

**Part 2A of Form ADV: *Firm Brochure***

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Mack Investment Securities, Inc.. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at 847-657-6600 or [Steve@MackTracks.com](mailto:Steve@MackTracks.com). The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Mack Investment Securities, Inc. also is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our firm's CRD number is 17643.

## **Item 2    Material Changes**

The SEC adopted "Amendments to Form ADV" in July, 2010. This Firm Brochure, dated 03/13/2011, is our new disclosure document prepared according to the SEC's new requirements and rules. As you will see, this document is a narrative that is substantially different in form and content, and includes some new information that we were not previously required to disclose.

After our initial filing of this Brochure, this Item will be used to provide our clients with a summary of new and/or updated information. We will inform you of the revision(s) based on the nature of the updated information.

Consistent with the new rules, we will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business' fiscal year. Furthermore, we will provide you with other interim disclosures about material changes as necessary.

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## **Item 4     Advisory Business**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. is a SEC-registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in Illinois. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. began conducting business in 1986.

Listed below are the firm's principal shareholders (i.e., those individuals and/or entities controlling 25% or more of this company).

- Stephen W. Mack, President, through his Living Trust

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. offers the following advisory services to our clients:

### **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Our firm provides continuous advice to a client regarding the investment of client funds based on the individual needs of the client. Through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on a client's particular circumstances are established, we develop a client's personal investment policy and create and manage a portfolio based on that policy. During our data-gathering process, we determine the client's individual objectives, time horizons, risk tolerance, and liquidity needs. As appropriate, we also review and discuss a client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background.

We manage these advisory accounts on a discretionary basis. Account supervision is guided by the client's stated objectives (i.e., maximum capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth and income), as well as tax considerations.

Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

Our investment recommendations are not limited to any specific product or service offered by a broker-dealer or insurance company and will generally include advice regarding the following securities:

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Certificates of deposit
- Municipal securities
- Variable life insurance
- Variable annuities

- Mutual fund shares

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be implemented/recommended when consistent with the client's stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and suitability.

## **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") MODEL STRATEGY MANAGEMENT**

Our firm provides portfolio management services to clients using model asset allocation portfolios. Each strategy is designed to meet a particular investment goal.

Mack Investment allocates investment assets among various investment strategies that are actively managed by independent or affiliated investment managers that serve as sub-advisors to our Firm's ***Money Managers Plus Program which we call MMP.*** We also offer a form of *Direct Investment Management* where we are able to purchase individual equity and fixed income securities and/or mutual funds for our clients.

### **Money Managers Plus Program (MMP)**

MIS, on a discretionary basis, selects for its clients various investment advisors and/or subadvisors that it believes can forecast financial market trends and act on those trends to the benefit of MIS' clients. It selects these subadvisors based on their past performance, although past performance is no guarantee of future results. In MIS's selection process, MIS also considers the subadvisor's past success in reducing exposure to markets when risk is higher while providing acceptable performance as determined by MIS. In so doing, MIS is authorized, without prior consultation with the client, to allocate client investment assets in and among various subadvisors, independent and affiliated investment managers and/or asset allocation programs devised by MIS, on a discretionary basis, consistent with the client's investment objectives, including terminating the services of any designated subadvisor and reallocating such assets to a different MIS designated subadvisor. One or more subadvisors may each provide advice for a separate portion of a client's account. The appropriate subadvisors are selected by MIS for and routinely with each of its clients based on matching the styles of subadvisors with individual client's investment objectives. MIS also attempts to place clients with subadvisors whose styles complement each other. MIS in turn monitors the activities of these subadvisors and their overall performance, but does not supervise the individual trades of these subadvisors. The subadvisors engaged by MIS for its clients often utilize mutual funds to attempt to meet client's objectives and switch funds within the same family or, if applicable, to other funds where the transfer, in most cases, will not cause the client to incur a load. Funds invested may, at times, be subject to early redemption charges. Some subadvisors for some of MIS' clients use stock, bonds and other securities instead of or with mutual funds. The exact strategy or strategies depends on the advisor, subadvisor or subadvisors selected.

In our firm's selection process, we also consider the subadvisor's past success in reducing exposure to markets when risk is higher while providing acceptable performance as determined by our firm. In so doing, we are authorized, without prior consultation with our client, to allocate client investment assets in and among various subadvisors, independent and affiliated investment managers and/or asset allocation programs developed by our firm, on a discretionary basis, consistent with the our client's investment objectives, including terminating the services of any subadvisor our client or we may have chosen and reallocating such assets to a different Mack Investment designated subadvisor. One or more

subadvisors may each provide advice for a separate portion of a client's account. The appropriate subadvisors are selected by our firm for and routinely with each of our clients based on matching the styles of subadvisors with our individual client's investment objectives. We also attempt to place clients with subadvisors whose styles compliment each other. Our firm in turn monitors the activities of these subadvisors and their overall performance, but does not supervise the individual trades of these subadvisors.

**Current Management Strategies include:**

***These first strategies are run by our firm.***

- ***EWG Asset Allocation Model and Allocation II:*** EWG stands for Edward W. Gjertsen, our Vice-President. These strategies seek to take advantage of intermediate to long-term economic and market cycles by investing in a core portfolio of a wide range of leading asset classes that may include domestic and foreign equity markets, commodities, stocks, bonds, currency and a variety of other asset classes. This is accomplished through the primary use of Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs") but may also include mutual funds and stocks. Both models utilize hedging strategies (primarily inverse ETFs but may include inverse mutual funds) in an effort to increase or decrease risk while maintaining the integrity of the core portfolio.

- ***Global Leaders:*** Global Leaders is a strategy that is run by Russell Wolf, one of our market analysts and trading personnel. Global Leaders searches the world for trading and investment ideas. Utilizing stocks, mutual funds, and ETFS, Global Leaders can go where the strength is thought to be greatest. Global Leaders may also utilize inverse securities (primarily inverse ETFs but may include inverse mutual funds) to hedge and/or attempt to profit in a down market

- ***Modified Risk 50 and Modified Risk 100:*** The Modified Risk 50 and Modified Risk 100 portfolios are run by our President, Stephen W. Mack. These strategies attempt to utilize market sentiment to implement decisions to increase and decrease risk in a globally invested portfolio. At times, when sentiment is elevated for markets to rise, Modified Risk may reduce its exposure to markets by 50% (Modified Risk 50) or completely (Modified Risk 100). Money markets are routinely used when risk is reduced. When sentiment is overly negative, Modified Risk may increase its exposure to markets by increasing both strategies to 100% invested. We may vary from these strategies when it is thought to be best for the portfolio. At this time, these models are not reported on quarterly performance reports.

- ***Strategic Models:*** The Strategic Aggressive and Conservative portfolios are run by our firm as a committee. The two strategies attempt to invest in mutual funds whose performance has shown more stability in falling markets while participating in rising markets. Peer performance is reviewed as part of the selection process. Strategic Aggressive will consider higher volatility funds as compared to Strategic Conservative. Funds may be held in these portfolios for extended periods.

***The below programs are run by Sub Advisors to our MMP Program:***

***Contravisory*** The objective of this technical strategy is capital appreciation through a diversified portfolio of domestic equities. It attempts to outperform the S&P 500, with a particular emphasis on outperforming during down markets. The approach is opportunistic, as the portfolio's investments are not limited to set criteria involving market capitalizations, and is agnostic toward growth versus value stocks. Investment decisions result strictly from our proprietary research methodologies, identifying and capitalizing on the long term relative price trends, both positive and negative, that exist in the market.

**Merit** The Merit Advisors High Yield bond service is based on a disciplined risk reduction strategy. It uses a trend-following model that tracks day-to-day price changes in the Lipper High Yield Index, which serves as a proxy for the high yield bond market. The model attempts to identify favorable periods in the high yield market when accounts are invested in selected HY bond funds. During declining markets, accounts are positioned in money markets. The model does not attempt to forecast changes in interest rates, credit risk or corporate profits. Being an active model, it generates 4 to 5 round turns a year, moving accounts between high yield bond funds and money markets. Historically, the model has been long high yields about 65% of the time.

**Heritage Global Growth and Income** Heritage Capital Management's Global Growth and Income model is a conservatively managed, flexible asset allocation and ETF (Exchange Traded Funds) based model. The model is longer term in nature and has a normal allocation target of 75% equities (50% US Market, 25% Foreign) and 25% bonds. Risk Management assessments are performed weekly with exposure to market risk based on market conditions. HCM focuses on Leading Asset Class over Intermediate and Long Term time frames.

