

**Wrap Fee Brochure for  
Financial Advisor & Client Directed  
Advisory Programs:**



**Asset Advisor  
Private Investment Management  
Fundamental Choice  
Quantitative Choice**

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**This wrap fee brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC and our Financial Advisor & Client Directed Advisory Programs (the "Programs"). This information should be considered before becoming a Client of one of these Programs. If you have any questions about the Programs or the contents of this brochure, please contact us at the telephone number above.**

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**The advisory services described in this brochure are not insured or otherwise protected by the U.S. Government, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other government agency and involve risk, including the possible loss of principal.**

## **Summary of Material Changes**

Material Changes to the Wrap Fee Brochure for Financial Advisor & Client Directed Advisory Programs since March 31, 2014:

- On September 22, 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") entered an order against Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC following the firm's offer of settlement. The order stated that the firm did not adequately establish, maintain or enforce policies and procedures to prevent the misuse of material nonpublic information, particularly concerning the risk that its associated persons could obtain material nonpublic information from its customers or advisory clients. The order also stated that during the Commission's investigation, the firm unreasonably delayed production of certain documents and produced a document that was altered by an employee. The firm admitted the Commission's findings of fact, acknowledged that its conduct violated the federal securities laws and agreed to retain an independent compliance consultant to review relevant policies and procedures, as well as the making, keeping and preserving of certain required books and records. The order censured the firm, required that the firm cease and desist from violating the federal securities laws cited in the order and imposed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$5,000,000.
- Effective November 1, 2014, certain research functions which impact our advisory Programs will be delegated to our affiliate, Wells Fargo Investment Institute, Inc., known prior to November 1 as Alternative Strategies Group, Inc. (SEC File #801-64191). These functions include due diligence on Program-eligible money managers and mutual funds. After the delegation to Wells Fargo Investment Institute, Wells Fargo Advisors, however, will retain authority to select the managers that will be made available to clients from the approved list of managers provided by Wells Fargo Investment Institute. Additional functions such as creating capital markets assumptions and creating asset allocation research will transition to Wells Fargo Investment Institute in early 2015. Prior to transitioning, these functions were performed by Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. In November, additional information about Wells Fargo Investment Institute will be available via the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).
- In December 2014, Wells Fargo Advisors agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations that the Firm failed to comply fully with requirements to verify the identity of each customer opening a new account under its Customer Identification Program ("CIP"). Due to a design flaw in the Firm's CIP system, 220,000 accounts, out of the total 6.9 million accounts opened during the period from October 2003 through October 2012, were not subject to the Firm's CIP review. When considering sanctions, FINRA took into consideration that WFA discovered the system flaw through self-testing, performed remediation CIP on approximately 100,000 accounts that remained open, made system changes to prevent recurrences and reported the violations in accordance with FINRA Rule 4530(b). Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm agreed to a settlement that included a censure, and payment, jointly and severally with its affiliate Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, of a \$1,500,000 fine.

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Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC ("WFA"), whose predecessors span more than 150 years, is a leading national securities firm providing investment and other financial services to individual, corporate, and institutional Clients. It is a non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company ("Wells Fargo"), a publicly held company (NYSE: WFC), and financial holding company and bank holding company founded in 1852. Wells Fargo and its affiliates are engaged in a number of financial businesses, including retail brokerage and investment advisory services.

WFA is affiliated with Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network ("WFAFN"), a broker-dealer also providing advisory and brokerage services. Information about the advisory and brokerage services offered by WFAFN is available by contacting them directly. WFA is also affiliated with Wells Fargo Investment Institute, Inc. ("WFI"), a registered investment advisor that provides due diligence on Program-eligible money managers and mutual funds that are available in our advisory Programs.

The terms "*Client*," "*you*," and "*your*" are used throughout this document to refer to the person(s) or organization(s) who contract with us for the services described here. "*WFA*," "*we*," "*our*," and "*us*" refer to WFA together with our affiliates, including but not limited to, Wells Fargo & Company and its agents with respect to any services provided by those agents. "*Affiliate*" means any entity that is controlled by, controls or is under common control with WFA. Each affiliate is a separate legal entity, none of which is responsible for the obligations of the other.

"*Account*" means collectively or individually any brokerage Account and/or any Advisory Program Account you have with us, including any and all funds, money, securities and/or other property you have deposited with us. "*Securities and/or Other Property*" means, but is not limited to, money, securities, financial instruments and commodities of every kind and nature and related contracts and options, distributions, proceeds, products and accessions of all property.

## **Services, Fees and Compensation**

### **Types of Advisory Services**

We sponsor a number of wrap fee advisory programs that are designed to help you meet your investment objectives and goals. They include Separately Managed Account Programs, Mutual Fund Advisory Programs, Financial Advisor ("FA") Directed Programs and Non-Discretionary, Client Directed Advisory Programs. We also offer Consulting and Financial Planning advisory services. This Disclosure Document is being provided pursuant to Section 204 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and deals solely with our FA & Client Directed Advisory Programs; Asset Advisor, Private Investment Management, Fundamental Choice and Quantitative Choice (collectively referred to as "the Programs"). Descriptions of the services and fees for the other programs and services we offer can be found in separate disclosure documents, copies of which are available upon request.

### **FA & Client Directed Advisory Programs**

Regardless of which Program you select, you will retain the right to: (1) withdraw securities or cash; (2) vote on shareholder proposals of beneficially owned security issues, or delegate the authority to vote on such proposals to another person; (3) be provided, in a timely manner, with a written confirmation or other notification of each securities transaction, and all other documents required by law to be provided to security holders; and (4) proceed directly as a security holder against the issuer of any security in your Account and not be obligated to join any person involved in the operation of the applicable Program, or any other Client of the applicable Program, as a condition precedent to initiating such proceeding. We will provide you with periodic monitoring and reporting of your portfolio's performance.

A Client request to establish Program services is not considered a market order due to the administrative processing time needed to establish your advisory Account. However, we will make every effort to process your request promptly.

As described below in the "Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations" section, we are engaged in a wide range of securities services. We may also give advice and take action in the performance of our duties to other Clients that differ from the advice we give you, or the timing and nature of actions we may take for any of these Programs. Additionally, we may be limited in our ability to divulge or act upon certain information we possess as a result of investment banking activities or other confidential sources.

### **The Asset Advisor Program**

Asset Advisor is a non-discretionary, Client directed investment Program in which your Financial Advisor may provide a broad range of investment recommendations based on your investment objectives, financial circumstances and risk tolerance. You have the option of accepting these recommendations or selecting different investments for your Account.

Most types of securities are eligible for purchase in an Asset Advisor Account including, but not limited to, common and preferred stocks, exchange-traded funds ("ETF"), closed-end funds ("CEF"), fee-based unit investment trusts ("UIT"), corporate and government bonds, certificates of deposit ("CD"), options, structured products, certain mutual funds whose shares can be purchased at net asset value, certain wrap class alternative investments, such as hedge funds and managed futures funds, and certain wrap class variable annuities. Collectively, these are referred to as "Program Assets."

Hedge funds and managed futures are not suitable for all investors. Hedge funds are complex investment vehicles that often use leverage and other speculative investment practices, such as short sales, options, derivatives, futures and illiquid investments that may increase the risk of investment loss. Managed futures are speculative investments that are subject to a

significant amount of risk. Prospective investors must be provided a risk-disclosure statement. This Disclosure Document is not a solicitation, recommendation or invitation to invest in alternative investments and is intended solely to disclose the availability of alternative investments within the Asset Advisor Program. Over time, your total expenses to own an alternative investment inside your investment advisory Account may be greater than the total expenses to own a similar alternative investment outside your investment advisory Account.

Certain assets, such as commodity futures contracts, options on such contracts, non-eligible annuities, limited partnership interests, and mutual funds that cannot be purchased at net asset value are not eligible as Program Assets, and are referred to collectively as "Excluded Assets." You may purchase or sell Excluded Assets in your Account, but these transactions will incur commissions or charges.

While new-issue CDs are an eligible Program Asset, the yield of new-issue CDs takes into account a sales concession in order to compensate the brokerage firms that sell the CDs. For certain advisory Accounts, the underwriter retains this sales concession. Although we do not receive the sales concession, it has an impact on the overall yield paid to you. Since we charge an advisory fee on all eligible assets within an advisory Account, you are effectively charged both the sales concession (retained by the underwriter) and the advisory fee on the CD. These charges reduce the overall yield on the CD and, in some cases, this may result in a negative yield. You should be aware that you could obtain the same CDs without being subject to the advisory fee if you purchase it in a non-advisory brokerage Account.

