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### **FORM ADV PART 2A BROCHURE**

This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, contact us at 561-801-7302. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC (IARD#: 161131) is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC is a registered investment adviser. Registration with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or any state securities authority does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

## Item 2 Material Changes

Form ADV Part 2 requires registered investment advisers to amend their brochure when information becomes materially inaccurate. If there are any material changes to an adviser's disclosure brochure, the adviser is required to notify you and provide you with a description of the material changes.

Since our last annual updating amendment, dated March 20, 2020, we have made the following material changes:

- Item 14 has been updated to reflect updates to Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC's referral arrangements.
- Alyson Kest has been identified as the Firm's Chief Compliance Officer.
- Item 6 has been updated to disclose our performance-based fee arrangements.
- Item 15 has been updated to explain our different forms of custody.

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## **Item 4 Advisory Business**

### **Description of Firm**

Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC is a registered investment adviser based in Wellington, FL. We are organized as a limited liability company ("LLC") under the laws of the State of Florida. We have been providing investment advisory services since November 2011. The direct owner of Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC is Spearhead Strategic Partners, LLC.

The owners of the beneficial interests of Spearhead Strategic Partners, LLC are:

1. New Vernon Financial, LLC: owns 30%
2. Abstrum Partners, LLC: owns 30%
3. Fieldstone II, LLC: owns 30%
4. SATM Holdings, LLC: owns 10%

The following paragraphs describe our services and fees. Refer to the description of each investment advisory service listed below for information on how we tailor our advisory services to your individual needs. As used in this brochure, the words "we," "our," and "us" refer to Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC and the words "you," "your," and "client" refer to you as either a client or prospective client of our firm.

### **Types of Advisory Services**

In all of our advisory services we offer advice on equity securities, corporate debt securities, United States government securities and private funds. Additionally, we may advise you on various types of investments based on your stated goals and objectives. We may also provide advice on any type of investment held in your portfolio at the inception of our advisory relationship.

Since our investment strategies and advice are based on each client's specific financial situation, the investment advice we provide to you may be different or conflicting with the advice we give to other clients regarding the same security or investment.

### **Private Fund Management**

#### Insurance Dedicated Funds

We are the Investment Manager to various insurance dedicated funds ("IDF"). An IDF may operate as one or more private investment funds each being organized as a designated series (each a "Fund"). Each Fund managed by us will have its own set of investment objectives and strategy. We may select and retain Sub-Advisors to directly manage all Funds consistent with the Fund's objective and strategy and subject to our oversight. The IDFs are solely offered to segregated asset accounts of insurance companies established for the owners of private placement variable life insurance contracts or private placement variable annuity contracts. We may also set up the offering docs around a Fund. We do not provide legal advice but only provide documents to be reviewed by outside counsel. The retainer fee is reimbursed by the Fund if the Fund gets funded.

Each Fund will have the ability to invest globally in speculative investments utilizing a variety of financial vehicles, including without limitation, funds, private investment vehicles, hedge funds, stocks, bonds, pools, warrants, options, preferred and convertible debt and equity, real estate and any other investments which may be legally invested in by the Fund under applicable law.

The investment strategy applicable to investments in all Funds is to seek capital preservation or capital appreciation. The IDFs intend to diversify the investment objective and strategies among the various Funds by selecting Sub-Advisors for each Fund who utilize different investment strategies or who focus on different asset classes. Investors in the Funds may not impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities.

Prospective investors will be provided with a Private Placement memorandum which includes a full description of the IDF.

#### Life Settlements Fund

We are the Investment Manager to a Life Settlements Fund ("LS Fund"). The LS Fund is offered only to accredited investors. The LS Fund's investment program is focused on the purchase of in-force U.S.-issued life insurance policies in the secondary and tertiary markets for life insurance; however, the Fund is authorized to invest in other longevity-linked assets. The LS Fund invests substantially all of its available capital in policies that can be deemed to be highly speculative.

While the Investment Manager will attempt to control risk through the diversification of the policies, it purchases for the Portfolio(s), any risk management techniques utilized by the Investment Manager cannot provide any assurances that the Fund will not be exposed to the risk of significant investment losses.

Prospective investors will be provided with a Private Placement memorandum which includes a full description of the LS Fund.

#### **Advanced Wealth Planning**

We provide Advanced Wealth Planning services, which are designed to enable clients with substantial wealth to receive a comprehensive view of their overall wealth, how that wealth is protected and being maximized to meet current and future goals and how the structure around the client's wealth is being proactively monitored. For Advanced Wealth Planning clients, our goal is to design, implement and monitor the client's overall "structure". Clients may receive some or all of the Advanced Wealth Planning services. We do not, however, manage client planning assets directly, but work with other investment management firms and Registered Investment Advisors who directly manage the client planning assets.

#### **Investment Consulting Services**

We provide the client with Investment Consulting Services ("ICS"), which may include the strategic organization, structure and management of assets, and the coordination and selection of other professionals. As appropriate, ICS may also include assisting the client with one or more of the following: Income Analysis/Cash Flow/Budget Analysis; Asset Allocation; Retirement Needs Analysis/Planning; Family Continuity Planning; Estate Planning and Trustee Oversight; Integrated Tax and Financial Planning; Lifestyle Management; High Value Automobile Management; Equestrian Asset Management; Family Philanthropy, Risk Management; and Next Generation Education.

#### **Portfolio Management Services**

We offer discretionary and non-discretionary portfolio management services. If you participate in our discretionary portfolio management services, we require you to grant us discretionary authority to manage your account. Subject to a grant of discretionary authorization, we have the authority and responsibility to formulate investment strategies on your behalf. We may allocate to both Liquid Market Solutions (such as Stocks, Bonds or Funds) and Illiquid Market Solutions (such as Alternatives, Private Equity or Hedge Funds) in order to effectuate the portfolio design. Discretionary authorization will allow us to determine the specific securities, and the amount of securities, to be purchased or sold for your account without obtaining your approval prior to each transaction. We will also have discretion over the

broker or dealer to be used for securities transactions, and over the commission rates to be paid. Discretionary authority is typically granted by the investment advisory agreement you sign with our firm, a power of attorney, or trading authorization forms. You may limit our discretionary authority (for example, limiting the types of securities that can be purchased or sold for your account) by providing our firm with your restrictions and guidelines in writing. If you enter into non-discretionary arrangements with our firm, we will provide regular and ongoing advisory services, however we must obtain your approval prior to executing any transactions on behalf of your account. This includes making investment recommendations based upon your specific needs and overseeing the recommendations of other third-party advisors/managers. You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis. Once an investment recommendation or an investment account is accepted and agreed to by you, we will arrange or effect such investment (or coordinate and oversee the arrangement through a third-party advisor).

### **Selection of Other Advisers**

We may recommend that you use the services of a third party money manager ("TPMM") to manage all, or a portion of, your investment portfolio. After gathering information about your financial situation and objectives, we may recommend that you engage a specific TPMM or investment program. Factors that we take into consideration when making our recommendation(s) include, but are not limited to, the following: the TPMM's performance, methods of analysis, fees, your financial needs, investment goals, risk tolerance, and investment objectives. We will monitor the TPMM(s)'s performance to ensure its management and investment style remains aligned with your investment goals and objectives.

### **Wrap Fee Program(s)**

Effective January 2020, the firm no longer offers a Wrap Fee Program to new clients.

