

# **Avant Capital, LLC**

## **Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure**

**Effective: March 17, 2023**

This Form ADV 2A (“Disclosure Brochure”) provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Avant Capital, LLC (“Avant Capital” or the “Advisor”). If you have any questions about the content of this Disclosure Brochure, please contact the Advisor at (337) 504-2221 or by email at [mark@avantcapitalllc.com](mailto:mark@avantcapitalllc.com).

Avant Capital is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). The information in this Disclosure Brochure has not been approved or verified by SEC or by any state securities authority. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply any specific level of skill or training. This Disclosure Brochure provides information through Avant Capital to assist you in determining whether to retain the Advisor.

Additional information about Avant Capital and its Advisory Persons is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching with the Advisor’s firm name or CRD# 167961.

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## Item 2 – Material Changes

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Form ADV 2 is divided into two parts: *Part 2A (the "Disclosure Brochure")* and *Part 2B (the "Brochure Supplement")*. The Disclosure Brochure provides information about a variety of topics relating to an Advisor's business practices and conflicts of interest. The Brochure Supplement provides information about the Advisory Persons of Avant Capital. For convenience, the Advisor has combined these documents into a single disclosure document.

Avant Capital believes that communication and transparency are the foundation of its relationship with clients and will continually strive to provide you with complete and accurate information at all times. Avant Capital encourages all current and prospective clients to read this Disclosure Brochure and discuss any questions you may have with the Advisor.

### Material Changes

The following material changes have been made to this Disclosure Brochure since the last filing and distribution to Clients:

- The Advisor has made changes to their product offerings and fee structure in Item 4 and Item 5 respectively.

### Future Changes

From time to time, the Advisor may amend this Disclosure Brochure to reflect changes in business practices, changes in regulations, or routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. This complete Disclosure Brochure or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to you annually and if a material change occurs.

You may view the current Disclosure Brochure online at the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 167961. You may also request a copy of this Disclosure Brochure at any time by contacting the Advisor at (337) 504-2221 or by email at [mark@avantcapitalllc.com](mailto:mark@avantcapitalllc.com).

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## Item 4 – Advisory Services

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### A. Firm Information

Avant Capital, LLC ("Avant Capital" or the "Advisor") is a registered investment advisor located in the State of Louisiana. The Advisor is organized as a Limited Liability Company ("LLC") under the laws of Louisiana. Avant Capital was founded in August 2012 and is owned and operated by Mark A. Avant (Founder and Chief Compliance Officer) and Lisa Avant (Member). Avant Capital became a registered investment advisor in January 2014. This Disclosure Brochure provides information regarding the qualifications, business practices, and the advisory services provided by Avant Capital.

### B. Advisory Services Offered

Avant Capital offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and retirement plans (each referred to as a "Client").

The Advisor serves as a fiduciary to Clients, as defined under the applicable laws and regulations. As a fiduciary, the Advisor upholds a duty of loyalty, fairness, and good faith towards each Client and seeks to mitigate potential conflicts of interest. Avant Capital's fiduciary commitment is further described in the Advisor's Code of Ethics. For more information regarding the Code of Ethics, please see Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading.

### Investment Management Services

Avant Capital provides customized investment advisory solutions for its Clients. This is achieved through continuous personal Client contact and interaction while providing discretionary investment management services. Avant Capital works closely with each Client to identify their investment goals and objectives as well as risk tolerance and financial situation in order to create a portfolio strategy. Avant Capital will then construct an investment portfolio consisting of low-cost, diversified mutual funds and/or exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to achieve the Client's investment goals. The Advisor may also utilize individual stocks or bonds to meet the needs of its Clients. The Advisor may retain certain legacy investments based on portfolio fit and/or tax considerations.

Avant Capital's investment approach is primarily long-term focused, but the Advisor may buy, sell, or re-allocate positions that have been held for less than one year to meet the objectives of the Client or due to market conditions. Avant Capital will construct, implement, and monitor the portfolio to ensure it meets the goals, objectives, circumstances, and risk tolerance agreed to by the Client. Each Client will have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in their respective portfolio, subject to acceptance by the Advisor.

Avant Capital evaluates and selects investments for inclusion in Client portfolios only after applying its internal due diligence process. Avant Capital may recommend, on occasion, redistributing investment allocations to diversify the portfolio. Avant Capital may recommend specific positions to increase sector or asset class weightings. The Advisor may recommend employing cash positions as a possible hedge against market movement. Avant Capital may recommend selling positions for reasons that include but are not limited to harvesting capital gains or losses, business or sector risk exposure to a specific security or class of securities, overvaluation or overweighting of the position[s] in the portfolio, changes in the risk tolerance of Clients, generating cash to meet Client needs, or any risk deemed unacceptable for the Client's risk tolerance.

