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## **Item 2. Material Changes**

In this Item, LWP is required to discuss any material changes that have been made to the brochure since the last annual amendment.

We have no material changes since our last annual update, March 2022.

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## Item 4. Advisory Business

LWP offers a variety of advisory services, which include financial planning, consulting, and investment management services. Prior to LWP rendering any of the foregoing advisory services, clients are required to enter into one or more written agreements with LWP setting forth the relevant terms and conditions of the advisory relationship (the "Advisory Agreement").

LWP is owned by Andrew Ross Ramsey and Ralph Corley Watson III. As of February 10, 2023, LWP had \$ 561,198,312 assets under management, \$481,729,513 of which was managed on a discretionary basis and \$79,468,799 of which was managed on a non-discretionary basis.

While this brochure generally describes the business of LWP, certain sections also discuss the activities of its Supervised Persons, which refer to the Firm's officers, partners, directors (or other persons occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), employees, or other persons who provide investment advice on LWP's behalf and are subject to the Firm's supervision or control.

### Financial Planning and Consulting Services

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LWP offers clients a broad range of financial planning and consulting services, which include any or all of the following functions:

- Business Planning
- Trust and Estate Planning
- Financial Reporting
- Investment Consulting
- Insurance Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Risk Management
- Charitable Giving
- Distribution Planning
- Education Planning

While each of these services is available on a stand-alone basis, certain of them can also be rendered in conjunction with investment portfolio management as part of a comprehensive wealth management engagement (described in more detail below).

In performing these services, LWP is not required to verify any information received from the client or the client's other professionals (e.g., attorneys, accountants, etc.) and is expressly authorized to rely on such information. LWP recommends certain clients engage the Firm for additional related services, its Supervised Persons in their capacities as insurance agents or registered representatives of a broker-dealer and/or other professionals to implement its recommendations. Clients are advised that a conflict of interest exists for the Firm to recommend that clients engage LWP or its affiliates to provide (or continue to provide) additional services for compensation, including investment management services. Clients retain absolute discretion over all decisions regarding implementation and are under no obligation to act upon any of the recommendations made by LWP under a financial planning or consulting

engagement. Clients are advised that it remains their responsibility to promptly notify the Firm of any change in their financial situation or investment objectives for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating, or revising LWP's recommendations and/or services.

### **Investment and Wealth Management Services**

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LWP provides clients with wealth management services, which include a broad range of financial planning and consulting services as well as discretionary management of investment portfolios.

LWP tailors its advisory services to meet the needs of its individual clients and seeks to ensure, on a continuous basis, that client portfolios are managed in a manner consistent with those needs and objectives. LWP consults with clients on an initial and ongoing basis to assess their specific risk tolerance, time horizon, liquidity constraints, and other related factors relevant to the management of their portfolios. Clients are advised to promptly notify LWP if there are changes in their financial situation or if they wish to place any limitations on the management of their portfolios. Clients can impose reasonable restrictions or mandates on the management of their accounts if LWP determines, in its sole discretion, the conditions would not materially impact the performance of a management strategy or prove overly burdensome to the Firm's management efforts.

The Firm does not serve as the sponsor or manager of a wrap fee program (i.e., an arrangement where certain brokerage commissions and transaction costs are absorbed by the Firm). Nonetheless, the Firm principally provides investment management services through accounts available through wrap fee programs offered and administered by Raymond James & Associates ("RJA"), member NYSE/SIPC, or another of its affiliates (collectively, along with Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. ("Raymond James")) which are described below in more detail. The wrap fees for participation in such programs include many transaction costs associated with execution of securities transactions. For more information relating to the wrap programs offered by Raymond James, please refer to RJA's wrap fee disclosure brochure (the "Wrap Brochure"), which can be found at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The Raymond James programs require clients to sign separate agreements depending on the program. LWP will be named as the investment adviser (either directly or through its investment adviser representatives) in such agreements.

The Firm expects to provide all or substantially all of its investment management services through the Raymond James Ambassador Program. The Ambassador Program utilizes a wrap fee advisory account, offered and administered by RJA, in which the client is provided with ongoing investment advice and monitoring of securities holdings by the Firm. The Firm provides discretionary or non-discretionary management of the Ambassador Account according to the client's objectives. The Ambassador Account offers Clients the ability to pay an Asset-based Fee in lieu of a commission for each investment.

The Firm invests client assets among various mutual funds, ETFs, individual debt and equity securities, options, and independent investment managers ("Independent Managers") in accordance with their stated investment objectives. Where appropriate, LWP also recommends that certain eligible clients invest in privately placed securities, which may include debt, equity and/or interests in pooled investment vehicles

(e.g., hedge funds). Where appropriate, the Firm also provides advice about any type of legacy position or other investment held in client portfolios.

Clients can also engage LWP to advise on certain investment products that are not maintained at their primary custodian, such as variable life insurance and annuity contracts and assets held in employer sponsored retirement plans and qualified tuition plans (i.e., 529 plans). In these situations, LWP recommends the allocation of client assets among the various investment options available with the product. These assets are generally maintained at the underwriting insurance company or the custodian designated by the product's provider.

