

**ITEM 1. COVER PAGE FOR  
PART 2A APPENDIX 1 OF FORM ADV:  
WRAP FEE PROGRAM BROCHURE  
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**Additional information about Guardian Asset Advisors, LLC also is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) .**

**Please note that the use of the term “registered investment adviser” and description of Guardian Asset Advisors, LLC and/or our associates as “registered” does not imply a certain level of skill or training. You are encouraged to review this Brochure and Brochure Supplements for our firm's associates who advise you for more information on the qualifications of our firm and its employees.**

**ITEM 2. MATERIAL CHANGES TO PART 2A APPENDIX 1**  
**(WRAP FEE PROGRAM BROCHURE) OF OUR FORM ADV:**

**Guardian Asset Advisors, LLC** is required to advise you of any material changes to our Wrap Fee Program Brochure (“Wrap Brochure”) from our last annual update, identify those changes on the cover page of our Wrap Brochure or on the page immediately following the cover page, or in a separate communication accompanying our Wrap Brochure. We must state clearly that we are discussing only material changes since the last annual update of our Wrap Brochure, and we must provide the date of the last annual update of our Wrap Brochure.

Please note we do not have to provide this information to a client or prospective client who has not received a previous version of our Wrap Brochure. The following material changes have been made:

As of December, 2011 our firm has changed the fee schedule for our Asset Management Wrap Fee Program. The updated fee schedule has been disclosed in Item 4A(i) of this Brochure.

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#### **Item 4 - Services, Fees and Compensation**

- A. Description of our services, including the types of portfolio management services, provided under each program. We must indicate the wrap fee charged for each program, or, if fees vary according to a schedule, provide such schedule. Further, we are required to indicate whether fees are negotiable and identify the portion of the total fee, or range of fees, paid to portfolio managers.

We offer wrap fee programs as described in this Wrap Fee Program Brochure. Our wrap fee accounts are managed on an individualized basis according to the client's investment objectives, financial goals, risk tolerance, etc.

(i) Our Asset Management Wrap Fee Program:

We emphasize continuous and regular account supervision. As part of our asset management service, we generally create a portfolio, consisting of individual stocks or bonds, exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), options, mutual funds and other public and private securities or investments. The client's individual investment strategy is tailored to their specific needs and may include some or all of the previously mentioned securities. Each portfolio will be initially designed to meet a particular investment goal, which we determine to be suitable to the client's circumstances. Once the appropriate portfolio has been determined, we review the portfolio at least quarterly and if necessary, rebalance the portfolio based upon the client's individual needs, stated goals, and objectives. Each client has the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in the portfolio.

Our Asset Management Wrap Fee Program Fee Schedule:

| <b>Portfolio Value</b>           | <b>Annual Fee*</b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Up to \$99,999.99                | 2.75%              |
| \$100,000.00 to \$249,999.99     | 2.50%              |
| \$250,000.00 to \$749,999.99     | 1.90%              |
| \$750,000.00 to \$1,249,999.99   | 1.75%              |
| \$1,250,000.00 to \$1,749,999.99 | 1.50%              |
| \$1,750,000.00 +                 | 1.30%              |

\*Our firm's fees are generally negotiable. Further, our firm's fees are billed on a pro-rata annualized basis quarterly in advance based on the value of your account on the last day of the previous quarter.

- B. Explanation that a wrap fee program may cost you more or less than purchasing such services separately and description of the factors that bear upon the relative cost of the program, such as the cost of the services if provided separately and the trading activity in your account(s).

A wrap fee programs allows our clients to pay a specified fee for investment advisory services and the execution of transactions. The advisory services may include portfolio management, and the fee is not based directly upon transactions in your account. Your fee is bundled with our costs for executing transactions in your account(s). This results in a higher advisory fee to you. We do not charge our clients higher advisory fees based on their trading activity, but you should be aware that we may have an incentive to limit our trading activities in your account(s) because we are charged for executed trades. By participating in a wrap fee program, you may end up paying more or less than you would through a non-wrap fee program where a lower advisory fee is charged, but trade execution costs are passed directly through to you by the executing broker.

- C. Description of any fees that you may pay in addition to a wrap fee, and description of the circumstances under which you may pay these fees, including, if applicable, mutual fund expenses and mark-ups, mark-downs, or spreads paid to market makers.