We are a portfolio manager to and sponsor of a wrap fee program ("Program"), which is a type of investment program that provides clients with access to several money managers or mutual fund asset allocation models for a single fee that includes administrative fees, management fees, and commissions. Participants in the Wrap Fee Program pay our firm a single fee, which includes our money management fees, certain transaction costs, and custodial and administrative costs. We receive a portion of the wrap fee for our services. The overall cost you will incur if you participate in our wrap fee program may be higher or lower than you might incur by separately purchasing the types of securities available in the program.

In general, we manage wrap fee accounts on a discretionary basis. Wrap fee accounts are typically more appropriate for active accounts and are managed accordingly. For more information concerning the Wrap Fee Program, see *Appendix 1* to this Brochure.

### **Assets Under Management**

As of December 31, 2020, we provide continuous management services for \$1,068,251,548 in client assets on a discretionary basis, and \$254,967,979 in client assets on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

Spearhead shall price its services based upon various objective and subjective factors. As a result, Spearhead's clients could pay diverse fees based upon the market value of their assets, the complexity of the engagement, individualized negotiations between the parties and the level and scope of the overall investment advisory services to be rendered. As a result of these factors, similarly situated clients could pay diverse fees, and the services to be provided by Spearhead to any particular client could be available from other advisers at lower fees. All clients and prospective clients will be guided accordingly.

**Private Fund Management Fees**

We receive an Investment Management fee from each Series of the Insurance Dedicated Funds ("IDFs"). The fee is charged for the investment management of the Series. We may also charge a retainer for setting up the offering docs around a Fund. The Investment Management Fee is calculated and accrued monthly and payable monthly in arrears. The Investment Management Fee may vary from Series to Series and/or from Class of Interest to Class of Interest but, in general, is between 0.08% to 0.25% per annum on the Net Asset Value of the Fund. Any subadvisory fees are paid by the Fund out of its Total Investment Management Fee. The Total Investment Management Fee may vary from Series to Series and/or from Class of Interest to Class of Interest. For full details, qualified purchasers should review the Funds' Private Placement Memorandum in its entirety.

We receive an Investment Management fee from LS Fund. The fee is 2% of the LS Fund's commitment value per annum during the initial term, and 2% of the Fund's Net Asset Value during the extension period (if exercised). The fee is payable quarterly in advance payable on the first business day of each calendar quarter. The LS Fund's general partner affiliate Spearhead LS GP, LLC receives carried interest of 10% on any of the LS Fund's profits. The fee is payable upon the sale of any policies or portfolios or any maturities of the underlying policies that create a profit for the fund.

The IDFs and LS Fund (together, the "Funds") will pay all of their respective organizational expenses in connection with the initial offering. The Funds will pay all of their ordinary and extraordinary expenses, which may include, without limitation, legal, bookkeeping, accounting, auditing, recordkeeping, administration, computer and clerical expenses (including expenses incurred in preparing reports and tax information to the Members and expenses for specialized administrative services); printing and duplication expenses; investment related travel expenses, investment research expenses, market data, newswire and data processing expenses; software and connectivity charges; brokerage commissions, bank charges, custody fees and borrowing costs; exchange, board of trade or other trading or execution facility membership or participation expenses; the expenses of the offering of Interests and filing fees; directors' and officers' liability insurance; filing fees and other expenses relating to the preparation and filing of regulatory reports; investment and operating expenses; and such other expenses necessary to perform the operation of the Funds as determined by the Manager in its sole discretion. The Funds will also pay any extraordinary expenses incurred (including, without limitation, taxes, indemnification costs, litigation costs, trade errors or damages).

All expenses noted above incurred by the Manager, the Investment Manager and/or the Funds Sub-Advisor (where applicable) in connection with the exercise of its duties to the Funds are paid or reimbursed by the Funds. All fees assessed to the Funds are fully disclosed to investors in each Fund's Private Placement Memorandum and in Investor Subscription documents.

The Funds are responsible for the payment of all third party fees (i.e., custodian fees, brokerage fees, mutual fund fees, transaction fees, etc.). Those fees are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by us. Please see Item 12 of this brochure regarding broker/custodian.

**Advanced Wealth Planning Fees**

Fees associated with Advanced Wealth Planning services are negotiable and vary from client to client based on the particular facts and circumstances. Fees range from 10 to 100 basis points per annum (0.10% to 1.00%) on Assets Under Advisement and/or an annual retainer up to \$500,000 per annum. We may also charge an initial fee up to \$100,000. We may be compensated directly from Clients or from other Registered Investment Advisors. We reserve the right in our sole discretion to modify or negotiate fees associated with Advanced Wealth Planning Services as circumstances may dictate.

We collect Advanced Wealth Planning fees quarterly in advance via invoice.

Extraordinary and out-of-pocket expenses for travel, meals and lodging incurred by us while providing Advanced Wealth Planning services will be billed to you separately. Any expected expenses to be reimbursed by you which are greater than \$2,000 require prior approval by you. Aggregate extraordinary or out-of-pocket expenses greater than \$5,000 per quarter will also require prior approval by you.

You may terminate the Advanced Wealth Planning agreement by providing notice of termination to our firm in accordance with the terms of the agreement for services. If you have pre-paid advisory fees that we have not yet earned, you will receive a prorated refund of those fees.

### **Investment Consulting Services ("ICS")**

Fees associated with ICS range from 0.40% to 1.00% annually and are charged quarterly in arrears. This fee is based on the period end value of the account via invoice.

### **Portfolio Management Fees**

Portfolio Management fees are based on a percentage of the assets in the client's accounts and typically range from 0.15% to 1.15% annually; however, accounts placed in tailor-made, higher-risk, or esoteric portfolios may be charged a fee up to 1.50% annually. We reserve the right in our sole discretion to modify or negotiate portfolio management fees as circumstances may dictate.

If a client has invested in a private fund through our affiliated broker dealer, and the broker dealer has been compensated for the investment in the fund, we will not charge a portfolio management fee on those assets.

We will deduct our fee directly from your account through the qualified custodian holding your funds and securities. We will deduct our advisory fee only when you have given our firm written authorization permitting the fees to be paid directly from your account. Further, the qualified custodian will deliver an account statement to you at least quarterly. These account statements will show all disbursements from your account. You should review all statements for accuracy.

As an alternative to your fee being based on assets under management, we may charge a flat fixed fee for some types of portfolio management services. The fee is negotiable depending upon the complexity and scope of the plan, your financial situation, and your objectives. We do not require you to pay fees six or more months in advance. Such a fee will be billed quarterly and may be billed either in arrears or in advance, depending on the needs of the client.

### **Selection of Other Advisers**

Advisory fees charged by TPMMs are separate and apart from our advisory fees. Assets managed by TPMMs will be included in calculating our advisory fee, which is based on the fee schedule set forth in the *Portfolio Management Services* section in this brochure. Advisory fees that you pay to the TPMM are established and payable in accordance with the brochure provided by each TPMM to whom you are referred. These fees may or may not be negotiable. You should review the recommended TPMM's brochure and take into consideration the TPMM's fees along with our fees to determine the total amount of fees associated with this program.



## **Wrap Fee Program**

Effective January 2020, the firm no longer offers a Wrap Fee Program to new clients. However, we serve as the sponsor and portfolio manager to a wrap fee program ("Program") for legacy investors in the Program. A wrap-fee program is a type of investment program that provides clients with asset management and brokerage services for one all-inclusive fee. The overall cost clients incur when participating in a wrap fee program may be higher or lower than might be incurred by separately purchasing the types of securities and services available in the Program. For more information concerning the Program, see *Appendix 1* to this Brochure.

