

**Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 – Wrap Fee Program Brochure
Item 1: Cover Page
October 2022**

Western Wealth Management LLC

440 Indiana Street
Golden, CO 80401
Phone: 303-393-2404
Fax: 303-393-2365

<http://www.westernwealthmgmt.net/>

Firm Contact: Kara Jett, Chief Compliance Officer

This wrap fee program brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Western Wealth Management LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us by telephone at (303) 393-2323 or email Kara@wwa-wwm.com. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any State Securities Authority.

Additional information about Western Wealth Management LLC also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Please note that the use of the term "registered investment adviser" and description of Western Wealth Management LLC ("WWM") and/or our associates as "registered" does not imply a certain level of skill or training. You are encouraged to review this Brochure and Brochure Supplements for our firm's associates who advise you for more information on the qualifications of our firm and our employees.

Item 2: Material Changes

Our firm is required to advise you of any material changes to our Wrap Fee Program Brochure (“Wrap Brochure”) from our last annual update, identify those changes on the cover page of our Wrap Brochure or on the page immediately following the cover page, or in a separate communication accompanying our Wrap Brochure. We must state clearly that we are discussing only material changes since the last annual update of our Wrap Brochure, and we must provide the date of the last annual update of our Wrap Brochure.

Please note we do not have to provide this information to a client or prospective client who has received a previous version of our Wrap Brochure.

Since our last annual amendment on March 28, 2022 we have the following material changes to disclose.

- The ownership of our firm has transitioned from Mr. G.E. Buenning to Lisa Esslinger, Caden Russell and Kara Jett, please see item 4 of the ADV 2A brochure for additional information about this transition.
- Ms. Kara Jett is replacing Mr. Buenning as Chief Compliance Officer.

Item 3: Table of Contents

Table of Contents

Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1 – Wrap Fee Program Brochure Item 1: Cover Page..... 1

Item 2: Material Changes..... 2

Item 3: Table of Contents..... 3

Item 4: Services, Fees & Compensation 4

Item 5: Account Requirements & Types of Clients 6

Item 6: Portfolio Manager Selection & Evaluation 7

Item 7: Client Information Provided to Portfolio Manager(s).....12

Item 8: Client Contact with Portfolio Manager(s).....13

Item 9: Additional Information.....13

Item 10: Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions & Personal Trading.....14

Item 11: Review of Accounts14

Item 12: Other Compensation.....15

Item 13: Referral Fees.....16

Item 14: Financial Information.....17

Item 4: Services, Fees & Compensation

We offer wrap fee programs as described in this Wrap Fee Program Brochure. Our wrap fee accounts are managed on an individualized basis per the client's investment objectives, financial goals, risk tolerance, etc.

A wrap fee program allows our clients to pay a specified fee for investment advisory services and the execution of transactions. The advisory services may include portfolio management and the fee is not based directly upon transactions in your account. Your fee is bundled with our costs for executing transactions in your account(s). This results in a higher advisory fee to you. We do not charge our clients higher advisory fees based on their trading activity, but you should be aware that we may have an incentive to limit our trading activities in your account(s) because we are charged for executed trades. By participating in a wrap fee program, you may end up paying more or less than you would through a non-wrap fee program where a lower advisory fee is charged, but trade execution costs are passed directly through to you by the executing broker.

Our Wrap Advisory Services

Comprehensive Portfolio Management Wrap Fee Program:

Our comprehensive portfolio management service encompasses asset management as well as providing financial planning/financial consulting to clients. It is designed to assist clients in meeting their financial goals using financial investments. We conduct at least one, but sometimes more than one meeting (in person if possible, otherwise via telephone conference) with clients to understand their current financial situation, existing resources, financial goals, and tolerance for risk. Based on what we learn, we propose an investment approach to the client. We may propose an investment portfolio, consisting of exchange traded funds, mutual funds, individual stocks or bonds, or other securities. Upon the client's agreement to the proposed investment plan, we work with the client to establish or transfer investment accounts so that we can manage the client's portfolio. Once the relevant accounts are under our management, we review such accounts on a regular basis and at least annually. We may periodically rebalance or adjust client accounts under our management. If the client experiences any significant changes to his/her financial or personal circumstances, the client must notify us so that we can consider such information in managing the client's investments.

LPL Financial offers a trading platform with select exchange traded funds ("ETFs") that do not charge transaction fees. The no-transaction-fee ETF trading platform is available to clients participating in LPL Financial's Strategic Wealth Management ("SWM") program. Since our firm pays the transaction fees charged by LPL Financial to clients participating in our wrap fee program, we are incentivized to recommend no-transaction-fee ETFs over other types of securities and ETFs in order to reduce our costs. This presents a conflict of interest because the limited number of ETFs available on the no-transaction fee platform may have higher overall expenses than other types of securities and ETFs not included in the platform. In addition, other major custodians have eliminated transaction fees for all ETFs and U.S. equities, so clients may pay more for investing in the same securities at LPL Financial. For a complete list of the NTF ETFs available through LPL Financial, please contact WWM's Director of Compliance at (720) 909-3214.