**RPI Inflation and RPI Global** The model seeks to take advantage of short and long term trends in all markets as well as protect against potential dollar devaluation by investing heavily in gold and silver securities. The model can invest in a broad category including, currencies, bonds, emerging, foreign and domestic stocks as well as precious metals. The model will also hedge at times by purchasing inverse ETFs which are designed to move in the opposite direction of the underlying sector.

**Cambridge Core** The Core Equity investment process utilizes quantitative disciplines developed in the early 1970's by Gregory Bauer. The CFG Core Equity portfolio consists of 30 stocks, 20 of which are selected on price momentum; the remaining 10 are selected based on relative value. The process Cambridge utilizes identifies emerging market leaders and provides a mechanism to select those stocks exhibiting superior relative performance versus the index. Concurrently, the value component of the portfolios provides a safety net for those periods of time in a market cycle when momentum is trending downward, providing dual complementary styles under one umbrella.

**Triad** Using the S&P 500 and Russell 2000 indices we analyze both technical and fundamental data to generate our trading signals. Longer-term fundamental analysis determines the general health of the market, and shorter-term technical analysis, primarily based on mean-reversion, determines specific entry/exit points. In addition an abnormal filter is applied to determine the position size taken.

**Scott Daly** This is a disciplined risk reduction strategy based on varying time frames of momentum and trend following. The program affords one to be invested in the markets with a reduced level of risk. The program only takes long positions and moves into money market as a defensive position. The goals are capital preservation and consistent returns over time.

**Evolution II** utilizes a variety of asset classes, including, without limitation, domestic, international and bond rotating into the best performing investments within 3 to 5 investment universes that are constructed with different holding periods (ranging from 1 to 52 weeks). The strategy will invest in multiple investments within each universe. A money market investment is available in each universe should cash equivalents be outperforming available equity investments.

**Global Select** is based solely on a ranking of short-term price movement of each investment relative to other investments in the universe of available funds. Allocations are made to equity or income mutual

classified as and limited to, global, international and emerging markets. A money market investment is available should cash equivalents be outperforming available equity investments.

**BTS Bond Asset Allocation** is a tactical investment strategy that attempts to preserve capital and enhance returns by allocating assets to the bond sector producing the highest current returns. To accomplish this, BTS has pioneered some of the most advanced and sophisticated technical tools in the industry, derived from 30 years of operation and scrutiny. The program consists of three core asset classes: high yield bonds, government bonds, and money markets. When the opportunity arises, the strategy may invest in other bond classes to enhance return (ie. International bonds, corporate bonds, muni's).

**Rincon Pacific's Asset Allocation Portfolio** We manage a constantly supervised portfolio designed to provide investors the opportunity to benefit from the high returns available in the equity markets, but with reduced volatility. This is an organized method of earning superior returns in rising markets and preserving capital in declining markets. Our portfolios utilize Exchange Traded Funds ( "ETF's") or baskets of stocks that closely track the composition and performance of leading market indexes. When positive market trends reverse, invested positions are exchanged to the safety of money markets.

**Clark Capital Style Preferred Managed Allocation:** This strategy uses a quantitative relative strength model to take advantage of trends within both equity and fixed income markets. Within equity, the model moves between various Morningstar style boxes, such as large cap growth and small cap value, using relative strength to allocate to those areas which are performing strongly. The strategy hopes to capture intermediate trends in outperformance by equity styles. Within fixed income the model allocates 100% of the fixed income portion to either high yield bonds, treasury bonds, or cash. To do this, the model follows uses a quantitative relative strength system. The strategy changes the ratio of equity to fixed income in the portfolio depending on the investment committee's outlook for the markets.

Through personal discussions with the client in which the client's goals and objectives are established, we determine if the model portfolio is suitable to the client's circumstances. Once we determine the suitability of the portfolio, the portfolio is managed based on the portfolio's goal, rather than on each client's individual needs. Clients, nevertheless, have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in their account. Clients retain individual ownership of all securities.

Our investment recommendations are not limited to any specific product or service offered by a broker dealer or insurance company and will generally include advice regarding the following securities:

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Certificates of deposit
- Municipal securities



- Variable annuities
- Mutual fund shares
- Options contracts on securities
- Interests in partnerships investing in real estate
- Interests in partnerships investing in oil and gas interests

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be implemented/recommended when consistent with the client's stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and suitability.

To ensure that our initial determination of an appropriate portfolio remains suitable and that the account continues to be managed in a manner consistent with the client's financial circumstances, we will:

1. send quarterly written reminders to each Model Portfolio Management Services client requesting any updated information regarding changes in the client's financial situation and investment objectives;
2. at least annually, contact each participating client to determine whether there have been any changes in the client's financial situation or investment objectives, and whether the client wishes to impose investment restrictions or modify existing restrictions;
3. be reasonably available to consult with the client; and
4. maintain client suitability information in each client's file.

### **INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Our firm provides non-continuous asset management of client funds based on the individual needs of the client. Through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on the client's particular circumstances are established, we develop the client's personal investment policy. We create and manage a portfolio based on that policy. During our data-gathering process, we determine the client's individual objectives, time horizons, risk tolerance, and liquidity needs. As appropriate, we may also review and discuss a client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background.

We manage these advisory accounts on a discretionary basis. Account supervision is guided by the client's stated objectives (i.e., maximum capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth and income), as well as tax considerations.

Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

Once the client's portfolio has been established, we review the portfolio periodically, and if necessary,

rebalance the portfolio, based on the client's individual needs.

Our investment recommendations are not limited to any specific product or service offered by a broker-dealer or insurance company and will generally include advice regarding the following securities:

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Variable annuities

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be recommended when consistent with the client's stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and suitability.

### **PENSION CONSULTING SERVICES**

We also provide several advisory services separately or in combination. While the primary clients for these services will be pension, profit sharing and 401(k) plans, we offer these services, where appropriate, to individuals and trusts, estates and charitable organizations. Pension Consulting Services are comprised of four distinct services. Clients may choose to use any or all of these services.

*Investment Policy Statement Preparation (hereinafter referred to as "IPS"):* We will meet with the client (in person or over the telephone) to determine an appropriate investment strategy that reflects the plan sponsor's stated investment objectives for management of the overall plan. Our firm may then prepare a written IPS detailing those needs and goals, including an encompassing policy under which these goals are to be achieved. The IPS may also list the criteria for selection of investment vehicles as well as the procedures and timing interval for monitoring of investment performance.

*Selection of Investment Vehicles:* We assist plan sponsors in constructing appropriate investment models. We will then review various mutual funds (both index and managed) as well as, in many cases, alternative investments including money markets, CDs and annuities to determine which investments may be appropriate to implement the client's goals and or IPS. The number of investments to be recommended will be determined by the client, based on the client's goals and or IPS.

*Monitoring of Investment Performance:* We monitor client investments continually, based on the procedures and timing intervals delineated in the Investment Policy Statement. Although our firm may not be involved in any way in the purchase or sale of these investments, we supervise the client's portfolio and may make recommendations to the client as market factors and the client's needs dictate.

*Employee Communications:* For pension, profit sharing and 401(k) plan clients with individual plan participants exercising control over assets in their own account ("self-directed plans"), we may also provide periodic educational support and investment workshops designed for the plan participants. The nature of the topics to be covered will be determined by us and the client under the guidelines established in ERISA Section 404(c). The educational support and investment workshops will NOT provide plan participants with individualized, tailored investment advice or individualized, tailored

asset allocation recommendations.

## **FINANCIAL PLANNING**

We provide financial planning services. Financial planning is an evaluation of a client's current and future financial state by using currently known variables to attempt to predict future cash flows, asset values and withdrawal plans. Through the financial planning process, all questions, information and analysis are considered as they impact and are impacted by the financial and life situation of the client. Clients purchasing this service receive a written report which provides the client with a financial plan or proposal designed to assist the client achieve his or her financial goals and objectives.

In general, the financial plan may address any or all of the following areas:

- **PERSONAL:** We review family records, budgeting, personal liability, estate information and financial goals.
- **TAX & CASH FLOW:** We may analyze the client's income tax and spending and planning for past, current and future years; then illustrate the impact of various investments on the client's current income tax and future tax liability.
- **INVESTMENTS:** We may analyze investment alternatives and their possible effect on the client's portfolio.
- **INSURANCE:** We may review existing policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home and automobile. It is normal for us to not comment nor provide analysis in relation to many or all of these types of risks.
- **RETIREMENT:** We may analyze current strategies and investment plans to help the client achieve his or her retirement goals.
- **DEATH & DISABILITY:** We may review the client's cash needs at death, income needs of surviving dependents, estate planning and disability income.
- **ESTATE:** We may assist the client in assessing and developing long-term strategies, including as appropriate, living trusts, wills, review estate tax, powers of attorney, asset protection plans, nursing homes, Medicaid and elder law.

