

OPTIMUM MARKET PORTFOLIOS (OMP)
PROGRAM BROCHURE

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Additional information about LPL also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

ITEM 1 COVER PAGE

ITEM 2 MATERIAL CHANGES

The following is a summary of certain changes made to this Brochure from the time of the annual update of the Brochure dated March 30, 2020. Item 9 was updated to provide information regarding disciplinary events, involving (i) a consent order with the State of New Hampshire, Department of State, Bureau of Securities Regulation, in connection with LPL's supervision of an LPL representative under a heightened supervision plan, and (ii) FINRA sanctions in connection with LPL's failure to establish and maintain supervisory systems and procedures relating to record retention, fingerprinting and screening of certain associated persons, and supervision of consolidated reports. Item 9 was also updated to include information about new affiliates of LPL, Waddell & Reed, Inc., a registered investment adviser and broker-dealer and Fiduciary Trust Company of New Hampshire, a non-depository trust company.

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ITEM 4 SERVICES, FEES AND COMPENSATION

Services

LPL sponsors various types of advisory programs, including wrap fee programs and mutual fund asset allocation programs. LPL makes these programs available to clients directly and also through third party investment advisor firms ("Advisor") and their associated persons. This Brochure provides a description of LPL's Optimum Market Portfolios ("OMP") program when offered through an Advisor. For more information about LPL's advisory services and programs other than OMP, please contact your Advisor for a copy of a similar brochure that describes such service or program or go to www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.



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The OMP program is a professionally managed mutual fund asset allocation program in which LPL and Advisor provide ongoing investment advice. The Advisor obtains the necessary financial data from the client, assists the client in determining the suitability of the program and assists the client in setting an appropriate investment objective. The Advisor on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis selects a model portfolio of mutual funds ("Portfolio") designed by LPL's Research Department consistent with the client's stated investment objective. If client authorizes Advisor to take discretion to select Portfolios on behalf of client, such authority will be set out in the Account Agreement and Application signed by the client. The Portfolios are made up of mutual funds in the Optimum Funds mutual fund family. A Portfolio may include up to six Optimum Funds.

LPL has discretion to buy and sell securities in the account and will invest the account based on the Portfolio selected. The client authorizes LPL to take discretion by executing the Account Agreement and Application. LPL rebalances accounts based on the allocations in the Portfolio as described below. LPL reviews the account for rebalancing on the frequency selected by the client at account opening or as altered by the Advisor or the client from time to time. The choices for frequency of rebalancing are quarterly (four times per year), semi-annually (two times per year) or annually (once per year). Accounts are reviewed on the frequency selected based on the anniversary date of account opening, or the next business day closest to the anniversary date, to determine if rebalancing is necessary. At each rebalancing review date, accounts are rebalanced if at least one of the account positions is outside a range determined by LPL, subject to a minimum transaction amount established by LPL in its discretion. In addition, LPL may review the account for rebalancing in the event that LPL Research changes the model portfolio.

LPL invests deposits in an account according to the Portfolio, but such deposits (or a portion thereof) may be liquidated and the proceeds may remain in cash until certain conditions are met related to trade size and positive deviation from the target allocation. Although OMP accounts are not considered tax efficient or tax managed, LPL may delay placing transactions on non-retirement accounts by one day for any rebalancing scheduled to occur on the first one year anniversary date of the account opening in an attempt to limit short-term tax treatment for any position being sold. Liquidation requests in connection with withdrawals and requests related to changes in the Portfolio selected may take up to 5-7 days to process, and, in certain circumstances, may take longer. LPL may also apply discretion to deviate from the model portfolios in smaller accounts, in which it is not possible or impractical to be invested in all of a model's holdings.

In connection with the program, LPL also acts as custodian to accounts, provides research information to Advisor, provides brokerage services as the broker-dealer on transactions, and performs administrative services, such as performance reporting to clients.

### Fee Schedule

In the OMP program, clients pay LPL and Advisor an ongoing advisory fee ("Account Fee"). The Account Fee is negotiable between the client and the Advisor and is set out in the Account Application. The Account Fee is typically a straight percentage based on the value of all assets in the account, including cash holdings. The Account Fee also may be structured on a tiered basis, with a reduced percentage rate based on reaching certain thresholds. The maximum Account Fee is 2.50%. The Account Fee is paid to LPL, and LPL shares up to 95% with the Advisor pursuant to the agreement between LPL and Advisor. LPL and Advisor do not accept performance-based fees under OMP. LPL and Advisor do not accept performance-based fees under OMP.

### How the Account Fee is Charged

LPL deducts the Account Fee and other fees and charges associated with an OMP account from the account. LPL calculates and deducts the Account Fee in the method described in the Account Agreement, unless other arrangements are made in writing. If a client wishes to be billed for the Account Fee, rather than a deduction directly from the account, the client needs to make a request to LPL through the Advisor.

### Payment in Advance and Refund of Pre-Paid Fees

LPL deducts the Account Fee quarterly in advance. If the Account Agreement is terminated before the end of the quarterly period, LPL will pay the client a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly Account Fee based on the number of days remaining in the quarter after the termination date. However, if the account is closed within the first six months by the client or as a result of withdrawals that bring the account value below the required minimum, LPL and Advisor reserve the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly Account Fee for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative costs of establishing the account (for



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example, the costs related to transferring positions in and out of the account, data entry in opening the account, reconciliation of positions in order to issue performance information, and re-registration of positions). After the termination date, LPL may convert the account to a brokerage account. In a brokerage account, client is charged a commission for each transaction and LPL and Advisor have no responsibility to provide ongoing investment advice.

### Other Types of Direct Fees and Expenses of LPL

In addition to the Account Fee, LPL assesses a transaction charge of \$5 on each purchase and sale transaction. The transaction charge is identified under the service charge column on trade confirmations and represents a payment for expenses associated with trade execution and processing, including preparing, printing and/or delivering confirmations. LPL does not share any portion of the transaction charge with Advisor. Transaction charges present conflicts of interest. For example, where transaction charges apply, the more transactions Client enters into, the more compensation LPL receives. The transaction charge may be higher or lower than commissions otherwise payable in the absence of the Account Fee. When an investment change is made to the account (e.g., for transactions resulting from contributions, rebalancing, model changes, and withdrawals), the transaction charge can represent a meaningful cost to Client, in particular, at smaller account sizes.

