

**Asset Management Consulting<sup>SM</sup>**  
**AMC Advisor Managed Programs**  
**AMC Allocation Plus (Non-Discretionary)**  
**AMC Advise (Discretionary)**  
**AMC Annuity (Non-Discretionary)**

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

Additional information about SunTrust Advisory Services, Inc. is also available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

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•Are not FDIC or any other Government Agency Insured •Are not Bank Guaranteed •May Lose Value

## **Material Changes**

The last update to the SunTrust Advisory Services, Inc. ("STAS") AMC Advisor Managed Program Firm Brochure was March 31, 2020. No material updates have been made since the last update.

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## Advisory Business

SunTrust Advisory Services, Inc. ("STAS") is a separate, wholly owned, non-bank indirect affiliate of Truist Financial Corporation ("TFC") and an affiliate of Truist Bank ("TB"). STAS became an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended in April, 2016.

Investment in any of the AMC programs covered by this brochure requires that Client separately maintain or open an underlying SunTrust Investment Services, Inc., an affiliated broker-dealer and insurance agency, Brokerage Account ("Account") which is governed by a STIS Brokerage Account Customer Agreement ("Brokerage Agreement"). STIS is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). STIS is an introducing broker-dealer clearing its trades through National Financial Services LLC and its affiliate Fidelity Management Trust Company, if client's account is a qualified retirement account ("NFS"), which also provides custody and execution services for client accounts. For the AMC Annuity Program STAS has entered into a tri-party agreement with STIS and the selected annuity carrier. The annuity carrier provides clearing, custody and execution services for the client's annuity. The requirement to open a brokerage account with an affiliated broker is made by STAS for purposes of efficiently administering its Programs and therefore is a benefit to STAS which creates a conflict of interest. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST –Use of Affiliated Broker Dealer** Section below.

Client risk tolerance and investment objectives of a client's underlying STIS brokerage account may not specifically match the investment advisory account risk profile of the managed program account within the Envestnet system which governs how account risk is captured and monitored. The firm regularly updates the STIS brokerage data with the data from the Envestnet system; however, in the case of any discrepancy in risk ratings, each client account shall be managed in accordance with the risk rating applicable to the investment advisory relationship and not in accordance with any risk rating applicable to a pre-existing brokerage relationship.

The following chart lists the descriptions of each risk rating Conservative, Income with Growth, Balanced, Growth with Income and Growth in the Envestnet platform and the brokerage platform, WealthScape corresponding rating:

ENVESTNET PLATFORM		BROKERAGE PLATFORM: WEALTHSCAPE		
Risk Rating with Asset Allocation Ranges	Risk Descriptions with Equity (EQ) / Fixed Income (FI) Allocation Ranges	Risk Tolerance	Investment Objective	Risk Descriptions
<u>Conservative</u> EQ: 0% - 40% FI: 60% - 100%	This investment objective is generally focused on the production of current income with some protection of purchasing power expected over the long term. Portfolios will typically be significantly invested in high quality income investments with some equity and non-traditional investment exposure in order to protect capital over the longer term.	<u>Conservative</u>	<u>Preservation of Capital</u>	This investment objective indicates you seek to maintain the principal value of your investments and are interested in investments that have historically demonstrated a very low degree of risk of loss of principal value. Some examples of typical investments might include money market funds and high quality, short-term fixed income products.

<u><b>Income with Growth</b></u>  <b>EQ: 15% - 55%</b>  <b>FI: 45% - 85%</b>	<p>This investment objective is generally focused on providing current income, while also providing an opportunity for modest capital appreciation over the long term. Portfolios will typically have a greater exposure to fixed income securities with some equity and non-traditional investment exposure in order to provide growth and diversification over time.</p>	<u><b>Moderately Conservative</b></u>	<u><b>Income</b></u>	<p>This investment objective indicates you seek to generate income from investments and are interested in investments that have historically demonstrated a low degree of risk of loss of principal value. Some examples of typical investments might include high quality, short and medium-term fixed-income products, short-term bond funds and covered call options.</p>
<u><b>Balanced</b></u>  <b>EQ: 30% - 70%</b>  <b>FI: 25% - 65%</b>	<p>This investment objective is focused on balancing the goals of both the growth of principal and purchasing power protection with current income production. Portfolios are typically allocated across major asset categories.</p>	<u><b>Moderate</b></u>	<u><b>Capital Appreciation</b></u>	<p>This investment objective indicates you seek to grow the principal value of your investments over time and are willing to invest in securities that have historically demonstrated a moderate to above average degree of risk of loss of principal value to pursue this objective. Some examples of typical investments might include common stocks, lower quality, medium-term fixed income products, equity mutual funds and index funds</p>
<u><b>Growth with Income</b></u>  <b>EQ: 50% - 90%</b>  <b>FI: 10% - 50%</b>	<p>This investment objective is focused on capital appreciation while providing a low to moderate level of income. Portfolios are typically allocated more heavily to equity investments with some fixed income and non-traditional investment exposure in order to protect capital over the longer term.</p>	<u><b>Moderately Aggressive</b></u>	<u><b>Growth and Income</b></u>	<p>This investment objective indicates you seek the potential for capital appreciation and also seek to generate some income from investments. You are willing to invest in securities that have historically demonstrated a moderate to above average degree of risk of loss of principal value to pursue this objective. Some examples of typical investment might include common stocks, lower quality short and medium-term fixed income products and bond funds, equity mutual funds and index funds.</p>
<u><b>Growth</b></u>  <b>EQ: 60% - 100%</b>  <b>FI: 0% - 30%</b>	<p>This investment objective is focused on capital appreciation. Portfolios will typically be concentrated in equity investments with portfolio enhancing fixed income and non-traditional investments.</p>	<u><b>Aggressive</b></u>	<u><b>Trading Profits</b></u>	<p>This investment objective indicates you seek to take advantage of short-term trading opportunities, which may involve establishing and liquidating positions quickly. Some examples of typical investments might include short-term purchases and sales of volatile or low-priced common stocks, put or call options, spreads, straddles and/or combinations on equities or indexes. This is a high-risk strategy.</p>

Clients retain ownership of all cash, securities, and other investments in their Program Accounts.

Clients have the option to purchase investment products that we recommend through other broker-dealers or agents that are not affiliated with STIS.

#### **Key Third Party Service Providers**

STAS has contracted with Envestnet Asset Management, Inc. a SEC registered investment adviser (“Envestnet” or “Platform Manager”) for administrative services related to the AMC programs including access to their platform system that creates

proposals based on STAS' models and those of other investment managers pursuant to agreements, ongoing monitoring of account positions to investments selected, submission of trade details to NFS and performance reporting.

STAS has contracted with Institutional Capital Network, Inc. ("iCapital Network") and their affiliates to provide Advisors with access to the iCapital Network alternative investment platform, software and services for the AMC Allocation Plus program.

iCapital Network and/or its affiliates conduct due diligence (investment and operational) on private equity and hedge fund offerings available on their platform.

LifeYield. STAS utilizes LifeYield powered by LifeYield ROI™ program for generating asset location recommendations for existing client accounts consistent with the STAS Investment Advisory Group ("IAG") models. The LifeYield functionality has been incorporated in the Envestnet platform.

This program analyzes the after-tax returns of the investments based on taxable, tax-free and tax-deferred status' and recommends the program's proposed portfolio which has the potential for higher returns.

#### **Client Service Structure**

STAS generally provides investment managed and investment advisory services usually through Private Financial Advisors (PFAs) utilizing one of the following business channels:

Self-Directed Brokerage Accounts – Client Investible Assets Below \$50,000;

Client Advisory Center ("CAC")

Brokerage and Investment Advisory Accounts — Client Investible Assets between \$50,000 and \$100,000; and

Full Service Brokerage and Investment Advisory – Client Investible Assets Above \$100,000.

#### **Client Advisory Center**

STAS has established a centralized Client Advisory Center. The CAC consists of approximately 40 Financial Advisors (CAC FAs) who assist clients in meeting their financial needs with financial planning and access to the firm's AMC Fund Select Tactical Focus Program, where appropriate, the AMC Fund Select Tactical Focus Program is more fully described in the firm's STAS and Third Party Managed Programs Firm Wrap Brochure.

CAC FAs work as a team and the primary advisor brochure supplement describes this team. Clients who wish to receive a copy of a specific CAC FA's brochure supplement may contact the CAC at (844) 206-8900 and receive this information free of charge.

#### **Programs Described in this Brochure**

This firm brochure covers the STAS AMC Advisor Managed Programs which consist of AMC Allocation Plus, AMC Advise and AMC Annuity (each a "Program"). In the case of the AMC Allocation Plus Program and the AMC Annuity Program, the client's STAS Advisor ("Advisor") is not granted discretionary trading authority with respect to the account's assets. In the case of the AMC Advise Program accounts, however, approved STAS Advisors are granted discretionary trading authority with respect to the AMC Advise Program account's assets.

Information in this brochure specific to the AMC Allocation Plus Program accounts are identified by an "AL" at the beginning of the paragraph, those items specific to the AMC Advise Program accounts are identified by an "AV" at the beginning, and those items specific to the AMC Annuity Program accounts are identified by an "AN" at the beginning. Paragraphs without an AL, AV or AN apply to all Programs.

### **(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

AMC Allocation Plus is a non-discretionary advisory program account. Client understands that investment decisions are those of the client and not their STAS Advisor or STAS. The Advisor will be primarily responsible for making investment management recommendations for the AMC Allocation Plus account. The Advisor also provides ongoing advisory services to the client, including client review meetings. If for any reason, and in the sole discretion of STAS, the Advisor is unable to render such investment services to the account, temporarily or permanently, or terminates his or her employment with STAS, STAS will continue to render such services and will assign a new Advisor to the account. Clients retain ownership of all cash, securities, and other instruments in their accounts.

In offering the AMC Allocation Plus Program, STAS Advisors work with individual clients to develop a personal client investment policy statement and proposal that identifies the client's goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors that influence investment approach. Based on that information, the STAS Advisor assists clients in establishing appropriate goals and objectives and an investment strategy for their account. The investment policy statement and proposal proposes an asset allocation strategy based on the client's answers to the questions posed by his or her Advisor. The client then selects the appropriate strategy based on this recommendation.

In accordance with client's investment objectives as stated in the profile, the STAS Advisor may recommend that client invest and reinvest the assets in securities on the firm's IAG Researched to Purchase List which includes various types of investment vehicles, including, but not limited to, common and preferred stocks, shares of mutual funds, closed-end funds, exchange-traded funds, alternative investments, public and private, including hedge funds and fund of funds, corporate, municipal or governmental bonds, notes, or bills and private equity. Limited types of options transactions may be conducted for an AMC Allocation Plus account. Clients should read and fully understand the margin disclosure in the Fees and Compensation section below as well as the OCC publication "Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options", a copy of which will be provided to client before election option capabilities. Margin may be used in an effort to enhance performance (with the resulting increased risk of loss), as determined by on-going consultations with clients. Clients should read and fully understand the margin disclosure in the **Fees and Compensation** section below before electing margin capabilities.

### **(AV) AMC Advise**

AMC Advise Program accounts offer clients discretionary, individualized investment management by select STAS Advisors for an asset-based fee. Clients generally do not direct transactions for their accounts in this Program. Instead, the client will authorize an Advisor to manage the client's designated assets on a discretionary basis by purchasing and/or selling individual stocks, bonds, mutual funds, closed-end funds, exchange-traded funds, certificates of deposit, money market instruments, depository receipts or other similar instruments relating to any of these securities within guidelines set by the STAS Policy Committee for portfolio construction and limitation of risk. Limited types of options transactions may be conducted for the account. Clients should read and fully understand the margin disclosure in the Fees and Compensation section below as well as the OCC publication "Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options", a copy of which will be provided to client before election of option capabilities. Investment strategies utilizing margin or short selling are prohibited. Clients retain ownership of all cash, securities, and other instruments in their accounts.

