

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

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This disclosure brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Executive Wealth Management, Ltd (also referred to as we, us and Executive Wealth Management throughout this disclosure brochure). If you have any questions about the contents of this disclosure brochure, please contact Shannon Linder at 402-466-3400 or [shannon@exec-wealth.com](mailto:shannon@exec-wealth.com). The information in this disclosure brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Executive Wealth Management is also available on the Internet at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). You can view our firm's information on this website by searching for Executive Wealth Management, Ltd or our firm's CRD number 281667.

\*Registration as an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

Executive Wealth Management is a newly registered investment adviser and this disclosure brochure dated December 2015 is the first disclosure brochure prepared by our firm. In the future, this item will discuss only specific material changes that are made to the disclosure brochure and provide readers with a summary of such changes. We will also reference the date of the last annual update of this disclosure brochure.

We will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent disclosure brochures within 120 days after our firm's fiscal year ends. Our firm's fiscal year ends on December 31, so you will receive the summary of material changes no later than April 30 each year. At that time we will also offer or provide a copy of the most current disclosure brochure. We may also provide other ongoing disclosure information about material changes as necessary.

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## **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

Executive Wealth Management is an investment adviser registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and is an S-Corporation formed under the laws of the State of Nebraska in October 2004.

- Executive Wealth Management is 100% owned by the Jeffrey C. Johnson Trust. Jeffrey C. Johnson is the trustee of the Jeffrey C. Johnson Trust and the President of Executive Wealth Management.
- Executive Wealth Management has been registered as an investment adviser in December 2015.

The investment advisory services of Executive Wealth Management are provided to you through an appropriately licensed and qualified individual who is an investment adviser representative of Executive Wealth Management (referred to as your investment adviser representative throughout this brochure).

### **Description of Advisory Services**

The following are descriptions of the primary advisory services of Executive Wealth Management. Please understand that a written agreement, which details the exact terms of the service, must be signed by you and Executive Wealth Management before we can provide you the services described below.

#### **Strategic Wealth Management Program**

We are the sponsor of the Strategic Wealth Management Program (“SWM Program”), a non-wrap fee asset management program developed through an arrangement using LPL Financial Corporation’s (“LPL”) Strategic Wealth Management platform. Through the SWM Program, we provide investment management services, including providing continuous investment advice to and making investments for you based on your individual needs. Through this service, we offer a customized and individualized investment program. A specific asset allocation strategy and suitability profile is crafted to focus on your specific goals and objectives. Your suitability information should be updated regularly, but at a minimum every 2 years.

SWM Program accounts are custodied at LPL in its capacity as a registered broker/dealer, member FINRA/SIPC. LPL is also an investment advisor registered with the SEC, but does not serve as an investment advisor for you through the SWM Program. LPL provides clearing, custody and other brokerage services for accounts established through the SWM Program. Therefore, you are required to establish a brokerage account(s) through LPL’s Strategic Wealth Management platform. Separate accounts are maintained for you, and you retain all rights of ownership of your accounts (e. g., the right to withdraw securities or cash, exercise or delegate proxy voting, and receive transaction confirmations).

SWM Program accounts allow you to authorize us to purchase and sell, on either a discretionary or non-discretionary basis, portfolios consisting of securities and investments. We may limit our discretion with respect to your account and the securities eligible to be purchased for your account.

*(See, Limits Advice to Certain Types of Investments under Item 4 - Advisory Business, relative to possible securities and investments utilized. See Item 16 - Investment Discretion, for information concerning discretionary authority.)*

During any month that there is activity in the SWM Program account, you receive a monthly account statement from LPL showing account activity as well as positions held in the account at month end. Additionally, you receive a confirmation of each transaction that occurs within the SWM Program account unless the transaction is the result of a systematic purchase, redemption or exchange. You also receive a detailed quarterly report showing performance, positions, and activity. All account data and statements are also available on-line through the account view portal through LPL.

As part of the SWM program, we may provide various wealth management services including retirement planning, charitable gift planning, college planning, tax planning, risk management counsel, establishment of and counsel on retirement plans and assistance with assets outside Executive Wealth Managements direct management

### ***Financial Planning & Consulting Services***

Executive Wealth Management offers financial planning services which may or may not involve preparing a written financial plan incidental to the management of client accounts for a separate fee. Fees explained in Item 5 - Fees and Compensation. When providing financial planning and consulting services, the role of your investment adviser representative is to find ways to help you understand your overall financial situation and help you set financial objectives.

We also offer a one-time consultation, which covers mutually agreed upon areas of concern related to investments or financial planning. Under a “one-time” consultation, it will be incumbent upon you to identify those particular issues for which you are seeking our advice or consultation on. Our financial planning and consulting services may include one or more of the following topics or areas of focus.

- ✓ Retirement planning
- ✓ Divorce planning
- ✓ Small business retirement plan and succession planning
- ✓ Tax planning
- ✓ Education planning
- ✓ Insurance needs analysis
- ✓ Cash-flow needs
- ✓ Debt analysis
- ✓ Estate planning
- ✓ Asset allocation
- ✓ Investment recommendations and reviews

Specific topics or areas of focus will be agreed upon and detailed in each client’s agreement for services. Our financial planning and consulting services do not involve implementing any transaction on your behalf or the active and ongoing monitoring or management of your investments or accounts. You have the sole responsibility for determining whether to implement our financial planning and consulting recommendations. To the extent that you would like to implement any of our investment recommendations through Executive Wealth Management or retain Executive Wealth Management to actively monitor and manage your investments, you must execute a separate written agreement with Executive Wealth Management for our asset management services.

While some associates of Executive Wealth Management may be licensed attorneys or accountants, Executive Wealth Management does not provide any legal or accounting advice. Clients should seek the counsel of a qualified accountant and/or attorney when necessary.

### ***Referral of LPL Third-Party Money Manager Programs***

Executive Wealth Management offer advisory services by referring some clients to third-party money managers offering asset management and other investment advisory services. The third-party managers are responsible for continuously monitoring client accounts and making trades in client accounts when necessary.

Under this program, we assist you with identifying your risk tolerance and investment objectives. We recommend third-party money managers in relation to your stated investment objectives and risk tolerance, and you may select a recommended third-party money manager or model portfolio based upon your needs. You must enter into an agreement directly with the third-party money manager who provides your designated account with asset management services. We are available to answer questions that you may have regarding your account and act as the communication conduit between you and the third-party money manager.

The third-party money manager may take discretionary authority to determine the securities to be purchased and sold for your account. We do not have any trading authority with respect to your designated account managed by the third-party money manager.