### **Use of Independent Managers**

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As mentioned above, LWP selects certain Independent Managers to actively manage a portion of its clients' assets. The specific terms and conditions under which a client engages an Independent Manager are set forth in a separate written agreement with the designated Independent Manager. That agreement can be between the Firm and the Independent Manager (often called a subadvisor) or the client and the Independent Manager (sometimes called a separate account manager). In addition to this brochure, clients will typically also receive the written disclosure documents of the respective Independent Managers engaged to manage their assets.

LWP evaluates a variety of information about Independent Managers, which includes the Independent Managers' public disclosure documents, materials supplied by the Independent Managers themselves and other third-party analyses it believes are reputable. To the extent possible, the Firm seeks to assess the Independent Managers' investment strategies, past performance and risk results in relation to its clients' individual portfolio allocations and risk exposure. LWP also takes into consideration each Independent Manager's management style, returns, reputation, financial strength, reporting, pricing and research capabilities, among other factors.

LWP continues to provide services relative to the discretionary selection of the Independent Managers. On an ongoing basis, the Firm monitors the performance of those accounts being managed by Independent Managers. LWP seeks to ensure the Independent Managers' strategies and target allocations remain aligned with its clients' investment objectives and overall best interests.

The Firm expects to engage the Independent Managers through one or more of Raymond James's programs. The Independent Managers can be affiliated with Raymond James which results in a conflict of interest for Raymond James to approve and favor these Independent Managers in their programs. The Firm does not, however, receive any additional compensation if a Raymond James affiliate is selected as the Independent Managers. Clients will sign a separate agreement with Raymond James that names LWP (either directly or through an investment adviser representative of LWP) as the investment adviser. Clients should review the Wrap Brochure for more information on the RJCS Program.

**Retirement Plan Advisory Services**

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LWP offers investment advisory services to qualified retirement plans including fiduciary advice, 3(21), and discretionary management, 3(38), defined under the Employee Retirement Income Securities Act [“ERISA”].

Through our 3(21) arrangement, LWP provides non-discretionary fiduciary advice services to retirement plan clients which may include development and implementation of an investment policy statement IPS [“IPS”], investment due diligence, ongoing performance reporting, and documentation of these services to plan fiduciaries for a fee.

Through our 3(38) arrangement, LWP offers discretionary investment management services provided through an agreement with Raymond James and Associates. LWP works with our retirement plan clients to establish an IPS, review a diversified investment menu, meet annually or more often to provide updates and account monitoring, a client service plan, and ongoing investment due diligence.

**ERISA and Individual Retirement Account Disclosure**

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When we provide investment advice to you regarding your retirement plan account or individual retirement account, we are fiduciaries 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. The way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests, so we operate under a special rule that requires us to act in your best interest and not put our interests ahead of yours.

Under this special rule’s provisions, we must:

- Meet a professional standard of care when making investment recommendations (give prudent advice);
- Never put our financial interests ahead of yours when making recommendations (give loyal advice);
- Avoid misleading statements about conflicts of interest, fees, and investments;
- Follow policies and procedures designed to ensure that we give advice that is in your best interest;
- Charge no more than is reasonable for our services; and
- Give you basic information about conflicts of interest.

## Item 5. Fees and Compensation

LWP offers services on a fee basis, which includes fixed fees, as well as fees based upon assets under management. Additionally, certain of the Firm's Supervised Persons, in their individual capacities, offers securities brokerage services and/or insurance products under a separate commission-based arrangement.

### Financial Planning and Consulting Fees

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LWP charges a fixed fee or asset-based fee for providing financial planning and/or consulting services under a stand-alone engagement. These fees are negotiable, but range from \$1,000 to \$50,000 on a fixed fee basis, depending upon the scope and complexity of the services and the professional rendering the financial planning and/or the consulting services. The fee can be for a defined project, such as the delivery of a plan, or for ongoing services. Alternatively, the Firm can be engaged to provide ongoing consulting on assets that are held outside of Raymond James as broker-dealer / custodian. These will typically be privately placed securities custodied by the issuer. In those engagements, the Firm will charge an asset-based fee that is similar to the fee schedule described below for continuing to advise and report on the assets including ongoing due diligence and communications with the issuer. If the client engages the Firm for additional investment advisory services, LWP can offset all or a portion of its fees for those services based upon the amount paid for the financial planning and/or consulting services.

The terms and conditions of the financial planning and/or consulting engagement are set forth in the Advisory Agreement. For project-based services LWP requires one-half of the fee (estimated hourly or fixed) payable upon execution of the Advisory Agreement. The outstanding balance is due upon delivery of the financial plan or completion of the agreed upon services. Ongoing services (either fixed or asset-based) are charged as described in the investment management section, below.