The Advisor also provides ongoing advisory services to the client, including client review meetings. If an Advisor is unable to manage client accounts or leaves the firm, STAS will continue to render such services and will assign a new Advisor to the account.

In offering the AMC Advise Program, STAS Advisors work with individual clients to develop a personal client investment policy statement and proposal that identifies the client's goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors that influence investment approach. Based on that information, the STAS Advisor assists clients in establishing

appropriate goals and objectives and an investment strategy for their account. The investment policy statement and proposal proposes an asset allocation strategy based on the client's answers to the questions posed by his or her Advisor.

With respect to both Programs, a client may place reasonable restrictions on the management of the account by designating specific securities or categories of securities that will not be purchased for the account. If a client restricts a general category of securities but does not prohibit the purchase of specific securities, STAS will determine what specific securities fall within that category based on our determination of the primary business of the issuer. The STAS Advisor managing the account will make those determinations and will allocate the assets that would have been invested in the security impacted by the restriction in one of the following ways:

- Pro-rata across the other investments held in the portfolio; or
- To one or more substitute securities, including exchange traded funds (“ETFs”).

It is the clients’ responsibility to inform STAS of any changes in their financial circumstances or if they wish to change, or impose new, instructions for the management of their accounts. STAS will cause STIS to notify each client in writing quarterly, requesting the client to contact his or her Advisor regarding any such changes.

STAS Advisors who manage AMC Allocation Plus and/or AMC Advise program portfolios can also manage Advisor managed sleeves in the AMC Pinnacle program and when they do, trades effected in the AMC Allocation Plus or AMC Advise portfolios are sent directly to NFS, the clearing firm for STIS; however, those trades in the AMC Pinnacle program are entered by Envestnet, who has overlay responsibilities related to all the trades in the AMC Pinnacle program. This difference can result in similar trades executing at different times and at different prices for the same security. Generally, those trades in the AMC Allocation Plus and AMC Advise portfolios are executed before those in the AMC Pinnacle Advisor managed sleeves.

Unlike the AMC Allocation Plus and AMC Advise Programs, STAS provides portfolio management for AMC Fund Select Tactical, AMC Fund Select Tactical Focus and AMC Pinnacle and its automated investment service, BrightFolio, at the firm level and receives a portion of the management fee for that service. The firm does not manage any other investment advisory programs; its Advisors however, do manage client accounts either on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis within the AMC Pinnacle Program.

**Wash Sales:** Clients with accounts across programs and different Investment Managers may experience a sale of a security in one program account by the Investment Manager while purchasing the same security within another program account managed by a different Investment Manager in a relatively short amount of time. None of STAS, Envestnet or any Investment Manager coordinates trades to avoid a possible wash sale transaction.

#### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

AMC Annuity is a non-discretionary advisory program account. Client understands that investment decisions are those of the client and not their STAS Advisor or STAS. The Advisor will be primarily responsible for making recommendations related to investing in the AMC Annuity Program and which annuity to purchase. The Advisor also provides ongoing advisory recommendations and other services to the client related to monitoring of the annuity’s investment sub-accounts, including client annual investment review meetings.

If for any reason, and in the sole discretion of STAS, the Advisor is unable to render such investment services to the account, temporarily or permanently, or terminate his or her employment with STAS, STAS will continue to render such services and will assign a new Advisor to the account. Clients retain ownership of all annuities in their Program account.



In offering the AMC Annuity Program, STAS Advisors work with individual clients to develop a personal client investment policy statement and proposal that identifies the client's goals, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial situation and other factors that influence investment approach. Based on that information, the STAS Advisor assists clients in establishing appropriate goals and objectives and an investment strategy for their account. The investment policy statement and proposal proposes an asset allocation strategy based on the client's answers to the questions posed by his or her Advisor. The client then selects the appropriate strategy based on this recommendation.

In accordance with the client's investment objectives as stated in the profile, the STAS Advisor may recommend that clients invest in an annuity and re-allocate investments in the sub-accounts on the annuity carrier's platform as necessary.

Client understands that upon establishing an AMC Annuity Program account, the account value will not be immediately available for review on any online account portals. If the AMC Annuity Program account is being funded from an existing AMC account or brokerage account, the client's account will be debited and the funds transferred to the insurance company. Account opening and processing time will vary based upon each insurance carrier's process.

In addition to establishing an AMC Annuity Program account a client enrolled in this Program must also designate another STIS brokerage account or an AMC Allocation Plus Program account to serve as the source of payment for the investment management fees payable in connection with the AMC Annuity Program account.

#### Variable Annuity

A variable annuity ("VA") is a deferred annuity that provides investment returns based on the performance of market-based subaccounts or indexed-linked segments. VAs are flexible contracts that can provide clients with variety of solutions, including the option to provide for guaranteed living and death benefits. VAs are market based and can lose value based on market performance. Before purchasing a VA, please review the product's prospectus in detail for all the features, risks, and benefits. Annuities are not FDIC insured and all guarantees are subject to the claims paying ability of the issuing insurance carrier. Annuity contracts are subject to federal income tax penalties for withdrawals prior to age 59 ½. Additionally, VAs held in a tax-qualified account (including IRAs) receive the same tax benefits as those held outside of a tax-qualified account. No additional tax benefits result from purchasing or holding an annuity in a tax qualified account.

If an annuity is purchased within the Account, you will retain a direct contract with the insurance company.

Your STAS Advisor will continue to act as the servicing agent on the contract, and will be entitled to all rights you assign to your Advisor as determined in the annuity contract. As a part of the managed account, your STAS Advisor will recommend an asset allocation within your annuity contract. As contract owner, you will retain the ability to reallocate your annuity contract directly with the carrier. Reallocations without STAS input or oversight will limit STAS's ability to effectively serve as investment adviser on the account, and may compromise performance. If material reallocations or changes to the annuity contract are identified, your Advisor may contact you to recommend changes that will realign your annuity with STAS's recommendations. If you choose not to accept this recommendation, STAS may terminate your Account with 30-days written notice to you. Subaccount transactions within your annuity account may also be subject to restrictions and/or limitations, please refer to the contract and/or product prospectus for details.

#### Total STAS AMC Program Assets Under Management as of December 31, 2019

Discretionary	\$ 18,662,174,723
Non-Discretionary	\$ 6,239,649,187

## Fees and Compensation

(AL) AMC Allocation Plus

(AV) AMC Advise

AMC Advisor Managed Program accounts are charged a single asset-based fee (the “Program Fee”) that includes our ongoing client advice and service and the execution and custodial services of NFS. The Program Fee is deducted from the AMC Advisor Managed Program account or client may agree to have the Program Fee deducted from another account owned by the same client. If STAS is unable to collect the Program Fee from any such separate account for any reason STAS shall be entitled to deduct the Program Fee from the original account without obtaining additional authorization from the client. The Program Fee is negotiable and may differ from client to client based upon a number of factors including, but not limited to, the type and size of the client’s account, the range of services provided to the client, and the total relationship between STAS and the client in terms of assets under management or supervision and the date it was established.

The maximum annual Program Fee is determined in accordance with the following schedule.

### Fee Schedule

Assets Under Management	Equity	Fixed Income
\$0 - \$500,000	1.35%	0.65%
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	1.15%	0.65%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.95%	0.55%
\$2,000,001 - \$5,000,000	0.85%	0.50%
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	0.60%	0.40%
\$10,000,001 - \$20,000,000	0.50%	0.30%
\$20,000,001 - \$30,000,000	0.45%	0.30%
\$30,000,001 and Over	0.40%	0.30%

### Example of Overall Tiered Fee Calculation

An AMC Advise equity portfolio of \$1,000,000 would have an effective overall fee of 1.25%:

First \$500,000 at 1.35% would be an annual fee of \$6,750 and the next \$500,000 at 1.15% would be an annual fee of \$5,750. The total fee of \$12,500 (\$6,750 plus \$5,750) equates to 1.25% of the total portfolio value of \$1,000,000.

Client shall pay STAS on a quarterly basis in advance as specified in the client investment management agreement. The exact Program Fee a client pays is specified in his or her client agreement.

The initial Program Fee is billed from the date the account is established on Envestnet’s systems, through the end of that calendar quarter in advance and is based on the initial value of the assets placed in the account as of the close of business on the day the account is opened and funded. Thereafter, Program Fees are billed quarterly in advance, based on the value of the account assets at the close of the last business day of the previous calendar quarter. If Client invests or withdraws \$10,000 or more in any Account after the inception of a calendar quarter, the Program Fee for that quarter will be recalculated and pro-rated as of the day of the additional investment or withdrawal.

Excluded assets are not included in the Program Fee calculation but are included in account performance report calculations.

Additionally, accrued interest on fixed income securities will be included in the Program Fee calculation.

The valuation on privately offered alternative investments and private equity securities can lag a month or more, therefore, the quarterly fee calculation uses the data to calculate the fee.

STAS may discount the Program Fee for employees of STAS and its affiliates.

Clients will not be charged a separate commission or other transaction charge for trades executed through STIS via NFS; those charges are included in the Program Fee, and STAS will pay STIS NFS' commissions and other transaction charges (as negotiated between STAS and STIS) for transactions for AMC Programs described in this brochure. STAS or one or more of their affiliates incurs additional expenses as the amount of trading in an AMC Programs described in this brochure increases. As a result, STAS has a financial interest in the number of trades recommended and has an incentive to seek to limit the extent of trading activity of the AMC Programs described in this brochure. Client may be charged other fees associated with their account, see **Other Fees and Charges** section below. Also see **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Active Trading** Section below.

For the duration of the underlying investment management agreement, STAS shares these Program Fees with client's Advisor and other employees of STAS and its affiliates. Because of this, Advisors have a financial incentive to recommend a Program which pays higher compensation to STAS and its affiliates over another Program. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Program Selection** Section below.

STAS and your Advisor may earn greater compensation if you invest in a Program described in this Brochure than if you open a brokerage account to buy individual securities. Therefore, if greater compensation is expected to be received from an investment management Program account than from a brokerage relationship, Advisors and STAS have a financial incentive to recommend one of the Programs described in this Brochure rather than an individual brokerage account relationship. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Advisory vs Brokerage Account** Section below.

STAS and your Advisor may earn greater compensation if you invest in a Program described in this Brochure than if you open a Truist Bank trust or investment management account to manage your assets. Therefore, if greater compensation is expected to be received from an investment management Program account than from a TB trust or investment management relationship, Advisors and STAS have a financial incentive to recommend one of the Programs described in this Brochure rather than a TB trust or investment management relationship. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Advisory vs Truist Bank Trust and Investment Management Accounts** Section below.

In addition, TB employees may refer qualified bank clients to STAS Advisors for a one-time nominal fee of a fixed dollar amount that is not contingent on whether the qualified Client referral results in any advisory activity or the establishment of an investment advisory relationship. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Non-Deposit Retail Sales (Networking) Agreement** Section below.

#### Unsupervised Assets

Assets in Client AMC accounts may be classified as "Unsupervised" for a variety of reasons. Unsupervised assets, although held in the same underlying brokerage account are not part of the managed assets and therefore, no advice is given related to these assets, the assets are not subject to the Program Fee and Unsupervised assets are not included in the performance reports. Any unsupervised assets held in an AMC Advise Program account are included in the firm's proxy voting process. See section VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES below for details.

### Excluded Assets

Assets in Client AMC accounts may be classified as Excluded for a variety of reasons. Excluded assets can be included in a model and will be included in Program performance reports but will not be included in the calculation of the Program Fee.

### Other Fees or Charges:

Clients may also incur separate fees or charges associated with odd-lot differentials, auction fees, transfer taxes, electronic fund and wire transfer fees, SEC fees on NASDAQ trades, any other fees mandated by law, certain fees in connection with the establishment or administration or termination of retirement or profit sharing plans or trust accounting, and any other charges for special services requested by clients. Some client accounts may hold shares of investment companies, including money market funds, closed-end funds, and/or exchange-traded funds. Those funds have their own expenses, including certain advisory, distribution or other fees, and a client account invested in those funds will indirectly bear a portion of those expenses. Each of the fees discussed above is in addition to the Program Fee.

