

# **Prestige Wealth Management Group, LLC**

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## **ADV Part 2A, Firm Brochure**

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**Additional information about Prestige Wealth Management Group, LLC also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).**

**References herein to Prestige Wealth Management Group, LLC as a “registered investment adviser” or any reference to being “registered” does not imply a certain level of skill or training.**

## Item 2           Material Changes

There have been no material changes made to this Brochure since Prestige Wealth Management Group's last Annual Amendment filing on March 26, 2021.

**Prestige Wealth Management Group's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that an existing or prospective client may have regarding this Brochure.**

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#### **Item 4            Advisory Business**

- A. Prestige Wealth Management Group, LLC (the “Registrant”) is a limited liability company that was formed in October 1994 in the state of New Jersey. The Registrant became registered as an Investment Adviser Firm in March 1995. Roy Williams is the sole owner and the Registrant’s Managing Member.

B.

##### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

The Registrant provides discretionary investment advisory services on a wrap or non-wrap *fee* basis. (*See* discussion below). If a client determines to engage the Registrant on a wrap fee basis the client will pay a single fee for bundled services (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody). The services included in a wrap fee agreement will depend upon each client’s particular need. If the client determines to engage the Registrant on a non-wrap fee basis the client will select individual services on an unbundled basis, paying for each service separately (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody).

Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall include investment advisory services, and, to the extent specifically requested by the client, financial planning and consulting services. In the event that the client requires extraordinary planning and/or consultation services (to be determined in the sole discretion of the Registrant), the Registrant may determine to charge for such additional services, the dollar amount of which shall be set forth in a separate written notice to the client.

##### **NON-WRAP FEE BASIS**

The Registrant provides discretionary investment advisory services on a non-wrap *fee* basis. The Registrant’s annual investment advisory fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value and type of assets placed under the Registrant’s management, generally between 0.45% and 1.95%.

##### **PRESTIGE WEALTH WRAP FEE PROGRAM**

The Registrant provides investment management services on a wrap fee basis through its investment management wrap fee program (the “Program”). The services offered under, and the corresponding terms and conditions pertaining to, the Program are discussed in the Wrap Fee Program Brochure, a copy of which is presented to all prospective Program participants. Under the Program, the Registrant is able to offer participants discretionary investment management services, for a single specified annual Program fee, inclusive of trade execution, custody, reporting, and the Registrant’s investment management fees. However, clients may incur additional fees as set forth below.

The current annual Program fee ranges from 0.50% to 1.95%, depending upon the amount and type of the Program assets. The terms and conditions for client participation in the Program are set forth in detail in the Wrap Fee Program Brochure, which is presented to all prospective Program participants in accordance with the disclosure requirements of Part 2A Appendix 1 of Form ADV.

All prospective Program participants should read both the Registrant's Brochure and the Wrap Fee Program Brochure, and ask any corresponding questions that they may have, prior to participation in the Program.

**Wrap Program.** Under Registrant's wrap program, the client generally receives investment advisory services, the execution of securities brokerage transactions, custody and reporting services for a single specified fee. When managing a client's account on a wrap fee basis, the Registrant shall receive as payment for its investment advisory services, the balance of the wrap fee after all other costs incorporated into the wrap fee have been deducted. Participation in a wrap program may cost the client more or less than purchasing such services separately. The terms and conditions of a wrap program engagement are more fully discussed in Registrant's Wrap Fee Program Brochure.

**Conflict of Interest:** Because wrap program transaction fees and/or commissions are being paid by Registrant to the account custodian/broker-dealer, Registrant has an economic incentive to maximize its compensation by seeking to minimize the number of trades in the client's account. *See* separate Wrap Fee Program Brochure.

#### **FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES (STAND-ALONE)**

The Registrant may be engaged to provide financial planning and/or consulting services (including investment and non-investment related matters, including estate planning, insurance planning, etc.) on a stand-alone separate fee basis.

Prior to engaging the Registrant to provide planning or consulting services, clients are generally required to enter into a *Financial Planning and Consulting Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), describing the scope of the services to be provided, and the portion of the fee that is due from the client prior to Registrant commencing services.

If requested by the client, Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for implementation purposes, including the Registrant's representatives in their individual capacities as registered representatives of Triad Advisors and/or licensed insurance agents. The Registrant may also recommend the services of Prestige Wealth Accounting Group, LLC ("PWAG"), an affiliated accounting firm. (*See* disclosure at Item 10.C). The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such implementation decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from the Registrant.

If the client engages any recommended unaffiliated professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. At all times, the engaged licensed professional (i.e. attorney, accountant, insurance agent, etc.), and not the Registrant, shall be responsible for the quality and competency of the services provided.

Each client is advised that it remains the client's responsibility to promptly notify the Registrant if there is ever any change in client's financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating or revising Registrant's previous recommendations and/or services.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Limitations of Financial Planning and Non-Investment Consulting/Implementation Services.** As indicated above, to the extent requested by a client, Registrant may provide financial planning and related consulting services. Neither the Registrant nor its investment adviser representatives assist clients with the implementation of any financial plan, unless they have agreed to do so in writing. The Registrant does not monitor a client's financial plan, and it is the client's responsibility to revisit the financial plan with the Registrant, if desired.

The Registrant may provide financial planning and related consulting services regarding non-investment related matters, such as estate planning, tax planning, insurance, etc. Registrant does not serve as a law firm or accounting firm, and no portion of its services should be construed as legal or accounting services. Accordingly, Registrant does not prepare estate planning documents or tax returns.

To the extent requested by a client, Registrant may recommend the services of other professionals for certain non-investment implementation purposes (i.e. attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, etc.), including representatives of Registrant in their separate individual capacities as representatives Triad Advisors, a FINRA member broker-dealer ("*Triad*") and/or as licensed insurance agents. The Registrant may also recommend the services of Prestige Wealth Accounting Group, LLC ("PWAG"), an affiliated accounting firm. The client is under no obligation to engage the services of any such recommended professional. The client retains absolute discretion over all such decisions and is free to accept or reject any recommendation from Registrant and/or its representatives.

