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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Berkeley Capital Partners, LLC (“Berkeley,” the “Firm,” “we,” “us,” or “our”). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact Dan Newberg, Chief Compliance Officer at 678-690-8700 or [dan.newberg@berkeleycp.com](mailto:dan.newberg@berkeleycp.com). The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Berkeley Capital Partners, LLC is a registered investment adviser. Registration of an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training. The oral and written communications of an Adviser provides you with information that can help you determine whether to hire or retain an Adviser.

Additional information about Berkeley Capital Partners, LLC also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2 – Material Changes

Investment Advisers are required to prepare a disclosure document (“Brochure”) that describes the firm and its business practices. Pursuant to SEC rules, we are required to update our Brochure at least annually and provide you with a summary of any material changes since the previous annual amendment.

We have prepared this updated Brochure, dated September 20, 2017. We have made the following material changes to these disclosures since our last Brochure dated January 9, 2017:

- Berkeley Capital Partners, LLC formed a private fund, Berkeley Ventures I, LLC. The Fund was created to raise capital for a single investment in a private company. The fund is no longer open to new investors. Berkeley intends on forming additional funds when and if new investment opportunities arise. These private funds will only be available to persons meeting the accredited investor qualifications and whose income and/or net worth afford them the ability to bear the risks inherent in the fund.

With this summary, we hereby offer to deliver a complete copy of our Brochure upon your request at any time during the year by contacting Dan Newberg, Chief Compliance Officer at 678-690-8700 or [dan.newberg@berkeleycp.com](mailto:dan.newberg@berkeleycp.com).

Additional information about Berkeley is also available via the SEC’s web site [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The SEC’s web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with Berkeley who are registered as investment adviser representatives of Berkeley.

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## **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

Berkeley was formed in 2015 and is an SEC registered investment adviser located in Norcross, Georgia. As of December 31, 2016, Berkeley provided investment supervisory services to client accounts totaling \$357,793,273 in assets, which are all managed on a discretionary basis. Retirement plan consulting services account for approximately an additional \$20 million in assets under advisement. Berkeley offers other advisory services to clients as needed with respect to assets of approximately \$95 million.

BCP Services, Inc. is the sole member and sole manager of Berkeley. The principal owners of BCP Services are Michael Eddy and Stuart Blewett. Tony Palazzo and Chris Eddy are also owners of Berkeley.

### Retirement Plan Services

Berkeley offers both Fiduciary and non-Fiduciary advisory services to retirement plan sponsors.

Fiduciary retirement plan services may include one or more of the following services:

- Assist the Plan in developing an Investment Policy Statement;
- Assist the Plan in the initial selection and ongoing evaluation of service providers to the plan, including investment managers, third-party administrators and record-keepers;
- Selection of investment options offered in the Plan, including monitoring of the performance of the investment options and recommending replacement options when necessary;
- Assist the Plan in selecting a qualified default investment alternative;
- Participate in the annual meeting of the Plan Trustees.

Non-fiduciary retirement plan services may include one or more of the following services:

- Conduct group enrollment meetings;
- Provide education about general investment principles to Plan participants;
- Coordinate other providers to offer services to the Plan, as necessary.

### Berkeley Managed Account Program

Berkeley provides portfolio management services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, pension and profit-sharing plans, charitable institutions, foundations, endowments, corporations, and small businesses. Client accounts are managed based on each client's particular goals and objectives and subject to any specific instructions, guidelines or restrictions provided by the client in writing.

Berkeley offers various global asset allocation and investment strategies. The strategies are implemented using common stocks, preferred stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, derivatives and/or other alternative investments (i.e. Real Estate Investment Trusts, Master Limited Partnerships, etc.) The strategies vary from conservative to growth in orientation.