While we review the performance of numerous third-party investment advisor firms, we have entered into a relationship with LPL and will only recommend the programs described below. Any third party investment advisors recommended by us must be registered or exempt from registration in the state where you reside. You are advised that our representatives may have a conflict of interest by only offering those third party investment advisors that have agreed to pay a portion of their advisory fee to us. You are advised that there may be other third party managed programs that may be suitable to you and that may be more or less costly. No guarantees can be made that your financial goals or objectives will be achieved. Further, no guarantees of performance can be offered. Investments involve risk, including the possible loss of principal.

### ***Optimum Market Portfolios***

The Optimum Market Portfolios (OMP) program offers clients the ability to participate in a professionally managed asset allocation program designed by LPL Financial. Executive Wealth Management will obtain the necessary financial data from each client and then select the proper fund portfolio program. While Executive Wealth Management selects the proper portfolio program, LPL Financial will manage the underlying Optimum Funds on a discretionary basis consistent with the portfolio program objectives. LPL Financial does not directly manage fund assets on behalf of any particular client.

LPL follows an asset allocation investment style in constructing portfolios for the Program. Asset allocation methodology is implemented by combining investments representing various asset classes that react differently to varying market conditions. Thus, if one asset class reacts negatively to certain market events, the potential exists for another asset class to react positively. As with any investment strategy, there is no guarantee that the use of an asset allocation strategy will produce favorable results. Executive Wealth Management is responsible for educating the client about this investment style in advance of opening the Account by explaining the various asset classes (e.g., large cap growth, large cap value, etc.) being used within the selected portfolio. This educational process continues throughout the time that the client maintains the account.

OMP is one of several portfolio platforms centrally managed by LPL Financial. OMP enables advisors of Executive Wealth Management to manage client assets through diversified asset allocation models, professional money management, automatic rebalancing, and online marketing and sales support.

A minimum account value of \$15,000 is required for OMP.

### ***Model Wealth Portfolios***

MWP offers clients a professionally managed mutual fund asset allocation program. Executive Wealth Management investment advisor representatives will obtain the necessary financial data from the client, assist the client in determining the suitability of the MWP program and assist the client in setting an appropriate investment objective. The Advisor will initiate the steps necessary to open an MWP account and have discretion to select a model portfolio designed by LPL's Research Department consistent with the client's stated investment objective. LPL's Research Department is responsible for selecting the mutual funds within a model portfolio and for making changes to the mutual funds selected.

The client will authorize LPL to act on a discretionary basis to purchase and sell mutual funds including in certain circumstances exchange traded funds and to liquidate previously purchased securities. The client will also authorize LPL to effect rebalancing for MWP accounts.

In the future, the MWP program may make available model portfolios designed by strategists other than LPL's Research Department. If such models are made available, Advisor will have discretion to choose among the available models designed by LPL or outside strategists.

A minimum account value of \$25,000 is required for MWP.

### ***Manager Select Program***

Manager Access Select provides clients access to the investment advisory services of professional portfolio management firms for the individual management of client accounts. Advisor will assist client in identifying a third party portfolio manager (Portfolio Manager) from a list of Portfolio Managers made available by LPL. The Portfolio Manager manages client's assets on a discretionary basis. Advisor will provide initial and ongoing assistance regarding the Portfolio Manager selection process.

A minimum account value of \$100,000 is required for Manager Access Select, however, in certain instances, the minimum account size may be lower or higher.

### **Limits Advice to Certain Types of Investments**

Executive Wealth Management provides investment advice on the following types of investments:

- Mutual Funds
- Exchange-listed Securities
- Securities Traded Over-the-Counter
- Certificates of Deposit
- Municipal Securities
- Variable Annuities
- U.S. Government Securities
- Corporate Bonds

Although we generally provide advice only on the products previously listed, we reserve the right to offer advice on any investment product that may be suitable for each client's specific circumstances, needs, goals and objectives.

It is not our typical investment strategy to attempt to time the market, but we may increase cash holdings modestly as deemed appropriate based on your risk tolerance and our expectations of market behavior. We may modify our investment strategy to accommodate special situations such as low basis stock, stock options, legacy holdings, inheritances, closely held businesses, collectibles, or special tax situations.

*(Please refer to Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss for more information.)*

#### **Tailor Advisory Services to Individual Needs of Clients**

Executive Wealth Management's advisory services are always provided based on your individual needs. We work with you on a one-on-one basis through interviews and questionnaires to determine your investment objectives and suitability information. We will not enter into an investment adviser relationship with a prospective client whose investment objectives may be considered incompatible with our investment philosophy or strategies or where the prospective client seeks to impose unduly restrictive investment guidelines.

#### **Client Assets Managed by Executive Wealth Management**

As a newly registered investment adviser, Executive Wealth Management has no assets under management to report as of December 2015.

#### **Miscellaneous**

**Financial Planning and Non-Investment Consulting/Implementation Services.** Executive Wealth Management *may* provide consulting services regarding non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, retirement planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Executive Wealth Management does not serve as an attorney, accountant, or insurance agent, and no portion of Executive Wealth Management's services should be construed as same. To the extent requested by a client, Executive Wealth Management may recommend the services of other professionals for certain non-investment implementation purposes (i.e. attorneys, accountants, insurance, etc.), including representatives of Executive Wealth Management in their separate individual capacities as registered representatives of LPL Financial ("LPL"), an SEC registered and FINRA member broker-dealer and as licensed insurance agents. You are under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. You retain absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and are free to accept or reject any recommendation from Executive Wealth Management and/or its investment adviser representatives.

**Please Note:** If you engage any such recommended professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. **Please Also Note-Conflict of Interest:** The recommendation by Executive Wealth Management investment adviser representatives that a client purchase a securities or insurance commission product from firm representatives in their individual capacities as registered representatives of LPL and/or as insurance agents, presents a ***conflict of interest***, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend investment products based on commissions to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any securities or insurance commission products from Executive Wealth Management representatives. You are reminded that you may purchase securities and insurance products recommended by Executive Wealth Management through other, non-affiliated broker-dealers and/or insurance agencies. **Executive Wealth Management' Chief Compliance Officer, Shannon Linder, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**



**Client Obligations.** In performing its services, Executive Wealth Management shall not be required to verify any information received from the client or from the client's other professionals, and is expressly authorized to rely thereon. Moreover, each client is advised that it remains your responsibility to promptly notify Executive Wealth Management if there is ever any change in your financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating, or revising our previous recommendations and/or services.

## **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

In addition to the information provided in *Item 4 – Advisory Business*, this section provides additional details regarding our firm's services along with descriptions of each service's fees and compensation arrangements. It should be noted that lower fees for comparable service may be available from other sources. The exact fees and other terms will be outlined in the agreement between you and Executive Wealth Management.