## **On-boarding Fees**

Clients may be charged an initial one-time on-boarding fee. The fee is negotiable and based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the complexity of the client's estate and/or affiliated entities, the number of accounts to be transitioned, increased operational, legal, or regulatory obligations.

## **Additional Fees and Expenses**

As part of our investment advisory services to you, we may invest, or recommend that you invest, in mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. The fees that you pay to our firm for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by mutual funds or exchange-traded funds (described in each fund's prospectus) to their shareholders. These fees will generally include a management fee and other fund expenses. You will also incur transaction charges and/or brokerage fees when purchasing or selling securities. These charges and fees are typically imposed by the broker-dealer or custodian through whom your account transactions are executed. We do not share in any portion of the brokerage fees/transaction charges imposed by the broker-dealer or custodian. To fully understand the total cost you will incur, you should review all the fees charged by mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, our firm, and others. For information on our brokerage practices, refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section of this brochure.

## **Compensation for the Sale of Securities or Other Investment Products**

Some persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are registered representatives with Spearhead Capital, LLC, a securities broker-dealer, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. In their capacity as registered representatives, these persons will receive commission-based compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. Compensation earned by these persons in their capacities as registered representatives is separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm who are registered representatives have an incentive to effect securities transactions for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs. You are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase securities products through any person affiliated with our firm.

Some persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed as independent insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products they sell to you. Insurance commissions earned by these persons are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm who are insurance agents have an incentive to recommend insurance products to you for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs. You are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through any person affiliated with our firm.

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

We accept performance based fees (carried interest of 10%) in connection with our management of Spearhead LS Facility, LLC (the "LS Fund"). Performance based fees are fees based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of a client's account, and are charged to "qualified clients" having a net worth greater than \$2,100,000 or for whom we manage at least \$1,000,000 immediately after entering an agreement for our services. Performance based fees create conflicts of interest, which we have identified and describe in the following paragraphs.

Performance-based fees create an incentive for our firm to make investments that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case absent a performance fee arrangement. In order to address this potential conflict of interest, a senior officer of our firm periodically reviews client accounts to ensure that investments are suitable and that the account is being managed according to the client's investment objectives and risk tolerance.

Performance-based fees may also create an incentive for our firm to overvalue investments which lack a market quotation. In order to address such conflict, we have adopted policies and procedures that require our firm to "fairly value" any investments, which do not have a readily ascertainable value.

The fee is payable upon the sale of any policies or portfolios or any maturities of the underlying policies that create a profit for the fund. Apart from that, we do not accept performance-based fees or participate in side-by-side management. Our fees are calculated as described in the Fees and Compensation section above and are not charged on the basis of a share of capital gains upon, or capital appreciation of, the funds in your advisory account, except as provided above with regard to the LS Fund.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

We offer investment advisory services to individuals, including high net worth individuals, pooled investment vehicles (other than investment companies) and insurance companies.

In general, we require a minimum of \$5,000,000 to open and maintain an advisory account. At our discretion, we may waive this minimum account size. For example, we may waive the minimum if you appear to have significant potential for increasing your assets under our management.

We may also combine account values for you and your minor children, joint accounts with your spouse, and other types of related accounts to meet the stated minimum.

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

### **Our Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies**

We may use one or more of the following methods of analysis or investment strategies when providing investment advice to you:

**Charting Analysis** - involves the gathering and processing of price and volume pattern information for a particular security, sector, broad index or commodity. The resulting pattern and correlation data is used to detect departures from expected performance and diversification and predict future price movements and trends.

**Risk:** Our charting analysis may not accurately detect anomalies or predict future price movements. Current prices of securities may reflect all information known about the security and day-to-day changes in market prices of securities may follow random patterns and may not be predictable with any reliable degree of accuracy.

**Technical Analysis** - involves studying past price patterns, trends and interrelationships in the financial markets to assess risk-adjusted performance and predict the direction of both the overall market and specific securities.

**Risk:** The risk of technical analysis is that our analysis may not accurately detect anomalies or predict future price movements. Current prices of securities may not reflect all information known about the security and day-to-day changes in market prices of securities may follow random patterns and may not be predictable with any reliable degree of accuracy.

**Fundamental Analysis** - involves analyzing individual companies and their industry groups, such as a company's financial statements, details regarding the company's product line, the experience and expertise of the company's management, and the outlook for the company and its industry. The resulting data is used to measure the true value of the company's stock compared to the current market value.

**Risk:** The risk of fundamental analysis is that information obtained may be incorrect and the analysis may not provide an accurate estimate of earnings, which may be the basis for a stock's value. If securities prices adjust rapidly to new information, utilizing fundamental analysis may not result in favorable performance.

**Cyclical Analysis** - a type of technical analysis that involves evaluating recurring price patterns and trends. Economic/business cycles may not be predictable and may have many fluctuations between long-term expansions and contractions.

**Risk:** The lengths of economic cycles may be difficult to predict with accuracy and therefore the risk of cyclical analysis is the difficulty in predicting economic trends and consequently the changing value of securities that would be affected by these changing trends.

**Modern Portfolio Theory** - a theory of investment which attempts to maximize portfolio expected return for a given amount of portfolio risk, or equivalently minimize risk for a given level of expected return, by carefully diversifying the proportions of various assets.

**Risk:** Market risk is that part of a security's risk that is common to all securities of the same general class (stocks and bonds) and thus cannot be eliminated by diversification.

**Long-Term Purchases** - securities purchased with the expectation that the value of those securities will grow over a relatively long period of time, generally greater than one year.

**Risk:** Using a long-term purchase strategy generally assumes the financial markets will go up in the long-term which may not be the case. There is also the risk that the segment of the market that you are invested in or perhaps just your particular investment will go down over time even if the overall financial markets advance. Purchasing investments long-term may create an opportunity cost - "locking-up" assets that may be better utilized in the short-term in other investments.

**Short-Term Purchases** - securities purchased with the expectation that they will be sold within a relatively short period of time, generally less than one year, to take advantage of the securities' short-term price fluctuations.

**Risk:** Using a short-term purchase strategy generally assumes that we can predict how financial markets will perform in the short-term which may be very difficult and will incur a disproportionately higher amount of transaction costs compared to long-term trading. There are many factors that can affect financial market performance in the short-term (such as short-term interest rate changes, cyclical earnings announcements, etc.) but may have a smaller impact over longer periods of times.

**Short Sales** - Unlike a straightforward investment in stocks where you buy shares with the expectation that their price will increase so you can sell at a profit, in a "short sale" you borrow stocks from your brokerage firm and sell them immediately, hoping to buy them later at a lower price. Thus, a short seller hopes that the price of a stock will go down in the near future. A short seller thus uses declines in the market to his advantage. The short seller makes money when the stock prices fall and loses when prices go up. The SEC has strict regulations in place regarding short selling.

**Risk:** Short selling is very risky. Investors should exercise extreme caution before short selling is implemented. A short seller will profit if the stock goes down in price, but if the price of the shares increase, the potential losses are unlimited because the stock can keep rising forever. There is no ceiling on how much a short seller can lose in a trade. The share price may keep going up and the short seller will have to pay whatever the prevailing stock price is to buy back the shares. However, gains have a ceiling level because the stock price cannot fall below zero.