It is normal for us to gather required information through in-depth personal interviews. Information gathered includes the client's current financial status, tax status, future goals, returns objectives and attitudes towards risk. We carefully review documents supplied by the client, including a questionnaire completed by the client, and prepare a written report often including a list of recommendations. Should the client choose to implement the recommendations, we may suggest the client work closely with his/her attorney, accountant, insurance agent, and/or stockbroker. Implementation of financial planning recommendations is entirely at the client's discretion.

We may also provide general non-securities advice on topics that may include tax and budgetary planning, estate planning and business planning.

## Exchange-listed securities

- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Certificates of deposit
- Municipal securities
- Variable life insurance
- Variable annuities
- Mutual fund shares
- Options contracts on securities
- Futures contracts on tangibles
- Interests in partnerships investing in real estate
- Interests in partnerships investing in oil and gas interests

Typically a financial plan and or report is presented to the client within six months of the contract date, provided that all information needed to prepare the financial plan or report has been promptly provided. The plan typically includes a detailed balance sheet, income and expense analysis and recommended allocation of funds.

***LIMITATIONS:*** As individuals of Mack Investment Securities, Inc. are registered as representatives of a broker-dealer and/or as insurance agents/brokers of various insurance companies, recommendations made in financial plans are limited to only those products offered through these companies.

## **ADVISORY REFERRAL SERVICES**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. acts as a solicitor on behalf of various independent registered investment advisers. Based on a client's individual circumstances and needs, we will assist the client in determining which independent adviser's portfolio management services may be appropriate for that client. Factors considered in making this determination, including account size, risk tolerance, and a client's investment experience, are discussed during our consultation with the client.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. will meet with the client on a periodic basis, or as determined by the client, to review the account. We may, when needed, suggest changes in the client's portfolio ("rebalancing"), to more effectively address each client's goals. The client may then instruct the independent adviser to make any or all of the changes we recommended. These recommendations are our own, and are neither recommended nor approved by any independent advisers.

Any reallocating of the portfolio is done with the client's approval, and will be reviewed and

implemented by the independent investment adviser. At the time of conducting the advisory solicitation, Mack Investment Securities, Inc. will ensure that all federal and/or state specific requirements governing solicitation activities are met.

### **PUBLICATION OF PERIODICALS**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. publishes a monthly newsletter providing general information on various financial topics including, but not limited to market conditions, estate and retirement planning, economic and fiscal trends. No specific investment recommendations are provided in this newsletter and the information provided does not purport to meet the objectives or needs of any individual. This newsletter is distributed free of charge to our advisory clients.

### **MARKET TIMING SERVICES**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. provides the management of individual clients' portfolios, rendering advice as to the advisability of moving from one mutual fund to a defensive fund (within the same family of funds) in an attempt to capture gains during rising market periods and to preserve the client's capital during falling market periods. Our market timing service is of a continuous nature, evaluating holdings and market positions on a periodic basis, most often weekly. We will attempt to move funds from one specific fund group to a money market fund (within the same family if fees may otherwise be imposed) when the capital improvement potentiality is in question. The funds may be switched back to the same type of fund only when qualified factors indicate growth possibilities. Clients often use our advice to move their funds on their own within a mutual fund family.

In order to effectively manage client funds, we request that each client provide the firm with discretionary authority to effect conversions between mutual funds on the client's behalf. Our agreement authorizes this authority. This authority may be used in both mutual fund families as well as variable annuities.

It is also noted that certain mutual funds allow for telephone or internet web based switching services. This is perhaps the quickest way in which to effect a transaction on the client's behalf. As such, our firm may offer this service to a client, if the particular mutual fund or variable annuity under timing consideration has provisions for telephone or internet web based switching privileges. If market conditions were to change rapidly, we may be able to assist our clients in achieving an acceptable return, given the individual circumstances.

Our primary objective is to attempt to preserve and attempt to increase the aggregate capital funds of any client.

### **CONSULTING SERVICES**

Clients can also receive investment advice on a more focused basis. This may include advice on only an isolated area(s) of concern such as estate planning, retirement planning, or any other specific topic. We may also provide specific consultation and administrative services regarding investment and financial concerns of the client.

**Assignment.** Neither MIS nor the client may assign the *Investment Advisory Agreement* or *Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement* without the prior consent of the other party. Transactions that do

not result in a change of actual control or management of MIS shall not be considered an assignment.

MIS also advises on exchange-traded funds and closed-end funds. In addition, MIS advises on inverse ETFs which are leveraged long and short mutual funds that are designed to perform in an inverse relationship to certain market indices. Due to the leverage component of the ETFs, there may be additional risk to such investments.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

### **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FEES**

Our annual fees for Investment Supervisory Services are based upon a percentage of assets under management and generally range from 1.5% to 2.25%.

Our fees are billed monthly, in arrears, at the end of each month based upon the value (market value or fair market value in the absence of market value), of the client's account at the end of the previous billing period. Fees will be debited from the account in accordance with the client authorization in the Client Services Agreement.

A minimum of \$25,000 of assets under management is necessary for this service. A minimum of \$100,000 is necessary for several of the managers in our Money Managers Plus program. These account size may be negotiable under certain circumstances. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size and determining the annualized fee.

Money Manager Plus Program (MMP) Annual Management Fee  
1.50% - 2.25% per year (0.1667% – 0.1875% per month)

**Transaction Costs for MMP Program:** Mack Investment Securities, Inc. (MIS) covers the transaction costs in some third-party adviser programs and not in others. Generally, MIS' management fees are lower where MIS is not responsible for the transaction costs. Whether or not transactions costs are covered by MIS for a particular Money Manager program is spelled out in the advisory contract with the client. Generally, there are higher transaction costs associated with individual equity securities purchased by third money managers. As a result of this higher transaction costs, there are higher costs associated with liquidating that portion of a client's account at a later date if a client decides not to have their account managed by such subadvisor. Clients utilizing subadvisors who invest in individual securities agree that, upon termination of such subadvisor, the client shall incur transaction fees to liquidate the account, the cost of which shall be debited by MIS directly from the client's account (*See* additional disclosure below). If, however, a client agrees to have their accounts liquidated in connection with the next series of transactions changing the composition of the accounts of MIS for several selected subadvisor, no additional stock trading costs will be assessed. Unless clients specify in writing how they want their account to be liquidated, MIS will assume that the clients desire to have the portion of their account for which the selected subadvisor has purchased individual securities liquidated with the next series of transactions changing the composition of the accounts for which the selected money manager is the subadvisor.

**Limited Negotiability of Advisory Fees:** Although Mack Investment Securities, Inc. has established the aforementioned fee schedule(s), we retain the discretion to negotiate alternative fees on a client-by-client basis. Client facts, circumstances and needs are considered in determining the fee

schedule. These include the complexity of the client, assets to be placed under management, anticipated future additional assets; related accounts; portfolio style, account composition, reports, among other factors. The specific annual fee schedule is identified in the contract between the adviser and each client.

MIS's management fee for the Money Manager Plus Program is payable at the end of each calendar month, based on the value of the assets in the account on the last trading day of the month. Such fees will be calculated according to the above percentage applied to the amount in the account. No proration is made to reflect deposits into client accounts, withdrawals from client accounts and changes in market value of client accounts during the month. The lack of pro-ration during the advisory relationship may result in clients paying fees that are effectively higher or lower than the amounts stated above. With the fees collected from its clients, MIS pays the fees of the subadvisors. Management fees, if the client consents, are deducted automatically from client accounts on a monthly basis. Clients receive notification of fee deductions from their custodian's consolidated monthly statement. As a result of a client engaging MIS to select and supervise the subadvisors managing the client's account, a client may pay a higher investment management fee than a client would have paid had the client directly engaged the subadvisors managing the client's account. MIS may be subject to certain conflicts of interest in its selection of subadvisors because certain subadvisors may cost MIS less than other subadvisors or incur lower transaction costs which are presently assumed by MIS. Additionally, MIS may be subject to a conflict of interest because certain subadvisors may charge MIS a lesser fee after certain amounts of MIS client assets are under management of such subadvisor. Notwithstanding such a reduction in a subadvisor's fee, the fee paid by a client to MIS will remain the same percentage of assets under management.

We may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size requirements and determining the annualized fee.

Discounts, not generally available to our advisory clients, may be offered to family members and friends of associated persons of our firm.

