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First Allied Securities, Inc. and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. are registered investment advisers. Registration of an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

This brochure details important disclosure information about certain programs that we offer. We do offer other programs that are not discussed in this brochure.

Additional information about First Allied Securities, Inc. and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. also is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2- Summary of Material Changes

You are receiving a copy of this brochure to ensure you have important information to assist you in making investment decisions about the programs and services described in this document. Each year you will receive a summary of material changes that were made to the brochure over the previous year with instructions on how to receive an updated copy of the brochure, if you would like one. You will also receive an updated brochure or summary of material changes whenever important information changes.

The changes that have been made to this document since our annual amendment in March 2011 are summarized below:

- *Ownership Change*

In August 2011, First Allied Securities, Inc. and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. announced an ownership change. First Allied Securities, Inc. and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. were purchased by First Allied Holdings, Inc. ("FAH") from Advanced Equities Financial Corp. FAH is owned by Lovell Minnick Partners, LLC, an investment firm that focuses on investments in the financial services industry. In the same transaction, FAH also acquired First Allied Asset Management, Inc. (formerly Advanced Equities Asset Management, Inc.), First Allied Retirement Services, Inc., and FASI Insurance Services, Inc. While the ownership structure has changed for each of these firms, the management structure for each of these firms remains the same. The ownership change for each of these companies is set to be completed on or about November 1, 2011.

- *New Advisory Programs*

We have created new advisory programs since our last annual update. Detailed information about each of our advisory programs is included in the appropriate disclosure brochure. We have several wrap fee brochures. This brochure details only some of our wrap programs. If you would like to receive additional wrap brochures, or any of our non-wrap program brochures, please speak to your IAR.

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## Introduction

The Bucket Strategy Advisor Network ("BSAN") program is a jointly sponsored advisory program. The two sponsors, First Allied Securities, Inc. ("First Allied") and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. ("FAAS") are affiliated registered investment advisers. The BSAN program offers a suite of management services available to clients of First Allied and FAAS. This wrap brochure details the BSAN program strategies. These services are offered by IARs who have entered into a contractual relationship with RJL Wealth Management, LLC ("RJLWM"). Throughout the remainder of this text, "we," "us," and "our" refers to both First Allied and FAAS.

The BSAN program is structured so that clients are referred to First Allied or FAAS IARs by RJLWM to invest in the BSAN program. This referral arrangement is known as a solicitor's agreement. During this referral process, clients receive disclosures indicating who is providing the referral and any compensation that may be exchanged as a result of the referral.

RJLWM provides training on the wealth management strategies available in the BSAN program to IARs who are involved in the BSAN program solicitor's arrangement. Only IARs who have successfully completed this training will receive referrals from RJLWM. The programs we describe in this document are only available to these IARs.

RJLWM receives a portion of commissions and fees earned by the IARs that are part of BSAN. Your total cost will not increase as a result of this relationship. RJLWM also receives a portion of the program fee for BSAN program accounts.

Currently, the BSAN program consists of three strategies: BSAN Equity Income strategy, BSAN Core Mutual Fund Portfolios strategy, and BSAN Risk Managed Growth strategy. The BSAN program is jointly offered by First Allied and FAAS and all strategies are managed by an affiliate of First Allied and FAAS, First Allied Asset Management ("FAAM"). Information on RJLWM is available to you in the RJLWM disclosure brochure, located at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

Both First Allied and FAAS offer other wrap and non-wrap programs that are described in separate brochures. Your IAR will provide you with the appropriate brochures describing these programs upon your request.

### *First Allied's Background*

First Allied, a New York corporation, is a broker/dealer registered with the Financial Industry Reporting Authority ("FINRA") and a registered investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Being registered does not mean that First Allied is endorsed by any regulatory authority; it simply means that First Allied is required to follow the rules established by FINRA for brokerage business and the SEC for advisory business. Representatives of First Allied's investment adviser are registered to conduct advisory business in each state where clients reside, according to each state's requirements.

First Allied is not a custodian of any accounts. Accounts for the BSAN program are custodied at Pershing, LLC ("Pershing"). Accounts for other wrap and non-wrap programs that we offer are custodied at Pershing, J.P. Morgan Clearing Corp ("JP Morgan"), or other approved custodians. The use of other custodians is limited, and may be allowed on a case by case basis with the approval of our management team.

First Allied primarily conducts trading and clearing services through Pershing and JP Morgan. First Allied is also a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") and the National Futures Association ("NFA").

First Allied was founded in San Diego, CA in 1994. In 2011, First Allied Holdings, Inc. ("FAH") purchased First Allied from Advanced Equities Financial Corp. ("AEFC"), who has owned First Allied since 2005. This transaction is set to be completed on or about November 1, 2011. In the same transaction, FAH acquired several affiliated companies that offer financial products and services (see Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations section of Item 9- Additional Information on page 12 for more information). FAH is owned by Lovell Minnick Partners, LLC ("Lovell Minnick"), an investment firm that focuses on investments in the financial services industry.

### *FAAS' Background*

First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. ("FAAS"), a Delaware corporation, is an investment adviser registered with the SEC. Being registered does not mean that FAAS is endorsed by any regulatory authority; it simply means that FAAS is required to follow the rules established by the SEC. Representatives of FAAS' investment adviser are registered to conduct advisory business in each state where clients reside, according to each state's requirements. Representatives of FAAS may also be registered with FASI's broker/dealer to allow them to offer brokerage products to clients. Compensation for these products is commission based on each transaction executed.

FAAS was founded in 2007. In 2011, First Allied Holdings, Inc. ("FAH") purchased FAAS from AEFC, who has owned FAAS since 2007. This transaction is set to be completed on or about November 1, 2011. In the same transaction, FAH acquired several affiliated companies that offer financial products and services (see Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations section of Item 9- Additional Information on page 12 for more information).

FAAS is not a custodian of any accounts. Accounts for the BSAN program are custodied at Pershing. Accounts for other wrap and non-wrap programs that we offer are custodied at Pershing, Fidelity Investments ("Fidelity") or other approved custodians. The use of other custodians is limited, and may be allowed on a case by case basis with the approval of our management team. The majority of our custodial relationships are through First Allied.

#### *Our Corporate Structure*

Combined, we have approximately 675 investment adviser representatives ("IARs"). Our IARs are independent contractors and business owners. Each IAR is responsible for maintaining his own client relationships. The IARs contract with us to utilize our advisory programs in an effort to help their clients meet financial goals and needs.

You pay us fees for our programs and services. We pay a portion of these fees to your IAR. The IAR's share of the fee may be different for different advisory programs. This presents a conflict of interest for our IARs because they may have an incentive to recommend a certain advisory program. We address this conflict of interest in Item 9- Additional Information, starting on page 10. The fees we retain may also be different between IARs, depending on their agreement with us.

Our back office operations are split between San Diego, CA and Chesterfield, MO. Our IARs have branch offices across the United States. Each of our IARs is supervised by another individual registered with our firm. The supervisor is called a designated registered principal ("DRP") or designated supervisory principal ("DSP"). DRPs are registered individuals that have contracted to work with us, and are often IARs and representatives themselves. DSPs are our employees and are generally located in our home office in San Diego.

#### *Our Principal Officers*

Adam Antoniadis is the Chief Executive Officer of First Allied Securities. He was formerly employed with First Allied Securities as President, CEO and Corporate Secretary from 1994 until 2004. Mr. Antoniadis also served as President of AEFC from 2004 to 2009. Prior to his employment at First Allied, Mr. Antoniadis was employed by Bishop Saxony Corporation as Corporate Secretary and with Berkeley Safe Deposit as Head Currency Trader.

Robert J. Moses is Senior Managing Director and General Counsel for First Allied Securities and General Counsel for AEFC. Mr. Moses has been with First Allied since 1994. Mr. Moses previously held a position as Associate General Counsel of Josephthal & Co. Incorporated, which he joined in 1991.

Mark Quinn joined First Allied as Chief Risk Officer in February, 2010. Prior to joining First Allied, he spent approximately 10 years as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Royal Alliance Associates, Inc., which is a registered broker-dealer and investment adviser.

Vere Reynolds-Hale is First Allied's National Sales Manager and has been with First Allied since October 2007. Mr. Reynolds-Hale previously served as the Executive Vice President of Product Marketing and Development at Summit Brokerage Services and as Vice President of Sponsor Relations at LPL Financial Services.

Tiy O'Neal is the Chief Operations Officer of First Allied and is responsible for back office operations including the areas of brokerage and advisory operations and trading, administration, escalation, integration, technical support and others. Ms. O'Neal has been with First Allied since its inception in 1994.

Donna Bartlett is the Senior Managing Director of Brokerage Compliance at First Allied Securities and serves as the Chief Compliance Officer of First Allied's broker/dealer. She was formerly employed as A.V.P. Compliance with Bishop Saxony Corporation, for four years; and, prior to that as Due Diligence Coordinator of Sentra Securities Corporation. Ms. Bartlett has been with First Allied since its inception in 1994.

Luanne Borowski, Managing Director of Investment Advisory Compliance, has been the Chief Compliance Officer of First Allied's investment adviser since February 2007 and Chief Compliance Officer of First Allied Advisory Services since July 2010. Since February 2007 Ms. Borowski has also served as Chief Compliance Officer of First Allied Asset Management, Inc. Ms. Borowski first joined First Allied as an investment advisory compliance analyst in February 2002. Ms. Borowski previously served as Chief Compliance Officer of Asset Planning Associates, a broker/dealer, and Ken Stern & Associates, a registered investment adviser, from August 2000 until January 2002.