Clients also pay LPL other additional miscellaneous administrative or custodial-related fees and charges that apply to an OMP account. LPL notifies clients of these charges at account opening and makes available a current list of these charges on its website at [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html). These transaction charges and other direct fees are not directly based on the costs of the transaction or service by LPL, often include a profit to LPL, and certain of the fees are lowered or waived for certain clients.

### Fees Charged by Third Parties, Including the Optimum Funds

There are other fees and charges that are imposed by third parties other than LPL that apply to investments in OMP accounts. In OMP, assets are invested in mutual funds and, therefore, there are two layers of advisory fees and expenses for those assets. As a shareholder of a Fund, Client will pay an advisory fee to the investment advisor of the Optimum Funds and other expenses charged by the Fund. Client will also pay LPL and Advisor the Account Fee with respect to assets invested in the Funds. The Optimum Funds or funds with similar investment objectives may be purchased directly outside of the Program. Therefore, clients could generally avoid the second layer of fees by not using the advisory services of LPL and Advisor and by making their own decisions regarding mutual fund investing. The amount of the advisory fees and other expenses of the Optimum Funds are set out in the prospectus and financial statements of the Optimum Funds, which are available upon request from Advisor or the Optimum Funds directly.

Clients should understand that in many cases the mutual funds and mutual fund share classes offered through the Program charge higher fees and expenses than those that are not offered through the Program, and such other mutual funds and share classes may be equally or more appropriate for a client's account. As discussed below, Client should understand that a portion of the fees and expenses Client pays as a shareholder of the Optimum Funds is used by the sponsor of the Funds to pay LPL for services LPL provides with respect to the funds. See Item 9, "Participation or Interest in Client Transactions," for more information on the payments received by LPL with respect to the Optimum Funds. Other financial services firm may offer the same mutual funds that are offered through the Program but at lower overall costs to investors than the costs that clients incur by investing through the Program.

Advisor may charge fees in addition to the Account Fee. Clients should refer to the Firm Brochure of Advisor for more information regarding fees charged by Advisor.

If client transfers into an OMP account a previously purchased mutual fund, and there is an applicable contingent deferred sales charge on the fund, client will pay that charge when the mutual fund is sold. If the account is invested in a mutual fund that charges a fee if a redemption is made within a specific time period after the investment, client will be charged a redemption fee. Depending on the share class and fee structure of the previously purchased mutual fund, LPL can receive fees such as 12b-1 fees from the previously purchased mutual fund until the position is liquidated and subsequently invested according to the OMP model. Any 12b-1 fees paid to LPL by mutual funds transferred into an account will be credited to the client's account. If a mutual fund has a frequent trading policy, the policy can limit a client's transactions in shares of the fund (e.g., for rebalancing,



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liquidations, deposits or tax harvesting). Decisions regarding the sale of mutual funds in an account may be made by LPL without regard to whether a client will be assessed a redemption fee. Clients can find more information regarding the fees and expenses of a mutual fund or ETF in the fund's prospectus, which is available upon request from the IAR or directly from the fund.

When transferring securities into an OMP account, client should be aware that certain securities are not be eligible for the account. In such case, the securities may be rejected, sold after the transfer, or moved to a brokerage account. Note that when an ineligible security is transferred into an account and subsequently sold or moved to a brokerage account, the advisory fee will be charged on such asset for the period of time the security was held in the account. Client should be aware that securities transferred into an account may have been subject to a commission or sales load when the security was originally purchased. After transfer into an OMP account, client should understand that an advisory fee will be charged based on the total assets in the account, including the transferred security. When transferring securities into an account, client should consider and speak to IAR about whether:

- a commission was previously paid on the security;
- client wishes for the security to be managed as part of the account and be subject to an advisory fee; or
- client wishes to hold the security in a brokerage account that is not managed and not subject to an advisory fee.

### Important Things to Consider About Fees on an OMP Account

- The Account Fee is a single fee for investment advisory services and other administrative and custodial services. Clients do not pay a commission to LPL but do pay a transaction charge as described above. The Account Fee may cost the client more than purchasing the program services separately, for example, paying an advisory fee plus commissions to a broker-dealer for each transaction in the account. Factors that bear upon the cost of the account in relation to the cost of the same services purchased separately include the:
  - type and size of the account
  - historical and or expected size or number of trades for the account, and
  - number and range of supplementary advisory and client-related services provided to the client.
- The Account Fee may be higher than the fees charged by other investment advisors for similar services. This is the case in particular if the Account Fee is at or near the maximum Account Fee set out above. The Advisor is responsible for determining the Account Fee to charge each client based on factors such as total amount of assets involved in the relationship and the complexity, number and range of supplementary advisory and client-related services to be provided to the account. Clients should consider the level and complexity of the advisory services to be provided when negotiating the Account Fee with Advisor.
- The Advisor and its IARs recommending the program to the client receives compensation as a result of the client's participation in the program. This compensation includes a portion of the Account Fee and also may include other compensation, such as bonuses, awards or other things of value offered by LPL to Advisor or by LPL or Advisor to the IAR. For example, LPL may pay a bonus to Advisor or its IARs in the form of reimbursement of fees that Advisor or its IARs pay to LPL for administrative services. In particular, pursuant to the agreement between LPL and Advisor, LPL pays Advisor an amount, in addition to a percentage of the client's Account Fee, based on the current market value of all client assets Advisor maintains in LPL advisory programs, including the OMP program. This amount is paid from the portion of the fee retained by LPL, and payment of this amount does not result in any higher or additional client fees. Therefore, this additional portion of the fee provides Advisor a greater financial benefit if more client assets are invested in LPL advisory programs. The amount of compensation that Advisor receives from LPL may be more or less than what the Advisor and its IARs would receive if the client participated in other LPL programs, programs of other investment advisors or paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services. Therefore, the Advisor and its IARs may have a financial incentive to recommend a program account over other programs and services.
- The investment products available to be purchased in the program can be purchased by clients outside of an OMP account, through broker-dealers or other investment firms not affiliated LPL.
- Clients should consider the impact of fees and expenses on their investment portfolio, as described in the informational brochure titled "How Fees and Expenses Affect Your Portfolio" on [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html) under "Investor Regulatory & Educational Resources."