### **Strategic Wealth Management Program**

The annual investment advisory fee charged will vary between 0.00% and 2.00% of the assets held in the account and is negotiable depending on the market value of the account, types of securities held in your account, complexity of your portfolio and financial planning needs, your investment adviser representative and the time and effort necessary to advise and manage your account.

The annual fee is divided and paid quarterly in advance through a direct debit to your account. LPL is responsible for calculating and debiting all fees from your accounts. You must provide LPL with written authorization to debit advisory fees from your accounts and pay the fees to Executive Wealth Management. Fees are based on the account's asset value as of the last business day of the prior calendar quarter. Fees for accounts opened at any time other than the beginning of the quarter are prorated based on the number of days remaining in the initial quarter.

Prior to engaging Executive Wealth Management to provide investment management services, you are required to enter into a formal investment advisory agreement with us setting forth the terms and conditions, including the amount of investment advisory fees, under which we manage your assets and also a separate custodial/clearing agreement with LPL.

Our SWM Program is a non-wrap or traditional account. This means in addition to our investment advisory fee, you also pay certain transaction charges to defray the costs associated with trade execution. These costs are set out in the LPL Strategic Wealth Management platform brokerage account and application agreement.

You may incur certain charges imposed by third parties other than Executive Wealth Management in connection with investments made through the account including, but not limited to, 12b-1 fees and surrender charges, and IRA and qualified retirement plan fees. Our management fees are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by investment company securities that may be recommended to you. A description of these fees and expenses are available in each investment company security's prospectus. Our representatives, in their separate capacity as registered representatives of LPL, may retain a portion of the commissions charged to you. These commissions may include 12b-1 fees, surrender charges and IRA and qualified retirement plan fees.

Our SWM Program may cost you more or less than if the assets were held in a traditional brokerage account. In a brokerage account, you are charged commissions for each transaction, and the representative has no duty to provide ongoing advice with respect to the account. If you plan to follow a buy and hold investment strategy for the account or do not wish to purchase ongoing investment advice or management services, you should consider opening a commission-based brokerage account through LPL rather than a SWM Program account.

Either party may terminate the agreement for services at any time. If services are terminated within five business days of executing the agreement, services are terminated without penalty and a full refund of all fees paid in advance is provided. If services are terminated after the initial five day period, we provide you with a prorated refund of fees paid in advance. The refund is based on the number of days service is actually provided during the final billing period. Termination is effective from the time the other party receives written notification or such other time as may be mutually agreed upon, subject to the settlement of transactions in progress and the final refund of advisory fees. There is no penalty charge on termination.

### **Financial Planning & Consulting Services**

If you have an account through one or more of the other investment advisors services detailed in this brochure, we may provide financial planning and consulting services on a complimentary basis by waiving our standard hourly or fixed fee.

Fees for financial planning and consulting services can be charged on either a fixed or hourly basis as determined jointly by you and Executive Wealth Management. Hourly fees range between \$100 and \$400 depending on the firm's personnel delivering services. Fixed fees range from \$500 to \$10,000. Both hourly and fixed fees are negotiable based upon the actual services requested, the complexity of your situation and the representative providing the services.

If fees are charged on an hourly basis, we will provide an estimate of the hours needed to complete the requested plan. If more time is needed to complete the plan than the original estimate, we will request your permission prior to proceeding with any additional work. You are charged for the actual time expended on the plan.

You may be required to pay up to ½ (one-half) of the fixed fee or estimated hourly fee at the time you execute an engagement for services with the remaining amount due upon presentation of the plan or completion of services and we provide you with a detailed billing statement.

One-time services terminate thirty (30) days following the delivery of the written financial plan or completion of all consultations. On-going services may be terminated by either you or Executive Wealth Management by providing the other party with written notice.

If you terminate the financial planning services, you will be responsible for immediate payment of any financial planning services performed by Executive Wealth Management prior to the receipt by Executive Wealth Management of your notice. For financial planning services performed by Executive Wealth Management under a fixed fee arrangement, you will pay a pro-rated fixed fee equivalent to the percentage of work we have completed as determined by Executive Wealth Management. For financial planning services performed by Executive Wealth Management under an hourly fee arrangement, you will pay a pro-rated fee equivalent to the number of hours of work we have completed at the agreed upon hourly rate. In the event that there is a remaining balance of any fees paid in advance after the deduction

of fees from the final invoice, those remaining proceeds will be refunded by Executive Wealth Management to you.

You may pay the fees owed for the financial planning services by submitting payment directly to us by check. You should notify Executive Wealth Management within ten (10) days of receipt of an invoice if you have questions about or dispute any billing entry.

The standard billing dates and events for on-going services are the following: (1) the first business day of each calendar quarter; (2) the date or thereafter that Executive Wealth Management substantially provides the agreed upon services; and (3) the date the engagement is terminated by either you or Executive Wealth Management. Upon presentment of the invoice to you, Executive Wealth Management will deduct the hourly fees due Executive Wealth Management against your current retainer balance and you are required to pay immediately any outstanding balance of hourly fees due.

All fees paid to Executive Wealth Management for advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds to their shareholders. These fees and expenses are described in each mutual fund's prospectus. These fees will generally include a management fee, other fund expenses and a possible distribution fee. If the fund also imposes sales charges, you may pay an initial or deferred sales charge.

All fees paid to Executive Wealth Management for financial planning services are separate and distinct from the commissions charged by a broker-dealer or asset management fees charged by an investment adviser to implement such recommendations.

A conflict exists between the interests of our firm and your interests. This is because if you choose to implement advice provided in our plans through one of the other programs we offer or through our investment advisor representatives' individual capacities as LPL registered representatives or insurance agents, compensation will be received by us in addition to the financial planning fees we charge. You are under no obligation to act upon our financial planning recommendations. If you choose to act on any of our recommendations, you are under no obligations to effect transactions through our firm or through our investment advisor representatives' individual capacities as LPL Financial registered representatives or insurance agents.

#### **Referral of LPL Third-Party Money Manager Programs**

Executive Wealth Management offers advisory services by referring some clients to a third-party money manager offering asset management and other investment advisory services.

#### ***Optimum Market Portfolios***

LPL requires a minimum investment amount of \$15,000 to establish an OMP account. The maximum annual fee charged through the program is 2.5% of the total value of assets held in your account(s). Fees are negotiable depending on the market value of the account, asset types, your financial situation and trading activity. The annual fees are divided and paid quarterly in advance through a direct debit in your account. LPL is responsible for calculating and debiting all fees from your accounts. You must provide LPL written authorization to debit advisory fees from your account(s) and pay those fees to us. The account quarter begins on the first day of the month in which the account is accepted. Annual fees are divided and billed quarterly in advance by LPL. If you participate in OMP, you must execute the OMP Market Portfolios Client Agreement. There may be other fees and expenses related to the management

of OMP accounts. Full details of all fees are provided in the OMP Form ADV Part 2 Appendix 1, a copy of which is provided to all clients participating in OMP.