The Berkeley Managed Account Program is a wrap program sponsored by Berkeley Capital. Berkeley charges a single fee to the client that includes custody, trading, investment advisory fees and other expenses associated with management of the account. Berkeley is also the portfolio manager for the accounts and clients may select any of the investment strategies described above. Berkeley may choose to engage the services of a third party manager to implement certain strategies within a client's overall portfolio. Clients participating in the Berkeley Managed Account Program will receive Berkeley's Wrap Fee Program Brochure as well as any third party manager's Brochure.

#### Private Funds

Berkeley may, at its discretion, form one or more Private Funds to invest in real estate, private equity or other private investment opportunities through a pooled investment vehicle. The specific terms and conditions for investing in each Private Fund, as well as all required disclosures, are detailed in each respective Private Fund's offering documents. It is Berkeley's intention that any Private Fund it forms will be exempt from registration as an investment company by complying with Section 3(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Therefore, investors must meet the minimum income and/or net worth qualifications (i.e. accredited investor or qualified purchaser) as stated in each Fund's offering documents. Investments in any Private Fund formed by Berkeley are made at the sole discretion of Berkeley and its management.

### **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

#### Retirement Plan Services

Clients have the opportunity to select an asset-based fee or a fixed fee. Asset-based fees are charged monthly or quarterly in advance and are calculated on the market value of total Plan assets on the last day of the previous period, which includes securities, cash and money market balances. Fixed fees are charged quarterly in advance. The initial advisory fee is prorated from the inception date the account is under Berkeley's management (or any other date mutually agreed upon between the client and Berkeley) through the end of the current calendar quarter.

While Berkeley intends to charge fees in accordance with the standard fee schedule in place at the time of executing the investment advisory agreement, fees are subject to negotiation and may vary from the standard schedules to reflect circumstances that apply to a specific client account. The fee schedule and any applicable terms and conditions are stated in the client's investment advisory agreement. The standard fee schedule for Retirement Plan Services is as follows:

<u>Total Plan Assets</u>	<u>Asset-Based Fee</u>		<u>Fixed Fee</u>
\$0 to \$10,000,000	0.50%	or	\$35,000
\$10,000,000 - \$20,000,000	0.35%	or	\$50,000
\$20,000,000 - \$30,000,000	0.25%	or	\$65,000
\$30,000,000 +	Negotiable		Negotiable

Clients may, but are not required to, grant Berkeley the authority to debit advisory fees directly from the Plan's account custodian. If the client authorizes Berkeley to debit fees, Berkeley is deemed to have custody of the client's funds. Clients will receive a statement, usually monthly

but no less than quarterly, directly from their account custodian. Berkeley urges clients to review the information on the statement for accuracy and compare the information to any reports received directly from Berkeley.

Either party may terminate the portfolio management agreement upon written notice to the other party. Clients will be refunded all fees paid but unearned as of the time of termination. Any outstanding fees will be due. Termination of the agreement will not affect the liabilities or obligations incurred or arising from transactions initiated under the agreement prior to the termination.

#### Berkeley Managed Account Program

The Berkeley Managed Account Program is a wrap program sponsored by Berkeley. Berkeley charges a single fee to the client that includes custody, trades executed through the account custodian, investment advisory services and other costs associated with management of the account. The fee does not include other expenses such as account maintenance fees, transfer fees, electronic fund and wire fees, interest, exchange fees, taxes, spreads, mark-ups/mark-downs, custody fees for alternative investments, short-term redemption fees on mutual funds, etc. All fees paid to Berkeley are separate and distinct from the internal fees and expenses charged by mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, unit investment trusts, or other collective investment vehicles. The client will be solely responsible, directly or indirectly, for these additional expenses. Refer to Item 12 for a detailed discussion of brokerage practices.

Clients may, but are not required to, grant Berkeley the authority to debit advisory fees directly from the clients' accounts. If the client authorizes Berkeley to debit fees, Berkeley is deemed to have custody of the client's funds. Clients will receive a statement, usually monthly but no less than quarterly, directly from their account custodian. Berkeley urges clients to review the information on the statement for accuracy and compare the information to any reports received directly from Berkeley.