**Risk:** A short seller has to undertake to pay the earnings on the borrowed securities as long as the short seller chooses to keep the short position open. If the company declares huge dividends or issues bonus shares, the short seller will have to pay that amount to the lender. Any such occurrence can skew the entire short investment and make it unprofitable. The broker can use the funds in the short seller's margin account to buy back the loaned shares or issue a "call away" to get the short seller to return the borrowed securities. If the broker makes this call when the stock price is much higher than the price at the time of the short sale, then the investor can end up taking huge losses.

**Risk:** Margin interest can be a significant expense. Since short sales can only be undertaken in margin accounts, the interest payable on short trades can be substantial, especially if short positions are kept open over an extended period.

**Risk:** Shares that are difficult to borrow - because of high short interest, limited float, or any other reason - have "hard-to-borrow" fees. These fees are based on an annualized rate that can range from a small fraction of a percent to more than 100% of the value of the short trade. The hard-to-borrow rate can fluctuate substantially on a daily basis; therefore, the exact dollar amount of the fee may not be known in advance, and may be substantial.

**Margin Transactions** - a securities transaction in which an investor borrows money to purchase a security, in which case the security serves as collateral on the loan.

**Risk:** If the value of the shares drops sufficiently, the investor will be required to either deposit more cash into the account or sell a portion of the stock in order to maintain the margin requirements of the account. This is known as a "margin call." An investor's overall risk includes the amount of money invested plus the amount that was loaned to them.

**Option Writing** - a securities transaction that involves selling an option. An option is a contract that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell a particular security at a specified price on or before the expiration date of the option. When an investor sells an option, he or she must deliver to the buyer a specified number of shares if the buyer exercises the option. The option writer/seller receives a premium (the market price of the option at a particular time) in exchange for writing the option.

**Risk:** Options are complex investments and can be very risky, especially if the investor does not own the underlying stock. In certain situations, an investor's risk can be unlimited.

Our investment strategies and advice may vary depending upon each client's specific financial situation. As such, we determine investments and allocations based upon your predefined objectives, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial information, liquidity needs and other various suitability factors. Your restrictions and guidelines may affect the composition of your portfolio. **It is important that you notify us immediately with respect to any material changes to your financial circumstances, including for example, a change in your current or expected income level, tax circumstances, or employment status.**

### **Tax Considerations**

Our strategies and investments may have unique and significant tax implications. However, unless we specifically agree otherwise, and in writing, tax efficiency is not our primary consideration in the management of your assets. Regardless of your account size or any other factors, we strongly recommend that you consult with a tax professional regarding the investing of your assets.

Custodians and broker-dealers must report the cost basis of equities acquired in client accounts. Your custodian will default to the First-In First-Out ("FIFO") accounting method for calculating the cost basis of your investments. You are responsible for contacting your tax advisor to determine if this accounting method is the right choice for you. If your tax advisor believes another accounting method is more advantageous, provide written notice to our firm immediately and we will alert your account custodian of your individually selected accounting method. Decisions about cost basis accounting methods will need to be made before trades settle, as the cost basis method cannot be changed after settlement.

### **Risk of Loss**

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that you should be prepared to bear. We do not represent or guarantee that our services or methods of analysis can or will predict future results, successfully identify market tops or bottoms, or insulate clients from losses due to market corrections or declines. We cannot offer any guarantees or promises that your financial goals and objectives will be met. Past performance is in no way an indication of future performance.

### **Recommendation of Particular Types of Securities**

We recommend various types of securities and we do not primarily recommend one particular type of security over another since each client has different needs and different tolerance for risk. Each type of security has its own unique set of risks associated with it and it would not be possible to list here all of the specific risks of every type of investment. Even within the same type of investment, risks can vary widely. However, in very general terms, the higher the anticipated return of an investment, the higher the risk of loss associated with the investment. A description of the types of securities we may recommend to you and some of their inherent risks are provided below.

**Certificates of Deposit:** Certificates of deposit ("CDs") are generally a safe type of investment since they are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company ("FDIC") up to a certain amount. However, because the returns are generally low, there is risk that inflation outpaces the return of the

CD. Certain CDs are traded in the market place and not purchased directly from a banking institution. In addition to trading risk, when CDs are purchased at a premium, the premium is not covered by the FDIC.

**Money Market Funds:** A money market fund is technically a security. The fund managers attempt to keep the share price constant at \$1/share. However, there is no guarantee that the share price will stay at \$1/share. If the share price goes down, you can lose some or all of your principal. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") notes that "While investor losses in money market funds have been rare, they are possible." In return for this risk, you should earn a greater return on your cash than you would expect from a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured savings account (money market funds are not FDIC insured). Next, money market fund rates are variable. In other words, you do not know how much you will earn on your investment next month. The rate could go up or go down. If it goes up, that may result in a positive outcome. However, if it goes down and you earn less than you expected to earn, you may end up needing more cash. A final risk you are taking with money market funds has to do with inflation. Because money market funds are considered to be safer than other investments like stocks, long-term average returns on money market funds tends to be less than long term average returns on riskier investments. Over long periods of time, inflation can eat away at your returns

**Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds:** Mutual funds and exchange traded funds ("ETF") are professionally managed collective investment systems that pool money from many investors and invest in stocks, bonds, short-term money market instruments, other mutual funds, other securities, or any combination thereof. The fund will have a manager that trades the fund's investments in accordance with the fund's investment objective. While mutual funds and ETFs generally provide diversification, risks can be significantly increased if the fund is concentrated in a particular sector of the market, primarily invests in small cap or speculative companies, uses leverage (i.e., borrows money) to a significant degree, or concentrates in a particular type of security (i.e., equities) rather than balancing the fund with different types of securities. ETFs differ from mutual funds since they can be bought and sold throughout the day like stock and their price can fluctuate throughout the day. The returns on mutual funds and ETFs can be reduced by the costs to manage the funds. Also, while some mutual funds are "no load" and charge no fee to buy into, or sell out of, the fund, other types of mutual funds do charge such fees which can also reduce returns. Mutual funds can also be "closed end" or "open end". So-called "open end" mutual funds continue to allow in new investors indefinitely whereas "closed end" funds have a fixed number of shares to sell which can limit their availability to new investors.

ETFs may have tracking error risks. For example, the ETF investment adviser may not be able to cause the ETF's performance to match that of its Underlying Index or other benchmark, which may negatively affect the ETF's performance. In addition, for leveraged and inverse ETFs that seek to track the performance of their Underlying Indices or benchmarks on a daily basis, mathematical compounding may prevent the ETF from correlating with performance of its benchmark. In addition, an ETF may not have investment exposure to all of the securities included in its Underlying Index, or its weighting of investment exposure to such securities may vary from that of the Underlying Index. Some ETFs may invest in securities or financial instruments that are not included in the Underlying Index, but which are expected to yield similar performance.

**Municipal Securities:** Municipal securities, while generally thought of as safe, can have significant risks associated with them including, but not limited to: the credit worthiness of the governmental entity that issues the bond; the stability of the revenue stream that is used to pay the interest to the bondholders; when the bond is due to mature; and, whether or not the bond can be "called" prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same amount of interest or yield to maturity.

**Bonds:** Corporate debt securities (or "bonds") are typically safer investments than equity securities, but their risk can also vary widely based on: the financial health of the issuer; the risk that the issuer might default; when the bond is set to mature; and, whether or not the bond can be "called" prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same rate of return.

