



Nations Financial Group, Inc.

Helping You Make an Informed Decision

Form CRS Customer Relationship Summary – March 31, 2025

Introduction

Nations Financial Group, Inc. is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) both as a broker-dealer and an investment adviser and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC).

Brokerage and investment advisory services and fees differ, and it is important for you to understand these differences.

Free and simple tools are available for you to use at investor.gov/CRS, a website maintained by the SEC. These tools can provide you with educational materials about broker-dealers, investment advisers, and investing.

Terms to know

- A **broker-dealer** is a firm that acts as an intermediary between buyers and sellers of securities for which they will usually receive a commission and may purchase or sell those securities in/out of their own account.
- An **investment adviser** is generally any person or group that provides investment advice or conducts securities analysis in exchange for a fee.

What investment services and advice can you provide me?

We offer both brokerage and investment advisory services to retail investors. Below is a summary of the principal services, accounts, and investments made available to retail investors, and any material limitations on such services.

Brokerage Services

Our brokerage services include buying and selling securities and offering recommendations to retail investors. You may select investments, or we may recommend investments for your account but the ultimate investment decision for your investment strategy and the purchase or sale of investments will be yours. We will not have discretion or any other investment authority regarding your strategy, investments and accounts.

We may provide other incidental services such as research reports and education. Through the account custodians, you will receive account statements each quarter in paper or electronically. We will not be providing any ongoing monitoring services of any strategies, accounts, performance, and investments whether recommended or not. We offer a large selection of investments. Other firms could offer a wider range of choices, some of which might have lower costs.

Investment Advisory Services

Our advisory services include wrap and non-wrap fee programs as well as financial consulting. We will provide you advice on a regular basis. We will discuss your investment objectives and help design an appropriate strategy. We will regularly monitor the strategy, investments and account. Quarterly performance reports will be available.

You may choose a service that allows us to buy and sell investments in your account without asking you in advance (a "discretionary account") or we may give you advice and you decide what investments to buy and sell (a "non-discretionary account"). We will only accept discretionary authority under written agreement with you and its authority will be limited to the purchase and sale of investments in the account. The authority will exist until notice is given to withdraw by either the firm or you. When receiving non-discretionary services, you make the ultimate decision regarding the purchase and/or sale of investments.

Our investment advice will cover a limited selection of investments. Other firms could provide advice on a wider range of choices, some of which might have lower costs. In addition, certain programs may include account size minimums.

To get additional detailed information about brokerage and advisory services and programs please see: <https://www.nationsfg.com/privacy-policy-important-legal-disclosures/>.

Securities and advisory services when offered are through Nations Financial Group, Inc. member [FINRA/SIPC](#) and a SEC registered investment adviser. Located at 3925 Fountains Blvd NE Suite 200, Cedar Rapids, IA 52411, and reached at (319)393-9541. For more information about the Firm please visit our website at www.nationsfg.com.

Conversation Starters - ask your financial professional:

- Given my financial situation, should I choose an investment advisory service? Should I choose a brokerage service? Should I choose both types of services? Why or why not?
- How will you choose investments to recommend to me?
- What is your relevant experience, including your licenses, education, and other qualifications? What do these qualifications mean?
- How often will you monitor my account's performance and offer investment advice?

What fees will I pay?

Fees are different for Brokerage and Investment Advisory Services. You will pay fees and costs whether you make or lose money on your investments. Fees and costs will reduce any amount of money you make on your investments over time. Please make sure you understand what fees and costs you are paying.

Brokerage Services Fees

When we provide brokerage services to you, you will pay us a transaction-based fee, generally referred to as a commission, each time you buy or sell an investment. The transaction fee is based on the specific transaction and not the value of your account. With stocks or exchange-traded funds, this fee is usually a separate commission. With other investments, such as bonds, this fee might be part of the price you pay for the investment (called a "mark-up" or "mark-down"). With mutual funds, this fee (typically called a "sales load") reduces the value of your investment.

Our fees vary and are negotiable in some instances. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on how much you buy or sell, what type of investment you buy or sell, and what kind of account you have with us. You will be charged more when there are more trades in your account, and we may therefore have an incentive to encourage you to trade often. From a cost perspective, you may prefer a transaction-based fee if you do not trade often or if you plan to buy and hold investments for longer periods of time.

To get additional detailed information about these fees please see:

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Investment Advisory Services

When we provide advisory services to you, you will pay us an on-going asset-based fee or fixed fee amount for our services. Fixed fee amounts will be charged when receiving certain financial consulting services per a signed agreement with us. The wrap and non-wrap program will charge you an on-going fee each quarter based on the value of the cash and investments being advised upon in your account. The amount paid to our firm and your financial professional generally does not vary based on the type of investments we select or recommend. The asset-based fee reduces the value of your account and will be deducted from your account.

For some advisory accounts, called wrap fee programs, the asset-based fee will include most transaction costs and custody services, and as a result wrap fees are typically higher than non-wrap advisory fees. For accounts not part of the wrap fee program, you will pay a transaction fee when we buy and sell an investment for you. You will also pay fees to a broker-dealer or bank that will hold your assets (called "custody"). Although transaction fees are usually included in the wrap program fee, sometimes you will pay an additional transaction fee (for investments bought and sold outside the wrap fee program).

Our fees vary and are negotiable. The amount you pay will depend, for example, on the services you receive and the amount of assets in your account. Paying for a wrap fee program could cost more than separately paying for advice and for transactions if there are infrequent trades in your account. The more assets you have in the advisory account, including cash, the more you will pay us. We therefore have an incentive to increase the assets in your account in order to increase our fees. You pay our fee quarterly even if you do not have transactions in your account.

An asset-based fee may cost more than a transaction-based fee, but you may prefer an asset-based fee if you want continuing advice or want someone to make investment decisions for you. You may prefer a wrap fee program if you prefer the certainty of a quarterly fee regardless of the number of transactions you have.

To get additional detailed information about these fees please see:

<https://www.nationsfg.com/privacy-policy-important-legal-disclosures/>.

Other Fees and Costs

Some investments (such as mutual funds and variable annuities) impose additional fees that will reduce the value of your investment over time. Also, with certain investments such as variable annuities, you may have to pay fees such as "surrender charges" to sell the investment. In brokerage accounts and non-wrap advisory programs we or the custodian will charge you additional fees, such as custodian fees, account maintenance fees and account inactivity fees.

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Conversation Starters - ask your financial professional:

- What additional costs should I expect in connection with my account?
- Help me understand how these fees and costs might affect my investments.
- If I give you \$10,000 to invest, how much will go to fees and costs, and how much will be invested for me?

What are your legal obligations to me when providing recommendations as my broker-dealer or when acting as my investment adviser? How else does the firm make money and what conflicts of interest do you have?