### Wealth Management Fees

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LWP offers wealth management services for an annual fee based on the amount of assets under the Firm's management. This management fee varies in accordance with the following fee schedule:

PORTFOLIO VALUE	BASE FEE
Up to \$1,000,000	1.30%
\$1,000,000.01 - \$2,000,000	1.00%
\$2,000,000.01 - \$3,000,000	0.90%
\$3,000,000.01 - \$5,000,000	0.80%
\$5,000,000.01 - \$7,500,000	0.70%
\$7,500,000.01 - \$10,000,000	0.60%
Above \$10,000,000	0.50%

The annual fee is prorated and charged quarterly, in advance, based upon the market value of the assets being managed by LWP on the last day of the previous billing period as determined by a party independent from the Firm (including the client's custodian or another third-party). Alternatively, the Firm may change a fixed fee for the investment management services. The fixed fee will be individually negotiated and will be based upon a number of factors including the size and composition of a client's portfolio, the type and amount of services rendered and the individual(s) providing the services.

Additionally, for asset management services the Firm provides with respect to certain client holdings (e.g., held-away assets, accommodation accounts, alternative investments, etc.), LWP can negotiate a fee rate that differs from the range set forth above (including assets that are charged through a financial planning or investment consulting agreement as described above). Clients are advised that a conflict of interest exists for the Firm to recommend that clients engage LWP for additional services for compensation, including rolling over retirement accounts or moving other assets to the Firm's management. Clients retain absolute discretion over all decisions regarding engaging the Firm and are under no obligation to act upon any of the recommendations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, clients participating in the Raymond James wrap programs will pay fees to Raymond James (that encompass both fees to be paid to the Firm and Raymond James). For those participating in the Ambassador Program (which is the primary way that the Firm expects to provide services), the asset-based fees paid to the Firm and Raymond James by the client are set forth in the Ambassador (Discretionary or Non-Discretionary) Investment Adviser Client Agreement (the "Ambassador Agreement") entered into by the Firm, the client, and Raymond James. In addition, for clients that are utilizing Independent Managers, the asset-based fees paid to the Firm, Raymond James and the Independent Managers are set forth in separate agreements.

For purposes of calculating and assessing asset-based fees for clients participating in the wrap programs, Raymond James uses the term "Account Value", which may be different than the asset value as reported on brokerage statements provided to clients. "Account Value" is defined as the total absolute value of the securities in the Ambassador Account, long or short, plus all credit balances, with no offset for any margin or debit balances. As a result, a conflict of interest exists as the Firm has an incentive to increase the use of margin in managing client accounts in order to increase the fees paid by the client. The annual asset-based fees associated with the aforementioned account programs are typically payable quarterly in advance. When an account is opened, the asset-based fee is billed for the remainder of the current billing period and is based on the initial contribution. Thereafter, the quarterly asset-based fee is paid in advance, is based on the Account Value as of the last business day of the previous calendar quarter and becomes due the following business day. If cash or securities, or a combination thereof, amounting to at least \$100,000 are deposited to or withdrawn from a client's account on an individual business day in the first two months of the quarter, Raymond James will: (i) assess asset-based fees based on the value of the assets on the date of deposit for the pro rata number of days remaining in the quarter, or (ii) refund prepaid asset-based fees based on the value of the assets on the date of withdrawal for the pro rata number of days remaining in the quarter. No additional asset-based fees or adjustments to previously assessed asset-based fees will be made in connection with deposits or withdrawals that occur during the last month of the quarter unless requested by the client. Notwithstanding the above \$100,000 adjustment threshold, Raymond James reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to process or not process fee adjustments when the source and destination of deposits

and withdrawals involve a client's other fee-based advisory accounts. The client authorizes and directs RJA, acting as custodian, to deduct asset-based fees from the client's account. RJA then remits the Firm's portion of its fees to the Firm.

### **Fee Discretion**

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LWP may, in its sole discretion, negotiate to charge a lesser fee based upon certain criteria, such as anticipated future earning capacity, anticipated future additional assets, dollar amount of assets to be managed, related accounts, account composition, pre-existing/legacy client relationship, account retention, pro bono activities, or competitive purposes. In addition, the Firm will charge a lesser fee where a client engages the Firm to provide investment management services, without the broad range of financial planning and consulting services that are part of a wealth management relationship.

### **Additional Fees and Expenses**

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In addition to the advisory fees paid to LWP, clients also incur certain charges imposed by other third parties, such as broker-dealers, custodians, trust companies, banks and other financial institutions (collectively "Financial Institutions"). These additional charges include securities brokerage commissions, transaction fees, custodial fees, fees attributable to alternative assets, reporting charges, fees charged by the Independent Managers, margin and other borrowing costs, charges imposed directly by a mutual fund or ETF in a client's account, as disclosed in the fund's prospectus (*e.g.*, fund management fees and other fund expenses), deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. The Firm's brokerage practices are described at length in Item 12, below.

### **Direct Fee Debit**

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Clients provide LWP, Raymond James, and/or certain Independent Managers with the authority to directly debit their accounts for payment of the investment advisory fees. The Financial Institutions that act as the qualified custodian for client accounts, from which the Firm retains the authority to directly deduct fees, have agreed to send statements to clients not less than quarterly detailing all account transactions, including any amounts paid to LWP. Alternatively, clients may elect to have LWP send a separate invoice for direct payment.