*Retirement Accounts* – When the Advisor provides investment advice to Clients regarding ERISA retirement accounts or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), the Advisor is a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and/or the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. When deemed to be in the Client's best interest, the Advisor will provide investment advice to a Client regarding a distribution from an ERISA retirement account or to roll over the assets to an IRA or recommend a similar transaction including rollovers from one ERISA sponsored Plan to another, one IRA to another IRA, or from one type of account to another account (e.g., commission-based account to fee-based account). Such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if the Advisor earns a new (or increases its current) advisory fee as a result of the transaction. No client is under any obligation to roll over a retirement account to an account managed by the Advisor.

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At no time will Avant Capital accept or maintain custody of a Client's funds or securities, except for the limited authority as outlined in Item 15 – Custody. All Client assets will be managed with the designated accounts[s] at the Custodian, pursuant to the terms of the advisory agreement. Please see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Avant Capital provides retirement plan advisory services on behalf of retirement plans (each a “Plan”) and the company (the “Plan Sponsor”). The Advisor's retirement plan advisory services are designed to assist the Plan Sponsor in meeting its fiduciary obligations to the Plan. Each engagement is customized to the needs of the Plan and Plan Sponsor. Services generally include:

- Vendor Analysis
- Enrollment and Education Support
- Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”) Design and Monitoring
- Investment Oversight Services (ERISA 3(21))
- Investment Management Services (ERISA 3(38))
- Performance Reporting
- Ongoing Investment Recommendation and Assistance
- ERISA 404(c) Assistance
- Benchmarking Services

These services are provided by Avant Capital, serving in the capacity of a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). In accordance with ERISA Section 408(b)(2), the Plan Sponsor is provided with a written description of Avant Capital's fiduciary status, the specific services to be rendered, and all direct and indirect compensation the Advisor reasonably expects under the engagement.

#### **C. Client Account Management**

Prior to engaging Avant Capital to provide investment advisory services, each Client is required to enter into one or more advisory agreements with the Advisor that define the terms, conditions, authority, and responsibilities of the Advisor and the Client. These services may include:

- Establishing an Investment Strategy – Avant Capital, in connection with the Client, will develop a strategy that seeks to achieve the Client's goals and objectives.
- Asset Allocation – Avant Capital will develop a strategic asset allocation that is targeted to meet the investment objectives, time horizon, financial situation, and tolerance of risk for each Client.
- Portfolio Construction – Avant Capital will develop a portfolio for the Client that is intended to meet the stated goals and objectives of the Client.
- Investment Management and Supervision – Avant Capital will provide investment management and ongoing oversight of the Client's investment portfolio

#### **D. Wrap Fee Programs**

Avant Capital does not manage or place Client assets into a wrap fee program. Investment management services are provided directly by Avant Capital.

#### **E. Assets Under Management**

As of December 31, 2022, Avant Capital manages \$109,511,408 in Client assets, \$107,512,989 of which are managed on a discretionary basis, and \$1,998,419 are managed on a non-discretionary basis. Clients may request more current information at any time by contacting the Advisor.

### **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

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The following paragraphs detail the fee structure and compensation methodology for investment management. Each Client shall sign one or more advisory agreements that detail the responsibilities of Avant Capital and the Client.

## **A. Fees for Advisory Services**

### **Investment Management Services**

Investment advisory fees are paid quarterly, in advance of each calendar quarter pursuant to the terms of the investment advisory agreement. Investment advisory fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior calendar quarter. Investment advisory fees are based on the following schedule:

<b>Assets Under Management (\$)</b>	<b>Annual Rate (%)</b>
Up to \$500,000	1.50%
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	1.25%
Over \$1,000,000	1.00%

The investment advisory fee in the first quarter of service is prorated from the inception date of the account[s] to the end of the first quarter. Investment advisory fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor. The Client's fees will take into consideration the aggregate assets under management with the Advisor. All securities held in accounts managed by Avant Capital will be independently valued by the Custodian. Avant Capital conducts periodic reviews of the Custodian's valuations.