You may pay custodial fees, charges imposed directly by a mutual fund, index fund, or exchange traded fund which shall be disclosed in the fund's prospectus (i.e., fund management fees and other fund expenses), mark-ups and mark-downs, spreads paid to market makers, wire transfer fees and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. These fees are not included within the wrap-fee you are charged by our firm.

- D. If someone recommending a wrap fee program to you, receives compensation as a result of your participation in the program, we must disclose this fact. Further, we are required to explain, if applicable, that the amount of the compensation may be more than what the person would receive if you participated in our other wrap fee program or paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other services. Finally, we must explain that someone recommending a wrap fee program may have a financial incentive to recommend the wrap fee program over other programs or services.

Our investment advisory representatives receive a portion of the advisory fee that you pay us, either directly as a percentage of your overall fee or as their salary from our firm. In cases where our investment advisory representatives are paid a percentage of your overall advisory fee, this may create an incentive to recommend that you participate in a wrap fee program rather than a non-wrap fee program (where you would pay for trade execution costs) or brokerage account where commissions are charged. This is because, in some cases, we may stand to earn more compensation from advisory fees paid to us through a wrap fee program arrangement if your account is not actively traded.

### **Item 5 - Account Requirements and Types of Clients**

We impose the following requirement(s) to open or maintain an account:

- We require a set up fee of \$75 per account for our asset management service.
- We generally charge a minimum annual fee of \$600 for our asset management service per household client.

Types of clients we typically manage wrap fee accounts on behalf of, include:

- Individuals;
- Trusts, Estates or Charitable Organizations;
- Pension and Profit Sharing Plans;
- Corporations, limited liability companies and/or other business types.

### **Item 6 - Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation**

- A. Description of how our firm selects and reviews portfolio managers, our basis for recommending or selecting portfolio managers for particular clients, and our criteria for replacing or recommending the replacement of portfolio managers for the program and for particular clients.

Our firm does not utilize outside portfolio managers. All accounts are managed by our in-house professionals

- 1) Standards we use to calculate portfolio manager performance, such as industry standards or standards used solely by our firm.

Our firm utilizes the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) as established and maintained by the CFA Institute. GIPS® is a standardized, industry-wide ethical principles that provide investment firms with guidance on how to calculate and report their investment results to prospective and existing clients. Performance calculations may not comply with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and are only an approximation of performance. These calculations have not been verified or audited by GAA for accuracy. Please note that returns are net of fees and expenses.

- 2) Indication of whether we review, or whether any third-party reviews, performance information to determine or verify its accuracy or its compliance with presentation standards. If so, we must briefly describe the nature of the review and the name of any third party conducting the review.

We do not review performance information or hire third parties to do so, in order to determine or verify its accuracy or compliance with presentation standards.

- 3) If applicable, an explanation that neither our firm nor a third-party reviews portfolio manager performance information, and/or that performance information may not be calculated on a uniform and consistent basis.

Our firm does not review performance information from portfolio managers and we do not hire party firms to do so. As a result, performance information may not be calculated on a uniform and consistent basis.

- B. Disclosure of whether our firm or any related persons act as a portfolio manager for a wrap fee program described in the wrap fee program brochure. We must explain the conflicts of interest that we face because of this arrangement and describe how we address these conflicts of interest. Further, we must disclose whether related person portfolio managers are subject to the same selection and review as the other portfolio managers that participate in the wrap fee program. If they are not, we must describe how we select and review related person portfolio managers.

Our firm and its related persons act as portfolio manager(s) for the wrap fee program(s) previously described in this Wrap Fee Program Brochure. This may create a conflict of interest in that other investment advisory firms may charge the same or lower fees than our firm for similar services. Our related person portfolio managers are not subject to the same selection and review as outside portfolio managers that participate in the wrap fee program. This is because we have chosen not to utilize outside portfolio managers.

- C. If our firm, or any of our supervised persons covered under or investment adviser registration, act as a portfolio manager for a wrap fee program described in the wrap fee program brochure, we must respond to Items 4.B, 4.C, 4.D (Advisory Business), 6 (Performance-Based Fees and Side- By-Side Management), 8.A (Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss) and 17 (Voting Client Securities) of Part 2A of Form ADV (Firm Brochure).

Our firm and supervised persons do act as portfolio manager(s) for a wrap fee program described in this Wrap Fee Program Brochure.

- (i) Advisory Business:

See Item 4 of this Wrap Fee Program Brochure for information about our wrap fee advisory programs.

- (ii) Individual Tailoring of Advice to Clients:

We offer individualized investment advice to clients utilizing the following services offered by our firm: Asset Management.

