your financial situation, and your objectives. An estimate of the total time/cost will be determined at the start of the advisory relationship. In limited circumstances, the cost/time could potentially exceed the initial estimate. In such cases, we will notify you in advance and request that you approve the additional fee.

We require that you pay 50% of the fee in advance and the remaining portion upon the completion of the services rendered. We may, at our discretion, waive or offset the financial planning fees should you choose to implement the plan through any of our other services described below. The scope and complexity of the services provided will determine the waiver or offset of the fees.

When you receive financial planning services you may also purchase securities or insurance products offered through SagePoint pursuant to the plan or consultation. Members of our firm may receive commissions as Registered Representatives of SagePoint or insurance agents in connection with such transactions. Thus, we may have a conflict of interest when providing financial

planning services to you as there may be an incentive for us to recommend specific courses of action through our financial planning services that may lead to members of our firm receiving additional compensation.

You are under no obligation to act on our financial planning recommendations and you are under no obligation to purchase products or services recommended by us or members of our firm in connection with our providing you with financial planning services, or any advisory service that we offer. 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.

You may terminate the financial planning agreement within five business days of the date of acceptance without penalty. After the five-day period, either party may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days written notice to the other party. You will incur a pro rata charge for services rendered prior to the termination of the agreement, based on the work performed and if you have pre-paid advisory fees that we have not yet earned, you will receive a prorated refund of those fees.

Vision2020 Advisor Program

We offer the VISION2020 Advisor Program ("V2A") which provides comprehensive investment management of your assets through the application of asset allocation planning software as well as the provision of execution, clearing and custodial services through Pershing.

V2A provides risk tolerance assessment, efficient frontier plotting, fund profiling and performance data, and portfolio optimization and re-balancing tools. Utilizing these tools, and based on your responses to a risk tolerance questionnaire ("Questionnaire") and/or discussions that we have together regarding among other things, investment objective, risk tolerance, investment time horizon, account restrictions, and overall financial situation, we construct a portfolio of investments for you. This portfolio may consist of mutual funds, exchange traded funds, equities, options, debt securities, variable life, and/or variable annuity sub-accounts (certain restrictions may apply) or other investments.

Each portfolio is designed to meet your individual needs, stated goals and objectives. You do not have the ability to impose restrictions on the type of investments to be held in the portfolio.

We offer V2A as an account billed with separate advisory fees and transaction charges ("Non-Wrap Account"). As such, in addition to the quarterly account fee described below, you will also pay separate per-trade transaction charges. Please see the V2A Wrap Fee Program Brochure for a complete list of transaction charges.

You will pay a quarterly account fee, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets held in your account as of the last business day of the preceding calendar quarter. Your account fees are negotiable and will be debited from your account by our custodian. You will receive a full account fee refund in the event that you terminate your client agreement with us within five business days of signing. If you terminate after the first five days, the account fee will be credited back to you on a pro-rata basis for the unused portion of the quarter.

Additional, ancillary V2A fees may apply. Please see the V2A Wrap Fee Program Brochure for further details.

Our V2A account fee schedule is as follows:

Assets Under Management	Max Annualized Fee
\$50,000 - \$99,999	2.30%
\$100,000 - \$249,999	2.30%
\$250,000 - \$499,999	2.05%

\$500,000 - \$749,000	1.80%
\$750,000 - \$1,249,999	1.55%
\$1,250,000 - \$1,999,999	1.30%
\$2,000,000 - \$4,999,999	1.05%
\$5,000,000 - \$24,999,000	1.05%
Over \$25,000,000	0.80%

For further V2A details, please see the V2A Wrap Fee Program Brochure. We provide this brochure to you prior to or concurrent with your enrollment in V2A. Please read it thoroughly before investing.

"VISION2020" WEALTH MANAGEMENT PLATFORM - ADVISOR MANAGED PORTFOLIOS

We offer the Wealth Management Platform - Advisor Managed Portfolios Program ("Advisor Managed Portfolios") provides comprehensive investment management of your assets through the application of asset allocation planning software as well as the provision of execution, clearing and custodial services through Pershing, LLC ("Pershing").