Fees are charged quarterly in advance based on the total market value of the account on the last day of the previous quarter, which includes securities, cash and money market balances. The initial advisory fee is prorated from the inception date the account is under Berkeley's management (or any other date mutually agreed upon between the client and Berkeley) through the end of the current calendar quarter. If funds or securities are deposited to or withdrawn from the account during the quarter, the subsequent quarter's advisory fee will be pro-rated to account for the deposits or withdrawals only if the calculation results in a fee adjustment of \$100 or more.

While Berkeley intends to charge fees in accordance with the standard fee schedule in place at the time of executing the investment advisory agreement, fees are subject to negotiation and may vary from the standard schedules to reflect circumstances that apply to a specific client account. The fee schedule, and any applicable terms and conditions, is stated in the client's investment advisory agreement. The maximum advisory fee charged by Berkeley for clients participating in the Berkeley Managed Account Program is as follows:

<u>Asset Value of the Account</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
First \$500,000	1.75%
Next \$500,000 (\$500,000 to \$1,000,000)	1.50%
Next \$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000)	1.25%
Value above \$3,000,000	1.00%

Upon execution of the investment advisory agreement, Berkeley will become the portfolio manager for the client accounts and will maintain investment discretion over the accounts. Berkeley may also choose to engage the services of one or more third party manager to implement certain investment strategies within a client's overall portfolio. Berkeley maintains the discretionary authority to select, remove, replace or allocate funds to/from a third party manager without specific client consent. However, Berkeley will provide clients with each third party manager's Disclosure Brochure no later than at the time of engaging the third party manager's services.

Fees for third party managers are payable in addition to the fees the client pays to Berkeley and are subject to the terms and conditions determined by each manager. Third party managers may directly debit the client account for its portion of the fee, or may require Berkeley collect the fee from the client and pay the manager. Third party manager fees range from .50% to .75% depending on the manager and the investment strategy selected.

Either party may terminate the portfolio management agreement upon written notice to the other party. Clients will be refunded all fees paid but unearned as of the time of termination. Any outstanding fees will be due. Termination of the agreement will not affect the liabilities or obligations incurred or arising from transactions initiated under the agreement prior to the termination.

Clients may receive comparable services from other broker-dealers or investment advisers and pay fees that are higher or lower than those charged under the Berkeley Managed Account Program. Fees may be more or less than the client would have paid if the services (account management, custody and brokerage transactions) were purchased separately outside of the wrap program.

Berkeley's financial advisors are compensated based on the client's assets under Berkeley's management and, therefore, they have a financial incentive to recommend clients participate in the Berkeley Managed Account Program over other programs or services.

Clients, associates, friends and family may maintain accounts at Schwab through Berkeley that Berkeley has no investment management responsibility over ("non-managed accounts"). Berkeley provides this service solely as a convenience. With respect to non-managed accounts, Berkeley does not: (1) have discretionary authority to execute transactions; (2) monitor investments or account performance; (3) provide investment supervisory services; (4) charge an investment advisory fee; or (4) send quarterly reports. Furthermore, non-managed accounts are not subject to the same wrap fee brokerage arrangement as advisory accounts and will be charged separate commissions and fees for securities transactions and other account expenses, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in Schwab's custodial agreement.

### Private Funds

Investment advisory fees and other expenses incurred by the Funds are described to investors, in detail, in each Fund's Private Placement Memorandum. Fund fees vary depending on the nature of the services provided and the investment strategy utilized but may include one or both of the following fee structures: (1) a management fee, based on the value of assets in the Funds (at either market value or cost); and/or (2) an incentive fee equal to a percentage of capital appreciation above a prescribed hurdle rate of return. With respect to incentive fees, any losses are carried forward so that no incentive fee is charged unless the losses have been recouped, subject to certain adjustments (e.g. a high water mark provision). Management fees, if any, are payable quarterly in advance. Incentive fees, if earned, are paid through an annual allocation of profits from each limited partner's capital account into the general partner's capital account at each prescribed measurement point.