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### ITEM 5 ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS AND TYPES OF CLIENTS

LPL generally requires a minimum account value of \$10,000. In certain instances, LPL will permit a lower minimum account size. An account will not be invested according to the Portfolio until the minimum has been reached. The program is available for individuals, IRAs, banks and thrift institutions, pension and profit sharing plans, including plans subject to Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), trusts, estates, charitable organizations, state and municipal government entities, corporations and other business entities.

### ITEM 6 PORTFOLIO MANAGER SELECTION AND EVALUATION

In OMP, LPL does not select, review or recommend the services of other investment advisor or portfolio management firms. LPL and Advisor are responsible for the investment advice and management offered to clients, and the client selects the Advisor who services the account. Advisor is responsible for determining the standards required for its associated persons. For more information about the Advisor, client should refer to the Advisor's Firm Brochure, which client should have received at the time client opened the account.

In OMP, clients invest in Portfolios designed by LPL's Research Department. LPL Research designs different types of Portfolios for OMP to meet the varying needs of clients. The Advisor, or the client with the assistance of the Advisor, selects the Portfolio and provides advice based on the client's individual needs. LPL's Research Department uses the following investment strategies in designing Portfolios. It is important to note that no methodology or investment strategy is guaranteed to be successful or profitable. Each of these investment strategies seek to generate capital appreciation while assuming a reasonable amount of risk.

- *Standard.* These Portfolios invest in up to six Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, international, and fixed income.
- *U.S.* These Portfolios invest in up to five Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, and fixed income. These Portfolios do not invest in international.
- *Growth Tilt.* These Portfolios invest in up to six Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, international, and fixed income. These Portfolios are over-weighted to growth relative to the standard models.
- *Value Tilt.* These Portfolios invest in up to six Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, international, and fixed income. These Portfolios are over-weighted to value relative to the standard models.

For Standard and U.S. Portfolios described above, LPL Research makes available a strategic or tactical version for each Portfolio. The strategic Portfolios are intended to take advantage of market opportunities that will occur or persist over a three-to-five-year time frame. The tactically managed Portfolios are intended to take advantage of short-, medium-, or long-term opportunities. In addition, for the Standard Portfolios there are two different versions of the tactically-managed portfolios: Traditional Standard and Spectrum Standard. The asset allocation of the Traditional Standard Portfolios is set primarily leveraging the LPL Research macroeconomic views. The asset allocation of the Spectrum Standard Portfolios is set primarily leveraging the LPL Research diligence views.

### Types of Investments and Risks

Investing in securities involves the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Described below are some risks associated with investing.

- *Market Risk.* This is the risk that the value of securities owned by an investor may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries.
- *Interest Rate Risk.* This is the risk that fixed income securities will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates; a bond or a fixed income fund with a longer duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a bond or bond fund with a shorter duration.
- *Credit Risk.* This is the risk that an investor could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security is unable or unwilling to meet its financial obligations.



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- **Investment Company Risk.** To the extent a client account invests in ETFs or other investment companies, its performance will be affected by the performance of those other investment companies. Investments in ETFs and other investment companies are subject to the risks of the investment companies' investments, as well as to the investment companies' expenses. If a client account invests in other investment companies, the client account may receive distributions of taxable gains from portfolio transactions by that investment company and may recognize taxable gains from transactions in shares of that investment company, which would be taxable when distributed.
- **Pledging Assets.** LPL has partnered with certain banks to help facilitate clients' access to collateralized non-purpose lines of credit; however, clients are not required to use the banks in LPL's program, and can work directly with other banks ("non-partner banks") to negotiate loan terms or obtain other financing arrangements. Clients who choose to use non-partner banks should notify Advisor of the amount of the line of credit. In these collateralized lending arrangements, clients borrow from the bank and pay interest to the bank. In some cases, Advisor, through IAR, may recommend that a client seeking to access funds (for purposes other than purchasing securities) hold his securities investments and instead utilize a non-purpose line of credit collateralized by the assets in his advisory account. Unless Advisor, through IAR, specifically recommends that a client hold his securities investments and instead utilize a collateralized line of credit to access funds, the decision regarding whether to arrange for a collateralized loan and the decision to draw down on such a loan are not covered by a client's advisory relationship with LPL or Advisor. While Advisor, through IAR, may assist the client with facilitating a line of credit, clients are responsible for independently evaluating the terms of the loan and deciding whether the loan meets their needs. Clients also should be aware that pledging assets in an account to secure a loan involves additional risks. The bank holding the loan has the authority to liquidate all or part of the securities at any time without your prior notice in order to maintain required maintenance levels, or to call the loan at any time. As a practical matter, this may cause you to sell assets and realize losses in a declining market. Moreover, the ability of Advisor and IAR to make recommendations for the account may be restricted by collateral requirements imposed by the bank. These restrictions or a forced liquidation may interfere with your long term investment goals and/or result in adverse tax consequences. Further, you should note that the returns on accounts or on pledged assets may not cover the cost of loan interest and advisory fees. Clients should be aware that LPL's collateralized loan program is one way, among many, for clients to raise necessary cash. Before pledging assets in an account, clients should carefully review the loan agreement, loan application and any forms required by the bank and any other forms and disclosures provided by LPL. For a list of the banks currently participating in LPL's collateralized lending program, please visit [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html), click on "Account Disclosures, Agreements, Fee Schedules & Conflicts of Interest," and then "Third Party Compensation and Related Conflicts of Interest."