Gregg Glaser was named an Executive Vice President of First Allied in January 2009. Mr. Glaser has been the Chief Financial Officer of AEFC since September 2004. Mr. Glaser formerly served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Independent Brokerage Group of Wachovia Securities.

Joel Marks is Chairman of First Allied Securities and has served in an executive leadership position since 2005. In addition to his responsibility as First Allied's Chairman, Mr. Marks has served as Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of AEFC since July 2004. Mr. Marks previously was a co-founder of JWGenesis Financial Corp. where he served as its Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer until it was acquired by Wachovia Securities in January 2001. Following the Wachovia acquisition, Mr. Marks served as Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Wachovia Securities through May 2002.

Garrett Merrill is the Managing Director of Supervision at First Allied Securities. Mr. Merrill previously held the positions of Vice-President – Director of Supervision and Vice President – West Coast Region for First Allied’s Supervision Department. Prior to joining First Allied, Mr. Merrill previously worked in the accounting and compliance departments at Howe Barnes Investments and served as Second Vice President of Compliance at The Northern Trust Company.

Craig A. Junkins is Senior Managing Director of FAAS and has served as the senior executive of FAAS since its inception in 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Junkins served as the CEO for First Financial Planners, Inc., FFP Securities, Inc. and FFP Advisory Services, Inc. and worked for those two firms since February 2002. Prior to joining First Financial Planners, Inc. and FFP Advisory Services, Inc., Mr. Junkins was an Executive Vice President for AXA Advisors from 1998 to 2001.

Robin H. Rodermund currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of FAAS. Ms. Rodermund has served in that position since September 2008. Ms. Rodermund began working for FFP Securities, Inc. and FFP Advisory Services, Inc. in 1990.

Janice Doza is the Chief Financial Officer of FAAS and has served in that position since June 2008. Ms. Doza also became the Chief Financial Officer of First Allied in March 2011. Ms. Doza previously served as Chief Financial Officer and Controller for FFP Securities, Inc. until 2008. From April 2003 through March 2006 Ms. Doza served as Controller for First Financial Planners, Inc.

#### *Devotion of Resources*

Because First Allied is both a broker/dealer and a registered investment adviser, many of our home office employees devote a portion of their time to broker/dealer activities as well as registered investment adviser activities. Your IAR may also divide his time between broker/dealer activities and advisory activities and have responsibilities to both entities. Depending on your IAR’s individual business mix and client base, he may spend more or less time devoted to broker/dealer activities than other IARs.

In addition to broker/dealer activities and responsibilities, your IAR may also be engaged in one or more outside business activities. These outside activities may or may not be related to the financial services industry.

#### *Our Broker/Dealer Activities*

First Allied’s broker/dealer activities are separate from our investment advisory activities. As a broker/dealer, First Allied places trades for clients for purchases and sales of stocks, bonds, options, mutual funds, variable insurance products and private placements. First Allied sometimes participates in initial public offerings. First Allied offers clients the opportunity to participate in private funding through Advanced Equities, Inc., an affiliated broker/dealer and registered investment adviser.

As a broker/dealer, First Allied buys and sells securities for its own account. First Allied also buys and sells securities on behalf of other clients. First Allied’s main activities include retail and institutional client services. First Allied uses its own execution services for advisory clients and brokerage clients, for accounts custodied at Pershing or JP Morgan.

#### *Our Advisory Activities*

Through our IARs, we offer a variety of investment advisory programs and services for a fee. The following list includes some of our more common offerings:

- Assistance in selecting a portfolio manager
- Ongoing evaluation and review of portfolio managers
- Evaluation and review of portfolio composition
- Management of accounts
- Financial planning
- Consultation on client assets
- Active portfolio management

Portfolio management includes designing a portfolio through buying and selling stocks, bonds, mutual funds, options, managed futures, insurance products, private placements, and other securities. Our employees, including your investment adviser representative may personally buy and sell the same securities that you buy and sell. This conflict of interest is discussed fully in the Code of Ethics section of Item 9- Additional Information, starting on page 10.

Our IARs are permitted to offer you advisory programs that are managed by themselves or by a third-party asset manager (“TPAM”). The TPAM may be a related party or an unrelated party. The wrap programs described in this brochure are all managed by an affiliated TPAM, First Allied Asset Management (“FAAM”).

We take into account your investment goals and needs when recommending any advisory program or service. Our intention is to provide you with programs and services that will help you to meet your goals and needs. We will gather personal information when helping you choose a program or service. This information may include:

- Your investing experience
- How soon you need the money
- Your retirement goals
- Your current financial situation and future needs

- Your annual income
- Your ability to lose money
- Your ability to withstand market fluctuation
- Your personal instructions on how to invest

Please contact your IAR any time this information changes so that your IAR can review your existing accounts to see if any changes need to be made.

We offer both wrap and non-wrap programs. A wrap program is one in which you pay a single “wrapped” fee for both investment advisory and brokerage execution services. This wrap fee is not based on the number of transactions made in your account. It is based on the size of the account(s) we manage for you. Wrap fees are generally higher for similar services than non-wrap fees. If you invest in a non-wrap program, you may be subject to charges for each transaction in addition to the advisory fee. Our non-wrap programs are described in detail in another disclosure document. If you would like information about our non-wrap programs or our other wrap programs, please request this from your IAR.

Certain wrap programs that we offer are described in Item 4- Services, Fees and Compensation, starting on this page. We offer additional wrap programs that are not detailed in this brochure and we also offer several non-wrap programs that are detailed in our Form ADV Part 2A disclosure brochure. Your IAR can provide you with these other brochures upon request. Some non-wrap programs that we offer are similar to the wrap programs that we offer. Your IAR will work with you to decide which program will best serve your needs.

#### *Information on All Advisory Programs*

Regardless of which advisory program or service you choose, your IAR will work with you to collect suitability information that will aid in the creation of recommendations. This suitability information is maintained on internal systems and documents. Your IAR is required to submit the completed suitability information to his supervisor for review and approval.

Custody of all accounts for the BSAN program will be at Pershing. Pershing will provide you with confirmations of all transactions and monthly or quarterly account statements. You may have the option of directing Pershing to not send you confirmations. This suppression will not impact the delivery of account statements.

Regardless of the program chosen, your IAR is responsible for ongoing review of your account(s), regular communication with you, and determining that the portfolio selected is appropriate for you based on your investment objective(s).

## Item 4- Services, Fees and Compensation

### *Fee Overview*

The fees that you pay for advisory programs or services will depend on several different factors. The fees for advisory programs are generally based on the “assets under management.” This means that the account is charged a fee based on the account balance as of a certain date. These fees are negotiable between you and the IAR offering the service.

BSAN program accounts are charged a quarterly advisory fee based on the account’s balance on the last day of each calendar quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31). If the last day of the calendar quarter falls on a day that the New York Stock Exchange is closed, we use the account balance on the last business day of the calendar quarter to calculate the advisory fee. This fee is generally charged in advance (or pre-paid) for the management to be provided over the next calendar quarter. We will only charge you an advisory fee for the portion of a quarter that the account is under management. For new accounts, we will bill the account when it is opened for the remaining days in the quarter. For accounts that are closing, we will automatically credit you back any pre-paid fees for the portion of the quarter remaining after the account is closed. Advisory fees are generally deducted from the account. The account statements you receive from Pershing will reflect the deduction of these fees. Fees are deducted from the client account in the month following quarter end. For some programs, fees may be paid to First Allied by check, as outlined in the advisory agreement. In this case, we will send an invoice to the client for the fees owed.

In the event a deposit of \$5,000 or more on a single day or withdrawal of \$5,000 or more on a single day occurs in a BSAN program account, we will calculate the fee owed or refund due and adjust the normal fee charged at the end of the calendar quarter.

Some assets in your managed account may not be included in the calculation of your advisory fee. Assets that you recently paid a commission on may be exempt from this advisory fee. With approval from our management, we allow you to “hold” the asset in your advisory account, but this asset would not be charged an advisory fee.

If your account is billed on assets under management, the advisory fee is generally split between a program (or platform) fee and a management fee.

### *Program Fees*

The program fee will vary depending on which program or service you select. The program fee is an annual percentage of assets under management, billed quarterly. For the BSAN program, the program fee is split between us, RJLWM, and FAAM. This program fee is not negotiable. However, the program fee may be different based upon your IAR's relationship with First Allied. If your IAR has a different program fee, this will not change the total maximum advisory fee you pay, but it may present a conflict of interest (we address this conflict of interest in Item 9- Additional Information, starting on page 10).

### *Management Fee*

The management fee is paid to the IAR servicing the account. This fee is negotiable and may be different than management fees that are agreed upon for different programs. It may also be different for each client.

### *Total Advisory Fee*

You and your IAR will agree on your total advisory fee for each account prior to establishing the account. At any time, you and your IAR may agree to amend the original fee and submit a new advisory agreement with a different fee schedule. There are maximum allowable advisory fees for each program and we will not allow you to be charged more than this amount. The maximum allowable advisory fee will differ between programs, but is consistent for each IAR. This maximum advisory fee is noted on the investment advisory agreement.

### *Fee Schedules*

Each advisory program has its own fee schedule. The fee schedule will outline the program fee and the management fee. Generally, the management fee is negotiable with your IAR. The program fee is paid to us and is non-negotiable. The amount of your advisory fee, as a percentage, may remain the same regardless of the size of your account, or the percentage may decrease as your account balance increases. Your advisory fee will not increase, as a percentage, as your account balance increases. Fee schedules and other information about account charges for each wrap program we offer is listed here.