Specific procedures and restrictions apply to withdrawals and terminations, as described in each Fund's Private Placement Memorandum.

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

The fee structure in Berkeley's Private Funds may be based on a percentage of capital appreciation above a specified rate of return. Typically, these performance-based fee arrangements create an incentive for Berkeley to allocate profitable transactions to the Private Funds. Because the Private Funds typically invest in privately-held companies, the investment strategy of the Private Funds is significantly different than the investment strategy of the separate accounts managed by Berkeley. It is unlikely that a private investment held in a Private Fund would also be appropriate for a separate account client, thereby eliminating any perceived conflict of interest. In the event that a position in a Private Fund becomes eligible for purchase in the public equity market, Berkeley will determine, on a case-by-case basis whether such investment is now appropriate for separate account clients.

### **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

Berkeley provides investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, pension and profit-sharing plans, retirement plan participants, charitable institutions, foundations, endowments, corporations, and small businesses.

While Berkeley does not impose a minimum account size or minimum annual fee for advisory clients, third party managers may impose minimum account size as a condition of accepting an account. The minimum account sized imposed by any third party manager is determined at the manager's discretion.



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

Client accounts are managed based on each client's particular goals and objectives and subject to any specific instructions, guidelines or restrictions provided by the client in writing. Berkeley offers various global asset allocation and investment strategies. The strategies are implemented using common stocks, preferred stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, derivatives and/or other alternative investments (i.e. Real Estate Investment Trusts, Master Limited Partnerships, etc.) The strategies vary from conservative to growth in orientation.

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Berkeley uses its best judgment and good faith efforts in providing advisory services to clients. Berkeley cannot warrant or guarantee any particular level of account performance, or that an account will be profitable over time. Not every investment decision or recommendation made by Berkeley will be profitable. Investments in securities are subject to various market, currency, inflation, economic, political and business risks. Berkeley attempts to minimize these risks by constructing diversified portfolios appropriate for the specific risk parameters of the investment strategy.

- **Market Risk:** Investments are subject to risk, including the possibility of a loss of principal. Fluctuations in the value of an investment may be caused by external factors independent of an investment's particular underlying circumstances.
- **Interest-rate Risk:** Fluctuations in interest rates may cause investment prices to fluctuate. For example, when interest rates rise, yields on existing bonds become less attractive, causing their market values to decline.
- **Inflation Risk:** High inflation may adversely affect future purchasing power.
- **Currency Risk:** Foreign investments are subject to fluctuations in the value of the dollar versus the local currency where the investment is made.
- **Reinvestment Risk:** Reinvestment risk occurs when proceeds from an investment may be reinvested at lower prevailing rates.
- **Business Risk:** Business risks are associated with a particular industry or a particular company within an industry.
- **Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk occurs when there is a possibility an investment cannot be readily converted to cash.
- **Financial Risk:** Excessive borrowing to finance a business' operations increases the risk of profitability, because the company must meet the terms of its obligations in good times and bad. During periods of financial stress, the inability to meet loan obligations may result in bankruptcy and/or a declining market value.

Berkeley may, at times, choose to invest a portion of client assets in Master Limited Partnerships (“MLPs”). MLPs are traded like equity securities on a national exchange; however, risks and other factors associated with investing in MLP are significantly different from investing in common stocks or bonds. MLPs are sometimes thinly-traded and may not be liquid or marketable once purchased. MLPs primarily invest in companies that produce and distribute energy and fuels, such as pipelines and other related infrastructure. These companies are affected by fluctuations in supply and demand; interest rates; special risk of constructing and operating facilities or installations; lack of control over pricing, merger and acquisition activity; and federal, state and local regulation. Such fluctuations may, among other things, increase the costs of doing business and limit the potential for growth.

MLPs themselves do not pay U.S. federal income tax at the partnership level. Each investor in an MLP will be issued a K-1 each year showing the allocation of income, gains, losses, deductions and expenses. Changes in tax law could adversely affect the amount of funds available for distribution by the partnership. Furthermore, the partnership could invest in companies that could subject a tax-exempt investor to unrelated business taxable income (“UBTI”).