### **Rebalance Trading System**

Domestic Clients may request periodic rebalancing of the mutual funds in their Account. We can rebalance your Account either at predetermined intervals (e.g., annually) or when you direct us to do so. The Rebalance Trading System reviews the actual allocation of mutual funds in your Asset Advisor Account versus the target allocation established for your Account. Generally, subject to certain minimum constraints, if any of the funds in your Account vary by more than 40% (30% for retirement Accounts) from your Target Allocation on the predetermined interval you selected, we will rebalance the Account by initiating sell and buy transactions. These tolerance percentages may be changed without notice. You are aware that any transactions initiated to rebalance these assets may cause you to incur tax consequences.

### **Private Investment Management, Fundamental Choice and Quantitative Choice Programs**

For these Programs, certain specially trained WFA Financial Advisors (called Portfolio Managers) provide investment advisory and brokerage services to your Account on a discretionary basis. As a minimum criterion for providing advisory services, we require our Portfolio Managers to possess satisfactory past business experience, plus any required industry examinations and registrations. Unless they possess satisfactory portfolio management experience, they must also attain established firm or industry experience levels, and complete an independent specialized portfolio management class. Your Financial Advisor will recommend a Program based on your investment objectives and individual needs.

**Fundamental Choice** ("FC") is built on the foundation of both fundamental and quantitative equity research provided by WFA, WFA's affiliate Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and/or several non-affiliated research providers. Aside from equities, this Program allows investments in ETFs, CEFs, Program eligible mutual funds, fee-based UITs, cash and cash alternatives. The Program guidelines are based on equity research ratings, diversification, percentage weightings within economic macro sectors and security concentration limits.

**Quantitative Choice** ("QC") is based on a quantitative research tool provided by WFA's affiliate Golden Capital Management, LLC. Quantitative Choice is a highly disciplined, objective approach to portfolio management that utilizes equities and cash only. Three management styles have been developed for Financial Advisors to use: Growth, Core and Value. The Program guidelines are based on Golden Capital Management, LLC's quantitative research ratings, diversification, percentage weightings within economic macro sectors and security concentration limits.

**Private Investment Management** ("PIM") is based on both fundamental and quantitative research and other independent research. Individual PIM Portfolio Managers may develop specific investment strategies using a mix of these analytic methods. They also establish quality and concentration requirements to provide overall discipline. Such strategies ordinarily include long and short-term securities purchases and, depending on your objectives and the Portfolio Manager's investment philosophy, supplemental covered option writing. In special circumstances, the strategies may also include margin transactions, other option strategies and trading or short sale transactions.

Some Portfolio Managers follow the investment recommendations that are the basis for investment decisions for Wells Fargo Compass Advisory Program ("Compass") for some or all assets in these Program Accounts. Compass is another advisory service offered by WFA. Compass advisory fees are not charged to Clients whose assets are invested following the Compass investment recommendations. Clients whose Accounts are invested in whole or in part in accordance with Compass recommendations may wish to consider placing that portion of their Account into a Compass Advisory portfolio. Although Compass has a lower fee structure than the PIM, FC and QC Programs, PIM, FC and QC Portfolio Managers provide an additional level of service to Program Accounts.

We may also use WFA, WFII or third-party research to assist in developing security selection models for PIM, FC and QC Portfolio Managers. When seeking to anticipate trends and identify undervalued securities with sound fundamentals, Portfolio Managers for PIM, FC and QC may also use a security selection and portfolio modeling process that incorporates fundamental, technical and statistical analyses of historical data. In QC, the security selection is limited to securities that are

identified through this process. Due to any number of factors, including timing of Client asset deposits, investment selection process or Client investment needs, certain Clients may receive different execution prices and investment results.

## Portfolio Manager Termination

If for any reason your Portfolio Manager is unable to render investment services to your Account, WFA will provide written notice to you that it will either continue to provide the Program services by assigning a new Portfolio Manager to you or, if one is not available, that it is terminating the Account in accordance with the terms of your Agreement.

## Fees and Compensation

All of the Program Accounts described in this brochure are charged a "Wrap Fee" on Eligible Program Assets that covers advisory, execution, custodial, and reporting services. The Standard Fee Schedules for each Program are set forth below. The standard fees may be negotiable. For transactions in Excluded Assets, you will pay all of our usual and customary commissions, transaction fees and other charges. Excluded Assets are not included in the calculation of the Wrap-Fee. Commissions and fees on Excluded Assets and other charges will be assessed against your Account on or about the transaction date or another date when assessed by us. See below for details on fee exclusions, calculations, refunds and other information.

### Asset Advisor Program Fees

The standard Fee Schedule, which may be negotiable, is as follows:

#### Fee Schedule for Domestic/U.S. Clients:

Asset Type	Annualized Fee
Equity Securities	2.00%
Mutual Funds	1.50%
Fixed Income Securities	1.50%
Variable Annuities	1.50%
Cash	1.50%

#### Fee Schedule for International/Non-U.S. Clients: \*

Asset Type	Annualized Fee
Equity Securities	2.00%
Mutual Funds	1.00%
Fixed Income Securities	1.50%
Variable Annuities	1.50%
Cash	1.50%

\*International Clients and/or non-U.S. clients may qualify to purchase eligible offshore mutual and hedge funds. These Clients pay a reduced fee on offshore mutual and hedge funds assets due to the higher sales compensation inherent in many offshore funds.

There is a minimum fee of \$125 per quarter for Accounts in the Asset Advisor Program. For Accounts opened prior to May 2011, the minimum fee is \$250 per quarter. You should be aware that the imposition of the minimum fee for any of the above Programs may cause the Program fee rate (expressed as a percentage) to be greater than the fee stated in the Fee Schedule tables above. Under certain circumstances, the minimum fee may be waived.

For Accounts holding two or more asset types, we will calculate a pro-rata blended fee rate that factors in the weighting of each asset type in relation to the fee indicated. This blended rate will be used to determine the quarterly fee and will be recalculated each quarter based on the current quarter-end market values attributed to each asset type.

Certain Asset Advisor Clients may be eligible to participate in certain allowable syndicate/new issue transactions. Positions purchased via syndicate/new issue transactions within your Asset Advisor Account will be excluded from the calculation of the Asset Advisor Program fee for a period of 12 months.

For variable annuities, consider any charges and fees, including mortality and expense charges, administrative charges, and investment management fees and applicable 12b-1 fees for the portfolio options. These charges and fees will reduce the value of your Account and return on your investment. If you have selected a rider, or optional feature, there may be an additional cost. Variable annuity contracts are available in several price structures at WFA. In addition to the annuity contract fees and expenses, you will be charged an advisory fee based on the terms set forth in your advisory Client Agreement. This advisory fee will not be taken from the variable annuity contract. Over time, your total expenses to own an advisory variable annuity inside your investment advisory Account may be greater than the total expenses to own a similar annuity outside your investment advisory Account.

Certain variable annuities that are available in the Asset Advisor Program may contain subaccounts that are managed by an affiliate of ours. In these instances you should understand that our affiliate is compensated for performing that service and this creates a potential conflict of interest whereby we, or our affiliates, earn additional compensation. We intend, however, to make all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on our obligations to consider your objectives and needs.

## PIM, Fundamental Choice and Quantitative Choice Program Fees

The standard Fee Schedule, which may be negotiable, is as follows:

Total Account Value	Equity, Fixed Income & Cash Annualized Fee	Mutual Funds Annualized Fee
First \$500,000	2.75%**	2.00%
Next \$500,000	2.25%	1.50%
Next \$1,000,000	1.75%	1.00%
Over \$2,000,000	Negotiable	Negotiable

\*\* For accounts opened prior to May 17, 2013, this fee is 3.00%.

There is a minimum fee of \$250 per quarter for Accounts in the PIM, FC and QC Programs. You should be aware that the imposition of the minimum fee for any of the above Programs may cause the Program fee rate (expressed as a percentage) to be greater than the fee stated in the Fee Schedule tables above. Under certain circumstances, the minimum fee may be waived.

### Fees and Compensation - Additional Information

We may act as service provider for the advisory Programs offered by our affiliate, Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC, as well as certain fully disclosed firms that clear their transactions through a qualified custodian, First Clearing, LLC, our affiliate and clearing firm. The fees charged by these firms may differ from those charged and required by us as stated in this Disclosure Document. You should be aware that Program fees charged may be higher or lower than those otherwise available if you were to select a separate brokerage service and negotiate commissions in the absence of the extra advisory service provided. Our fee schedules may be subject to negotiation depending upon a range of factors including, but not limited to, Account sizes and overall range of services provided.