The Advisor's fee is exclusive of, and in addition to any applicable securities transaction and custody fees, and other related costs and expenses described in Item 5.C. below, which may be incurred by the Client. However, the Advisor shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

### ***Fixed Income Only Portfolios***

Fees for fixed income portfolios are charged an annual asset-based fee of up to 0.50% and are billed quarterly in advance of each calendar quarter pursuant to the terms of the fixed income advisory agreement. Fixed income advisory fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior calendar quarter. The Advisor may also offer a fixed annual fee instead of an asset-based fee. Fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor and are typically based on the size and complexity of the services provided to the Plan.

### **Retirement Plan Advisory Services**

Fees for retirement plan advisory services are charged an annual asset-based fee of up to 0.85% and are billed quarterly at the end of each calendar quarter pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Retirement plan advisory fees are based on the market value of assets in the Plan at the end of the prior quarter. The Advisor may also offer a fixed annual fee instead of an asset-based fee. Fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor and are typically based on the size and complexity of the services provided to the Plan.

## **B. Fee Billing**

### **Investment Management Services**

Investment advisory fees will be calculated by the Advisor and deducted from the Client's account[s] at the Custodian. The Advisor shall send an invoice to the Custodian indicating the amount of the fees to be deducted from the Client's account[s] at the beginning of the respective quarter. The amount due is calculated by applying the quarterly rate (annual rate divided by 4) to the total assets under management with Avant Capital at the end of the prior calendar quarter. Clients will be provided with a statement, at least quarterly, from the Custodian reflecting the deduction of the investment advisory fee. It is the responsibility of the Client to verify the accuracy of these fees as listed on the custodian's brokerage statement as the Custodian does not assume this responsibility. Clients provide written authorization permitting advisory fees to be deducted by Avant Capital to be paid directly from their accounts held by the Custodian as part of the investment advisory agreement and separate account forms provided by the Custodian.

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#### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan advisory fees may be directly invoiced to the Plan Sponsor or deducted from the assets of the Plan, depending on the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement.

#### **C. Other Fees and Expenses**

Clients may incur certain fees or charges imposed by third parties other than Avant Capital in connection with investments made on behalf of the Client's account[s]. The Client is responsible for all securities execution and custody fees charged by the Custodian, if applicable. The Advisor's recommended Custodian does not charge securities transaction fees for ETF and equity trades in a Client's account, provided that the account meets the terms and conditions of the Custodian's brokerage requirements. However, the Custodian typically charges for mutual funds and other types of investments. The fees charged by Avant Capital are separate and distinct from these custody and execution fees.

In addition, all fees paid to Avant Capital for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the expenses charged by mutual funds and ETFs to their shareholders, if applicable. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees and expenses will generally be used to pay management fees for the funds, other fund expenses, account administration (e.g., custody, brokerage, and account reporting), and a possible distribution fee. A Client may be able to invest in these products directly, without the services of Avant Capital, but would not receive the services provided by Avant Capital which are designed, among other things, to assist the Client in determining which products or services are most appropriate to each Client's financial situation and objectives. Accordingly, the Client should review both the fees charged by the fund[s] and the fees charged by Avant Capital to fully understand the total fees to be paid.

#### **D. Advance Payment of Fees and Termination**

##### Investment Management Services

Avant Capital is compensated for its investment management services in advance of the quarter in which services are rendered. Either party may terminate the investment advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client may also terminate the agreement within five (5) business days of signing the Advisor's investment advisory agreement at no cost to the Client. After the five-day period, the Client will incur charges for bona fide advisory services rendered to the point of termination, and such fees will be due and payable by the Client. Upon termination, the Advisor shall refund any unearned, pre-paid investment advisory fees. The Client's investment advisory agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

##### Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Avant Capital is compensated for its retirement plan advisory services at the end of the calendar quarter after services are rendered. Either party may terminate the retirement plan advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client may also terminate the agreement within five (5) business days of signing the Advisor's retirement plan advisory agreement at no cost to the Client. After the five-day period, the Client will incur charges for bona fide advisory services rendered to the point of termination, and such fees will be due and payable by the Client. The Client's retirement plan services agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

#### **E. Compensation for Sales of Securities**

Avant Capital does not buy or sell securities and does not receive any compensation for securities transactions in any Client account other than the investment advisory fees noted above.

##### Insurance Agency Affiliations

Certain Advisory Persons are also licensed as independent insurance professionals. These Advisory Persons will earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products sold to Clients. Insurance commissions earned by Advisory Persons are separate and in addition to Avant Capital's advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because persons providing investment advice on behalf of the Advisor, who are insurance agents, have an incentive to recommend insurance products to Clients for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on the Client's needs. However, Clients are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through any person affiliated with the Advisor. Please see Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations.