Advisor Managed Portfolios provides risk tolerance assessment, efficient frontier plotting, fund profiling and performance data, and portfolio optimization and re-balancing tools. Utilizing these tools, and based on your responses to a risk tolerance questionnaire ("Questionnaire") and discussions that we have together regarding, among other things, investment objective, risk tolerance, investment time horizon, account restrictions, and overall financial situation, we construct a portfolio of investments for you. This portfolio may consist of mutual funds, exchange traded funds, equities, options, debt securities, variable life, variable annuity sub-accounts (certain restrictions may apply) and other investments.

Each portfolio is designed to meet your individual needs, stated goals and objectives. Additionally, you have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in the portfolio.

For further Advisor Managed Portfolios details, please see the Advisor Managed Portfolios Wrap Fee Program Brochure. We provide this brochure to you prior to or concurrent with your enrollment in Advisor Managed Portfolios. Please read it thoroughly before investing.

MANAGED ASSETS PROGRAM

The Managed Assets Program ("MAP Program") is an investment management program that provides you with access to multiple managers who provide investment advice to you on portfolios consisting of individual stocks, bonds, exchange traded and mutual funds.

You can choose a variety of investment managers across asset classes and investment styles for a complete asset allocation strategy or seek an investment manager for a single asset class. More specifically, you will generally choose from the following three options:

- The Single Asset Category Proposal allows you to select investments in a single asset class either by asset class (e.g. US Large Cap Equity) or by investment style (e.g. US Large Cap Growth Equity).
- The Asset Allocation Proposal which allows you to allocate your investments across multiple asset classes and investment styles using multiple brokerage accounts.
- The Diversified Multi-Strategy Portfolio Proposal which allows you to allocate your investments across multiple asset classes and investment styles using a single brokerage account.

In addition, you have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on investments held within your MAP Program account.

We offer the MAP Program as an account where no separate transactions charges apply and a single fee is paid for all advisory services and transactions ("Wrap Account").

You will pay a quarterly account fee, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets held in your account as of the last business day of the preceding calendar quarter. Your account fees are negotiable and will be debited from your account by our custodian. You will receive a full account fee refund in the event that you terminate your client agreement with us within five business days of signing. If you terminate after the first five days, the account fee will be credited back to you on a pro-rata basis for the unused portion of the quarter.

Additional, ancillary MAP fees may apply. Please see the MAP Wrap Fee Program Brochure for further details.

Our fee for the Map Program is negotiable and will vary on a case by case basis, however in no circumstances will the client pay more than 2.75% per annum.

For further MAP Program details, please see the MAP Program Wrap Fee Brochure. We provide this brochure to you prior to or concurrent with your enrollment in WMAP. Please read it thoroughly before investing.

Third Party Advisory Services

We offer our clients the services of various third party investment advisors ("Third-Party Advisory Services") for the provision of certain investment advisory programs including mutual fund wrap and separately managed account programs.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these services, please note that a complete description of the programs, services, fees and payment structure, and termination features is available via the applicable Third Party Advisory Service's disclosure brochures, investment advisory contracts, and account opening documents.

In connection with these arrangements, we will provide assistance in the selection and ongoing monitoring of a particular Third-Party Advisory Service. Factors that we consider in the selection of a particular third-party advisor may include but may not be limited to: i) our assessment of a particular Third-Party Advisory Service; ii) your risk tolerance, goals, objectives and restrictions, as well as investment experience; and, iii) the assets you have available for investment.

You should know that the services provided by us through the use of Third-Party Advisory Services are under certain conditions directly offered by them to you. The fees charged by Third-Party Advisory Services who offer their programs directly to you may be more or less than the combined fees charged by the Third Party Advisory Service and us for our participation in the investment programs. However, when using the services of Third-Party Advisory Services directly, you do not receive our expertise in developing an investment strategy, selecting a Third-Party Advisory Service, monitoring the performance of your account and changing a Third-Party Advisory Service provider when appropriate.

Compensation in connection with Third Party Advisory Services generally consists of five elements: i) management fees paid to Third Party Advisory Services ii) management fees paid to us as outlined below iii) transaction costs - if applicable - which may be paid to purchase and sell such securities; iv) custody fees; v) revenue sharing compensation paid to SagePoint Financial, Inc. ("SagePoint") the securities broker-dealer to which members of our Firm are associated with; and vi) fees paid to SagePoint for administrative and supervisory services.

For more complete fee details, please see the applicable Third Party Advisory Service's disclosure brochures, investment advisory contracts, and account opening documents.

Our fee for third party advisory services is negotiable and will vary on a case by case basis. Fees charged by the Third Party Advisory Service in connection with their services may not be negotiable.