We receive up to 97.5% of the total fee charged to you.

The fee charged may be negotiable based on the how the assets are invested. Fees are negotiable depending on the market value of the account, asset types, your financial situation and trading activity. We may also receive other compensation for participating in OMP such as bonuses, awards, or other things of value offered by LPL. The amount of this compensation may be more or less than if you had participated in our other advisory programs or if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services. Therefore, we may have an incentive to recommend OMP over other programs.

You may also incur certain charges imposed by LPL or third parties other than us in connection with investments made through OMP accounts, including among others, the following types of charges: mutual fund management fees and administrative servicing fees, omnibus processing fees, sub-transfer agent fees, networking fees, other transaction charges and service fees, IRA and Qualified Retirement Plan fees, administrative servicing fees for trust accounts, and other charges required by law. LPL may receive a certain portion of these third party fees. Further information regarding charges and fees assessed by the OMP Funds are available in the appropriate prospectus.

LPL serves as a sub-services agent with respect to OMP accounts. As such, LPL provides all sub-accounting and shareholder recordkeeping with respect to OMP Fund shares and provides certain administrative services. LPL receives administrative servicing fees from the service agent of the OMP Funds. Further, LPL provides investment consulting services to us regarding the OMP Funds. These services include assistance in selecting sub-advisors to the OMP Funds, providing quarterly fact sheets about the OMP Funds, meeting with sub-advisors of the OMP Funds to discuss performance, and assisting the investment advisor of the OMP Funds for making recommendations on sub-advisors to the Board of Trustees. LPL receives an investment consulting compensation from the investment advisor to the OMP Funds.

You can terminate an OMP account by providing written notice to LPL. Upon termination, you are entitled to a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly fees based on the number of days remaining in the quarter after termination. If you close the account within the first six months as a result of withdrawals bringing the account value below the required minimum, we, along with LPL, reserve the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly fees for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative cost of establishing an OMP account. These fees may include costs to transfer positions into and out of the account, data entry costs to open the account, costs associated with reconciling positions in order to issue quarterly performance reports and the cost of re-registering positions.

This section is intended as a summary of OMP. If you contract for OMP services, you receive the OMP Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 which provides detailed information regarding OMP.

### ***Model Wealth Portfolios***

The maximum annual fee charged through the program is 2.5% of the total value of assets held in your account(s). Fees are negotiable depending on the market value of the account, asset types, your financial situation and trading activity. The annual fees are divided and paid quarterly in advance through a direct debit in your account(s). LPL is responsible for calculating and debiting all fees from your accounts. You must provide LPL written authorization to debit advisory fees from your account(s) and

pay those fees to us. Fees are based on the account's asset value as of the last business day of the prior calendar quarter. Fees for accounts opened at any time other than the beginning of a quarter are prorated based on the number of days remaining in the initial quarter. If you participate in MWP, you must execute the MWP Client Agreement.

We receive up to 85% of the fee charged to you. The portion we receive is based on the fees that LPL charges and they consider the amount of money in the program and the costs of trading and other internal expenses. Fees are not negotiable. We may also receive other compensation for participating in MWP such as bonuses, awards, or other things of value offered by LPL. The amount of this compensation may be more or less than if you had participated in our other advisory programs or if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services. Therefore, we may have an incentive to recommend MWP over other programs.

You may also incur certain charges imposed by LPL or third parties other than us in connection with investments made through MWP accounts, including among others, the following types of charges: mutual fund management fees and administrative servicing fees, omnibus processing fees, sub-transfer agent fees, networking fees, other transaction charges and service fees, IRA and Qualified Retirement Plan fees, administrative servicing fees for trust accounts, and other charges required by law. LPL and our representatives, in their capacity as LPL registered representatives, may receive a portion of these third party fees.

You may incur certain charges imposed by third parties other than us in connection with investments made through the account, including but not limited to, mutual fund sales loads, 12b-1 fees and surrender charges. Our representatives, in their separate capacities as registered representatives of LPL, may retain 12b-1 fees paid. However, unless otherwise stated in the MWP client agreement, advisory fees charged in retirement accounts are reduced by 12b-1 fees paid to LPL and our representatives in their capacity as LPL registered representatives.

You can terminate an MWP account by providing written notice to LPL. Upon termination, you are entitled to a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly fees based upon the number of days remaining in the quarter after termination. If you close the account within the first six months as a result of withdrawals bringing the account value below the required minimum, both Executive Wealth Management and LPL reserve the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly fees for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative cost of establishing an MWP account. The fees may include costs to transfer positions into and out of the account, data entry costs to open the account, costs associated with reconciling positions in order to issue quarterly performance reports and the cost of re-registering positions.

This section is intended as a summary of MWP. If you contract for MWP services, you will receive the MWP Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 providing detailed information regarding MWP.

### ***Manager Select Program***

You are required to execute a Manager Select client agreement and establish a brokerage account through LPL who provides you with quarterly account statements (provided monthly when activity occurs), confirmations and performance reports. Third party investment advisors seek to obtain the best execution possible given the direction to trade through LPL. In some cases, third party investment advisors, in connection with their duty to seek to achieve best execution, may choose to execute transactions through a broker/dealer other than LPL.

In considering whether or not to restrict the execution of transactions through LPL, LPL evaluated its capacities to execute, clear and settle transactions. When securities transactions are effected through LPL, there are no brokerage commissions charged to the account. If the third party investment advisor chooses to execute a transaction through a broker/dealer other than LPL, the execution price may include a commission or fee imposed by the executing broker/dealer. In evaluating whether to execute a trade through a broker/dealer other than LPL, the third party investment advisor considers the fact that the account is not charged a commission if it is effected through LPL.

You should consider whether or not appointing LPL as the broker/dealer may or may not result in certain costs or disadvantages to you as a result of possibly less favorable executions. In particular, you should understand that your Manager Select account may not be able to participate in block trades affected by a third party investment advisor for its other accounts, which may result in a difference between prices charged to a Manager Select account and the third-party investment advisor's other accounts.

Transactions in fixed income securities may involve mark-up or mark-downs or other charges in addition to the advisory fee. LPL may act as a principal on fixed income trades in Manager Select accounts. In cases where LPL acts as a principal on fixed income trades, LPL may receive additional compensation to the extent it is able to sell fixed income securities for a price higher than what is paid. This may result in higher costs and lower performance than you would have otherwise received.

LPL may aggregate your transactions with other clients' to improve the quality of execution. When transactions are aggregated, the actual prices applicable to the aggregated transactions are averaged, and your account is deemed to have purchased or sold its proportionate share of the securities involved at the average price obtained.