In addition to the Program Fees, clients are subject to certain charges in connection with investments made through the Program, including mutual fund/Exchange Traded Fund ("ETF") advisory, distribution, early redemption or other fees. Money market funds and other mutual funds in which clients may invest, or the advisers or principal underwriters of the funds, may make payments to STIS, pursuant to a Rule 12b-1 distribution plan or other arrangement as compensation for distribution, shareholder services, recordkeeping, or administrative services; these payments may be paid from the fund's total assets or may be paid by a fund's adviser or distributor. STIS automatically credits client accounts with any 12b-1 fees as well as any other fees for the distribution, shareholder services, recordkeeping or administrative services received during the period an account is managed under an STAS investment management agreement. The Rule 12b-1 distribution plan and other fee arrangements will be disclosed upon request and typically are disclosed in the applicable fund's registration statement.

When selecting the share class for the mutual funds, including money markets used as a sweep vehicle, STAS does not, in all instances, select the share class with the lowest fees that is available from the fund company due to the fund company not contractually offering them for the STAS platform.

Advisors are prohibited from recommending purchases of shares of mutual funds or other pooled investment vehicles such as ETFs with an upfront fee.

Clients have the option to purchase investment products that we recommend through other broker-dealers or agents that are not affiliated with STAS.

Asset Valuation For purposes of the computation of the value of any securities or other investments in an AMC Advisor Managed Program account, securities listed on a national securities exchange will be valued, as of the valuation date, at the closing price on the principal exchange on which they are traded. Shares of mutual funds will be valued at their respective net asset values as calculated on the valuation date (or the most recent net asset value if none is calculated on the valuation date) as determined by pricing sources believed by STAS to be reliable. Any other securities or investments in an account will be valued by NFS in a manner determined in good faith to reflect fair market value. Any such valuation should not be considered a guarantee of any kind whatsoever with respect to the value of the assets in an account. NFS may use a pricing service or other independent evaluator, as well as other independent sources, in computing the value of securities. These values are believed to be reliable, but STAS will not verify the accuracy of the information.

(AL) Privately offered securities valuations can lag a month or more and are received from the issuer's third party administrator to the alternative investment vehicle, for directly offered investments or from iCapital Network's fund administrator for those available on the iCapital Network platform for the AMC Allocation Plus program.

(AL) Margin The Program Fee is based on the total amount of assets in the client's account, including assets purchased using margin. If STAS uses margin in a client's account, STAS and the client's Advisor each will receive additional compensation based on the increase in the assets being managed. Although the Program Fee, as a percentage of assets under management, will not change, the total assets on which this percentage is based will increase through the use of borrowed funds, and, accordingly, the compensation paid to STAS and the client's Advisor will increase. In addition, clients who borrow funds will pay interest on the outstanding loan balance. STIS, the broker-dealer and affiliate of STAS, receives a portion of these fees and interest. There are risks associated with the use of borrowed funds for investment purposes. The decision to use leverage from borrowed funds in a client account rests with the client and should be made only if the client understands the risks of margin borrowing, the impact of the use of borrowed funds on an account, and how the use of margin may affect the client's ability to achieve investment objectives. Specifically, positive or negative performance of a margined account, net of interest charges and other account fees, will be enhanced by virtue of using borrowed money. Thus, gains or losses in a leveraged account will be greater than would be the case with an un-leveraged account. In addition, clients with margin accounts may need to deposit additional cash or collateral if the value of the portfolio declines below the required loan-to-value ratio. If the client cannot provide the additional collateral, NFS, in their sole discretion, may sell securities in the collateral account or accounts to meet the margin requirement. In these circumstances, the securities often may be sold into a market that is declining, so the prices obtained for the securities may be less than favorable. STAS and/or the Advisor will not act as investment adviser to the client with respect to the liquidation of securities held in an account to meet a margin call and, as creditors, STAS and our affiliates, or NFS may have interests that are adverse to the client. Clients electing to engage in margin borrowing will receive a separate margin disclosure document from STIS. Use of margin borrowing creates conflicts of interest between client, STIS and NFS, see **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – National Financial Services, LLC ("NFS") Support**. Section below for details.

(AL/AV) For purposes of determining the Program Fee charged to an account, the value of all accounts held by members of the same household may be aggregated. Accounts will be treated as part of the same household on a case-by-case basis as determined by STAS. It is the client's responsibility to request that accounts be treated as part of the same household. Individual retirement accounts and other personal retirement accounts may be aggregated for this purpose, but retirement plan accounts subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") may not be aggregated. The aggregation of accounts for this purpose is described in the client investment management agreement.

(AL/AV) For the duration of the client investment advisory agreement, a portion of the Program Fee in connection with the Account will be paid to your Advisor and other employees of STAS and its affiliates. Because of this, Advisors may have a financial incentive to recommend one Program over another Program. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Program Selection** Section below.

(AL/AV) AMC Advisor Managed Programs may cost clients more or less than purchasing such services separately. Factors that may bear upon the cost of AMC Advisor Managed Program in relation to the cost of the same services purchased separately may include, among other things, the size and type of the account, the historical and expected size or number of trades for the account, and the number and range of supplemental services provided to the account.

(AL) (AV) Truist Bank Signature Advantage Service Clients who select for the Truist Bank Signature Advantage Service will link their STAS AMC Allocation Plus or STAS AMC Advise account with their Truist Bank checking account. These accounts are also eligible for the TB Cash Sweep Program, a service that automatically transfers available cash balances in your account into one of a select group of money market mutual funds or an FDIC insured interest bearing option through Truist Bank. Client's electing the Truist Bank Signature Advantage Service will avoid paying AMC Allocation Plus or AMC Advise Program Fees on cash balances transferred to their Truist Bank checking account. However, given market conditions and fluctuating differences between checking account deposit interest rates, TB Cash Sweep Program rates, and money market mutual fund rates, the difference between interest rates earned by client's on Truist Bank checking accounts and other available core account sweep vehicles could exceed the Program Fee which would be incurred if sweep

balances remained in the Client's account and another sweep vehicle were utilized. Retirement accounts, including Solo 401K accounts are prohibited from utilizing the STB Sweep Deposit Options. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Truist Bank Signature Advantage Service** Section below.

Clients who select either a money market mutual fund the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option as their core account sweep vehicle will have their cash balances maintained in their Program Account and these cash balances will be subject to and included in the calculation of the account's Program Fee. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option** Section below.

#### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

AMC Annuity Program accounts are charged a single asset-based fee (the "Program Fee") that includes our ongoing client advice and service. In addition, there are internal expenses associated with the annuity contract and its underlying investment options which are detailed in the **"Other fees or Charges"** section below and in the annuity prospectus. The Program Fee for a client's AMC Annuity Program account will be deducted from either an AMC Allocation Plus account or a STIS Brokerage Account as directed by the client. If STAS is unable to collect the Program Fee from the established account for any reason, STAS shall be entitled to deduct the Program Fee from any STAS AMC Account or a STIS Brokerage Account with the same registration without obtaining additional authorization from the client. If no account is available to pay the Program Fee, the client's AMC Annuity Program investment advisory relationship will end. Options available upon termination of an AMC Annuity Program investment management relationship are described below in the section **"Termination of AMC Advisory Relationship"**.

If an annuity or structured product is purchased in your account, additional fees may be charged by the issuing company. VA contracts charge Mortality, Expense & Administration (sometimes referred to as M&E or M&E&A) fees and other fees assessed by the annuity carrier. Any additional riders may be subject to an additional fee. These charges are assessed against the contract's account value. M&E fees and other fees related to an annuity contract are explicitly outlined in each product's prospectus. Investment in the insurance company's subaccounts may also be subject to additional fund expense fees. The product's prospectus should be thoroughly reviewed for a full explanation of the assessment of all fees and expenses. All fees assessed by the annuity carrier are in addition to any Program Fees charged by STAS.

For purposes of calculating the Program Fee above, when an annuity is purchased as part of your Account, the annuity account value is determined by the aggregation of the values of subaccounts or index segments, and does not include any additional rider or death benefit values.

The Program Fee is negotiable and may differ from client to client based upon a number of factors including, but not limited to, the type and size of the client's account, the range of services provided to the client, and the total relationship between STAS and the client in terms of assets under management or supervision and the date it was established.

(AN) The maximum annual AMC Annuity Program Fee is determined in accordance with the following schedule.

#### Fee Schedule

<b>Assets Under Management</b>	<b>Fee</b>
\$0 - \$500,000	1.35%
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	1.15%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.95%

\$2,000,001 - \$5,000,000	0.85%
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	0.60%
\$10,000,001 - \$20,000,000	0.50%
\$20,000,001 - \$30,000,000	0.45%
\$30,000,001 and Over	0.40%

#### **Example of Overall Tiered Fee Calculation**

An AMC Annuity portfolio of \$1,000,000 would have an effective overall fee of 1.25%:

First \$500,000 at 1.35% would be an annual fee of \$6,750 and the next \$500,000 at 1.15% would be an annual fee of \$5,750. The total fee of \$12,500 (\$6,750 plus \$5,750) equates to 1.25% of the total portfolio value of \$1,000,000.

Client shall pay STAS on a quarterly basis in advance as specified in the client investment management agreement. The exact Program Fee a client pays is specified in his or her client Agreement.

The initial Program Fee is billed from the date the account is opened on Envestnet's systems, through the end of that calendar quarter in advance and is based on the initial value of the assets placed in the account as of the close of business on the day the account is opened and funded. Thereafter, Program Fees are billed quarterly in advance, based on the value of the account assets at the close of the last business day of the previous calendar quarter. If Client invests or withdraws \$10,000 or more in any Account after the inception of a calendar quarter, the Program Fee for that quarter will be recalculated and pro-rated as of the day of the additional investment or withdrawal. Client should consult with their tax advisor prior to initiating any withdrawals from an AMC Annuity Program account as taxes and penalties could apply.

#### **Annuitization**

Client should consult with their tax advisor prior to annuitizing a contract as some states may impose applicable premium taxes.

STAS may discount the Program Fee for employees of STAS and its affiliates.

Clients will not be charged a separate commission or other transaction charge for trades executed through the annuity carrier.

For the duration of the underlying investment management agreement, STAS shares these Advisory Fees with client's Advisor and other employees of STAS and its affiliates. Because of this, Advisors have a financial incentive to recommend a Program which pays higher compensation to STAS and its affiliates over another Program. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Program Selection section** below.

STAS and your Advisor may earn greater compensation if you invest in a Program described in this Brochure than if you open a brokerage account to buy a commission based transactional variable annuity. Therefore, if greater compensation is expected to be received from an investment management Program account than from a commission based brokerage relationship, Advisors and STAS have a financial incentive to recommend one of the Programs described in this Brochure rather than a commission based brokerage account relationship. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Advisory vs Brokerage Account section** below.

Truist Bank employees may refer qualified bank clients to STAS Advisors for a one-time nominal fee of a fixed dollar amount that is not contingent on whether the qualified Client referral results in any advisory activity or the establishment

of an investment advisory relationship. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Non-Deposit Retail Sales (Networking) Agreement** section below.

*Other fees or charges:*

Clients may also incur separate fees or charges associated with mortality & expense fee, administrative fee, sub account fee, rider fee, transfer charges and surrender fee. Each of the fees discussed above is in addition to the Program Fee. Clients will receive annuity specific disclosures and an annuity acknowledgement form from Annuitynet. Clients should read the prospectus carefully prior to investing in an annuity contract.

Clients have the option to purchase annuities that we recommend through other broker-dealers or agents that are not affiliated with STAS.