### *BSAN Equity Income Strategy*

The BSAN Equity Income strategy invests in highly liquid U.S.-listed securities, including equities, American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and closed-end funds (CEFs). Its primary objective is to offer a balance between current income and future growth, with a bias toward risk management. The portfolio will be comprised of two parts: the first invests in CEFs and ETFs representing both equity and fixed income asset classes and the second invests in individual stocks that have a high current dividend yield plus the potential for dividend growth. Between the two pieces, the goal is to establish a portfolio of approximately 40 positions that is diversified by asset class, sector and size that will generate current income through dividends, interest income and royalty payments plus offer the potential for long-term appreciation. The minimum for Equity Income accounts is \$25,000.

The following table details the fee schedule for Equity Income accounts:

Account Size	Program Fee (annually)	Management Fee (annually)	Total Advisory Fee (annually)
Up to \$250,000	0.65%	1.75%	2.40%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	0.60%	1.30%	1.90%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	0.55%	0.95%	1.50%
\$1,000,001 and over	0.50%	0.75%	1.25%

The Equity Income strategy is also available as a stand-alone program from First Allied under the name Yield Select. The maximum fees and minimum account size are not different between First Allied's Yield Select program and the BSAN Equity Income strategy.

### *BSAN Core Mutual Fund Portfolios Strategy*

The Core Mutual Fund Portfolio strategy features an actively managed portfolio containing a variety of asset classes, including, but not limited to, U.S. stocks, foreign stocks, bonds, and alternative asset classes. The models are designed so that each account holds approximately 10 to 20 mutual funds representing various asset classes. The minimum investment into a Core Mutual Fund Portfolio account is \$15,000.

An account is constructed with both a core and an active component. The allocations adjust with the manager's strategic outlook. The core ensures clients maintain a diverse framework. The active allocation changes as our market outlook changes. The relative sizes of the active and core components are determined by your account's tax-sensitivity. Qualified accounts are managed to maximize the tax deferred nature of the account. Taxable accounts are managed to be as tax efficient as possible.

Four models are available to meet your needs, ranging from a more conservative Growth and Income portfolio, which has an allocation of 40% equities and 60% fixed income, to the Equity Growth portfolio that is allocated to almost 100% equities.

The table below outlines the fee schedule for the Mutual Fund Core Portfolios strategy.

Account Size	Program Fee (annually)	Management Fee (annually)	Total Advisory Fee (annually)
Up to \$250,000	0.45%	2.05%	2.50%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	0.40%	1.60%	2.00%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	0.35%	1.15%	1.50%
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	0.30%	1.00%	1.30%
\$2,000,001 and over	0.25%	1.00%	1.25%

Core Mutual Fund Portfolios strategy is also available as a stand-alone program from First Allied under the name Fund Allocator. The maximum fees and minimum account size are not different between First Allied's Fund Allocator program and the BSAN Core Mutual Fund Portfolios strategy.

#### *BSAN Risk Managed Growth ("RMG") Strategy*

The RMG strategy is intended for investors with an investment horizon of at least 15 years. The RMG strategy aims to invest in a basket of individual stocks and ETFs, providing global exposure to a variety of asset classes, including equity, fixed income, and alternative asset classes. The largest publicly traded U.S. stocks ("large cap stocks") make up the biggest portion of the portfolio. We pick individual stocks based on our research and screening process. The rest of the portfolio consists of ETFs. These ETFs provide you with exposure to smaller U.S. stock holdings, international exposure, and alternative investments. The minimum investment into a Risk Managed Growth account is \$50,000.

RMG accounts are charged fees in accordance with the following fee table:

Account Size	Program Fee (annually)	Management Fee (annually)	Total Advisory Fee (annually)
Up to \$250,000	0.90%	1.50%	2.40%
\$250,001 to \$500,000	0.85%	1.05%	1.90%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	0.75%	0.75%	1.50%
\$1,000,001 and over	0.70%	0.55%	1.25%

## Item 5- Account Requirements and Types of Clients

Most programs we offer have account minimums (if the program requires an account). We offer wrap programs with a minimum as low as \$15,000. If you have questions about the wrap programs not described in this brochure, please ask your IAR to provide you with our other wrap fee brochures.

Each BSAN program strategy has an account minimum, detailed in the previous section and on the investment advisory agreement. We generally will not allow BSAN program accounts that do not meet the minimum to be opened, however we can make exceptions. For BSAN program accounts, FAAM must be willing to manage the account below the minimum.

Our IARs open accounts for individuals, high net worth individuals, banking institutions, pension plans, profit sharing plans, charitable organizations, and other corporations and businesses. The majority of these accounts are opened for individuals not considered high net worth individuals.

## Item 6- Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation

We review each of the managers or platforms that provide the management services that we offer before we allow the manager to be selected in one of our programs. We also conduct an annual review to ensure that the manager is still suitable for our programs. We call this process "due diligence."

Our due diligence process for new programs or managers starts with an initial screening process of a registered investment adviser. This consists of a review of data including the amount of assets under management, the ownership structure, and any regulatory or legal issues. We review an adviser against our guidelines, and as appropriate we start a more thorough review of the adviser. A comprehensive questionnaire is completed by the adviser.

Along with reviewing the questionnaire, a more detailed review of the initial data is conducted, including:

- The ownership structure
- Employees, including investment professionals, marketing and client service staff
- Regulatory, legal and compliance issues of the adviser
- The manager's performance, both current and historical
- In some cases, the investment adviser's financial statements

We have an internal review committee who reviews this information and decides whether the manager will be approved to manage BSAN program accounts.

Our annual review process for existing programs or managers follows the same guidelines as the initial process. However, unless material information is discovered during this annual review, additional approval is not required to continue the relationship with the investment adviser.

FAAM is the only choice for portfolio manager for the BSAN program. By investing in our BSAN program, you are choosing FAAM as the manager who will make investment decisions for your account. Others programs that we offer give you the ability to choose from a suite of managers. These other programs are detailed in separate disclosure brochures that your IAR can provide to you upon request.

## Item 7- Client Information Provided to Portfolio Managers

For most of our programs, the information that we provide to the managers varies depending on the amount of information the manager requests. Non-public information is information about you that is not available to the public. Your social security number, your net worth, and your annual income are examples of non-public information. Public information is information about you that is readily accessible to the public. Public information may include your name, phone number, and address.

Should you select a program in which FAAM, one of our affiliates, serves as the manager, we will provide FAAM with all identifying information about your account, including non-public information.

For all accounts, including those in the BSAN program, your IAR will have access to all of the non-public information you provided when opening the client account. This information is protected in accordance with our Privacy Policy. A copy of our Privacy Policy is available on our website (<http://www.firstallied.com/privacyPolicy.php>). A copy is provided to you after you open an account with us and annually thereafter.

## Item 8- Client Contact with Portfolio Managers

Your IAR serves as the contact point for any questions or changes you have related to your accounts. FAAM is not generally available for you to speak with. However, your IAR may be able to facilitate contact with the manager on your behalf.

## Item 9- Additional Information

### **Conflicts of Interest**

Your IAR may receive a higher percentage of management fees for certain programs. This presents a conflict of interest in that your IAR may benefit from recommending certain programs based on the difference in compensation he receives. To mitigate this conflict of interest, we require that any program you invest in must be suitable for your investment goals and financial needs. In addition, the increased percentage that your IAR may receive for certain programs will not increase the total advisory fee that you pay for those programs.

As mentioned previously, the program fee we charge your IAR for a particular program may vary among our IARs. If your IAR is charged a lower program fee, he may receive higher overall compensation even though you would not pay a higher total advisory fee. This presents a conflict of interest to your IAR because he could recommend a program for which he receives a larger portion of the total fee. One way that we address this conflict is by ensuring that the fees you pay for any program are suitable, regardless of your IAR's fee arrangements.

Some of the programs offered to you through the BSAN program are available to you through other programs. In this case, the account minimum and maximum management fee are the same. However, the breakdown of the overall advisory fee may be different, as may some of the features available to clients of the other programs.

RJLWM is a registered investment adviser owned by a registered representative of First Allied, Raymond J. Lucia, Jr. Mr. Lucia, Jr. is not an IAR of FAAS or First Allied. None of our control persons are control persons of RJLWM; none of RJLWM's control persons are control persons of ours.

### **Performance-Based Fees**

Your IAR is not permitted to charge fees based solely on your account's performance.

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

#### *Types of Risk*

Various types of risk are involved when investing in securities. Economic risk, market risk, currency risk, inflation risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk are examples of the types of risks your account may be subject to.

### *Assessing Risk*

While some types of risk can be mitigated by investment strategies, many of these risks cannot be eliminated completely. Your IAR will work with you to make sure that you are comfortable with the risks associated with the type of investments that are in your account.

### *Risk of Loss*

You should know that all types of securities investing involve risk. Your account value can both increase and decrease over time. You should not invest in any product if you are not prepared to bear a potential loss.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

### *Management Philosophy*

Your BSAN account is managed by FAAM. You can find information on FAAM's methods of analysis and investment strategy by reviewing FAAM's Form ADV Part 2A disclosure brochure, which your IAR will provide to you when this brochure is given to you.

### **Disciplinary Information**

First Allied has been the subject of various regulatory and disciplinary findings by various states and regulatory bodies. The information in this section may impact your decision to do business with us.

In late 2009, the SEC filed an enforcement action against a former First Allied representative. The SEC alleged that the representative engaged in unauthorized and fraudulent trading in two customer accounts. The SEC also alleged that we violated certain SEC rules and that First Allied failed to reasonably supervise this registered representative.