The minimum investment amount required to participate in Manager Select is \$100,000. However, some third-party investment advisors may have higher account minimum requirements. Account minimums are generally higher on fixed income accounts than equity based accounts. A complete description of the third-party investment advisor's services, fee schedules and account minimums is disclosed in the third party investment advisor's Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 which is provided to you at the time a third-party investment advisor is selected.

The maximum annual fee charged through the program is 3% of the total value of assets held in your account(s). Fees are negotiable depending on the market value of the account, asset types, your financial situation and trading activity. The annual fees are divided and paid quarterly in advance through a direct debit in your account. LPL is responsible for calculating and debiting all fees from your account(s). You must provide LPL written authorization to debit advisory fees from your accounts and pay those fees to us. Fees are based on the account's asset value as of the last business day of the prior calendar quarter. Fees for accounts opened at any time other than the beginning of a quarter are prorated based on the number of days remaining in the initial quarter. If you participate in Manager Select, you must execute the Manager Select Client Agreement.

We receive up to 85% of the total fee charged to you. Fees are negotiable depending on the market value of the account, asset types, your financial situation and trading activity. We may also receive other compensation for participating in Manager Select such as bonuses, awards, or other things of value offered by LPL. The amount of this compensation may be more or less than if you had participated in our other advisory programs or if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services. Therefore, we may have an incentive to recommend Manager Select over other programs.

Clients may also incur certain charges imposed by LPL or third parties other than us in connection with investments made through Manager Select accounts, including among others, the following types of charges: mutual fund management fees and administrative servicing fees, omnibus processing fees, sub-transfer agent fees, networking fees, other transaction charges and service fees, IRA and Qualified Retirement Plan fees, administrative servicing fees for trust accounts, and other charges required by law. LPL and our representatives, in their capacity as LPL registered representatives, may receive a portion of certain of these third party fees.

Clients are advised that we may have a conflict of interest by only offering those third-party investment advisors that have agreed to participate in Manager Select. In addition, we may receive additional compensation from advisory product sponsors. Such compensation may not be tied to the sales of any products. Compensation may include such items as gifts valued at less than \$100 annually, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connection with educational meetings or advertising or marketing initiatives.

You are advised that there may be other third-party managed programs that may be suitable to you that may be more or less costly. No guarantees can be made that your financial goals or objectives are achieved. Further, no guarantees of performance can be offered. Investments involve risk, including the possible loss of principal.

You can terminate a Manager Select account by providing written notice to LPL. Upon termination, you are entitled to a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly fees based on the number of days remaining in the quarter after termination. If you close the account within the first six months as a result of withdrawals bringing the account value below the required minimum, both Executive Wealth Management and LPL reserve the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly fees for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative cost of establishing a Manager Select account. Those fees may include costs to transfer positions into and out of the account, data entry costs to open the account, costs associated with reconciling positions in order to issue quarterly performance reports and the cost of re-registering positions.

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

Performance-based fees are defined as fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets held in a client's account. *Item 6* is not applicable to this Disclosure Brochure because we do not charge or accept performance-based fees.

#### **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

Executive Wealth Management generally provides investment advice to the following types of clients:

- Individuals
- High net worth individuals (clients with more than \$1,000,000 under our management and/or \$2,000,000 net worth)
- Banks or thrift institutions
- Pension and profit sharing plans
- Trusts, estates, or charitable organizations
- Corporations or business entities other than those listed above

You are required to execute a written agreement with Executive Wealth Management specifying the particular advisory services in order to establish a client arrangement with Executive Wealth Management.

### **Minimum Investment Amounts Required**

We do not impose a minimum investment amount for the SWM Program or the LPL Third-Party Money Manager programs. However, please refer to the previous disclosures in Item 5 for a description of the account minimums imposed by LPL for the LPL Third Party Money Manager programs.

The minimum fee generally charged for financial planning services provided on an hourly basis is \$100 and the minimum fixed fee generally charged for financial planning services on a fixed fee basis is \$500.

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

### **Methods of Analysis**

Executive Wealth Management primarily utilizes Fundamental analysis when formulating investment advice. This is a method of evaluating a security by attempting to measure its intrinsic value by examining related economic, financial and other qualitative and quantitative factors. Fundamental analysts attempt to study everything that can affect the security's value, including macroeconomic factors (like the overall economy and industry conditions) and individually specific factors (like the financial condition and management of a company). The end goal of performing fundamental analysis is to produce a value that an investor can compare with the security's current price in hopes of figuring out what sort of position to take with that security (underpriced = buy, overpriced = sell or short). Fundamental analysis is considered to be the opposite of technical analysis. Fundamental analysis is about using real data to evaluate a security's value. Although most analysts use fundamental analysis to value stocks, this method of valuation can be used for just about any type of security.

The risk associated with fundamental analysis is that it is somewhat subjective. While a quantitative approach is possible, fundamental analysis usually entails a qualitative assessment of how market forces interact with one another in their impact on the investment in question. It is possible for those market forces to point in different directions, thus necessitating an interpretation of which forces will be dominant. This interpretation may be wrong, and could therefore lead to an unfavorable investment decision.

### **Investment Strategies**

Executive Wealth Management uses the following investment strategies when managing client assets and/or providing investment advice:

Long term purchases. Investments held at least a year.

Short term purchases. Investments sold within a year.

Margin transactions. When an investor buys a stock on margin, the investor pays for part of the purchase and borrows the rest of the purchase price from a brokerage firm. For example, an



investor may buy \$5,000 worth of stock in a margin account by paying for \$2,500 and borrowing \$2,500 from a brokerage firm. Clients cannot borrow stock from Executive Wealth Management.

### **Risk of Loss**

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Therefore, you should never assume that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy will be profitable. Investing in securities (including stocks, mutual funds, and bonds, etc.) involves risk of loss. Further, depending on the different types of investments there may be varying degrees of risk. You should be prepared to bear investment loss including loss of original principal.