The maximum annual fee charged for this service will not exceed 3.0% of assets under management. The details and frequency of each client's specific billing arrangement is determined by the custodial platform of choice, and client preferences. The frequency, calculation method, and percentage fee will be laid out in Schedule A of the executed advisory agreement.

Alternatively, a flat fee, not to exceed 3.00% of assets under management or a negotiated flat rate may be applied in certain circumstances. Our fees may be negotiable.

Fees will be automatically deducted from your managed account. Further it is important to note that our firm assesses fees on all assets held in client accounts including cash and cash equivalents. As part of this process, you understand and acknowledge the following:

- a) Your qualified custodian sends quarterly statements to you showing all disbursements for your account, including the amount of the advisory fees paid to us;
- b) Accounts custodied at LPL Financial will be automatically adjusted for deposits and withdrawals during the billing period. LPL will calculate and deduct advisory fees for accounts custodied with them;
- c) Accounts custodied at Charles Schwab or Fidelity will utilize the fee arrangement specified on Schedule A of the Comprehensive Portfolio Management Agreement. Our firm will use Orion Advisor services to calculate fees that Charles Schwab & Co. and/or Fidelity Investments will deduct from accounts custodied with them;
- d) You provide authorization permitting your accounts to be debited by these terms and for us to be directly paid by these terms.

You may pay fees for trades executed away from custodian, custodial fees, charges imposed directly by a mutual fund, index fund, or exchange traded fund which shall be disclosed in the fund's prospectus (i.e., fund management fees and other fund expenses), mark-ups and mark-downs, spreads paid to market makers, wire transfer fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. These fees are not included within the wrap-fee you are charged by our firm.

Although clients do not pay a transaction charge for transactions in a SWM II account, clients should be aware that we pay LPL transaction charges for those transactions. The transaction charges paid by Advisor vary based on the type of transaction (e.g., mutual fund, equity, or ETF) and for mutual funds based on whether or not the mutual fund pays 12b-1 fees and/or recordkeeping fees to LPL. Transaction charges paid by the Advisor to LPL Financial for equities and ETFs are typically around \$9 with the exceptions listed above. For mutual funds, the transaction charges range from \$0 to \$26.50. Because Advisor pays the transaction charges in SWM II accounts, there is a conflict of interest in cases where the mutual fund is offered at both \$0 and \$26.50. Clients should understand that the cost to Advisor of transaction charges may be a factor that Advisor considers when deciding which securities to select and how frequently to place transactions in a SWM II account.

In many instances, LPL makes available mutual funds in a SWM II account that offer various classes of shares, including shares designated as Class A Shares and shares designed for advisory programs, which can be titled, for example, as "Class I," "institutional," "investor," "retail," "service," "administrative" or "platform" share classes ("Platform Shares"). The Platform Share class offered for a particular mutual fund in SWM II in many cases will not be the least expensive share class that the mutual fund makes available, and was selected by LPL in certain cases because the share class pays LPL compensation for the administrative and recordkeeping services LPL provides to the mutual fund. Client should understand that another financial services firm may offer the same mutual fund at a lower overall cost to the investor than is available through SWM II. In other instances, a mutual fund may offer only Class A Shares, but another similar mutual fund may be available that offers Platform Shares. Class A Shares typically pay LPL a 12b-1 fee for providing brokerage-related services to the mutual funds. Platform Shares generally are not subject to 12b-1 fees. Because of the different expenses of the mutual fund share classes, it is generally more expensive for a client to own Class A Shares than Platform Shares. An investor in Platform Shares will pay lower fees over time, and keep more of his or her investment returns than an investor who holds Class A Shares of the same fund.

Advisor has a financial incentive to recommend Class A Shares in cases where both Class A and Platform

Shares are available. Although the client will not be charged a transaction charge for transactions, Advisor pays LPL a per transaction charge for mutual fund purchases and sales in the account. Advisor generally does not pay transaction charges for Class A Share mutual fund transactions accounts, but generally do pay transaction charges for Platform Share mutual fund transactions. The cost to Advisor of transaction charges generally may be a factor Advisor considers when deciding which securities to select and whether or not to place transactions in the account.

The lack of transaction charges to Advisor for Class A Share purchases and sales, together with the fact that Platform Shares generally are less expensive for a client to own, present a significant conflict of interest between Advisor and the client. Clients should understand this conflict and consider the additional indirect expenses borne because of the mutual fund fees when negotiating and discussing with your Advisor the advisory fee for management of an account.