After considering the surrounding circumstances, First Allied determined that it was in its best interests to settle the matter. The alleged rule violations were in connection with First Allied's supervision of the representative and deficiencies in its e-mail system.

As part of the settlement, First Allied agreed to accept a censure and pay disgorgement and interest (approximately \$1.46 million) and a fine (\$500,000). In addition, the SEC's order requires First Allied to cease and desist from committing or causing any future violations of certain books and records provisions. First Allied also agreed to hire an independent consultant to review our policies and procedures and our system for implementing its policies and procedures.

First Allied consented to the issuance of the order without admitting or denying the SEC's findings. A copy of the SEC order is available online at <http://www.sec.gov/litigation/admin/2010/34-61655.pdf>.

In addition to the incident above, at least one of First Allied's IARs has been charged with, but not convicted of, a non-investment related felony in the last ten years; at least one of First Allied's IARs has been charged with and convicted of a non-investment-related misdemeanor charge. First Allied has been censured by multiple state insurance authorities for failure to renew our state insurance licenses. In addition, certain IARs have been censured and suspended by non-SEC regulators for violations related to supervision deficiencies, marketing approval deficiencies, improper disclosure of outside business activities, and continuing education deficiencies. First Allied, as a firm, has also been found to have failed to supervise adequately in certain instances, by the same regulatory bodies. Some of the firms that First Allied has purchased have also been censured by regulatory bodies.

In late 2009, the Securities Division of the state of Indiana found FFP Advisory Services, Inc., and certain principal officers who are now principal officers of FAAS, to be in violation of code 23-2-1 of the Indiana Securities Act. The specific violations involved inadequate and incorrect disclosures for investments in various insurance products. These violations occurred when the principal officers were employed by FFP Advisory Services, Inc., a registered investment adviser. FFP Advisory Services, Inc. was never affiliated with First Allied, FAAS, or AEFC.

After considering the circumstances, FFP Advisory Services, Inc. decided that it was in its best interests to settle the matter with the state of Indiana. As part of the settlement, FAAS agreed to pay a penalty of \$187,500 to the state of Indiana.

In addition to the incident above, certain FAAS IARs have been censured or censured and suspended by non-SEC regulators for violations related to suitability deficiencies, delinquency of payment of state taxes, insurance deficiencies, sales of unregistered securities. In one case, a FAAS IAR's insurance application was denied by a state.

More information on all of these items, and other items not summarized above, can be found on FINRA's BrokerCheck® (<http://brokercheck.finra.org>). Your IAR's disciplinary history can also be viewed on BrokerCheck®.

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

#### *Broker/Dealer Affiliation*

As mentioned previously, First Allied is a dual registrant. A dual registrant is an entity that is both an investment adviser and a broker/dealer. Because First Allied is a dual registrant, many of our officers and principals are engaged in business both with our investment adviser and with our broker/dealer. Some of our officers spend up to 90% of their time on broker/dealer activities, and the remaining 10% on investment advisory activities. Other officers devote 100% of their time to investment advisory activities. In addition, most of our IARs are affiliated with both our registered investment adviser and the broker/dealer.

Because First Allied is both an investment adviser and a broker/dealer, a conflict of interest exists. The conflict involves the determination of whether advisory business (fee-based) or brokerage business (commission) is more suitable for the client. Because most of our IARs can offer both, your IAR could be conflicted about which business to recommend to you. We attempt to mitigate this risk by keeping the investment advisory activities separate from the broker/dealer activities. Ultimately, our IARs will discuss with you which type of business will best help you meet your goals.

#### *Related Financial Industry Entities*

We are also affiliated with other registered investment advisers. Our parent company, AEFC, owns two other investment advisers (besides us):

- Advanced Equities, Inc. ("AEI")
- First Allied Asset Management, Inc. ("FAAM")

We use FAAM as a third-party asset manager in many of our programs. AEI is both a registered investment adviser and a broker/dealer. As a registered investment adviser, we do not have any business dealings with AEI. However, First Allied's broker/dealer does have business dealings with AEI.

A conflict of interest exists due to these affiliations. We attempt to mitigate this risk by ensuring that policies and procedures are in place requiring our IARs to exercise their fiduciary responsibilities when recommending investments to clients. Our IARs' recommendations must only take into account what programs or services are best for clients.

In addition to the firms listed above, AEFC also owns First Allied Retirement Services, Inc. ("FARS"). FARS is a pension administration firm that provides pension services to pension plan sponsors. Neither First Allied nor our IARs receive any compensation for referring clients to FARS. Greenbook Pension Services, Advanced Equities Pension Services, and Associates in Excellence are other names under which FARS operates.

AEFC also owns FASI Insurance Services, Inc. ("FAIS"). FAIS is an insurance general agency that offers insurance products through licensed agents. Most agents offering insurance through FAIS are also First Allied registered representatives.

Our principals, employees and representatives may have responsibilities to any of these listed affiliates. Certain administrative and payroll expenses for employees of any affiliate may be allocated among all of the affiliates. Allocation of these expenses is not determined by assets referred to any affiliate.

Certain affiliates may make markets in securities, and may buy and sell for their own accounts. These affiliates and their personnel may own an interest in or buy or sell for their own accounts, the same securities which may be purchased or sold for the account of advisory clients.

#### *Other Financial Industry Activities*

In addition to the related entities noted above, we also conduct business with other investment advisers that are owned or operated by registered representatives of our affiliated broker/dealer. These investment advisers may enter into a selling agreement with us to offer our programs. We are not responsible for supervising or managing these investment advisers beyond their representatives' activities with First Allied's broker/dealer.

Some of our IARs may work in a bank or credit union locations. We do not supervise any IAR's bank or credit union responsibilities. If the bank or credit union will receive any fees that you pay, our IARs are required to disclose this to you.

In addition to being investment adviser representatives, some of our IARs are also accountants. We do not supervise their accounting activities. Any tax advice you receive from your IAR is part of an outside business activity and is totally separate from the IAR's affiliation with us.

Some of our IARs may be real estate agents. Activities related to real estate are not undertaken as part of the IAR's representation of our investment advisers.

Some of our IARs may be involved in other outside businesses. Activities related to these outside businesses are not undertaken as part of the IAR's representation of our investment advisers. The amount of time that IARs devote to outside business activities varies. Your IAR's outside business activities are reported on the Form ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplement that your IAR will deliver to you when he starts discussing advisory programs and services with you.

We are involved in several industry advocacy groups. These groups generally provide a forum for industry professionals to gather and discuss current and proposed regulations. Our membership in these groups helps us to better educate and supervise our IARs.

#### **Code of Ethics**

##### *Overview*

Pursuant to SEC rule 204A-1, we have adopted a Code of Ethics ("COE") to establish rules of conduct for all supervised persons. Supervised persons are individuals that are associated with our firm who are involved with offering or providing advisory services. Supervised persons may also include our home office employees. Your IAR and all individuals in your IAR's branch office are

supervised persons. The COE recognizes our IARs fiduciary responsibility to clients. The COE instructs our IARs to conduct their affairs in such a manner as to avoid:

- Serving their own interests ahead of clients' interests
- Taking inappropriate advantage of their position
- Engaging in unacceptable actual or potential conflicts of interest

A copy of our COE is available upon request by calling our Compliance department at 800-223-0989.

We do not permit our IARs to solicit for or use discretion in any purchases or sales in a security in which that IAR has a material financial interest.

Our supervised persons may, however, invest in the same securities that the IAR or another supervised person recommends to clients. This presents a conflict of interest. This conflict is mitigated by our COE and Compliance Manual. Our IARs are not permitted to disadvantage clients while trading their own accounts. We also have surveillances in place that allow us to ensure that this conflict is avoided.

Our supervised persons are not permitted to recommend to or use discretion on behalf of clients at or about the same time that the IAR or another supervised person in the IAR's branch office or responsible for supervising the IAR buys or sells the same securities for their own account(s). This presents a conflict of interest. We have established surveillance systems that check trading patterns between supervised persons and clients. These surveillances allow us to ensure that even if a supervised person unintentionally trades in the same security as a client, the client will not be disadvantaged.

### **Brokerage Practices**

#### *Soft Dollar Benefits*

Some firms in the industry receive benefits in exchange for delivering business to a broker/dealer or other third-party. These benefits are known as "soft dollars." Soft dollar benefits are generally defined as benefits (besides normal fees) received from a firm in exchange for doing business with the firm. These benefits may include access to software, hardware, research, and/or office space. We do not receive any soft dollar benefits from choosing the broker/dealer through which we effect trades.

#### *Directed Brokerage*

We do not permit clients to direct us to execute transactions through a specified broker/dealer other than First Allied. Because First Allied is both an investment adviser and a broker/dealer, all client transactions are effected through our broker/dealer relationships. We believe that First Allied allows us to achieve best execution because of their business relationships with Pershing and JP Morgan, our access to First Allied's trading department, our ability to rely on First Allied's financial stability, and First Allied's overall service to us and our IARs. Best execution factors include timeliness of execution, trader expertise, better pricing, and responsiveness. In addition, certain advisory programs are only available through us and our affiliates and these programs allow your IAR to offer you a program or service that you cannot obtain elsewhere.

#### *Aggregation of Client Trades*

We are under no obligation to aggregate trade orders or to average price transactions. For BSAN program accounts, FAAM conducts all the trading and will aggregate trades according to its policies and procedures.