Variable Products Management Program

We provide discretionary and non discretionary portfolio management services where the investment advice provided is based on managing the underlying investments/sub accounts associated with variable products. At no time will we have authority to purchase or liquidate a variable contract without the client's prior consent.

On an annualized basis, our fees for the Variable Products Management Program, subject to negotiation, are 1.00% of the value of the assets in the sub-accounts.

The fee is billed quarterly in advance based on the market value of the underlying investments/sub account on the last day of the previous quarter. If the client 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.

In our discretion, we may allow accounts of members of the same household to be aggregated for purposes of determining the advisory fee. We may allow such aggregation, for example, where we service accounts on behalf of minor children of current clients, individual and joint accounts for a spouse, and other types of related accounts. This consolidation practice may allow client(s) the benefit of an increased asset total, which could potentially allow the account(s) to be assessed a reduced advisory fee.

We may invoice you directly where you are responsible for remitting fees directly to us 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.

You may terminate the client agreement within five business days of the date of acceptance without penalty. After the five-day period, either party may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days written notice to the other party. You will incur a pro rata charge for services rendered prior to the termination of the 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.

Types of Investments

We primarily recommend and provide advice on mutual funds, exchange traded funds and equity securities.

Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2011 we manage \$50,068,972 in client assets on a discretionary basis, and \$404,966 in client assets on a non-discretionary basis.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

"VISION2020" WEALTH MANAGEMENT PLATFORM - ADVISOR MANAGED PORTFOLIOS

We offer Advisor Managed Portfolios with separate advisory fees and transaction charges ("Non-Wrap Account"). As such, in addition to the quarterly account fee described below for advisory services, you will also pay separate per-trade transaction charges. Our Advisor Managed Portfolios account fee schedule is as follows

Assets Under Management	Max Annualized Fee
\$50,000 - \$99,999	2.30%
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\$250,000 - \$499,999	2.05%
\$500,000 - \$749,000	1.80%
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Over \$25,000,000	0.80%

You will pay a quarterly account fee, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets held in your account as of the last business day of the preceding calendar quarter. Your account fees are negotiable and will be debited from your account by our custodian. You will receive a full account fee refund in the event that you terminate your client agreement with us within five business days of signing. If you terminate after the first five days, the account fee will be credited back to you on a pro-rata basis for the unused portion of the quarter.

Additional, ancillary fees may apply. Please see the Advisor Managed Portfolios Wrap Fee Program Brochure for further details.

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

Mutual fund investments in the programs that we offer are no-load or load at NAV. Your mutual fund investments may be subject to early redemption fees, 12b-1 fees and mutual fund management fees as well as other mutual fund expenses. These fees are in addition to the fees and expenses referenced above. Please review the mutual fund prospectus for full details.

Variable annuity companies generally impose internal fees and expenses on your variable annuity investment, including contingent deferred sales charges and early redemption fees. In addition, variable annuity companies generally impose mortality charges of approximately 1.25% annually. These fees are in addition to the fees and expenses referenced above. Complete details of such internal expenses are specified and disclosed in each variable annuity company's prospectus. Please review the Variable Annuity prospectus for full details.

For clients who may be in VISION2020 non-wrap accounts, in addition to the per-trade transaction charges referenced above, you will also be subject to per-trade confirmation fees as disclosed on your trade confirmation (typically \$4.00 per trade) and an additional fee of \$1.50 for each trade confirmation that you do not elect to receive electronically. You may also be subject to an additional, per-trade transaction charge on the selling of certain securities as disclosed on your trade confirmation (generally less than \$1.00 on trades of \$50,000 or less). These fees are not shared with us but are transaction charges paid to SagePoint and our custodian. Please see the Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations section below which explains our relationship with SagePoint.

There are additional fees relating to IRA and Qualified Retirement Plan accounts that you may incur such as maintenance and termination fees. You will find these fees disclosed in the account application paperwork provided to you associated with these accounts.

In addition to providing advisory services, our Advisory Representatives will likely also sell you securities products and other investment and insurance products in their capacity as registered representatives of SagePoint and as licensed insurance agents. We will receive additional

compensation in connection with this activity and the amount of compensation will depend on the type of product purchased. We will have a greater financial incentive to sell certain products as opposed to others (for example, in the case of mutual funds those that have a higher 12b-1 fee than others). While our security sales are reviewed for suitability by an appointed supervisor, you should be aware of the incentives we have to sell certain securities products and are encouraged to ask us about any conflict presented.