To the extent that a client account uses margin, this type of leverage would increase both the possibilities for profit and the risk of loss. As a result, the effect of fluctuations in the market value of a portfolio would be amplified. Margin borrowings are secured by the securities held in the account. Under certain circumstances, a lender may demand an increase in the collateral that secures the borrower’s obligations, and if the borrower were unable to provide additional collateral, the lender could liquidate assets held in the account to satisfy the borrower’s obligation. Accounts holding a margin balance are subject to an interest expense charged by the lender.

Client accounts may be invested in derivatives, including futures, options, swaps, structured securities that are derived from, or the value of which is related to, one or more underlying securities, financial benchmarks, currencies or indices. Derivatives allow an investor to hedge or speculate upon the price movements of a particular security, financial benchmark currency or index at a fraction of the cost of investing in the underlying asset. The value of a derivative depends largely upon price movements in the underlying asset. Therefore, many of the risks applicable to trading the underlying asset are also applicable to derivatives of the same type of asset. However, there are a number of additional risks associated with derivatives trading. Because many derivatives are leveraged, and thus are subject to significantly more market exposure than the amount paid at the time of the transaction, a relatively small adverse market movement may result in the loss of the entire investment, or even an amount exceeding the original amount invested. Derivatives may also expose investors to liquidity risk, as there may not be a liquid market within which to close or dispose of outstanding derivatives contracts, and to counterparty risk. Counterparty risk lies with each party participating in the transaction. In the event of the Counterparty’s default, clients will rank as an unsecured creditor and risks the loss of all or a portion of the amounts they are contractually entitled to receive.

Berkeley may sell short securities in client accounts. Short sales may substantially increase the impact of adverse price movements on a portfolio. A short sale is a sale of a security that the investor does not own, in hopes of a decline in the security’s price. To deliver the security to the buyer and complete the sale, the investor must borrow the security. To return the security, the

investor must buy it at the market price at the time of repayment. That price may be less than the price at which the investor made its short sale, in which case the investor would have made a profit, or it may be more, in which case the investor would have suffered a loss. Short sales create the risk of a theoretically unlimited loss, in that the price of the underlying security could theoretically increase without limit. Short selling strategies may be used to speculate the direction of a particular investment or it may be employed in an attempt to limit overall portfolio risk.

Berkeley may use inverse and/or leverage funds in client portfolios. Inverse funds are mutual funds or exchange-traded funds whose investment objective is negatively correlated to a particular index or benchmark. Inverse funds are used to profit from or hedge exposure in declining markets. Leverage funds are mutual funds or exchange-traded funds whose investment objective is to use leverage to deliver multiples of performance of a particular index or benchmark. Inverse funds increase a portfolio's risk because the decline in the value of the investment may be significantly worse than the decline in the value of the underlying asset. The use of borrowing in leverage funds provides the potential for greater gains and losses than those of the underlying asset. In addition, inverse mutual funds and leverage mutual funds do not trade intraday, so conventions such as stop or limit orders may not provide protection against losses.

#### Specific Risks Related to Investments in Private Funds

Investing in Private Funds involve substantial risks above and beyond those described above. Private Funds are suitable only for persons of sufficient financial means who have no need for liquidity in this investment. There can be no guarantee that: (1) investing in the Private Fund will be successful; or (2) investors will not lose all or substantially all of their investment in the Private Fund. Returns generated from the Private Fund's investments may not adequately compensate investors for the financial risk they assume by investing in the Private Fund.

The risks associated with investing in each Private Fund are specific to the provisions of each Fund, including the investment strategy. A complete description of risks associated with each Private Fund is included in the fund's Private Placement Memorandum.

### **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Berkeley or its management. Berkeley has no disciplinary actions to disclose.