Because of the inherent risk of loss associated with investing, our firm is unable to represent, guarantee, or even imply that our services and methods of analysis can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate you from losses due to market corrections or declines. There are certain additional risks associated with investing in securities through our investment management program, as described below:

- **Market Risk** – Either the stock market as a whole, or the value of an individual company, goes down resulting in a decrease in the value of client investments. This is also referred to as systemic risk.
- **Equity (stock) market risk** – Common stocks are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value as market confidence in and perceptions of their issuers change. If you held common stock, or common stock equivalents, of any given issuer, you would generally be exposed to greater risk than if you held preferred stocks and debt obligations of the issuer.
- **Company Risk**. When investing in stock positions, there is always a certain level of company or industry specific risk that is inherent in each investment. This is also referred to as unsystematic risk and can be reduced through appropriate diversification. There is the risk that the company will perform poorly or have its value reduced based on factors specific to the company or its industry. For example, if a company's employees go on strike or the company receives unfavorable media attention for its actions, the value of the company may be reduced.
- **Fixed Income Risk**. When investing in bonds, there is the risk that the issuer will default on the bond and be unable to make payments. Further, individuals who depend on set amounts of periodically paid income face the risk that inflation will erode their spending power. Fixed-income investors receive set, regular payments that face the same inflation risk.
- **Options Risk**. Options on securities may be subject to greater fluctuations in value than an investment in the underlying securities. Purchasing and writing put and call options are highly specialized activities and entail greater than ordinary investment risks.
- **ETF and Mutual Fund Risk** – When investing in a an ETF or mutual fund, you will bear additional expenses based on your pro rata share of the ETF's or mutual fund's operating expenses, including the potential duplication of management fees. The risk of owning an ETF or mutual fund generally reflects the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF or mutual fund holds. You will also incur brokerage costs when purchasing ETFs.

- Management Risk – Your investment with our firm varies with the success and failure of our investment strategies, research, analysis and determination of portfolio securities. If our investment strategies do not produce the expected returns, the value of the investment will decrease.
- Margin Risk - When you purchase securities, you may pay for the securities in full or borrow part of the purchase price from your account custodian or clearing firm. If you intended to borrow funds in connection with your Account, you will be required to open a margin account, which will be carried by the clearing firm. The securities purchased in such an account are the clearing firm's collateral for its loan to you.

If those securities in a margin account decline in value, the value of the collateral supporting this loan also declines, and as a result, the brokerage firm is required to take action in order to maintain the necessary level of equity in your account. The brokerage firm may issue a margin call and/or sell other assets in your account.

It is important that you fully understand the risks involved in trading securities on margin, which are applicable to any margin account that you may maintain, including any margin account that may be established as part of the Asset Management Agreement established between you and Executive Wealth Management and held by the account custodian or clearing firm.

These risks include the following:

- You can lose more funds than you deposit in your margin account.
- The account custodian or clearing firm can force the sale of securities or other assets in your account.
- The account custodian or clearing firm can sell your securities or other assets without contacting you.
- You are not entitled to choose which securities or other assets in your margin account may be liquidated or sold to meet a margin call.
- The account custodian or clearing firm may move securities held in your cash account to your margin account and pledge the transferred securities.
- The account custodian or clearing firm can increase its "house" maintenance margin requirements at any time and they are not required to provide you advance written notice.
- You are not entitled to an extension of time on a margin call.

## Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

*Item 9* is not applicable to this Disclosure Brochure because there are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's or prospective client's evaluation of our business or integrity.

## Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Executive Wealth Management is **not** and does **not** have a related person that is an investment company or other pooled investment vehicle (including a mutual fund, closed-end investment company, unit investment trust, private investment company or "hedge fund," and offshore fund), another investment adviser or financial planner, a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity

trading advisor, a banking or thrift institution, an accountant or accounting firm, a lawyer or law firm, a pension consultant, a real estate broker or dealer, and a sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships.

We are an independent registered investment registered adviser and only provide investment advisory services. We are not engaged in any other business activities and offer no other services except those described in this Disclosure Brochure. However, while we do not sell products or services other than investment advice, our investment adviser representatives may sell other products or provide services outside of their role as investment adviser representatives with us.

### **Registered Representatives of a Broker-Dealer**

Our representatives are also registered representatives of LPL Financial, a securities broker-dealer. You may work with your investment adviser representative in his or her separate capacity as a registered representative of LPL Financial.

As a result of this relationship, LPL Financial may have access to certain confidential information (e.g., financial information, investment objectives, transactions and holdings) about clients of Executive Wealth Management, even if a client does not establish any account through LPL Financial. If you would like a copy of the privacy policy of LPL Financial, please contact your investment adviser representative.

When acting in his or her separate capacity as a registered representative, your investment adviser representative may sell, for commissions, general securities products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and variable annuity and variable life products to you. As such, your investment adviser representative may suggest that you implement investment advice by purchasing securities products through a commission-based brokerage account in addition to or in lieu of a fee-based investment-advisory account. This receipt of commissions creates an incentive to recommend those products for which your investment adviser representative will receive a commission in his or her separate capacity as a registered representative of a securities broker-dealer. Consequently, the objectivity of the advice rendered to you could be biased.

You are under no obligation to use the services of our representatives in this separate capacity or to use LPL Financial and can select any broker/dealer you wish to implement securities transactions. If you select our representatives to implement securities transactions in their separate capacity as registered representatives, they must use LPL Financial. Prior to effecting any such transactions, you are required to enter into a new account agreement with LPL Financial. The commissions charged by LPL Financial may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker/dealers. In addition, the registered representatives may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 fees for mutual fund purchases from the mutual fund company during the period that you maintain the mutual fund investment.

We may also share information with LPL Financial which has supervisory obligations over certain of Executive Wealth Management's activities. As a result of the LPL relationship, LPL Financial will have access to certain confidential information (e.g., financial information, investment objectives, transactions and holdings) about our clients, even if client does not establish any account through LPL Financial. If you would like a copy of the LPL Financial privacy policy, please contact us.

### **Insurance Activities**

Some of our investment adviser representatives are also independently licensed insurance agents and may be affiliated with various insurance companies. When selling insurance products in this separate capacity, they may receive normal and customary commissions.

### **Third-Party Money Managers**

As described in Item 5 of this brochure, we recommend independent, third-party money managers through LPL's Optimum Wealth Portfolios, Model Wealth Portfolios and Manager Select programs. When we refer clients to an LPL program, we receive a portion of the fee charged by LPL. Therefore, we have a conflict of interest because we only recommend third party money managers that agree to compensate us by paying us a portion of the fees billed to your account managed by LPL or the third party money manager.

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

### **Code of Ethics Summary**

According to the *Investment Advisers Act of 1940*, an investment adviser is considered a fiduciary and has a fiduciary duty to all clients. Executive Wealth Management has established a Code of Ethics to comply with the requirements of Section 204(A)-1 of the *Investment Advisers Act of 1940* that reflects its fiduciary obligations and those of its supervised persons. The Code of Ethics also requires compliance with federal securities laws. The Code of Ethics covers all individuals that are classified as "supervised persons". All employees, officers, directors and investment adviser representatives are classified as supervised persons. Executive Wealth Management requires its supervised persons to consistently act in your best interest in all advisory activities. Executive Wealth Management imposes certain requirements on its affiliates and supervised persons to ensure that they meet the firm's fiduciary responsibilities to you. The standard of conduct required is higher than ordinarily required and encountered in commercial business.

This section is intended to provide a summary description of the Code of Ethics of Executive Wealth Management. If you wish to review the Code of Ethics in its entirety, you should send us a written request and upon receipt of your request, we will promptly provide a copy of the Code of Ethics to you.