Brokerage Services Obligations

Applicable federal and state securities laws, regulations and self-regulatory organizations set forth our obligations. These include that we:

- Obtain your investment profile, including your age, investment experience, time horizon, liquidity needs, risk tolerance, financial situation and needs, tax status and investment objectives
- When providing a recommendation, we act under a best interest responsibility to you. This means that we provide information about investments that we believe are in your best interest and our actions put your interest ahead of ours.
- Provide information about investments based on the nature of the security as well as its potential risks and rewards.
- Obtain prices for trades that are fair and reasonable according to market conditions and make sure that the commissions and fees that you pay are not excessive
- We are not required to monitor your portfolio or investments on an ongoing basis

Investment Advisory Obligations

Applicable federal and state securities laws set forth our obligations. These include that we:

- Obtain your overall financial situation, including your age, investment experience, time horizon, liquidity needs, risk tolerance, financial needs, tax status and investment objectives
- We provide investment advice in your best interest and we disclose or avoid any material conflicts between our interests and yours
- Provide suitable investment advice and have a reasonable basis for our recommendations
- Obtain prices for trades so that your total cost or proceeds in each transaction are the most favorable under the circumstances
- Monitor your portfolio, investment strategy and investments on an ongoing basis

Advisory services are provided only pursuant to a written agreement with you.

Standard of Conduct

When we provide you with a recommendation as your broker-dealer or act as your investment adviser, we must act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests. You should understand and ask us about these conflicts because they can affect the recommendations and investment advice, we provide you. Here are some examples to help you understand what this means.

Examples of Ways We Make Money and Conflicts of Interest

Proprietary Products: We make extra money by advising you to invest in certain programs, such as NFGI Portfolios or NFGI Wrap because they are managed by the firm and do not have an additional 3rd party program fee. These programs may have lower internal costs than other programs, so if you buy these programs your financial professional may receive more compensation.

Revenue Sharing: We have an incentive to advise you to invest in certain investments, such as the Bank Deposit Sweep program because the sponsor of the program shares with us revenue it earns on the assets.

Principal Trading: When providing brokerage services, we can buy investments from you, and sell investments to you, from our accounts (called "acting as principal"). We can earn a profit on these trades, so we have an incentive to encourage you to trade with us.

For additional information about potential conflicts of interest, please see <https://www.nationsfq.com/privacy-policy-important-legal-disclosures/>.

Conversation Starters - ask your financial professional:

- How might your conflicts of interest affect me, and how will you address them?
- How does your firm make money in connection with my account? Do you or the firm receive any payments from anyone besides me in connection with my investments?

How do your financial professionals make money?

Financial professionals are compensated based on factors such as the amount of client assets they service, the time and complexity required to meet client needs, the product sold, product sales commissions, or revenue we earn from the financial professional's advisory services or recommendations.

Brokerage Services

The financial professional will receive a portion of the commissions, markups or markdowns, and sales charges resulting from the transactions. In addition, certain investments may have ongoing expenses such as distribution fees (12b-1 fee) and your financial professional will receive a portion. Depending on the type of product or share class the amount of compensation paid will vary. The firm will share in any compensation as well.

The financial professional will share in certain revenue sharing agreements that the firm has.

Investment Advisory Services

The financial professional will receive a portion of the asset-based or fixed fee charged. In some instances, should an advisory account hold a product that pays a distribution fee (12b-1 fees) the financial professional will receive a portion of the fee. When possible, we attempt to avoid such additional expenses and compensation.

The financial professional will share in certain firm revenue sharing agreements.

To get additional detailed information about brokerage and advisory services and programs please see:

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Do you or your financial professionals have legal or disciplinary history?

Yes. We have legal and disciplinary events. Visit [Investor.gov](https://investor.gov) or BrokerCheck (<https://brokercheck.finra.org>) for a free and simple search to research our firm and our financial professionals.

Conversation Starters - ask your financial professional:

- As a financial professional, do you have any disciplinary history? For what type of conduct?
- Who is my primary contact person? Is he or she a representative of an investment adviser or a broker-dealer? Whom can I talk to if I have concerns about how this person is treating me?

Where can I find additional information?

You can always ask your financial professional for more information and request a copy of this relationship summary at 319-393-9541

Form CRS

<https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NFG-Form-CRS.pdf>

Form ADV

<https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Combined-ADV.pdf>

Reg BI Disclosure

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Brokerage Account Disclosures

<https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Brokerage-Account-Disclosures-and-Definitions.pdf>

Privacy Policy

<https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Privacy-Policy-BCP-Disclosure-Documents-FCC.pdf>

Margin Disclosures

https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/nations_financial_group_disclosure.pdf

Cash Sweep Program

www.wellsfargoclearingservicesllc.com/bw/fccs/forms/568205.pdf

Markup Disclosure Statement

<https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Markup-Disclosure-Statement.pdf>

Order Routing

<https://www.nationsfg.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/SEC-Rule-606-Order-Routing.pdf>

Part 2A of Form ADV: Firm Brochure

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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Nations Financial Group, Inc. ("NFGI"). This information should be considered before participating in one of our programs. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at 319-393-9541 or compliance@nationsfg.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 NFGI also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our firm's CRD number is 44181.

NFGI is a Registered Investment Adviser. **Registration as an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.**

Item 2 Material Changes

The material changes since the last annual Brochure dated 03/30/2024 include:

- There are no Material Changes

The above is only a summary and does not purport to identify every change to the Brochure since the last annual update. Additional information about each change referred to above may be found in the applicable section of the Brochure. Clients are encouraged to read the Brochure in detail and contact Nations Financial Group, Inc. (NFGI) with any questions.

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Item 4 Advisory Business

Nations Financial Group, Inc. is a SEC-registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in Iowa. Nations Financial Group, Inc. began conducting business in 1999. We are considered a fiduciary according to the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. As a fiduciary, it is our responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients at all times.

Listed below are the firm's principal shareholders (i.e., those individuals and/or entities controlling 25% or more of this company).

- NFGI Holding Corporation – Direct Owner
- Richard Scott Bennett, CEO – Indirect Owner

This Brochure is intended to provide you with information regarding our investment advisory services, fee arrangements, qualifications, and business practices that should be considered before becoming our advisory client.

Individuals who are appropriately licensed, qualified, or approved as investment adviser representatives (IAR) with us will be authorized to provide investment advisory services. IARs only provide services and charge fees based on the descriptions detailed in this document. However, the exact services you will receive and the fees you will be charged depend on your particular investment adviser representative. Fees also vary depending on your geographic location and/or your selected investment adviser representative. Investment adviser representatives are instructed to consider your individual needs when recommending an advisory platform.

Most of our investment adviser representatives are approved to also provide investment recommendations in their separate capacity as registered representatives of our dually registered broker/dealer. When acting as a registered representative, these representatives will charge commissions on a per-transaction basis when implementing their recommendations for clients.

When deciding which, if any, of the advisory programs available through us is appropriate for your needs, you should bear in mind that fee-based accounts, when compared with commission-based accounts, may result in lower costs during periods when trading activity is heavier, such as the year an account is established. However, during periods when trading activity is lower, fee-based accounts may actually result in higher annual costs. The total cost for transactions under a fee-based account versus a commission account can vary significantly and depends upon a number of factors, such as account size, amount of turnover (number of transactions), type and quantities of securities purchased or sold, commission rates and the client's tax situation. You should have a conversation with your IAR and read this Brochure carefully as it explains our programs in detail.