### Voting Client Securities

In OMP, LPL and Advisors do not accept authority to vote client securities. Clients retain the right to vote all proxies that are solicited for securities held in the account. Clients will receive proxies or other solicitations from LPL. When LPL delivers mutual fund shareholder reports and proxies to clients, LPL is reimbursed by the mutual fund for the delivery costs. The maximum fee that can be charged for delivery is set by New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) rules. If LPL uses a vendor to perform the delivery, the vendor seeks reimbursement from the mutual fund on LPL's behalf and in certain cases remits a portion of the reimbursement to LPL. If clients have questions regarding the solicitation, they should contact the contact person that the issuer identifies in the proxy materials or their Advisor. In addition, LPL and Advisors do not accept authority to take action with respect to legal proceedings relating to securities held in the account.

### ITEM 7 CLIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The Advisor obtains the necessary financial data from the client and assists the client in setting appropriate investment objectives for the account. The Advisor obtains this information by having the client complete an Account Application which is a part of the Account Agreement. In quarterly communications, LPL asks clients to contact the Advisor if there have been any changes in the client's financial situation or investment objectives or if they wish to impose any reasonable restrictions on the management of the account or reasonably modify existing restrictions.





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Clients should understand that the investment objective selected for the program in the Account Application is an overall objective for the entire account and may be inconsistent with a particular holding and the account's performance at any time. Client also should be aware that achievement of the stated investment objective is a long-term goal for the account.

### ITEM 8 CLIENT CONTACT WITH PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

LPL does not place any restrictions on a clients' ability to contact and consult with Advisors.

### ITEM 9 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Disciplinary Information

As part of a voluntary self-reporting initiative in 2019, LPL entered into a settlement with the SEC in which the SEC found that LPL willfully violated Section 206(2) and 207 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act") in connection with inadequate disclosure to clients of its and its associated persons' conflicts of interest related to its receipt of 12b-1 fees and/or its selection of mutual fund share classes that pay such fees. The SEC ordered LPL to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations of Sections 206(2) and 207 of the Advisers Act, censured it for its conduct, and ordered the payment of disgorgement and prejudgment interest to affected investors totaling \$9,333,516.

LPL, as a broker-dealer, is a member of ("FINRA") and has found to be in violation of FINRA's rules related to its brokerage activities. In particular, LPL consented to sanctions related to the following matters:

- LPL's supervisory systems and procedures relating to record retention, fingerprinting and screening of certain associated persons, and supervision of consolidated reports, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$6,500,000 and an undertaking to review and enhance related policies, systems and procedures (2020).
- LPL's supervisory systems and procedures relating to changes in the authority of custodians of accounts established under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act and/or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$300,000, and an undertaking to review and enhance its policies, systems, and procedures related to supervision of such accounts (2019).
- The effectiveness of LPL's anti-money laundering program, LPL's failure to amend certain Forms U4 and U5, and LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to Forms U4 and U5 reporting requirements, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$2,750,000 and an undertaking to review the process used to disclose customer complaints on Forms U4 and U5 (2018).
- LPL's brokerage supervisory and disclosure procedures related to the sale of certain brokered certificates of deposit in brokerage accounts, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$375,000 (2018).
- LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to the creation and distribution of certain required account notices, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$900,000, and an undertaking to review affected processes (2016).
- LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to the format in which certain electronic records were retained, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$750,000 (2016).
- LPL's various brokerage supervisory procedures, including those related to the sale of complex non-traditional ETFs, variable annuity ("VA") contracts, real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and other products in brokerage accounts, as well as LPL's failure to monitor and report trades and deliver trade confirmations, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$10,000,000, and restitution of \$1,664,592 (2015).
- LPL's processing and supervision of the sale of alternative investments, including non-traded REITs resulting in a censure and a fine of \$950,000 (2014).
- LPL's systems and procedures to review and retention of email, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$7.5 million, and establishment of a fund of \$1.5 million to cover payments to eligible former brokerage customer claimants who may not have received all emails in connection with their claim (2013).
- LPL's supervisory systems to monitor and ensure the timely delivery of mutual fund prospectuses, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$400,000 (2012).

LPL, as a broker-dealer, is regulated by each of the 50 states and has been the subject of orders related to the violation of state laws and regulations in connection with its brokerage activities. In particular, LPL entered into consent orders related to the following matters:



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- LPL's supervision of an LPL representative under a heightened supervision plan, resulting in a cease and desist order; a fine of \$275,000; payments of restitution, disgorgement and investigative costs; and offers of payment of surrender charges in connection with variable annuity contracts for impacted customers (New Hampshire or "NH", 2020).
- LPL's failure to timely register (or maintain the registration of) certain agents in Massachusetts ("MA") and failure to amend Forms U4 and U5 for certain agents registered in MA, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$1,100,000, and an undertaking to review and enhance its policies and procedures related to registering its agents in MA and filing reportable events (MA, 2019).
- LPL's brokerage supervisory procedures relating to email review and annual branch office examinations, resulting in a civil penalty of \$450,000 and an undertaking for third-party review of related processes (Indiana, 2018).
- The sale of unregistered, non-exempt securities in violation of state registration requirements, resulting (upon entry of the individual consent order) in payment to each participating state or jurisdiction of a civil penalty of \$499,000, reimbursement of certain investigative expenses, remediation through repurchase of certain securities and payment of losses to certain affected customers, and certain additional undertakings (Settlement with up to 53 members of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), 2018).
- The sale of non-traded alternative investments in excess of prospectus standards or LPL's internal guidelines and the maintenance of related books and records, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$950,000, a \$25,000 contribution to an investor education fund and remediation of losses to impacted customers (New Jersey, 2017).
- LPL's supervisory practices for LPL representatives located on the premises of a credit union, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$1,000,000, and an undertaking to avoid investor confusion specific to the name under which the credit union does business and review LPL's related policies and procedures (MA, 2017).
- LPL's oversight of certain VA transactions, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$975,000, restitution to clients and former clients of an LPL representative, disgorgement of commissions retained by LPL in connection with such representative's VA sales, and an undertaking to review such representative's brokerage and advisory activities and LPL's related policies and procedures (MA, 2017).
- The sale in brokerage accounts of non-traded REITs in excess of prospectus standards, state concentration limits or LPL's internal guidelines, resulting in an aggregate civil penalty of \$1,425,000, reimbursement of certain investigative expenses and remediation of losses to impacted customers (Global settlement with certain members of NASAA, 2015).
- The sale of non-traded REITs in excess of prospectus standards, state concentration limits or LPL's internal guidelines, resulting in an administrative fine of \$250,000, reimbursement of investigative costs of \$250,000, a \$250,000 contribution to an investor education fund and remediation of losses to impacted customers (NH, 2015).
- The sale of leveraged and inverse leveraged ETFs ("Leveraged ETFs"), resulting in an administrative fine of \$50,000 (Delaware), a penalty of \$200,000 (MA), restitution to Delaware customers in an amount up to \$150,000, restitution to MA customers in an amount up to \$1,600,000, and an agreement to make certain changes in its supervisory system with respect to Leveraged ETFs (2015).
- Failure to implement procedures related to the use of senior-specific titles by LPL representatives as required under MA law, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$250,000 (2015).
- Failure to detect improper and fraudulent conduct by an LPL representative, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$500,000, and restitution to impacted customers; and failure to adequately enforce supervisory procedures and maintain certain books and records required under Illinois law in connection with certain VA exchange transactions, resulting in a censure, fine of \$2,000,000, and restitution to impacted customers (2014).
- The sale of non-traded REITs to MA residents in excess of MA concentration limits, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$500,000, and restitution to impacted customers (2013).