### **Affiliate and Employee Personal Securities Transactions Disclosure**

Executive Wealth Management or associated persons of the firm may buy or sell for their personal accounts, investment products identical to those recommended to clients. This creates a potential conflict of interest. It is the express policy of Executive Wealth Management that all persons associated in any manner with our firm must place clients' interests ahead of their own when implementing personal investments. Executive Wealth Management and its associated persons will not buy or sell securities for their personal account(s) where their decision is derived, in whole or in part, by information obtained as a result of employment or association with our firm unless the information is also available to the investing public upon reasonable inquiry.

We are now and will continue to be in compliance with applicable state and federal rules and regulations. To prevent conflicts of interest, we have developed written supervisory procedures that include personal investment and trading policies for our representatives, employees and their immediate family members (collectively, associated persons):

- Associated persons cannot prefer their own interests to that of the client.
- Associated persons cannot purchase or sell any security for their personal accounts prior to implementing transactions for client accounts.

- Associated persons cannot buy or sell securities for their personal accounts when those decisions are based on information obtained as a result of their employment, unless that information is also available to the investing public upon reasonable inquiry.
- Associated persons are prohibited from purchasing or selling securities of companies in which any client is deemed an “insider”.
- Associated persons are discouraged from conducting frequent personal trading.
- Associated persons are generally prohibited from serving as board members of publicly traded companies unless an exception has been granted to the Chief Compliance Officer of Executive Wealth Management.

Any associated person not observing our policies is subject to sanctions up to and including termination.

## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

### **Arrangement with LPL Financial**

Clients wishing to implement our advice are free to select any broker/dealer they wish and are so informed. If clients wish to have our investment advisor representatives implement advice in their capacity as registered representative, LPL will be used. Our investment advisor representatives are registered representatives of LPL and are required to use the services of LPL when acting in their capacity as registered representatives. LPL has a wide range of approved securities products for which LPL performs due diligence prior to selection. LPL’s registered representatives are required to adhere to these products when implementing securities transactions through LPL. Commissions charged for these products may be higher or lower than commissions clients may be able to obtain if transactions were implemented through another broker/dealer. Because our investment adviser representatives are registered representatives of LPL, LPL provides compliance support to Executive Wealth Management’s associated persons. In addition to compliance support, LPL also provides the associated persons of Executive Wealth Management, and therefore Executive Wealth Management, with back-office operational, technology, and other administrative support.

If clients wish to implement the advice of Executive Wealth Management through the programs described in this Disclosure Brochure, LPL will be the broker/dealer and custodian required due to Executive Wealth Management’s associated persons’ relationship with LPL. Moreover, Executive Wealth Management may be limited in the broker/dealer or custodians that it is allowed to use due to Executive Wealth Management’s associated persons relationship with LPL. LPL may limit or restrict the broker/dealer or custodial platforms for its registered representatives that are also independently licensed due to its duty to supervise the transactions implemented by these individuals.

While there is no direct linkage between the investment advice given to clients and Executive Wealth Management’s recommendation of LPL, economic benefits may be provided by LPL to Executive Wealth Management that will not be provided if the client selects another broker/dealer or account custodian. These benefits may include: negotiated costs for transaction implementation, a dedicated trade desk that services LPL participants exclusively, a dedicated service group and an account services manager dedicated to Executive Wealth Management’s accounts, access to a real-time order matching system, electronic download of trades, balances and position information, access, for a fee, to an electronic interface with the account custodian’s software, duplicate and batched client statements, confirmations and year-end reports.

Clients should understand that not all investment advisors require the use of a particular broker/dealer or custodian. Some investment advisors allow their clients to select whichever broker/dealer the client

decides. However, due to our relationship with LPL, it is our policy that all accounts managed by Executive Wealth Management must be established through LPL. By directing clients to use a particular broker/dealer, LPL, Executive Wealth Management may not achieve the most favorable execution of client transactions and the practice requiring the use of LPL may cost clients more money than if the client used a different broker/dealer or custodian.

### **Handling Trade Errors**

Based on industry practice and SEC guidance to broker-dealers, a trade error under this policy is defined as including:

- Inaccurate transmission or execution of any term of an order including, but not limited to: price; number of shares or other unit of trading; identification of the security; identification of the account for which securities are purchased or sold; short sales that were instead sold long or vice versa; or the execution of an order on the wrong side of a market;
- Unauthorized (because of misunderstanding or mistake) or unintended purchase, sale or allocation of securities, or the failure to follow specific client instructions; and
- Incorrect entry of data into relevant systems, including reliance on incorrect cash positions, withdrawals or securities positions reflected in an account.

Executive Wealth Management has implemented procedures designed to prevent trade errors; however, trade errors in client accounts cannot always be avoided. Consistent with its fiduciary duty, it is the policy of Executive Wealth Management to correct trade errors in a manner that is in the best interest of the client. In cases where the client causes the trade error, the client will be responsible for any loss resulting from the correction. Depending on the specific circumstances of the trade error, the client may not be able to receive any gains generated as a result of the error correction. In all situations where the client does not cause the trade error, the client will be made whole and any loss resulting from the trade error will be absorbed by Executive Wealth Management if the error was caused by the Firm. If the error is caused by the broker-dealer, the broker-dealer will be responsible for covering all trade error costs.

Executive Wealth Management will never benefit or profit from trade errors.

### **Block Trading Policy**

Investment advisors may elect to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time when they believe such action may prove advantageous to clients. This process is referred to as aggregating orders, batch trading or block trading. Executive Wealth Management does not engage in block trading.

It should be noted that implementing trades on a block or aggregate basis may be less expensive for client accounts; however, it is our trading policy is to implement all client orders on an individual basis. Therefore, we do not aggregate or “block” client transactions. Considering the types of investments we hold in advisory client accounts, we do not believe clients are hindered in any way because we trade accounts individually. This is because we develop individualized investment strategies for clients and holdings will vary. Our strategies are primarily developed for the long-term and minor differences in price execution are not material to our overall investment strategy.

### **Agency Cross Transactions**

Our associated persons are prohibited from engaging in agency cross transactions, meaning we cannot act as brokers for both the sale and purchase of a single security between two different clients and cannot receive compensation in the form of an agency cross commission or principal mark-up for the trades.

## **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

### **Account Reviews and Reviewers**

Unless clients contract for on-going planning services, incidental financial planning services terminate 30 days after the presentation of the plan or completion of the consultation. Executive Wealth Management recommends that clients have their financial situation reviewed and updated at least annually. If clients elect to have Executive Wealth Management perform this review and update, a new client agreement will be required and additional fees may be charged.