Our investment adviser representatives and their branch offices may use marketing names or other names that are held out to the public. Such names are known as "doing business as" or "dba" names. The purpose for using these other names is so that the investment adviser representative can create an identifiable brand that is specific to them personally or to their branch office but separate from us. While we allow our investment adviser representatives to use other names, they have been instructed to disclose on advertising and client correspondence that their advisory services and securities are offered through us.

Services are always provided based on individual client needs. This means, for example, that you are given the ability to impose in writing restrictions on your accounts managed by us, including specific investment selections and sectors. Investment adviser representatives work with you on a one-on-one basis through interviews and questionnaires to determine your investment objectives and suitability information. NFGI will provide services that reflect prudence and diligence based on your stated investment objectives, risk tolerance, financial circumstances, and investment needs, without regard to the financial or other interests of us, your investment adviser representative or any affiliate or related entities.

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 interest 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.

NFGI offers the following advisory services to our Clients:

INVESTMENT SERVICES ("IS") **INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Our firm provides continuous advice regarding the investment of your funds based on your individual needs. Through personal discussions, goals and objectives based on your particular circumstance are established, we identify your personal investment objective that is in your best interest and create and manage a portfolio based on that objective. During our data-gathering process, among other things we determine your individual objectives, time horizons, risk tolerance, and liquidity needs. As appropriate, we also review and discuss your prior investment history.

We manage your funds on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis. Client funds managed on a discretionary basis: These portfolios are managed primarily by utilizing stocks, bonds, covered options, variable annuity products, ETF's and mutual funds. In discretionary accounts, the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR) primarily makes all investment decisions with or without consulting you. This discretion is only granted after receiving written approval from you via the contract. The IAR's discretion will solely relate to trading and will not allow the IAR to withdraw or journal your assets. Specific investment recommendations will vary depending on the individual IAR that you are working with. Client funds managed on a non-discretionary basis: These portfolios are managed primarily by utilizing stocks, bonds, covered options, variable annuity products, ETF's

and mutual funds. The non-discretionary accounts investment recommendations will be presented to you by the IAR; however, the final investment decisions will be made by you. Specific investment recommendations will vary depending on the individual IAR that you are working with.

Account recommendations are guided by but not limited to your stated objectives, risk tolerance, time horizon, restrictions and guidelines, as well as tax considerations.

You may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

Our investment recommendations are not limited to any specific product or service offered by a broker-dealer or insurance company and may generally include advice regarding the following securities:

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Foreign issuers
- Warrants
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Commercial paper
- Certificates of deposit
- Hedge Funds
- Municipal securities
- Variable life insurance
- Variable annuities
- Mutual fund shares
- Private Equity
- United States governmental securities
- Options contracts on securities
- Options contracts on commodities
- Futures contracts on tangibles
- Futures contracts on intangibles
- UITs
- REITs
- ETPs
- Cash

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be implemented/recommended when consistent with the Client's stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and best interest.

PENSION CONSULTING SERVICES

While the primary Clients for these services will be pension, profit sharing and 401(k) plans, we offer these services, where appropriate, to individuals and trusts, estates and charitable organizations. Pension Consulting Services are comprised of three distinct services.

Selection of Investment Vehicles:

We assist plan sponsors in constructing appropriate asset allocation models. We will then review various mutual funds (both index and managed) to determine which investments are appropriate to implement per their investment policy statement "IPS". The number of investments to be recommended will be determined by the Client, based on the IPS.

Monitoring of Investment Performance:

We monitor the investments continually, based on the procedures and timing intervals delineated in the Investment Policy Statement. Although our firm may not be involved in any way in the purchase or sale of these investments, we supervise the portfolio and will make recommendations as market factors, the Client's needs, and the IPS dictate.

Employee Communications:

For pension, profit sharing and 401(k) plan Clients with individual plan participants exercising control over assets in their own account ("self-directed plans"), we may also provide educational support and investment workshops designed for the plan participants. The nature of the topics to be covered will be determined by us and the Client under the guidelines established in ERISA Section 404(c). The educational support and investment workshops will NOT provide plan participants with individualized, tailored investment advice or individualized, tailored asset allocation recommendations.

NFGI 401K PORTFOLIOS

We offer 5 portfolios to be used inside 401k's, when we work in a discretionary manner under a 3(38) arrangement. These mutual fund models are designed to fit the objectives of investors from Aggressive (typically 100% equities) to Conservative (typically 20% equity/80% income).

These mutual fund models are built to have a diversified strategy. Internal expenses are considered in these strategies. The portfolios may contain a large percentage in index funds to help keep the internal expenses down. However, index funds may not be used at all times.

NFGI PORTFOLIOS

We offer portfolios to be used in a discretionary manner for Clients. These mutual funds, ETP, and equity models are designed to fit the objectives of investors from Aggressive (up to 100% equities) to Conservative (typically 30% equity/70% income). The Asset Allocation models are built to have a diversified strategy. The Equity and Tactical models focus may not be on diversification but rather to a primary investment goal or strategy.

NFGI Portfolios – Asset Allocation is a discretionary investment advisory program that offers a broad array of mutual funds or ETPs that invest in and across different investment asset classes and employ varied approaches to investment management. We have created a number of portfolios based on due diligence and asset allocation that we believe are appropriate for a number of different investment objectives. Based on your investment objectives, financial circumstances, and risk tolerance, your IAR will recommend one of the models that will be managed on a discretionary basis.

The combination and allocation strategy of the selected mutual funds or ETPs in a Portfolio is based on our determination of the appropriate target asset allocation and/or risk/return profile for your investment objective and risk tolerance. The investments and allocations may be modified from time to time based upon changes in asset allocation guidance or our assessment of factors impacting individual positions or particular combinations. Additions to and withdrawals from your

account will generally be allocated based on the target allocation you selected.

Fluctuations in the market value of assets, as well as other factors, will affect the actual allocation at any given time. We will generally rebalance the account annually unless market conditions indicate we should do so more frequently. You may also request us to rebalance your account as necessary.

NFGI Portfolios - Equity and Tactical is a discretionary investment advisory program that offers a broad array of mutual funds, ETPs, and individual equity positions that invest in and across different investment asset classes and employ varied approaches to investment management. These strategies may not be diversified and may have higher volatility than more diversified portfolios. Based on your investment objectives, financial circumstances, and risk tolerance, your IAR will recommend one or more of the models that will be managed on a discretionary basis.

The portfolios may be derived from outside research providers and the portfolios may materially be modified. Additions to and withdrawals from your account will generally be allocated based on the target allocation you selected.

Fluctuations in the market value of assets, as well as other factors, will affect the actual portfolio allocation at any given time. These accounts may contain higher turnover levels and you should consider possible tax consequences before investing in these strategies.

THIRD-PARTY MANAGER PROGRAMS

We also offer advisory management services through sub-adviser or solicitor agreements to our Clients through the Third-Party Manager Programs (hereinafter, "Programs").

Our IARs provide you with an asset allocation strategy developed through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on your particular circumstances are established through the investor profile. These programs will be offered on a discretionary basis.