You should consider the value of these advisory services when making such comparisons. The combination of custodial, advisory and brokerage services may not be available separately or may require multiple Accounts, documentation and fees. You should also consider the amount of anticipated trading activity when selecting among the Programs and assessing the overall cost. Advisory Programs typically assume a normal amount of trading activity and, therefore, under particular circumstances, prolonged periods of inactivity or asset allocations with significant fixed income or cash weightings may result in higher fees than if commissions were paid separately for each transaction.

If you liquidate securities prior to initiating or after terminating Program services, you will be subject to customary brokerage charges with respect to that transaction, in addition to any Program fees that are applicable during the period. For securities purchased previously in a brokerage Account and subsequently moved into an advisory Account, these securities may be included in the calculation of the Program fee, in addition to any previous brokerage charges paid.

A portion of the fees or commissions charged for the Programs described here will be paid to our FAs in connection with the introduction of Accounts as well as for providing Client-related services within the Programs. This compensation may be more or less than a FA would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services, and may vary, depending on the program or services offered. If a Financial Advisor wishes to discount the Program Fee below certain levels, they may have the ability to do so, but may earn reduced compensation associated with the discount. This creates an incentive for Financial Advisors to price accounts at or above those levels. We may also advance to Financial Advisors a portion of the future estimated fees for Clients who invest in a Program. Therefore, your Financial Advisor may have an incentive to recommend these Programs over other Programs or services.

We may have an incentive to recommend the use of one advisory Program over another based upon the fees of each Program, the FA payout specific to each Program, embedded costs of each Program (such as manager fees, and expense ratios for mutual funds or ETFs) or other compensation considerations. We intend, however, to make all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on our obligations to consider your objectives and needs.

Unless agreed to otherwise, you authorize us to deduct fees at the rate indicated in the Fee Schedule for your Program quarterly, in advance, from your Account(s). For the purposes of calculating the Program fees, "Account Value" means the sum of the absolute market value of all eligible long and short security positions by schedule or asset type, including accrued income, cash and cash alternatives held in your Account. If your account has short positions, the Account Value reflects the short position's absolute value. A short position does not offset the value of long positions in the account. In valuing your Account, we will use the closing prices or, if not available, bid prices of the last recorded transactions for listed securities, options and over-the-counter NASDAQ securities. For mutual funds, we will use the fund's most current net asset value, as computed by the fund company. In doing so, we will use the information provided by quotation services believed to be reliable. If any such prices are unavailable or believed to be unreliable, we will determine prices in good faith so as to reflect our understanding of fair market value. Due to trade date or settlement date accounting, the treatment of accrued income and other factors, the Account Value used in the calculation of fees may differ from that shown on your monthly account statement and/or performance report.

The initial fee is calculated as of the date that the Account is accepted into the Program and covers the remainder of the calendar quarter. Subsequent fees will be determined for calendar quarter periods and shall be calculated on the value of the Account on the last business day of the prior calendar quarter.

No fee adjustment will be made during any fee period for appreciation or depreciation in the value of the assets in your Account during that period. Your Account will be charged or refunded a prorated quarterly fee on any net additions or net withdrawals in the Account during a month. Fees will be charged or refunded if the net addition or net withdrawal would generate a fee or refund of at least \$40 for that quarter. Fees will be assessed in the month following the net addition or net withdrawal. Fees are based on the value of the assets in your Account by schedule or asset type, and we shall not be compensated on the basis of a share of capital gains upon or capital appreciation of the funds or any portion of your funds.

Whenever there are changes to the fee schedule, the schedule charges previously in effect shall continue until the next billing cycle. We may modify or change any provisions of the Client Agreement after 15 days written notice to you.

## Market Timing in Mutual Funds

Market timing is defined as excessive short-term purchase and sale transactions or exchanges with the intention of capturing short-term profits in violation of the terms of the fund's prospectus. We will not support market timing strategies or activities for mutual funds or any extreme trading activity that we deem, in our sole discretion or by direction of the fund company, detrimental to the interest of average mutual fund shareholders, or contrary to the policies or interest of mutual fund companies with whom we maintain relationships. We, in our sole discretion or by direction of the fund company, reserve the right to reject any transactions or to assess a redemption fee for any partial or full liquidation executed in which the Account trading appears to be inconsistent with the fund's prospectus. Furthermore, when asked by a fund company, we will cooperate and aid in its attempt to identify and impede the efforts of anyone engaged in market timing or extreme trading activity. If the fund company notifies us to reject or cancel a trade for any reason, we reserve the right to cancel it without prior notice to you or any other Client. We will not be held accountable for any losses resulting from market timing activities or any action taken under our market timing policies. Finally, the frequency of mutual fund transactions and exchanges is subject to any limits established by the applicable mutual funds and us.

## Risk in the Use of Margin

To the extent margin is used in your Account, you should be aware that the margin debit balance does not reduce the market value of eligible program assets. If you use margin to purchase additional securities, your total value of eligible program assets increases and therefore your asset-based fee will increase. In addition, you will be charged margin interest on the debit balance in your account.

The increased asset-based fee that you pay may provide an incentive for your Financial Advisor to recommend the use of margin. However, we intend to make all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on our obligations to consider your objectives and needs. Please note that using margin is not suitable for all investors; the use of margin increases leverage in your account and therefore increases its risk. Please see the Margin Disclosure Statement and the General Account Agreement and Disclosure Document for more details on the risks of margin use.

If your advisory account is used as collateral for a non-purpose loan, your Financial Advisor and the Firm may receive additional compensation as a result of the loan. This additional compensation may provide your Financial Advisor and the Firm an incentive to recommend the use of a loan to you using your advisory account as collateral. However, we intend to make all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on our obligations to consider your objectives and needs.

## Other Account Fees

The fee does not include certain dealer markups or markdowns, odd lot differentials, transfer taxes, exchange fees, execution fees (foreign and/or domestic) when applicable, ADR custodial pass through fees, foreign financial transaction taxes when applicable, and any other fees required by law. Cash balances in an Account may be invested in money market mutual funds including, as permitted by law, those with which we have agreements to provide advisory, administrative, distribution, and other services and for which we receive compensation for the services rendered. In a low interest rate environment, the yield that you earn on cash and cash alternatives, including cash sweep funds, CDs and money market funds may not offset advisory fees. In some instances, the effective yield of the investment may in fact be negative.

If you invest in foreign stocks or American depository receipts ("ADRs"), you may be subject to foreign tax withholding on the dividends paid or interest earned. An ADR represents underlying shares of a foreign corporation which are held and issued by a U.S. bank. While ADRs are traded on U.S. markets, the income and tax withholding are subject to the rules and regulation of the foreign tax authorities with jurisdiction over the underlying corporation. When dividends or interest is paid to investors on foreign securities, the tax authorities for that country may require the payor to withhold taxes for certain foreign investors. This can negatively impact the rate of return on your investment. U.S. clients may be eligible to reclaim a portion of foreign taxes that are withheld and/or receive a preferential foreign tax rate on foreign securities by filing specific tax forms seeking such relief. We do not provide tax advice. Please consult your tax advisor for specific information on foreign tax withholding, your eligibility to reclaim a portion of taxes withheld and/or receiving a preferential foreign tax rate and the costs associated with these filings.

Non-brokerage-related fees, such as IRA fees, are not included in the wrap fee and may be charged to your Account separately. As more fully described in the fee schedules above, the fees you are charged may be different, depending on the asset type invested by the Account.

Your Financial Advisor may suggest that you use other products and services that we offer, but that are not available through the Program you select ("Excluded Assets"). Excluded Assets are not charged a Program fee and are not considered a part of the Program or Program services. We generally recommend that you hold these Excluded Assets in a separate brokerage Account. If an Excluded Asset purchased for or transferred into your Account later becomes a Program Eligible Asset, Program fees will apply to that Asset without prior notice to you. In Asset Advisor, if that Asset is a mutual fund it may then become subject to the Rebalance Trading System. You will incur any usual and customary brokerage charges and fees imposed on transactions in Excluded Assets which may include (i) any dealer markups and odd lot differentials, transfer taxes, and other fees; (ii) charges imposed by broker-dealers and custodians other than us and fees for other products and services that we may offer; (iii) offering discounts, commissions and related fees in connection with underwritten public offerings of securities; (iv) margin interest and operational fees and charges; (v) IRA fees; and (vi) any redemption fees, exchange fees



and/or similar fees (among which SEC fees are included) imposed in connection with mutual fund transactions whereby we or your Financial Advisor may receive additional compensation on these Excluded Assets.