### **Review of Accounts**

As mentioned previously, each of our IARs is supervised by another of our representatives. Advisory accounts are reviewed by an IAR's supervisor. We have created several different electronic surveillances to aid in this supervision. The surveillances include checks for:

- registration status
- loss in equity of accounts
- inappropriate use of discretionary authority
- purchase of low-priced securities
- trading activity in personal accounts
- having an excessive margin balance
- holding a disproportionate amount of a security in an account

Many of these surveillances are run daily and others are run monthly or quarterly. The frequency of the surveillance is determined by the nature of the underlying event. All of the surveillances listed above may not be used on all advisory accounts. We take into account who is managing your advisory account. If one of our IARs is the manager, all of these surveillances will be used. If a TPAM is managing your account, some of these surveillances will not be used.

Your IAR may provide you with reports created by Albridge Wealth Reporting Solutions ("Albridge"). Albridge is a reporting vendor that we have contracted with to enable your IAR to create reports for your accounts.

The custodian of your account will also send you account statements on a monthly or quarterly basis. Although the information we provided in the Albridge reports delivered to you has been retrieved from sources believed to be reliable, we urge you to compare the holdings listed on the custodian's statement to those listed on the Albridge reports we may deliver to you. Should you note any discrepancies, please contact us at 800-223-0989.

### **Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Solicitors are individuals who refer clients to an entity with which the solicitor is not affiliated. Solicitor's arrangements allow individuals to receive compensation for referring a client to us. The compensation paid to a solicitor is a portion of the advisory fee that you pay. All solicitor's arrangements that our IARs are involved in must be approved by our Compliance department.

#### *Solicitors to First Allied*

We have solicitor's arrangements with persons who are not our IARs. If a solicitor is going to receive any portion of the advisory fee that you pay, the solicitor will provide you with disclosure when he refers you to an IAR. You will sign this disclosure, acknowledging this fact. We mitigate any conflicts of interest in relation to these arrangements by ensuring that you will not pay higher fees because of the solicitor's agreement.

#### *First Allied Acting as a Solicitor*

Our IARs have the ability to refer, or "solicit," clients to other investment advisers. Our IARs can solicit advisory business for unaffiliated investment advisers. These unaffiliated investment advisers must be approved by us before any of our IARs are permitted to refer clients to them. If our IARs are soliciting advisory business for any investment adviser, this will be disclosed to you by issuance of a disclosure statement and a written acknowledgement. We mitigate any conflicts of interest in relation to these arrangements by ensuring that you will not pay higher fees because of the solicitor's arrangement. The investment advisers that we solicit to provide a variety of management services, as outlined in each investment adviser's disclosure brochure. In general, they provide management strategies and investment models to advisory clients.

The investment adviser will pay a portion of the advisory fee, as disclosed to you in the written acknowledgement, to us for soliciting clients. We will share a portion of this fee with your IAR. In exchange for this fee, the IAR is providing services including investor profiling, selection of managers, and ongoing account monitoring.

#### *Other Compensation Payable to First Allied*

We offer a wide variety of approved products to our IARs to serve your needs. We have designated a subset of approved products as "Product Sponsors." Product Sponsors offer an assortment of approved products. They also train and educate our registered representatives on products and industry-related topics.

Product Sponsors pay extra compensation to us and our affiliates; however clients do not pay more to purchase these products through us than clients would pay to purchase them elsewhere. This extra compensation is based in part by the total amount of assets that our IARs refer to their products and services. There may be a financial incentive to promote certain products because of this extra compensation. We believe that these relationships do not compromise the advice provided by First Allied registered representatives.

Sometimes we receive payments from firms that are not Product Sponsors to recognize our sales efforts. All companies may pay us in connection with the sale of certain products. They may also pay for training, educational meetings or conferences, and entertainment for our registered representatives, as permitted by industry rules. Additional disclosure and a listing of companies who pay additional compensation to us may be obtained at [www.firstallied.com](http://www.firstallied.com) or by contacting us at 800-223-0989.

Some investments pay higher commissions than others. Commissions on equities are usually greater than those on bonds. Investments in limited partnerships generally pay higher commissions than investments in equities.

### **Custody**

As mentioned in the "Review of Accounts" section, we do not custody your account assets. Your account assets are custodied by an approved custodian, Pershing. Pershing will send you account statements either quarterly or more frequently. You should review the account statements carefully and compare these account statements with any Albridge reports that your IAR may provide to you. Should you note any discrepancies, please contact us at 800-223-0989.

Occasionally, IARs may accept stock certificates from clients and forward them to the broker/dealer for delivery to the client's account with the custodian. Because of this, we meet the regulatory definition of having custody of client securities and are required to hire an independent accounting firm to review our procedures with these certificates. This audit is conducted each year. More information about the results of the audit can be found through the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website, [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov), by selecting "Investment Adviser Firm" and typing our name into the "Firm Name."

We ask that any checks you write for deposit into your BSAN program account be made payable to Pershing.

## **Investment Discretion**

### *Overview*

We do not have discretionary authority over your assets. However, when you invest in our BSAN program, you are granting FAAM full trading authorization.

Full trading authorization allows FAAM to make decisions on your behalf regarding purchases and sales of equities, fixed income products including bonds and certificates of deposit, options, and any other security traded on a national exchange. By signing the BSAN investment advisory agreement you are granting FAAM full trading authorization. We do not have any trading authority over your BSAN account.

### **Voting Client Securities**

We do not accept authority to vote client proxies. However, for BSAN program accounts, FAAM will vote proxies on your behalf in accordance with its policies and procedures. You may revoke FAAM's voting authorization at any time by sending us written instructions naming another person who will vote proxies in the account(s). Information about FAAM's proxy voting policy is available in FAAM's Form ADV Part 2A disclosure brochure that your IAR has provided to you.

## **Financial Information**

### *Prepayment of Fees*

We do not require nor solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. Generally, advisory fees for account management are paid quarterly in advance. For consulting or financial planning, fees are occasionally prepaid more than six months from delivery of services. In these instances, the amount of prepayment will not exceed \$1,200 per client.

### *Our Financial Condition*

We are required to inform you of any financial conditions that are reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to you. Currently, there are no financial conditions that would impair our ability to meet our contractual commitments to you. Should any arise, we will notify you according to SEC guidelines.



## **FORM ADV PART 2A FIRM BROCHURE**

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of First Allied Asset Management, Inc. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact First Allied Asset Management's Compliance department at (800)223-0989. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or by any state securities authority.

First Allied Securities, Inc. is a registered investment adviser. Registration of an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information about First Allied Asset Management, Inc. is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2- Material Changes

You are receiving a copy of this brochure to ensure you have important information to assist you in making investment decisions about the programs and services described in this document. Each year you will receive a summary of material changes that were made to the brochure over the previous year with instructions on how to receive an updated copy of the brochure, if you would like one. You will also receive an updated brochure or summary of material changes whenever important information changes.

The changes that have been made to this document since our annual amendment in March 2011 are summarized below:

- *Name Change*  
On September 15, 2011, Advanced Equities Asset Management filed a Certificate of Amendment with the Delaware Department of Corporations, changing its name to First Allied Asset Management.
- *Ownership Change*  
In August 2011, First Allied Asset Management, Inc. announced an ownership change. First Allied Asset Management, Inc. was purchased by First Allied Holdings, Inc. ("FAH") from Advanced Equities Financial Corp. FAH is owned by Lovell Minnick Partners, LLC, an investment firm that focuses on investments in the financial services industry. In the same transaction, FAH also acquired First Allied Securities, Inc., First Allied Advisory Services, Inc., First Allied Retirement Services, Inc., and FASI Insurance Services, Inc. While the ownership structure has changed for each of these firms, the management structure for each of these firms remains the same. The ownership change for each of these companies is set to be completed on or about November 1, 2011.
- *New Advisory Programs*  
First Allied Securities, Inc. and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. have created new advisory programs for which we serve as the portfolio manager. Though our investment methodology for these programs falls in line with what we have offered previously, these new programs have different features. For more information about all First Allied Securities' and First Allied Advisory Services' advisory programs, please see their disclosure brochures, which are available through your IAR.

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## Item 4- Advisory Business

### *Background*

First Allied Asset Management, Inc. ("FAAM") is an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Being registered does not mean that FAAM is endorsed by any regulatory authority; it simply means that FAAM is required to follow the rules established by the SEC. Representatives of FAAM are registered in every state where the representatives may discuss portfolio management with clients of investment advisers who hire FAAM.

Throughout the remainder of this text, "we," "us," and "our" refers to FAAM.

FAAM was founded in 2006. In 2011, First Allied Holdings, Inc. ("FAH") purchased FAAM from Advanced Equities Financial Corp. ("AEFC"), who has owned FAAM since 2007. This transaction is set to be completed on or about November 1, 2011. In the same transaction, FAH acquired several affiliated companies that offer financial products and services (see Item 10- Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations on page 8 for more information). FAH is owned by Lovell Minnick Partners, LLC ("Lovell Minnick"), an investment firm that focuses on investments in the financial services industry.

Our portfolio management and trading activities are based in Scottsdale, although some of these responsibilities may be conducted by employees located in San Diego, CA, Chesterfield, MO, or Castle Rock, CO.

### *Our Principal Officers*

Robert Holcomb serves as President of FAAM, setting the firm's strategic direction and management priorities. Prior to becoming President of FAAM, and a predecessor firm, Greenbook Investment Management, Mr. Holcomb served as Chief Operating Officer for Thomson Financial's Wealth Management division. Mr. Holcomb has also served as a lead consultant to prominent investment banks such as Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan on many Initial Public Offerings.