(iii) Ability of Clients to Impose Restrictions on Investing in Certain Securities or Types of Securities:

We manage our clients accounts on the basis of our client's financial situation and objectives. Additionally, at the opening of the account, our clients have the ability to impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities or types of securities. The restrictions are limited to the following services: Asset Management. We do not manage assets through our other services.

(iv) Participation in wrap fee programs.

Our wrap fee and non-wrap fee accounts are managed on an individualized basis according to the client's investment objectives, financial goals, risk tolerance, etc. We do not manage wrap fee accounts in a different fashion than non-wrap fee accounts.

(v) Performance-based fees and side-by-side management.

We do not charge performance fees to our clients.

**Methods of analysis, investment strategies and risk of loss.**

Description of the methods of analysis and investment strategies we use in formulating investment advice or managing assets.

Methods of Analysis:

- Charting;
- Fundamental;
- Technical;
- Cyclical;
- Other: In conducting the analysis of securities, our firm uses a number of tools, including commercially available software technology, securities rating services, general market and financial information, due diligence reviews and specific investment analysis requested by the client. The principal sources of information include financial newspapers, various reports of mutual fund performance, prospectuses, and various financial and business magazines, periodicals and issuer-prepared information, including filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and financial statements. We may also use outside consultants in certain circumstances to provide expertise as to particular areas of information or analysis. Our firm's investment strategy used to implement our investment advice includes the purchase or sale of specific securities and non-securities products and/or, in certain circumstances, the recommendation as to the retention by the client of a separate account manager.



Investment Strategies we use:

- Long term purchases (securities held at least a year);
- Short term purchases (securities sold within a year);
- Trading (securities sold within 30 days).

**Please note:**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that *clients* should be prepared to bear. While the stock market may increase and your account(s) could enjoy a gain, it is also possible that the stock market may decrease and your account(s) could suffer a loss. It is important that you understand the risks associated with investing in the stock market, are appropriately diversified in your investments, and ask us any questions you may have.

**Voting client securities.**

- A. If we have, or will accept, proxy authority to vote *client* securities, we must briefly describe our voting policies and procedures, including those adopted pursuant to SEC Rule 206(4)-6.

We do not and will not accept the proxy authority to vote client securities. Clients will receive proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent.

**Item 7 - Client Information Provided to Portfolio Manager(s)**

We are required to describe the information about you that we communicate to your portfolio manager(s), and how often or under what circumstances we provide updated information. Our firm communicates with your portfolio manager(s) on a regular basis as needed (daily, weekly, monthly, etc) to ensure your most current investment goals and objectives are understood by your portfolio manager(s). In most cases, we will communicate such information as part of our regular investment management duties. Nevertheless, we will also communicate information to your portfolio manager(s) when you ask us to, when market or economic conditions make it prudent to do so, etc.

**Item 8 - Client Contact with Portfolio Manager(s)**

Clients are always free to directly contact their portfolio manager(s) with any questions or concerns they have about their portfolios or other matters.

## **Item 9 - Additional Information**

A. We are required to respond to: 1. Item 9 (Disciplinary Information); and 2. Item 10 (Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations) of Part 2A of Form ADV.

1. We have determined that our firm and management have no disciplinary information to disclose.

2. Our Managed persons are Registered Representatives and Investment Adviser Representatives of National Planning Corporation (“NPC”) or NPC of America (in the states of Florida and New York), member FINRA/SIPC.

We are required to respond to: 1. Items 11 (Code of Ethics or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading); 2. Item 13 (review of Accounts); 3. Item 14 (Client Referrals and Other Compensation); and 4. Item 18 (Financial Information) of Part 2A of Form ADV, as applicable to our wrap fee clients.

### **1. Code of ethics, participation or interest in client transactions and personal trading.**

Brief description of our Code of Ethics adopted pursuant to SEC rule 204A-1 and offer to provide a copy of our Code of Ethics to any *client* or prospective *client* upon request.

We recognize that the personal investment transactions of members and employees of our firm demand the application of a high Code of Ethics and require that all such transactions be carried out in a way that does not endanger the interest of any client. At the same time, we believe that if investment goals are similar for clients and for members and employees of our firm, it is logical and even desirable that there be common ownership of some securities.