**Debiting of Fees.** MIS's standard investment advisory agreement allows MIS to debit advisory fees directly from client accounts. TCA or any other custodian or any mutual fund company that a client uses must agree to send to the client a statement at least quarterly indicating all amounts disbursed from the account including the amount of advisory fees paid directly to MIS. It is the client's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the fee calculation. A client's custodian will not, in most cases, determine whether the fee is properly calculated.

#### **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") MANAGER OF MANAGERS FEES**

Contractually, we collect fees for our MMP Program and the selected asset manager(s), based on a percentage of the client's assets under management with that manager. Accordingly, our fee, which typically ranges from 1.75% to 2.25%, is included in the MMP program's annual management fee.

Our fees are billed monthly, in arrears, at the end of each month based upon the value (market value or fair market value in the absence of market value), of the client's account at the end of the previous billing period. Fees will be debited from the account in accordance with the client authorization in the Client Services Agreement.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SERVICES FEES**

Our annual fees for Portfolio Management Services are based upon a percentage of assets under management and generally range from 1.50% to 2.25%.

Our fees are billed monthly, in arrears, at the end of each month based upon the value (market value or fair market value in the absence of market value), of the client's account at the end of the previous billing period. Fees will be debited from the account in accordance with the client authorization in the Client Services Agreement.

A minimum of \$25,000 of assets under management is necessary for this service. A minimum of \$100,000 is necessary for several of the managers in our Money Managers Plus program. This account size may be negotiable under certain circumstances. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size and determining the annualized fee.

***Limited Negotiability of Advisory Fees:*** Although Mack Investment Securities, Inc. has established the aforementioned fee schedule(s), we retain the discretion to negotiate alternative fees on a client-by-client basis. Client facts, circumstances and needs are considered in determining the fee schedule. These include the complexity of the client, assets to be placed under management, anticipated future additional assets; related accounts; portfolio style, account composition, reports, among other factors. The specific annual fee schedule is identified in the contract between the adviser and each client.

We may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size requirements and determining the annualized fee.

Discounts, not generally available to our advisory clients, may be offered to family members and friends of associated persons of our firm.

## **MUTUAL FUND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FEES**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. charges an asset-based fee for this service. The fee arrangement, termination, and refund policies are described in the Mutual Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

## **PENSION CONSULTING FEES**

We charge an annual fee for Pension Consulting Services which ranges from 1.50% to 2.25% of plan assets depending on the services requested and the size of the plan.

Associated persons of Mack Investment Securities, Inc. can receive commissions for executing securities transactions, or 12b-1 distribution fees from the investment companies chosen by the plan sponsor. In such cases, Mack Investment Securities, Inc. provides full disclosure to plan sponsors regarding such commissions and fees. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. will offset any commissions or fees received by such associated persons from asset-based advisory fees charged by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. for ongoing services. The receipt of such fees and their availability from different



vendors may create conflicts of interest.

### **ADVISORY REFERRAL SERVICES FEES**

We do not enter into an advisory agreement with any client nor do we charge a fee to any client for referrals to another Adviser(s). Our fees for such referrals are paid by the referred Adviser(s) who shares with our firm a percentage of the fees received from the client. Client advisory fees are not increased in any way as a result of our referral of any clients to another Adviser(s). We typically receive 50%-60% of the advisory management fee paid by the client to that Adviser.

Clients will receive a separate disclosure document describing the fee paid to us by such Adviser(s). Clients should refer to that Adviser's' disclosure document for information regarding its fees, billing practices, minimum required investments and termination of advisory agreements.

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING FEES**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s Financial Planning fee is determined based on the nature of the services being provided and the complexity of each client's circumstances. All fees are agreed upon prior to entering into a contract with any client.

Our Financial Planning fees may be calculated and charged on an hourly basis, ranging from \$200 to \$500 per hour. Although the length of time it will take to provide a Financial Plan will depend on each client's personal situation, we will provide an estimate for the total hours at the start of the advisory relationship.

Our Financial Planning fees may be calculated and charged on a fixed fee basis, typically ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000, depending on the specific arrangement reached with the client.

We may request a retainer upon completion of our initial fact-finding session with the client; however, advance payment will never exceed \$500 for work that will not be completed within six months. The balance is due upon completion of the plan.

***Fees Offset By Commissions:*** If a Financial Planning client executes recommended securities transactions through associated persons of our firm in their separate capacities as registered representatives of a broker dealer, these individuals will earn commissions which are separate and distinct from fees charged for advisory services. In some instances, depending on the size of the transaction, advisory fees may be discounted, at our discretion, for commissions earned. Commissions will not be credited towards future advisory fees.

***Financial Planning Fee Offset:*** Mack Investment Securities, Inc. reserves the discretion to reduce or waive the hourly fee and/or the minimum fixed fee if a financial planning client chooses to engage us for our Portfolio Management Services.

Typically, the client is billed in arrears on a monthly basis as earned or the client is billed quarterly in advance based on our total estimated Financial Planning fees.

### **PUBLICATION OF PERIODICALS OR NEWSLETTERS**

Our annual subscription fee is waived for advisory clients of our firm.

### **MARKET TIMING SERVICES FEES**

For these services, Mack Investment Securities, Inc. is compensated based on assets under management. Our initial fees are payable and due within 30 days of entering into an Investment Advisory contract. On an ongoing basis, our fees are invoiced in advance on a quarterly basis.

A negotiated hourly fee may also be charged for additional review time (e.g., other than annual reviews) or other requested services. Hourly fees are typically charged in arrears and will be billed on a monthly basis.

At times, and depending upon individual circumstances, our fees may be negotiable. Furthermore, in isolated cases, based upon unique circumstances and relationships, the fee may be waived in whole or in part, at our discretion.

On an ongoing basis, our fees are typically invoiced in arrears on a monthly basis.

### **CONSULTING SERVICES FEES**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s Consulting Services fee is determined based on the nature of the services being provided and the complexity of each client's circumstances. All fees are agreed upon prior to entering into a contract with any client.

Our Consulting Services fees may be calculated and charged on an hourly basis, ranging from \$200 to \$500 per hour. An estimate for the total hours is determined at the start of the advisory relationship.

Our Consulting Services fees may be calculated and charged on a fixed fee basis, typically ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000, subject to the specific arrangement reached with the client.

Our Consulting Services fees may be charged as a percentage of assets under advisement by our firm, typically ranging from 1.5% to 2.0% of assets under review, depending on the nature and complexity of each client's circumstances, and upon mutual agreement with the client.

Typically, the client is billed monthly in arrears based on actual hours accrued.

Management personnel and other related persons of our firm are licensed as registered representatives of a broker-dealer and/or licensed as insurance agents or brokers. In their separate capacity(ies), these individuals are able to implement investment recommendations for advisory clients for separate and typical compensation (i.e., commissions, 12b-1 fees or other sales-related forms of compensation). This presents a conflict of interest to the extent that these individuals recommend that a client invest in a security which results in a commission being paid to the individuals. Clients are not under any obligation to engage these individuals when considering implementation of advisory recommendations. The implementation of any or all recommendations is solely at the discretion of the client.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

***Termination of the Advisory Relationship:*** A client agreement may be canceled at any time, by either

party, for any reason upon receipt of **30** days written notice. Upon termination of any account, any prepaid, unearned fees will be promptly refunded. In calculating a client's reimbursement of fees, we will pro rate the reimbursement according to the number of days remaining in the billing period. Since fees in the MMP program are earned and billed in arrears, fees may be due upon any termination. In the event of termination by the client in the first year, the first \$200 of the advisory fee will be deducted to offset the costs of establishing the client's account. Clients may terminate their Agreement without penalty within five business days of entering into their investment advisory agreement with MIS.

***Mutual Fund Fees:*** All fees paid to Mack Investment Securities, Inc. for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds and/or ETFs to their shareholders. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees will generally include a management fee, other fund expenses, and a possible distribution fee. If the fund also imposes sales charges, a client may pay an initial or deferred sales charge. A client could invest in a mutual fund directly, without our services. In that case, the client would not receive the services provided by our firm which are designed, among other things, to assist the client in determining which mutual fund or funds are most appropriate to each client's financial condition and objectives. Accordingly, the client should review both the fees charged by the funds and our fees to fully understand the total amount of fees to be paid by the client and to thereby evaluate the advisory services being provided.

***Wrap Fee Programs and Separately Managed Account Fees:*** Clients participating in separately managed account programs as well as several of our MMP program strategies may be charged various program fees in addition to the advisory fee charged by our firm. Such fees may include the investment advisory fees of the independent advisers, which may be charged as part of a wrap fee arrangement. In a wrap fee arrangement, clients pay a single fee for advisory, brokerage and custodial services. Client's portfolio transactions may be executed without commission charge in a wrap fee arrangement. In these cases, an SEC execution fee will still be assessed. In evaluating such an arrangement, the client should also consider that, depending upon the level of the wrap fee charged by the broker-dealer, the amount of portfolio activity in the client's account, and other factors, the wrap fee may or may not exceed the aggregate cost of such services if they were to be provided separately. We will review with clients any separate program fees that may be charged to clients.