If you choose to use Trust services provided by our affiliate, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., additional costs may apply that are in addition to the advisory fees disclosed above. These Trust services would include custody of your account at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. The fees for these services will be separately agreed upon and disclosed to you by the bank and compensation for those services will be paid directly to the bank separate from the advisory fee.

### **Costs of Investing in Mutual Funds**

In addition to Program fees, as a shareholder of a money market, mutual fund, CEF or ETF, you will bear a proportionate share of the fund's expenses, including investment management fees that are paid to the fund's investment adviser, who may be an affiliate of ours. We may receive fees from these mutual funds or closed-end funds. For more information about these funds, refer to their prospectuses. We may earn fees from our possession and temporary investment of cash balances in your Account(s) before they are "swept" into a money market fund or Depository Product. You may elect not to participate in the cash sweep program. It is your responsibility to monitor the cash sweep options, and determine whether you prefer to invest cash balances in products offered outside the sweep program.

You should be aware that you may invest in money market funds or mutual funds directly without incurring the fee charged for participation in a Program. In addition, certain institutional investors may directly purchase a class of shares of certain money market funds or funds that do not charge shareholder services, sub-accounting or other related fees. If you do, however, you will not receive the various Program Services provided under the Program and some mutual funds may impose a sales load on direct investments. Any non-sweep money market funds held in your Account that are included on the allowable list will be billed at the Mutual Fund rate. You will receive a prospectus for each money market and mutual fund purchased, as required by securities regulations.

We or our service providers may collect from any of the mutual funds in which you invest compensation for recordkeeping, sub-accounting, shareholder communications, administrative, and other similar services we provide to a fund for your benefit. In addition, we may collect other asset-based fees for the execution of fund share purchases, or the performance of clearance, settlement, custodial or other ancillary functions, except as indicated below. We or our service providers may collect such fees directly or indirectly from some or all of the mutual funds in which you invest, and we may pay any such fees it receives to our FAs. The amount of the fees we or your FA receive will vary, depending on the percentage paid pursuant to a fund's Rule 12b-1 plan or as otherwise agreed to by the fund. These fees are in addition to the quarterly program fee and are imbedded in the mutual fund pricing. In the case of ERISA Accounts, any fees described above that are paid to us or an affiliate will be credited against your Program fees. We may also receive payments in the form of marketing support from mutual fund companies.

Mutual fund companies may also provide compensation to offset or reimburse Wells Fargo Advisors for costs incurred in conducting comprehensive training and educational meetings for its Financial Advisors. These meetings or events are held to teach Financial Advisors about the product characteristics, sales materials, suitability, customer support services and successful sales techniques as they relate to various mutual funds.

We or our service providers may collect from any of the mutual funds in which you invest any or all of the various forms of compensation listed above for services we provide to a fund for your benefit. The additional compensation received from each fund family, and even from fund to fund within the same fund family, may vary. As a result, we may have a financial incentive to recommend one fund over a similarly situated fund due to the compensation we may receive from one fund versus another. This could also result in an increase in your cost as a result of us recommending a more expensive fund. We intend, however to make all recommendations independent of such financial considerations and based solely on our obligations to consider your objectives and needs. These payments are in addition to the quarterly Program fee and are imbedded in the mutual fund pricing. In the case of ERISA Accounts, the payments described above that are paid to us or an affiliate will be waived or credited against your Program fees.

We may receive sales compensation, not to exceed 1% per year of the value of your assets invested in certain offshore funds, and will share any such sales compensation with your Financial Advisor. Therefore, Financial Advisors may have a financial incentive to recommend such offshore funds over other Eligible funds.

**Subject to restrictions imposed by applicable laws, you authorize us to grant a general lien and security interest in your mutual fund securities, or any series or class of your mutual fund shares that have not been settled through us or our clearing agent, together with any and all payments, dividends, distributions and proceeds of or on those shares, to secure any amounts we or our clearing agent owe in payment for mutual fund shares we purchase for your Account.**

Certain funds make multiple no-load, institutional, advisory, or load-waived share classes available for purchase through investment advisory Programs and agree to waive minimums and redemption fees in certain instances. These share classes may be available only through our investment advisory Programs and have different and lower shareholder servicing, sub-accounting, investment management and 12b-1 fees and charges from other shares classes offered by those Funds. As a result, some Clients may have purchased these lower-cost institutional share classes, while others may have purchased a non-institutional share class. You authorize us, at our discretion, to convert existing mutual funds in your Account to any available institutional share or advisory program share class ("Advisory Share Class") without your prior consent. We review

our policies, procedures and systems to determine whether to continue to support these multiple no-load and load-waived share classes, and reserve the right to no longer offer certain share classes within our Programs.

To the extent that cash used for investment in the Program comes from redemption proceeds of or deposits of your existing mutual funds or other securities investments, you should consider the cost of any sales charges or commissions you paid, which are in addition to the Program fee on the same assets.

### **Account Termination**

Client Agreements may be terminated by either party at any time upon written notice. If you terminate your Agreement, a pro rata refund will be made, less reasonable start-up costs. In the event of cancellation of the Client Agreement, fees previously paid pursuant to the Fee Schedule will be refunded on a pro rata basis, as of the date notice of such cancellation is received by the non-canceling party, less reasonable start-up costs.

If you choose to terminate your Agreement with any of our investment advisory Programs, we can liquidate your Account if you instruct us to do so. If so instructed we will liquidate your Account in an orderly and efficient manner. We do not charge for such redemption; however, you should be aware that certain mutual funds impose redemption fees as stated in their fund prospectus. You should also keep in mind that the decision to liquidate security issues or mutual funds may result in tax consequences that should be discussed with your tax advisor.

We will not be responsible for market fluctuations in your Account from the time of written notice until complete liquidation. All efforts will be made to process the termination in an efficient and timely manner. Factors that may affect the orderly and efficient liquidation of an Account might be size and types of issues, liquidity of the markets, and market makers' abilities. Should the necessary securities' markets be unavailable and trading suspended, efforts to trade will be done as soon as possible following their reopening. Due to the administrative processing time needed to terminate an advisory Account, termination orders cannot be considered market orders. It may take several business days under normal market conditions to process your request.

Upon termination of the Account or transfer of the Advisory Share Class into a WFA retail brokerage account, you authorize us to revert, at our discretion, the Advisory Share Class to the mutual fund's primary share class, typically A shares, without incurring a commission or load without your prior consent. You understand that the primary share class generally has higher operating expenses than the Advisory Share Class, which may negatively affect your performance. Certain mutual fund shares may be required to be redeemed as part of the Account termination, as stated in their prospectus.

If a Program Account is terminated, but you maintain a brokerage Account with us, the money market fund used in a "sweep" arrangement may be changed and/or your shares may be exchanged for shares of another series of the same fund. You will bear a proportionate share of the money market fund's fees and expenses. You are subject to the customary brokerage charges for any securities positions sold in your Account after the termination of Program services.

### **Account Requirements and Types of Clients**

#### **Account Requirements**

A minimum initial Account value of at least \$50,000 is required to establish a PIM, FC or QC Account. The minimum Account value to establish an Asset Advisor account is \$25,000. Under certain circumstances the Account minimum may be waived. Certain investment options may require initial investments greater than the Program minimum Account value. We may act as service provider for the advisory Programs offered by our affiliate, Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC, as well as for certain fully-disclosed firms that clear their transactions through First Clearing, LLC, our affiliate and clearing firm. The minimum and maximum Account sizes that these firms require may differ from those required by WFA as stated in this Disclosure Document. You should refer to the Disclosure Document of Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC, or the fully-disclosed brokerage firm, as appropriate, to determine the fee levels charged and the minimum and maximum Account sizes permitted by those firms. We may terminate Client Accounts with written notice if they fall below minimum Account value guidelines established by us.

#### **Types of Clients**

We provide the advisory services described in this brochure to individuals, pension or profit sharing plans, trusts, estates or charitable organizations, corporations or other business entities, governmental entities and educational institutions, as well as banks or thrift institutions.

### **Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation**

As described above in the "Services, Fees and Compensation" section, PIM, QC and FC Financial Advisors serve as Portfolio Managers and are required to meet firm or industry experience levels and complete specialized training unless they possess equivalent portfolio management experience. The PIM, FC and QC Portfolio Managers develop portfolios based on certain established guidelines and your investment objectives and individual needs. The Programs are designed to provide a disciplined advisory approach to meet your objectives and needs. Portfolio Managers that do not continue to meet our guidelines may be removed from the Programs.