On July 2, 2018 LPL made available a no-transaction-fee (NTF) mutual fund network. . When NTF funds are purchased in SWM I or SWM II accounts, there is no transaction charge assessed to the client or advisor. Sponsors of mutual funds in the NTF network pay LPL compensation to participate in the NTF network. Not all share classes or funds within a fund family may be available at NTF. When NTF funds are redeemed, the transaction costs are waived. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing. There are some exceptions where LPL will continue to offer an additional share class at \$26.50, depending on the expense of the fund and minimums instituted by the fund company. Please note that this list of fund families is subject to change. Clients should be aware that advisors may be more likely to recommend funds that are participants in the NTF network. Please ask your IAR for current details. A complete list of mutual fund sponsors participating in the SWM NTF Program can be found by visiting <https://lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures.html>.

We may recommend or offer the wrap program services of other providers. Our investment advisory representatives receive a portion of the advisory fee that you pay, directly as a percentage of your overall fee. In cases where our IARs are paid a percentage of your overall advisory fee, this may create an incentive to recommend that you participate in a wrap fee program rather than a non-wrap fee program (where you would pay for trade execution costs) or a brokerage account where commissions are charged. This is because, in some cases, we may stand to earn more compensation from advisory fees paid to us through a wrap fee program arrangement if your account is not actively traded.

Item 5: Account Requirements & Types of Clients

We do not impose any requirement(s) to open or maintain an account with our firm. Types of clients we manage wrap fee accounts on behalf of, include:

- Individuals and High Net Worth Individuals;
- Charitable Organizations;
- Trusts, Estates, or Charitable Organizations;
- Other Investment Advisors;
- Pension and Profit Sharing Plans.

Our requirements for opening and maintaining accounts or otherwise engaging us:

- Please see Item 4B(iii) of the ADV 2A for the minimum account balance requirements of LPL Sponsored Advisory Programs.

Fidelity clients who opt into electronic delivery of statements and confirmations or maintain at least \$1 million in assets at Fidelity will not be charged transaction fees for U.S. listed equities and exchange traded funds.

Item 6: Portfolio Manager Selection & Evaluation

Our firm will manage accounts through our in-house professionals. Acting as our own portfolio manager(s) for the wrap fee program(s) may create a conflict of interest in that other investment advisory firms may charge the same or lower fees than our firm for similar services. When selecting, and reviewing portfolio managers, the following factors provide the basis of our approach:

- past performance;
- investment philosophy;
- market outlook;
- experience of portfolio managers and executive team;
- disciplinary, legal, and regulatory histories of the firm and its associates;
- whether established compliance procedures are in place to address at a minimum, insider trading, conflicts of interest, anti-money laundering.

We do not calculate portfolio manager performance. Instead, we rely upon the performance figures based on client's monthly or quarterly statements. This information is relied upon for accuracy based on standards which are calculated on a uniform and consistent basis.

Advisory Business:

We offer individualized investment advice to clients utilizing our Comprehensive Portfolio Management Wrap Fee Program service. Each client may place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in the portfolio. Restrictions on investments in certain securities or types of securities may not be possible due to the level of difficulty this would entail in managing the account.

See Item 4 for information about our wrap fee advisory program.

Participation in Wrap Fee Programs:

Our wrap fee and non-wrap fee accounts are managed on an individualized basis per the client's investment objectives, financial goals, risk tolerance, etc. We do not manage wrap fee accounts in a different fashion than non-wrap fee accounts.

Performance-Based Fees & Side-By-Side Management:

We do not charge performance fees to our clients.

Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies & Risk of Loss:

We use the following methods of analysis in formulating our investment advice and/or managing client assets:

- **Charting** - analysis performed using patterns to identify current trends and trend reversals to forecast the direction of prices
- **Fundamental** - analysis performed on historical and present data, with the goal of making financial forecasts
- **Technical** - analysis performed on historical and present data, focusing on price and trade volume, to forecast the direction of prices
- **Cyclical** - analysis performed on historical relationships between price and market trends, to forecast the direction of prices

We use the following strategies in managing client accounts, if such strategies are appropriate to the needs of the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations.

- Long Term Purchases (Securities Held At Least a Year);
- Short Term Purchases (Securities Sold Within a Year);
- Trading (Securities Sold Within 30 Days);
- Short Sales;
- Margin Transactions;
- Option Writing, including Covered Options, Uncovered Options, or Spreading Strategies.

Western Wealth Select: The Western Wealth Select program makes available to both Western Wealth IARs as well as Institutional client's access to multiple portfolios designed by our investment committee. These model strategies will range from Aggressive Growth to Income with Capital Preservation. Allocations and holdings are reviewed periodically by our firm's investment committee. IARs will then direct the trading team to allocate the client's funds into appropriate models based upon their risk tolerance, income needs, investment objectives and investment horizon. The trading team will then rebalance according to two criteria: (1) the underlying security or product within each model, (2) the client's allocation level between each of the model. Each model will be periodically rebalanced when drift of the underlying securities comprising the model exceeds +/- 10% of the target allocation. The client portfolio will also be rebalanced periodically when drift between both model exceeds +/- 10% of the recommended client allocation established their IAR.