***Additional Fees and Expenses:*** In addition to our advisory fees, clients are also responsible for the fees and expenses charged by custodians (typically, this is 0.25% paid quarterly for accounts over \$25,000 and 0.35% for accounts under \$25,000 with a minimum annual custodial fee of \$50 and imposed by broker dealers, including, but not limited to, any transaction charges imposed by a broker dealer with which an independent investment manager effects transactions for the client's account(s). Please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section (Item 12) of this Form ADV for additional information.

***ERISA Accounts:*** Mack Investment Securities, Inc. is deemed to be a fiduciary to advisory clients that are employee benefit plans or individual retirement accounts (IRAs) pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income and Securities Act ("ERISA"), and regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), respectively. . As such, our firm is subject to specific duties and obligations under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code that include among other things, restrictions concerning certain forms of compensation. To avoid engaging in prohibited transactions, Mack Investment Securities, Inc. may only charge fees for investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons do not receive any commissions or 12b-1 fees, or conversely, investment advice about products

for which our firm and/or our related persons receive commissions or 12b-1 fees, however, only when such fees are used to offset Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s advisory fees.

***Advisory Fees in General:*** Clients should note that similar advisory services may (or may not) be available from other registered (or unregistered) investment advisers for similar or lower fees.

### **Commission Transactions**

In the event that the client desires, the client can engage the Registrant's Principals and/or Associated Persons, in their respective individual capacities, as registered representatives of Mack Investment Securities, Inc. ("MIS"), in its separate capacity as an SEC registered and FINRA member broker-dealer, to implement investment recommendations on a fully-disclosed commission basis. In the event the client chooses to purchase investment products through *MIS*, brokerage commissions will be charged by *MIS* to effect securities transactions, a portion of which commissions shall be paid by *MIS* to Registrant's Principals, as applicable. The brokerage commissions charged by *MIS* may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers. In addition, *MIS*, as well as *MIS*' Principals and/or Associated Persons (as applicable), relative to commission mutual fund purchases, may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 trailing commission compensation directly from the mutual fund company during the period that the client maintains the mutual fund investment.

***Limited Prepayment of Fees:*** Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

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

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. does not charge performance-based fees.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- Individuals (other than high net worth individuals)
- High net worth individuals
- Pension and profit sharing plans (other than plan participants)
- Pension and profit sharing plan participants
- Corporations or other businesses not listed above
- Others including custodian accounts

As previously disclosed in Item 5, our firm has established certain initial minimum account requirements, based on the nature of the service(s) being provided. For a more detailed understanding of those requirements, please review the disclosures provided in each applicable service.

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

## METHODS OF ANALYSIS

We use the following methods of analysis in formulating our investment advice and/or managing client assets:

***Charting.*** In this type of technical analysis, we review charts of market and security activity in an attempt to identify when the market is moving up or down and to predict how long the trend may last and when that trend might reverse.

***Fundamental Analysis.*** We attempt to measure the intrinsic value of a security by looking at economic and financial factors (including the overall economy, industry conditions, and the financial condition and management of the company itself) to determine if the company is underpriced (indicating it may be a good time to buy) or overpriced (indicating it may be time to sell).

Fundamental analysis does not attempt to anticipate market movements. This presents a potential risk, as the price of a security can move up or down along with the overall market regardless of the economic and financial factors considered in evaluating the stock.

***Technical Analysis.*** We analyze past market movements and apply that analysis to the present in an attempt to recognize recurring patterns of investor behavior and potentially predict future price movement.

Technical analysis does not consider the underlying financial condition of a company. This presents a risk in that a poorly-managed or financially unsound company may underperform regardless of market movement.

***Cyclical and Seasonal Analysis.*** In this type of technical analysis, we measure the movements of mutual funds and stocks at certain times of the year as well as certain times within rising and falling market conditions. .

***Mutual Fund and/or ETF Analysis.*** We look at the experience and track record of the manager of the mutual fund or ETF in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We also look at the underlying assets in a mutual fund or ETF in an attempt to determine if there is significant overlap in the underlying investments held in another fund(s) in the client's portfolio.

A risk of mutual fund and/or ETF analysis is that, as in all securities investments, past performance does not guarantee future results. A manager who has been successful may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in a fund or ETF, managers of different funds held by the client may purchase the same security, increasing the risk to the client if that security were to fall in value. There is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the fund or ETF, which could make the holding(s) less suitable for the client's portfolio.

***Third-Party Money Manager Analysis.*** We examine the experience, expertise, investment philosophies, and past performance of independent third-party investment managers in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different

economic conditions. We monitor the manager's underlying holdings, strategies, concentrations and leverage as part of our overall periodic risk assessment. Additionally, as part of our due-diligence process, we survey the manager's compliance and business enterprise risks.

A risk of investing with a third-party manager who has been successful in the past is that he/she may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in a third-party manager's portfolio, there is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the portfolio, making it a less suitable investment for our clients. Moreover, as we do not control the manager's daily business and compliance operations, we may be unaware of the lack of internal controls necessary to prevent business, regulatory or reputational deficiencies.

***Risks for all forms of analysis.*** Our securities analysis methods rely on the assumption that the companies whose securities we purchase and sell, the rating agencies that review these securities, and other publicly-available sources of information about these securities, are providing accurate and unbiased data. While we are alert to indications that data may be incorrect, there is always a risk that our analysis may be compromised by inaccurate or misleading information.

## ***INVESTMENT STRATEGIES***

We use the following strategy(ies) in managing client accounts, provided that such strategy(ies) are appropriate to the needs of the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations:

***Long-term purchases.*** We purchase securities with the idea of holding them in the client's account for a year or longer. Typically we employ this strategy when:

- we believe the securities to be currently undervalued, and/or
- we want exposure to a particular asset class over time, regardless of the current projection for this class.

A risk in a long-term purchase strategy is that by holding the security for this length of time, we may not take advantage of short-term gains that could be profitable to a client. Moreover, if our predictions are incorrect, a security may decline sharply in value before we make the decision to sell.

***Short-term purchases.*** When utilizing this strategy, we purchase securities with the idea of selling them within a relatively short time (typically a year or less). We do this in an attempt to take advantage of conditions that we believe will soon result in a price swing in the securities we purchase.

A short-term purchase strategy poses risks should the anticipated price swing not materialize; we are then left with the option of having a long-term investment in a security that was designed to be a short-term purchase, or potentially taking a loss.

In addition, this strategy involves more frequent trading than does a longer-term strategy, and will result in increased brokerage and other transaction-related costs, as well as less favorable tax treatment of short-term capital gains.

**Trading.** We purchase securities with the idea of selling them very quickly (typically within 30 days or less). We do this in an attempt to take advantage of our predictions of brief price swings.

Utilizing a trading strategy creates the potential for sudden losses if the anticipated price swing does not materialize. Moreover, under those circumstances, we are left with few options:

- having a long-term investment in a security that was designed to be a short-term purchase, or
- the potential of having to taking a loss.

In addition, because this strategy involves more frequent trading than does a longer-term strategy, there will be a resultant increase in brokerage and other transaction-related costs, as well as less favorable tax treatment of short-term capital gains.

**Risk of Loss.** Securities investments are not guaranteed and you may lose money on your investments. We ask that you work with us to help us understand your tolerance for risk.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

We are required to disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of our advisory business or the integrity of our management.

Our firm and our management personnel have no reportable disciplinary events to disclose.

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

**FIRM Registrations:** In addition to Mack Investment Securities, Inc. being a registered investment adviser, our firm is registered as a FINRA member broker-dealer. MIS is a fully disclosed introducing broker/dealer which clears its trades through Mesirow Financial, Chicago, IL. Clients will pay brokerage commissions in accordance with MIS's current rates and terms for any brokerage services performed for them by MIS. MIS's President, Stephen W. Mack, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create. A list of affiliated broker-dealers is specifically disclosed in Section 7.A. on Schedule D of Form ADV, Part 1, which can be accessed by following the directions provided on the Cover Page of this Firm Brochure.

**MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL Registrations:** Management personnel of our firm are separately licensed as registered representatives of Mack Investment Securities, Inc., an affiliated FINRA member broker-dealer and municipal securities dealer. These individuals, in their separate capacity, can effect securities transactions for which they will receive separate, yet customary compensation.