If the client engages any recommended unaffiliated professional, and a dispute arises thereafter relative to such engagement, the client agrees to seek recourse exclusively from and against the engaged professional. At all times, the engaged licensed professional(s) (i.e. attorney, accountant, insurance agent, etc.), and not the Registrant, shall be responsible for the quality and competency of the services provided.

**Affiliated Investment Advisor and Unified Managed Accounts.** The Registrant is affiliated with Prestige Wealth Services Group, Inc., d/b/a The Pillar Strategies, an SEC registered investment advisory firm (SEC No. 801-77623) ("*Pillar Strategies*"). *Pillar Strategies* sponsors Unified Management Accounts ("UMAs").

The Registrant may allocate on a discretionary basis or recommend on a non-discretionary basis that a client allocate a portion of their investment assets in one or more of the UMAs sponsored by *Pillar Strategies*. As the sponsor for the various UMAs, *Pillar Strategies* is responsible for portfolio trading, re-balancing, reporting and other administrative responsibilities. The Registrant shall continue to render investment advisory services to the client relative to the ongoing monitoring and review of account performance, asset allocation and client investment objectives.

Factors which the Registrant shall consider in recommending the UMAs include the client's designated investment objective(s), performance, financial strength, reporting, pricing, and research. Clients with assets in *Pillar Strategies*' UMAs shall incur additional management fees associated with the UMAs, which are set forth on the *Pillar Strategies*' ADV Part 2A. No client is under any obligation to engage the services of

*Pillar Strategies* or to allocate a portion of their investment management accounts in the UMAs sponsored by *Pillar Strategies*. A client who doesn't wish to incur additional fees should direct the Registrant, in writing, not to invest in the UMAs.

**Cash Positions.** Registrant treats cash as an asset class. As such, all cash positions (money markets, etc.) shall be included as part of assets under management for purposes of calculating the Registrant's advisory fee. At any specific point in time, depending upon perceived or anticipated market conditions/events (there being no guarantee that such anticipated market conditions/events will occur), the Registrant may maintain cash positions for defensive purposes. In addition, while assets are maintained in cash, such amounts could miss market advances. Depending upon current yields, at any point in time, Registrant's advisory fee could exceed the interest paid by the client's money market fund.

**Use of Mutual and Exchange Traded Funds:** Most mutual funds and exchange traded funds are available directly to the public. Therefore, a prospective client can obtain many of the funds that may be utilized by Registrant independent of engaging Registrant as an investment advisor. However, if a prospective client determines to do so, he/she will not receive the Registrant's initial and ongoing investment advisory services.

In addition to Registrant's investment advisory fee described below, and transaction and/or custodial fees discussed below, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses).

**Portfolio Activity.** Registrant has a fiduciary duty to provide services consistent with the client's best interest. As part of its investment advisory services, Registrant will review client portfolios on an ongoing basis to determine if any changes are necessary based upon various factors, including, but not limited to, investment performance, fund manager tenure, style drift, account additions/withdrawals, and/or a change in the client's investment objective. Based upon these factors, there may be extended periods of time when Registrant determines that changes to a client's portfolio are neither necessary nor prudent. Clients nonetheless remain subject to the fees described in Item 5 below during periods of account inactivity.

**Retirement Plan Rollovers – No Obligation / Conflict of Interest:** A client or prospective client leaving an employer typically has four options regarding an existing retirement plan (and may engage in a combination of these options): (i) leave the money in the former employer's plan, if permitted, (ii) roll over the assets to the new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, (iii) roll over to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA"), or (iv) cash out the account value (which could, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). If Registrant recommends that a client roll over their retirement plan assets into an account to be managed by Registrant, such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if Registrant will earn new (or increase its current) compensation as a result of the rollover. If Registrant provides a recommendation as to whether a client should engage in a rollover or not, Registrant is acting as a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and/or the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. No client is under any obligation to roll over retirement plan assets to an account managed by Registrant.

**ByAllAccounts and eMoney Account Aggregation.** In conjunction with the services provided by ByAllAccounts, Inc. and the eMoney Advisor Platform (“eMoney”), the Registrant may also provide periodic comprehensive reporting services, which can incorporate all of the client’s investment assets including those investment assets that are not part of the assets managed by the Registrant (the “Excluded Assets”). The Registrant’s service relative to the Excluded Assets is limited to reporting services only, which does not include investment implementation. Because the Registrant does not have trading authority for the Excluded Assets, to the extent applicable to the nature of the Excluded Assets (assets over which the client maintains trading authority vs. trading authority designated to another investment professional), the client (and/or the other investment professional), and not the Registrant, shall be exclusively responsible for directly implementing any recommendations relative to the Excluded Assets. Rather, the client and/or their other advisors that maintain trading authority, and not the Registrant, shall be exclusively responsible for the investment performance of the Excluded Assets. Without limiting the above, the Registrant shall not be responsible for any implementation error (timing, trading, etc.) relative to the Excluded Assets. In the event the client desires that the Registrant provide investment management services (whereby the Registrant would have trading authority) with respect to the Excluded Assets, the client may engage the Registrant to do so pursuant to the terms and conditions of the *Investment Advisory Agreement* between the Registrant and the client.

In addition, the eMoney platform also provides access to other types of information, including financial planning concepts, which should not, in any manner whatsoever, be construed as services, advice, or recommendations provided by Registrant.