**Account Additions and Withdrawals**

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Clients can make additions to and withdrawals from their account at any time, subject to LWP's right to terminate an account. Additions can be in cash or securities provided that the Firm reserves the right to liquidate any transferred securities or declines to accept particular securities into a client's account. Clients can withdraw account assets on notice to LWP, subject to the usual and customary securities settlement procedures. However, the Firm designs its portfolios as long-term investments and the withdrawal of assets may impair the achievement of a client's investment objectives. LWP may consult with its clients about the options and implications of transferring securities. Clients are advised that when transferred securities are liquidated, they may be subject to transaction fees, short-term redemption fees, fees assessed at the mutual fund level (e.g., contingent deferred sales charges) and/or tax ramifications.

**Commissions and Sales Charges for Recommendations of Securities**

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Clients can engage certain persons associated with LWP (but not the Firm directly) to render securities brokerage services under a separate commission-based arrangement. Clients are under no obligation to engage such persons and may choose brokers or agents not affiliated with LWP.

Under this arrangement, the Firm's Supervised Persons, in their individual capacities as registered representatives of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. ("RJFS"), can provide securities brokerage services and implement securities transactions under a separate commission based arrangement. Supervised Persons are entitled to a portion of the brokerage commissions paid to RJFS, as well as a share of any ongoing distribution or service (trail) fees from the sale of mutual funds. LWP can also recommend no-load or load-waived funds, where no sales charges are assessed, but where the Supervised Person receives other forms of compensation. Prior to effecting any transactions, clients are required to enter into a separate account agreement with RJFS.

A conflict of interest exists to the extent that a Supervised Person of LWP recommends the purchase or sale of securities through a brokerage relationship where that Supervised Persons receives commissions or other additional compensation as a result of that recommendation (the "Brokerage Relationship"). Because the Supervised Persons receive compensation in connection with the sale of securities in the Brokerage Relationship, a conflict of interest exists as such Supervised Persons, have an incentive to recommend more expensive securities or services to clients where such Supervised Persons earn more compensation with respect to the sale of such securities through the Brokerage Relationship rather than through an advisory relationship with the Firm. The Firm has procedures in place to ensure that any recommendations made by such Supervised Persons to engage in the Brokerage Relationship are in the best interest of that client. Clients should understand that the investments made in the Brokerage Relationship are not receiving advisory services from the Firm. Therefore, the Firm does not have a fiduciary duty over the Brokerage Relationship recommendations. An additional conflict exists because RJFS is affiliated with the custodian that the Firm recommends for advisory clients, as described below.

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

LWP does not provide any services for a performance-based fee (i.e., a fee based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation of a client's assets).

## **Item 7. Types of Clients**

LWP offers services to individuals, trusts, estates, charitable organizations, corporations and other business entities, and pension and profit sharing plans.

### **Minimum Account Requirements**

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For clients seeking to have their assets managed through the Ambassador Program, there is a minimum initial investment of \$25,000. Independent Managers may have additional or different minimums.

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

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

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LWP offers investment advisory services and holistic financial planning to individuals and families throughout the United States. LWP believes that it is important for all people to have a financial plan providing them with clarity regarding their ability to accomplish their financial goals and dreams. The Firm regularly reviews each client's plan in order to update assumptions within the plan and to update their progress toward meeting stated goals. As holistic planners, LWP includes the following planning topics in addition to its investment advisory management as part of the services, when appropriate: retirement income, insurance and risk management, estate planning, tax, charitable giving, college funding, cash flow and budgeting, debt management, Social Security and long term care to name a few. It is important to note that LWP does not hold itself or its Supervised Persons out as attorneys or CPAs, but the Firm eagerly works alongside such professionals in helping clients achieve their stated needs and desires.

In order to execute the plan, LWP implements investment strategies that suit each client's specific risk tolerance level. The LWP team's process incorporates the specifics of each client's situation to include age, experience, time frame, current financial situation and taxes (among others) to ascertain one's overall investment allocation. The Firm uses publicly traded stocks and bonds along with ETFs, mutual funds, alternative investments, non-publicly traded alternatives, structured products and separately managed accounts to achieve the allocation driven by the client's financial plan. The Firm manage the assets directly,

or delegates responsibility for managing client assets to Raymond James through the use of its wrap programs.

LWP's desire is to have a diversified allocation appropriate to the needs and risk tolerance of each household served in order to accomplish clients' planning objectives

### **Risk of Loss**

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The following list of risk factors does not purport to be a complete enumeration or explanation of the risks involved with respect to the Firm's investment management activities. Clients should consult with their legal, tax, and other advisors before engaging the Firm to provide investment management services on their behalf.