## **Services Tailored to Individual Client Needs**

All of our investment recommendations for Program Accounts are based on an analysis of your individual financial needs. They are drawn from research and analysis we believe to be reliable and appropriate to your financial circumstances. Each of the advisory services we offer is tailored to a specific type of investor and designed to meet their individual investment objectives, financial needs and tolerance of risk. A detailed description of these Programs is provided in the "Services, Fees and Compensation" section.

## **Client Restrictions and Instructions**

We will comply with any reasonable instructions and/or restrictions you give us when making recommendations for your Account. Reasonable instructions generally include the designation of particular securities or types of securities that should not be purchased for the Account, or that should be sold if held in the Account.

If your restrictions are unreasonable or if we or your Financial Advisor believe that the restrictions are inappropriate, we will notify you that, unless they are modified, we may remove your Account from the Program. You will not be able to provide instructions that prohibit or restrict the investment advisor of an open-end or closed-end mutual fund or exchange-traded funds, with respect to the purchase or sale of specific securities or types of securities within the fund.

Our policy is generally to liquidate your preexisting securities portfolio immediately and bring the Account into conformity with your target allocations. If you wish to hold certain positions for tax or investment purposes, you should consider holding these positions in a separate Account.

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

We do not charge performance-based fees in any of our investment advisory Programs. We do not have any side-by-side management situations.

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

As stated above in the "Services, Fees and Compensation" section, QC Portfolio Managers generally rely on quantitative research, while FC Portfolio Managers generally rely on both fundamental and quantitative research to develop their investment management discipline. QC and FC research is obtained from both affiliated and third-party sources. PIM Portfolio Managers utilize both fundamental and quantitative research as well as other independent research. Portfolio Managers may develop a specific investment philosophy using the mix of these analysis methods. Quality and concentration requirements are established to provide an overall discipline and quality element to the Program. Such strategies ordinarily include long and short-term purchase of securities and, depending on your objectives and the Portfolio Manager's investment philosophy (if so used), supplemental covered option writing. However, in special circumstances the strategies may also include margin transactions, other option strategies and trading or short sale transactions. Some Portfolio Managers follow the investment recommendations that are the basis for investment decisions for Compass for some or all assets in these Program Accounts.

### **Risk of Loss**

All investments shall be at your risk exclusively, and you must understand that we do not guarantee any return on the investments recommended or advised upon and may not be responsible for losses resulting from such trading or for any transactions that we have not recommended to you.

## **Voting Client Securities**

We vote proxies for Advisory Program Accounts over which we exercise discretion, unless otherwise instructed by you. We have adopted proxy voting policies and procedures that describe our practices. We use a third-party proxy voting service to provide independent, objective research and voting recommendations and to vote proxies on your behalf. We generally adopt a voting methodology that maximizes shareholder value, but reserve the right to recommend a different voting strategy that is consistent with your needs and constraints, such as a socially responsible strategy. In addition, we have the ability to override votes recommended by the proxy voting service. Our proxy voting policies and procedures and a record of proxies voted on your behalf are available from your Financial Advisor. We will not render any advice or take any action with respect to information related to Non-Program Asset securities, or the issuer of such securities.

## **Client Information Provided to Portfolio Managers**

All Clients must provide information on their investment objectives, financial circumstances, risk tolerance and any restrictions they may wish to impose on investment activities. We will notify you in writing at least annually to update your information and indicate if there have been any changes in your financial situation, investment objectives or instructions; and you agree to inform us in writing of any material change in your financial circumstances that might affect the manner in which your assets should be invested. Your Financial Advisor will be reasonably available to you for consultation on these matters, and will act on any changes deemed to be material or appropriate as soon as practical after we become aware of the change.

## **Client Contact with Portfolio Managers**

In the FA Directed Programs, your FA is acting in the capacity of Portfolio Manager. You have no restrictions in contacting your FA.

## **Additional Information**

### **Disciplinary Information**

We are both a broker-dealer and investment advisory Firm. The disciplinary events listed below are related to the activities of the broker-dealer, investment advisor or predecessor firms.

For more information on broker/dealer related disciplinary events you may visit:

<http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/>

Our investment advisory disciplinary history is available by going to:

<http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov/>

- In December 2014, Wells Fargo Advisors agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations that the Firm failed to comply fully with requirements to verify the identity of each customer opening a new account under its Customer Identification Program ("CIP"). Due to a design flaw in the Firm's CIP system, 220,000 accounts, out of the total 6.9 million accounts opened during the period from October 2003 through October 2012, were not subject to the Firm's CIP review. When considering sanctions, FINRA took into consideration that WFA discovered the system flaw through self-testing, performed remediation CIP on approximately 100,000 accounts that remained open, made system changes to prevent recurrences and reported the violations in accordance with FINRA Rule 4530(b). Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm agreed to a settlement that included a censure, and payment, jointly and severally with its affiliate Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, of a \$1,500,000 fine.
- On September 22, 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") entered an order against Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC following the firm's offer of settlement. The order stated that the firm did not adequately establish, maintain or enforce policies and procedures to prevent the misuse of material nonpublic information, particularly concerning the risk that its associated persons could obtain material nonpublic information from its customers or advisory clients. The order also stated that during the Commission's investigation, the firm unreasonably delayed production of certain documents and produced a document that was altered by an employee. The firm admitted the Commission's findings of fact, acknowledged that its conduct violated the federal securities laws and agreed to retain an independent compliance consultant to review relevant policies and procedures, as well as the making, keeping and preserving of certain required books and records. The order censured the firm, required that the firm cease and desist from violating the federal securities laws cited in the order and imposed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$5,000,000.
- In May 2012, Wells Fargo Advisors agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations that the Firm failed to establish and maintain supervisory systems, including written procedures, reasonably designed to achieve compliance with applicable FINRA rules in connection with the sale of leveraged, inverse and inverse-leveraged Exchanged-Traded Funds. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm agreed to a settlement that included a censure, and payment, jointly and severally with its affiliate Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, of a \$2,100,000 fine and restitution to specified clients.
- In May 2011, Wells Fargo Advisors agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations that the Firm failed to deliver prospectuses to customers on a timely basis and failed to timely file certain amendments to Uniform Applications for Securities Industry or Transfer ("Forms U4") and Uniform Termination Notices for Securities Industry Registration ("Forms U5"). Without admitting or denying the allegations, The Firm agreed to a censure and a \$1,000,000 fine. The Firm also agreed to adopt and implement systems and procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the federal securities laws and FINRA rules applicable to timely filing of Forms U4 and U5.
- In 2009 and 2010, Wachovia Securities agreed to settlements with the SEC and multiple state regulatory agencies regarding allegations that the Firm misrepresented the liquidity risks of auction rate securities sold to customers. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm agreed to pay \$50,000,000 in fines to state regulatory agencies. The Firm also agreed to offer to repurchase auction rate securities, not subject to current calls or redemptions in the relevant class, that were the subject of unsuccessful auctions. The Firm complied with all terms of these settlements as of June 30, 2010.
- In May 2009, WFA agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations the Firm failed to deliver prospectuses and product descriptions to certain customers who purchased investment products, failed to have adequate supervisory systems and appropriate written supervisory procedures in place to ensure that offering documents were being sent to customers in connection with transactions, and failed to adequately supervise the submission of information to FINRA staff and ensure that its submissions were accurate, complete and timely submitted. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm agreed to a censure and a \$1,400,000 fine. In addition, the Firm completed a subsequent review and certification that it had adopted and implemented supervisory systems and procedures reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the federal securities laws and FINRA rules applicable to the delivery of prospectuses and product descriptions.