Based on your individual circumstances and needs we will then perform management searches of various registered investment advisers to identify which registered investment adviser's portfolio management style will be in your best interest. Some factors considered in making this determination include account size, risk tolerance, the opinion of each Client, the investment philosophy of the selected registered investment adviser, and investor profile. You should refer to the selected registered investment adviser's Firm Brochure or other disclosure document for a full description of the services offered. We are available to meet with you on a regular basis (no less than annually), or as determined by the you, to review the account.

We monitor the performance of the selected registered investment adviser(s). If we determine that a selected registered investment adviser(s) is not providing sufficient services consistent with the Client's objectives and investor profile, we may suggest that you contract with a different registered investment adviser and/or program sponsor. Under this scenario, our IAR assists you in selecting a new registered investment adviser and/or program. However, any move to a new registered investment adviser and/or program is solely at your discretion.

FINANCIAL CONSULTING

On occasion, NFGI provides advisory services that consist of a "one-time" review or investment recommendation to Clients. The IAR will provide general investment advice regarding assets as

designated by Client. The IAR shall have no discretion with respect to any assets of the Client, it being understood that Client is relying on the IAR for general investment advice and is under no obligation to act on any investment advice provided by the IAR.

A one-time fee will be paid for such services. The fee you pay will vary based on a number of factors including but not limited to; the specific IAR that is providing the service, the geographic location of the Client and IAR, the types of securities being reviewed, special service requests you may have and specific account related service requests of the Client.

These services generally cover one or more of the following six topics of concern: (1) financial situation, (2) income taxes, (3) insurance, (4) investments, (5) retirement planning, and (6) estate planning. To determine a suitable course of action, the IAR will perform a review of the variables that are presented. Such review may include, but would not necessarily be limited to, investment objectives, consideration of your overall financial condition, income and tax status, personal and business assets, risk profile, and other factors unique to your particular circumstances.

The IAR's services are non-exclusive, and the IAR shall be free to render the same or similar services to other Clients. The IAR will render investment advice in your best interest based upon your representations. Therefore, the IAR, in the performance of its advisory duties, may give advice to other Clients and take actions that may differ from the advice given with respect to your assets.

You have the sole authority concerning the implementation, acceptance, or rejection of any counseling and or investment advice given by the IAR. The IAR will not have authority to act on your behalf when providing these services.

The information providing the basis for IAR's advice with respect to the assets will be derived by IAR from publicly available sources which IAR believes to be reliable, but whose accuracy cannot be guaranteed, and, in some cases, such information may not be capable of being independently verified by IAR. All advice rendered will be the result of professional judgment based upon information available to the IAR. NFGI does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of information furnished by you or any other party and maintained in IAR's records.

Our firm sponsor/offers a Wrap Program named NFGI Wrap. Certain services above will be part of that program. Those in the program will receive additional disclosure in the Firm's Wrap Brochure.

AMOUNT OF MANAGED ASSETS

As of 12/31/2024, we were actively managing \$2,863,654,381 of Clients' assets on a discretionary basis plus \$457,900,677 of Clients' assets on a non-discretionary basis and overseeing \$545,967,502 of Clients' assets being managed by third-party money managers.

Item 5 Fees and Compensation

Fees for advisory services are negotiable, thus vary from Client to Client. The fees you pay for advisory services will vary based on a number of factors including but not limited to; the specific IAR that is providing the service, the geographic location of the Client and IAR, the types of

securities being managed, the account size, special service requests you may have and specific account related service requests of the Client.

Whereas we do not generally waive from these fee schedules, we reserve the right to charge you a higher or lower fee or one different from the guidelines set forth in these fee schedules and one lower or higher than fees charged to another client with a similar account.

A portion of the fees will be paid to your IAR in connection with the introduction of Accounts as well as for providing Client-related services. This compensation could be more or less than an IAR would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services. If an IAR wishes to discount Fee below certain levels, they have the ability to do so under certain circumstances. IAR's generally will earn reduced compensation resulting from the discount. This creates an incentive for IAR's to not discount.

Individual Portfolio Management, Pension Consulting and Third-Party Manager program asset-based fees range as high as 2.25% for discretionary, non-discretionary, and sub-adviser advisory accounts (additional transaction or trading costs may apply) and up to 2.50% for all-inclusive wrap accounts where transaction costs are included in the fee (NFGI Wrap). The specific asset-based fees are documented in the advisory contract and/or fee schedule that you sign prior to providing services.

For NFGI's 401K Portfolios that are offered as a 3(38) manager the fees will range from .10-.30%.

NFGI Portfolios may have fees range up to a maximum of 1.50% and may be discounted by the IAR on the account.

Fees will be applied to cash sweep balances and cash alternatives (i.e., money market funds) held inside the Account. Clients will, in many instances, pay more in fees with respect to sweep vehicle holdings, than the interest earnings that may be generated by these sweep vehicle holdings.

Financial Consulting fees vary greatly depending on the needs of the Client and the scope of the agreement and are subject to negotiation between IAR and Client. Fees for consulting must be agreed to by you and IAR in writing and will be charged on a one-time basis.

Accounts may hold assets that are considered non-billable or below the line. These may include assets held away but shadow posted in the account or certain mutual funds that have yet to convert to an advisory or lower cost share class, and various other situations.

NFGI believes its advisory services are competitively priced, however you may be able to receive similar services at a lower price elsewhere. Fees for consulting services will vary according to each IAR and their services provided.

Certain fee discounts may be provided to friends and family members of the IAR.

In an advisory Account, you pay fees based on the percentage of assets in your Account in accordance with an investment advisory agreement. Certain services or products have higher total fees than others based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, management fees, and administrative fees. A conflict of interest exists to the extent that we have a financial incentive to recommend a particular advisory Program that results in additional or greater compensation to us.

Fee Billing Process

Asset Based - You will pay NFGI for its services and for the services of your IAR in advance on a quarterly basis, or as otherwise agreed upon between the parties and stated in the fee schedule. The initial fee will be immediately charged once the account is under agreement and funded. The fee will be prorated for the number of days in the partial quarter the account is under agreement by using the opening balance. Thereafter all account's quarterly fees will be charged in advance during the first month of the quarter and will be based on the ending account balance of the prior quarter. NFGI's fee will be debited from the account on payment date which is on or about the fifteenth business day of the month. Should you make a deposit or withdrawal during any quarter, the account may be charged or credited back a partial advisory fee. To determine whether a partial fee is applicable (generally on the 3rd week of the month); the net additions/withdrawals from the prior month are used to calculate a prorated fee on the amount. Should the prorated fee be a positive or negative \$40 or more, it will be debited from or credited to the account. Generally, deposits to accounts can increase fees charged and withdrawals from an account can reduce fees paid.

Fee schedules may be amended from time to time by NFGI upon thirty (30) days written notice to you. Any fee schedule charges previously in effect shall continue until the next billing cycle.

You may pay the aforementioned fees from outside funds provided that your IAR is notified in advance and outside funds are sufficient to pay the fees are paid to NFGI on or prior to payment date. You authorize NFGI to request a withdrawal of fees from the account. You will be notified of the quarterly fee on the statement that comes from the account custodian.