Bond Funds: A fund that invests in bonds, or other debt securities. Bond funds can be contrasted with stock funds and money funds. Bond funds typically pay periodic dividends that include interest payments on the fund's underlying securities plus periodic realized capital appreciation. Bond funds typically pay higher dividends than a certificate of deposit ("CD") and money market accounts. Most bond funds pay out dividends more frequently than individual bonds.

Bond Funds can be classified by their primary underlying assets: (a) Government: Government bonds are considered the safest. In the United States, these are United States Treasury securities or Treasuries. Due to the safety, the yields are typically low.; (b) Agency: In the United States, these are bonds issued by government agencies such as the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. (Freddie Mac), and Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae).; (c) Municipal: Bonds issued by state and local governments and agencies are subject to certain tax preferences and are typically exempt from federal taxes. In some cases, these bonds are even exempt from state or local taxes.; (d) Corporate: Bonds are issued by corporations. All corporate bonds are guaranteed by the borrowing (issuing) company, and the risk depends on the company's ability to pay the loan at maturity. Some bond funds specialize in high-yield securities (junk bonds), which are corporate bonds carrying a higher risk, due to the potential inability of the issuer to repay the bond. Bond funds specializing in junk bonds – also known as "below investment-grade bonds" – pay higher dividends than other bond funds, with the dividend return correlating approximately with the risk. Bond funds may also be classified by factors such as type of yield (high income) or term (short, medium, long) or some other specialty such as zero-coupon bonds, international bonds, multisector bonds or convertible bonds.

Fund managers provide dedicated management and save the individual investor from researching issuer creditworthiness, maturity, price, face value, coupon rate, yield, and countless other factors that affect bond investing. Bond funds invest in many individual bonds, so that even a relatively small investment is diversified—and when an underperforming bond is just one of many bonds in a fund, its negative impact on an investor's overall portfolio is lessened. In a fund, income from all bonds can be reinvested automatically and consistently added to the value of the fund. Investors can sell shares in a bond fund at any time without regard to bond maturities.

Bond funds typically charge a fee, often as a percentage of the total investment amount. This fee is not applicable to individually held bonds. Bond fund dividend payments may not be fixed as with the interest payments of an individually held bond, leading to potential fluctuation of the value of dividend payments. The net asset value ("NAV") of a bond fund may change over time, unlike an individual bond in which the total issue price will be returned upon maturity (provided the bond issuer does not default).

Cash & Cash Equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents generally refer to either United States dollars or highly liquid short-term debt instruments such as, but not limited to, treasury bills, bank CD's and commercial papers. Generally, these assets are considered nonproductive and will be exposed to inflation risk and considerable opportunity cost risk. Investments in cash and cash equivalents will generally return less than the advisory fee charged by our firm. Our firm may recommend cash and cash equivalents as part of our clients' asset allocation when deemed appropriate and in their best interest.

Covered Calls: The risks associated with this type of strategy involve having the underlying stock called away. Each contract has a strike price at which the writer of the contract agrees to allow the purchaser call the stock away from the writer. This can create a taxable event whereby the writer of the option is required to recognize a capital gain on the underlying security. Furthermore, the market price could appreciate beyond the strike price, forcing the writer to sell their holdings below current market value.

Debt Securities (Bonds): Issuers use debt securities to borrow money. Generally, issuers pay investors periodic interest and repay the amount borrowed either periodically during the life of the security and/or at maturity. Alternatively, investors can purchase other debt securities, such as zero coupon bonds, which do not pay current interest, but rather are priced at a discount from their face values and their values accrete over time to face value at maturity. The market prices of debt securities fluctuate depending on such factors as interest rates, credit quality, and maturity. In general, market prices of debt securities decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. Bonds with longer rates of maturity tend to have greater interest rate risks.

Certain additional risk factors relating to debt securities include: (a) When interest rates are declining, investors have to reinvest their interest income and any return of principal, whether scheduled or unscheduled, at lower prevailing rates.; (b) Inflation causes tomorrow's dollar to be worth less than today's; in other words, it reduces the purchasing power of a bond investor's future interest payments and principal, collectively known as "cash flows." Inflation also leads to higher interest rates, which in turn leads to lower bond prices.; (c) Debt securities may be sensitive to economic changes, political and corporate developments, and interest rate changes. Investors can also expect periods of economic change and uncertainty, which can result in increased volatility of market prices and yields of certain debt securities. For example, prices of these securities can be affected by financial contracts held by the issuer or third parties (such as derivatives) relating to the security or other assets or indices.; (d) Debt securities may contain redemption or call provisions entitling their issuers to redeem them at a specified price on a date prior to maturity. If an issuer exercises these provisions in a lower interest rate market, the account would have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in decreased income to investors. Usually, a bond is called at or close to par value. This subjects investors that paid a premium for their bond risk of lost principal. In reality, prices of callable bonds are unlikely to move much above the call price if lower interest rates make the bond likely to be called.; (e) If the issuer of a debt security defaults on its obligations to pay interest or principal or is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings, the account may incur losses or expenses in seeking recovery of amounts owed to it.; (f) There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular debt securities, which may affect adversely the account's ability to value accurately or dispose of such debt securities. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and/or liquidity of debt securities.