#### *Market Risks*

Investing involves risk, including the potential loss of principal, and all investors should be guided accordingly. The profitability of a significant portion of LWP's recommendations and/or investment decisions may depend to a great extent upon correctly assessing the future course of price movements of stocks, bonds and other asset classes. In addition, investments may be adversely affected by financial markets and economic conditions throughout the world. There can be no assurance that LWP will be able to predict these price movements accurately or capitalize on any such assumptions.

#### *Volatility Risks*

The prices and values of investments can be highly volatile, and are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, general economic conditions, the condition of the financial markets, the financial condition of the issuers of such assets, changing supply and demand relationships, and programs and policies of governments.

#### *Cash Management Risks*

The Firm may invest some of a client's assets temporarily in money market funds or other similar types of investments, during which time an advisory account may be prevented from achieving its investment objective.

#### *Equity-Related Securities and Instruments*

The Firm may take long positions in common stocks of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers traded on national securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets. The value of equity securities varies in response to many factors. These factors include, without limitation, factors specific to an issuer and factors specific to the industry in which the issuer participates. Individual companies may report poor results or be negatively affected by industry and/or economic trends and developments, and the stock prices of such companies may suffer a decline in response. In addition, equity securities are subject to stock risk, which is the risk that stock prices historically rise and fall in periodic cycles. U.S. and non-U.S. stock markets have experienced

periods of substantial price volatility in the past and may do so again in the future. In addition, investments in small-capitalization, midcapitalization and financially distressed companies may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements and may lack sufficient market liquidity, and these issuers often face greater business risks.

#### *Fixed Income Securities*

Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's or a guarantor's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations and to price volatility.

#### *Mutual Funds and ETFs*

An investment in a mutual fund or ETF involves risk, including the loss of principal. Mutual fund and ETF shareholders are necessarily subject to the risks stemming from the individual issuers of the fund's underlying portfolio securities. Such shareholders are also liable for taxes on any fund-level capital gains, as mutual funds and ETFs are required by law to distribute capital gains in the event they sell securities for a profit that cannot be offset by a corresponding loss.

Shares of mutual funds are generally distributed and redeemed on an ongoing basis by the fund itself or a broker acting on its behalf. The trading price at which a share is transacted is equal to a fund's stated daily per share net asset value ("NAV"), plus any shareholders fees (*e.g.*, sales loads, purchase fees, redemption fees). The per share NAV of a mutual fund is calculated at the end of each business day, although the actual NAV fluctuates with intraday changes to the market value of the fund's holdings. The trading prices of a mutual fund's shares may differ from the NAV during periods of market volatility, which may, among other factors, lead to the mutual fund's shares trading at a premium or discount to actual NAV.

Shares of ETFs are listed on securities exchanges and transacted at negotiated prices in the secondary market. Generally, ETF shares trade at or near their most recent NAV, which is generally calculated at least once daily for index-based ETFs and potentially more frequently for actively managed ETFs. However, certain inefficiencies may cause the shares to trade at a premium or discount to their pro rata NAV. There is also no guarantee that an active secondary market for such shares will develop or continue to exist. Generally, an ETF only redeems shares when aggregated as creation units (usually 20,000 shares or more). Therefore, if a liquid secondary market ceases to exist for shares of a particular ETF, a shareholder may have no way to dispose of such shares.

#### *Use of Independent Managers*

As stated above, LWP selects certain Independent Managers to manage a portion of its clients' assets. In these situations, LWP continues to conduct ongoing due diligence of such managers, but such recommendations rely to a great extent on the Independent Managers' ability to successfully implement their investment strategies. In addition, LWP does not have the ability to supervise the Independent Managers on a day-to-day basis.

*Currency Risks*

An advisory account that holds investments denominated in currencies other than the currency in which the advisory account is denominated may be adversely affected by the volatility of currency exchange rates.

*Interest Rate Risks*

Interest rates may fluctuate significantly, causing price volatility with respect to securities or instruments held by clients.

*Use of Private Collective Investment Vehicles*

LWP recommends that certain clients invest in privately placed collective investment vehicles (*e.g.*, hedge funds, private equity funds, etc.). The managers of these vehicles have broad discretion in selecting the investments. There are few limitations on the types of securities or other financial instruments which may be traded and no requirement to diversify. Hedge funds may trade on margin or otherwise leverage positions, thereby potentially increasing the risk to the vehicle. In addition, because the vehicles are not registered as investment companies, there is an absence of regulation. There are numerous other risks in investing in these securities. Clients should consult each fund's private placement memorandum and/or other documents explaining such risks prior to investing.

*Liquidity Risks*

Certain of the investments that the Firm recommends may have limited liquidity. Some publicly traded equities have low trading activity, which could make it more difficult to sell a position depending on market conditions. In addition, certain alternative investments have varying degrees of liquidity risk. Many alternative investments, especially privately placed securities, do not have a secondary market and only allow for limited liquidity based on time (periodic withdrawals or lock-up periods), hurdles, or realized sales of underlying assets. Certain investments allow the issuers to limit or deny liquidations during certain conditions.

**Item 9. Disciplinary Information**

LWP has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's evaluation of its advisory business or the integrity of its management.