Jeff Mindlin is FAAM's Chief Operating Officer, managing day-to-day operations. In this capacity, Mr. Mindlin is responsible for the portfolio management team and its efforts, including portfolio selection, trading, execution, proprietary money management and product development. Prior to joining FAAM, Mr. Mindlin was the Director of Research and Co-Portfolio Manager of Greenbook Investment Management, Inc.

Luanne Borowski has been the Chief Compliance Officer of First Allied Asset Management and First Allied Securities, Inc. since February 2007. Since July 2010, Ms. Borowski has also been the Chief Compliance Officer of First Allied Advisory Services. Ms. Borowski previously served as Chief Compliance Officer of Asset Planning Associates, a broker/dealer, and Ken Stern & Associates, a registered investment adviser, from August 2000 until January 2002.

Frank Campanale has been Chairman and CEO of First Allied Asset Management since February 2008. Mr. Campanale has also been Chairman and CEO of Campanale Consulting Group since December 2003. Mr. Campanale was previously the President and CEO of Salomon Smith Barney, Inc. and the Smith Barney Consulting Group from July 1993 through December 2003.

### *Our Portfolio Management Team*

Craig Columbus serves as Chief Market Strategist of FAAM. Mr. Columbus formerly served as the Chief Market Strategist for Thomson Financial. During this time, he became one of Wall Street's most recognizable figures, appearing each Monday on CNBC's *Power Lunch* program for seven years. He is currently a regular guest on a variety of CNBC shows, including *Kudlow & Company* and *Power Lunch*, among others.

Jeffrey Mindlin serves as FAAM's Chief Operating Officer, managing day-to-day operations. In this capacity, Mr. Mindlin is responsible for the portfolio management team and its efforts, including portfolio selection, trading, execution, proprietary money management and product development. Prior to joining FAAM, Mr. Mindlin was the Director of Research and Co-Portfolio Manager of Greenbook Investment Management, Inc., where he was instrumental in the design of sophisticated, proprietary investment strategies. Before that, he worked as the Assistant Portfolio Manager and Senior Financial Engineer for Pinnacle Investment Advisors, LLC, which operated a hedge fund and a series of managed accounts for institutional and high-net-worth clients, and sub-advised a publicly traded mutual fund. Previously, Mr. Mindlin was the Manager of Financial Engineering at Camelback Research, leading the development of several successful institutional grade quantitative products, including the popular MSN Money StockScouter system.

Thomas Samuelson, CFA, CMT serves as the Chief Investment Officer for FAAM. Previously, Mr. Samuelson served as the Portfolio Manager at Geronimo Partners where he oversaw a family of three hedge funds. He was also the Portfolio Manager at Invesco Funds Group for a diversified long/short fund and a sector energy fund, where he improved the energy fund's Lipper peer group ranking from bottom-quartile to upper-quartile while its assets grew to over \$330 million. Previously, he also served as the President and Portfolio Manager for Denver Energy Advisors, where he managed separate accounts for large institutional clients such as the Notre Dame endowment. Mr. Samuelson received his derivatives experience from Swiss Bank Corp (previously O'Connor & Associates), where he managed proprietary funds for the Bank. He began his career as a high yield bond analyst for Duff & Phelps in Chicago and later became a partner of the firm.

Lon Gerber serves as Co-Portfolio Manager for First Allied Asset Management. Prior to joining FAAM, Mr. Gerber spent over 10 years at Thomson Financial, a leading provider of information and technology solutions to the worldwide financial community. In this capacity, he was responsible for directing analytic product development for the Wealth Management division. During his time at Thomson, Mr. Gerber was highly regarded for his expertise in the area of insider trading analysis and regularly appeared in the financial media, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barrons* and *Forbes*, amongst many others. Mr. Gerber began his career in the banking industry as a financial analyst for Citibank, responsible for revenue forecasting for its U.S. consumer and commercial lending products.

Brian Wright serves as Head Trader and Co-Portfolio Manager for First Allied Asset Management. Mr. Wright has over a decade of industry experience. Previously, he served as Trader with Pinnacle Investment Advisors, where he helped oversee a family of hedge funds, institutional separate accounts, and a publicly traded mutual fund. Mr. Wright was also an Analyst with a boutique research firm, where he focused on forensic accounting and earnings quality-related research. He was one of the first analysts to raise questions about the accounting practices and viability of Krispy Kreme as early as 2003.

Eitan Boral serves as Assistant Portfolio Manager for First Allied Asset Management. Previously, Mr. Boral was an Account Manager with Logical Information Machines ("LIM"), where he worked with traders and analysts at large financial institutions and hedge funds to implement trading strategies using LIM's market research tools.

For more information about our portfolio management team, please refer to the Form ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplements at the end of this brochure.

### *Our Advisory Activities*

We are primarily engaged in the business of providing portfolio management services. We are often hired to manage accounts in programs created by other investment advisers, including affiliated investment advisers.

We do not maintain custody of your accounts. The firms that hire us to manage assets on their behalf enter into relationships with qualified custodians. The majority of the accounts that we manage result from our relationships with our affiliates, First Allied Securities, Inc. ("First Allied") and First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. ("FAAS"). Both First Allied and FAAS are registered investment advisers. First Allied is also a registered broker/dealer and FINRA member.

The relationship between the accounts we manage and you, the client, is maintained by an investment adviser representative ("IAR") that is registered with the investment adviser sponsoring the program. We rely on that IAR to analyze your goals and needs when recommending a program or strategy that we manage.

We use stocks, bonds, mutual funds, options, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), closed-end funds ("CEFs"), and American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs") in the accounts we are hired to manage. Sometimes we are hired to manage variable insurance products.

If you wish to maintain a previously owned security, or not invest in a certain security, we may be able to work with your IAR to place this indicator on your account. The majority of our management is through pre-defined strategies, but certain programs can be customized to meet unique requests.

Occasionally we may be hired to consult for another firm. Consultations are limited to providing advice on portfolio analysis and recommendations.

All of the programs we manage are wrap programs. A wrap program is one in which you pay a single, "wrapped" fee. This wrap fee is not based on the transactions made in your account. As the hired manager for a program, we receive a portion of this wrap fee for our services.

We calculate the amount of assets that we manage every year. As of December 31, 2010, we managed:

- \$745,624,309 in discretionary assets
- \$10,102,386 in non-discretionary assets

Discretionary assets are the assets in accounts that we have the authority to determine what securities to buy or sell. This authority is called a trading authorization and is described in more detail in Item 16- Investment Discretion on page 10. Non-discretionary assets are assets in accounts that we provide recommendations on, as to the purchase or sale of specific securities. We do not place orders to buy or sell non-discretionary assets without first receiving client authorization.

## Item 5- Fees and Compensation

### *Overview*

We are compensated for our management services with a portion of the advisory fee you pay to the firm that you entered into a management agreement with, otherwise known as the "sponsor." The amount of the fee paid to us will depend on several different factors.

The advisory fee you are charged is made of two parts. The first is a “management fee” that is paid to your IAR. The second is a “program fee” that is paid to the investment manager and the sponsor. The fees for advisory programs that we manage are based on the amount of assets under management. This means that the account is charged based on the account balance as of a certain date.

Just as you enter into an agreement with your IAR and/or the program sponsor, we enter into an agreement to manage accounts for a firm. This agreement is called a “subadvisory agreement.” The subadvisory agreement outlines the responsibilities of the various parties to the contract and details the breakdown of the fees paid to each party.

Advisory fees are deducted from your account as outlined in your advisory agreement. You will see one amount deducted from your account. The calculation of which party receives what amount is handled by the party designated in the subadvisory agreement. You will see one fee on the statement provided to you by the account custodian.

### *Program Fees*

The program fee will vary depending on which program or service you select. The program fee is an annual percentage of assets under management, billed quarterly. This program fee is not negotiable. However, the program fee is determined by a variety of factors. The program fee is paid to the program sponsor, but it also includes the fees payable to us, and the portion of the fee owed to the custodian and broker/dealer for their services.

The fees we charge for our management services vary. It is possible that your IAR’s firm will pay more or less than the other firms to which we provide management services. This may result in you paying a higher fee to us than other clients for the same services.

### *Other Fees*

Unless otherwise stated, transactions are effected net of, meaning without, commissions. However, either you or your IAR may designate certain holdings as not eligible to be included in the calculation of the advisory fee. Typically this occurs when your IAR has recently received a commission when you purchased the security.

Depending on the account custodian, you may be charged for the purchase or sale of a security. We do not determine this charge nor receive any portion of it, although our affiliated broker/dealer, First Allied may receive a portion of these charges for accounts that use First Allied as the broker/dealer of record. Mutual funds often charge investors additional advisory or management fees. A portion of these may be passed on to the broker/dealer of your account as mutual fund trailers or for marketing purposes. We do not directly receive any portion of these fees.

Based on the activity in your account, you may pay more or less for a managed account than if you had a brokerage account or an account with a mutual fund company. Your IAR should be able to discuss with you the pros and cons of opening a managed account.

### *Verification of Fees*

You are always responsible for verifying that the fee you are charged is accurate. The custodian will not determine whether the fee is properly calculated. Should you find an error, please contact your IAR immediately.

### *Conflicts of Interest*

We offer our services to several firms; some are affiliated with us, others are owned by registered representatives of First Allied, and others are owned by unaffiliated parties. Some of the firms that hire us may offer similar services under different program names. Our relationship with the various firms that we provide management services to may allow us to enter into agreements with fund companies or product sponsors, such as mutual fund companies, to receive discounted fees. These savings will not affect your total advisory fee, but may provide us with an incentive to work with fund companies or product sponsors that provide such discounts to us.