*Asset Valuation:*

For purposes of the computation of the value of any securities or other investments in an AMC Annuity Program account is based on the annuity carrier's procedures. The annuity carrier may use a pricing service or other independent evaluator, as well as other independent sources, in computing the value of securities. These values are believed to be reliable, but STAS will not verify the accuracy of the information. Clients should read the prospectus carefully related to the valuation of annuities.

For purposes of determining the Program Fee charged to an account, the value of all accounts held by members of the same household may be aggregated. Accounts will be treated as part of the same household on a case-by-case basis as determined by STAS. It is the client's responsibility to request that accounts be treated as part of the same household. Individual retirement accounts and other personal retirement accounts may be aggregated for this purpose, but retirement plan accounts subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") may not be aggregated. The aggregation of accounts for this purpose is described in the client investment management agreement.

The AMC Annuity Program may cost clients more or less than purchasing such services separately. Factors that may bear upon the cost of AMC Annuity Program in relation to the cost of the same services purchased separately may include, among other things, the size and type of the account, the historical and expected size or number of transfers and the number and range of supplemental services provided to the account.

## **Types of Clients**

**(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

**(AV) AMC Advise**

STAS offers advisory services to individuals, corporations and other business entities, charitable organizations and not-for-profit organizations. STAS reserves the right to accept, reject or renew any client for an AMC Advisor Managed Program account.

Our programs and services are not guaranteed by Truist Bank, any other bank, or any subsidiary of Truist Financial Corporation. Investment vehicles recommended by STAS are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation with the exception of investments of up to \$250,000 in certain Brokered CDs, Truist Index-linked CDs and the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option more fully described in **Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss** section below.

In general, the minimum account size for each of the AMC Programs described in this brochure is \$100,000; however, STAS may, in certain circumstances, waive the minimum account size in its sole discretion.



**Accounts established and not funded at the minimum funding requirement within 90 days will be transitioned to unmanaged standard commission brokerage accounts.**

**(AN) AMC Annuity**

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In general, the minimum account size is \$50,000, but STAS may waive the minimum account size under certain circumstances.

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

**(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

**(AV) AMC Advise**

In providing recommendations, the Advisor implements specific security selections, subject to guidelines established by STAS Policy Committee, based on research obtained by us from other sources.

(AV) In managing accounts, the Advisor will follow general portfolio construction guidelines established by STAS Policy Committee concerning asset allocation, economic sectors and position diversification, and fixed income components. The Advisor implements specific security selections based on research obtained by STAS from other sources.

The guidelines could restrict or limit the activity in an account. In addition, the program guidelines could change at our discretion or could be waived under certain circumstances for certain clients. Such changes to the guidelines could result in investment activity and/or holdings deviating from the guidelines requiring action on the Client's part. If a Client decides not to take the requested action, we reserve the right to terminate the Client's account. In such instances, the account converts to a regular commission brokerage account.

STAS and its Advisors managing client portfolios may utilize research reports and/or models created by STAS' Investment Advisory Group. A conflict exists when STAS Advisors use the same models that STAS IAG use for managing the STAS AMC program portfolios. See **Conflict of Interest – Models Created by IAG for Management of AMC Program Portfolios and STAS Advisor Usage of the Models for Client Portfolio Management** Section and **Conflicts of Interest – Research Reports Created by IAG and Used by STAS Advisors and Affiliated Firms** Section below for details.

STAS also uses research provided by Credit Suisse First Boston ("CSFB"), Morningstar, NFS, Envestnet and a variety of other research providers. Some research provided by CSFB or NFS may not be fully disinterested to the extent that it concerns companies with which CSFB or NFS has, or hopes to have, an investment banking or other business relationship and thus has a conflict of interest in evaluating the companies' securities. Such research may also concern securities for which CSFB or NFS is a market maker and thus has a conflict of interest. The exact composition and asset allocation of each client portfolio may differ depending on a variety of factors, including the client's specific investment goals, the client's risk tolerance, and overall economic and market conditions.

(AL) In managing accounts, the Advisor utilizes the firm's IAG Researched to Purchase, Researched to Retain and Researched to Sell Lists:

#### Researched to Purchase

Advisors may recommend securities on the IAG Researched to Purchase List to their clients.

#### Researched to Retain

Advisors are prohibited from recommending purchases of securities on the list; however, clients may direct their Advisor to purchase an asset on the list.

#### Researched to Sell

Advisors are prohibited from recommending purchases of securities on the list and are responsible for contacting clients with positions to advise of the sell recommendation, determining what the best interest of the client is related to the position and documenting the client's wish to retain the security should the client wish to hold the position.

In addition, those firm approved alternative investments are available on the iCapital Network platform.

(AV) While AMC Advise Advisors may use IAG researched lists, they are not required to. AMC Advise Advisors may conduct their own research with approved research providers and are required to maintain documentation related to the research conducted and followed. A conflict exists when certain STAS Advisors follow firm mandated research while others do not. See **Conflict of Interest Research Reports Created by IAG Not Used by Certain STAS Advisors**, Section below for details.

Investing involves risks, including fluctuating returns and potential loss of principal that clients should be prepared to bear.

Affiliated Mutual Funds: Sterling Capital Management, LLC ("Sterling"), a SEC registered investment adviser and an affiliate of STAS. Sterling is the investment adviser to the Sterling Capital Funds (the "Affiliated Funds"). While STAS prohibits purchases of Affiliated Funds in ERSIA and IRA program portfolios, in the case of non-retirement accounts, any Affiliated Fund on the platform goes through the IAG due diligence and research process as all similar investment vehicles, a conflict exists having an Affiliated Fund on the platform. See **Conflict of Interest Sterling Capital Management LLC**, Section below for details.

Bonds: Investments in bonds are subject to risks. The most significant risk is interest rate risk. Generally, when interest rates rise, bond values fall, values rise when interest rates decline. Other risks include default risk, or the possibility the issuer will default on the payment of interest and/or principal; call risk, or the possibility the issuer will redeem the bond before maturity; and inflation risk, or the possibility that inflation will outpace the bond's return.

Brokered Certificates of Deposit ("CDs"): All brokered CDs will fluctuate in value between purchase date and maturity date. CDs may be sold on the secondary market prior to maturity subject to market conditions, which may be limited. Any CD sold prior to maturity may be subject to a substantial gain or loss. The original face amount of the purchase is not guaranteed if the position is sold prior to maturity. If a CD has a call provision, the issuer has sole discretion whether to call the CD. If an issuer calls a CD, there is a risk to the investor that the investor will be forced to reinvest at a less favorable interest rate.

Closed-end Funds: The value of any closed-end fund will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities and the market price for the fund's shares, which may trade at a premium or discount to net asset values. Clients should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges of a closed end fund carefully before investing. Please read the prospectus carefully prior to investing.

Exchange-Traded-Funds: Exchange-Traded-Fund ("ETFs") values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The value of any ETF will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities

and the market price for the fund's shares, which may trade at a premium or discount to net asset values. Clients should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges of an ETF carefully before investing. Please read the prospectus carefully prior to investing.

**Mutual Funds:** Mutual Fund values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Client should carefully review the fund's prospectus and consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the investment company carefully before investing.

**Floating Rate Funds:** Securities with floating interest rates generally are less sensitive to interest rate changes but may decline in value if their interest rates do not rise as much, or as quickly, as prevailing interest rates. Unlike fixed-rate securities, floating rate securities generally will not increase in value if interest rates decline. Changes in interest rates also will affect the amount of interest income the Fund earns on its floating rate investments. Floating rate securities involve liquidity risk, which may affect the ability of investors to buy and sell them at the desired time or price.

**Dollar Cost Averaging:** Regular investing does not assure a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets. Dollar Cost Averaging involves continuous investments in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels. Clients should consider their financial ability to continue purchases through periods of low price levels.

**Money Market Mutual Funds:** An investment in a money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. Although the money market fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it is possible to lose money by investing in a money market fund.

**Options:** Option trading entails significant risk and is not suitable for all investors. For a current options disclosure document, please call the Centralized Supervision Group, 804.594.1167. Clients should consult with their tax advisor in order to determine tax implications of options transactions. Supporting documentation for any claims, if applicable, will be furnished upon request.

**Unit Investment Trust:** The value of any UIT will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities and market conditions.

**(AL) Margin:** Margin trading is not appropriate for all clients and involves material risk. You can lose more funds than you have deposited in the margin account; the firm providing margin credit can force the sale of securities or other assets in your account(s); the firm can sell your securities or other assets without contacting you; you are not entitled to choose which securities or other assets in your account are liquidated or sold to meet a margin call; the firm can increase in-house maintenance requirements at any time; and you are not entitled to an extension of time on margin call. Market conditions can magnify any potential for loss. If the market turns against the investor, he or she will be required to deposit additional securities and/or cash in the account. The interest rates charged are determined by the value of the cash and securities prior to initiating the loan.

**Cash Balances:** With the exception of Clients with a Truist Bank Signature Advantage Service, all Client accounts are set up with either a money market (mutual fund) or Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option as their core sweep vehicle. Account assets invested in money market funds and/or the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option are included in the Program Fee calculation and charged the Program Fee. See the **Brokerage Practices** section below: **Core Account**.

Sweep vehicles are not intended for long-term investments and yields may be lower than those of similar investment vehicles or bank deposit accounts offered outside of the sweep options available on the STAS platform. Clients who desire to maintain money market positions for other than a short-term period should contact their STAS Advisor or contact STAS at the address or phone number on the front of this brochure.

Cash sweep balances held in Truist Bank Signature Advantage accounts are not included in the Program Fee calculation and are not charged the Program Fee. See the **Fees and Compensation** Section above: **Truist Bank Signature Advantage Service**.

Annuities: The firm prohibits commission based transactional annuities being linked to managed accounts. However, AMC Annuity Program commission waived annuities may be linked to AMC Allocation Plus (AL) accounts for billing purposes.

#### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

In providing recommendations, the Advisor implements or recommends the initial sub-account portfolio and makes ongoing recommendations as needed, subject to guidelines established by STAS Policy Committee. In managing accounts, the Advisor will follow general portfolio construction guidelines established by STAS Policy Committee concerning asset allocation in the sub-accounts available on the carrier's platform and will make ongoing recommendations as needed.

Investing involves risks, including fluctuating returns and potential loss of principal that clients should be prepared to bear.

Annuities with investments in the following security types are subject the following risks.

Exchange-Traded-Funds: Exchange-Traded-Fund ("ETFs") values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Clients should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges of an ETF carefully before investing. Please read the prospectus carefully prior to investing.

Mutual Funds: Mutual fund and values will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost, Client should carefully review the fund's prospectus and consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the investment company carefully before investing.

Dollar Cost Averaging: Regular investing does not assure a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets. Dollar Cost Averaging involves continuous investments in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels. Clients should consider their financial ability to continue purchases through periods of low price levels. Client should review the prospectus for availability.

STAS relies on STIS to conduct due diligence on the available annuity carriers and annuities in the AMC Annuity program. See "**Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**"

### **Disciplinary Information**

On December 31, 2016 SunTrust Investment Services, Inc. (STIS), an affiliate of STAS, assigned substantially all of its existing investment advisory contracts to STAS. On September 14, 2017, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, (SEC) issued an administrative order against STIS instituting administrative and cease-and-desist proceedings pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Sections 203(e) and 203(k) of the Investment Advisers Act (IAA), making findings, and imposing remedial sanctions and a cease-and-desist order (the "OIP"). According to the SEC, STIS did not adequately inform its advisory clients of the conflicts of interest presented by its representatives' share class selections and the receipt by STIS and its representatives of 12b-1 fees over the period 2011 to 2015. The SEC found that during this period, STIS and its representatives received \$1,148,071.77 in avoidable 12b-1 fees paid by the funds in which the advisory clients were invested. Without admitting or denying the SEC's findings, STIS consented to the entry of the OIP that censured STIS and found that STIS willfully violated and agreed to cease and desist from committing or causing any future violations of Sections 206(2), 206(4), and 207 of the IAA and Rule 206(4)-7 promulgated thereunder. The OIP

imposed a civil monetary penalty of \$1,148,071.77 upon STIS and required STIS to refund to current and former client's fees of \$1,148,071.77 together with interest of \$150,238.74.

## Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

SunTrust Investment Services, Inc. is registered as a broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The principal business of STIS is that of a registered securities broker-dealer and certain STAS associates are dually registered as registered representatives of the broker-dealer. The management personnel are all securities registered primarily for oversight of the securities business. Generally, management personnel are not actively selling investment products. STIS is also an insurance agency and certain STAS associates are also insurance licensed and appointed through the insurance agency. There are members of management who are insurance licensed and appointed through STIS primarily for oversight of insurance business. Like brokerage, management personnel are generally not actively selling insurance products.

STAS has the following agreements with STIS:

**Dual Representative Agreement:** Under this agreement, certain STAS Advisors are dually registered with STIS and offer brokerage and insurance products and services to STIS clients as well as offering STAS advisory programs and services.

**Research and Other Services Agreement:** Under this agreement, STAS IAG generates reports of due diligence conducted on investment vehicles, creates or negotiates third party advertising, marketing and research materials, design, monitor and update as needed on a continuous basis, capital market assumptions strategic, tactical, and neutral allocations, watch list and ad-hoc manager and performance updates and consultative services.

**Services Agreement:** Under this agreement STIS provides STAS such items as best execution reporting, maintenance of STAS' books and records and AML processes related to clients of the AMC Program. STAS, under the agreement, provides payment of clearing and execution costs related to advisory account trades.

Truist Bank, is a state chartered bank and trust company authorized under the law of North Carolina to provided banking and trust services. Certain Truist bank employees are registered with STAS as investment adviser representatives and offer the Programs described in this brochure to their clients in addition to investment management and trust services provided by Truist Bank.

STAS has the following agreements with Truist Bank:

**Dual Representative Agreement:** Under this agreement, certain STAS Advisors, Investment Strategists, are dually employed by STAS and the Truist Bank and offer investment products and services to Truist Bank clients as well as offering STAS advisory programs and services.

**Administration and Operational Services Agreement:** Such items as business insurance, facilities management allocation, audit/internal control and human resources allocations, among other items are provided to STAS by Truist Bank and allocated by inter-company agreements.

**Solicitation Agreement:** Under the agreement, STAS may refer clients to Truist Bank for investment advisory or asset management services and receives compensation for such solicitations.

**Non-Deposit Retail Sales (Networking) Agreement:** Under this agreement, unregistered Truist Bank employees may refer qualified bank clients to STAS Advisors for a onetime nominal fee of a fixed dollar amount that is not contingent on whether the qualified Client referral results in any advisory activity or the establishment of an investment advisory relationship. STAS reimburses the bank for all referral fees on a quarterly basis.

**Model Manager Agreement:** Under this agreement, STAS' IAG constructs and maintains on a continuous basis one or more model portfolios meeting the investment objectives outlined by TB in connection with its investment management and trust investment activities.

**Investment Sub-Adviser Agreement:** Under this agreement, STAS' IAG manage TB client portfolio assets on the TB investment management and trust platform.

**Research and Other Services Agreement:** Under the agreement, STAS IAG generates reports of due diligence conducted on investment vehicles, creates or negotiates third party advertising, marketing and research materials, design, monitor and update as needed on a continuous basis, capital market assumptions strategic, tactical, and neutral allocations, watch list and ad-hoc manager and performance updates and consultative services.

STAS has the following agreements with GFO Advisory Services, LLC ("GFO"), an affiliate of STAS:

**Services Agreement:** Certain STAS personnel are also associated with GFO. STAS has entered into shared services agreement with GFO which provides that certain services and costs associated with the use of STAS personnel and services to GFO business functions shall be allocated to and charged to GFO pursuant to inter-company agreement which provides for each entity to share in the costs associated with those associates and the services they provide.

STAS has the following agreements with BB&T Securities, LLC

**Dual Representative Agreement:** Under this agreement, certain Teammates are registered with BB&T Securities and act in a supervisory capacity to STAS Advisors and other Teammates. In addition, several STAS Teammates are registered with BB&T Securities and provide supervisory oversight.

**Research and Other Services Agreement:** Under the agreement, STAS IAG generates reports of due diligence conducted on investment vehicles, creates or negotiates third party advertising, marketing and research materials, design, monitor and update as needed on a continuous basis, capital market assumptions strategic, tactical, and neutral allocations, watch list and ad-hoc manager and performance updates and consultative services.

STAS has the following agreements with Sterling Capital Management, LLC ("SCM"):

**Solicitation Agreements:**

**STAS Soliciting for SCM:** Under the agreement, STAS may refer clients to SCM for investment advisory or asset management services and receives compensation for such solicitations.

**SCM Soliciting for SMC:** Under the agreement, SCM may refer clients to STAS for investment advisory or asset management services and receives compensation for such solicitations.

## **USE OF THIRD PARTY NON-AFFILIATED SOLICITORS**

STAS does not have any arrangements with third party non-affiliated solicitors.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

**(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

**(AV) AMC Advise**

**(AN) AMC Annuity**

In offering the Programs STAS has various potential conflicts of interest, described below.

Securities in Truist Financial Corporation. STAS has identified securities of Truist Financial Corporation or any of its affiliates (excluding Sterling Capital Management Funds see directly below for details), as presenting conflicts of interest. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by prohibiting purchases of such securities and requiring supervisors, or designees, to move any positions received in kind into a managed account to an unsupervised status if they remain for more than 30 days.

Sterling Capital Management LLC – Sterling Capital Funds. STAS has identified Sterling Capital Funds (“Affiliated”) as presenting conflicts of interest in that Sterling receives investment management and other fees from the Affiliated Funds on the platform that are separate and distinct from the Program Fee described in this brochure. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and clients have the right to prohibit their STAS Advisor from investing any of their assets in an Affiliated Funds. STAS also prohibits purchases of Affiliated funds in managed ERISA and IRA program portfolios and in the case of non-retirement accounts, any Affiliated Fund on the platform is evaluated through the Firm’s due diligence and research process in the same manner as all similar investment vehicles.

Truist Financial Corporation Merger. As of December 6, 2019, STAS became an affiliate to an additional broker-dealer, BB&T Securities LLC which is also a registered investment adviser and Sterling Capital Management LLC, BB&T Institutional Investment Advisers, Inc., and Precept Advisory Group LLC investment adviser firms. STAS programs, investment vehicles, fees and Advisor compensation differ from any of our affiliates. Clients with assets in multiple advisory programs across the affiliated firms can cause a conflict of interest between STAS and the affiliate in any of the areas noted. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients.

Financial Incentive Programs. For the duration of the underlying investment management agreement STAS Advisors are compensated in part by Financial Incentive Programs (“FIP”) which reward them with a percentage of the revenue STAS receives from the Programs described in this brochure. In addition, Advisors can be awarded an annual bonus of up to 8.25% of year-to-date qualifying revenue generated, which is based, in part on net new managed assets. Because of this, Advisors have a financial incentive to recommend the Programs described in this brochure over investment products and programs which are not provided by STAS. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors’ supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to determine that it is in the best interest of each client and their unique investment objectives and financial circumstances in conformity with STAS’ fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Non-Deposit Retail Sales (Networking) Agreement: Under the agreement, unregistered TB employees can refer qualified bank clients to STAS Advisors for a one-time nominal fee of a fixed dollar amount that is not contingent on whether the qualified Client referral results in any advisory activity or the establishment of an investment advisory relationship. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors’ supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to determine that it is in the best interest of each client and their unique investment

objectives and financial circumstances in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder. Furthermore, TB supervises its unlicensed employee investment referrals in accordance with the requirements of Federal Reserve Board Regulation R, Exceptions for Banks from the Definition of Broker in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Advisory vs. Brokerage Accounts. Depending upon the level of a client's investment activity and corresponding brokerage commissions STAS and your Advisor may earn greater compensation from a Program described in this Brochure than if the client instead elected a brokerage relationship and purchased individual securities. If anticipated brokerage compensation is less than the Program Fee, Advisors and STAS will have a financial incentive to recommend one of the Programs described in this Brochure instead of a brokerage relationship. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to determine that it is in the best interest of each client and their unique investment objectives and financial circumstances in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Advisory vs. Truist Bank Trust and Investment Management Accounts. If anticipated revenue from a Truist Bank trust or investment management account is less than a client's anticipated Program Fee, Advisors who are also Truist Bank Employees and STAS, will have a financial incentive to recommend one of the Programs described in this Brochure instead of a Truist bank trust or investment management relationship. In these circumstances Advisors and STAS will have a financial incentive to recommend one of the Programs described in this Brochure. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to determine that it is in the best interest of each client and their unique investment objectives and financial circumstances in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Clients with assets on both the STB and STAS platforms will not have assets combined for fee discounts on either platform, each entity and its programs are separate and distinct from each other.

Use of Affiliated Broker Dealer. STAS requires all clients participating in the AMC Programs described in this brochure to maintain their Program Accounts in a brokerage account established with its affiliated broker-dealer, STIS. The required use of an affiliated brokerage account provides additional revenue to STIS and, through management efficiencies, provide benefits to STAS in reducing the cost of administering the Programs. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and monitoring STIS for best execution practices through its Product Working Group for conformity with STAS fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder. STAS's affiliate STIS receives financial benefits in connection with STAS client accounts held in STIS brokerage Accounts. See "National Financial Services, LLC ("NFS") Support" and "Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option" below.

Clients have the option to purchase investment products that we recommend through other broker-dealers or agents that are not affiliated with STIS.

Active Trading. Clients are not charged a separate commission or other transaction charge for trades executed through STIS via NFS; instead these charges are included in the Advisory Fee, and STAS will pay STIS NFS' commissions and other transaction charges (as negotiated between STAS and STIS) for transactions for AMC Programs described in this brochure. STAS or one or more of their affiliates will incur additional expenses as the amount of trading in an AMC Programs described in this brochure increases. As a result, STAS has a conflict of interest and financial incentive to limit the number of trades recommended and has an incentive to seek to limit the extent of trading activity of the AMC Programs described in this brochure. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by supervising the activities and recommendations made by IAG and STAS Advisors with supervisory review by its IAG Working Group which is part of the Product Working Group and CSG, respectively, for conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.



Program Selection. For the duration of the underlying investment management agreement, STAS shares these Advisory Fees with client's Advisor and other employees of STAS and its affiliates. Because of this, Advisors have a financial incentive to recommend a Program which pays higher compensation to STAS and its affiliates over another Program. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to determine that it is in the best interest of each client and their unique investment objectives and financial circumstances in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Models Created by IAG for Management of AMC Program Portfolios and STAS Advisor Usage of the Models for Client Portfolio Management (TB and STAS Advisors). STAS, TB and/or STAS Advisor Managed Programs utilizing models created by IAG for management of STAS AMC program portfolios may independently elect to modify IAG models in allocation percentage and/or security selection with respect to accounts they separately manage. Such changes will have differing performance and portfolio positions than the IAG models. Further, even if the IAG models used are the same as those created and used by IAG, the timing of trade entry will differ due to separate decision making and order entry systems used by each investment provider resulting in differences in performance due to the possible differing of trade execution prices, resulting in either a lower or higher share costs due to market conditions at the time of order execution. Further, the changes are published by STAS IAG to STAS and all affiliates simultaneously or as closely as possible. Each firm is responsible for implementing the updates in accordance with their internal systems and procedures. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and Advisors and by simultaneously sharing changes to its models among all its clients, including AMC Program Accounts, Advisor Managed Program Accounts and TB in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Capital Market Assumptions, Asset Allocation Ranges and Benchmarks by IAG Do Not Match Sterling Capital Management LLC's. STAS has identified a conflict of interest related to differences in the capital market assumptions, asset allocation ranges and benchmarks used to manage assets across the enterprise. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients.