**Stocks:** There are numerous ways of measuring the risk of equity securities (also known simply as "equities" or "stock"). In very broad terms, the value of a stock depends on the financial health of the company issuing it. However, stock prices can be affected by many other factors including, but not limited to the class of stock (for example, preferred or common); the health of the market sector of the issuing company; and, the overall health of the economy. In general, larger, better established companies ("large cap") tend to be safer than smaller start-up companies ("small cap") are but the mere size of an issuer is not, by itself, an indicator of the safety of the investment.

**Funds:** Private funds are illiquid investments. These types of investment are typically valued once every quarter. They may invest in stocks, bonds, or other investments, as described in the offering documents for the Fund. These are suitable only for Accredited or Qualified investors.

**Variable Annuities:** A variable annuity is a form of insurance where the seller or issuer (typically an insurance company) makes a series of future payments to a buyer (annuitant) in exchange for the immediate payment of a lump sum (single-payment annuity) or a series of regular payments (regular-payment annuity). The payment stream from the issuer to the annuitant has an unknown duration based principally upon the date of death of the annuitant. At this point, the contract will terminate and the remainder of the funds accumulated forfeited unless there are other annuitants or beneficiaries in the contract. Annuities can be purchased to provide income during retirement. Unlike fixed annuities that make payments in fixed amounts or in amounts that increase by a fixed percentage, variable annuities pay amounts that vary according to the performance of a specified set of investments, typically bond and equity mutual funds. Many variable annuities typically impose asset-based sales charges or surrender charges for withdrawals within a specified period. Variable annuities may impose a variety of fees and expenses, in addition to sales and surrender charges, such as mortality and expense risk charges; administrative fees; underlying fund expenses; and charges for special features, all of which can reduce the return. Earnings in a variable annuity do not provide all the tax advantages of 401(k)s and other before-tax retirement plans. Once the investor starts withdrawing money from their variable annuity, earnings are taxed at the ordinary income rate, rather than at the lower capital gains rates applied to other non-tax-deferred vehicles which are held for more than one year. Proceeds of most variable annuities do not receive a "step-up" in cost basis when the owner dies like stocks, bonds and mutual funds do. Some variable annuities offer "bonus credits." These are usually not free. In order to fund them, insurance companies typically impose mortality and expense charges and surrender charge periods. In an exchange of an existing annuity for a new annuity (so-called 1035 exchanges), the new variable annuity may have a lower contract value and a smaller death benefit; may impose new surrender charges or increase the period of time for which the surrender charge applies; may have higher annual fees; and provide another commission for the broker.

**Real Estate Investment Trust:** A real estate investment trust ("REIT") is a corporate entity which invests in real estate and/or engages in real estate financing. A REIT reduces or eliminates corporate income taxes. REITs can be publicly or privately held. Public REITs may be listed on public stock exchanges. REITs are required to declare 90% of their taxable income as dividends, but they actually pay dividends out of funds from operations, so cash flow has to be strong or the REIT must either dip into reserves, borrow to pay dividends, or distribute them in stock (which causes dilution). After 2012, the IRS stopped permitting stock dividends. Most REITs must refinance or erase large balloon debts periodically. The credit markets are no longer frozen, but banks are demanding, and getting, harsher

terms to re-extend REIT debt. Some REITs may be forced to make secondary stock offerings to repay debt, which will lead to additional dilution of the stockholders. Fluctuations in the real estate market can affect the REIT's value and dividends.

**Limited Partnerships:** A limited partnership is a financial affiliation that includes at least one general partner and a number of limited partners. The partnership invests in a venture, such as real estate development or oil exploration, for financial gain. The general partner has management authority and unlimited liability. The general partner runs the business and, in the event of bankruptcy, is responsible for all debts not paid or discharged. The limited partners have no management authority and their liability is limited to the amount of their capital commitment. Profits are divided between general and limited partners according to an arrangement formed at the creation of the partnership. The range of risks are dependent on the nature of the partnership and disclosed in the offering documents if privately placed. Publicly traded limited partnership have similar risk attributes to equities. However, like privately placed limited partnerships their tax treatment is under a different tax regime from equities. You should speak to your tax adviser in regard to their tax treatment.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

We are required to disclose the facts of any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's evaluation of our advisory business or the integrity of our management. We do not have any required disclosures under this item.

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

### **Registrations with Broker-Dealer**

Some persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are registered representatives with Spearhead Capital, LLC, a securities broker-dealer, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. See the *Fees and Compensation* section in this brochure for more information on the compensation received by registered representatives who are affiliated with our firm.

### **Registration as Commodity Pool Operator**

We are registered as a commodity pool operator with the National Futures Association ("NFA") effective June 19, 2014. Todd Walters and David Reynolds are registered with the NFA as associated persons of our firm.

### **Arrangements with Affiliated Entities**

#### ***Broker-Dealer***

We are affiliated with Spearhead Capital, LLC through common control and ownership. The affiliate is a securities broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Some persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are also registered representatives with our affiliate broker dealer. In their capacity as registered representatives, these persons will receive commission-based compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, including 12b-1 fees for the sale of investment company products. Compensation earned by these persons in their capacities as registered representatives is separate from our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm who are registered representatives have an incentive to effect securities transactions for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs.



### ***Insurance***

We are affiliated with Spearhead Capital, LLC through common control and ownership. Therefore, some persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm may be licensed as insurance agents. These persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products they sell to you. Insurance commissions earned by these persons are separate from our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm who are licensed insurance agents have an incentive to effect insurance transactions for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on your needs. See the *Fees and Compensation* section in this brochure for more information on the compensation received by insurance agents who are affiliated with our firm. This affiliated firm is otherwise regulated by the professional organizations to which it belongs and must comply with the rules of those organizations. These rules may prohibit paying or receiving referral fees to or from investment advisers that are not members of the same organization.

### ***Private Pooled Investment Vehicles***

We serve as advisers to Spearhead Insurance Solutions IDF, LLC, (the "IDF"), and Spearhead LS Facility, LLC (the "LS Fund"), private pooled investment vehicles in which you may be solicited to invest (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"). The IDF is offered to insurance companies who meet certain requirements under applicable state and/or federal securities laws. The LS Fund is offered to accredited investors. Investors to whom the Funds are offered will receive a private placement memorandum and other offering documents. The fees charged by the Funds are separate and apart from our advisory fees. You should refer to the offering documents for a complete description of the fees, investment objectives, risks and other relevant information associated with investing in the Funds. Persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm may have an incentive to recommend the Funds over other investments.

### ***Law Firm***

We are affiliated with Jarrett Bostwick through common control and ownership. If you require legal services, we will recommend that you use the services of our affiliate. Our advisory services are separate and distinct from the compensation paid to our affiliate for their services. This affiliated firm is otherwise regulated by the professional organizations to which it belongs and must comply with the rules of those organizations. These rules may prohibit paying or receiving referral fees to or from investment advisers that are not members of the same organization.

### ***Referral Arrangements***

Referral arrangements with an affiliated entity present a conflict of interest for us because we may have a direct or indirect financial incentive to recommend an affiliated firm's services. While we believe that compensation charged by an affiliated firm is competitive, such compensation may be higher than fees charged by other firms providing the same or similar services. You are under no obligation to use the services of any firm we recommend, whether affiliated or otherwise, and may obtain comparable services and/or lower fees through other firms.