It’s important to remember that we are receiving a portion of your advisory fee for our services. This may impact the total advisory fee you pay. Some sponsor firms may offer the programs we manage for different fees than other firms. It is up to the sponsor firm to determine the charge to clients. You may be able to receive services similar to those that we offer for different rates.

## Item 6- Performance-Based Fees

Performance-based fees are fees where the firm shares in a percentage of an account’s capital gains and appreciation. We do not offer any programs that charge performance-based fees.

## Item 7- Types of Clients

FAAM provides services to other registered investment advisers. We do not generally contract directly with individual clients. Instead, we are hired by other firms to provide management services to their clients. We mainly provide services to two registered investment advisers that are affiliated with us:

- First Allied Securities, Inc.
- First Allied Advisory Services, Inc.

More information about these two affiliated investment advisers is provided in Item 10- Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations on page 8.

We also provide services to registered investment advisers owned by individuals affiliated with First Allied's broker/dealer and registered investment advisers owned by unaffiliated entities. Minimum investment amounts are established by the firm that has contracted with us to provide services.

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

### *Types of Risk*

Various types of risk are involved when investing in securities. Economic risk, market risk, currency risk, inflation risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk are examples of the types of risks your account may be subject to.

### *Assessing Risk*

While some types of risk can be mitigated by investment strategies, many of these risks cannot be eliminated completely. Your IAR will work with you to make sure that you are comfortable with the risks associated with the type of investments that are in your account. It is important to make sure that you understand these risks.

For accounts investing in structured products or options, you will be provided additional disclosures by your IAR that explain the unique risks of these complex products.

### *Risk of Loss*

You should know that all types of securities investing involve risk. Your account value can both increase and decrease over time. You should not invest in any product if you are not prepared to bear a potential loss.

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

### *Management Style*

Our management style is based on our attitude toward risk management. We aim for low risk. We seek to protect our client's investment and help it grow more effectively. Our goal is to lose less in a 'down' market but this typically means we will not gain as much in an 'up' market. We believe that markets change over time. We actively research market movement and adjust our strategies accordingly. Active management is not about being invested or not. It is about playing offense and defense by selectively overweighting or underweighting certain asset classes. Our diverse strategies give you access to invest in a variety of asset classes. This approach allows us to change our weightings across industries as we see fit.

Our research process starts broadly. We use a combination of mathematical analysis and in-depth research to identify investment ideas. We have sophisticated tools that help us measure how our models compare with our outlook for the market.

### *Methods of Analysis*

Our method of analysis stems from our philosophies of risk management and an active approach that is guided by the multi-disciplinarian portfolio management team. Our portfolio managers have diverse backgrounds with highly specialized expertise in quantitative modeling, global macro analysis, politics, technical analysis, derivatives, and forensic accounting. Our method of analysis thus draws from these tools, but may vary based on the specific strategy and objective. For broader asset allocation strategies, we primarily take a top-down view of the world to determine areas to invest and areas to avoid. This analysis includes:

- Technical assessment of price, seasonality, and relative relationships
  - One risk inherent in technical analysis is that it relies on historical data to make predictions of future price movements which may not always follow historical patterns
- Fundamental and valuation analysis of historic and relative value and growth
  - Risks inherent in using this type of analysis include overlooking what is happening to the larger domestic or global economic environment when analyzing a particular security or industry
- Economic factors that might contribute to movement of the asset class
  - Risks inherent in using this type of analysis include unforeseen price fluctuations of individual securities or industries that are not related to the overall domestic or global economic environment

For stock selection strategies, we typically start with a forensic accounting filter used to identify potential accounting red flags. We then analyze the financial statements and other publicly available information to evaluate the firm relative to its peers. Technical analysis may be used to determine entry triggers, or good times to purchase the security. Our macro analysis can lead to sector or style over-investment (in relation to our strategy's optimal allocation) as well as relative risk targets.

For all of our programs, we rely on our internal analysis as well as investment research that is provided by unrelated parties.

## *Investment Strategies*

The following strategies are offered to the firms that hire us as a manager:

- ETF Select
- Yield Select
- U.S. Large Cap Select
- 401(k) Select
- Private Client Services
- Fund Allocator
- One Account Select
- Risk Managed Growth

We offer portfolio management services to some of the programs listed under different names through different firms, but the underlying strategies are the same. Not all firms that hire us as portfolio manager offer all of the programs listed above. Some firms may require that IARs engage in additional training prior to offering certain programs.

## Item 9- Disciplinary Information

FAAM has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions by any regulator or entity. However, some of our affiliated investment advisers have been the subject of various regulatory and disciplinary findings by various states and regulatory bodies. Please see our affiliates' disclosure document(s) for information relating to these events.

## Item 10- Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

### *Related Financial Industry Entities*

We are also affiliated with other registered investment advisers. Our parent company, AEFC, owns three other investment advisers:

- Advanced Equities, Inc. ("AEI")
- First Allied Advisory Services ("FAAS")
- First Allied Securities, Inc. ("First Allied")

First Allied and AEI are dual registrants. This means that First Allied and AEI are entities that are both investment advisers and broker/dealers.

We work closely with both First Allied and FAAS. We are the subadviser for several programs sponsored by First Allied and FAAS. AEI is both a registered investment adviser and a broker/dealer and, through a solicitor's agreement with FAAS, AEI's IARs are permitted to offer certain programs for which we act as the portfolio manager that are sponsored by FAAS.

In addition to the firms listed above, AEFC also owns First Allied Retirement Services, Inc. ("FARS"). FARS is a pension administration firm that provides pension services to pension plan sponsors. Neither FAAM nor our IARs receive any compensation for referring clients to FARS. Greenbook Pension Services, Advanced Equities Pension Services, and Associates in Excellence are other names under which FARS operates.

AEFC also owns FASI Insurance Services, Inc. ("FAIS"). FAIS is an insurance general agency that offers insurance products through licensed agents. Most agents offering insurance through FAIS are also First Allied registered representatives.

Our principals, employees and representatives may have responsibilities to any of these listed affiliates. Certain administrative and payroll expenses for employees of any affiliate may be allocated among all of the affiliates. Allocation of these expenses is not determined by assets referred to any affiliate.

Certain affiliates may make markets in securities, and may buy and sell for their own accounts. These affiliates and their personnel may own an interest in or buy or sell for their own accounts, the same securities which may be purchased or sold for the account of advisory clients.

### *Other Financial Industry Activities*

In addition to the related entities noted above, we also conduct business with other RIAs that are owned or operated by registered representatives of our affiliated broker/dealer, First Allied and other, non-related parties. We have been hired by some of these investment advisers to act as a portfolio manager to some or all of their advisory programs.

## Item 11- Code of Ethics

### *Overview*

Pursuant to SEC rule 204A-1, we have adopted a Code of Ethics (“COE”) to establish rules of conduct for all supervised persons. Supervised persons are individuals that are associated with our firm who are involved with offering or providing advisory services, including managing portfolios. The COE recognizes our portfolio managers’ fiduciary responsibility to clients. The COE instructs our portfolio managers to conduct their affairs in such a manner as to avoid:

- Serving their own interests ahead of clients’ interests
- Taking inappropriate advantage of their position
- Engaging in unacceptable actual or potential conflicts of interest

A copy of our COE is available upon request by calling our Compliance department at 800-223-0989.

Our portfolio managers are required to get preclearance for their personal trading activities. This means that a portfolio manager must have any potential trades reviewed by a member of our management prior to buying or selling any security for his personal account. The fact that our portfolio managers can trade in their own accounts presents a conflict of interest. This conflict is mitigated by our COE and Compliance Manual. We also do a post-trade review to ensure that our policies are being followed.

## Item 12- Brokerage Practices

### *Soft Dollar Benefits*

Some firms in the industry receive benefits in exchange for delivering business to a broker/dealer or other third-party. These benefits are known as “soft dollars” Soft dollar benefits are generally defined as benefits (besides normal fees) received from a firm in exchange for doing business with the firm. These benefits may include access to software, hardware, research, and/or office space. We do not currently receive any soft dollar benefits for choosing the broker/dealer through which we effect trades.

### *Directed Brokerage*

We do not permit clients to direct us to execute transactions through a specified broker/dealer other than First Allied or National Financial Services (“Fidelity”). We rely on the relationship established by our affiliated entities to determine where we execute our transaction. We believe that First Allied allows us to achieve best execution because of their business relationships with Pershing and Fidelity, our access to First Allied’s trading department, our ability to rely on First Allied’s financial stability, and First Allied’s overall service. Best execution factors include timeliness of execution, trader expertise, better pricing, and responsiveness.

### *Aggregation of Client Trades*

When we trade for the accounts for which we are hired as a subadviser, we aggregate trades when appropriate. Aggregating trades is generally defined as “bunching” or combining trade orders for the same securities. Aggregating trades will not affect the transaction charges on such transactions. When an aggregated trade order cannot be filled completely, we will generally attempt to provide each account involved in the aggregation a proportional number of shares, based upon the original order size.

In certain circumstances proportionately allocating an order that has not been filled entirely may not be in the best interest of each client. In these instances we will allocate the shares among the clients in a manner we believe to be fair to each client.

We are under no obligation to aggregate trade orders or to average-price transactions.

## Item 13- Review of Accounts

Our philosophy rests in the idea of an active management style. This means that we want to adjust our models to be in alignment with changing market conditions. We review the models throughout each business day, to make sure they are in line with our outlook.

Our Investment Committee reviews all models frequently to ensure that the model is consistent with the strategy’s objective.