Research Reports Created by IAG and Used by STAS Advisors and Affiliated Firms. Research reports are created by IAG and used by STAS advisors for managing client portfolios is also shared with TB and STIS. The changes are published by STAS IAG to STAS and all affiliates simultaneously or as closely as possible. Each firm is responsible for implementing the updates in accordance with their internal systems and procedures. In addition, STAS Advisors may not act upon such research at the same time that IAG, TB or STIS does, resulting in the possible differing of trade execution times and prices and therefore performance. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to ensure that it is suitable for each client and their unique investment objectives and financial circumstances.

Research Reports Created by IAG Not Used by Certain STAS Advisors. Research reports are created by IAG. However, the AMC Advise Advisors are not required to follow the IAG researched lists. AMC Advise Advisors may purchase securities that are on the Researched to Retain or Researched to Sell Lists. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to monitor these AMC Advise accounts via certain alerts in the Envestnet platform as well as review the annual investment reviews the AMC Advise Advisors conduct on each account.

Business Conflicts. STAS and its affiliates, including Truist Bank, do business with companies, managers and mutual funds covered by STAS IAG or one of its affiliates. Furthermore, Truist Bank and its affiliates and client accounts, may hold a trading position (long or short) in, the securities of companies or funds subject to such research. Therefore, STAS and Truist Bank have a conflict of interest that could affect the objectivity of STAS research reports. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by supervising the activities and recommendations made by IAG with supervisory

review by the IAG Working Group which is part of the Product Working Group for conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Financial Service Vendor Continuing Education Sessions. Associates may participate in vendor sponsored continuing education sessions (whether or not the product or service provided by the vendor can be recommended to STAS clients or prospective clients). The participation of STAS Advisors in these education sessions could potentially encouraging STAS and/or its advisors to promote and recommend products from those sponsors, thus creating a conflict of interest. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to monitor program accounts and by supervising the activities and recommendations made by IAG with supervisory review by the IAG Working Group which is part of the Product Working Group for conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Marketing Support. STAS has a conflict of interest related to the marketing support (Marketing Support Contributions) received by our affiliated broker-dealer, SunTrust Investment Services, Inc. from sponsors of investment vehicles available on the STAS platform. Both STAS and STIS use the funds to support investment representative education programs like training seminars we offer to advisors, branch office managers and other personnel. In addition, client education is offered with these funds. The receipt of these contributions could potentially encouraging STAS and/or its advisors to promote and recommend products from those sponsors that pay more.

Not all sponsors on the STAS or STIS platforms contribute to the education efforts. Neither contribution towards these training and educational expenses, nor lack thereof, is considered as a factor in analyzing or determining whether a sponsor or product should be included or should remain in our programs or on our platform. Contributions can vary by sponsor and event. Some sponsors may decide to contribute at levels different than those we request. Additional contributions may be made by certain sponsors in connection with specialized events or education or training forums. Your STAS advisor does not receive a portion of these payments. However, their attendance and participation in these events, as well as the increased exposure to sponsors who sponsor the events, increases the likelihood that STAS advisors will recommend the products and services of those sponsors who provide or subsidize our educational programs and other supported events as compared to those product providers who do not.

In addition to the Marketing Support Contributions to training and education described above, in the ordinary course of business, STAS and its advisors receive non-cash compensation from sponsors that includes promotional items, occasional gifts, meals, tickets and other entertainment, sponsorship support of training events and seminars. If you have further questions regarding marketing support provided to STIS please feel free to contact your STAS advisor.

Marketing and other support payments from participating sponsors are in addition to the compensation STAS receives as set forth in the Fee Schedule set forth below. These Marketing Support Contributions and other support payments are paid by each product's sponsor and are not an additional charge to you.

To mitigate this conflict, neither STAS advisors nor STIS investment representatives receive additional compensation as a result of Marketing Support Contributions received by STIS and does not consider marketing support payments in determining which investment products to offer on its platform.

National Financial Services, LLC ("NFS") Support. STAS has conflict of interests related to compensation received by STIS from NFS, STIS' clearing firm, for the following:

- Fidelity Money Market Sweep Funds – STIS receives shareholder servicing fees of ranging from 10 to 50 basis points in connection with client sweep balances invested in the Fidelity Capital Reserve Class and Daily Money Class of eligible Fidelity core sweep funds;

- Margin Balances (AMC Allocation Plus Program only) – NFS credits STIS 100% of the client margin interest income in excess of the Broker’s Call Rate; and
- Credit Interest Cash Balances– NFS credits STIS with 80% of the credit interest on cash balances less any amounts credited to Client related to those accounts in which Client does not elect a sweep option.

STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and supervising the activities and recommendations made by its advisors for conformity with STAS’ fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder. In the case of fees received in connection with Fidelity Money Market Sweep Funds, clients may eliminate this conflict by electing another sweep option currently available on our platform.

Different Advice. Although STAS’ IAG manages assets on affiliated firm’s platforms (STAS and TB) and also provides research and models similar to the models IAG utilizes in the AMC portfolios to TB, STAS, TB and STAS Advisor Managed Programs may give different advice, take different action, receive more or less compensation, or hold or deal in different securities for any other party, client or account (including their own accounts or those of their affiliates) from the advice given, actions taken, compensation received or securities held or dealt for an AMC Program account. In addition, the advice given by affiliates utilizing their own research may be different than that given by IAG to STAS and its affiliates. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by simultaneously, or as closely as possible, sharing changes to its research, models and other investment research among all its clients, including AMC Program Accounts, Advisor Managed Program Accounts and TB in conformity with STAS’ fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Services Provided to Other Clients. STAS and its affiliates and Managers and their affiliates provide a variety of services (including research, brokerage, asset management, trading, lending and commercial and investment banking services) for each other and for various clients, including issuers of securities that may be recommended for purchase or sale by clients or are otherwise held in client accounts, and managers in the programs described in this Brochure. STAS and its affiliates and managers and their affiliates receive compensation and fees in connection with these services. STAS believes that the nature and range of clients to which such services are rendered is such that it would be inadvisable to exclude categorically all of these companies from an account. Accordingly, it is likely that securities in an account will include some of the securities of companies for which STAS and its affiliates, and managers, and their affiliates perform investment banking, commercial banking or other services. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and conducting its investment advisory activities in conformity with STAS’ fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Trading for Own and Other Accounts. STAS and their affiliates may also develop analyses and/or evaluations of securities sold in a Program described in this Brochure, as well as buy and sell interests in securities on behalf of client accounts. These analyses, evaluations and purchase and sale activities are proprietary and confidential, and STAS will not disclose them to clients. STAS may not be able to act, in respect of clients’ account, on any such information, analyses or evaluations. STAS, managers and their affiliates are not obligated to effect any transaction that they believe would violate federal or state law, or the regulations of any regulatory or self-regulatory body. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and conducting its investment advisory activities in conformity with STAS’ fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option. STAS has a conflict of interest in selecting, recommending or defaulting to the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option (formerly the “SunTrust Bank Sweep Deposit Option”) as a core sweep investment vehicle because Truist Bank, its affiliate, receives interest spread compensation with respect to all of its deposits. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and recommending its affiliated sweep products only when it determines that based upon yield and other investment characteristics use of affiliated sweep deposit options is appropriate and in

accordance with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder. Solo 401K accounts are prohibited from utilizing the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Options. See section **Core Account**, below.

Non-public Information. In the course of commercial and investment banking or other activities, TB, STIS, STAS, the Managers, and each of their respective affiliates and agents may from time to time acquire confidential or material nonpublic information that may prevent them, for a period of time, from purchasing or selling particular securities for client accounts. Client acknowledges and agrees that STAS, the Managers, and each of their respective affiliates and agents will not be free to divulge or to act upon this information with respect to their advisory or brokerage activities, including their activities with regard to any client account. This may adversely impact the investment performance of client accounts. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and acting in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Other Investment Products Available. Client understands that Managers may offer to the public other investment products such as mutual funds with similar investment styles and holdings as those investment products offered through the AMC Programs. Such products may be offered at differing fees and charges that could be higher or lower than the fees imposed by STAS under an AMC Program. A separate account investment product and a mutual fund investment product may utilize the same investment manager and investment strategy, but involve different minimum investment amounts and fees. A client's portfolio may include a mutual fund investment product even where a similar but lower cost separate account investment product is available, and STAS will not necessarily change to the separate account investment product if a client's assets increase to above the minimum investment amount required for the separate account investment product. In addition, STAS affiliates may offer investment products and programs that are not offered in an AMC program. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing this limitation to its investment management services to its clients and acting in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Block Trades. Advisors may aggregate orders into block trades to STIS for execution. STIS may obtain a benefit from executing these block trades as a result of the increased trading volume attributable to these blocks. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and monitoring STIS for best execution practices through its Product Working Group for conformity with STAS fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

Tools and Software Available via NFS. STAS, its Advisors and affiliated broker-dealer, STIS have access to tools and software made available by STIS' clearing firm, NFS, at costs that may be lower than STAS, its Advisors or affiliates could purchase directly with the providers of the tools and services.

#### STAS Chief Investment Officer.

The STAS Chief Investment Officer ("CIO") is responsible for and supervises IAG and is also the Chief Investment Officer and member of the board of an affiliated investment adviser, GFO Advisory Services, LLC as well as serving as Chief Investment Officer of Truist Banks, Private Wealth Management segment. IAG provides significant investment services to STAS and TB; however, the services provided to GFOAS are substantially different than those provided to either STAS or TB. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by simultaneously sharing changes to its research, models and other investment research among all its clients, including AMC Program Accounts, Advisor Managed Program Account and TB in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder.

In relationship to services provided to GFOAS by other STAS IAG personnel, typically investment analysts who prepare reports for the GFOAS Oversight Committee ("Committee") and serve as voting members of the Committee related to manager sourcing, due diligence, research of third-party managers and other assignments as needed for the GFOAS private funds.

Additionally, certain senior management personnel of STAS serve in senior management and/or board membership of GFOAS and/or STIS.

As noted above under **Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss** section, firms, including NFS, provide research that STAS Advisors may use in managing client assets.

Advisory Annuity vs. Transactional Annuity. Depending upon the level of a client's investment activity and corresponding annuity fees STAS and your Advisor, in the case of the AMC Annuity Program, may earn greater compensation from this Program than if the client instead elected a commission based transactional annuity relationship. If anticipated transactional annuity commission compensation is less than the Program Advisory Fee, Advisors and STAS will have a financial incentive to recommend the Program described in this Brochure instead of a commission based transactional annuity relationship. STAS addresses this conflict of interest by disclosing it to its clients and by requiring Advisors' supervisors, or designees, to review each account at account-opening to determine that it is in the best interest of each client and their unique investment objectives and financial circumstances in conformity with STAS' fiduciary duties to clients as codified in the Advisers Act, regulations thereunder and in its Code of Ethics.

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

### Code of Ethics

STAS has adopted a Code of Ethics ("Code") for its advisory business which is intended to reinforce the fiduciary principles that govern the conduct of the firm and our personnel. This Code sets the standards of conduct expected of our advisory personnel, safeguards to material nonpublic information about client accounts and transactions and requires certain personnel to report their personal securities transactions. A copy of the STAS Code is available upon request from any STAS Advisor.

### Participation in Client Transactions

STAS and our investment personnel may recommend securities in which we or our investment personnel or employees have a financial interest or control relationship directly or indirectly, and we or our investment personnel may buy and sell securities that we or they recommend to advisory clients for purchase and sale. They may also give advice and take action in the performance of their duties to clients that differs from advice given, or the timing and nature of action taken, with respect to other clients' accounts. Personal trading by STAS employees must be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws and policies adopted by STAS.