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

This item requires investment advisers to disclose certain financial industry activities and affiliations.

**Registered Representatives of a Broker-Dealer**

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Certain of the Firm's Supervised Persons are registered representatives of RJFS and provide clients with securities brokerage services under a separate commission-based arrangement. This arrangement is described at length in Item 5.

**Licensed Insurance Agents**

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A number of the Firm's Supervised Persons are licensed insurance agents and offer certain insurance products on a fully-disclosed commissionable basis. A conflict of interest exists to the extent that LWP recommends the purchase of insurance products where its Supervised Persons are entitled to insurance commissions or other additional compensation. The Firm has procedures in place whereby it seeks to ensure that all recommendations are made in its clients' best interest regardless of any such affiliations.

**Item 11. Code of Ethics**

LWP has adopted a code of ethics in compliance with applicable securities laws ("Code of Ethics") that sets forth the standards of conduct expected of its Supervised Persons. LWP's Code of Ethics contains written policies reasonably designed to prevent certain unlawful practices such as the use of material non-public information by the Firm or any of its Supervised Persons and the trading by the same of securities ahead of clients in order to take advantage of pending orders.

The Code of Ethics also requires certain of LWP's personnel to report their personal securities holdings and transactions and obtain pre-approval of certain investments (*e.g.*, initial public offerings, limited offerings). However, the Firm's Supervised Persons are permitted to buy or sell securities that it also recommends to clients if done in a fair and equitable manner that is consistent with the Firm's policies and procedures. This Code of Ethics has been established recognizing that some securities trade in sufficiently broad markets to permit transactions by certain personnel to be completed without any appreciable impact on the markets of such securities. Therefore, under limited circumstances, exceptions may be made to the policies stated below.

When the Firm is engaging in or considering a transaction in any security on behalf of a client, no Supervised Person with access to this information may knowingly effect for themselves or for their immediate family (*i.e.*, spouse, minor children and adults living in the same household) a transaction in that security unless:

- the transaction has been completed;
- the transaction for the Supervised Person is completed as part of a batch trade with clients; or

- a decision has been made not to engage in the transaction for the client.

These requirements are not applicable to: (i) direct obligations of the Government of the United States; (ii) money market instruments, bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper, repurchase agreements and other high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements; (iii) shares issued by money market funds; and iv) shares issued by other unaffiliated open-end mutual funds.

Clients and prospective clients may contact LWP to request a copy of its Code of Ethics by contacting the Firm at the phone number on the cover page of this brochure.

## **Item 12. Brokerage Practices**

### **Recommendation of Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions**

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LWP recommends that clients utilize the custody, brokerage and clearing services of Raymond James & Associates, Inc., ("Raymond James" or "Custodian") for investment management accounts. The final decision to custody assets with Custodian is at the discretion of the client, including those accounts under ERISA or IRA rules and regulations, in which case the client is acting as either the plan sponsor or IRA accountholder. LWP is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Custodian. Custodian provides LWP with access to its institutional trading and custody services, which are typically not available to retail investors.

Factors which LWP considers in recommending Custodian or any other broker-dealer to clients include their respective financial strength, reputation, execution, pricing, research and service. Custodian enables the Firm to obtain many mutual funds without transaction charges and other securities at nominal transaction charges. Custodian has also agreed to reimburse clients for exit fees associated with moving accounts to Custodian. The reimbursement is only available up to a certain amount for all of the Firm's clients over a twelve month period. Fees are reimbursed on a first-come-first-served basis so that no clients are favored. The commissions and/or transaction fees charged by Custodian may be higher or lower than those charged by other Financial Institutions.

The commissions paid by LWP's clients to Custodian comply with the Firm's duty to obtain "best execution." Clients may pay commissions that are higher than another qualified Financial Institution might charge to effect the same transaction where LWP determines that the commissions are reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received. 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 Financial Institution's services, including among others, the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates and responsiveness. LWP seeks

competitive rates but may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client transactions.

Consistent with obtaining best execution, brokerage transactions are directed to certain broker-dealers in return for investment research products and/or services which assist LWP in its investment decision-making process. Such research will be used to service all of the Firm's clients, but brokerage commissions paid by one client may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing that client's portfolio. The receipt of investment research products and/or services as well as the allocation of the benefit of such investment research products and/or services poses a conflict of interest because LWP does not have to produce or pay for the products or services.

LWP periodically and systematically reviews its policies and procedures regarding its recommendation of Financial Institutions in light of its duty to obtain best execution.

#### **Software and Support Provided by Financial Institutions**

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LWP receives without cost from Custodian administrative support, computer software, related systems support, as well as other third party support as further described below (together "Support") which allow LWP to better monitor client accounts maintained at Custodian and otherwise conduct its business. LWP receives the Support without cost because the Firm renders investment management services to clients that maintain assets at Custodian. The Support benefits LWP, but not its clients directly. Clients should be aware that LWP's receipt of economic benefits such as the Support from a broker-dealer creates a conflict of interest since these benefits will influence the Firm's choice of broker-dealer over another that does not furnish similar software, systems support or services, especially because the support is contingent upon clients placing a certain level(s) of assets at Custodian. In fulfilling its duties to its clients, LWP endeavors at all times to put the interests of its clients first and has determined that the recommendation of Custodian is in the best interest of clients and satisfies the Firm's duty to seek best execution.