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

Berkeley has one or more employees who are registered representatives of Triad Advisors, Inc. ("Triad"), a FINRA registered broker-dealer. Triad is an independent broker-dealer and is not affiliated with Berkeley. Licensing and registration is maintained for the purpose of receiving commissions and other compensation on the sale of insurance and annuity products and 529 plans. Berkeley employees registered with Triad do not act in an advisory capacity on behalf of Berkeley.

Certain associated persons of Berkeley hold insurance licenses in the areas of life, health, variable life and annuities in order to provide for the insurance needs of investment advisory clients. Commissions received by associated persons may be paid directly from the insurance company to the associated person, Berkeley or Triad. Clients are under no obligation to purchase insurance products recommended by associated persons. All recommendations to purchase any insurance product for which such compensation is received is made only after determining that the product is suitable for the client and in the client's best interest.

## **Item 11 – Code of Ethics**

Berkeley has adopted a Code of Ethics (the "Code") that all officers, directors and employees of the firm are required to understand and agree to comply with. All such persons must also confirm compliance with the Code in writing both initially upon employment with the firm and annually thereafter. The Code sets forth the responsibilities for all supervised persons, including but not limited to:

- To adhere to a standard of business conduct and uphold Berkeley's reputation of integrity and professionalism by acting in a fiduciary capacity and, at all times, placing the interests of clients ahead of personal interests;
- To comply with all applicable federal and state regulations governing registered investment advisory practices including the Insider Trading & Securities Fraud Enforcement Act of 1988;
- To exercise diligence and care in maintaining and protecting clients' nonpublic confidential information;
- To comply with Berkeley's personal securities trading procedures, including reporting personal securities transactions and holdings; and
- To promptly report any violations or suspected violations of the Code.

A copy of Berkeley's Code of Ethics will be provided to any client or prospective client upon request.

Associated persons may buy, sell or have an interest in the same securities recommended to clients. It is the express policy of Berkeley that no person employed by Berkeley may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction being implemented for an advisory client in such a manner that would allow the associated person to benefit from the transactions placed on behalf of the advisory client. Officers, directors and employees of Berkeley may not buy or sell securities for his or her personal account where the decision is substantially derived, in whole or in part, from information obtained by reason of his or her employment. No associated person of Berkeley shall prefer his or her own interest to that of a client.

Berkeley requires all employees to submit certain reports regarding personal investment accounts. Employees must report their personal securities holdings within ten days of becoming an access person and annually thereafter, and are required to report certain securities transactions within 30 days of the end of each calendar quarter. The Chief Compliance Officer or other designated person reviews the reports to determine if any conflicts of interest exist.

## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

Berkeley requires that clients participating in the Berkeley Managed Account Program establish brokerage accounts with the Schwab Advisor Services division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, to maintain custody of client assets and to execute transactions for their accounts. Not all investment advisers require clients to use the services of a particular broker-dealer or custodian. Berkeley is not affiliated with Schwab. These services are available to independent investment advisers at no charge provided they maintain at least \$10 million of client assets on the Schwab platform.

The reason for preferring Schwab includes, but is not limited to: discounted commission rates; dedicated trading and/or client service personnel; availability of and access to no load, no transaction fee, load-waved and institutional class mutual funds; access to electronic trading and/or block trading; daily transaction download and reconciliation files; research tools; and an online account service platform. While the receipt of these benefits – which are not typically available to retail investors - creates a potential conflict of interest on behalf of Berkeley, there is no direct link between Berkeley's participation in the platform and the advice it gives to clients nor does receipt of these benefits depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to Schwab. Berkeley receives no fees or compensation for recommending Schwab, but receives other benefits as described below.

Berkeley regularly assesses the services provided by Schwab to determine that the reasonableness of commissions is consistent with their ability to provide quality services to Berkeley and its clients. Berkeley believes that, in consideration of all services provided by Schwab, including but not limited to commission rates and other fees, Schwab is providing overall execution quality consistent with Berkeley's duty to seek best execution for its clients.