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

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Avant Capital does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by Avant Capital are as described in Item 5 above and are not based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client. Avant Capital does not manage any proprietary investment funds or limited partnerships (for example, a mutual fund or a hedge fund) and has no financial incentive to recommend any particular investment options to its Clients.

## **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

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Avant Capital offers investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and retirement plans. The relative percentage of each type of Client is available on Avant Capital's Form ADV Part 1. These amounts may change over time and are updated at least annually by the Advisor. Avant Capital generally does not impose a minimum size for establishing a relationship.

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

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### **A. Methods of Analysis**

Avant Capital employs fundamental and technical analysis methods in developing investment strategies for its Clients. Research and analysis from Avant Capital are derived from numerous sources, including financial media companies, third-party research materials, Internet sources, and review of company activities, including annual reports, prospectuses, press releases, and research prepared by others.

*Fundamental analysis* utilizes economic and business indicators as investment selection criteria. These criteria are generally ratios and trends that may indicate the overall strength and financial viability of the entity being analyzed. Assets are deemed suitable if they meet certain criteria to indicate that they are a strong investment with a value discounted by the market. While this type of analysis helps the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in the fundamental analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included in Item 13.

*Technical analysis* involves the analysis of past market data rather than specific company data in determining the recommendations made to clients. Technical analysis may involve the use of charts to identify market patterns and trends, which may be based on investor sentiment rather than the fundamentals of the company. The primary risk in using technical analysis is that spotting historical trends may not help to predict such trends in the future. Even if the trend will eventually reoccur, there is no guarantee that Avant Capital will be able to accurately predict such a reoccurrence.

As noted above, Avant Capital generally employs a long-term investment strategy for its Clients, as consistent with their Financial Goals. Client portfolios may be customized for each Client. Avant Capital will typically hold all or a portion of a security for less than a year but may hold for shorter periods for the purpose of rebalancing a portfolio or meeting the cash needs of Clients. At times, Avant Capital may also buy and sell positions that are very short-term in nature, depending on the goals of the Client and/or the fundamentals of the security, sector, or asset class.

### **B. Risk of Loss**

Investing in securities involves certain investment risks. Securities may fluctuate in value or lose value. Clients should be prepared to bear the potential risk of loss. Avant Capital will assist Clients in determining an appropriate strategy based on their tolerance for risk and other factors noted above. However, there is no guarantee that a Client will meet their investment goals.

Each Client engagement will entail a review of the Client's investment goals, financial situation, time horizon, tolerance for risk, and other factors to develop an appropriate strategy for managing a Client's account. Client participation in this process, including full and accurate disclosure of requested information, is essential for the analysis of a Client's account[s]. The Advisor shall rely on the financial and other information provided by the

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Client or their designees without the duty or obligation to validate the accuracy and completeness of the provided information. It is the responsibility of the Client to inform the Advisor of any changes in financial condition, goals, or other factors that may affect this analysis.

The risks associated with a particular strategy are provided to each Client in advance of investing Client accounts. The Advisor will work with each Client to determine their tolerance for risk as part of the portfolio construction process. Following are some of the risks associated with the Advisor's investment approach:

#### Market Risks

The value of a Client's holdings may fluctuate in response to events specific to companies or markets, as well as economic, political, or social events in the U.S. and abroad. This risk is linked to the performance of the overall financial markets.

#### ETF Risks

The performance of ETFs is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the ETFs will fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the funds. In addition, ETFs have a trading risk based on the loss of cost efficiency if the ETFs are traded actively and a liquidity risk if the ETFs have a large bid-ask spread and low volume. Authorized participants in an ETF may change at any time; this may result in a change to the liquidity and the ability to redeem the ETF as the authorized participants control the number of shares of the ETF. The price of an ETF fluctuates based upon the market movements and may disassociate from the index being tracked or from the value of the underlying investments. An ETF purchased or sold at one point in the day may have a different value than the same ETF purchased or sold a short time later.

#### Mutual Fund Risks

The performance of mutual funds is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The value of the mutual funds will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities that make up the funds. The value of a mutual fund is typically set daily; therefore, a mutual fund purchased at one point in the day will typically have the same value as a mutual fund purchased later that same day.

**Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Investing in securities and other investments involve a risk of loss that each Client should understand and be willing to bear. Clients are reminded to discuss these risks with the Advisor.**

### **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

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**There are no legal, regulatory, or disciplinary events involving Avant Capital or its owner.** Avant Capital values the trust Clients place in the Advisor. The Advisor encourages Clients to perform the requisite due diligence on any advisor or service provider that the Client engages. The background of the Advisor and its Advisory Persons are available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 167961.

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

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#### Insurance Agency Affiliations

As noted in Item 5, certain Advisory Persons are also licensed insurance professionals. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from the Advisory Person's role with Avant Capital. As an insurance professional, Advisory Persons will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Advisory Persons are not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by the Advisor or its Advisory Persons.

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

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#### **A. Code of Ethics**

Avant Capital has implemented a Code of Ethics that defines the Advisor's fiduciary commitment to each Client. This Code of Ethics applies to all persons associated with Avant Capital ("Supervised Persons"). The Code of Ethics was developed to provide general ethical guidelines and specific instructions regarding the Advisor's duties to the Client. Avant Capital and its Supervised Persons owe a duty of loyalty, fairness, and good faith towards each Client. It is the obligation of Avant Capital Supervised Persons to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code but also to the general principles that guide the Code. The Code of Ethics covers a range of topics that may include; general ethical principles, reporting personal securities trading, reportable securities, initial public offerings, and private placements, reporting ethical violations, distribution of the Code of Ethics, review and enforcement processes, amendments to Form ADV and supervisory procedures. Avant Capital has written its Code of Ethics to meet and exceed regulatory standards. To request a copy of the Code of Ethics, please contact the Advisor at (337) 504-2221 or via email at [mark@avantcapitalllc.com](mailto:mark@avantcapitalllc.com).

#### **B. Personal Trading with Material Interest**

Avant Capital allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Avant Capital does not act as principal in any transactions. In addition, the Advisor does not act as the general partner of a fund or advise an investment company. Avant Capital does not have a material interest in any securities traded in Client accounts.

#### **C. Personal Trading in Same Securities as Clients**

Avant Capital allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Owning the same securities that are recommended (purchase or sell) to Clients presents a conflict of interest that, as fiduciaries, must be disclosed to Clients and mitigated through policies and procedures. As noted above, the Advisor has adopted the Code of Ethics, which addresses insider trading (material non-public information controls), gifts and entertainment, outside business activities, and personal securities reporting procedures. When trading personal accounts, Supervised Persons have a conflict of interest if trading in the same securities. The fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of its Client can be violated if personal trades are made with more advantageous terms than Client trades or by trading based on material non-public information. This risk is mitigated by Avant Capital requiring reporting of personal securities trades by its Supervised persons for review by the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") or delegate. The Advisor has also adopted written policies and procedures to detect the misuse of material, non-public information.

#### **D. Personal Trading at Same Time as Client**

While Avant Capital allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients, such trades are typically aggregated with Client orders or traded afterward. **At no time will Avant Capital or any Supervised Person of Avant Capital transact in any security to the detriment of any Client.**

### **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

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#### **A. Recommendation of Custodian[s]**

Avant Capital does not have discretionary authority to select the broker-dealer/custodian for custody and execution services. The Client will engage the broker-dealer/custodian (herein the "Custodian") to safeguard Client assets and authorize Avant Capital to direct trades to the Custodian as agreed in the investment advisory agreement. Further, Avant Capital does not have the discretionary authority to negotiate commissions on behalf of Clients on a trade-by-trade basis.

Where Avant Capital does not exercise discretion over the selection of the Custodian, it may recommend the Custodian to Clients for custody and execution services. Clients are not obligated to use the Custodian recommended by the Advisor and will not incur any extra fee or cost associated with using a broker-dealer/custodian not recommended by Avant Capital. Avant Capital may recommend the Custodian based on criteria such as, but not limited to, the reasonableness of commissions charged to the Client, services made available to the Client, reputation, its reputation, and/or the location of the Custodian's offices. Avant Capital does not receive research services, other products, or compensation as a result of recommending a particular custodian that may result in the Client paying higher commissions than those obtainable through other custodians.

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Avant Capital will generally recommend that Clients establish their account[s] at Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab"), a FINRA-registered broker-dealer and member SIPC. Schwab will serve as the Client's "qualified Custodian." Avant Capital maintains an institutional relationship with Schwab, whereby the Advisor receives economic benefits from Schwab. Please see Item 14 below.