While Mack Investment Securities, Inc. and these individuals endeavor at all times to put the interest of the clients first as part of our fiduciary duty, clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation itself creates a conflict of interest, and may affect the judgment of these individuals when

making recommendations.

Members of our firm's management are separately licensed as investment adviser representatives of Heritage Capital Management. In that capacity, these individuals provide advisory services through Heritage Capital Management. The advisory services delivered by Heritage Capital Management are distinct from those provided by our firm and are provided for separate compensation. Heritage Capital Management's advisory services may be recommended to our clients for whom it is appropriate. There are no referral fee arrangements between our firm and our Register Investment Advisor. However, since our Registered Investment Advisor firm is affiliated with our Broker Dealer, a conflict of interest is created by this arrangement to the extent that this individual recommends that a Mack Investment Securities, Inc. client open a Heritage Capital account through which this individual will receive additional compensation. No Mack Investment Securities, Inc. client is obligated to use Heritage Capital or its services. Clients choosing to implement Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s recommendations through Heritage Capital's advisory services should refer to Heritage Capital's Firm Brochure or other disclosure document for details regarding that firm's services and fees.

We may occasionally trade the same or similar securities in client portfolios that are traded by Heritage Capital Management in its client portfolios. When this occurs, our clients may receive a better or worse price or execution than Heritage Capital depending on the order of trade execution, the type of security traded and the broker-dealer used.

As this affiliation with Heritage Capital may present potential conflicts of interest, we have established written policies and procedures for insider trading that prohibit any member, officer or employee of our firm, from buying, selling or recommending the securities of companies bought, sold or recommended by Heritage Capital where the decision is substantially derived, in whole or in part, by reason of access to the recommendations of Heritage Capital to its clients.

As required, any affiliated investment advisers are specifically disclosed in Section 7.A. on Schedule D of Form ADV, Part 1. (Part 1 of our Form ADV can be accessed by following the directions provided on the Cover Page of this Firm Brochure.)

The management persons and other employees of Mack Investment Securities, Inc. are: (1) management persons and registered representatives of **ONE**, a FINRA member broker-dealer; and, (2) management persons and insurance agents of **TWO**, a licensed insurance agency. These individuals may also be insurance agents for one or more insurance companies. In their separate capacities as registered representatives and/or insurance agents, these individuals are able to effect securities transactions and/or purchase insurance and insurance-related investment products for Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s advisory clients, for which these individuals will receive separate and additional compensation. Clients, however, are not under any obligation to engage these individuals when considering the purchase/sale of securities or insurance.

Management personnel of our firm, in their individual capacities, are agents for various insurance companies. As such, these individuals are able to receive separate, yet customary commission compensation resulting from implementing product transactions on behalf of advisory clients. Clients, however, are not under any obligation to engage these individuals when considering implementation of advisory recommendations. The implementation of any or all recommendations is solely at the discretion of the client.



Stephen Mack of Mack Investment Securities, Inc. is also a representative of Coldwell Banker Real Estate. In his separate capacities, he is licensed under Coldwell Banker as a real estate agent. As such, Stephen Mack may earn separate, yet typical compensation for the sale or rental of real estate properties.

**Affiliated Managers Disclosure** (Money Managers Plus Program) – as disclosed above, MIS has devised the Money Managers Plus Program (the “Program”), an investment program whereby a client’s investment assets can be allocated among various investment managers representing different investment strategies and styles. Included within the investment managers are investment management firms that may be affiliated with MIS through the fact that a registered representative or investment advisory representative of MIS who may also acts as the portfolio manager of the investment management firm (the “Affiliated Managers”). Specifically, MIS may recommend the programs, *RPI Inflation Strategy* and *RPI Global Strategy* (formerly, RPI Strategic International) which are managed by an investment advisory representative and registered representative of MIS. Although a client will *not* pay higher fees if it allocates its funds to the Affiliated Managers, the Affiliated Managers and/or their principals will receive additional compensation if assets are designated for their management. There may be differences in the programs within MIS or with Affiliated Managers that may create an incentive for the Affiliated Managers to recommend that clients designate all or a portion of their assets for their management. This incentive represents a conflict of interest. In light of the **conflict of interest**, a client may direct MIS, in writing, not to include any portion of his/her/their/its assets to any of the Affiliated Managers. In addition, certain of these investment strategies and styles present enhanced price volatility and principal risks, including but not limited to the RPI Inflation Strategy and the RPI Global Strategy (formerly known as RPI Strategic International) programs. At any specific period of time, the value of the client’s assets allocated to these programs may exhibit pronounced advances or declines. Thus, a client must be willing to accept these enhanced volatility and principal risks associated with these programs. In light of these enhanced risks, client may direct MIS, in writing, not to designate any portion of his/her/their/its assets to any of the subadvisors

**Unaffiliated Investment Programs:** In addition to the above, MIS through its investment advisor representatives may also recommend that clients allocate all or a portion of their investment assets among various mutual fund and/or independent investment manager programs sponsored by Lockwood Financial or SEI Investments in accordance with the terms and conditions required by each respective program sponsor.

Clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. and its management persons or employees creates a conflict of interest that may impair the objectivity of our firm and these individuals when making advisory recommendations. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. endeavors at all times to put the interest of its clients first as part of our fiduciary duty as a registered investment adviser; we take the following steps to address this conflict:

- we disclose to clients the existence of all material conflicts of interest, including the potential for our firm and our employees to earn compensation from advisory clients in addition to our firm's advisory fees;
- we disclose to clients that they are not obligated to purchase recommended investment products from our employees or affiliated companies;
- we collect, maintain and document accurate, complete and relevant client background information,

including the client's financial goals, objectives and risk tolerance;

- our firm's management conducts regular reviews of each client account to verify that all recommendations made to a client are suitable to the client's needs and circumstances;
- we require that our employees seek prior approval of any outside employment activity so that we may ensure that any conflicts of interests in such activities are properly addressed;
- we periodically monitor these outside employment activities to verify that any conflicts of interest continue to be properly addressed by our firm; and

we educate our employees regarding the responsibilities of a fiduciary, including the need for having a reasonable and independent basis for the investment advice provided to clients.

As previously disclosed, we may recommend the services of various registered investment advisers to our clients. In exchange for this recommendation, we receive a referral fee from the selected investment adviser. The fee received by us is typically a percentage of the fee charged by that investment adviser to the referred client. The portion of the advisory fee paid to us does not increase the total advisory fee paid to the selected investment adviser by the client. We do not charge the client any fees for these referrals. We will only recommend advisers that pay us a referral fee.

We are aware of the special considerations required under Rule 206(4)-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. As such, all appropriate disclosure shall be made and all applicable Federal and State laws will be observed.

Clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. and its management persons or employees creates a conflict of interest that may impair the objectivity of our firm and these individuals when making advisory recommendations. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. endeavors at all times to put the interest of its clients first as part of our fiduciary duty as a registered investment adviser; we take the following steps to address this conflict:

- we disclose to clients the existence of all material conflicts of interest, including the potential for us or our employees to earn compensation from the referral of clients to other registered investment advisers;
- we disclose to the client in a separate disclosure document the compensation we receive in exchange for the client's referral to the selected investment adviser;
- we collect, maintain and document relevant client background information, including the client's financial goals, objectives and risk tolerance;
- Our firm's management conducts periodic reviews of client accounts to verify that recommendations made to a client are suitable to the client's needs and circumstances;
- we conduct initial and periodic due diligence on the selected investment advisers to establish that the advisers are suitable to recommend to our clients; and
- we educate our employees regarding the responsibilities of a fiduciary, including the need for

having a reasonable and independent basis for the investment advice provided to clients.

MIS also has an affiliated insurance agency, Mack Investment Insurance Brokerage, Inc. ("MIIB") which processes insurance transactions and may receive compensation from advisory clients for insurance products purchased through it. MIIB and/or its agents may qualify to receive incentives provided by various insurance companies based upon the sale of the specific company's insurance-related products. In addition, certain MIS employees and associates are also insurance agents associated with MIIB, and as such may receive ordinary compensation for insurance product transaction, some of which may derive from advisory clients of MIS.

**Interpositioning:** Clients may incur transaction costs in addition to any commissions charged by the broker-dealer when fixed income securities or securities traded over the counter are effected on their behalf through the broker-dealer on an agency basis. Broker custody of client assets may limit or eliminate MIS' ability to obtain best price and execution for these transactions.

**Trade Errors:** MIS corrects all trade errors through its fee account at TCA. TCA will net gains and losses on such errors through the fee account. MIS will pay for any loss for an incorrect trade; however, TCA will retain any gain on any incorrect trade.