Please be aware that you are under no obligation to purchase products or services recommended by us or members of our Firm in connection with providing you with any advisory service that we offer. At our discretion, our firm may offset our advisory fees to the extent our associated persons earn commissions in their separate capacities as registered representatives and/or insurance agents.

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

Not applicable. We do not accept performance-based fees or participate in side-by-side management.

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 \$50,000 to open and maintain a VISION2020 Advisor Program, Non-Wrap Fee account and a minimum of \$100,000 for a Wrap Fee 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.

Each Third Party Advisory Service that we offer has their own account minimum. Their account minimums are disclosed to you through their own Form ADV and associated paperwork that will be presented to you.

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 and Technical Analysis** - 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. When using Technical analysis we review statistics to determine trends in security prices and make our investment decisions based on those trends. This analysis may only be able to predict how an investment will perform short-term. In addition, this analysis does not take into account, the more fundamental properties of what an investment may be worth such as company performance and balance sheet variables which may play a part in determining the value of an investment. 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** - When using Fundamental Analysis, we generally rely on, among other things, company earnings, balance sheet variables and management quality which are used to predict the future value of an investment. Data we review is generally considered reliable but we cannot guarantee nor have we verified its accuracy. In addition, the data that we review is sometimes subjective in nature and open to interpretation. Even if our data and interpretation of the data is correct, there may be other factors that determine the value of securities other than those considered in 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** - Cyclical analysis is a type of technical analysis that involves evaluating recurring price patterns and trends. The risk of cyclical analysis is that 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.
- **Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)** - a theory of investment which attempts to maximize portfolio expected return for a given amount of portfolio risk, or equivalently minimize risk for a given level of expected return, by carefully diversifying the proportions of various assets. Market risk is that part of a security's risk that is common to all securities of the same general class (stocks and bonds) and thus cannot be eliminated by diversification.
- **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. Using a long-term purchase strategy generally assumes the Financial Markets will go up in the long-term which may not be the case. There is also the risk that the segment of the market that you are invested in or perhaps just your particular investment will go down over time even if the overall Financial Markets advance. Purchasing investments long-term may create an opportunity cost - "locking-up" assets that may be better utilized in the short-term in other investments.
- **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. Using a short-term purchase strategy generally assumes that we can predict how Financial Markets will perform in the short-term which may be very difficult. There are many factors that can effect Financial Market performance in the short-term (such as short-term interest rate changes, cyclical earnings announcements, etc.) but may have a smaller impact over longer periods of times.

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.

We may use short-term trading (in general, selling securities within 30 days of purchasing the same securities) as an investment strategy when managing your account(s). Frequent trading can negatively affect investment performance, particularly through increased brokerage and other transactional costs and taxes. Short-term 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.

For our Third Party Advisory ("TPA") Services clients, we do not perform quantitative or qualitative analysis of individual securities. Instead, we will advise you on how to allocate your assets among various classes of securities or third party investment advisers based on research reports and analysis of performance provided by third-party advisers and publicly available research and

reports regarding investment strategies and programs generally offered by a variety of third-party investment advisers. We primarily rely on investment portfolios and strategies developed by the TPA and their portfolio managers. We may recommend replacing the TPA if there is a significant deviation in characteristics or performance from the stated strategy and/or benchmark.

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.

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. Most custodial firms use the FIFO ("First In First Out") accounting method as the default method for calculating the cost basis of your investments. You are responsible for contacting your tax advisor to determine if this accounting method is the right choice for you. If your tax advisor believes another accounting method is more advantageous, please provide written notice to our firm immediately and we will alert your account custodian of your individually selected accounting method. Please note that decisions about cost basis accounting methods will need to be made before trades settle, as the cost basis method cannot be changed after settlement.

Recommendation of Particular Types of Securities

As disclosed under the "Advisory Business" section in this Brochure, we primarily recommend equity securities, mutual funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs) however, we may recommend other types of investments as appropriate for you 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.

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, other types of mutual funds do charge such fees which can also reduce returns.

Investing in mutual funds and exchange traded funds involves the assumption of risk including:

- **Manager Risk:** which is the risk that an actively managed mutual fund's investment adviser will fail to execute the fund's stated investment strategy.
- **Market Risk:** which is the risk that the Stock Market will decline, decreasing the value of the

securities contained within the mutual funds we recommend to you.