Schwab does not charge separately for custody services but is instead compensated through commissions or other fees for securities trades that are executed through Schwab or that settle in Schwab accounts. Berkeley pays Schwab a fee to cover all of the brokerage transactions in the client's account. Berkeley may choose to pay a monthly fee based on the total assets in the client's account (asset-based pricing) or a fee for each transaction executed in the client account (transaction-based pricing). Berkeley will make a determination on which pricing structure to select for each client account based on whichever option is in Berkeley's best interest. While the decision does not ultimately affect the cost paid by the client, Berkeley will directly benefit from choosing the pricing option with the lowest cost. In addition, the more assets Berkeley clients hold on the Schwab platform, the better position Berkeley is in to negotiate more favorable brokerage fees. Therefore, Berkeley has an incentive to increase the assets held at Schwab based on the benefits received rather than on the best interests of the client. This incentive represents a conflict of interest. Berkeley addresses this conflict of interest by periodically assessing whether the services provided by Schwab, and the costs of these services, are reasonable and within Berkeley's best execution guidelines.

Berkeley, or a third party manager, may determine that trading through a broker other than Schwab ("trading away") may provide clients with better overall execution quality than by trading directly

with the custodian. Trading away is often beneficial when trading fixed income securities, since brokers specializing in bonds have larger inventories, better access to specific bonds and more advantageous pricing. Any client whose account may be traded away is required to first sign a Schwab Prime Brokerage Agreement.

Trading away may cause the client to incur additional fees from the executing broker, as trade away transaction will incur additional commission above and beyond the transaction fees included in the wrap fee the client already paid to Berkeley. Berkeley believes that any additional fees incurred are offset by the benefit gained from trading away due to the potential for improvement in execution price.

Berkeley may choose to, but is not required to, aggregate client orders consistent with its duty to seek best price and execution. Clients participating in an aggregated order will receive the average price of all transactions executed on a pro rata basis. If an order is partially filled, shares will be allocated pro rata based on the client's initial participation in the transaction. To the extent that the limited availability of a security would result in a de minimis allocation, Berkeley may exclude one or more accounts from participating in the order and select an alternative allocation method provided that such method is fair and equitable to all client accounts over time.

### **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

Client accounts are reviewed by Berkeley advisory personnel at least quarterly. Economic and market variables are analyzed on an ongoing basis to determine if more frequent reviews are necessary. Advisory personnel meet with clients, either in person or via conference call, at least annually to review their accounts and determine if there have been any material changes in the client's circumstances that suggest a change to the client's asset allocation or investment strategy.

The account custodian provides the clients with a monthly statement reflecting current account holdings, market values and transactions during the period. Berkeley may prepare additional reports at the client's request.

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

Schwab provides Berkeley with access to other products and services that benefit Berkeley, but may not benefit client accounts. These benefits may include national or regional conferences and educational events sponsored by Schwab. Other potential benefits may include occasional business entertainment, including meals, sporting events, golf tournaments, and other events, some of which may accompany educational opportunities. Other products and services may assist Berkeley in managing and administering clients' accounts. These include software and other technology that provides access to client account data and documents, facilitates trade execution, provides research, pricing information and other market data, facilitates payment of advisory fees from client accounts, and assists with back-office training and support functions, recordkeeping and client reporting. Many of these services are used to service all or substantially all client accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab.

Schwab also makes available other services intended to help Berkeley manage and further develop its business enterprise. These services may include professional compliance, legal and business consulting, publications and conferences on practice management, information technology, business succession, regulatory compliance, employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, insurance and marketing.

Schwab provided a loan to Berkeley to assist its business operations. The loan is guaranteed by Stuart Blewett, Christopher Eddy, Michael Eddy, Daniel Newberg, Anthony Palazzo, BCP Services, Inc., and Integrity Capital Management, LLC, who are either principals or officers of Berkeley or entities controlled by them. The terms of the loan require that management fees to Berkeley be paid to an account at Schwab for deduction of interest and principal payments on the loan before Berkeley may access such management fees. The loan agreement contains various representations and covenants by Berkeley, including, among others, that Berkeley will maintain at least \$304,000,000 in end client net assets held at Schwab (“Assets Under Management at Schwab”), and that Berkeley will comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and agreements, and obtain all necessary licenses, consents and permits. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an event of default under the loan agreement, Schwab may terminate and/or accelerate the loan, which may have a material adverse effect on the Berkeley's ability to perform services for you.