In addition, Stephen Mack, President of MIS and other investment advisory representatives of MIS may refer clients to Everbank, a national banking firm and receive remuneration in return for such referrals. MIS's President, Stephen W. Mack, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.

## **Item 11 Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading**

Our firm has adopted a Code of Ethics which sets forth high ethical standards of business conduct that we require of our employees, including compliance with applicable federal securities laws.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. and our personnel owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards our clients, and have an obligation to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code of Ethics but to the general principles that guide the Code.

Our Code of Ethics includes policies and procedures for the review of securities transactions reports as well as initial and annual securities holdings reports that must be submitted by the firm's access persons. Among other things, our Code of Ethics also requires the prior approval of any acquisition of securities in a limited offering (e.g., private placement) or an initial public offering. Our code also provides for oversight, enforcement and recordkeeping provisions.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s Code of Ethics further includes the firm's policy prohibiting the use of material non-public information. While we do not believe that we have any particular access to non-public information, all employees are reminded that such information may not be used in a personal or professional capacity.

A copy of our Code of Ethics is available to our advisory clients and prospective clients. You

may request a copy by email sent to [Steve@MackTracks.com](mailto:Steve@MackTracks.com), or by calling us at 847-657-6600.

Our Code of Ethics is designed to assure that the personal securities transactions, activities and interests of our employees will not interfere with (i) making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients and (ii) implementing such decisions while, at the same time, allowing employees to invest for their own accounts.

Our firm and/or individuals associated with our firm may buy or sell for their personal accounts securities identical to or different from those recommended to our clients. In addition, any related person(s) may have an interest or position in a certain security(ies) which may also be recommended to a client.

It is the expressed policy of our firm that no person employed by us may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account, thereby preventing such employee(s) from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.

We may aggregate our employee trades with client transactions where possible and when compliant with our duty to seek best execution for our clients. In these instances, participating clients will receive an average share price and transaction costs will be shared equally and on a pro-rata basis. In the instances where there is a partial fill of a particular batched order, we will allocate all purchases pro-rata, with each account paying the average price. Our employee accounts will be included in the pro-rata allocation.

As these situations represent actual or potential conflicts of interest to our clients, we have established the following policies and procedures for implementing our firm's Code of Ethics, to ensure our firm complies with its regulatory obligations and provides our clients and potential clients with full and fair disclosure of such conflicts of interest:

1. No principal or employee of our firm may put his or her own interest above the interest of an advisory client.
2. No principal or employee of our firm may buy or sell securities for their personal portfolio(s) where their decision is a result of information received as a result of his or her employment unless the information is also available to the investing public.
3. It is the expressed policy of our firm that no person employed by us may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account. This prevents such employees from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.
4. Our firm requires prior approval for any IPO or private placement investments by related persons of the firm.
5. We maintain a list of all reportable securities holdings for our firm and anyone associated with this advisory practice that has access to advisory recommendations ("access person"). These holdings are reviewed on a regular basis by our firm's Chief Compliance

Officer or his/her designee.

6. We have established procedures for the maintenance of all required books and records.
7. All clients are fully informed that related persons may receive separate commission compensation when effecting transactions during the implementation process.
8. Clients can decline to implement any advice rendered, except in situations where our firm is granted discretionary authority.
9. All of our principals and employees must act in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations governing registered investment advisory practices.
10. We require delivery and acknowledgement of the Code of Ethics by each supervised person of our firm.
11. We have established policies requiring the reporting of Code of Ethics violations to our senior management.
12. Any individual who violates any of the above restrictions may be subject to termination.

As disclosed in the preceding section of this Brochure (Item 10), related persons of our firm are separately registered as both **securities representatives of a broker-dealer, investment adviser representatives of another registered investment adviser, and/or licensed as an insurance agent/broker of various insurance companies**. Please refer to Item 10 for a detailed explanation of these relationships and important conflict of interest disclosures.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. will endeavor to select those brokers or dealers which will provide the best services at the lowest commission rates possible. The reasonableness of commissions is based on the broker's stability, reputation, ability to provide professional services, competitive commission rates and prices, research, trading platform, and other services which will help Mack Investment Securities, Inc. in providing investment management services to clients.

Within our last fiscal year, we have obtained the following products and services on a soft-dollar basis:

**Trust Company of America, is a custodian Mack Investment Securities, Inc. recommends to its clients.** MIS requires that client funds be held by an independent custodian or held directly in the client's name. MIS does not require that clients use any particular custodian except with respect to clients in the Money Managers Plus program. Certain other programs may require a particular custodian. MIS has made arrangements for any MIS client who desires to do so to use the asset custody services of Trust Company of America (TCA). TCA is based in Englewood, Colorado. For a fee (see below), TCA offers asset custody and certain ancillary services including sending out monthly summary statements to each of its clients. TCA utilizes an interest bearing "sweep account" which typically holds 3% of a client's funds in cash to cover trading activities and fees. TCA may receive 12b-1 fees, directed commissions and/or administrative fees from mutual funds or from the bank holding sweep accounts in which client accounts are invested or from other persons in connection with

such investments. In addition to fees for custody services, TCA charges fees for other services set forth in its contract. In particular, TCA's present custody agreement provides that clients are required to pay to TCA \$25 for the transfer of shares of each mutual fund or security for which TCA will no longer act as custodian. TCA also charges a fee for any checks, including checks for liquidation, sent to a successor custodian or to any other location as well as a fee to process any checks for dividends earned by the client and received by TCA subsequent to the client's closing of the account. TCA provides MIS with software and services to help MIS track its clients' investments held by TCA. MIS does not pay for this software nor, in most cases, these services.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. requires that clients provide us with written authority to determine the broker-dealer to use and the commission costs that will be charged to our clients for these transactions.

Clients must include any limitations on this discretionary authority in this written authority statement. Clients may change/amend these limitations as required. Such amendments must be provided to us in writing.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. will block trades where possible and when advantageous to clients. This blocking of trades permits the trading of aggregate blocks of securities composed of assets from multiple client accounts, so long as transaction costs are shared equally and on a pro-rated basis between all accounts included in any such block.

Block trading may allow us to execute equity trades in a timelier, more equitable manner, at an average share price. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. will typically aggregate trades among clients whose accounts can be traded at a given broker, and generally will rotate or vary the order of brokers through which it places trades for clients on any particular day. Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s block trading policy and procedures are as follows:

- 1) Transactions for any client account may not be aggregated for execution if the practice is prohibited by or inconsistent with the client's advisory agreement with Mack Investment Securities, Inc., or our firm's order allocation policy.
- 2) The trading desk in concert with the portfolio manager must determine that the purchase or sale of the particular security involved is appropriate for the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives and with any investment guidelines or restrictions applicable to the client's account.
- 3) The portfolio manager must reasonably believe that the order aggregation will benefit, and will enable Mack Investment Securities, Inc. to seek best execution for each client participating in the aggregated order. This requires a good faith judgment at the time the order is placed for the execution. It does not mean that the determination made in advance of the transaction must always prove to have been correct in the light of a "20-20 hindsight" perspective. Best execution includes the duty to seek the best quality of execution, as well as the best net price.
- 4) Prior to entry of an aggregated order, a written order ticket must be completed which identifies each client account participating in the order and the proposed allocation of the order, upon completion, to those clients.
- 5) If the order cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated pro rata among the participating client

accounts in accordance with the initial order ticket or other written statement of allocation. However, adjustments to this pro rata allocation may be made to participating client accounts in accordance with the initial order ticket or other written statement of allocation. Furthermore, adjustments to this pro rata allocation may be made to avoid having odd amounts of shares held in any client account, or to avoid excessive ticket charges in smaller accounts.

6) Generally, each client that participates in the aggregated order must do so at the average price for all separate transactions made to fill the order, and must share in the commissions on a pro rata basis in proportion to the client's participation. Under the client's agreement with the custodian/broker, transaction costs may be based on the number of shares traded for each client.

7) If the order will be allocated in a manner other than that stated in the initial statement of allocation, a written explanation of the change must be provided to and approved by the Chief Compliance Officer following the execution of the aggregate trade.

8) Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s client account records separately reflect, for each account in which the aggregated transaction occurred, the securities which are held by, and bought and sold for, that account.

9) Funds and securities for aggregated orders are clearly identified on Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s records and to the broker-dealers or other intermediaries handling the transactions, by the appropriate account numbers for each participating client.

10) No client or account will be favored over another.

MIS is a fully disclosed introducing broker/dealer which clears its trades through Mesirow Financial, Chicago, IL. Clients will pay brokerage commissions in accordance with MIS's current rates and terms for any brokerage services performed for them by MIS. MIS's President, Stephen W. Mack, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding perceived conflict of interest any such arrangement may create.