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

### ***Description of Our Code of Ethics***

We strive to comply with applicable laws and regulations governing our practices. Therefore, our Code of Ethics includes guidelines for professional standards of conduct for persons associated with our firm. Our goal is to protect your interests at all times and to demonstrate our commitment to our fiduciary duties of honesty, good faith, and fair dealing with you. All persons associated with our firm are expected to adhere strictly to these guidelines. Persons associated with our firm are also required

to report any violations of our Code of Ethics. Additionally, we maintain and enforce written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse or dissemination of material, non-public information about you or your account holdings by persons associated with our firm.

Clients or prospective clients may obtain a copy of our Code of Ethics by contacting us at the telephone number on the cover page of this brochure.

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

We serve as advisors to the Funds, private pooled investment vehicles in which you may be solicited to invest. Persons associated with our firm may have significant investments in the Funds. If you are an investor in a Fund, refer to the Fund's offering documents for detailed disclosures regarding the Fund. Additionally, individuals associated with our firm may buy or sell - for their personal account(s) - investment products identical to those purchased by the Funds. This practice may create a conflict of interest because we have the ability to trade ahead of the Funds and potentially receive more favorable prices than the Funds will receive. To mitigate this conflict of interest, it is our policy that neither our firm nor persons associated with our firm shall have priority over the Fund in the purchase or sale of securities.

### **Personal Trading Practices**

Our firm or persons associated with our firm may buy or sell the same securities that we recommend to you or securities in which you are already invested. We may also combine our orders to purchase securities with your orders to purchase securities ("block trading"). Refer to the *Brokerage Practices* section in this brochure for information on our block trading practices. A conflict of interest exists in such cases because we have the ability to trade ahead of you and potentially receive more favorable prices than you will receive. To mitigate this conflict of interest, it is our policy that neither our firm nor persons associated with our firm shall have priority over your account in the purchase or sale of securities.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

We recommend the brokerage and custodial services of the Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (whether one or more "Custodian"). In all cases, the recommended Custodian is a securities broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. We believe that the recommended Custodian provides quality execution services for you at competitive prices. Price is not the sole factor we consider in evaluating best execution. Our selection of Custodian is based on many factors, including the level of services provided, the custodian's financial stability, and the cost of services provided by the custodian to our clients, which includes the yield on cash sweep choices, commissions, custody fees and other fees or expenses. We also consider the quality of the brokerage services provided by the Custodian, including the value of the Custodian's reputation, execution capabilities, commission rates, and responsiveness to our clients and our firm. In recognition of the value of the services the Custodian provides, you may pay higher commissions and/or trading costs than those that may be available elsewhere.

Your assets must be maintained in an account at a "qualified custodian," generally a broker-dealer or bank. We recommend that our clients use Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab"), a registered broker-dealer, a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, as the qualified custodian. We are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with Schwab. Schwab will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when instructed by the authorized party. While we recommend that you use Schwab as custodian/broker, you will decide whether to do so and will open your account with Schwab by entering into an account agreement directly with them. We do not open the account for you, although we may

assist you in doing so. Even though your account is maintained at Schwab, we can still use other brokers to execute trades for your account as described below (see "Your brokerage and custody costs").

### **How we select brokers/custodians**

We seek to select a custodian/broker that will hold your assets and execute transactions on terms that are, overall, most advantageous when compared with other available providers and their services.

We consider a wide range of factors, including:

- Combination of transaction execution services and asset custody services (generally without a separate fee for custody)
- Capability to execute, clear, and settle trades (buy and sell securities for your account)
- Capability to facilitate transfers and payments to and from accounts (wire transfers, check requests, bill payment, etc.)
- Breadth of available investment products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, etc.)
- Availability of investment research and tools that assist us in making investment decisions
- Quality of services
- Competitiveness of the price of those services (commission rates, margin interest rates, other fees, etc.) and willingness to negotiate the prices
- Reputation, financial strength, security and stability
- Prior service to us and our clients

### **Your brokerage and custody costs**

In addition to commissions and asset-based fees, your custodian may charge you a flat dollar amount as a "prime broker" or "trade away" fee for each trade that we have executed by a different broker-dealer but where the securities bought or the funds from the securities sold are deposited (settled) into your custodial account. These fees are in addition to the commissions or other compensation you pay the executing broker-dealer.

### **Hard Dollar Benefits**

The availability of these services from Schwab benefits us because we do not have to produce or purchase them. We don't have to pay for Schwab's services. Schwab has also agreed to pay us up to \$50,000 in hard dollars that we may use for technology, research, marketing, and compliance consulting products and services once the value of our clients' assets in accounts at Schwab reaches \$250 million. This creates an incentive to recommend that you maintain your account with Schwab, based on our interest in receiving Schwab's services that benefit our business and Schwab's payment for services for which we would otherwise have to pay rather than based on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a potential conflict of interest. We believe, however, that our selection of Schwab as custodian and broker is in the best interests of our clients. Our selection is primarily supported by the scope, quality, and price of Schwab's services (see "How we select brokers/custodians") and not Schwab's services that benefit only us.

### **Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits**

We do not have any soft dollar arrangements. We only have the hard dollar arrangement with Schwab described above.

### **Economic Benefits**

As a registered investment adviser, we have access to the institutional platform of your account custodian. As such, we will also have access to research products and services from your account custodian and/or other brokerage firm. These products may include financial publications, information

about particular companies and industries, research software, and other products or services that provide lawful and appropriate assistance to our firm in the performance of our investment decision-making responsibilities. Such research products and services are provided to all investment advisers that utilize the institutional services platforms of these firms, and are not considered to be paid for with soft dollars. However, you should be aware that the commissions charged by a particular broker for a particular transaction or set of transactions may be greater than the amounts another broker who did not provide research services or products might charge.

### **Brokerage for Client Referrals**

We do not receive client referrals from broker-dealers in exchange for cash or other compensation, such as brokerage services or research.

### **Directed Brokerage**

We routinely request that you direct our firm to execute transactions through Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. As such, we may be unable to achieve the most favorable execution of your transactions and you may pay higher brokerage commissions than you might otherwise pay through another broker-dealer that offers the same types of services. Not all advisers require their clients to direct brokerage.

### **Block Trades**

We may combine multiple orders for shares of the same securities purchased for discretionary advisory accounts we manage (this practice is commonly referred to as "block trading"). If we engage in block trading we will distribute a portion of the shares to participating accounts in a fair and equitable manner. Generally, non-wrap accounts will pay a fixed transaction cost regardless of the number of shares transacted. In certain cases, each participating account pays an average price per share for all transactions and pays a proportionate share of all transaction costs on any given day. If you participate in our wrap fee program described above, you will not pay any portion of the transaction costs in addition to the program fee. In the event an order is only partially filled, the shares will be allocated to participating accounts in a fair and equitable manner, typically in proportion to the size of each client's order. Accounts owned by our firm or persons associated with our firm may participate in block trading with your accounts; however, they will not be given preferential treatment.

We can only include clients using the same custodian in the same block. Therefore, clients using different custodians may receive different prices for the same security.

We do not block trade for non-discretionary accounts. Accordingly, non-discretionary accounts may pay different costs than discretionary accounts pay. If you enter into non-discretionary arrangements with our firm, we may not be able to buy and sell the same quantities of securities for you and you may pay higher commissions, fees, and/or transaction costs than clients who enter into discretionary arrangements with our firm.