In some cases, the account value in which the fee is based may differ from the statement value on the custodian issued statement. This will generally occur in instances where the account has accrued interest or dividends past ex-date that have yet to post to the account.

For eligible securities purchased previously in a brokerage account and subsequently moved into an advisory account, these securities will be included in the calculation of fees for services and are in addition to any previous brokerage charges paid.

Financial Consulting One-time fee – You will be billed and expected to deliver payment to NFGI at the time that the agreed upon consulting services are provided per the Client signed agreement.

Should you have a question on your quarterly fee you should contact NFGI at 1-800-351-2471.

Account Termination

Client signed agreements shall remain in full force and effect until NFGI receives written notice from you of its termination or until NFGI receives notice from the court or legally appointed person(s) in case of the Client's death or adjudicated incompetence. You have the right, within five (5) days of execution, to terminate the Client Agreement without penalty. NFGI and the IAR can also terminate the agreement with written notice to the Client. In the event of cancellation of Client Agreements, fees previously paid pursuant to the fee schedule will be refunded on a pro rata basis, as of the date notice of such cancellation is received by the non-canceling party, less reasonable start-up costs.

If you choose to terminate your advisory agreement, we can liquidate your account if you instruct us to do so before removal from any program. If so instructed, we will liquidate your account in an

orderly and efficient manner. We do not charge for such redemption; however, you should be aware that certain mutual funds impose redemption fees as stated in their fund prospectus. Any trade instructions given after termination of the agreement will be subject to applicable brokerage expenses like commissions. You should also keep in mind that the decision to liquidate security issues or mutual funds may result in tax consequences that should be discussed with your tax advisor.

We will not be responsible for market fluctuations in your account from the time of notice until complete liquidation. All efforts will be made to process the termination in an efficient and timely manner. Factors that may affect the orderly and efficient liquidation of an account might be size and types of issues, liquidity of the markets, and market makers' abilities. Should the necessary securities' markets be unavailable, and trading suspended, efforts to trade will be done as soon as possible following their reopening. Due to the administrative processing time needed to terminate an advisory account, termination orders cannot be considered market orders. It may take several business days under normal market conditions to process your request.

If an advisory agreement is terminated, but you maintain a brokerage account with us, your mutual fund shares may be exchanged for shares of another series of the same fund since they may no longer be eligible for the share class they are in. You are subject to the customary brokerage charges for any securities positions purchased or sold in your account after the termination of program services.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Product Fees (mutual funds / ETPs): All fees paid to NFGI for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by money market, mutual funds and/or ETPs to their shareholders. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees generally include a management fee, other fund expenses, and a possible distribution fee. If the fund also imposes sales charges, you may pay an initial or deferred sales charge. You could invest in a money market, mutual fund directly, without our services. In that case, you would not receive the services provided by our firm which are designed, among other things, to assist you in determining which money market, mutual fund or ETPs are most appropriate to your financial condition and objectives. Accordingly, you should review both the fees charged by the funds and our fees to fully understand the total amount of fees to be paid by you and to there by evaluate the advisory services being provided.

IAR's have the availability to utilize mutual funds that offer various share classes, including those within the same fund. Varying share classes include but are not limited to shares designated as Class A Shares and Class I Shares. Generally, I Shares are reserved for institutional investors and therefore are not always available for your account. As a result of the different expenses of the mutual fund share classes, it is generally more expensive for you to own Class A Shares than Class I Shares (or other share classes).

You generally do not pay a transaction charge for Class A or C Share mutual fund transactions; however, the share class can be more expensive to you over time because of the ongoing 12b-1 fee. You should discuss and understand these additional indirect expenses borne as a result of the mutual fund fees.

NFGI or our service providers will collect such fees directly or indirectly from some or all of the mutual funds in which you invest, and we may pay any such fees it receives to NFGI IARs if they

were accrued while the position was not in our advisory program. The amount of the fees we or your IAR receive will vary, depending on the percentage paid pursuant to a fund's Rule 12b-1 plan.

Most of the mutual funds we include on our advisory program platform do not pay us 12b-1 fees. Any 12b-1 fee payments we do receive for program approved eligible mutual funds held in advisory accounts are credited back to the account. 12b-1 fees received from non-eligible mutual funds will not be credited back to the account. These fees will be shared with the IAR. Receipt of the fees creates a conflict. In eligible positions may be held in the account but will not be included in advisory billing. NFGI monitors all transactions to help ensure the appropriate shares classes are offered. In addition, periodic position reviews are completed to ensure funds paying 12b-1 are not charged an advisory fee.

Third Party Management Fees: Clients participating in separately managed account programs will be charged various program fees in addition to the advisory fee charged by our firm. Such fees may include the investment advisory fees of the independent advisers, which may be charged as part of a wrap fee arrangement. In a wrap fee arrangement, you pay a single fee for advisory, brokerage and custodial services. The portfolio transactions will be executed without commission charges in a wrap fee arrangement. In evaluating such an arrangement, you should also consider that, depending upon the level of the wrap fee charged by the firm, the amount of portfolio activity in the account, and other factors, the wrap fee may or may not exceed the aggregate cost of such services if they were to be provided separately. We will review with Clients any separate program fees that may be charged.

Additional Fees and Expenses: In addition to our advisory fees, Clients are also responsible for the fees and expenses charged by custodians and imposed by broker dealers, including, but not limited to, custodial annual account or product fees and any transaction charges imposed by a broker dealer with which an independent investment manager effects transactions for the account(s). Please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section (Item 12) of this Form ADV for additional information.

ERISA Accounts: In some instances, NFGI will be deemed to be a fiduciary to advisory Clients that are employee benefit plans pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income and Securities Act and the Internal Revenue Code that include among other things, restrictions concerning certain forms of compensation. To avoid engaging in prohibited transactions, NFGI will only charge fees for investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons do not receive any commissions or 12b-1 fees, or conversely, investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons receive commissions or 12b-1 fees, however, only when such fees are used to offset NFGI's advisory fees.

Advisory Fees in General: Clients should note that similar advisory services may (may not) be available from other registered (or unregistered) investment advisers for similar or lower fees. You could also invest on your own in a security or a portfolio directly without being charged an investment advisory fee for services. You should be aware that investment advisory program fees charged may be higher or lower than if you elected to execute transactions on a commission basis for each transaction in a brokerage account. You should consider the value of these investment advisory services when making such comparisons. The combination of custodial, investment advisory and brokerage services may not be available separately or would require maintaining multiple accounts, documentation and fees. You should also consider the amount of anticipated volume of trading activity when selecting among the investment advisory programs when

assessing the overall costs. Investment advisory programs typically take into consideration certain volume of trading activity and therefore, under particular circumstances, prolonged periods of inactivity or asset allocations with significant fixed income or cash positions may result in higher investment advisory fees being paid over time than if you paid a commission separately for each transaction.

Limited Prepayment of Fees: Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

Changes in Fee Schedules: All fees are subject to change with 30 days written notice to the Client(s). Changes in fee rates are generally not applied until the next billing period.