For more information about those state events and other disciplinary and legal events involving LPL and its IARs, client should refer to Investment Advisor Public Disclosure at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) or FINRA BrokerCheck at [www.finra.org](http://www.finra.org).

### Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

LPL is a broker-dealer registered with FINRA and the SEC. As a broker-dealer, LPL transacts business in various types of securities, including mutual funds, stocks, bonds, commodities, options, private and public partnerships, variable annuities, real estate





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investment trusts and other investment products. LPL is registered to operate in all 50 states and has primarily an independent-contractor sales force of registered representatives and investment advisor representatives dispersed throughout the United States. LPL has a dedicated team of employee IARs in its home office who service certain accounts in the absence of an IAR, and also a small subset of IARs who operate their own offices or are located on the premises of certain financial institutions and are employees of LPL Employee Services, LLC, an LPL-affiliated company. If required for their positions with a registered broker-dealer, LPL's principal executive officers are securities licensed as registered representatives of LPL. LPL is also registered as an introducing broker with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In addition, LPL is qualified to sell insurance products in all 50 states.

Associated persons of Advisor may also be broker-dealer registered representatives of LPL or another broker-dealer. If an associated person of Advisor is a broker-dealer registered representative of LPL, that person is providing advisory services to the program account on behalf of Advisor. That person is not acting in a broker-dealer capacity or on behalf of LPL with respect to the services provided under the program.

LPL also contracts with other advisors to make the program available to clients through the other advisor firms. In such case, LPL and the other advisor firms share in the Account Fee.

LPL and The Private Trust Company, N.A. ("PTC"), a federally chartered non-depository bank licensed to provide trust services in all 50 states, are related persons. PTC serves as IRA custodian for program accounts set up as IRAs and receives an annual maintenance fee for this service. PTC also provides personal trustee services to clients for a variety of administrative fiduciary services, which services may relate to a program account. Because LPL and PTC are affiliated companies and share in revenues, there is a financial benefit to the companies if a client uses PTC as a custodian or for personal trustee services, or if a PTC client uses LPL as an investment advisor. PTC's IRA custodian and trustee services and related fees are established under a separate engagement between the client and PTC.

LPL and Allen & Company of Florida, LLC ("Allen & Co."), an investment advisor firm, are affiliated companies. In addition, investment advisor representatives of Allen & Co. are typically brokerage registered representatives of LPL. Allen & Co. recommends LPL's advisory programs, including OMP. Because of the affiliation, Allen & Co. has an incentive to recommend LPL advisory programs to clients over other programs and services.

Fortigent, LLC ("Fortigent"), is a registered investment advisor and related person of LPL. From time to time, LPL registered representatives may enter into agreements with Fortigent for research and reporting services.

LPL's parent company, LPL Holdings, Inc. ("LPL Holdings") has entered into an agreement to acquire Waddell & Reed, Inc., a registered investment adviser and broker-dealer ("Waddell & Reed") and Fiduciary Trust Company of New Hampshire, a non-depository trust company ("FTC"), in a transaction expected to close in late April of 2021. As a result of the transaction, Waddell & Reed and FTC will become wholly-owned subsidiaries of LPL Holdings. After the Waddell & Reed advisory and brokerage business is transitioned to LPL, it is expected that Waddell & Reed will be de-registered and wound down.

### Code of Ethics and Personal Trading

LPL has adopted a code of ethics that includes guidelines regarding personal securities transactions of its employees and investment advisor representatives ("IARs"). The code of ethics permits LPL employees and IARs to invest for their own personal accounts in the same securities that LPL and IARs purchase for clients in program accounts. This presents a conflict of interest because trading by an employee or IAR in a personal securities account in the same security on or about the same time as trading by a client can disadvantage the client. LPL addresses this conflict of interest by requiring in its code of ethics that LPL employees and IARs report certain personal securities transactions and holdings to LPL. LPL has procedures to review personal trading accounts for front-running. In addition, employees in LPL's Research Department are required to obtain pre-clearance prior to purchasing certain securities for a personal account. Employees and IARs are also required to obtain pre-approval for investments in private placements and initial public offerings. A copy of the LPL code of ethics is available to clients or prospective clients upon request and is available at [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html).



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### Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

Purchases of mutual fund shares may be processed through LPL's proprietary account resulting in such purchases being characterized as principal transactions for certain reporting purposes. In such case, the shares will be purchased at the fund's net asset value, and no additional charges will be applied to such transactions as a result of LPL's use of a proprietary account. LPL does not otherwise engage in principal transactions with its clients in the program. LPL's parent company, LPL Financial Holdings Inc., is a publicly traded company. LPL Financial Holdings Inc. stock may not be purchased directly in OMP accounts. However, an OMP account may include a mutual fund that holds LPL financial Holdings Inc. stock as an underlying investment.