Specifically, LWP receives the following benefits from Custodian: i) administrative and operational support, including billing of client accounts; ii) receipt of duplicate client confirmations and bundled duplicate statements; iii) access to a trading desk that exclusively services its institutional traders; iv) access to block trading which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions and then allocate the appropriate shares to client accounts; and v) access to an electronic communication network for client order entry and account information.

Custodian'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.

Custodian also makes available to the Firm other products and services that benefit the Firm but may not benefit its clients' accounts. These benefits may include national, regional or Firm specific educational

events organized and/or sponsored by Custodian. Other potential benefits may include occasional business entertainment of personnel of LWP by Custodian personnel, including meals and entertainment. Other of these products and services assist LWP 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 Firm'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 Firm's accounts, including accounts not maintained at Custodian. In addition, Custodian may make available, arrange and/or pay vendors for these types of services rendered to the Firm by independent third parties. Custodian 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 Firm. While, as a fiduciary, LWP endeavors to act in its clients' best interests, the Firm's recommendation that clients maintain their assets in accounts at Custodian may be based in part on the benefits received and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by Custodian, which creates a potential conflict of interest.

As described throughout this Disclosure Brochure, the Firm and certain of its Supervised Persons have a significant relationship with the Raymond James entities. The Firm recommends various investment advisory wrap programs (including the Ambassador Program and programs to access Independent Managers) and the brokerage and custody services of various Raymond James entities. Additionally, certain of the Firm's Supervised Persons are registered representatives of RJFS. Besides the conflicts of interest discussed above in this Item 12 and in Item 10, there are additional conflicts of interest as follows.

#### **Loans Received by Supervised Persons from Raymond James**

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In addition to the Support discussed above, Raymond James also provides loans to the Supervised Persons ("Loans"). The loan repayments are due periodically, but the Supervised Persons can earn awards that are equal to or slightly greater than the loan repayments. The awards are calculated based on business done or maintained at both RJFS (in the Supervised Persons capacities as registered representatives) and advisory client assets held at Raymond James. Therefore, there is an incentive for the Firm to maintain its relationship with Raymond James and RJFS.

The receipt of the Loans creates conflicts of interest relating to LWP's advisory business because it creates a financial incentive for the Firm and its Supervised Persons to recommend clients maintain their advisory or brokerage accounts with Raymond James entities. LWP seeks to mitigate these conflicts of interest by evaluating Raymond James's services to determine that the recommendation to use Raymond James is based on the benefits that such services provide to clients, rather than the benefits received by the Firm or its Supervised Persons. As set forth above, the Firm periodically and systematically reviews its policies and procedures regarding its recommendation of Financial Institutions in light of its duty to obtain best execution, including its recommendation of Raymond James. However, clients should be aware of this

conflict and take it into consideration in making a decision whether to custody their assets with Raymond James through LWP, or open a brokerage account with a Supervised Person as a registered representative at RJFS.

### **Brokerage for Client Referrals**

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LWP does not consider, in selecting or recommending broker-dealers, whether the Firm receives client referrals from the Financial Institutions or other third party.

### **Directed Brokerage**

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The client may direct LWP in writing to use a particular Financial Institution to execute some or all transactions for the client. In that case, the client will negotiate terms and arrangements for the account with that Financial Institution and the Firm will not seek better execution services or prices from other Financial Institutions or be able to "batch" client transactions for execution through other Financial Institutions with orders for other accounts managed by LWP (as described above). As a result, the client may pay higher commissions or other transaction costs, greater spreads or may receive less favorable net prices, on transactions for the account than would otherwise be the case. Subject to its duty of best execution, LWP may decline a client's request to direct brokerage if, in the Firm's sole discretion, such directed brokerage arrangements would result in additional operational difficulties or violate restrictions imposed by other broker-dealers (as further discussed below).

### **Use of the Raymond James Wrap Programs**

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The Firm can only recommend the Raymond James wrap programs if its Supervised Persons continue to be registered with RJFS. Furthermore, in order to act as an independent adviser with discretion while using the Raymond James wrap programs for clients, the Firm or its Supervised Persons must meet certain criteria including meeting certain minimum Raymond James production targets during the previous twelve months. As a result, conflicts of interest exist as the Firm has an incentive to recommend that clients invest assets through the Raymond James wrap programs. For a more in-depth description of the relationship between the Firm, its Supervised Persons and Raymond James, clients should review the Wrap Brochure.