**Separately Managed Account Programs.** Registrant may allocate a portion of a client’s investment assets among unaffiliated Separately Managed Account programs in accordance with the client’s designated investment objective(s). In such situations, the Separately Managed Account Manager shall have day-to-day responsibility for the active discretionary management of the allocated assets. The Registrant shall continue to render investment advisory services to the client relative to the ongoing monitoring and review of account performance, asset allocation and client investment objectives. Factors which the Registrant shall consider in recommending Separately Managed Account programs include the client’s designated investment objective(s) as applied to the Separately Managed Account program: management style, performance, reputation, financial strength, reporting, pricing, and research. The investment management fee charged by the separate account manager is separate from, and in addition to, the Registrant’s investment advisory fee for clients who have engaged the Registrant on a non-wrap basis.

**Unaffiliated Private Investment Funds.** Registrant may provide investment advice regarding unaffiliated private investment funds. Registrant, on a non-discretionary basis, may also recommend that certain qualified clients consider an investment in unaffiliated private investment funds. Registrant’s role relative to the private investment funds shall be limited to its initial and ongoing due diligence and investment monitoring services. If a client determines to become a private fund investor, the amount of assets invested in the fund(s) shall be included as part of “assets under management” for purposes of Registrant calculating its investment advisory fee. Registrant’s clients are under absolutely no obligation to consider or make an investment in a private investment fund(s).

**Risks:** Private investment funds generally involve various risk factors, including, but not limited to, potential for complete loss of principal, liquidity constraints and lack of

transparency, a complete discussion of which is set forth in each fund's offering documents, which will be provided to each client for review and consideration. Unlike liquid investments that a client may own, private investment funds do not provide daily liquidity or pricing. Each prospective client investor will be required to complete a Subscription Agreement, pursuant to which the client shall establish that he/she is qualified for investment in the fund, and acknowledges and accepts the various risk factors that are associated with such an investment.

**Valuation.** If Registrant bills an investment advisory fee based upon the value of private investment funds or otherwise references private investment funds owned by the client on any supplemental account reports prepared by Registrant, the value for all private investment funds owned by the client will reflect the most recent valuation provided by the fund sponsor. The current value of any private investment fund could be significantly more or less than the original purchase price or the price reflected in any supplemental account report.

**Socially Responsible Investing Limitations.** Socially Responsible Investing involves the incorporation of Environmental, Social and Governance considerations into the investment due diligence process ("ESG"). There are potential limitations associated with allocating a portion of an investment portfolio in ESG securities (i.e., securities that have a mandate to avoid, when possible, investments in such products as alcohol, tobacco, firearms, oil drilling, gambling, etc.). The number of these securities may be limited when compared to those that do not maintain such a mandate. ESG securities could underperform broad market indices. Investors must accept these limitations, including potential for underperformance. Correspondingly, the number of ESG mutual funds and exchange traded funds are few when compared to those that do not maintain such a mandate. As with any type of investment (including any investment and/or investment strategies recommended and/or undertaken by Registrant), there can be no assurance that investment in ESG securities or funds will be profitable, or prove successful.

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

**Disclosure Statement.** A copy of the Registrant's written Brochure as set forth on Part 2 of Form ADV (and as applicable, any Separately Managed Account Manager's written Brochure as set forth on Part 2 of Form ADV and the Registrant's Client Relationship Summary as set forth on Form CRS) shall be provided to each client prior to, or contemporaneously with, the execution of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*.

- C. The Registrant shall provide investment advisory services specific to the needs of each client. Prior to providing investment advisory services, an investment adviser representative will ascertain each client's investment objective(s). Thereafter, the Registrant shall allocate and/or recommend that the client allocate investment assets consistent with the designated investment objective(s). The client may, at any time, impose reasonable restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant's services.

- D. There is no significant difference between how the Registrant manages wrap fee accounts and non-wrap fee accounts. However, as stated above, if a client determines to engage the Registrant on a wrap fee basis the client will pay a single fee for bundled services (i.e. investment advisory, brokerage, custody) (*See* Item 4.B). The services included in a wrap fee agreement will depend upon each client's particular need. If the client determines to engage the Registrant on a non-wrap fee basis the client will select individual services on an unbundled basis, paying for each service separately (i.e. investment advisory, separate account manager fees, brokerage, custody, etc.).

When managing a client's account on a wrap fee basis, the Registrant shall receive as payment for its investment advisory services, the balance of the wrap fee after all other costs incorporated into the wrap fee have been deducted.

- E. As of December 31, 2021, the Registrant had approximately \$426,291,531 in assets under management on a discretionary basis and \$4,263,166 in assets on a non-discretionary basis.

## **Item 5 Fees and Compensation**

A.

### **NON-WRAP FEE BASIS**

The Registrant provides discretionary investment management services on a *fee* basis. The Registrant's annual fee shall be based upon a percentage (%) of the market value and type of assets placed under the Registrant's management, generally between 0.45% and 1.95%.

### **PRESTIGE WEALTH WRAP FEE PROGRAM**

If a client determines to engage the Registrant to provide investment management services on a wrap fee basis in accordance with the Registrant's Program, the services offered under, and the corresponding terms and conditions pertaining to, the Program are discussed in the Wrap Fee Program Brochure, a copy of which is presented to all prospective Program participants. Under the Program, the Registrant is able to offer participants discretionary investment management services, for a single specified annual Program fee, inclusive of trade execution, custody, reporting, and investment management fees. The current annual Program fee ranges from 0.50% to 1.95%, depending upon the amount and type of the Program assets.

Investment Management Fees: The Registrant bases its fee determination upon various objective and subjective factors. As a result, clients could pay diverse fees based upon the market value of their assets, the complexity of the engagement, the level and scope of the overall investment advisory services to be rendered, and client negotiations. As a result of these factors, similarly situated clients could pay diverse fees, and the services to be provided by Registrant to any particular client could be available from other advisers at lower fees. All clients and prospective clients should be guided accordingly.