Following are additional details regarding the brokerage practices of the Advisor:

1. **Soft Dollars** – Soft dollars are revenue programs offered by broker-dealers/custodians whereby an advisor enters into an agreement to place security trades with a broker-dealer/custodian in exchange for research and other services. **Avant Capital does not participate in soft dollar programs sponsored or offered by any broker-dealer/custodian. However, the Advisor receives certain economic benefits from the Custodian. Please see Item 14 below.**
2. **Brokerage Referrals** – Avant Capital does not receive any compensation from any third party in connection with the recommendation for establishing an account.
3. **Directed Brokerage** – All Clients are serviced on a "directed brokerage basis," where Avant Capital will place trades within the established account[s] at the Custodian designated by the Client. Further, all Client accounts are traded within their respective account[s]. The Advisor will not engage in any principal transactions (i.e., trade of any security from or to the Advisor's own account) or cross transactions with other Client accounts (i.e., purchase of a security into one Client account from another Client's account[s]). Avant Capital will not be obligated to select competitive bids on securities transactions and does not have an obligation to seek the lowest available transaction costs. These costs are determined by the Custodian.

## **B. Aggregating and Allocating Trades**

The primary objective in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities for Client accounts is to obtain the most favorable net results taking into account such factors as 1) price, 2) size of the order, 3) difficulty of execution, 4) confidentiality and 5) skill required of the Custodian. Avant Capital will execute its transactions through the Custodian as directed by the Client.

Avant Capital may aggregate orders in a block trade or trades when securities are purchased or sold through the Custodian for multiple (discretionary) accounts. If a block trade cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the initial pre-allocation or other written statement. This must be done in a way that does not consistently advantage or disadvantage particular Clients' accounts.

## **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

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### **A. Frequency of Reviews**

Securities in Client accounts are monitored on a regular and continuous basis by Mr. Avant, Founder and CCO of Avant Capital. Formal reviews are generally conducted at least annually or more frequently depending on the needs of the Client.

### **B. Causes for Reviews**

In addition to the investment monitoring noted in Item 13.A., each Client account shall be reviewed at least annually. Reviews may be conducted more frequently at the Client's request. Accounts may be reviewed as a result of major changes in economic conditions, known changes in the Client's financial situation, and/or large deposits or withdrawals in the Client's account[s]. The Client is encouraged to notify Avant Capital if changes occur in his personal financial situation that might adversely affect his investment plan. Additional reviews may be triggered by material market, economic, or political events.

### **C. Review Reports**

The Client will receive brokerage statements no less than quarterly from the Custodian. These brokerage statements are sent directly from the Custodian to the Client. The Client may also establish electronic access to the Custodian's website so that the Client may view these reports and their account activity. Client brokerage

statements will include all positions, transactions, and fees relating to the Client's account[s]. The Advisor may also provide Clients with periodic reports regarding their holdings, allocations, and performance.

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

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### **A. Compensation Received by Avant Capital**

Avant Capital may refer Clients to various unaffiliated, non-advisory professionals (e.g., attorneys, accountants, estate planners) to provide certain financial services necessary to meet the goals of Clients. Likewise, Avant Capital may receive non-compensated referrals of new Clients from various third parties. Participation in Institutional Advisor Platform

Avant Capital has established an institutional relationship with Schwab through its “Schwab Advisor Services” unit, a division of Schwab dedicated to serving independent advisory firms like Avant Capital. As a registered investment advisor participating on the Schwab Advisor Services platform, Avant Capital receives access to software and related support without cost because the Advisor renders investment management services to Clients that maintain assets at Schwab. Services provided by Schwab Advisor Services benefit the Advisor and many, but not all services provided by Schwab will benefit Clients. In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits from a custodian creates a conflict of interest since these benefits may influence the Advisor's recommendation of this custodian over one that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services.

*Services that Benefit the Client* – Schwab's institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of the Client's funds and securities. Through Schwab, the Advisor may be able to access certain investments and asset classes that the Client would not be able to obtain directly or through other sources. Further, the Advisor may be able to invest in certain mutual funds and other investments without having to adhere to investment minimums that might be required if the Client were to directly access the investments.

*Services that May Indirectly Benefit the Client* – Schwab provides participating advisors with access to technology, research, discounts, and other services. In addition, the Advisor receives duplicate statements for Client accounts the ability to deduct advisory fees, trading tools, and back-office support services as part of its relationship with Schwab. These services are intended to assist the Advisor in effectively managing accounts for its Clients but may not directly benefit all Clients.

*Services that May Only Benefit the Advisor* – Schwab also offers other services and support to Avant Capital that may not benefit the Client, including educational conferences and events, financial start-up support, consulting services, and discounts for various service providers. Access to these services creates a financial incentive for the Advisor to recommend Schwab, which results in a conflict of interest. Avant Capital believes, however, that the selection of Schwab as Custodian is in the best interests of its Clients.