### Personal Trading

Personal securities transactions by STAS employees or transactions for the firm's affiliates may raise potential conflicts of interest when a security is traded that is 1) owned by you or 2) considered for purchase or sale for you. STAS has, as part of its internal compliance program, adopted policies and procedures which impose certain rules and restrictions as to transactions for the firm's account and for the accounts of employees and affiliates. Such policies and procedures are designed to prevent improper or unethical conduct whenever a potential conflict of interest may arise. Personal trading by our employees must be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws and procedures.

STAS may maintain an investment account invested in U.S. Treasuries and high quality money market funds in which clients may also invest; however, due to the nature of these investments, and the fact that none of our affiliated entities are involved in their underwritings, there are no conflicts of interest.

### Political Contributions

Truist Bank, its affiliates and their employees may make political and charitable contributions to various persons and organizations subject to the limits within the firm's political contribution policy. The ensuing goodwill may result in added business to STAS.

## **Brokerage Practices**

### **(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

### **(AV) AMC Advise**

Clients must open a STIS brokerage account when opening an AMC Advisor Managed Program account. STIS uses NFS as its clearing broker for custody, trade execution and clearing, trade confirmations and regular monthly statements of positions and account activity. NFS also provides STIS with electronic execution facilities, research that we may use in managing client accounts, and software that includes other research and execution-related features, such as account information, market data, analytical tools, reporting, and investment planning tools.

Client risk tolerance and investment objectives of a client's underlying STIS brokerage account may not specifically match the investment advisory account risk profile of the managed program account within the Envestnet system which governs how account risk is captured and monitored. The firm regularly updates the STIS brokerage data with the data from the Envestnet system; however, in the case of any discrepancy in risk ratings, each client account shall be managed in accordance with the risk rating applicable to the investment advisory relationship and not in accordance with any risk rating applicable to a pre-existing brokerage relationship.

Upon opening a brokerage account, it is important that client understands that in order to help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money-laundering activities, to meet Federal law and contractual obligations to NFS, STIS is required to verify client's identity by obtaining client name, date of birth, address, and a government-issued identification number before opening a brokerage account. In certain circumstances, STIS may obtain and verify this information with respect to any person(s) authorized to effect transactions in an account. For certain entities, such as trusts, estates, corporations, partnerships or other organizations, identifying documentation is also required. Client account may be restricted and/or closed if STIS cannot verify this information. Neither STIS nor NFS will be responsible for any losses or damages (including, but not limited to, lost opportunities) resulting from any failure to provide this information, or from any restriction placed upon, or closing of, the client's brokerage account. Further, if client is a foreign financial institution, client agrees that in establishing a brokerage account with STIS that client will not open or maintain your brokerage account for or on behalf of any third party and that client will not allow any third party to use or access any brokerage account that client opens at STIS.

### Positions In Account Upon Transition to Managed Account

Client AMC Advise and/or AMC Allocation Plus Program accounts funded with securities from another account or firm (ACAT) may hold existing mutual funds, ETFs, individual equity or fixed income securities in which the Client may not want to sell the securities due to tax ramifications or other reasons. Unless those securities are either excluded or unsupervised, the Program Fee will be assessed on them and limited advice related to the allocation of such securities in the account. Clients who wish to maintain existing securities positions should strongly consider transferring such securities to a separate unmanaged brokerage accounts rather than contributing the same to a managed account.

Contribution of Existing Securities Positions to Managed Accounts. Liquidation of a client's existing investment positions contributed to a Program in kind will, in the case of taxable Program Accounts result in the realization of taxable income in the case of appreciated investments and losses in the case of depreciated investments. Accordingly, Client should consult with Client's own tax advisers prior to funding a Program Account with existing investment position. Client agrees

that, except in the case of an unauthorized sale of investments subject to Client Restrictions, STAS and any Investment manager shall not be liable for any taxes or other expenses incurred in connection with the sale of any existing investment position contributed in kind to a Program Account.

#### Unsolicited Trades

While Client directed trades may be placed in either the AMC Advise or AMC Allocation Plus Program accounts, the number and frequency of such trades should be minimal. When such trades exceed a significant amount, the firm in its sole discretion, upon notice to Client, may terminate the investment management agreement and reclassify the applicable account as a self-directed brokerage account.

Privately Offered Alternative Investments and Private Equity Offerings: Privately offered investments are only available in the AMC Allocation Plus program and within firm guidelines. Private offerings of alternative investments or private equity often require periods in which the investment is “locked up” for a year or more. Offerings of this nature are excluded from the Investment Company Act of 1940 and do not report to the Securities and Exchange Commission, therefore, information related to a privately offered investment is limited. Values used for fee processing and/or regular reporting can lag a month or more.

Core Account: Client’s Account contains a “**core account**” which is used for settling transactions and holding credit balances. All cash proceeds from sell transactions and other credit balances will be retained in the core account.

Clients may elect among several money market mutual funds and the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option as the sweep vehicle for tier core sweep. The Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option is a commingled deposit account with STAS’s affiliate, Truist Bank, which may be used as a cash sweep investment option in the core account of their brokerage account which is used for settling transactions and holding credit balances. Clients electing this feature will have cash balances in their account automatically swept into an interest-bearing deposit account at Truist Bank, a federally insured banking institution. Cash balances held at Truist Bank will be eligible for FDIC insurance coverage up to \$250,000 (principal plus accrued interest) per depositor per insurance capacity, in accordance with applicable FDIC rules. All deposits (for example, deposits clients may make at Truist Bank outside of the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option plus the bank sweep cash balance) held by an individual in the same right and legal capacity at the same bank are aggregated and insured up to \$250,000. Special rules apply to FDIC insurance of trust deposits. All FDIC insurance coverage is in accordance with FDIC rules. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option** Section above.

Neither STAS nor NFS will monitor the amount of client’s Truist Bank sweep balances for determining whether the account exceeds the limit of available FDIC insurance. Clients are responsible for monitoring the total amount of their assets on deposit with Truist Bank (including accounts at Truist Bank held in the same right and legal capacity) in order to determine the extent of deposit insurance coverage available to them on those deposits, including their Truist Bank sweep balance held at Truist Bank. Clients who are trustees are responsible for determining the application of FDIC insurance for themselves and their beneficiaries.

Clients who select the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option will receive a separate disclosure document that highlights the features and benefits of the sweep program and discloses benefits to Truist Bank and STAS arising in connection with such deposits. The terms of these disclosures are incorporated herein by reference. Funds in the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option are part of the advisory Program and as such are subject to the applicable Program Fee.

SunTrust Investment Services, Inc., an affiliated broker-dealer of STAS receives compensation from Truist Bank related to the Truist Bank Sweep Deposit Option. The total compensation received from TB is paid to National Financial Services, LLC, the clearing and execution firm utilized by STIS.

In the interests of simplicity or better trade execution, an Advisor may, but is not required to, aggregate orders for client accounts with orders for other client accounts managed by that Advisor. Orders generally will not be aggregated among

accounts managed by different Advisors. If an Advisor aggregates orders for multiple client accounts, those client accounts will receive the average price for those trades. Partial fills of a block security transaction will be allocated among clients on a pro rata basis, rounded to a reasonable degree.

When selecting the share class for the mutual funds, including money markets used as a sweep vehicle, STAS does not, in all instances, select the share class with the lowest fees that is available from the fund company and these decisions are influenced by the additional compensation STAS' affiliated broker-dealer, STIS, receives. The selection of a more expensive share class of a money market fund used as a sweep vehicle will negatively impact your overall investment returns. See **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST –Use of Affiliated Broker Dealer** Section below.

Other fees or charges: Clients may also incur separate fees or charges associated with odd-lot differentials, auction fees, transfer taxes, electronic fund and wire transfer fees, SEC fees on NASDAQ trades, any other fees mandated by law, certain fees in connection with the establishment or administration or termination of retirement or profit sharing plans or trust accounting, and any other charges for special services requested by clients. Some client accounts may hold shares of investment companies, including money market funds, closed-end funds, and/or exchange-traded funds. Those funds have their own fees and expenses, including certain advisory, distribution, deferred sales charges, or other fees, and a client account invested in those funds may bear a portion of those expenses. Each of the fees discussed above is in addition to the Program Fee.

#### Account Transfer to Another Firm

When client elects to transfer their account to another firm through an ACAT process, the investment advisory relationship ends. Any fees, commissions or other charges related to the liquidation of the account assets will be charged to the account prior to transfer.

#### (AL) Mutual Fund Share Exchanges

As a fiduciary and subject to the SEC's Investment Advisers Act, STAS must at all times act in the client's best interests. To that end, client expressly authorizes STAS to exchange any mutual fund shares held in Client's Account for equivalent shares of the same mutual fund which consist of shares of the most cost effective share class of such mutual fund available to Client's Account. Any such exchange may be made by STAS on behalf of Client's Account in STAS's sole discretion and without prior notice to Client and without requiring Client's consent to the exchange.

As custodian, NFS researches client ownership of certified class action suits involving securities for which it holds custody. Once a class action suit has been certified, NFS will screen client ownership records using the specific criteria defined in the suit. Client names and addresses meeting the specified criteria will be provided to the claims administrator assigned by the courts. The claims administrator will then mail all class action notices to the client. Client may elect to participate in the suit; however, STAS, STIS and NFS are not responsible for submitting documents on behalf of the client.

STAS does not have any soft-dollar arrangements.

#### Termination of AMC Advisory Relationship

(AL) (AV) Upon termination of the AMC Advisory relationship, STAS will reclassify the account as an unmanaged standard nondiscretionary brokerage account.

#### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

Clients must have or open either a STIS brokerage account or AMC Allocation Plus account prior to establishing the AMC Annuity. The client's AMC Annuity Account Program Fee will be paid from this associated brokerage or AMC Allocation Plus account.



Client risk tolerance and investment objectives of a client's underlying STIS brokerage account may not specifically match the AMC Annuity risk profile within the Envestnet system which governs how account risk is captured and monitored. The firm regularly updates the STIS brokerage data with the data from the Envestnet system; however, in the case of any discrepancy in risk ratings, each client account shall be managed in accordance with the risk rating applicable to the AMC Annuity relationship and not in accordance with any risk rating applicable to a pre-existing brokerage relationship.

Upon opening a brokerage account holding or purchasing an annuity contract it is important that client understands that in order to help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money-laundering activities, to meet Federal law and contractual obligations to NFS, and or the annuity provider, STIS is required to verify client's identity by obtaining client name, date of birth, address, and a government-issued identification number before opening a brokerage account. In certain circumstances, STIS may obtain and verify this information with respect to any person(s) authorized to effect transactions in an account. For certain entities, such as trusts, estates, corporations, partnerships or other organizations, identifying documentation is also required. Client account may be restricted and/or closed if STIS cannot verify this information. Neither STIS, NFS, nor the annuity provider will be responsible for any losses or damages (including, but not limited to, lost opportunities) resulting from any failure to provide this information, or from any restriction placed upon, or closing of, the client's brokerage account and/or any annuity contract. Further, if client is a foreign financial institution, client agrees that in establishing a brokerage account or annuity contract with STIS that client will not open or maintain your brokerage account for or on behalf of any third party and that client will not allow any third party to use or access any brokerage account or annuity contract that client opens at STIS.

Any cash or securities in any separate brokerage account established to hold annuity contracts in connection with the AMC Annuity Program are not subject to the Advisory agreement or advisory fee as they not managed as part of the AMC Annuity Program.

Clients may also incur separate fees or charges associated with mortality & expense fee, administrative fee, sub account fee, rider fee, transfer charges, and surrender fee. Some client accounts may hold shares of investment companies, including money market funds, closed-end funds, and/or exchange-traded funds. Those funds have their own expenses, including certain advisory, distribution or other fees, and a client account invested in those funds will indirectly bear a portion of those expenses. Each of the fees discussed above is in addition to the Fee.

#### Account Transfer to Another Firm

When client elects to transfer their account to another firm through a 1035 exchange, the investment advisory relationship ends. Any fees or other charges related to the liquidation of the account assets will be charged to the account prior to transfer.