- Industry Risk: which is the risk that a group of stocks in a single industry will decline in price due to adverse developments in that industry, decreasing the value of mutual funds that are significantly invested in that industry.
- Inflation Risk: which is the risk that the rate of price increases in the economy deteriorates the returns associated with the mutual fund.

Risk of Loss

Listed above are some of the primary risks associated with the way we recommend investments to you, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss these risks and others in more detail. 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.

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

Payant Financial Services has been registered and providing investment advisory services since 1998. Neither our firm nor any of our management person has any reportable disciplinary information.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

All representatives of our firm that provide advice to you ("Advisory Representatives") are associated with SagePoint Financial, Inc. ("SagePoint") as Registered Representatives. SagePoint is a diversified financial services company registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") as a broker-dealer engaged in the offer and sale of securities products. Our Advisory Representatives may recommend the purchase of securities offered by SagePoint. If you purchase these products through them, they will receive normal commissions which may be in addition to customary advisory fees. As such, Advisory Representatives may have an incentive to sell you commissionable products in addition to providing you with advisory services when such commissionable products may not be suitable. Alternatively, they may have an incentive to forego providing you with advisory services when appropriate, and instead recommend the purchase of commissionable investments, if they deem that the payout for recommending the purchase of these investments would be higher than providing management advice on these products for an advisory fee. Therefore, a conflict of interest may exist between their interests and your best interests.

While our security sales are reviewed for suitability by an appointed supervisor, you should be aware of the incentives we have to sell certain securities products and are encouraged to ask us about any conflict presented.

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. 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 insurance agents. Please be aware that you are under no obligation to purchase products or services recommended by us or members of our Firm in connection with providing you with any advisory service that we offer.

Arrangements with Affiliated Entities

We are affiliated with Payant Tax Services, Inc. through common control and ownership. If you require tax or accounting services, we will recommend that you use Payant Tax Services. Our advisory services are separate and distinct from the compensation paid to Payant Tax Services for their services.

The referral arrangements we have with Payant Tax Services present a conflict of interest because we may have a financial incentive to recommend our affiliates' services. While we believe that compensation charged by Payant Tax Services is competitive, such compensation may be higher than fees charged by other firms providing the same or similar services. You are under no obligation to use Payant Tax Services and may obtain comparable services and/or lower fees through other firms.

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 Glenn Krcmaric, Chief Compliance Officer at 813-633-7333.

Personal Trading Practices

Our firm or persons associated with our firm may buy or sell the same securities for you at the same time we or persons associated with our firm buy or sell such securities for our own accounts. 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 we shall not have priority over your account in the purchase or sale of securities.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

As described in the Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations Section, our Advisory Representatives are also Registered Representatives of SagePoint, a FINRA registered broker-dealer. In order to meet its FINRA supervisory obligations, SagePoint requires that all investment advisory activities that we conduct be processed through SagePoint's clearing relationships with Pershing LLC ("Pershing"). As a result, we do not have the discretion to choose the broker-dealer or commission rates to be paid. However, we do believe that Pershing's blend of execution services, commission and transaction costs as well as professionalism will allow us to seek best execution and competitive prices.

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.

Block Trades

We may aggregate your orders with those of other clients in a bunched trade or trades when securities are purchased or sold. For each account that we include in the bunched trade, we must reasonably believe that the bunched order is consistent with our duty to seek best execution and may benefit you and each client participating in the aggregated order. The average price per share of each bunched trade is allocated to each account that participates in the bunched trade. Accounts that participate in the same bunched trade are charged transaction costs, if applicable, in accordance with their advisory contracts.

If a bunched order cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the initial pre-allocation. Partial fills will be allocated in a way that does not consistently advantage or disadvantage particular client accounts and are generally filled pro-rata among participating accounts.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

The investment adviser representative assigned to you will monitor your accounts on an ongoing basis and will conduct account reviews at least annually to ensure that the advisory services provided to you and/or the portfolio mix are consistent with your stated or 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.

We will not provide you with additional or regular written reports in conjunction with account reviews. You will receive trade confirmations, monthly or quarterly statements, and a year-end tax statement from your account custodian(s).