- In February 2009, Wachovia Securities agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations that it failed to accurately make certain customer mailings. FINRA noted that the Firm failed to send customers confirmation of changes to: investment objectives, customer addresses and certain asset movements. In addition, customer profile information verification forms were not delivered to customers. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm consented to a fine of \$1,100,000 and agreed to hire an outside consultant to conduct a review of the Firm's policies, procedures, testing and systems related to these issues, which was completed on or about August 2009.
- In February 2009, Wachovia Securities agreed to a settlement with FINRA regarding allegations that the Firm (1) made recommendations through its registered representatives to customers to purchase Class B and Class C mutual fund shares where an equal investment in Class A shares would have been more advantageous for certain clients; (2) did not provide certain eligible customers with the benefit of net asset value ("NAV") transfer programs in connection with mutual fund purchases and sales discounts in connection with purchases of Unit Investment Trusts ("UIT"); and (3) failed to establish, maintain and enforce supervisory systems and procedures reasonably designed (a) to provide consideration, on a consistent basis, of the benefits of various mutual fund classes as they applied to individual customers, (b) to identify opportunities for investors to purchase mutual funds at NAV and (c) to ensure that sales charge discounts were applied to eligible UIT purchases by customers. Without admitting or denying the findings, the firm consented to a censure, a fine of \$4,410,000 and undertakings that included remediation to certain customers. In determining appropriate sanctions, FINRA considered the Firm's proactive remedial actions taken upon its discovery of, and before FINRA's inquiry into, certain conduct. After identifying failures to provide certain customers with NAV pricing and UIT sales discounts, the Firm acted promptly and in good faith to repay customers approximately \$5,400,000 and correct its systems and procedures.
- In October 2008, Wachovia Securities entered into a settlement with FINRA, regarding allegations that it permitted an individual to function as a principal without being properly licensed as a General Securities Principal ("GP"), permitted an individual to supervise its equity research analysts without being properly licensed as a Research Principal ("RP") and failed to ensure that a GP or RP manage and supervise the Firm's Advisory Services Group. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm consented to a censure and a \$75,000 fine.
- In September 2007, Wachovia Securities entered into a settlement with the SEC regarding allegations that the Firm entered into an agreement to allow a registered representative to market time in an affiliate mutual fund in excess of trading limits set forth in the fund's prospectus. Without admitting or denying the allegations, the Firm agreed to a censure, to pay disgorgement of \$1 and a civil penalty of \$500,000, and to cease and desist any further violations of this kind.
- In June 2007, Wachovia Securities entered into a settlement with the NASD regarding alleged supervisory failures in connection with its fee in lieu of commission account program based on low activity, opening accounts below stated minimums and distributing a piece of sales literature that inaccurately stated that the fee in lieu account was a fee based advisory account. Without admitting or denying the findings, the Firm agreed to a censure, a \$2,000,000 fine and paid restitution to specified clients.
- In October 2006, Wachovia Securities consented to a finding by a NYSE hearing panel that the Firm violated NYSE Rules by failing to provide for, establish and maintain adequate procedures and controls for certain activities at its bank affiliate related to Command Asset Program Accounts, including a system of follow-up and review of its business activities relating to changes of customer address. Without admitting or denying the findings, the Firm consented to a censure and fine of \$300,000.

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

We are a leading national securities firm providing investment and other financial services to individual, corporate and institutional Clients. We are a registered broker-dealer, investment adviser and futures commission merchant.

Accounts are carried by First Clearing, LLC ("FCLLC"), a qualified custodian. FCLLC is an affiliate owned indirectly by Wells Fargo & Company ("Wells Fargo"). WFA and FCLLC are members of all principal stock exchanges in the United States, including the New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ. WFA and FCLLC are also members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). FCLLC may also route Client transactions through its affiliate, Wells Fargo Securities, LLC.

We are a non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo. We are not a bank or thrift and are a separate and distinct corporate entity from our affiliated banks. **Unless otherwise stated as the case, the investment advisory services offered and the underlying stock, bonds, mutual funds and other securities bought or sold through us are not deposits of any bank and are not insured or otherwise protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") or another government agency. They are not obligations of any bank or any affiliate of us; are not endorsed or guaranteed by Wells Fargo, WFA, or any bank or any affiliate of us; and involve investment risk including possible loss of principal. Cash balances in your Accounts may be held in a depository product sponsored by a Wells Fargo entity. Deposit products, like the cash sweep program, are protected by FDIC insurance up to applicable limits.**

Our obligations and commitments are not those of any affiliated bank or thrift and such bank or thrift is not responsible for securities sold or purchased by us. As a general matter, unless otherwise stated as the case, we may be a principal, or may be engaged in underwriting, with respect to, or may purchase from or sell to an affiliate, those securities for which we are providing broker, advisory or other services to our Clients. In addition, we may act as an investment adviser to issuers whose

securities may be sold to you.

From time to time, a bank or thrift affiliated with us may lend money to an issuer of securities underwritten or privately placed by us. The prospectus or other offering documentation provided in connection with such underwriting or private placement will disclose to the extent required by applicable securities laws (i) the existence of any material lending relationship by any affiliate of ours with such an issuer and (ii) whether the proceeds of an issuance of such securities will be used by the issuer to repay any outstanding indebtedness to any of our affiliates.

We have a number of related persons that may provide investment management and related financial services to Program Clients. The advisory services offered by these investment managers are described more fully in their Disclosure Documents and/or Form ADV, Part 2A. The identity of these related persons and summary of the products and services follows.

- Wells Fargo also provides retail brokerage and investment advisory services through Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC ("WFAFN") and FCLLC.
- Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC, is a registered investment adviser and wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company that provides investment advisory services to the Wells Fargo Advantage Funds. These funds may be purchased in WFA brokerage Accounts and advisory Programs. Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC is also an advisor to certain money market sweep vehicles available to Program Clients.
- Wells Capital Management Incorporated, First International Advisors, LLC, Metropolitan West Capital Management, LLC, Golden Capital Management, LLC, and Galliard Capital Management are all affiliates of Wells Fargo & Company and may serve as advisers and/or sub-advisers through WFA's Separately Managed Account programs and Wells Fargo Advantage Funds.
- Wells Fargo Investment Institute, Inc. ("WFII") (known prior to November 1, 2014 as Alternative Strategies Group, Inc. and before that as Wachovia Alternatives Strategies, Inc.) is a registered investment advisor and wholly owned subsidiary of Wells Fargo & Company that provides WFA with due diligence on Program-eligible mutual funds and money managers. WFII is also the advisor to alternative investments available to Asset Advisor Clients.

The affiliated funds offered through the Programs may have provisions to allow sales through advisers at net asset value. In such cases, you should understand that there is a potential conflict of interest where the adviser and/or we offer, recommend, and invest you in the affiliated funds because, where permitted by law, we would receive the Program compensation and the compensation for services provided to the fund.

WFII also provides research and strategy recommendations to other affiliates of WFA. While all the affiliates have similar access to the research, due to the operational differences, manner and size of the advisory programs, certain affiliates may be able to implement and trade on these recommendations prior to another affiliate. The ability to implement and trade on these recommendations first, may give the clients of one affiliate an advantage over clients of other affiliates.

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

### **Code of Ethics**

Our Associates are subject to a Code of Ethics that is designed to ensure our business activities are performed with the highest possible standards of ethics and business conduct, and to comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations that govern our businesses. Key requirements of our Code of Ethics are summarized below, and you may obtain a complete copy through your Financial Advisor.

- Conduct all aspects of Wells Fargo's business activities in an honest, ethical, and legal manner, and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations and our policies and procedures.
- Provide accurate and complete information in dealings with Clients and others, including disclosure of conflicts of interest when they exist.
- Prepare and maintain accurate business records.
- Refrain from improper disclosure or misuse of confidential Client information and material, non-public information. Wells Fargo protects the private, personal, and proprietary information of Clients and others.
- Avoid conflicts of interest in personal and business activities.
- Rules specific to personal trading.

### **Participation or Interest in Client Transactions**

Under the Programs, we are generally appointed as sole and exclusive broker by you with respect to the referenced Account for the execution of transactions. Our Program Fee covers transaction costs when transactions are executed through us. On occasion, Clients may designate, or the law may require, the use of other brokers. Investment advisers may also elect to

execute transactions with other firms as they deem appropriate, taking into account a number of factors such as best execution, research services and other qualitative factors. When transactions are executed with other firms, including transactions executed through our affiliates, the cost of execution is imbedded in the price of the security. Any imbedded execution costs on trades done away from us are in addition to our Program Fee.

In connection with these transactions, we may act as agent or, where permitted by law, principal (including instances wherein we are acting as underwriter or selling group members). You authorize that we may effect and execute brokerage transactions, including on a national exchange, as permitted by current provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and rules promulgated thereunder including any future amendments or changes to such statutes and rules.

With respect to money market sweep vehicles investments, you receive disclosures about our affiliates and the advisory and other fees paid to affiliates by the Funds in the Fund's prospectuses and our Disclosure Documents, and Client Agreements, as applicable.