### **B. Compensation for Client Referrals**

Avant Capital does not compensate, either directly or indirectly, any persons who are not supervised persons, for Client referrals.

## **Item 15 – Custody**

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Avant Capital does not accept or maintain custody of any Client accounts, except for the authorized deduction of the Advisor's fees. All Clients must place their assets with a “qualified custodian.” Clients are required to select the Custodian to retain their funds and securities and direct Avant Capital to utilize the Custodian for the Client's security transactions. Avant Capital encourages Clients to review statements provided by the Custodian. For more information about custodians and brokerage practices, see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

If the Client gives the Advisor authority to move money from one account to another account, the Advisor may have custody of those assets. In order to avoid additional regulatory requirements, the Custodian and the Advisor have adopted safeguards to ensure that the money movements are completed in accordance with the Client's instructions.

## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

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Avant Capital generally has discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be bought or sold in Client accounts without obtaining prior consent or approval from the Client. However, these purchases or sales may be subject to specified investment objectives, guidelines, or limitations previously set forth by the Client and agreed to by Avant Capital. Discretionary authority will only be authorized upon full disclosure to the Client. The granting of such authority will be evidenced by the Client's execution of an investment advisory agreement containing all applicable limitations to such authority. All discretionary trades made by Avant Capital will be in accordance with each Client's investment objectives and goals.

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

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Avant Capital does not accept proxy-voting responsibility for any Client. Clients will receive proxy statements directly from the Custodian. The Advisor will assist in answering questions relating to proxies; however, the Client retains the sole responsibility for proxy decisions and voting.

## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

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Neither Avant Capital nor its management has any adverse financial situations that would reasonably impair the ability of Avant Capital to meet all obligations to its Clients. Neither Avant Capital nor any of its Advisory Persons have been subject to a bankruptcy or financial compromise. Avant Capital is not required to deliver a balance sheet along with this Brochure as the firm does not collect advance fees of \$1,200 or more for services to be performed six months or more in the future.

# **Form ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement**

**for**

**Mark A. Avant  
Founder and Chief Compliance Officer**

**Effective: March 17, 2023**

This Form ADV 2B (“Brochure Supplement”) provides information about the background and qualifications of Mark A. Avant (CRD# 2218785) in addition to the information contained in the Avant Capital, LLC (“Avant Capital” or the “Advisor,” CRD #167961) Disclosure Brochure. If you have not received a copy of the Disclosure Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of the Avant Capital Disclosure Brochure or this Brochure Supplement, please contact the Advisor at (337) 504-2221.

Additional information about Mr. Avant is available on the SEC’s Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching with his full name or individual CRD# 167961.

## Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

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The Founder and Chief Compliance Officer of Avant Capital is Mr. Mark A. Avant. Mr. Avant, born in 1961, is dedicated to serving Clients of Avant Capital. Additional information regarding Mr. Avant's employment history is included below.

### Employment History:

Founder and Chief Compliance Officer, Avant Capital, LLC (Registered Investment Advisor: 01/2014 – Present)	08/2012 to Present
Owner, L and M Avant Holdings, LLC	03/2023 to Present
Insurance Agent, NY Life Securities, Inc.	08/1994 to 01/2014
Investment Advisor Representative, Eagles Strategies, LLC	08/2009 to 01/2014
Principal, Avant & Associates, LLC	09/2009 to 01/2014

## Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

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***There are no legal, civil, or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Avant.*** Mr. Avant has never been involved in any regulatory, civil, or criminal action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims, or administrative proceedings against Mr. Avant. Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil, or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement, or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices. ***As previously noted, there are no legal, civil, or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Avant.***

However, the Advisor encourages Clients to independently view the background of Mr. Avant on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov) by searching with his full name or individual CRD# 2218785.

## Item 4 – Other Business Activities

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### Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Avant is also a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Avant's role with Avant Capital. As an insurance professional, Mr. Avant will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Avant is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Avant or the Advisor.

L and M Avant Holdings, LLC

Mr. Avant is an Owner of L and M Avant Holdings, LLC. This is a holding company is for the purchase of a commercial property, and collection of rent money. Mr. Avant dedicated 1 hour of his time in this capacity.

## Item 5 – Additional Compensation

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Mr. Avant has additional business activities where compensation is received that is detailed in Item 4 above.