### **Mutual Fund Share Classes**

Mutual funds are sold with different share classes, which carry different cost structures. Each available share class is described in the mutual fund's prospectus. When we purchase, or recommend the purchase of, mutual funds for a client, we select the share class that is deemed to be in the client's best interest, taking into consideration cost, tax implications, and other factors. When the fund is available for purchase at net asset value, we will purchase, or recommend the purchase of, the fund at net asset value. We also review the mutual funds held in accounts that come under our management to determine whether a more beneficial share class is available, considering cost, tax implications, and the impact of contingent deferred sales charges.

## Item 13 Reviews of Accounts

Your investment adviser representative ("IAR") will monitor your account on an ongoing basis to identify situations that may warrant specific actions be taken or recommended with respect to your investments or overall investment portfolio. Such reviews include, but are not necessarily limited to, suitability, performance, asset allocation, change in investment objectives and risk tolerance, concentrations and prohibited products. In addition, your IAR will provide regular investment advice or investment supervisory services, review your portfolio(s) and communicate with you at least annually, for conformity with the respective portfolios, investment objectives, changes in your financial situation, account performance and any reasonable restrictions to be imposed as to the specific assets or types of securities to be included or excluded from your portfolio(s).

Additional monitoring of accounts is provided by compliance, operations and sales management personnel located within various offices. These reviews are conducted at least annually and are designed to ensure that the advisory services provided to you are consistent with your investment needs and objectives. Additional reviews may be conducted based on various circumstances, including, but not limited to:

- contributions and withdrawals,
- year-end tax planning,
- market moving events,
- security specific events, and/or
- changes in your risk/return objectives.

The individuals conducting reviews may vary from time to time, as personnel join or leave our firm. We will not provide you with additional or regular written reports. You will receive trade confirmations and monthly or quarterly statements from your account custodian(s).

While reviews and updates to the financial plan are not part of the contracted services, at your request we will review your financial plan to determine if the investment advice provided is consistent with your investment needs and objectives. We will also update the financial plan at your request. At our sole discretion, reviews and updates may be subject to a negotiable hourly rate. If you implement the financial planning advice provided by our firm, you will receive trade confirmations and monthly or quarterly statements from relevant custodians.

## Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

As disclosed under the *Fees and Compensation* section in this brochure, some persons providing investment advice on behalf of our firm are licensed insurance agents, and/or registered representatives with Spearhead Capital, LLC, a securities broker-dealer, and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. For information on the conflicts of interest this presents, and how we address these conflicts, refer to the *Fees and Compensation* section.

### Other Compensation

We may receive compensation from Berman Capital Advisors, LLC and Magellan Capital, LLC for referring clients to them. These arrangements will not cause you to pay more in advisory fees than you would otherwise pay had there been no solicitor's compensation. All referral fees paid to our firm represent a portion of the fees actually charged to you by Berman Capital Advisors, LLC or Magellan Capital, LLC for investment advisory services. There is no differential between the amount or level of investment advisory fees that Berman Capital Advisors, LLC or Magellan Capital, LLC will charge for

managing the client account(s) in excess of that which they would customarily charge for managing any other new client's account with similar assets and which was not referred to Berman Capital Advisors, LLC or Magellan Capital, LLC by our firm.

We may also provide compensation to Berman Capital Advisors, LLC, Magellan Capital, LLC and Genera Capital (Pty) Ltd. for referring clients to us. These arrangements will not cause you to pay more in advisory fees than you would otherwise pay had there been no solicitor's compensation. All referral fees paid to Berman Capital Advisors, LLC, Magellan Capital, LLC or Genera Capital (Pty) Ltd. represent a portion of the fees actually charged to you by us for investment advisory services. There is no differential between the amount or level of investment advisory fees that we will charge for managing the client account(s) in excess of that which we would customarily charge for managing any other new client's account with similar assets and which was not referred to Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC by Berman Capital Advisors, LLC, Magellan Capital, LLC or Genera Capital (Pty) Ltd.

We receive an economic benefit from Schwab in the form of the support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Schwab. In addition, Schwab has also agreed to pay us so we could obtain certain products and services for which we would otherwise have to pay once the value of our clients' assets in accounts at Schwab reaches a certain amount. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see Item 12—Brokerage Practices).

## **Item 15 Custody**

As paying agent for our firm, your independent custodian will directly debit your account(s) for the payment of our advisory fees. This ability to deduct our advisory fees from your accounts causes our firm to exercise limited custody over your funds or securities. In addition, some employees act as trustees of client accounts, and the Firm may hold Standing Letters of Authorization to third parties, which are also forms of custody. We do not have physical custody of any of your funds and/or securities. Your funds and securities will be held with a bank, broker-dealer, or other qualified custodian. You will receive account statements from the qualified custodian(s) holding your funds and securities at least quarterly. The account statements from your custodian(s) will indicate the amount of our advisory fees deducted from your account(s) each billing period. You should carefully review account statements for accuracy.

### **Trustee Services**

Persons providing investment advice on behalf of Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC, serves as trustee to certain accounts for which we provide investment advisory services. These individual's capacity as trustee gives our firm custody over the advisory accounts for which the individual serves as trustee. These accounts will be held with a bank, broker-dealer, or other qualified custodian. If Spearhead Capital Advisors, LLC acts as trustee for any of your advisory accounts, you will receive account statements from the qualified custodian(s) holding your funds and securities at least quarterly. You should carefully review account statements for accuracy.

### **Wire Transfer and/or Check-Writing Authority and/or Standing Letter of Authorization**

Our firm, or persons associated with our firm, may effect wire transfers from client accounts to one or more third parties designated, in writing, by the client without obtaining written client consent for each separate, individual transaction, or we may have signatory and check writing authority for client accounts, as long as the client has provided us with written authorization to do so. Such written authorization is known as a Standing Letter of Authorization. An adviser with authority to conduct such third party wire transfers or to sign checks on a client's behalf has access to the client's assets, and therefore has custody of the client's assets in any related accounts.

However, we do not have to obtain a surprise annual audit, as we otherwise would be required to by reason of having custody, as long as we meet the following criteria:

1. You provide a written, signed instruction to the qualified custodian that includes the third party's name and address or account number at a custodian;
2. You authorize us in writing to direct transfers to the third party either on a specified schedule or from time to time;
3. Your qualified custodian verifies your authorization (e.g., signature review) and provides a transfer of funds notice to you promptly after each transfer;
4. You can terminate or change the instruction;
5. We have no authority or ability to designate or change the identity of the third party, the address, or any other information about the third party;
6. We maintain records showing that the third party is not a related party to us nor located at the same address as us; and
7. Your qualified custodian sends you, in writing, an initial notice confirming the instruction and an annual notice reconfirming the instruction.

We hereby confirm that we meet the above criteria.

### **Private Investment Companies**

We serve as the investment adviser to various private pooled investment vehicles ("Funds") in which some qualified clients may be solicited to invest. The Funds are offered to certain sophisticated investors who meet certain requirements under applicable state and/or federal securities laws. Investors to whom the Funds are offered will receive a private placement memorandum and other offering documents. The fees charged by the Funds are separate and apart from our advisory fees. You should refer to the offering documents for a complete description of the fees, investment objectives, risks and other relevant information associated with investing in the Funds. Persons affiliated with our firm may have made an investment in a Fund and may have an incentive to recommend the Funds over other investments.