We or our affiliates may have investment banking or other relationships with certain publicly traded companies. These relationships may from time to time require us to restrict trading in the securities of these companies. As a result of these investment banking or other activities, our affiliates may acquire confidential or material non-public information that may prevent us or our affiliates, for a period of time, from purchasing, selling or recommending particular securities for your Account. We and our affiliates are not permitted to divulge or to act upon this information with respect to our advisory or brokerage activities.

We have certain restrictions, internal procedures and Client disclosures regarding conflicts of interest that we may have with respect to our participation or interest in your transactions. We communicate our policies and procedures related to participation in Client transactions to Associates through our compliance policies and procedure manuals and Program-specific policy guidelines.

### **Personal Trading**

We maintain policies and procedures to mitigate conflicts of interest between transactions in our Associates' personal investment Accounts, including Accounts of their immediate family members and transactions in our Clients' Accounts. To ensure Associate trading requirements are observed, certain Associate trading activity is subject to pre-approval. All Associates are subject to regular review by their supervisors, independent oversight by our Compliance Department, and systemic controls that automatically restrict entry of certain orders and generate related surveillance reporting.

### **Review of Accounts**

Program services include review and monitoring of your Account by our personnel and facilities. We will provide you with periodic portfolio monitoring services, which may include a statistical presentation of the performance of your Account(s), based on the information on our records, and ongoing comparisons with selected industry indices or benchmarks. Normally, the periodic portfolio monitoring report is calculated based on the activity of the Account since its inception in our Program. As an additional service, we may include supplemental historical information that you provide or that is provided by the previous custodian or investment advisor for the Account when it was held outside of our Program. At your direction, where feasible, we will incorporate this information in a consolidated periodic portfolio monitoring report.

We have not reviewed or audited any of this supplemental historical information and do not in any way certify, guarantee, or provide any assurance as to the reliability of the information. In addition, we do not guarantee the accuracy of the calculations performed on such information nor offer any assurance that the portfolio monitoring report was calculated in accordance with Accounting or industry standards. The additional time necessary to obtain, input, and report on the historical information may cause a delay in producing the portfolio monitoring reports for Accounts new to our Program.

We will provide you with the following: (a) trade confirmations reflecting all transactions in securities, and (b) a statement of Account activity at least quarterly. We may for FA-Directed Programs, however, furnish periodic statements of Account activity in lieu of transaction-by-transaction confirmations to the extent permitted by Rule 10b-10 under the Exchange Act.

When you open a Program Account, your investment objectives and strategy are reviewed for consistency with each Program's guidelines. Thereafter, your Accounts may be reviewed on a transaction, monthly, quarterly or annual basis, as applicable. As applicable, we examine adherence to criteria and Program guidelines on security selection, concentration, diversification, activity and certain restrictions that may apply. Our reviews are performed by the branch office manager, and to the extent applicable, product management personnel, who are assisted by various data processing reports, as the reviews relate to their supervisory and oversight responsibilities, respectively. We review these guidelines periodically and can modify them without notice.

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

From time to time, we initiate incentive programs for our Associates, including FAs. These programs may compensate them for attracting new assets and Clients, referring business to our affiliates (such as referrals for mortgages, trusts, or insurance services), promoting investment advisory services and promoting green initiatives (such as raising Client awareness of paperless options). We may also initiate programs that reward Financial Advisors who meet total production criteria, prepare

Envision investment plans, participate in advanced training and improve Client service.

Financial Advisors who participate in these incentive programs may be rewarded with cash and/or non-cash compensation, such as deferred compensation, bonuses, training symposiums and recognition trips. Portions of these programs may be subsidized by external vendors and/or our affiliates, such as mutual fund companies, insurance carriers, or investment advisers. Therefore, Financial Advisors and other Associates may have a financial incentive to recommend the programs and services included in these incentive programs over other available products and services we offer.

We may also enter into arrangements with other persons to whom we pay compensation for referrals to our advisory Programs. This compensation is generally in the form of a percentage of the fees described in the Program contracts. The details of such arrangements and the amount of compensation will be described in a separate disclosure provided at the time of such referrals.

From time to time, we compensate Associates other than Financial Advisors for referrals of possible Clients to the Programs. Our Financial Advisors, not the referring Associate will make the actual presentation and solicitation of these services. The referral compensation takes the form of a payment to the Associate of a percentage of the fees described in the Programs contracts and results in no additional fees to you or other Clients.

We may use our affiliates to effect certain securities transactions. We and our Financial Advisors may effect brokerage transactions and receive commissions from the advisors for Accounts other than those of Program Clients; such commissions may be for other brokerage Account relationships that Clients maintain with us, as directed by the particular advisor in connection with its responsibilities and obligations to such other Clients.

We do not pre-condition the recommendation of mutual funds for inclusion in our managed Account Programs based on any compensation we may receive, with the exception of certain mutual fund clearance and administration fees. In addition, Wells Fargo & Company is a full-service financial services firm with many affiliates. Wells Fargo & Company encourages its subsidiaries to use the products and services offered by affiliated firms, when appropriate. During the course of annual business planning, business with our affiliates is included in establishing our sales goals. As a result, we may have an incentive to hire affiliate service providers for our advisory Programs. We may recommend affiliated mutual funds to Program Clients, and may hire other affiliates to provide trade execution, clearing, and platform administration services for the Programs. We intend, however, to make all recommendations independent of any such goals and based solely on our obligations to consider your objectives and needs.

### **Brokerage Practices**

Under the Programs, you will generally appoint us as sole and exclusive broker with respect to the referenced Account for the execution of transactions. In connection with these transactions, we may act as agent or, where permitted by law, principal (including instances wherein we or an affiliate are an underwriter or selling group member). You authorize us to effect and execute brokerage transactions, including on a national exchange, as permitted by current provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and rules promulgated under that Act, including any future amendments or changes to such statutes and rules. Our Portfolio Managers may purchase for their own Accounts securities that are also purchased for their Clients.

Even though we may be permitted by contract and by law to do so, as a matter of policy, we do not generally execute principal trades or agency cross transactions in our advisory Programs. Although in some instances, we may be able to provide a more favorable market price to you if we participate in a principal trade or an agency cross transaction with Client Accounts, we do so only when consistent with our obligations to provide best execution, due to regulatory requirements when executing such transactions. Therefore, with the exception of certain Asset Advisor Clients, you will generally not have access to new issues or syndicate offerings in these Accounts. You may make such purchases in a retail brokerage Account, and you should be aware that they will be subject to the customary fees and commissions charged in such Accounts.

When you place an indication of interest in an Equity IPO or other offering, there are no guarantees that you will receive shares in the offering. WFA, in its sole discretion, determines how to allocate shares to branch locations, Financial Advisors ("FAs"), and Clients. WFA uses an internal formula to rank branch locations and FAs in the allocation process for Equity IPOs and follow-on offerings. Your FA's rank in the index is based on internal credits or points accumulated during previous qualifying offerings for total production, syndicate production, and the length of your and other Clients' holding period (up to 90 days) of previous offerings. Whether you receive an allocation of any given offering, and the amount of the allocation is dependent on your FA's rank in the index and the rank of your FA's branch. FAs with higher rankings in the index generally receive a greater allocation of shares of an oversubscribed offering than FAs with lower rankings. In addition, when you receive an allocation in an offering, your holding period and the holding period of your FA's other Clients will impact the points accumulated by your FA. Specifically, the longer you and your FA's Clients hold offerings (up to 90 days), the more points they accumulate in the index. As a result, your FA may have an incentive (for up to 90 days after an offering) to recommend that you hold the shares purchased in the offering. For certain offerings, allocating shares via the FA index may not be necessary due to availability of sufficient shares to satisfy all indications of interest placed by Clients.

In the case-by-case exceptions, in which we enter into principal trades or agency cross-transactions, we will provide specific disclosures and obtain your consent. If the transaction is a principal transaction in which we are a market maker in the security, we provide you with disclosure regarding the capacity in which we are acting, and obtain your consent before completing such a transaction. We rely on codes and restrictions in our systems as well as additional software to prevent



non-permissible principal trades.

We also may effect cross-transactions between advisory Client Accounts, where one Client purchases a security held by another Client. Neither we nor any related party receives any compensation in connection with a cross-transaction. We effect these transactions only when we deem the transaction to be in the best interests of both Clients and at prices that we have determined to reflect fair value.

If the transaction is an agency cross-transaction, in which we act as your broker or agent by purchasing or selling securities from or to one of our brokerage Clients, we will obtain your written consent and will provide you with a written confirmation at or before the completion of the transaction which describes its nature, provides information about its date and time and the remuneration which may be received by the investment advisor or other person. At least annually, we will provide you with a written disclosure statement identifying the total number of such agency cross transactions for your Account during the period, and the total amount of all commissions or other remuneration we received or will receive in connection with these transactions, if any. We generally will not effect agency cross transactions between Clients if we have recommended the security to both Clients.