Before engaging Registrant to provide investment advisory services, clients are required to enter into a discretionary wrap or non-wrap *Investment Advisory Agreement*, setting forth the terms and conditions of the engagement (including termination), which describes the fees and services to be provided.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES (STAND-ALONE)

Registrant's planning and consulting fees are negotiable, but generally range from \$3,500 to \$50,000 on a fixed fee basis, and from \$500 to \$750 on an hourly rate basis, depending upon the level and scope of the service(s) required and the professional(s) rendering the service(s).

- B. Clients may elect to have the Registrant's advisory fees deducted from their custodial account. Both Registrant's *Investment Advisory Agreement* and the custodial/clearing agreement may authorize the custodian to debit the account for the amount of the Registrant's investment advisory fee and to directly remit that management fee to the Registrant in compliance with regulatory procedures. In the limited event that the Registrant bills the client directly, payment is due upon receipt of the Registrant's invoice.
- C. As discussed below, unless the client directs otherwise or an individual client's circumstances require, the Registrant shall generally recommend that Charles Schwab & Co. Inc., member SIPC ("*Schwab*") or TD Ameritrade, Inc., member FINRA/SIPC ("*Ameritrade*"), (collectively, the "*Custodians*") serve as the broker-dealer/custodian for client investment management assets.

Broker-dealers such as the *Custodians*, which are unaffiliated with Registrant, charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions. In addition to Registrant's investment management fee, brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees, clients will also incur, relative to all mutual fund and exchange traded fund purchases, charges imposed at the fund level (e.g. management fees and other fund expenses).

Clients who engage the Registrant on a wrap fee basis **will not** incur brokerage commissions and/or transaction or asset based custodial fees in addition to the Program fee.

- D. Registrant's annual investment advisory fee shall be prorated and paid quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets, including accrued interest, on the last business day of the previous quarter. The Registrant shall make adjustments to its quarterly fees based upon inflows and outflows.

The *Investment Advisory Agreement* between the Registrant and the client will continue in effect until terminated by either party by written notice in accordance with the terms of the *Investment Advisory Agreement*. Upon termination, the Registrant shall refund the pro-rated portion of the advanced advisory fee paid based upon the number of days remaining in the billing quarter.

- E. **Commission Transactions.** In the event that the client desires, the client can engage certain of the Registrant's investment advisor representatives, in their individual capacities, as a registered representative of Triad Advisors, LLC ("*Triad*"), a FINRA member broker-dealer, to implement investment recommendations on a commission basis. In the event the client chooses to purchase investment products through *Triad*, *Triad* will charge brokerage commissions to effect securities transactions, a portion of which commissions *Triad* shall pay to certain of Registrant's investment advisor

representatives, as applicable. The brokerage commissions charged by *Triad* may be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers. In addition, *Triad*, relative to commission mutual fund purchases, may also receive additional ongoing 12b-1 trailing commission compensation directly from the mutual fund company during the period that the client maintains the mutual fund investment.

1. The recommendation that a client purchase a commission product from *Triad* presents a conflict of interest, as the receipt of commissions may provide an incentive to recommend investment products based on commissions to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from the Registrant's investment advisory representatives.
2. Clients may purchase investment products recommended by Registrant through other, non-affiliated broker dealers or agents.
3. The Registrant does not receive more than 50% of its revenue from advisory clients as a result of commissions or other compensation for the sale of investment products the Registrant recommends to its clients.
4. When Registrant's representatives sell an investment product on a commission basis, the Registrant does not charge an advisory fee in addition to the commissions paid by the client for such product. When providing services on an advisory fee basis, the Registrant's representatives do not also receive commission compensation for such advisory services. However, a client may engage the Registrant to provide investment management services on an advisory fee basis and separate from such advisory services purchase an investment product from Registrant's representatives on a separate commission basis.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

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

Neither the Registrant nor any supervised person of the Registrant accepts performance-based fees.

## **Item 7            Types of Clients**

The Registrant's clients shall generally include individuals, business entities, trusts, estates, and charitable organizations, pension and profit sharing plans.

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

- A. The Registrant may utilize the following methods of security analysis:
  - Charting - (analysis performed using patterns to identify current trends and trend reversals to forecast the direction of prices)

- Cyclical - (analysis performed on historical relationships between price and market trends, to forecast the direction of prices)
- Fundamental - (analysis performed on historical and present data, with the goal of making financial forecasts)
- Technical – (analysis performed on historical and present data, focusing on price and trade volume, to forecast the direction of prices)

The Registrant may utilize the following investment strategies when implementing investment advice given to clients:

- Long Term Purchases (securities held at least a year)
- Short Term Purchases (securities sold within a year)
- Trading (securities sold within thirty (30) days)

**Investment Risk.** Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Different types of investments involve varying degrees of risk, and it should not be assumed that future performance of any specific investment or investment strategy (including the investments and/or investment strategies recommended or undertaken by the Registrant) will be profitable or equal any specific performance level(s).

Investors generally face the following types of investment risks:

- Interest-rate Risk: Fluctuations in interest rates may cause investment prices to fluctuate. For example, when interest rates rise, yields on existing bonds become less attractive, causing their market values to decline.
- Market Risk: The price of a security, bond, or mutual fund may drop in reaction to tangible and intangible events and conditions. This type of risk may be caused by external factors independent of the fund's specific investments as well as due to the fund's specific investments. Additionally, each security's price will fluctuate based on market movement and emotion, which may, or may not be due to the security's operations or changes in its true value. For example, political, economic and social conditions may trigger market events which are temporarily negative, or temporarily positive.
- Inflation Risk: When any type of inflation is present, a dollar today will not buy as much as a dollar next year, because purchasing power is eroding at the rate of inflation.
- Reinvestment Risk: This is the risk that future proceeds from investments may have to be reinvested at a potentially lower rate of return (i.e. interest rate). This primarily relates to fixed income securities.
- Liquidity Risk: Liquidity is the ability to readily convert an investment into cash. Generally, assets are more liquid if many traders are interested in a standardized product. For example, Treasury Bills are highly liquid, while real estate properties are not.
- Financial Risk: Excessive borrowing to finance a business' operations increases the risk of profitability, because the company must meet the terms of its obligations in good times and bad. During periods of financial stress, the inability to meet loan obligations may result in bankruptcy and/or a declining market value.