Therefore, in order to prevent conflicts of interest, we have in place a set of procedures (including a pre-clearing procedure) with respect to transactions effected by our members, officers and employees for their personal accounts<sup>1</sup>. In order to monitor compliance with our personal trading policy, we have a quarterly securities transaction reporting system for all of our associates.

Furthermore, our firm has established a Code of Ethics which applies to all of our associated persons. An investment adviser is considered a fiduciary. As a fiduciary, it is an investment adviser’s responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients at all times. We have a fiduciary duty to all clients. Our fiduciary duty is considered the core underlying principle for our Code of Ethics which also includes Insider Trading and Personal Securities Transactions Policies and Procedures. We require all of our supervised persons to conduct business with the highest level of ethical

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of the policy, our associate’s personal account generally includes any account (a) in the name of our associate, his/her spouse, his/her minor children or other dependents residing in the same household, (b) for which our associate is a trustee or executor, or (c) which our associate controls, including our client accounts which our associate controls and/or a member of his/her household has a direct or indirect beneficial interest in.

standards and to comply with all federal and state securities laws at all times. Upon employment or affiliation and at least annually thereafter, all supervised persons will sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with our Code of Ethics. Our firm and supervised persons must conduct business in an honest, ethical, and fair manner and avoid all circumstances that might negatively affect or appear to affect our duty of complete loyalty to all clients. This disclosure is provided to give all clients a summary of our Code of Ethics. However, if a client or a potential client wishes to review our Code of Ethics in its entirety, a copy will be provided promptly upon request.

- a) If our firm or a *related person* invests in the same securities (or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures) that our firm or a *related person* recommends to *clients*, we are required to describe our practice and discuss the conflicts of interest this presents and generally how we address the conflicts that arise in connection with personal trading.

See Item 9 Section B (1.) of our Code of Ethics description.

- b) If our firm or a *related person* recommends securities to *clients*, or buys or sells securities for *client* accounts, at or about the same time that you or a *related person* buys or sells the same securities for our firm's (or the *related person's* own) account, we are required to describe our practice and discuss the conflicts of interest it presents. We are also required to describe generally how we address conflicts that arise.

See Item 9 Section B (1.) of our Code of Ethics description.

## **2. Review of accounts.**

- a) Review of *client* accounts, along with a description of the frequency and nature of our review, and the titles of our *employees* who conduct the review.

We review accounts on at least an annual basis for our clients subscribing to the following services: Asset Management. The nature of these reviews is to learn whether clients' accounts are in line with their investment objectives, appropriately positioned based on market conditions, and investment policies, if applicable. Only our Financial Advisors or Portfolio Managers will conduct reviews.

- b) Review of *client* accounts on other than a periodic basis, along with a description of the factors that trigger a review.

We may review client accounts more frequently than described above. Among the factors which may trigger an off-cycle review are major market or economic events, the client's life events, requests by the client, etc.

- c) Description of the content and indication of the frequency of written or verbal regular reports we provide to *clients* regarding their accounts.

We provide written reports to clients on a quarterly basis. Verbal reports to clients take place on at least an annual basis when we meet with clients which subscribe to the following service(s): Asset Management.

### **3. Client referrals and other compensation.**

- a) If someone who is not a *client* provides an economic benefit to our firm for providing investment advice or other advisory services to our *clients*, we must generally describe the arrangement. For purposes of this Item, economic benefits include any sales awards or other prizes.

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

- b) If our firm or a *related person* directly or indirectly compensates any *person* who is not our *employee* for *client* referrals, we are required to describe the arrangement and the compensation.

We do not pay referral fees (non-commission based) to independent solicitors (non-registered representatives) for the referral of their clients to our firm in accordance with our state statutes and rules.

#### **4. Financial information.**

- a) If we require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per *client*, six months or more in advance, we must include a balance sheet for our most recent fiscal year.

We do not require nor do we solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per *client*, six months or more in advance, therefore we have not included a balance sheet for our most recent fiscal year.

- b) If we are a state-registered adviser and have *discretionary authority or custody* of *client* funds or securities, or we require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per *client*, six months or more in advance, we must disclose any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to *clients*.

We have nothing to disclose in this regard.

- c) If we have been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years, we must disclose this fact, the date the petition was first brought, and the current status.

We have nothing to disclose in this regard.

**If we are registering or are registered with one or more *state securities authorities*, we must respond to the following additional Item.**

#### **Item 10 - Requirements for State-Registered Advisers**

We are State registered and have responded to this Item in Item 9.A.2 of this Part 2A Appendix 1 of Form ADV.