Our firm attempts to reduce the risks described above through diversification of the client's portfolio and by credit analysis of each issuer, as well as by monitoring broad economic trends and corporate and legislative developments, but there can be no assurance that our firm will be successful in doing so. Credit ratings for debt securities provided by rating agencies reflect an evaluation of the safety of principal and interest payments, not market value risk. The rating of an issuer is a rating agency's view of past and future potential developments related to the issuer and may not necessarily reflect actual outcomes. There can be a lag between the time of developments relating to an issuer and the time a rating is assigned and updated.

Exchange Traded Funds ("ETFs"): An ETF is a type of Investment Company (usually, an open-end fund or unit investment trust) whose primary objective is to achieve the same return as a particular market index. The vast majority of ETFs are designed to track an index, so their performance is close to that of an index mutual fund, but they are not exact duplicates. A tracking error, or the difference between the returns of a fund and the returns of the index, can arise due to differences in composition, management fees, expenses, and handling of dividends. ETFs benefit from continuous pricing; they can be bought and sold on a stock exchange throughout the trading day. Because ETFs trade like stocks, you can place orders just like with individual stocks - such as limit orders, good-until-canceled orders, stop loss orders etc. They can also be sold short. Traditional mutual funds are bought and redeemed based on their net asset values ("NAV") at the end of the day. ETFs are bought and sold at the market prices on the exchanges, which resemble the underlying NAV but are independent of it. However, arbitrageurs will ensure that ETF prices are kept very close to the NAV of the underlying securities. Although an investor can buy as few as one share of an ETF, most buy in board lots. Anything bought in less than a board lot will increase the cost to the investor. Anyone can buy any ETF no matter where in the world it trades. This provides a benefit over mutual funds, which generally can only be bought in the country in which they are registered.

One of the main features of ETFs are their low annual fees, especially when compared to traditional mutual funds. The passive nature of index investing, reduced marketing, and distribution and accounting expenses all contribute to the lower fees. However, individual investors must pay a brokerage commission to purchase and sell ETF shares; for those investors who trade frequently, this can significantly increase the cost of investing in ETFs. That said, with the advent of low-cost brokerage fees, small or frequent purchases of ETFs are becoming more cost efficient.

Equity Securities: Equity securities represent an ownership position in a company. Equity securities typically consist of common stocks. The prices of equity securities fluctuate based on, among other things, events specific to their issuers and market, economic and other conditions. For example, prices of these securities can be affected by financial contracts held by the issuer or third parties (such as derivatives) relating to the security or other assets or indices. There may be little trading in the secondary market for particular equity securities, which may adversely affect our firm's ability to value accurately or dispose of such equity securities. Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and/or liquidity of equity securities. Investing in smaller companies may pose additional risks as it is often more difficult to value or dispose of small company stocks, more difficult to obtain information about smaller companies, and the prices of their stocks may be more volatile than stocks of larger, more established companies. Clients should have a long-term perspective and, for example, be able to tolerate potentially sharp declines in value.

Margin Transactions: Our firm may purchase securities for your portfolio with money borrowed from your brokerage account. This allows you to purchase more stock than you would be able to with your available cash and allows us to purchase securities without selling other holdings. Margin accounts and transactions are risky and not necessarily appropriate for every client.

The potential risks associated with these transactions are (1) You can lose more funds than are deposited into the margin account; (2) the forced sale of securities or other assets in your account; (3) the sale of securities or other assets without contacting you; (4) you may not be entitled to choose which securities or other assets in your account(s) are liquidated or sold to meet a margin call; and (5) custodians charge interest on margin balances which will reduce your returns over time.

Margin Loans: Our firm may allow or recommend that you to pledge securities from your portfolio as collateral for a loan by using margin in brokerage account. This allows you to own more stock than you would be able to with your available cash. Margin accounts and transactions are risky and not necessarily appropriate for every client.

The potential risks associated with these transactions are (1) You can lose more funds than are deposited into the margin account; (2) the forced sale of securities or other assets in your account; (3) the sale of securities or other assets without contacting you; (4) you may not be entitled to choose which securities or other assets in your account(s) are liquidated or sold to meet a margin call; and (5) custodians charge interest on margin balances which will reduce your returns over time.

Mutual Funds: A mutual fund is a company that pools money from many investors and invests that money in a variety of differing security types based on the objectives of the fund. The portfolio of the fund consists of the combined holdings it owns. Each share represents an investor's proportionate ownership of the fund's holdings and the income those holdings generate. The price that investors pay for mutual fund shares are the fund's per share net asset value ("NAV") plus any shareholder fees that the fund imposes at the time of purchase (such as sales loads). Investors typically cannot ascertain the exact make-up of a fund's portfolio at any given time, nor can they directly influence which securities the fund manager buys and sells or the timing of those trades. With an individual stock, investors can obtain real-time (or close to real-time) pricing information with relative ease by checking financial websites or by calling a broker or your investment adviser. Investors can also monitor how a stock's price changes from hour to hour—or even second to second. By contrast, with a mutual fund, the price at which an investor purchases or redeems shares will typically depend on the fund's NAV, which is calculated daily after market close.