Principal trades and agency cross transactions are also subject to additional restrictions, procedures and controls that are in place for other securities transactions in advisory Accounts. As discussed more fully below, we seek to obtain the best execution for each of our advisory Clients.

If you are rolling over assets from an employer-sponsored Qualified Retirement Plan ("QRP"), such as a 401(k), to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") with us, you should carefully evaluate all choices which are typically available. These four options include: leaving your assets in your former employer's plan (if permitted), rolling over the assets to your new employer's plan (if permitted), rolling your assets to an IRA with us or another firm, or cashing out the account value. You should consider the following factors, among others, in deciding whether to keep assets in a QRP, roll over to an IRA or cash out: investment options, fees and expenses, ability to make penalty-free withdrawals, and differences in creditor protection. We have a conflict of interest in connection with a rollover of your assets into an IRA and the investment of the assets with us as opposed to leaving the assets in your former employer's plan or electing one of the other options. The conflict arises because we will likely earn no compensation if you were to leave the assets in your former employer's plan or roll over to your new employer's plan. In addition, the costs of maintaining and investing assets in an IRA with us will generally involve higher costs than the other options available to you. While we typically offer a broader range of investment options and services than an employer-sponsored QRP, there are no guarantees that the additional investment options will outperform your employer-sponsored QRP.

We receive no additional brokerage execution compensation for executing securities transactions for our wrap-fee Clients. However, our affiliated clearing firm, First Clearing, LLC a qualified custodian, may receive additional compensation in the form of order flow payments from options trades. In addition, First Clearing LLC may receive compensation from one or more of the firms it routes equity orders to as a fee for providing execution services to those firms. However, the orders routed to these firms are not contingent on pre-existing arrangements. Please refer to the "Program Fees and Account Minimums" section for a discussion of additional fees that you may occur.

We have a Best Execution Committee that reviews trading activity and the vendors and systems we use to process transactions, among other things. Advisory Client orders are treated with the same priority and procedural flow as non-advisory brokerage trades, except to accommodate the trading restrictions placed on these Accounts with respect to principal trades and agency cross transactions. In order to seek a more advantageous net price, it is our practice to aggregate, when feasible, orders for the purchase or sale of a particular security for the Accounts of several Program Clients for execution as a single transaction. Any benefit of such aggregation generally is allocated pro-rata among the Client Accounts that participated in the aggregated transaction. Client transactions are monitored regularly by branch supervisors, and product management personnel monitor Program exceptions as part of their general oversight responsibility for the Programs. In addition, we use system controls and identification to restrict advisory Accounts from being charged commissions. We also regularly review reports to determine if you have been charged commissions in error and correct Accounts where appropriate. Clients who have a brokerage Account relationship with us unrelated to an advisory service will be charged commissions, fees and execution costs, if any, in effect for the specific brokerage Account.

The securities traded for you may be traded in one or more marketplaces or may employ an alternative trading system ("ATS") to execute fixed income transactions. Consistent with the overriding principle of best execution and subject to applicable regulatory requirements, we may use our discretion in selecting these marketplaces or ATSs to enter or execute your orders.

- We route Client orders for over-the-counter equities and listed equity securities to execution venues as appropriate, with best execution being the highest priority. We consider a number of factors when determining where to send Client orders, including execution speed and price, price improvement opportunities, the availability of efficient and reliable order-handling systems, the level of service provided, and the cost of executing orders. We strive to execute all held orders at prices equal to or better than the displayed national bid/offer price, up to the displayed size, at the time of execution. Not-held orders are worked for best price by the trading desk. We may utilize non-affiliated third-party Authorized Participants ("APs") when transacting large blocks of ETFs. APs are typically large institutions like market makers or specialists who can create ETFs by trading the underlying securities.
- As a result of the over-the-counter nature (the lack of a market exchange) of fixed income securities, the available trading methods differ from that of equity securities. Consistent with the overriding principle of best execution and subject to

applicable regulatory requirements, we may use our discretion in selecting the appropriate ATS and/or broker-dealers with which to execute Client orders. We consider a number of factors when determining where to execute Client orders, including the product type (which may influence the liquidity in the market) and the size of the order.

- For both equity and fixed income securities, we regularly review transactions for quality of execution, and take action, as appropriate, for price improvement and to fulfill our best execution obligations. At all times, our foremost concern is to obtain the best execution for our Clients, regardless of any compensation factor.

If any such prices are unavailable or believed to be unreliable, we will determine prices in good faith so as to reflect our understanding of fair market value.

### **Money Market Sweep Program**

Under the Programs, you will receive disclosures about our affiliates and the advisory and other fees paid to our affiliates by the Funds in each Funds' Prospectus, Disclosure Documents and Agreements applicable to investments in money market sweep vehicles.

- (1) Money market mutual funds managed and/or administered by Wells Fargo Funds Management, LLC
- (2) Money market mutual funds managed and/or administered by non-affiliates
- (3) FDIC-insured depository products ("Depository Products") provided by banking affiliates of Wells Fargo & Company

You are advised and understand that overall fees charged on Account values will include these money market fund balances to the extent permitted by law. You should also be aware that your choice of investment of cash balances may be limited by the Program or by law, as applicable. When an affiliated money market fund is used, we may serve as adviser, sub-adviser, distributor, or administrator to the fund and receive compensation for the services provided. Additional information about these funds is found in their prospectuses. We and our banking affiliates benefit financially from cash balances held in the Depository Product. A portion of these fees may be paid to your Financial Advisor.

Our banking affiliates earn net income from the difference between the interest they pay on deposit Accounts, such as the Depository Product, and the income they earn on loans, investments and other assets. The banking affiliates do not have a duty to provide the highest rates prudently available and may instead seek to pay as low a rate consistent with their view of competitive necessities. Therefore, they may pay rates of interest on the Depository Product that are lower than prevailing market interest rates. As a result of fees and benefits received by us, the Depository Product may be significantly more profitable to us than other cash sweep options.

We may receive fees and compensation of up to two percent (2%) from our affiliates based on the average monthly deposit balances in the Depository Product. In addition, we may receive incentive compensation based in part on the profitability of the Depository Product for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

There are differing risks and protection between the money market funds and the bank deposit sweep options. For additional information about available cash sweep options and the fees associated with sweep products, see the Cash Sweep Program Disclosure Statement, which we provided to you when you opened your brokerage Account.

We have policies and procedures in place to ensure that we execute Client orders for the purchase and sale of mutual funds in compliance with the cutoff times established by the mutual fund companies. These times vary, depending on the mutual fund company. We may, at our discretion, recognize the earliest mutual fund company cutoff time when determining the cutoff time for a particular Client Account. Orders received before the cutoff time will receive that day's closing price, while those after the cutoff time will receive the next day's closing price. If we are unable to obtain a closing price for your order of a mutual fund, we will not execute any trades in that mutual fund for your Account on that day.

From time to time, through our advisory services and Programs, our Financial Advisors assist retirement plan Clients with various aspects of their plans, including the selection of investment companies for review as investment options, education and enrollment of participants with respect to retirement investing in general or specific fund investment options, assisting in evaluation and monitoring of the performance of fund investments, or any combination of these or similar services. In those cases where a Plan determines to utilize funds in connection with a third-party administrator ("TPA") and where advisory fees are paid on the investment, we and your Financial Advisor will receive a share of the fee as compensation for the services provided. The specific fee arrangement will typically be disclosed to the Plan pursuant to the TPA's contract with the Plan. For these arrangements with TPAs, the transactions in the subject investment company shares are not effected through us, but rather directly with the fund through its distributor. All shares of investment companies are subject to fluctuation of principal and yield depending on market and/or interest rate risk.

We will not sell your information to other companies for marketing purposes. We employ strict security standards and safeguards to protect your personal information and prevent fraud. In addition, we will continue to protect your privacy even if you are no longer our Client.

For more information, please read our Privacy Statement, visit a WFA office or call your Financial Advisor. With your written permission, obtained via Client Agreement or other written communication, we may provide your information electronically to

your investment adviser and/or agent of such adviser. We reserve the right, at our discretion, to refuse to provide such requested information. Furthermore, in compliance with our Privacy Policy, we accept your instructions to discontinue providing such information.

### **Financial Information**

We have no financial condition that is likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual commitments to you.