LPL provides investment consulting services to the investment advisor of the Optimum Funds. These services include assisting the investment advisor in determining whether to engage, maintain or terminate sub-advisors for the Optimum Funds. As compensation for these services, LPL receives an investment consulting fee of up to 0.22% of assets from the investment advisor to the Optimum Funds. In addition, a senior executive officer of LPL serves as a Trustee of the Optimum Funds.

Certain of the Optimum Funds are subject to voluntary expense caps that may result in the adviser to the Optimum Funds waiving fees or reimbursing expenses that exceed those caps. LPL has agreed with the adviser to the Optimum Funds to bear 50% of the cost of any reimbursements or waivers.

LPL also performs recordkeeping, administrative and shareholder services on behalf of the Optimum Funds and receives compensation for the services based on the number of positions held by OMP clients in the Optimum Funds (\$16 annually per position). These services include establishing and maintaining accounts with the Optimum Funds, facilitating settlement of funds, responding to customer inquiries and requests, and maintaining sub-account records reflecting the issuance, exchange or redemption of shares by each program account. The receipt of this recordkeeping and investment consulting compensation by LPL is an important revenue stream and presents a conflict of interest, because LPL has a financial benefit the more assets that are invested in the Optimum Funds. The investment consulting and recordkeeping compensation is retained by LPL and is not shared with Advisors. Although LPL does not share investment consulting and recordkeeping compensation with Advisor or IARs, such fees and payments will increase LPL's profits and indirectly benefit Advisor or IARs, for example by being used by LPL to support marketing or training costs.

### Cash Sweep Arrangements

LPL makes available programs for cash in an OMP account to be automatically swept to an interest-bearing Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC")-insured deposit account (or under certain unlikely circumstances, into money market mutual funds), and for certain types of accounts, a money market fund. For more information about which types of accounts are eligible to use the different sweep options, please speak to Advisor.

For accounts that sweep cash to the multi-bank insured cash account program offered by LPL (the "ICA")—LPL receives a fee equal to a percentage (up to 4%) of the average daily deposit balance in the ICA, a portion of which LPL pays to Advisor. The fee paid to LPL is applied across all ICA deposit accounts taken in the aggregate; therefore, on some accounts, fees to LPL may be higher or lower than this amount. For accounts that sweep cash to the multi-bank deposit cash account program offered by LPL (the "DCA")—LPL receives a flat monthly fee per account (approximately \$17 as of July 1, 2019) based upon the prevailing fed funds target rate, a portion of which LPL pays to Advisor. LPL's compensation under the DCA program is not affected by the actual cash amounts held in your account. The fees paid to LPL for its sweep programs reduces the interest rate paid on your cash funds, and depending on the interest rate and other market factors, LPL may receive a majority of the interest as fees. For additional information on the ICA or DCA, please see the ICA or DCA Disclosure Booklet available from Advisor.

For the narrow set of accounts that are set up for cash to sweep to a money market fund -- the available sweep money market funds ("Sweep Funds") typically pay higher 12b-1 fees than other money market funds. In addition, LPL receives compensation of up to 0.35% annually of the LPL client assets invested in the Sweep Funds for recordkeeping services it provides for the funds. LPL also receives up to 0.15% annually of the LPL client assets invested in the Sweep Funds in connection with marketing support services LPL provides to the Sweep Fund sponsors. Together, the 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping fees, marketing support payments, and other



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compensation from Sweep Funds and their sponsors, allow LPL to receive up to 1% annually of LPL client assets in the Sweep Funds. Advisor earns fees based on the amount of assets in the Sweep Funds.

The compensation that LPL and Advisor receive related to the ICA, the DCA and the Sweep Funds is in addition to the Account Fee received with respect to the assets in the sweep investment. This compensation related to the ICA, the DCA and Sweep Funds is an important revenue stream and presents a conflict of interest because LPL and Advisor have a financial benefit if cash is invested in the ICA, the DCA or funds. However, LPL and Advisor do not take into account this compensation when it makes decisions on a Portfolio's allocation to cash.

Clients should understand that, depending on interest rates and other market factors, the yields on the ICA, DCA and Sweep Funds have been, and may continue in the future to be, lower than the aggregate fees and expenses received by LPL for a client's participation in the cash sweep programs. This may result in a client experiencing a negative overall investment return with respect to cash reserves in the cash sweep programs. Interest rates under ICA and DCA may be lower than the interest rates available if clients make deposits directly with a bank or other depository institution outside of the Program or invests in a money market fund or other cash equivalent. Clients should compare the terms, interest rates, required minimum amounts and other features of the ICA and DCA programs with other types of accounts and investments for cash.

### Collateralized Lending Arrangements

LPL has partnered with certain banks to help facilitate clients' access to non-purpose lines of credit collateralized by their investment accounts. Because of LPL's arrangements with the banks participating in the program, clients may be limited in their ability to negotiate the most favorable loan terms. Clients are not required to use the banks in LPL's program, and can work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other, potentially more favorable, financing arrangements. If a Client obtains a loan from a non-partner bank, he should notify Advisor of the amount of the line of credit. Clients should understand that the interest and additional fees paid to the bank in connection with the loan are separate from and in addition to the advisory fees the client pays LPL for its advisory services on the account.

LPL receives third party compensation from participant banks based on the amount of outstanding loans. Compensation can be up to 0.75% of the outstanding loan amount. This compensation to LPL varies, and, therefore, LPL can earn more or less depending on the bank selected by the client. The receipt of compensation poses a conflict of interest to LPL because LPL has a financial incentive for the client to select a bank in the program, and a participating bank that pays LPL more than other participating banks. However, LPL does not share this compensation with Advisor or IAR, and therefore, Advisor and IAR do not have a financial incentive if one bank is selected over another. LPL, Advisor, and IARs have an interest in continuing to receive investment advisory fees, which gives LPL, Advisor, and IARs an incentive to recommend that clients borrow money rather than liquidate some of their assets managed by LPL/Advisor. This incentive creates a conflict of interest for LPL, Advisor, and IARs when advising clients seeking to access funds on whether they should liquidate assets or instead hold their securities investments and utilize a line of credit secured by assets in their account. Because LPL, Advisor, and IARs are compensated primarily through advisory fees paid on clients' accounts, LPL, Advisor, and IARs also have an interest in managing an account serving as collateral for a loan in a manner that will preserve sufficient collateral value to support the loan and avoid a bank call. This may present a conflict of interest with clients because it could incentivize Advisor or IARs to recommend more conservative, lower performing investments to maintain the stability of the account.