In our capacity as Manager to the Funds, we will have access to the Funds' funds and securities, and therefore have custody over such funds and securities. We provide each investor in the Funds with audited annual financial statements. If you are a Fund investor and have questions regarding the financial statements or if you did not receive a copy, contact us directly at the telephone number on the cover page of this brochure.

### **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

Before we can buy or sell securities on your behalf, you must first sign our discretionary management agreement and the appropriate trading authorization forms.

You may grant our firm discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be purchased or sold for your account(s), the broker or dealer to be used for each transaction, and over the commission rates to be paid without obtaining your consent or approval prior to each transaction. You may specify investment objectives, guidelines, and/or impose certain conditions or investment parameters for your account(s). For example, you may specify that the investment in any particular stock or industry should not exceed specified percentages of the value of the portfolio and/or restrictions or prohibitions of transactions in the securities of a specific industry or security. Refer to the *Advisory Business* section in this Brochure for more information on our discretionary management services.

If you enter into non-discretionary arrangements with our firm, we will obtain your approval prior to the execution of any transactions for your account(s). You have an unrestricted right to decline to implement any advice provided by our firm on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 17 Voting Client Securities (Proxy Voting)**

We will determine how to vote proxies based on our reasonable judgment of the vote most likely to produce favorable financial results for you. Proxy votes generally will be cast in favor of proposals that maintain or strengthen the shared interests of shareholders and management, increase shareholder value, maintain or increase shareholder influence over the issuer's board of directors and management, and maintain or increase the rights of shareholders. Generally, proxy votes will be cast against proposals having the opposite effect. However, we will consider both sides of each proxy issue. Unless we receive specific instructions from you, we will not base votes on social considerations.

Furthermore, we will generally not vote proxies when such proxies are received for equity securities where, at the time of receipt, our position, across all clients that we advise, is less than, or equal to, 1% of the total outstanding voting equity (an "immaterial position").

We keep certain records required by applicable law in connection with our proxy voting activities. You may obtain information on how we voted proxies and/or obtain a full copy of our proxy voting policies and procedures by making a written or oral request to our firm.

## **Item 18 Financial Information**

Our firm does not have any financial condition or impairment that would prevent us from meeting our contractual commitments to you.

We have not filed a bankruptcy petition at any time in the past ten years.

## **Item 19 Requirements For State Registered Advisers**

We are a federally registered investment adviser; therefore, we are not required to respond to this item.

## **Item 20 Additional Information**

### **Your Privacy**

We view protecting your private information as a top priority. Pursuant to applicable privacy requirements, we have instituted policies and procedures to ensure that we keep your personal information private and secure.

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about you to any non-affiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. In the course of servicing your account, we may share some information with our service providers, such as transfer agents, custodians, broker-dealers, accountants, consultants, and attorneys.

We restrict internal access to non-public personal information about you to employees, who need that information in order to provide products or services to you. We maintain physical and procedural safeguards that comply with regulatory standards to guard your non-public personal information and to



ensure our integrity and confidentiality. We will not sell information about you or your accounts to anyone. We do not share your information unless it is required to process a transaction, at your request, or required by law.

You will receive a copy of our privacy notice prior to or at the time you sign an advisory agreement with our firm. Thereafter, we will deliver a copy of the current privacy policy notice to you on an annual basis. Contact our main office at the telephone number on the cover page of this brochure if you have any questions regarding this policy.

If you decide to close your account(s) we will adhere to our privacy policies, which may be amended from time to time.

If we make any substantive changes in our privacy policy that would further permit or require disclosures of your private information, we will provide written notice to you. Where the change is based on permitted disclosures, you will be given an opportunity to direct us as to whether such disclosure is acceptable. Where the change is based on required disclosures, you will only receive written notice of the change. You may not opt out of the required disclosures.

If you have questions about our privacy policies contact our main office at the telephone number on the cover page of this brochure and ask to speak to the Chief Compliance Officer.

### **Trade Errors**

In the event a trading error occurs in your account, our policy is to restore your account to the position it should have been in had the trading error not occurred. Depending on the circumstances, corrective actions may include canceling the trade, adjusting an allocation, and/or reimbursing the account.

### **Class Action Lawsuits**

We do not determine if securities held by you are the subject of a class action lawsuit or whether you are eligible to participate in class action settlements or litigation nor do we initiate or participate in litigation to recover damages on your behalf for injuries as a result of actions, misconduct, or negligence by issuers of securities held by you.

### **IRA Rollover Considerations**

As part of our investment advisory services to you, we may recommend that you withdraw the assets from your employer's retirement plan and roll the assets over to an individual retirement account ("IRA") that we will manage on your behalf. If you elect to roll the assets to an IRA that is subject to our management, we will charge you an asset based fee as set forth in the agreement you executed with our firm. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on our behalf have an incentive to recommend a rollover to you for the purpose of generating fee based compensation rather than solely based on your needs. You are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to complete the rollover. Moreover, if you do complete the rollover, you are under no obligation to have the assets in an IRA managed by our firm.

Many employers permit former employees to keep their retirement assets in their company plan. Also, current employees can sometimes move assets out of their company plan before they retire or change jobs. In determining whether to complete the rollover to an IRA, and to the extent the following options are available, you should consider the costs and benefits of:

1. Leaving the funds in your employer's (former employer's) plan.
2. Moving the funds to a new employer's retirement plan.
3. Cashing out and taking a taxable distribution from the plan.
4. Rolling the funds into an IRA rollover account.

Each of these options has advantages and disadvantages and before making a change we encourage you to speak with your CPA and/or tax attorney.

If you are considering rolling over your retirement funds to an IRA for us to manage here are a few points to consider before you do so:

1. Determine whether the investment options in your employer's retirement plan address your needs or whether you might want to consider other types of investments.
  - a. Employer retirement plans generally have a more limited investment menu than IRAs.
  - b. Employer retirement plans may have unique investment options not available to the public such as employer securities, or previously closed funds.
2. Your current plan may have lower fees than our fees.
  - a. If you are interested in investing only in mutual funds, you should understand the cost structure of the share classes available in your employer's retirement plan and how the costs of those share classes compare with those available in an IRA.
  - b. You should understand the various products and services you might take advantage of at an IRA provider and the potential costs of those products and services.
3. Our strategy may have higher risk than the option(s) provided to you in your plan.
4. Your current plan may also offer financial advice.
5. If you keep your assets titled in a 401k or retirement account, you could potentially delay your required minimum distribution beyond age 72.
6. Your 401k may offer more liability protection than a rollover IRA; each state may vary.
  - a. Generally, federal law protects assets in qualified plans from creditors. Since 2005, IRA assets have been generally protected from creditors in bankruptcies. However, there can be some exceptions to the general rules so you should consult with an attorney if you are concerned about protecting your retirement plan assets from creditors.
7. You may be able to take out a loan on your 401k, but not from an IRA.
8. IRA assets can be accessed any time; however, distributions are subject to ordinary income tax and may also be subject to a 10% early distribution penalty unless they qualify for an exception such as disability, higher education expenses or the purchase of a home.
9. If you own company stock in your plan, you may be able to liquidate those shares at a lower capital gains tax rate.
10. Your plan may allow you to hire us as the manager and keep the assets titled in the plan name.

It is important that you understand the differences between these types of accounts and to decide whether a rollover is best for you. Prior to proceeding, if you have questions contact your investment adviser representative, or call our main number as listed on the cover page of this brochure.