Transaction Costs: NFGI's advisory fee does not include transaction execution costs (unless in a Wrap account or certain sub-advisor accounts). Small transaction execution fees may be imposed by NFGI or other broker dealers / custodians such as Charles Schwab & Co. Such costs may be imposed on equity, option, debt, variable annuity, ETP and mutual fund transactions. However, for those accounts not with NFGI's broker dealer, the transaction costs may be subject to change by that broker dealer and may be higher or lower than that of NFGI's.

Accounts held at Charles Schwab & Co. may have transaction costs ranging from \$25 for non-No Transaction Fee mutual funds, \$1.20/bond (\$10 min), and options are \$38.95 + \$1.40 / contract.

Risk in the Use of Margin: To the extent margin is used in your account, you should be aware that the margin debit balance does not reduce the market value of eligible program assets. If you use margin to purchase additional securities, your total value of eligible program assets increases and therefore your asset-based fee will increase. In addition, you will be charged margin interest on the debit balance in your account.

The increased asset-based fee that you pay will provide an incentive for your IAR to recommend the use of margin. However, we intend to make all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on our obligations to act in your best interest and consider your objectives and needs. Please note that using margin is not suitable for all investors; the use of margin increases leverage in your account and therefore increases its risk. Additionally, if margin is used in your account, the firm may receive additional compensation. The IAR will not share in this compensation but NFGI does set the margin rate, so this is an additional conflict. Please see the Margin Disclosure Statement and the General Account Agreement and Disclosure Document provided at the time establishing margin for more details on the risks of margin use.

You may pledge your account assets as collateral for Wells Fargo Clearing Services (WFCS) non-purpose loan program with our consent and where you are eligible under the program. In order for your account to be eligible to serve as collateral for a securities-backed loan, your account may not also serve as collateral for a margin loan. If you wish to use your account as collateral for a securities-based loan, we will automatically discontinue the availability of margin for your account. There are risks, costs, and conflicts of interests associated with securities-based loans. You are encouraged to speak with your IAR to the extent you have questions about how your account may be used in connection with a securities-based loan program and how such arrangement should be taken into consideration when discussing the management of your account.

If you have elected to participate in the securities-based loan program, the terms and conditions applicable to that program are governed by the applicable securities-based loan documents and other service agreements and are not included or described further in this brochure. You should review carefully the terms, conditions and any related risk disclosures for the program and understand that risks are heightened in the event you hold a concentrated position in your pledged account or if your pledged account makes up all, or substantially all, of your overall net worth or investable assets. Certain eligibility requirements must be met, and documentation must be completed prior to obtaining securities-based loans.

NFGI sets the interest rate for these programs, which is a conflict for us to recommend these programs.

The costs, including interest, associated with a securities-based loan are not included in the Fee and will result in additional compensation to us and our IAR. The interest charges on your securities-based loan program, combined with the Fee, may exceed the income generated by your pledged account assets and, as a result, the value of your account may decrease. You are encouraged to carefully consider the total cost of taking out a securities-based loan, and any additional compensation that NFGI and your IAR will receive, when determining to take out and/or maintain a securities-based loan against your account assets.

In addition to receiving a portion of the Fee, IAR's also receive compensation based on the outstanding loan balances of securities-based loan programs. Since NFGI and your IAR are compensated through asset-based advisory fees paid on your account, we benefit if you draw down on your securities-based loan, which preserves asset based advisory fee revenue and generates additional loan-related compensation, rather than sell securities or other investments in your account, which would reduce the assets in your account and our asset-based advisory fee revenue. This presents a conflict of interest for your IAR when addressing your liquidity needs. In addition, where a securities-based loan is secured by both brokerage and advisory assets, a IAR will benefit if your brokerage assets are liquidated prior to or instead of your advisory assets because the IAR would be able to maintain advisory account assets subject to the Fee. We address these conflicts by disclosing them to you and monitoring IAR trading activities and program balances. Also, by making all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on your best interest and our obligations to consider your objectives and needs.

There are other lending products that may be suitable for you and for which we and your IAR would receive different or no compensation. You are responsible for independently evaluating if a securities-based loan is appropriate for your needs, if the lending terms are acceptable, and whether the securities-based loan will have potential adverse tax or other consequences for you.

Except for margin accounts, where the loan proceeds can be used to purchase, carry, or trade securities, the proceeds of securities-based loan may not be used to (a) purchase, carry, or trade securities or (b) reduce or retire any indebtedness incurred to purchase, carry, or trade securities. If your account is used as collateral for a securities-based loan, the account is pledged to support the loan and you are not permitted to withdraw funds or other assets from your account unless sufficient amounts of collateral remain to continue supporting the securities-based loan (as determined under the applicable Securities-Based Loan Program). Although you are required to satisfy such collateral requirements, you can terminate your advisory relationship with NFGI, at which time the funds and assets in your account will be treated as a brokerage account and the collateral requirements for the securities-based loan will continue to apply.

Additional Considerations Associated with Pledging Advisory Accounts: In addition to the risks mentioned above, with respect to investment advisory account(s) that are pledged or otherwise used as collateral for margin or any other securities-based lending product, the exercise of our rights and powers over the assets in your advisory account(s), including the disposition and sale of any and all assets pledged as collateral may be contrary to your interests and the investment objective of your advisory account(s). Any recommendation to use margin or a securities-based lending product, as well as the related compensation that we or our affiliate may receive, could create conflicts of interest between you and us or, if applicable, our affiliate. For example, such recommendation to use margin or a securities-based lending product could result in a situation in which we are required to liquidate securities your IAR, or money manager would otherwise not sell, and which may not otherwise be in your best interests to sell, to satisfy a maintenance call. We or a third-party money manager will seek to manage your advisory account(s) as agreed under your advisory client agreement and applicable client profile provided that, if a maintenance call takes place, we or your money manager may not be able to manage your advisory account(s) consistent with our or the money manager's overall strategy. Any action taken by us, or an affiliate, against the assets in your advisory account(s) pursuant to the use of margin or a securities-based lending product will not constitute a breach of our fiduciary duties as an investment advisor to you under your advisory client agreement and applicable client profile.

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

NFGI does not charge performance-based fees.

Item 7 Types of Clients

NFGI provides advisory services to the following types of Clients:

- Individuals (other than high net worth individuals)
- High net worth individuals
- Pension and profit-sharing plans (other than plan participants)
- Trusts, estates, or charitable organizations
- Corporations or other businesses not listed above

General minimum account size for Individual Portfolio Management services is \$25,000. The minimum account size for Third Party Management services will vary depending on the program and advisor. This may range from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

IF APPLICABLE: Grandfathering of Minimum Account Requirements: Pre-existing advisory Clients are subject to NFGI's minimum account requirements and advisory fees in effect at the time the Client entered into the advisory relationship. Therefore, our firm's minimum account requirements will differ among Clients. In addition, certain exceptions to the minimum will be made at the discretion of the firm.

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

Our IARs use various methods of analysis and investment strategies. Methods and strategies will vary based on the IAR providing advice. Models and strategies used by one IAR will be different

than strategies used by other IARs. Some IARs may use just one method or strategy while other IARs may rely on multiple. We do not require or mandate a particular investment strategy be implemented by our IARs. Further, NFGI has no requirements for using a particular analysis method and IARs are provided flexibility (subject to NFGI's supervision and compliance requirements) when developing their investment strategies.