- B. The Registrant's methods of analysis and investment strategies do not present any significant or unusual risks.

However, every method of analysis has its own inherent risks. To perform an accurate market analysis the Registrant must have access to current/new market information. The Registrant has no control over the dissemination rate of market information; therefore, unbeknownst to the Registrant, certain analyses may be compiled with outdated market information, severely limiting the value of the Registrant's analysis. Furthermore, an accurate market analysis can only produce a forecast of the direction of market values. There can be no assurances that a forecasted change in market value will materialize into actionable and/or profitable investment opportunities.

The Registrant's primary investment strategies - Long Term Purchases, Short Term Purchases, and Trading - are fundamental investment strategies. However, every investment strategy has its own inherent risks and limitations. For example, longer term investment strategies require a longer investment time period to allow for the strategy to potentially develop. Shorter term investment strategies require a shorter investment time period to potentially develop but, as a result of more frequent trading, may incur higher transactional costs when compared to a longer term investment strategy. Trading, an investment strategy that requires the purchase and sale of securities within a thirty (30) day investment time period, involves a very short investment time period but will incur higher transaction costs when compared to a short term investment strategy and substantially higher transaction costs than a longer term investment strategy.

- C. Currently, the Registrant primarily allocates client investment assets among various equities (stocks), debt (bonds), and fixed income securities, mutual funds, separate account managers, independent managers, ETFs and unaffiliated private investment funds on a discretionary basis in accordance with the client's designated investment objective(s). (*See* Affiliated Investment Advisor and Unified Managed Accounts, above).

**Borrowing Against Assets/Risks.** A client who has a need to borrow money could determine to do so by using:

- **Margin-**The account custodian or broker-dealer lends money to the client. The custodian charges the client interest for the right to borrow money, and uses the assets in the client's brokerage account as collateral; and,
- **Pledged Assets Loan-** In consideration for a lender (i.e., a bank, etc.) to make a loan to the client, the client pledges its investment assets held at the account custodian as collateral;

These above-described collateralized loans are generally utilized because they typically provide more favorable interest rates than standard commercial loans. These types of collateralized loans can assist with a pending home purchase, permit the retirement of more expensive debt, or enable borrowing in lieu of liquidating existing account positions and incurring capital gains taxes. However, such loans are not without potential material risk to the client's investment assets. The lender (i.e. custodian, bank, etc.) will have recourse against the client's investment assets in the event of loan default or if the assets fall below a certain level. For this reason, Registrant does not recommend such borrowing unless it is for specific short-term purposes (i.e. a bridge loan to purchase a new residence). Registrant does not recommend such borrowing for investment purposes (i.e. to invest borrowed funds in the market). Regardless, if the client was to determine to

utilize margin or a pledged assets loan, the following economic benefits would inure to Registrant:

- by taking the loan rather than liquidating assets in the client's account, Registrant continues to earn a fee on such Account assets; and,
- if the client invests any portion of the loan proceeds in an account to be managed by Registrant, Registrant will receive an advisory fee on the invested amount; and,
- if Registrant's advisory fee is based upon the higher margined account value, Registrant will earn a correspondingly higher advisory fee. This could provide Registrant with a disincentive to encourage the client to discontinue the use of margin.

The client must accept the above risks and potential corresponding consequences associated with the use of margin or a pledged assets loans.

## **Item 9           Disciplinary Information**

The Registrant has not been the subject of any disciplinary actions.

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

- A. As disclosed above in Item 5.E, certain of Registrant's investment advisory representatives are, in their individual capacities, also registered representatives of Triad Advisors, LLC ("*Triad*"), a FINRA member broker-dealer.
- B. Neither the Registrant, nor its representatives, are registered or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, or a representative of the foregoing.
- C. **Other Investment Adviser Firm: Prestige Wealth Services Group, Inc.** The Registrant's owner, Roy Williams, also own Prestige Wealth Services Group, Inc. ("*Pillar Strategies*"), an affiliated SEC registered investment advisor firm. The Registrant may refer certain clients to *Pillar Strategies* for advisory services. The Registrant shall not receive direct compensation for any referral made to *Pillar Strategies*. The Registrant may, on a discretionary basis, allocate a portion of a client's assets in UMAs sponsored by *Pillar Strategies*, for which a client will incur additional fees. This presents a conflict of interest as Mr. Williams receives a direct economic benefit from the advisory fee charged to the client for investing in the UMAs. No client is under any obligation to engage the services of *Pillar Strategies* or allocate a portion of their investment management accounts in the UMAs sponsored by *Pillar Strategies*.

The Registrant may also provide certain back office support services to *Pillar Strategies*, including access to Registrant's fixed connection services, allowing for trade aggregation across multiple custodians. The Registrant does not receive direct compensation from *Pillar Strategies* for access to these back office support services.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above conflict of interest.**

**Registered Representatives of Triad** As disclosed above in Item 5.E, certain of the Registrant's investment advisor representatives are registered representatives of *Triad*, a FINRA member broker-dealer. Clients may choose to engage, these representatives in their individual capacities as a registered representatives of *Triad*, to implement investment recommendations on a commission basis.

**Licensed Insurance Agents** Certain of the Registrant's investment advisor representatives are, in their individual capacities, licensed insurance agents, and may recommend the purchase of certain insurance-related products on a commission basis. As referenced in Item 4.B above, clients can engage these representatives to effect insurance transactions on a commission basis.