Our investment adviser representatives meet with clients at least annually to review the performance of client accounts. Asset allocation models and underlying assets are reviewed on a frequent basis but at a minimum, monthly. LPL Third Party Money Manager programs are reviewed by your investment adviser representative quarterly.

The calendar is the main triggering factor for reviews, although client requests, a change in client circumstances or objectives, and unusual market activity can also trigger reviews.

### **Statements and Reports**

Financial planning clients do not receive any report other than the written plan originally contracted for and provided by Executive Wealth Management.

Clients receive account statements directly from LPL Financial as the qualified custodian. Statements will be delivered at least quarterly. Executive Wealth Management may provide written performance and/or position reports to clients in addition to the statements and reports discussed above. Clients are strongly urged to compare all reports prepared by Executive Wealth Management against the account statements received from the client's broker/dealer or qualified custodian.

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

Executive Wealth Management does not directly or indirectly compensate any person for client referrals.

Please see *Item 5, Fees and Compensation, Item 10, Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations and Item 12, Brokerage Practices*, for additional discussion about solicitor/referral fees from third party managers, other compensation and non-economic benefits.

## **Item 15 – Custody**

Custody, as it applies to investment advisors, has been defined by regulators as having access or control over client funds and/or securities. In other words, custody is not limited to physically holding client funds and securities. If an investment adviser has the ability to access or control client funds or securities, the investment adviser is deemed to have custody and must ensure proper procedures are implemented. According to this definition, Executive Wealth Management does **not** have custody of client funds or securities.

Executive Wealth Management has established procedures to ensure all client funds and securities are held at a qualified custodian (i.e. LPL Financial) in a separate account for each client under that client's name. Clients or an independent representative of the client will direct, in writing, the establishment of all accounts and therefore are aware of the qualified custodian's name, address and the manner in which the funds or securities are maintained. Finally, account statements are delivered directly from the qualified custodian to each client, or the client's independent representative, at least quarterly. **Clients should carefully review those statements and are urged to compare the statements against reports received directly from Executive Wealth Management.** When clients have questions about their account statements, they should contact Executive Wealth Management or the qualified custodian preparing the statement.

#### **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

Executive Wealth Management may provide asset management services on a **discretionary** basis. Executive Wealth Management's discretionary authority must be granted by the client in the client agreement. When discretionary authority is granted, it is limited in that Executive Wealth Management will only be given discretionary trading authority. This authority will allow Executive Wealth Management to determine the type of securities and the amount of securities that can be bought or sold for the client portfolio without obtaining the client's consent for each transaction.

If you decide to grant trading authorization on a **non-discretionary** basis, we will be required to contact you prior to implementing changes in your account. Therefore, you will be contacted and required to accept or reject our investment recommendations including:

- The security being recommended
- The number of shares or units
- Whether to buy or sell

Once the above factors are agreed upon, Executive Wealth Management will be responsible for making decisions regarding the timing of buying or selling an investment and the price at which the investment is bought or sold. If your accounts are managed on a non-discretionary basis, you need to know that if you are not able to be reached or are slow to respond to our request, it can have an adverse impact on the timing of trade implementations and we may not achieve the optimal trading price.

You will have the ability to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments that may be purchased in the Account. You may also place reasonable limitations on the discretionary power granted to Executive Wealth Management so long as the limitations are specifically set forth or included as an attachment to the client agreement.

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

Executive Wealth Management does not vote proxies on behalf of Clients. We have determined that taking on the responsibilities for voting client securities does not add enough value to the services provided to you to justify the additional compliance and regulatory costs associated with voting client securities. Therefore, it is your responsibility to vote all proxies for securities held in Account.

You will receive proxies directly from the qualified custodian or transfer agent; we will not provide you with the proxies. You are encouraged to read through the information provided with the proxy-voting



documents and make a determination based on the information provided. Although we do not vote client proxies, if you have a question about a particular proxy feel free to contact us. However, you will have the ultimate responsibility for making all proxy-voting decisions.

### **Item 18 – Financial Information**

This *Item 18* is not applicable to this brochure. Executive Wealth Management does not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. Therefore, we are not required to include a balance sheet for the most recent fiscal year. We are not subject to a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. Finally, Executive Wealth Management has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time.

### **Customer Privacy Policy Notice**

Regulation S-P, Privacy of Consumer Financial Information, requires financial institutions, including Executive Wealth Management to provide notice to current clients and prospective clients about their policies and practices concerning the collection and use of customer, non-public information. This privacy policy notice is given to all prospective clients of Executive Wealth Management upon entering into a contract with Executive Wealth Management and annually thereafter.

**Privacy Disclosure Statement.** A primary goal of Executive Wealth Management is to protect the privacy of its clients. Executive Wealth Management does not sell the personal information of clients to anyone. To conduct regular business, Executive Wealth Management may collect non-public personal information from clients. This information is provided by clients to Executive Wealth Management on applications and other forms provided by clients to Executive Wealth Management as well as transactions with the firm, our affiliates, or others.

**Information Safeguarding.** Executive Wealth Management has implemented strict policies and procedures aimed at protecting the sensitive nature of client information. Executive Wealth Management restricts access to client information to only those members of Executive Wealth Management that must provide products and services to clients in order to service client accounts. Executive Wealth Management has implemented physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards aimed at meeting Executive Wealth Management' duty to protect non-public client information.

**Use and Disclosure of Customer Information to Provide Customer Service for Client Accounts** To administer, manage and service customer accounts, process transactions and provide related services for client accounts, it is necessary for Executive Wealth Management to provide access to Customer Information within the Firm and its affiliated companies and to non-affiliated companies such as LPL Financial, other investment advisers, other broker-dealers, trust companies, custodians and insurance companies. Executive Wealth Management may also provide Customer Information outside of the Firm as permitted by law, such as to government entities, consumer reporting agencies or other third parties in response to subpoenas.

Executive Wealth Management may also shares information with LPL Financial which has supervisory obligations over certain of Executive Wealth Management' activities. As a result of the LPL relationship, LPL Financial will have access to certain confidential information (e.g., financial information, investment objectives, transactions and holdings) about Executive Wealth Management' clients, even if client does not establish any account through LPL Financial. If you would like a copy of the LPL Financial privacy policy, please contact Executive Wealth Management.

Since Executive Wealth Management shares nonpublic information solely to service client accounts, our firm does not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, except as permitted by law. However, we may also provide customer information outside of the firm as required by law, such as to government entities, consumer reporting agencies or other third parties in response to subpoenas. In the event that our firm has a change to its customer privacy policy that would allow it to disclose non-public information not covered under applicable law, we will allow our clients the opportunity to opt out of such disclosure.

If you have any questions concerning Executive Wealth Management's customer privacy policy or concerns about your personal information please feel free to contact us at the phone number listed on the cover page of this brochure.

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