The benefits of investing through mutual funds include: (a) Mutual funds are professionally managed by an investment adviser who researches, selects, and monitors the performance of the securities purchased by the fund; (b) Mutual funds typically have the benefit of diversification, which is an investing strategy that generally sums up as "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." Spreading investments across a wide range of companies and industry sectors can help lower the risk if a company or sector fails. Some investors find it easier to achieve diversification through ownership of mutual funds rather than through ownership of individual stocks or bonds.; (c) Some mutual funds accommodate investors who do not have a lot of money to invest by setting relatively low dollar amounts for initial purchases, subsequent monthly purchases, or both.; and (d) At any time, mutual fund investors can readily redeem their shares at the current NAV, less any fees and charges assessed on redemption.

Mutual funds also have features that some investors might view as disadvantages: (a) Investors must pay sales charges, annual fees, and other expenses regardless of how the fund performs. Depending on the timing of their investment, investors may also have to pay taxes on any capital gains distributions they receive. This includes instances where the fund performed poorly after purchasing shares.; (b) Investors typically cannot ascertain the exact make-up of a fund's portfolio at any given time, nor can they directly influence which securities the fund manager buys and sells or the timing of those trades.; and (c) With an individual stock, investors can obtain real-time (or close to real-time) pricing information with relative ease by checking financial websites or by calling a broker or your investment

adviser. Investors can also monitor how a stock's price changes from hour to hour—or even second to second. By contrast, with a mutual fund, the price at which an investor purchases or redeems shares will typically depend on the fund's NAV, which the fund might not calculate until many hours after the investor placed the order. In general, mutual funds must calculate their NAV at least once every business day, typically after the major U.S. exchanges close.

Structured Products: Structured products are designed to facilitate highly customized risk-return objectives. While structured products come in many different forms, they typically consist of a debt security that is structured to make interest and principal payments based upon various assets, rates or formulas. Many structured products include an embedded derivative component. Structured products may be structured in the form of a security, in which case these products may receive benefits provided under federal securities law, or they may be cast as derivatives, in which case they are offered in the over-the-counter market and are subject to no regulation.

Investing in structured products includes significant risks, including valuation, lack of liquidity, price, credit and market risks. The relative lack of liquidity is due to the highly customized nature of the investment and the fact that the full extent of returns from the complex performance features is often not realized until maturity.

Another risk with structured products is the credit quality of the issuer. Although the cash flows are derived from other sources, the products themselves are legally considered to be the issuing financial institution's liabilities. The vast majority of structured products are from high-investment-grade issuers only. Also, there is a lack of pricing transparency. There is no uniform standard for pricing, making it harder to compare the net-of-pricing attractiveness of alternative structured product offerings than it is, for instance, to compare the net expense ratios of different mutual funds or commissions among broker-dealers.

Please Note: Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. While the stock market may increase and your account(s) could enjoy a gain, it is also possible that the stock market may decrease and your account(s) could suffer a loss. Other risks may include Alternative-Investment Risk, Interest-Rate Risk, Market Risk, Inflation Risk, Currency Risk, Political and Legislative Risk, Reinvestment Risk, Business Risk, Liquidity Risk, Financial Risk, High Yield Risk, Derivatives Risk, and Counterparty Risk. It is important that you understand the risks associated with investing in the stock market, are appropriately diversified in your investments, and ask us any questions you may have.

A risk of investing with a third-party manager who has been successful in the past is that they may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in a third-party manager's portfolio, there is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment strategy of the portfolio, making it a less suitable investment for our clients. Moreover, as we do not control the manager's daily business and compliance operations, it is possible for us to overlook the absence of internal controls necessary to prevent business, regulatory or reputational deficiencies.

Voting Client Securities:

We do not and will not accept the proxy authority to vote client securities. Clients will receive proxies or other solicitations directly from their custodian or a transfer agent. If proxies are sent to our firm, we will forward them on to you and ask the party who sent them to mail them directly to you in the future. Clients may call, write, or email us to discuss questions they may have about particular proxy votes or others solicitations.

Item 7: Client Information Provided to Portfolio Manager(s)

We are required to describe the information about you that we communicate to your portfolio manager(s), and how often or under what circumstances we provide updated information. Our firm communicates with your portfolio manager(s) on a regular basis as needed to ensure your most current investment goals and objectives are understood by your portfolio manager(s). In most cases, we will communicate such information as part of our regular investment management duties. Nevertheless, we will also communicate information to your portfolio manager(s) when you ask us to, when market or economic conditions make it prudent to do so, etc.

Item 8: Client Contact with Portfolio Manager(s)

Clients are always free to directly contact their portfolio manager(s) with any questions or concerns they have about their portfolios or other matters.