**Conflict of Interest:** The recommendation by the Registrant or its representatives that a client purchase an insurance or securities commission product presents a conflict of interest. The recommendation to purchase a securities and/or insurance commission product is a conflict because the receipt of commissions and/or fees provides an incentive for the recommendation based on commissions and/or fees to be received, rather than on a particular client's need. No client is under any obligation to purchase any commission products from the Registrant's representatives. Clients are reminded that they may purchase securities and/or insurance products recommended by Registrant through other, registered representatives of a broker-dealer and/or non-affiliated insurance agents.

**Accounting Firm.** Certain of Registrant's members are also members of Prestige Wealth Accounting Group, LLC ("PWAG"), an accounting firm. To the extent that PWAG provides accounting and/or tax preparation services to any clients, including clients of the Registrant, all such services shall be performed by PWAG, in its separate professional capacity, independent of the Registrant, for which services Registrant shall not receive any portion of the fees charged by PWAG, referral or otherwise.

It is expected that the members of PWAG, solely incidental to their respective practices with PWAG, shall recommend the Registrant's services to certain of PWAG's clients. Although PWAG shall not receive referral fees from the Registrant, members of PWAG shall be entitled to receive distributions relative their ownership interest in Registrant. PWAG is not involved in providing investment advice on behalf of the Registrant, nor does PWAG hold itself out as providing advisory services on behalf of the Registrant.

**Additional Conflicts:** A related person of PWAG, in their separate and individual capacity, engages in mortgage loan origination related activities. No client is under any obligation to engage any related persons of PWAG to provide such services. Clients seeking a mortgage broker are reminded that they may engage the professional of their choosing.

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- D. Other than as described above in Item 10.C with regard to *Pillar Strategies*, the Registrant does not receive, directly or indirectly, compensation from investment advisors that it recommends or selects for its clients.

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

- A. The Registrant maintains an investment policy relative to personal securities transactions. This investment policy is part of Registrant's overall Code of Ethics, which serves to establish a standard of business conduct for all of Registrant's representatives that is based upon fundamental principles of openness, integrity, honesty and trust, a copy of which is available upon request.

In accordance with Section 204A of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Registrant also maintains and enforces written policies reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of material non-public information by the Registrant or any person associated with the Registrant.

- B. Neither the Registrant nor any related person of Registrant recommends, buys, or sells for client accounts, securities in which the Registrant or any related person of Registrant has a material financial interest.
- C. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities that are also recommended to clients. This practice may create a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a conflict of interest. Practices such as "scalping" (i.e., a practice whereby the owner of shares of a security recommends that security for investment and then immediately sells it at a profit upon the rise in the market price which follows the recommendation) could take place if the Registrant did not have adequate policies in place to detect such activities. In addition, this requirement can help detect insider trading, "front-running" (i.e., personal trades executed prior to those of the Registrant's clients) and other potentially abusive practices.

The Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of each of the Registrant's "Access Persons." The Registrant's securities transaction policy requires that an Access Person of the Registrant must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of their current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person's current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date the Registrant selects; provided, however that at any time that the Registrant has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

- D. The Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant *may* buy or sell securities, at or around the same time as those securities are recommended to clients. This practice creates a situation where the Registrant and/or representatives of the Registrant are in a position to materially benefit from the sale or purchase of those securities. Therefore, this situation creates a conflict of interest. As indicated above in Item 11.C, the Registrant has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transaction and securities holdings of each of Registrant's Access Persons.

## Item 12 Brokerage Practices

- A. In the event that the client requests that the Registrant recommend a broker-dealer/custodian for execution and/or custodial services (exclusive of those clients that may direct the Registrant to use a specific broker-dealer/custodian), Registrant generally recommends that investment management accounts be maintained at *Schwab* and/or *Ameritrade*. Prior to engaging Registrant to provide investment management services, the client will be required to enter into a formal *Investment Advisory Agreement* with Registrant setting forth the terms and conditions under which Registrant shall manage the client's assets, and a separate custodial/clearing agreement with each designated broker-dealer/custodian.

Factors that the Registrant considers in recommending *Schwab* and/or *Ameritrade* (or any other broker-dealer/custodian to clients) include historical relationship with the Registrant, financial strength, reputation, execution capabilities, pricing, research, and service. Although the commissions and/or transaction fees paid by Registrant's clients shall comply with the Registrant's duty to seek best execution, a client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where the Registrant determines, in good faith, that the commission/transaction fee is reasonable. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, although Registrant will seek competitive rates, it may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. The brokerage commissions or transaction fees charged by the designated broker-dealer/custodian are exclusive of, and in addition to, Registrant's investment management fee. The Registrant's best execution responsibility is qualified if securities that it purchases for client accounts are mutual funds that trade at net asset value as determined at the daily market close.

1. Research and Additional Benefits. Although not a material consideration when determining whether to recommend that a client utilize the services of a particular broker-dealer/custodian, Registrant receives from *Schwab* and/or *Ameritrade* (or another broker-dealer/custodian, investment platform, unaffiliated investment manager, vendor, unaffiliated product/fund sponsor, or vendor) without cost (and/or at a discount) support services and/or products, certain of which assist the Registrant to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at such institutions. Included within the support services that may be obtained by the Registrant may be investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by Registrant in furtherance of its investment advisory business operations.

As indicated above, certain of the support services and/or products that *may* be received may assist the Registrant in managing and administering client accounts. Others do not directly provide such assistance, but rather assist the Registrant to manage and further develop its business enterprise.

There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to *Schwab* and/or *Ameritrade* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding conflict of interest such arrangement may create.**

#### Schwab Advisor Services

As indicated above, the Registrant may recommend that clients establish brokerage accounts with *Schwab*, to maintain custody of clients' assets and to effect trades for their accounts. The final decision to custody assets with *Schwab* is at the discretion of the client. The Registrant is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with *Schwab*.

*Schwab* provides the Registrant with access to its institutional trading and custody services, which are typically not available to *Schwab* retail investors. These services generally are available to independent investment advisors on an unsolicited basis, at no charge to them so long as a total of at least \$10 million of the advisor's clients' assets are maintained in accounts at *Schwab*.