Your IAR may occasionally drift from or enact a strategy at a different investment objective level than the one you originally stated for the account based on factors such as (but not limited to) market conditions, family circumstances, court directives, etc. For instance, you may have stated an aggressive objective but if market activity and signal providers indicate that the best strategy is to go to an all-cash (conservative) position instead of remaining in the market, your investment adviser representative may do so without your consent in discretionary accounts and only with your consent in non-discretionary accounts. Assets may be placed back into your account at the originally stated investment objective level without requiring you to re-document that level.

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. **It is important to note that there is no investment strategy that will guarantee a profit or prevent loss.**

The following sections provide brief descriptions of some of the more common methods of analysis and investment strategies that are used by IARs.

METHODS OF ANALYSIS

We will use one or more of the following methods of analysis in formulating our investment advice and/or managing Client assets:

Fundamental Analysis: Fundamental analysis is a method of evaluating a security that entails attempting to measure its intrinsic value by examining related economic, financial, and other qualitative and quantitative factors. Fundamental analysts attempt to study everything that can affect the security's value, including macroeconomic factors (e.g., the overall economy and industry conditions) and company-specific factors (e.g., financial condition and management). The end goal of performing fundamental analysis is to produce a value that an investor can compare with the security's current price, with the aim of figuring out what sort of position to take with that security (underpriced = buy, overpriced = sell or short). This method of security analysis is considered the opposite of technical analysis.

Technical Analysis: Technical analysis is a method of evaluating securities by analyzing statistics generated by market activity, such as past prices and volume. Technical analysts do not attempt to measure a security's intrinsic value. Instead, they use charts and other tools to identify patterns that can suggest future activity. When looking at individual equities, a person using technical analysis generally believes that performance of the stock, rather than performance of the company itself, has more to do with the company's future stock price. It is important to understand that past performance does not guarantee future results.

Quantitative Analysis: We may use mathematical models in an attempt to obtain more accurate measurements of a company's quantifiable data, such as the value of share price or earnings per share and predict changes to that data. A risk in using quantitative analysis is that the models used may be based on assumptions that prove to be incorrect.

Qualitative Analysis: We subjectively evaluate non-quantifiable factors such as quality of management, labor relations, and strength of research and development factors not readily subject to measurement and predict changes to share price based on that data. A risk in using qualitative analysis is that our subjective judgment may prove incorrect.

Asset Allocation: Rather than focusing primarily on securities selection, we attempt to identify an appropriate ratio of securities, fixed income, and cash suitable to the Client's investment goals and risk tolerance. A risk of asset allocation is that the Client may not participate in sharp increases in the value of a particular security, industry or market sector. Another risk is that the ratio of securities, fixed income, and cash will change over time due to stock and market movements and, if not corrected, will no longer be appropriate for the Client's goals.

Mutual Fund and/or ETP Analysis: We look at the experience and track record of the manager of the mutual fund or ETP in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We also look at the underlying assets in a mutual fund or ETP in an attempt to determine if there is significant overlap in the underlying investments held in other fund(s) in the Client's portfolio. We also monitor the funds or ETPs in an attempt to determine if they are continuing to follow their stated investment strategy.

A risk of mutual fund and/or ETP analysis is that, as in all securities investments, past performance does not guarantee future results. A manager who has been successful may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in a fund or ETP, managers of different funds held by the Client may purchase the same security, increasing the risk to the Client if that security were to fall in value. There is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the fund or ETP, which could make the holding(s) less suitable for the Client's portfolio.

Third-Party Money Manager Analysis: We examine the experience, expertise, investment philosophies, and past performance of independent third-party investment managers in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We monitor the manager's underlying holdings, strategies, concentrations and leverage as part of our overall periodic risk assessment. Additionally, as part of our due-diligence process, we survey the manager's compliance and business enterprise risks. We may rely on Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC (WFCS) or other custodian's due diligence on certain money managers.

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 mandate or 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, we may be unaware of the lack of internal controls necessary to prevent business, regulatory or reputational deficiencies.

Risks for all forms of analysis: Our securities analysis methods rely on the assumption that the companies whose securities we purchase and sell, the rating agencies that review these securities, and other publicly available sources of information about these securities, are providing accurate and unbiased data. While we are alerted to indications that data may be incorrect, there is always a risk that our analysis may be compromised by inaccurate or misleading information.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

We will use one or more of the following strategies in managing your account(s), depending on the IAR's investment philosophy and provided that such strategy(ies) are appropriate to your needs and consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations:

Long-term purchases: We purchase securities with the idea of holding them in the Client's account for a year or longer. Typically, we employ this strategy when:

- we believe the securities to be currently undervalued, and/or
- we want exposure to a particular asset class over time, regardless of the current projection for this class.

Short-term purchases: When utilizing this strategy, we purchase securities with the idea of selling them within a relatively short time (typically a year or less). We do this in an attempt to take advantage of conditions that we believe will soon result in a price swing in the securities we purchase.

Trading: We purchase securities with the idea of selling them very quickly (typically within 30 days or less). We do this in an attempt to take advantage of our predictions of brief price swings.

Short sales: We borrow shares of a stock for your portfolio from someone who owns the stock on a promise to replace the shares on a future date at a certain price. Those borrowed shares are then sold. On the agreed-upon future date, we buy the same stock and return the shares to the original owner. We engage in short selling based on our determination that the stock will go down in price after we have borrowed the shares. If we are correct and the stock price has gone down since the shares were purchased from the original owner, the Client account realizes the profit.

Margin transactions: We will purchase stocks 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 stock without selling other holdings.

Option writing: We may use options as an investment strategy. An option is a contract that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an asset (such as a share of stock) at a specific price on or before a certain date. An option, just like a stock or bond, is a security. An option is also a derivative, because it derives its value from an underlying asset.

The two types of options are calls and puts:

- A call gives the holder the right to buy an asset at a certain price within a specific period of time. We will buy a call if we have determined that the stock will increase substantially before the option expires.
- A put gives the holder the right to sell an asset at a certain price within a specific period of time. We will buy a put if we have determined that the price of the stock will fall before the option expires.

We will use options to speculate on the possibility of a sharp price swing. We will also use options to "hedge" a purchase of the underlying security; in other words, we will use an option purchase to limit the potential upside and downside of a security we have purchased for your portfolio.

We use "covered calls", in which we sell an option on security you own. In this strategy, you receive a fee for making the option available, and the person purchasing the option has the right to buy the security from you at an agreed-upon price.

Tactical asset allocation: We may use tactical asset allocation. This allows for a range of percentages in each asset class (such as stocks = 40-50%). These are minimum and maximum acceptable percentages that permit the investor to take advantage of market conditions within these parameters. Thus, a minor form of market timing is possible, since the investor can move to the higher end of the range when stocks are expected to do better and to the lower end when the economic outlook is bleak.