Item 9: Additional Information

We have determined that our firm and management have no disciplinary information to disclose.

Some representatives of our firm are registered representatives of LPL Financial, member FINRA/SIPC. They may offer securities and receive normal and customary commissions when soliciting/processing securities transactions. A conflict of interest may arise as these commissionable securities sales may create an incentive to recommend products based on the compensation they may receive. To minimize this conflict of interest, our management persons will place client interests ahead of their own interests and adhere to our firm's Code of Ethics as well as clearly explaining this conflict when recommending any such products to our clients. Clients are informed they are not obligated to purchase these products.

Some representatives of our firm are insurance agents/brokers. They may offer insurance products and receive customary fees because of insurance sales. A conflict of interest may arise as these insurance sales may create an incentive to recommend products based on the compensation our management persons may receive. To minimize this conflict of interest, our management persons will place client interests ahead of their own interests and adhere to our firm's Code of Ethics as well as clearly explaining this conflict when recommending any such products to our clients. Clients are not obligated to purchase these products.

Our firm offers many services through its network of IARs. IARs may conduct advisory services under a trade name (i.e. "Doing Business As" or "DBA ") that is held out to the public for marketing purposes. WWM does not have any ownership interest in the IAR's trade name or other corporate structure. IARs of the Firm set the advisory fees charged to Client which cannot exceed the advisory fee(s) listed in Item 5 of this Brochure. Additional Information regarding the nature of the relationship between Advisory Representatives is described in Items 5 and 10.

Our firm recommends and selects other investment advisers and receives compensation from those advisers. As part of this process, we will provide an initial due diligence on the programs available, gather information from clients about their financial situation, investment objectives and restrictions, and deliver the required account paperwork and disclosure documents if the client selects a program. Prior to referring clients to an investment adviser, we will ensure that they are licensed or notice filed with the respective authorities.

The investment adviser will pay us a portion of the investment advisory fee that they charge you for managing your account. The investment adviser will establish and maintain their own separate billing processes over which we have no control. In general, they will directly bill you and describe how this works in their separate written disclosure documents. The investment adviser will not directly charge you a higher fee than they would have charged without us introducing you to them. The compensation paid to us by the investment advisers may vary, and thus, there may be a conflict of interest as we may

be incentivized to recommend investment advisers depending on the compensation they pay us. To minimize this conflict our firm will make our selections in the best interest of our clients.

Our firm's Chief Compliance Officer and Part Owner, Kara Jett also acts as the Chief Compliance Officer of Meridian Wealth Management, a SEC Registered Investment Adviser. While this outside business activity represents a sizable amount of M. Jett's time, he is none the less committed to allocating the necessary time to perform his supervisory duties with Western Wealth Management.

Item 10: Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions & Personal Trading

We recognize that the personal investment transactions of members and employees of our firm demand the application of a high Code of Ethics and require that all such transactions be carried out in a way that does not endanger the interest of any client. At the same time, we believe that if investment goals are similar for clients and for members and employees of our firm, it is logical and even desirable that there be common ownership of some securities.

Therefore, to prevent conflicts of interest, we have in place a set of procedures with respect to transactions effected by our members, officers, and employees for their personal accounts¹. To monitor compliance with our personal trading policy, we have a quarterly securities transaction reporting system for all our associates.

An investment adviser is considered a fiduciary. As a fiduciary, it is an investment adviser's responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients always. We have a fiduciary duty to all clients. Our fiduciary duty is considered the core underlying principle for our Code of Ethics which also includes Insider Trading and Personal Securities Transactions Policies and Procedures. We require all our supervised persons to conduct business with the highest level of ethical standards and to comply with all federal and state securities laws.

Upon employment or affiliation and at least annually thereafter, all supervised persons will sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with our Code of Ethics. Our firm and supervised persons must conduct business in an honest, ethical, and fair manner and avoid all circumstances that might negatively affect or appear to affect our duty of complete loyalty to all clients. This disclosure is provided to give all clients a summary of our Code of Ethics. However, if a client or a potential client wishes to review our Code of Ethics in its entirety, a copy will be provided promptly upon request.

Related persons of our firm may buy or sell securities and other investments that are also recommended to clients. To minimize this conflict of interest, our related persons will place client interests ahead of their own interests and adhere to our firm's Code of Ethics. Further, our related persons will refrain from buying or selling the same securities prior to buying or selling for our clients. If related persons' accounts are included in a block trade, our related persons will always trade personal accounts last.

Item 11: Review of Accounts

We review accounts at least on an annual basis for our clients subscribing to our Comprehensive Portfolio Management Wrap Fee Program service. The nature of these reviews is to learn whether clients' accounts are in line with their investment objectives, appropriately positioned based on market conditions, and investment policies, if applicable. Only our Financial Advisors or Portfolio Managers will conduct reviews.