## Item 6 – Supervision

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Mr. Avant serves as the Founder and Chief Compliance Officer of Avant Capital. Mr. Avant can be reached at (337) 504-2221 or via email at [mark@avantcapitalllc.com](mailto:mark@avantcapitalllc.com).



Avant Capital has implemented a Code of Ethics, an internal compliance document that guides each Supervised Person in meeting their fiduciary obligations to Clients of Avant Capital. Further, Avant Capital is subject to regulatory oversight by various agencies. These agencies require registration by Avant Capital and its Supervised Persons. As a registered entity, Avant Capital is subject to examinations by regulators, which may be announced or unannounced. Avant Capital is required to periodically update the information provided to these agencies and to provide various reports regarding the business activities and assets of the Advisor.

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## Privacy Policy

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Effective: March 17, 2023

### Our Commitment to You

Avant Capital, LLC ("Avant Capital" or the "Advisor") is committed to safeguarding the use of personal information of our Clients (also referred to as "you" and "your") that we obtain as your Investment Advisor, as described here in our Privacy Policy ("Policy").

Our relationship with you is our most important asset. We understand that you have entrusted us with your private information, and we do everything that we can to maintain that trust. Avant Capital (also referred to as "we," "our," and "us") protects the security and confidentiality of the personal information we have and implements controls to ensure that such information is used for proper business purposes in connection with the management or servicing of our relationship with you.

Avant Capital does not sell your non-public personal information to anyone. Nor do we provide such information to others except for discrete and reasonable business purposes in connection with the servicing and management of our relationship with you, as discussed below.

Details of our approach to privacy and how your personal non-public information is collected and used are set forth in this Policy.

### Why you need to know?

Registered Investment Advisors ("RIAs") must share some of your personal information in the course of servicing your account. Federal and State laws give you the right to limit some of this sharing and require RIAs to disclose how we collect, share, and protect your personal information.

### What information do we collect from you?

Driver's license number	Date of birth
Social security or taxpayer identification number	Assets and liabilities
Name, address, and phone number[s]	Income and expenses
Email address[es]	Investment activity
Account information (including other institutions)	Investment experience and goals

### What Information do we collect from other sources?

Custody, brokerage, and advisory agreements	Account applications and forms
Other advisory agreements and legal documents	Investment questionnaires and suitability documents
Transactional information with us or others	Other information needed to service account

### How do we protect your information?

To safeguard your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we maintain physical, procedural, and electronic security measures. These include such safeguards as secure passwords, encrypted file storage, and a secure office environment. Our technology vendors provide security and access control over personal information and have policies over the transmission of data. Our associates are trained on their responsibilities

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to protect Clients' personal information.

We require third parties that assist in providing our services to you to protect the personal information they receive from us.

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### How do we share your information?

An RIA shares Client personal information to effectively implement its services. In the section below, we list some reasons we may share your personal information.

Basis For Sharing	Do we share?	Can you limit?
<b>Servicing our Clients</b> We may share non-public personal information with non-affiliated third parties (such as administrators, brokers, custodians, regulators, credit agencies, other financial institutions) as necessary for us to provide agreed-upon services to you, consistent with applicable law, including but not limited to: processing transactions; general account maintenance; responding to regulators or legal investigations; and credit reporting.	Yes	No
<b>Marketing Purposes</b> Avant Capital does not disclose and does not intend to disclose personal information with non-affiliated third parties to offer you services. Certain laws may give us the right to share your personal information with financial institutions where you are a customer and where Avant Capital or the client has a formal agreement with the financial institution. <b>We will only share information for purposes of servicing your accounts, not for marketing purposes.</b>	No	Not Shared
<b>Authorized Users</b> Your non-public personal information may be disclosed to you and persons that we believe to be your authorized agent[s] or representative[s].	Yes	Yes
<b>Information About Former Clients</b> Avant Capital does not disclose and does not intend to disclose non-public personal information to non-affiliated third parties with respect to persons who are no longer our Clients.	No	Not Shared

### Changes to our Privacy Policy

We will send you a copy of this Policy annually for as long as you maintain an ongoing relationship with us.

Periodically we may revise this Policy and will provide you with a revised Policy if the changes materially alter the previous Privacy Policy. We will not, however, revise our Privacy Policy to permit the sharing of non-public personal information other than as described in this notice unless we first notify you and provide you with an opportunity to prevent the information sharing.

### Any Questions?

You may ask questions or voice any concerns, as well as obtain a copy of our current Privacy Policy by contacting us at (337) 504-2221.