For additional disclosures regarding LPL's collateralized lending program, including a list of the banks currently participating in the program, please visit [lpl.com/disclosures.html](http://lpl.com/disclosures.html), click on "Account Disclosures, Agreements, Fee Schedules & Conflicts of Interest," and then "Third Party Compensation and Related Conflicts of Interest."

### Credit Cards

As part of its cash management services, LPL makes available for its customers credit cards through a partner bank. LPL receives a flat fee for each new activated credit card that is used by the cardholder in the first 90 days. LPL also receives a portion of the transaction volume of the cardholder's account. LPL's portion of the transaction volume varies depending on the number of LPL active cardholder accounts.



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### Rollovers

If a client is a participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k) plan, and decides to roll assets out of the plan into the account, Advisor has a financial incentive to recommend that the client invest those assets in the account, because Advisor will be paid on those assets, for example, through advisory fees. You should be aware that such fees likely will be higher than those a participant pays through a plan, and there can be maintenance and other miscellaneous fees. As securities held in a retirement plan are generally not transferred to the account, commissions and sales charges will be charged when liquidating such securities prior to the transfer, in addition to commissions and sales charges previously paid on transactions in the plan.

### Other Clients

Client should understand that LPL and Advisor perform advisory and/or brokerage services for various other clients, and that LPL and Advisor may give advice or take actions for those other clients that differ from the advice given to the client. The timing and nature of any action taken for the account may also be different.

### Review of Accounts

LPL provides Advisor and clients with regular written reports regarding their accounts. LPL provides detailed performance information annually describing account performance and positions, with additional information available upon request. In addition, LPL transmits to clients account statements showing transactions, positions, and deposits and withdrawals of principal and income. Portfolio values and returns shown in performance reports for the year-end time period may include mutual fund dividends paid out prior to December 31 but that were posted to the account within the first 2 business days of the subsequent year. The inclusion of such dividends in the year-end performance report may cause discrepancies between the report and the account statement client receives from LPL for the same period.

### Other Compensation

LPL and LPL employees receive additional compensation from product sponsors. Such compensation may not be tied to the sales of any products or services. Compensation includes such items as gifts valued at less than \$100 annually, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connection with educational meetings or marketing or advertising initiatives. Product sponsors may also pay for, or reimburse LPL for the costs associated with, education or training events that may be attended by LPL employees and for LPL-sponsored conferences and events.

LPL employees provide sales support resources to IARs of Advisor that use LPL advisory programs. The compensation that LPL pays to these employees varies based on the assets in LPL's different advisory programs. These employees have an incentive to promote OMP to IARs of Advisor over other advisory programs.

LPL receives compensation in the form of earnings on its short-term investment of cash in program accounts prior to the time the cash is invested for the account. These earnings are generally known as "float." Cash in the account would typically result from contributions to the account or sales of securities in the account. For accounts that opt out of the sweep program, the accounts may remain in free credit balances. In such case, LPL receives compensation in the form of earnings on cash. LPL does not share this compensation with your IAR.

In the event a trade error occurs in the Account, and such error is determined to be caused by LPL, LPL typically will cancel the trade and remove the resulting monetary loss to the client from the account. If a trade correction is required as a result of client (e.g., if client does not make full payment for purchases or fails to deliver negotiable securities for liquidations before trade settlement), LPL typically will cancel the trade and any resulting monetary loss will be borne by the client. In the case of a trade that requires a correction as described above and that resulted in a monetary gain to the client, such gain will be removed from the account and can result in a financial benefit to LPL.

### Financial Information and Custody

LPL is a qualified custodian as defined in Rule 206(4)-2 under Advisers Act and maintains custody of OMP client funds and securities in a separate account for each client under the client's name. LPL as a qualified custodian sends account statements showing all



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transactions, positions, and all deposits and withdrawals of principal and income. LPL sends account statements monthly when the account has had activity or quarterly if there has been no activity. Clients should carefully review those account statements.

### Brokerage Practices

In OMP, LPL requires that clients direct LPL as the sole and exclusive broker-dealer to execute transactions in the account. Clients should understand that not all advisors or program sponsors require their clients to direct brokerage. However, clients should understand that LPL is not paid a commission for executing transactions in OMP accounts and execution is made at the net asset value of the mutual fund. Although LPL is not paid a commission for transactions in the account, LPL charges a \$5 transaction charge for each transaction. Because LPL bears costs for each transaction made in an account, this presents a conflict of interest because these costs may be a factor LPL considers when deciding which securities to select and whether or not to place transactions in an account. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by compensating the team responsible for directing the trades through a bonus based on the performance of the portfolios; therefore, the team is not incentivized by cost reduction.

LPL will aggregate transactions for a client with other clients. LPL also will aggregate rebalancing transactions for an account with other program accounts. Due to the large number of accounts that may be involved in rebalancing transactions on a single day, LPL may effect transactions for some accounts on one day and for other accounts on the following day or days. In such case, LPL will have discretion to sequence the accounts involved in rebalancing transactions with the goal of treating all accounts equitably over time.

### ERISA Disclosure

LPL provides advisory services under the program as an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. To the extent that LPL has or exercises discretionary authority under the Account Agreement with respect to the management of assets of (or otherwise provides "investment advice" under the Account Agreement as defined under Section 3(21) of ERISA to) a Plan subject to ERISA, LPL will be deemed a "fiduciary" as such term is defined under Section 3(21) of ERISA with respect to such advisory services. Unless specifically agreed to in writing, LPL does not serve as an "investment manager," as such term is defined under Section 3(38) of ERISA.