Financial planning updates/review will vary on a case-by-case basis and will be detailed in the client agreement.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Client Referrals

We directly compensate non-employee (outside) individuals, and/or entities (Solicitors) for client referrals. In order to receive a cash referral fee from our firm, Solicitors must comply with the requirements of the jurisdictions in which they operate. If you were referred to our firm by a Solicitor, you should have received a copy of this Disclosure Brochure along with the Solicitor's disclosure statement at the time of the referral. If you become a client, the Solicitor that referred you to our firm will receive a percentage of the advisory fee you pay our firm for as long as you are a client with our firm, or until such time as our agreement with the Solicitor expires or a one-time, flat referral fee upon your signing an advisory agreement with our firm. You will not pay additional fees because of this referral arrangement. Referral fees paid to a Solicitor are contingent upon your entering into an advisory agreement with our firm. Therefore, a Solicitor has a financial incentive to recommend our firm to you for advisory services. This creates a conflict of interest; however, you are not obligated to retain our firm for advisory services. Comparable services and/or lower fees may be available through other firms.

Solicitors that refer business to more than one investment adviser may have a financial incentive to recommend advisers with more favorable compensation arrangements. You should request that our Solicitors disclose to you whether multiple referral relationships exist and whether comparable services may be available from other advisers for lower fees and/or where the Solicitor's compensation is less favorable.

Employees who are instrumental in referring clients to our firm may be paid a bonus based upon the revenue generated by the new client relationship. You will not be charged additional fees based on this compensation arrangement. Because we pay a bonus, our employees have a financial incentive to recommend our firm to you for advisory services. This creates a conflict of interest; however, you are not obligated to retain our firm for advisory services. Comparable services and/or lower fees may be available through other firms.

Other Compensation

As discussed previously, all our Advisory Representatives are Registered Representatives of SagePoint. This arrangement requires us to offer you advisory services and programs sponsored or approved by SagePoint. SagePoint sets limits on how much we can charge you for these advisory services. Some advisory programs have higher fee limits than others. As such, there may be an incentive for us to recommend to you advisory services or programs with higher limits. In addition, SagePoint may charge us certain usage fees and expenses to use their advisory programs which may decrease the amount of money we make when offering investment advice to you. Therefore, there may be an incentive to provide you with advisory programs and services that may be cheaper for us to use but not as suitable to your needs as other advisory programs that SagePoint sponsors which may be more expensive for us to use.

In addition, SagePoint offers our Advisory Representatives educational, training and incentive programs for those Advisory Representatives that meet certain sales production goals. There may be an incentive for us to manage your account in ways that assist us in meeting these production goals even if such strategies may not always be suitable for your account.

When we offer you a Wrap Account, the fee for transactions executed in your account are included in your quarterly account fee. However, SagePoint will still assess the transaction charges to us. This may influence us to charge you a higher quarterly account fee than we would otherwise charge you in an effort to recoup from you the transaction charges SagePoint charges us. We may also have incentive to trade your account less often to lessen our transaction fees or to trade your account with certain securities where SagePoint reduces or eliminates the transaction charges (such as the Focus Elite and FundVest Programs mentioned below) to us even if such trading strategies may not always be suitable for your account.

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. If you have a question regarding your account statement or if you did not receive a statement from your custodian, please contact Glen Krcmaric, Chief Compliance Officer at 813-633-7333.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

We may manage your accounts on a discretionary basis upon obtaining your consent. Your consent is typically granted and evidenced in the client agreement that you sign with us. We define discretion as: the ability to trade your account, without obtaining your prior consent, the securities and amount of securities to be bought or sold, and the timing of the purchase or sale. It does not extend to the withdrawal or transfer of your account funds. Our investment authority may be subject to specified investment objectives, guidelines and/or conditions imposed by you. 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. 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.. 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

In certain circumstances our Advisory Representatives may use investment discretion in your account, subject to your approval. We are well capitalized in full compliance with applicable regulations and do not foresee any financial conditions that may impair our fulfillment of reasonable obligations or contractual commitments to you.

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. Please contact Glen Krcmaric, Chief Compliance Officer at 813-633-7333, if you have any questions regarding this policy.

Class Action Lawsuits

We do not determine if securities held by you are the subject of a class action lawsuit or whether you are eligible to participate in class action settlements or litigation nor do we initiate or participate in litigation to recover damages on your behalf for injuries as a result of actions, misconduct, or negligence by issuers of securities held by you.

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. In the event the trading error results in an erroneous profit, the profit would be retained by SagePoint and you will not keep the profit.