### **Item 13    Review of Accounts**

#### **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

**REVIEWS:** While the underlying securities within Individual Portfolio Management Services accounts are continually monitored, these accounts are also randomly reviewed periodically. Accounts are reviewed in the context of each client's stated investment objectives and guidelines. More frequent reviews may be triggered by material changes in variables such as the client's individual circumstances, or the market, political or economic environment.

These accounts are reviewed by the specific Investment Advisor Representative as well as randomly by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. supervisory personnel.

**REPORTS:** In addition to the monthly statements and confirmations of transactions that clients receive from their broker-dealer, we provide quarterly reports summarizing manager

performance.

### **MANAGER OF MANAGERS PROGRAM**

**REVIEWS:** The performance of the registered investment adviser(s) selected to manage client portfolios within our Manager of Managers Program is continually monitored by Mack Investment Securities, Inc.. Furthermore, accounts within this program are reviewed periodically. More frequent reviews may be triggered by material changes in variables such as the client's individual circumstances, or the market, political or economic environment.

These accounts are reviewed by the specific Investment Advisor Representative as well as randomly by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. supervisory personnel.

Unless otherwise contracted for, we do not typically provide specific client reports.

### **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**REVIEWS:** While the underlying securities within Individual Portfolio Management Services accounts are continually monitored, these accounts are also reviewed periodically. Accounts are reviewed in the context of each client's stated investment objectives and guidelines. More frequent reviews may be triggered by material changes in variables such as the client's individual circumstances, or the market, political or economic environment.

These accounts are reviewed by the specific Investment Advisor Representative as well as randomly by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. supervisory personnel.

### **SELECTION and MONITORING of THIRD-PARTY MONEY MANAGERS**

**REVIEWS:** These client accounts should refer to the independent registered investment adviser's Firm Brochure (or other disclosure document used in lieu of the brochure) for information regarding the nature and frequency of reviews provided by that independent registered investment adviser.

These accounts are reviewed by the specific Investment Advisor Representative as well as randomly by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. supervisory personnel.

**REPORTS:** These clients should refer to the independent registered investment adviser's Firm Brochure (or other disclosure document used in lieu of the brochure) for information regarding the nature and frequency of reports provided by that independent registered investment adviser.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. does not typically provide reports in addition to those provided by the independent registered investment adviser selected to manage the client's assets.

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES**

**REVIEWS:** While reviews may occur at different stages depending on the nature and terms of the specific engagement, typically no formal reviews will be conducted for Financial



Planning clients unless otherwise contracted for.

**REPORTS:** Financial Planning clients will receive financial plan tools and reports related to their stated goals and objectives. Additional reports will not typically be provided unless otherwise contracted for.

### **MARKET TIMING SERVICES**

**REVIEWS:** Due to the nature of this service, in which we evaluate and monitor the holdings on a daily basis, our account reviews may be more frequent. Accounts are reviewed in the context of each client's stated investment objectives and guidelines.

These accounts are reviewed by the specific Investment Advisor Representative as well as randomly by Mack Investment Securities, Inc. supervisory personnel.

**REPORTS:** In addition to the monthly statements and confirmations of transactions that clients receive from their broker-dealer, we may provide periodic reports summarizing account performance, balances and holdings.

### **CONSULTING SERVICES**

**REVIEWS:** While reviews may occur at different stages depending on the nature and terms of the specific engagement, typically no formal reviews will be conducted for Consulting Services clients unless otherwise contracted for. Such reviews will be conducted by the client's account representative.

**REPORTS:** These client accounts will receive reports as contracted for at the inception of the advisory engagement.

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

### **CLIENT REFERRALS**

Our firm may pay referral fees to independent persons or firms ("Solicitors") for introducing clients to us. Whenever we pay a referral fee, we require the Solicitor to provide the prospective client with a copy of this document (our *Firm Brochure*) and a separate disclosure statement that includes the following information:

- the Solicitor's name and relationship with our firm;
- the fact that the Solicitor is being paid a referral fee;
- the amount of the fee; and
- whether the fee paid to us by the client will be increased above our normal fees in order to compensate the Solicitor.

As a matter of firm practice, the advisory fees paid to us by clients referred by solicitors are not increased as a result of any referral.

It is Mack Investment Securities, Inc.'s policy not to accept or allow our related persons to accept any form of compensation, including cash, sales awards or other prizes, from a non-client in conjunction with the advisory services we provide to our clients.

## **Item 15 Custody**

We previously disclosed in the "Fees and Compensation" section (Item 5) of this Brochure that our firm directly debits advisory fees from client accounts.

As part of this billing process, the client's custodian is advised of the amount of the fee to be deducted from that client's account. On at least a quarterly basis, the custodian is required to send to the client a statement showing all transactions within the account during the reporting period.

Typically, Trust Company of America calculates the amount of the fee to be deducted. While our firm typically rechecks this calculation, it is important for clients to carefully review their custodial statements to verify the accuracy of the calculation, among other things. Clients should contact us directly if they believe that there may be an error in their statement.

Our firm does not have actual or constructive custody of client accounts.

## **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

Clients may hire us to provide discretionary asset management services, in which case we place trades in a client's account without contacting the client prior to each trade to obtain the client's permission.

Our discretionary authority includes the ability to do the following without contacting the client:

- determine the security to buy or sell; and/or
- determine the amount of the security to buy or sell

Clients give us discretionary authority when they sign a discretionary agreement with our firm, and may limit this authority by giving us written instructions. Clients may also change/amend such limitations by once again providing us with written instructions.

### **MANAGER OF MANAGERS PROGRAM**

As previously disclosed in Item 4 of this brochure, we do not "manage" client portfolios in the traditional sense of the definition, rather Mack Investment Securities, Inc. manages the managers of client portfolios within this program. Accordingly, clients participating in this program grant us authority to hire and fire the selected asset manager(s) managing client

accounts.

Clients give us this authority when they sign a discretionary agreement with our firm, and may limit this authority by giving us written instructions. Clients may change/amend these limitations by once again providing us with written instructions.

## **Item 17 Voting Client Securities**

We vote proxies for all client accounts; however, you always have the right to vote proxies yourself. You can exercise this right by instructing us in writing to not vote proxies in your account.

We will vote proxies in the best interests of clients and in accordance with our established policies and procedures. Our firm will retain all proxy voting books and records for the requisite period of time, including a copy of each proxy statement received, a record of each vote cast, a copy of any document created by us that was material to making a decision how to vote proxies, and a copy of each written client request for information on how the adviser voted proxies. If our firm has a conflict of interest in voting a particular action, we will notify the client of the conflict and retain an independent third-party to cast a vote.

Clients may obtain a copy of our complete proxy voting policies and procedures by contacting **Stephen Mack** by telephone, email, or in writing. Clients may request, in writing, information on how proxies for his/her shares were voted. If any client requests a copy of our complete proxy policies and procedures or how we voted proxies for his/her account(s), we will promptly provide such information to the client.

We will neither advise nor act on behalf of the client in legal proceedings involving companies whose securities are held in the client's account(s), including, but not limited to, the filing of "Proofs of Claim" in class action settlements. If desired, clients may direct us to transmit copies of class action notices to the client or a third party. Upon such direction, we will make commercially reasonable efforts to forward such notices in a timely manner.

With respect to ERISA accounts, we will vote proxies unless the plan documents specifically reserve the plan sponsor's right to vote proxies. To direct us to vote a proxy in a particular manner, clients should contact **Stephen Mack** by telephone, email, or in writing.

You can instruct us to vote proxies according to particular criteria (for example, to always vote with management, or to vote for or against a proposal to allow a so-called "poison pill" defense against a possible takeover). These requests must be made in writing. You can also instruct us on how to cast your vote in a particular proxy contest by contacting us at 1939 Waukegan Road, Suite 300, Glenview, IL 60025. We ask that you confirm receipt of such instructions by phone or by certified, return receipt mail.

**Please Note :** MIS (via Egan Jones) votes client proxies. However, independent managers (sub-advisors) that are engaged by MIS to manage client accounts will generally have proxy voting responsibility for the assets that they are managing (which proxy voting shall be periodically reviewed by MIS). Some independent managers may suggest MIS use similar services (such as Egan Jones) to vote client proxies, as well.

## Item 18 Financial Information

Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 per client more than six months in advance of services rendered. Therefore, we are not required to include a financial statement.

As an advisory firm that ***maintains discretionary authority for client accounts***, we are also required to disclose any financial condition that is reasonable likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual obligations. Mack Investment Securities, Inc. has no additional financial circumstances to report.

Mack Investment Securities, Inc. has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.