## Item 14- Client Referrals and Other Compensation

All of our clients are firms, not individuals. These firms contract with the IARs that service your account.

We, and our affiliates, may receive payments from product sponsors, including mutual fund companies. These payments may provide us with software, training, and conference support.

## Item 15- Custody

As mentioned previously, we do not custody account assets. Account assets are custodied by an approved custodian selected by the program sponsor, usually either Pershing or Fidelity. The custodian of your account will send you account statements. These statements will be sent to you either quarterly or more frequently. You should review the account statements carefully and compare these account statements with the reports that may be sent to you by the program sponsor. Should you note any discrepancies, please contact our Compliance department at 800-223-0989.

To facilitate client transactions, First Allied accepts custody of client securities and deposits and forwards them to the approved custodian. This service gives First Allied custody. Because of an affiliate having custody, we have hired an accounting firm to conduct an annual audit of our procedures.

## Item 16- Investment Discretion

We do not have discretion over your assets. However, when you invest in an account for which we serve as the portfolio manager, we maintain a full trading authorization. Full trading authorization gives us the authority to place trades in your account based on our judgment. We will not remove funds or securities from your account.

## Item 17- Voting Client Securities

We vote proxies for the accounts that we are hired to manage. This authority is detailed in the account agreement you sign. We vote proxies in a manner that we believe is in your best interest.

In the event that a proxy proposal creates a conflict of interest between our interests and yours, we will obtain your consent to vote the proxy in a specific manner. When seeking your consent, we will provide you with sufficient information about the matter and the conflict to help you make an informed decision. Should you not respond to such a request, we will not vote the shares held by your account for the proposal in question. If you deny our request to vote the proxy a certain way, we will vote according to any instructions you provide to us.

We may refrain from voting proxies, if this is in your best interest.

Please contact us for a list of any proxies we have voted on your behalf, which details how we voted.

## Item 18- Financial Information

### *Prepayment of Fees*

We do not require nor solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. Generally, advisory fees for account management are paid to the program sponsor quarterly in advance.

### *FAAM's Financial Condition*

We are required to inform you of any financial conditions that are reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to you. Currently, there are no financial conditions that would impair our ability to meet our contractual commitments to you. Should any arise, we will notify you according to SEC guidelines.



## **FORM ADV PART 2B BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT**

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Jeffrey Mindlin  
Thomas Samuelson  
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This brochure supplement provides information about the investment adviser representatives listed above that supplements the First Allied Asset Management, Inc. Form ADV brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact First Allied Asset Management's Compliance department at (800)223-0989 if you did not receive that brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement. The information in this supplement has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about the investment adviser representatives listed above is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## **Craig Columbus**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Craig Columbus was born in 1967. Mr. Columbus attended Indiana University-Bloomington and graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in Law in 1992. Mr. Columbus also attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree and he attended Loyola University-Chicago and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Columbus' business experience for the last five years includes:

- 2006-present First Allied Asset Management, Chief Market Strategist
- 2004-2008 Greenbook Investment Management, Chief Market Strategist

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Columbus to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Columbus serves as the Chair of the Entrepreneurship program at Grove City College and as the Executive Director at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Grove City College. Mr. Columbus spends more than 10 percent of his time acting in these capacities.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Columbus does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Columbus gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Columbus is supervised by Robert Holcomb, President of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (619)819-9026.

## **Jeffrey Mindlin, CFA<sup>®</sup>**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Jeffrey Mindlin was born in 1979. Mr. Mindlin attended Arizona State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and Finance in 2001.

#### *Professional Designations*

Mr. Mindlin currently holds the Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>™</sup> (CFA<sup>®</sup>) designation. The CFA<sup>®</sup> designation is offered by the CFA<sup>®</sup> Institute (formerly the Association for Investment Management and Research [AIMR]). To obtain the CFA<sup>®</sup> charter, candidates must successfully complete three difficult examinations and gain at least three (3) years of qualifying work experience, among other requirements. In passing these examinations, candidates demonstrate their competence, integrity and extensive knowledge in accounting, ethical and professional standards, economics, portfolio management and security analysis.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Mindlin's business experience for the past five years includes:

- 2006-present First Allied Asset Management, Chief Operating Officer
- 2005-2008 Greenbook Investment Management, Director of Research/Co-Portfolio Manager

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Mindlin to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Mindlin is not engaged in any outside business activities applicable to this item.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Mindlin does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Mindlin gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Mindlin is supervised by Robert Holcomb, President of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (619)819-9026.

## **Thomas Samuelson CFA<sup>®</sup>, CMT**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Thomas Samuelson was born in 1960. Mr. Samuelson attended The University of Tulsa and graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree in 1984 and a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering.

#### *Professional Designations*

Mr. Samuelson currently holds the Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>™</sup> (CFA<sup>®</sup>) designation. The CFA<sup>®</sup> designation is offered by the CFA<sup>®</sup> Institute (formerly the Association for Investment Management and Research [AIMR]). To obtain the CFA<sup>®</sup> charter, candidates must successfully complete three difficult examinations and gain at least three (3) years of qualifying work experience, among other requirements. In passing these examinations, candidates demonstrate their competence, integrity and extensive knowledge in accounting, ethical and professional standards, economics, portfolio management and security analysis.

Mr. Samuelson also holds the Chartered Market Technician (CMT) designation. The CMT Program is a certification process in which candidates are required to demonstrate proficiency in a broad range of technical analysis subjects. Administered by the Accreditation Committee of the Market Technicians Association (MTA), Inc., the Program consists of three levels. CMT Level 1 and CMT Level 2 are multiple choice exams while CMT Level 3 is in essay form. Candidates for the CMT designation must complete all three levels of the CMT Exam and must be employed in a professional analytical or investment management capacity for a minimum period of 3 years.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Samuelson's business experience for the past five years includes:

- 2006-present First Allied Asset Management, Chief Investment Officer/Portfolio Manager
- 2005-2008 Greenbook Investment Management, Chief Investment Officer/Portfolio Manager

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Samuelson to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Samuelson is not engaged in any outside business activities applicable to this item.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Samuelson does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Samuelson gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Samuelson is supervised by Jeffrey Mindlin, Chief Operating Officer of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (866)299-4864.

## **Brian Wright, CFA<sup>®</sup>**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Brian Wright was born in 1975. Mr. Wright attended Boston University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics in 1997.

#### *Professional Designations*

Mr. Wright currently holds the Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>™</sup> (CFA<sup>®</sup>) designation. The CFA<sup>®</sup> designation is offered by the CFA<sup>®</sup> Institute (formerly the Association for Investment Management and Research [AIMR]). To obtain the CFA<sup>®</sup> charter, candidates must successfully complete three difficult examinations and gain at least three (3) years of qualifying work experience, among other requirements. In passing these examinations, candidates demonstrate their competence, integrity and extensive knowledge in accounting, ethical and professional standards, economics, portfolio management and security analysis.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Wright's business experience for the past five years includes:

- 2006-present                      First Allied Asset Management, Head Trader/Co-Portfolio Manager
- 2005-2008                        Greenbook Investment Management, Head Trader/Co-Portfolio Manager

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Wright to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Wright is not engaged in any outside business activities applicable to this item.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Wright does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Wright gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Wright is supervised by Jeffrey Mindlin, Chief Operating Officer of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (866)299-4864.

## **Lon Gerber**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Lon Gerber was born in 1967. Mr. Gerber attended Pennsylvania State University and graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree in 1994. Previously, Mr. Gerber attended Binghamton University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Gerber's business experience for the past five years includes:

- 2007-present First Allied Asset Management, Co-Portfolio Manager
- 2007-2008 Greenbook Investment Management, Co-Portfolio Manager
- 1996-2007 Thomson Financial, Vice President/Director of Research

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Gerber to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Gerber is not engaged in any outside business activities applicable to this item.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Gerber does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Gerber gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Gerber is supervised by Jeffrey Mindlin, Chief Operating Officer of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (866)299-4864.

## **Eitan Boral**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Eitan Boral was born in 1981. Mr. Boral attended the University of Wisconsin and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Philosophy in 2004.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Boral's business experience for the past five years includes:

- 2008-present First Allied Asset Management, Assistant Portfolio Manager
- 2005-2007 Logical Information Machines, Account Manager

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Boral to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Boral is not engaged in any outside business activities applicable to this item.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Boral does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Boral gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Boral is supervised by Jeffrey Mindlin, Chief Operating Officer of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (866)299-4864.

## **Collin Martin**

### **Item 2- Educational Background and Business Experience**

#### *Educational Background*

Collin Martin was born in 1981. Mr. Martin attended The Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Real Estate and Urban Analysis in 2004.

#### *Business Experience*

Mr. Martin's business experience for the past five years includes:

- 2011-present First Allied Asset Management, Investment Consultant
- 2007-2011 First Allied Securities, Quality Assurance Specialist

### **Item 3- Disciplinary Information**

First Allied Asset Management discloses facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that it deems to be material to a client's consideration of Mr. Martin to act as their investment adviser representative. First Allied Asset Management is not aware of any events applicable to this item.

### **Item 4- Other Business Activities**

Mr. Martin is not engaged in any outside business activities applicable to this item.

### **Item 5- Additional Compensation**

Mr. Martin does not receive an economic benefit from any non-client for the provision of advisory services.

### **Item 6- Supervision**

Mr. Martin gives investment advice to clients by selecting investments or creating methodology for the various programs for which First Allied Asset Management is the portfolio manager. Mr. Martin is supervised by Jeffrey Mindlin, Chief Operating Officer of First Allied Asset Management, who can be reached at (866)299-4864.