#### Termination of AMC Annuity Relationship

Reasons for termination the AMC Annuity relationship include but aren't limited to the following:

- No funds available to cover the quarterly Program Fee;
- Advisor failure to provide investment management services or client refusal to follow STAS recommendations.
- Client requests to end the AMC Annuity advisory relationship.

Upon termination of the AMC Annuity relationship three options are available to client, the account

- With the consent of STIS, may remain with the client's STAS advisor and no quarterly advisory fee is charged;
- With the consent of STIS may be transferred to the Client Advisor Center and no quarterly advisory fee is charge;
- Can become a house account maintained directly with the annuity carrier.

## **Review of Accounts**

### **(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

#### **(AV) AMC Advise**

Supervisory reviews are conducted by STAS Central Supervision Group, which consists of a Group Supervisory Specialist Manager, Team Leads and Group Supervisory Specialist (“GSS”).

Each GSS Team Lead and their GSS Team are responsible for reviewing AMC program account opening documentation, trading within each account and the annual investment review process, among other items for their designated areas. The firm utilizes a surveillance program that GSS’ uses to monitor the trading in AMC Advisor Managed Program accounts via alerts and filters on a daily basis.

Clients receive written confirmations from NFS when a trade is executed in their account and may elect to receive such confirmations electronically; however, clients will have the option of waiving receipt of separate transactional confirmations in exchange for a quarterly compilation of all transactions. Clients only receive monthly written statements from NFS if there has been activity in their account otherwise the client will receive a quarterly brokerage statement and may elect to receive such statements electronically. Such statements reflect the activity in the account during the specific time period. Clients may change this election at any time and any election made with respect to the receipt of confirmations shall not in any way affect a client’s Program Fee.

Envestnet will prepare Quarterly Reports (“Reports”) which compares the client’s account to well recognized standard securities market indices. Envestnet may rely on information provided by third parties, such as recognized independent quotation and valuation services. STAS believes that this information is reliable; however, STAS will not independently verify the accuracy of the information provided by these services. A copy of the report is available electronically via Welathscape Investor. Client can contact their STAS Advisor for assistance in setting up their electronic delivery or to request paper reports be mailed to them. Reports will be available to the client following the end of each calendar quarter during which the account is open. Clients will not be charged a fee in addition to the Advisory Fee if they choose to receive Performance Reports. Clients should compare their performance report information to their monthly or quarterly account statements from NFS and should report any discrepancies to their STAS Advisor.

### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

Supervisory reviews of AMC Annuity Program Accounts are conducted by STAS Central Supervision Group, which consists of a Group Supervisory Specialist Manager, Team Leads GSS.

Each GSS Team Lead and their GSS Team are responsible for reviewing AMC Annuity program account opening documentation, ongoing alerts related to sub-account suitability, the annual investment review process, among other items for their designated areas. The firm utilizes the Envestnet platform that the GSS’ use to monitor the sub-account allocations and changes in AMC Annuity Program accounts via alerts regularly.

### **(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

#### **(AV) AMC Advise**

#### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

STAS conducts an annual mailing to clients that includes a summary of the client’s financial information, investment objectives and current restrictions on their account, if any, advising the client that their account will continue to be managed according to those elements. Clients have the opportunity to contact their STAS Advisor to clarify or make changes as may be necessary.

## **Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Unregistered Truist Bank employees are paid a nominal referral fee for making general referrals of customers to STAS. **See Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations, Truist Bank Non-Deposit Retail Sales (Networking) Agreement, above for details.**

### **Referrals of Client Advisors and Premier Bankers**

Truist Bank (“TB”) and STAS Client Advisors (“CAs”) and Premier Bankers (“PBs”) work together in teams that include STAS advisors to help determine potential solutions for each client’s financial goals. Information gathered and reports created are shared among the team members from both entities. Some bank advisors may also be registered investment adviser representatives of STAS. These bank advisors may refer clients to STAS and may be part of the overall client team. Those CAs and PBs who are not registered with STAS are prohibited from referring clients to STAS.

STAS Registered CAs and PBs are indirectly compensated for client referrals to STAS by TB. Such compensation is based on the asset under management amount (“AUM”) of clients referred to STAS. When the totality of referred client’s AUM reaches certain levels specified in their applicable Financial Incentive Program, a CA’s or PB’s salary may be adjusted and paid by TB. The receipt of incentive compensation in connection with recommendations to invest in the AMC Programs creates a conflict of interest for the CAs and PBs and the Firm. See **Conflicts of Interest - Financial Incentive Programs** Section above.

### **CAC Referrals**

Securities registered Private Financial Advisors (“PFAs”) may refer clients to the CAC and receive a \$100 referral fee from SunTrust Investment Services, Inc. (“STIS”), the broker-dealer affiliate of STAS which provides account trading and administration services to the STAS Programs. Qualified referrals are based upon the opening of a new account with a portfolio within the CAC between \$50,000 and \$100,000 of investible assets.

### **Truist Private Wealth Management RESERVE**

Truist Bank has partnered with third party vendors to bring additional services to certain segments of its clients, including STAS clients.

The additional services available to STAS clients include:

- Access to jet-leasing services;
- Access to personal excess liability insurance for litigation protection;
- Access to healthcare advocacy and advisory support.

These are optional services, and have an additional fee to be paid to the third party provider and are not included in STIS Advisory Fee. Your STAS Advisory Fee is not affected by these services.

Truist Bank conducts initial and ongoing due diligence reviews on all vendors whose services are available to STAS clients related to this program. No compensation is received by Truist or any affiliate as a result of these arrangements.

## **Custody**

### **(AL) AMC Allocation Plus**

### **(AV) AMC Advise**

Clients receive monthly and/or quarterly account statements from NFS and clients should review these carefully.

### **(AN) AMC Annuity**

Clients receive monthly and/or quarterly account statements from the annuity carrier and clients should review these carefully.

## **(AV) Investment Discretion**

By agreeing to the terms of the AMC Advise Program Client grants STAS complete and unlimited discretionary trading authorization over the account and appoints STAS as Client's agent and attorney-in-fact with respect to the same. STAS may, in its sole discretion and at Client's risk, purchase, sell, exchange, convert, and otherwise trade the securities and other investments in the account as well as arrange for delivery and payment in connection with the above and act on behalf of Client in all other matters necessary or incidental to the handling of the account.

This power of attorney granting STAS only trading authorization shall not be affected by the subsequent death or incapacity of Client. If, in the event of Client's death, STAS acts in good faith pursuant to this trading authorization without actual knowledge of Client's death, any action so taken, unless otherwise invalid or unenforceable, shall be binding on Client's successors in interest. In the event of Client's death, STAS is authorized to liquidate any or all property in the account whenever STAS, in its sole discretion, considers it necessary to do so for its protection or for the protection of the assets in the account. This trading authorization is a continuing one and shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by Client or STAS in writing. The termination of this authorization will constitute a termination of the investment management agreement.

Client may request in writing that certain specified securities, or certain categories of securities, not be purchased for the Account. If Client restricts a general category of securities but does not prohibit the purchase of specific securities, STAS will determine what specific securities fall within that category based on our determination of the primary business.

### **(AL/AV) Tax Lot Disposal Method**

Any Account set with the First-In, First-Out ("FIFO") disposal method will be updated to the Tax-Sensitive disposal method. Clients should discuss the impact of this change with the Client's tax advisor. See description of each method noted below.

Tax lot disposal methods described:

First-In, First-Out (FIFO) - Shares with the oldest holding period are disposed of first, regardless of unit cost per share.

Tax Sensitive (TXSN) - Share depletion first considers lots disposed at a loss in order to maximize the loss amount. Then, long and short-term tax rates are considered for shares disposed at a gain to recognize a lesser tax burden.

## Voting Client Securities

**AMC Allocation Plus:** With respect to the AMC Allocation Plus Program STAS has no authority or obligation to take any action or render any advice with respect to the voting of proxies solicited by or with respect to issuers of securities in which assets may be invested from time to time. Client expressly retains the authority and responsibility for the voting of such proxies. Client will receive all shareholder communications, including proxy statements and proxies, distributed by the issuers of securities held in client accounts.

**AMC Advise Accounts:** STAS will vote proxies for accounts enrolled in the AMC Advise Program, including assets that are held and not managed, unsupervised assets. STAS' Proxy Working Group includes members from the firm's Investment Policy Committee and is responsible for establishing policies and procedures designed to enable STAS to ethically and effectively fulfill its fiduciary obligation to vote all applicable proxies on behalf of the client accounts and funds.

Annually (or more often as needed), the Proxy Working Group will review, reaffirm and/or amend guidelines, strategies and proxy policies for all client accounts.

Although STAS utilizes its best efforts to alleviate or diffuse known conflicts of interest, there is no guarantee that all situations have been or will be mitigated through proxy policy incorporation. STAS and several of its affiliates conducted reviews of established service providers including size, experience and technical capabilities. STAS contracted with Glass Lewis & Co. as its agent to provide policy recommendations, vote firm proxies, assist us with certain administrative, clerical, functional recordkeeping and support services related to the firm's proxy voting processes/procedures, which include, but are not limited to:

1. Access to proxy research,
2. Custom policy recommendations,
3. The collection and coordination of proxy material from the custodian for each STAS client's account(s),
4. Proxy voting, reconciliation, and disclosure for each of STAS' client's account(s), in accordance with STAS' proxy policies and the Proxy Committee's direction,
5. Required record keeping and voting record retention of all STAS proxy voting on behalf STAS' clients.

Due to its diversified client base, numerous product lines, and affiliation with Truist Financial Corporation, and its subsidiaries, the Proxy Committee may determine a potential conflict exists in connection with a proxy vote based on the SEC guidelines. In such instances, the Committee will review the potential conflict to determine if it is material.

Examples of material conflicts of interest which may arise could include those where the shares to be voted involve:

1. Common stock of Truist Financial Corporation, and/or other public corporate issuers with which either STAS or Truist Financial Corporation or its affiliates, may have a similar significant ongoing non-investment management associated relationship.
2. An issuer with a director, officer or employee who presently serves as an independent director on the board Truist Financial Corporation or any of its affiliates.
3. An issuer having substantial and numerous banking, investment, or other financial relationships with STAS, Truist Financial Corporation or its affiliates.
4. A director or senior officer of STAS or Truist Financial Corporation serving on the board of a publicly held company.
5. A direct common stock ownership position of five percent (5%) or greater held individually by STAS, or in conjunction with STAS and Truist Financial Corporation and/or its affiliates.
6. On February 7, 2019, STAS parent corporation, SunTrust Banks, Inc. and BB&T Corporation announced that both companies' boards of directors have approved a definitive agreement to combine in an all-stock merger of equals.

Due to the pending merger transaction, STAS has determined that transactions in debt or equity securities of BB&T Corporation ("BB&T Securities") and its affiliates are likely to present conflicts of interest which will prevent STAS from effectively managing or voting BB&T Securities and has determined to treat voting securities of BB&T Corporation in the same manner as voting securities of SunTrust Banks, Inc.

Although STAS utilizes a pre-determined proxy voting policy, occasions may arise in which a conflict of interest could be deemed to be material. In this case, the Proxy Working Group will determine the most fair and reasonable procedure to be followed in order to properly address all conflict concerns. The Proxy Working Group may employ one or more of the options listed below:

1. Retain an independent fiduciary to vote the shares.
2. Send the proxy material to the client so he or she may vote the proxies.

To obtain a copy of the complete proxy voting policies and procedures, or information about how STAS voted your proxies, please contact: SunTrust Advisory Services, Inc. Attn: Mr. Will Orielly, 303 Peachtree Center Avenue, SunTrust Garden Offices, Suite 140, Atlanta, GA 30303, or via e-mail at: [Will.Orielly@suntrust.com](mailto:Will.Orielly@suntrust.com).

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