Some of the products, services and other benefits provided by Schwab, including the loan noted above, benefit Berkeley and may not benefit client accounts. Berkeley's recommendation or requirement that a client place assets in Schwab's custody may be based in part on benefits Schwab provides to Berkeley, or Berkeley's agreement to maintain certain Assets Under Management at Schwab, and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and execution services provided by Schwab.

While, as a fiduciary, Berkeley endeavors to act in its clients' best interests, Berkeley's requirement that clients maintain their assets in accounts at Schwab may be based in part on the benefit of the products and services received, rather than solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by Schwab, which may create a potential conflict of interest.

## **Item 15 – Custody**

Berkeley is deemed to have custody of client funds because investment advisory fees are directly debited from client accounts. Debiting of fees is done pursuant to authorization provided by each client. Usually monthly, but no less than quarterly, clients receive account statements directly from the custodian of their account. Custodial statements include account holdings, market values and any activity that occurred during the period, including the deduction of investment advisory fees. Berkeley urges clients to compare information contained in reports provided by Berkeley with the account statements received directly from the account custodian. Differences in portfolio value may occur due to various factors, including but not limited to: (1) unsettled trades; (2) accrued income; (3) pricing of securities; and, (4) dividends earned but not received.



To the extent that Berkeley is deemed to have custody of client accounts due to the formation of Private Funds, Berkeley complies with the requirements of the Custody Rule under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 by engaging the services of an independent accountant to conduct a financial audit of the Private Funds each year. A copy of the audit report is provided to investors within 120 days of each Private Fund's fiscal year-end.

## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

Berkeley primarily manages client portfolios on a discretionary basis. Clients grant Berkeley discretion over their account by providing authorization in the advisory agreement. This authorization gives Berkeley the authority to determine, without first obtaining specific client consent, the securities to be bought or sold, the amount of the securities to be bought or sold, the broker/dealer used for execution of client transaction, and the commission rate paid by the client. Clients wishing to use the services of third party managers will also grant Berkeley the discretion to hire, fire or reallocate funds to those managers. When managing client accounts, investment discretion is limited only by specific instructions, guidelines and/or mandates provided by clients in writing and to which Berkeley agrees.

On a limited basis, Berkeley may enter into a non-discretionary investment advisory arrangement, which would involve recommendations that the client can choose to accept, reject or modify.

## **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

Berkeley will vote proxies on a client's behalf, unless the client specifically reserves this right. Clients that retain proxy-voting responsibilities will receive all issuer communications directly from the account custodian.

Berkeley will vote in a manner it believes is in the best interests of clients. The purpose of each voting decision is to maximize the economic value of the client's investment. Berkeley may vote against management on specific issues, which are deemed to impair shareholder rights or value. Guidelines may be developed to cover routine issues such as board of director nominations, shareholder rights, ratification of auditor, social responsibility, etc. Other issues, such as executive compensation, capitalization and corporate reorganizations are considered on a case-by-case basis in light of relevant facts and circumstances. Berkeley may elect to engage the services of a third party to assist with proxy administration and/or vote recommendations.

In situations where a conflict of interest arises between Berkeley and a client with respect to a particular security or a specific issue on the proxy ballot, the conflict of interest will be disclosed to the client and the client may direct Berkeley how to cast the vote.

A report summarizing each corporate issue and corresponding proxy vote is available to clients upon request by contacting Tony Palazzo at [tony.palazzo@berkeleycp.com](mailto:tony.palazzo@berkeleycp.com).



## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to provide certain financial information or disclosures about their financial condition. Berkeley has no financial commitment that impairs its ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to its clients, and has not been the subject of any bankruptcy proceeding.