### **Commissions or Sales Charges for Recommendations of Securities**

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As discussed above, certain Supervised Persons in their respective individual capacities are registered representatives of RJFS. These Supervised Persons are subject to FINRA Rule 3280 which restricts registered representatives from conducting securities transactions away from their broker-dealer unless the registered representatives give prior notice of such transactions to RJFS and, in most circumstances, RJFS provides written consent. Therefore, clients are advised that certain Supervised Persons are restricted to conducting securities transactions through RJFS if they have not secured written consent from RJFS to

execute securities transactions through a different broker-dealer. Absent such written consent or separation from RJFS, these Supervised Persons are generally prohibited from executing securities transactions through any broker-dealer other than RJFS under its internal supervisory policies. The Firm is cognizant of its duty to obtain best execution and has implemented policies and procedures reasonably designed in such pursuit.

### **Trade Aggregation**

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Transactions for each client will be effected independently, unless LWP decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. LWP may (but is not obligated to) combine or "batch" such orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among the Firm's clients differences in prices and commissions or other transaction costs that might not have been obtained had such orders been placed independently. Under this procedure, transactions will be averaged as to price and allocated among LWP's clients pro rata to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client on any given day. To the extent that the Firm determines to aggregate client orders for the purchase or sale of securities, including securities in which LWP's Supervised Persons may invest, the Firm does so in accordance with applicable rules promulgated under the Advisers Act and no-action guidance provided by the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. LWP does not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of the aggregation.

In the event that the Firm determines that a prorated allocation is not appropriate under the particular circumstances, the allocation will be made based upon other relevant factors, which include: (i) when only a small percentage of the order is executed, shares may be allocated to the account with the smallest order or the smallest position or to an account that is out of line with respect to security or sector weightings relative to other portfolios, with similar mandates; (ii) allocations may be given to one account when one account has limitations in its investment guidelines which prohibit it from purchasing other securities which are expected to produce similar investment results and can be purchased by other accounts; (iii) if an account reaches an investment guideline limit and cannot participate in an allocation, shares may be reallocated to other accounts (this may be due to unforeseen changes in an account's assets after an order is placed); (iv) with respect to sale allocations, allocations may be given to accounts low in cash; (v) in cases when a pro rata allocation of a potential execution would result in a de minimis allocation in one or more accounts, the Firm may exclude the account(s) from the allocation; the transactions may be executed on a pro rata basis among the remaining accounts; or (vi) in cases where a small proportion of an order is executed in all accounts, shares may be allocated to one or more accounts on a random basis.

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

### **Account Reviews**

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LWP monitors client portfolios on a continuous and ongoing basis and regular account reviews are conducted on at least an annual basis. Such reviews are conducted by the Firm's investment adviser representatives. All investment advisory clients are encouraged to discuss their needs, goals and objectives with LWP and to keep the Firm informed of any changes thereto.

### **Account Statements and Reports**

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Clients are provided with transaction confirmation notices and regular summary account statements directly from the Financial Institutions where their assets are custodied. From time-to-time or as otherwise requested, clients may also receive written or electronic reports from LWP and/or an outside service provider, which contain certain account and/or market-related information, such as an inventory of account holdings or account performance. Clients should compare the account statements they receive from their custodian with any documents or reports they receive from LWP or an outside service provider.

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

The Firm does not currently provide compensation to any third-party solicitors for client referrals.

The Firm and/or its Supervised Persons (in their capacity as registered representatives) receive economic benefits from Raymond James and/or RJFS. The benefits, conflicts of interest and how they are addressed are discussed above in response to Item 12.

## **Item 15. Custody**

LWP is deemed to have custody of client funds and securities because the Firm is given the ability to debit client accounts for payment of the Firm's fees. As such, client funds and securities are maintained at one or more Financial Institutions that serve as the qualified custodian with respect to such assets. Such qualified custodians will send account statements to clients at least once per calendar quarter that typically detail any transactions in such account for the relevant period.

In addition, as discussed in Item 13, LWP will also send, or otherwise make available, periodic supplemental reports to clients. Clients should carefully review the statements sent directly by the Financial

Institutions and compare them to those received from LWP. Any other custody disclosures can be found in the Firm's Form ADV Part 1.

## **Item 16. Investment Discretion**

LWP is given the authority to exercise discretion on behalf of clients. LWP is considered to exercise investment discretion over a client's account if it can effect and/or direct transactions in client accounts without first seeking their consent. LWP is given this authority through a power-of-attorney included in the agreement between LWP and the client. Clients may request a limitation on this authority (such as certain securities not to be bought or sold). LWP takes discretion over the following activities:

- The securities to be purchased or sold;
- The amount of securities to be purchased or sold;
- When transactions are made; and
- The Independent Managers to be hired or fired.

## **Item 17. Voting Client Securities**

LWP does not accept the authority to vote a client's securities (i.e., proxies) on their behalf. Clients receive proxies directly from the Financial Institutions where their assets are custodied and may contact the Firm at the contact information on the cover of this brochure with questions about any such issuer solicitations.

## **Item 18. Financial Information**

LWP is not required to disclose any financial information listed in the instructions to Item 18 because:

- The Firm does not require or solicit the prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees six months or more in advance of services rendered;
- The Firm does not have a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to clients; and
- The Firm has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.