### Brochure Supplements

Accompanying this Brochure are Brochure Supplements for individual employees or officers of LPL. Note that although these individuals are responsible for investment advice provided by LPL, they are not responsible for the ongoing individualized investment advice provided to a particular client. For more information about the Advisor, client should refer to the Advisor's Firm Brochure, which should have been provided at the time client opened the account. If client did not receive Advisor's Firm Brochure, the client should contact the Advisor.



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These Brochure Supplements provide information about certain LPL employees or officers that supplements the LPL Financial Brochure that is attached to these Brochure Supplements. Please contact LPL Financial at the number above if you did not receive the LPL Financial Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of these Brochure Supplements. You may also contact your LPL investment advisor representative with questions.

Additional information about these LPL employees or officers is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

Note that although these LPL employees or officers included in these Brochure Supplements are responsible for investment advice provided by LPL they are not the IARs responsible for the ongoing individualized investment advice provided to a particular client. For more information about the IAR managing the account, client should refer to the Brochure Supplement for the IAR, which should have been provided by the IAR along with the LPL Financial Brochure and these Brochure Supplements at the time client opened the account. If client did not receive a Brochure Supplement for the IAR, the client should contact the IAR or LPL at [lpfinancial.adv@lpl.com](mailto:lpfinancial.adv@lpl.com).

#### **Marc Andrew Zabicki**

##### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Marc Zabicki was born in 1966. He has a BS in Economics from Florida State University and he is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He is a Senior Vice President and Director of Research for LPL Research and has been with the firm since 2020. Prior to joining LPL, he was Chief Investment Officer at Bower Hill Capital Management.

##### **Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

##### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Zabicki is a registered representative of LPL. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although Mr. Zabicki is a registered representative of LPL, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

##### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Zabicki receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus as a member of the LPL Research team. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor





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certain portfolios over others. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### **Supervision**

Mr. Zabicki is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs, and he reports up to Burt White, Managing Director, Investor and Investment Solutions and Chief Investment Officer. The advice provided by Mr. Zabicki also is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer – Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The telephone number for the Advisory Compliance Department is 1-800-877-7210.

### **Ryan Edward Detrick**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Ryan Edward Detrick was born in 1978. He has a BA in Finance from Xavier University and an MBA from Miami University. He is a Senior Vice President and Chief Market Strategist for LPL Research and has been with the firm since 2016. Prior to joining LPL, he was a portfolio manager at Haberer RIA.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Detrick is a registered representative of LPL. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although Mr. Detrick is a registered representative of LPL, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Detrick receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus as a member of the LPL Research team. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### **Supervision**

Mr. Detrick reports up to Mr. Zabicki, who as the Director of Research of LPL, is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Gilbert also is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer – Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The telephone number for the Advisory Compliance Department is 1-800-877-7210.

### **Jason Hoody**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Jason Hoody was born in 1975. He has a BS in Political Science from Clarkson University, an MA in International Affairs from American University, an MS in Finance from Johns Hopkins University, and is a CFA charterholder. He is a Vice President in Research at LPL and joined LPL in 2015. Prior to joining LPL, he was a Vice President at BB&T and an analyst at KPMG.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.



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### **Other Business Activities**

There are no other business activities to disclose in response to this item.

### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Hoody receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus as a member of the LPL Research team. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### **Supervision**

Mr. Hoody reports up to Mr. Zabicki, who as the Director of Research of LPL, is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Hoody also is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer – Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The telephone number for the Advisory Compliance Department is 1-800-877-7210.

### **Benjamin Lawrence Hargett**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Benjamin Lawrence Hargett was born in 1974. He has a BS in Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and an MBA from Wake Forest University. He is an Assistant Vice President for LPL Research and has been with the firm since 2015. Prior to joining LPL, he held investment analyst and portfolio manager positions at Wells Fargo.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Hargett is a registered representative of LPL. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although Mr. Hargett is a registered representative of LPL, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Hargett receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus as a member of the LPL Research team. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

### **Supervision**

Mr. Hargett reports up to Mr. Zabicki, who as the Director of Research of LPL, is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by Mr. Gilbert also is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer – Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The telephone number for the Advisory Compliance Department is 1-800-877-7210.



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### **Jeffrey Alan Buchbinder**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Jeffrey Alan Buchbinder was born in 1971. He has a BA in Economics from Northwestern University and an MBA from Duke University. He is a Vice President, Equity Strategist and Portfolio Manager for LPL Financial Research and has been with the firm since 2003. Prior to joining LPL, he served as an Equity Research Associate at Sanford C. Bernstein. Prior to Bernstein, he was an Equity Research Associate at Deutsche Bank.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Buchbinder is a registered representative of LPL. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although Mr. Buchbinder is a registered representative of LPL, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Buchbinder receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus as a member of the LPL Research team. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.

#### **Supervision**

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### **Barry Seth Gilbert**

#### **Educational Background and Business Experience**

Barry Seth Gilbert was born in 1967. He has a BA in Philosophy from Haverford College, an MA from the Pennsylvania State University, and a PhD from Boston University. He is a Vice President and Portfolio Manager for LPL Research and has been with the firm since 2013. Prior to joining LPL, he taught at Harvard University.

#### **Disciplinary Information**

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

#### **Other Business Activities**

Mr. Gilbert is a registered representative of LPL. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although Mr. Gilbert is a registered representative of LPL, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### **Additional Compensation**

Mr. Gilbert receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus as a member of the LPL Research team. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor



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### Supervision

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### Ben Welch

#### Educational Background and Business Experience

Ben Welch was born in 1980. He has a BS from the University at Buffalo, and he is a CFA charterholder. He is Executive Vice President of Trading at LPL and joined LPL in 2020. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Welch worked for TD Ameritrade as Managing Director, Institutional Trading & Technology and previously Managing Director, Product Management.

#### Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

#### Other Business Activities

Mr. Welch is a registered representative of LPL. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although Mr. Welch is a registered representative of LPL, he does not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### Additional Compensation

Mr. Welch receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus.

### Supervision

As Executive Vice President of Trading, Mr. Welch is responsible for trade execution in LPL's advisory programs, subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer – Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The telephone number for the Advisory Compliance Department is 1-800-877-7210.

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