*Schwab*'s services include brokerage services that are related to the execution of securities transactions, custody, research, including that in the form of advice, analyses and reports, and access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment.

*Schwab* does not generally charge separately for custody services but is compensated by account holders through commissions or other transaction-related or asset-based fees for securities trades that are executed through *Schwab* or that settle into *Schwab* accounts.

*Schwab* also makes available to the Registrant other products and services that benefit the Registrant but may not benefit its clients' accounts. These benefits may include national, regional or firm specific educational events organized and/or sponsored by *Schwab*. Other potential benefits may include occasional business entertainment, including meals, invitations to sporting events, including golf tournaments, and other forms of entertainment, some of which may accompany educational opportunities. Other of these products and services assist the Registrant in managing and administering clients' accounts. These include software and other technology (and related technological training) that provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements), facilitate trade execution (and allocation of aggregated trade orders

for multiple client accounts), provide research, pricing information and other market data, facilitate payment of the Registrant's fees from its clients' accounts, and assist with back-office training and support functions, recordkeeping and client reporting.

Many of these services generally may be used to service all or some substantial number of the Registrant's accounts, including accounts not maintained at *Schwab*. *Schwab* also makes available to the Registrant other services intended to help the Registrant manage and further develop its business enterprise. These services may include professional compliance, legal and business consulting, publications and conferences on practice management, information technology, business succession, regulatory compliance, employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, insurance and marketing. In addition, *Schwab* may make available, arrange and/or pay vendors for these types of services rendered to the Registrant by independent third parties. *Schwab* may discount or waive fees it would otherwise charge for some of these services or pay all or a part of the fees of a third-party providing these services to the Registrant.

While, as a fiduciary, the Registrant endeavors to act in its clients' best interests, the Registrant's recommendation that clients maintain their assets in accounts at *Schwab* may be based in part on the benefit to the Registrant of the availability of some of the foregoing products and services and other arrangements and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by *Schwab*, which creates a conflict of interest.

The Registrant receives economic benefits from *Schwab* in the form of the support products and services it makes available to the Registrant and other independent investment advisors that have their clients maintain accounts at *Schwab*. These products and services, how they benefit the Registrant, and the related conflicts of interest are described above. The availability to the Registrant of *Schwab*'s products and services is not based on us giving particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients.

The availability of these services from *Schwab* benefits the Registrant because the Registrant does not have to produce or purchase them. The Registrant doesn't have to pay for *Schwab*'s services so long as the Registrant keeps a total of at least \$10 million of client assets in accounts at *Schwab*. The \$10 million minimum may give the Registrant an incentive to recommend that clients maintain their accounts with *Schwab* based on the Registrant's interest in receiving *Schwab*'s services that benefit its business rather than based on the client's interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of their transactions. This is a conflict of interest. The Registrant believes however, that its recommendation of *Schwab* as a custodian and broker is in the best interests of its clients. It is primarily supported by the scope, quality and price of *Schwab*'s services and not *Schwab*'s services that benefit only the Registrant.

#### TD Ameritrade Institutional Advisor Program

The Registrant participates in the institutional advisor program (the "Program") offered by TD Ameritrade Institutional. TD Ameritrade Institutional is a division of *Ameritrade*, an unaffiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer and FINRA member.

*Ameritrade* offers to independent investment advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance and settlement of transactions. The Registrant receives some benefits from *Ameritrade* through its participation in the Program.

As disclosed above, Registrant participates in *Ameritrade*'s institutional customer program and Registrant may recommend *Ameritrade* to Clients for custody and brokerage services. There is no direct link between the Registrant's participation in the program and the investment advice it gives to its Clients, although Registrant receives economic benefits through its participation in the program that are typically not available to *Ameritrade* retail investors. These benefits include the following products and services (provided without cost or at a discount): receipt of duplicate Client statements and confirmations; research related products and tools; consulting services; access to a trading desk serving participants; access to block trading (which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions for execution and then allocate the appropriate shares to Client accounts); the ability to have advisory fees deducted directly from Client accounts; access to an electronic communications network for Client order entry and account information; access to mutual funds with no transaction fees and to certain institutional money managers; and discounts on compliance, marketing, research, technology, and practice management products or services provided to the Registrant by third party vendors. *Ameritrade* may also have paid for business consulting and professional services received by Registrant's related persons. Some of the products and services made available by *Ameritrade* through the program may benefit Registrant but may not benefit its Client accounts.

These products or services may assist Registrant in managing and administering Client accounts, including accounts not maintained at *Ameritrade*. Other services made available by *Ameritrade* are intended to help the Registrant manage and further develop its business enterprise. The benefits received by the Registrant or its personnel through participation in the program do not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to *Ameritrade*. As part of its fiduciary duties to clients, the Registrant endeavors at all times to put the interests of its clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits by Registrant or its related persons in and of itself creates a conflict of interest and may indirectly influence the Registrant's choice of *Ameritrade* for custody and brokerage services.

#### TD Ameritrade Additional Services

Registrant also receives from *Ameritrade* certain additional economic benefits ("Additional Services") that may or may not be offered to any other independent investment advisors participating in Ameritrade IA Program, including the use of the Tamarac™ platform.

*Ameritrade* provides the Additional Services to Registrant in its sole discretion and at its own expense, and Registrant does not pay any fees to *Ameritrade* for the Additional Services. Registrant and *Ameritrade* have entered into a separate agreement ("Additional Services Addendum") to govern the terms of the provision of the Additional Services.