We may review client accounts more frequently than described above. Among the factors which may trigger an off-cycle review are major market or economic events, the client's life events, requests by the client, etc.

We do not provide written reports to clients, unless asked to do so. Verbal reports to clients take place on at least an annual basis when we meet with clients who subscribe to our Comprehensive Portfolio Management Wrap Fee Program service.

Item 12: Other Compensation

As part of our relationship with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc., we receive an economic benefit in the form of support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors that maintain accounts at Schwab. These products and services, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see *Brokerage Practices*) and (*Other Economic Benefits*). The availability to us of Schwab's products and services is not based on us giving particular investment advice, such as buying particular securities for our clients.

Our firm does not have any additional compensation arrangements with Fidelity to disclose.

As part of our relationship with LPL, we receive without cost and/or at a discount non soft-dollar support services and/or products, to assist us to better monitor and service client accounts maintained at LPL. Included within the support services we may receive investment-related research, pricing information and market data, software and other technology that provide access to client account data, compliance and/or practice management-related publications, discounted or gratis consulting services, discounted and/or gratis attendance at conferences, meetings, and other educational and/or social events, marketing support, computer hardware and/or software and/or other products used by us to assist us in our investment advisory business operations.

Our clients do not pay more for investment transactions effected and/or assets maintained at LPL as result of this arrangement. There is no commitment made by us to the Custodians or any other institution because of the above arrangements.

Our firm occasionally participates in joint educational events with product sponsors. The product sponsors can partially fund these events, but are in no way contingent upon the sale of their products. Any potential conflict of interest is further mitigated by our fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of our clients.

Other Economic Benefits

We may recommend that clients establish brokerage accounts with the Schwab Advisor Services division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, to maintain custody of clients' assets and to effect trades for their accounts. The final decision to custody assets with Schwab is at the discretion of the Advisor's clients, including those accounts under ERISA or IRA rules and regulations, in which case the client is acting as either the plan sponsor or IRA account holder. WWM is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab. Schwab provides WWM with access to its institutional trading and custody services, which are typically not available to Schwab retail investors. These services generally are available to independent investment advisors on an unsolicited basis, at no charge to them so long as a total of at least \$10 million of the advisor's clients' assets are maintained in accounts at Schwab Advisor Services. Schwab's services include brokerage services that are related to the execution of securities transactions, custody, research, including that in the form of advice, analyses and reports, and access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment.

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

Schwab also makes available to WWM other products and services that benefit WWM but may not benefit its clients' accounts. These benefits may include educational events organized and/or sponsored by Schwab Advisor Services. Other potential benefits may include occasional business entertainment of personnel of WWM by Schwab Advisor Services personnel, including meals, invitations to sporting events, golf tournaments, and other forms of entertainment, some of which may accompany educational opportunities. Other of these products and services assist WWM 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 fees from its clients' accounts, and assist with back-office training and support functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting. Schwab Advisor Services also makes available to WWM other services intended to help WWM manage and further develop its business enterprise.

These services may include professional compliance, legal and business consulting, publications and conferences on practice management, information technology, business succession, regulatory compliance, employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, insurance, and marketing. In addition, Schwab may make available, arrange, and/or pay vendors for these types of services rendered to WWM by independent third parties. Schwab Advisor Services 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 WWM. While, as a fiduciary, we endeavor to act in our clients' best interests, WWM recommendation that clients maintain their assets in accounts at Schwab may be based in part on the benefit to WWM of the availability of some of the foregoing products and services and other arrangements and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by Schwab, which may create a potential conflict of interest.

Item 13: Referral Fees

In accordance with Rule 206 (4)-1 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, our firm provides cash or non-cash compensation directly or indirectly to unaffiliated persons for testimonials or endorsements (which include client referrals). Such compensation arrangements will not result in higher costs to the referred client. In this regard, our firm maintains a written agreement with each unaffiliated person that is compensated for testimonials or endorsements in an aggregate amount of \$1,000 or more (or the equivalent value in non-cash compensation) over a trailing 12-month period in compliance with Rule 206 (4)-1 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and applicable state and federal laws. The following information will be disclosed clearly and prominently to referred prospective clients at the time of each testimonial or endorsement:

- Whether or not the unaffiliated person is a current client of our firm,
- A description of the cash or non-cash compensation provided directly or indirectly by our firm to the unaffiliated person in exchange for the referral, if applicable, and
- A brief statement of any material conflicts of interest on the part of the unaffiliated person giving the referral resulting from our firm's relationship with such unaffiliated person.

In cases where state law requires licensure of solicitors, our firm ensures that no solicitation fees are paid unless the solicitor is registered as an investment adviser representative of our firm. If our firm is

paying solicitation fees to another registered investment adviser, the licensure of individuals is the other firm's responsibility.

Item 14: Financial Information

We are not required to provide financial information in this Brochure because:

- We do not require the prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees and six or more months in advance.
- We do not take custody of client funds or securities.
- We do not have a financial condition or commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary obligations to clients.

We have never been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.