Registrant's receipt of Additional Services raises conflicts of interest. In providing Additional Services to Registrant, *Ameritrade* most likely considers the amount and profitability to *Ameritrade* of the assets in, and trades placed for, Registrant's client accounts maintained with *Ameritrade*. *Ameritrade* has the right to terminate the Additional Services Addendum with Registrant, in its sole discretion, provided certain conditions are met. Consequently, in order to continue to obtain the Additional Services from *Ameritrade*, Registrant may have an incentive to recommend to its clients that the assets under management by Registrant be held in custody with *Ameritrade* and to place transactions for client accounts with *Ameritrade*. Registrant's receipt of Additional Services does not diminish its duty to act in the best interests of its clients, including the obligation to seek best execution of trades for client accounts.

#### Additional Benefits

The Registrant has received from various mutual fund families, certain other economic benefits intended to help the Registrant manage and further develop its business enterprise, marketing and business development. Specifically, the Registrant, has received up to \$10,000 in support for hosting client events, per year. Each payment is made on behalf of the Registrant directly to third-party vendors. The Registrant has no expectation that these Additional Benefits will be offered again; however, the Registrant reserves the right to negotiate for these Additional Benefits in the future.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement.**

2. The Registrant does not receive referrals from broker-dealers.
3. The Registrant does not generally accept directed brokerage arrangements (when a client requires that account transactions be effected through a specific broker-dealer). In such client directed arrangements the client will negotiate terms and arrangements for their account with that broker-dealer, and Registrant will not seek better execution services or prices from other broker-dealers or be able to "batch" the client's transactions for execution through other broker-dealers with orders for other accounts managed by Registrant. As a result, client may pay higher commissions or other transaction costs or greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the account than would otherwise be the case.

In the event that the client directs Registrant to effect securities transactions for the client's accounts through a specific broker-dealer, the client correspondingly acknowledges that such direction may cause the accounts to incur higher commissions or transaction costs than the accounts would otherwise incur had the client determined to effect account transactions through alternative clearing arrangements that may be available through Registrant. Higher transaction costs adversely impact account performance.

Transactions for directed accounts will generally be executed following the execution of portfolio transactions for non-directed accounts.

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- B. To the extent that the Registrant provides investment management services to its clients, the transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless the Registrant decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. The Registrant may (but is not obligated to) combine or "bunch" such orders to seek best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among the Registrant's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. The Registrant shall not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of such aggregation.

### **Item 13          Review of Accounts**

- A. For those clients to whom Registrant provides investment supervisory services, account reviews are conducted on an ongoing basis by the Registrant's representatives. All investment supervisory clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to advise the Registrant of any changes in their investment objectives and/or financial situation. All clients (in person or via telephone) are encouraged to review financial planning issues (to the extent applicable), investment objectives and account performance with the Registrant on an annual basis.
- B. The Registrant may conduct account reviews on an other than periodic basis upon the occurrence of a triggering event, such as a change in client investment objectives and/or financial situation, market corrections and client request.
- C. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. The Registrant may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

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

- A. As referenced in Item 12.A. above, the Registrant receives an economic benefit from the *Custodians*. The Registrant, without cost (and/or at a discount), receives support services and/or products from the *Custodians*.

There is no corresponding commitment made by the Registrant to the *Custodians* or any other entity to invest any specific amount or percentage of client assets in any specific mutual funds, securities or other investment products as a result of the above arrangement.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above arrangement and any corresponding conflict of interest.**

- B. If a client is introduced to the Registrant by an affiliated solicitor, Registrant may pay that solicitor a referral fee in accordance with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and any corresponding state securities law requirements. Any such referral fee shall be paid solely from the Registrant's investment management fee, and shall not result in any additional charge to the client.

## **Item 15      Custody**

The Registrant shall have the ability to have its advisory fee for each client debited by the custodian on a quarterly basis. In addition, the Registrant is deemed to have custody of client assets as per Rule 206(4)-2, and maintains custody in accordance with the Rule requirements. Client assets are maintained with qualified custodians. Clients are provided, at least quarterly, with written transaction confirmation notices and regular written summary account statements directly from the broker-dealer/custodian and/or program sponsor for the client accounts. The Registrant may also provide a written periodic report summarizing account activity and performance.

To the extent that the Registrant provides clients with periodic account statements or reports, the client is urged to compare any statement or report provided by the Registrant with the account statements received from the account custodian.

The account custodian does not verify the accuracy of the Registrant's advisory fee calculation.

**Custody Situations:** The Registrant engages in other practices and/or services on behalf of its clients that require disclosure at ADV Part 1, Item 9, but which practices and/or services are not subject to an annual surprise CPA examination in accordance with the guidance provided in the SEC's February 21, 2017 Investment Adviser Association No-Action Letter.

## **Item 16      Investment Discretion**

The client can determine to engage the Registrant to provide investment advisory services on a discretionary basis. Prior to the Registrant assuming discretionary authority over a client's account, the client shall be required to execute an *Investment Advisory Agreement*, naming the Registrant as the client's attorney and agent in fact, granting the Registrant full authority to buy, sell, or otherwise effect investment transactions involving the assets in the client's name found in the discretionary account.

Clients who engage the Registrant on a discretionary basis may, at any time, impose restrictions, in writing, on the Registrant's discretionary authority. (i.e. limit the types/amounts of particular securities purchased for their account, exclude the ability to purchase securities with an inverse relationship to the market, limit or proscribe the Registrant's use of margin, etc.).

## **Item 17          Voting Client Securities**

- A. The Registrant does not vote client proxies. Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities owned by the client shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the client's investment assets.
- B. Clients will receive their proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian. Clients may contact the Registrant to discuss any questions they may have with a particular solicitation.

## **Item 18          Financial Information**

- A. The Registrant does not solicit fees of more than \$1,200, per client, six months or more in advance.
- B. The Registrant is unaware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments relating to its discretionary authority over certain client accounts.
- C. The Registrant has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

**The Registrant's Chief Compliance Officer, Roy E. Williams, remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client may have regarding the above disclosures and arrangements.**