Strategic asset allocation: We may use strategic asset allocation. This calls for setting target allocations and then periodically rebalancing the portfolio back to those targets as investment returns skew the original asset allocation percentages. The concept is akin to a "buy and hold" strategy, rather than an active trading approach. Of course, the strategic asset allocation targets change over time as the client's goals and needs change and as the time horizon for major events such as retirement and college funding grow shorter.

Market Timing Strategy: We may use market timing strategies. While uncommon and typically not recommended to clients, some IARs provide a market timing service as or part of, an investment strategy. In general, market timing is a strategy where the IAR will try to identify the best times to be in the market and when to get out. This service is designed to take advantage of stock market fluctuations by being invested based on the anticipated market direction. You should be aware that this strategy is considered an aggressive, higher-risk investment strategy. Only clients that are looking for a speculative investment strategy should participate in an investment timing service offered by an IAR.

Modern Portfolio Theory: We may use the Modern Portfolio Theory. The theory proposes that investing in a predetermined asset mix derived from the efficient frontier (dictated to achieve a specific client objective within a certain risk tolerance) and rebalancing with discipline, the portfolio is diversified across the various asset classes to mitigate unnecessary risk. This also provides for a portfolio that can operate without reliance on market timing and security selection; however, as with all equity investments positive returns are not guaranteed. In conjunction to investing in a diversified portfolio, each portfolio is constructed to meet specific parameters set forth in the individual client's investment needs and goals. These parameters can include, but are not limited to, tax efficiency, concentrated stock positions, and management history.

Dollar Cost Averaging ("DCA"): The strategy of buying a fixed dollar amount of a particular investment on a regular schedule, regardless of the share price. More shares are purchased when prices are low, and fewer shares are bought when prices are high. DCA is believed to lessen the risk of investing a large amount in a single investment at a higher price. DCA strategies are not always effective and do not prevent against loss in declining markets.

The sections below cover NFGI 401K Portfolios:

- NFGI Aggressive
- NFGI Moderate Aggressive
- NFGI Moderate
- NFGI Moderate Conservative
- NFGI Conservative

The **NFGI Aggressive** strategy is for investors who are characterized as seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns. Risk levels are expected to be consistent with a broadly diversified all-equity portfolio. With an emphasis on long-term capital appreciation, exposures to small- to mid-cap and developed and emerging market international equities could represent the majority of the overall asset allocation.

The **NFGI Moderate Aggressive** strategy is for investors that are characterized as seeking significant growth of capital and income with a higher tolerance for risk. The dual mandate, greater risk tolerance and longer-term time horizon allow these investors to pursue higher-risk and generally more aggressive strategies that may offer higher potential returns. Diversified equities typically represent the majority of the blend. In addition to seeking income through dividend-paying equities, and fixed income exposure is generally maintained to enhance income yield and diversification

The **NFGI Moderate** strategy is for investors that are characterized as seeking both income and capital appreciation while incurring moderate levels of risk. Investors seek to balance potential risk with their goals for current income and moderate growth of capital. Based on these combined goals and risk considerations, both diversified fixed income and equities will typically account for significant portions of the overall asset allocation

The **NFGI Moderate Conservative** strategy is for investors that are characterized as having the dual objectives of generating both capital appreciation and current income while maintaining risk levels that are consistent with a more conservative investment approach. Based on overall risk considerations, these investors seek growth of assets to meet financial goals and protect purchasing power, while, relative to more aggressive mandates, maintaining safety of principal. As such, they are willing to accept lower potential returns in exchange for lower risk. Based on the combined risk, return and yield objectives, the asset allocation for these investors generally maintains the majority of assets in diversified fixed income investments, but with a complementary allocation to broadly diversified domestic and international equities.

The **NFGI Conservative** strategy is for investors that place emphasis on income generation versus capital appreciation. While the growth of assets and the maintenance of purchasing power remain considerations and are reflected in measured risk-taking, these objectives are constrained by both the income-generation objective and a greater emphasis on maintaining safety of principal. Based on these combined goals, these investors are expected to remain predominately invested in fixed income investments, including relatively moderate allocations to high yield and emerging market bonds, complemented by a moderate allocation to equities.

The sections below cover NFGI Portfolios – Asset Allocation:

- NFGI Aggressive (MF or ETP)
- NFGI Moderate Aggressive (MF or ETP)
- NFGI Moderate (MF or ETP)
- NFGI Conservative (MF or ETP)

NFGI Aggressive - Aggressive investors are characterized as seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns. Risk levels are expected to be consistent with a broadly diversified all-equity portfolio. With an emphasis on long-term capital appreciation, exposures to small- to mid-cap and developed and emerging market international equities will typically represent the majority of the overall asset allocation.

NFGI Moderate Aggressive - Moderate Aggressive investors are characterized as primarily pursuing growth of principal and being willing to tolerate volatility consistent with the maintenance of a primarily equity portfolio in pursuit of this objective. These investors do not need their portfolios to provide current income but will look to non-equity exposure as a means to reduce risk and further enhance diversification. Based on these objectives, the asset allocation for these investors will remain predominately in diversified domestic and international equities, while relying on fixed income securities to moderately temper the overall risk level. Within equities considerable exposure will be maintained in asset classes with relatively higher longer-term growth potential, including mid- and small-cap stocks and emerging markets.

NFGI Moderate - Moderate investors are characterized as seeking both income and capital appreciation while incurring moderate levels of risk. Investors seek to balance potential risk with their goals for current income and moderate growth of capital. Based on these combined goals and risk considerations, both diversified fixed income and equities will typically account for significant portions of the overall asset allocation

NFGI Conservative - Conservative investors are characterized as having the dual objectives of generating both capital appreciation and current income while maintaining risk levels that are consistent with a more conservative investment approach. Based on overall risk considerations, these investors seek growth of assets to meet financial goals and protect purchasing power, while, relative to more aggressive mandates, maintaining safety of principal. As such, they are willing to accept lower potential returns in exchange for lower risk. Based on the combined risk, return and yield objectives, the asset allocation for these investors generally maintains the majority of assets in diversified fixed income investments, but with a complementary significant allocation to broadly diversified domestic and international equities.

The sections below cover NFGI Portfolios – Equity:

- NFGI Value
- NFGI Equity Total Return

NFGI Value - The Value strategy uses the following criteria to select stocks to create a portfolio, the criteria would include: Free Cash Flow levels, Net Profit Margin levels, Return on Equity levels, Retained Earnings level, and Liquidity.

This strategy may not be diversified and will primarily be equities only. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Equity Total Return - The strategy is designed for long-term total return and looks for holdings that have a current yield at least equal to or greater than that of the S&P 500. The company must not have cut its regular dividend in the last five years at the time of entry into the model portfolio and that dividend must be secure based on our research.

This strategy may not be diversified and will primarily be equities only. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

The sections below cover NFGI Portfolios – Tactical:

- NFGI OTC Long/Short
- NFGI Interest Rate Long/Short
- NFGI Income
- NFGI Growth
- NFGI Total Return

NFGI OTC Long / Short - This strategy is designed for investors looking to potentially enhance their portfolios investment performance. Based on our tactical research this strategy will use ETFs that either can be invested in the Nasdaq 100, Treasury ETFs, Cash or an inverse of the Nasdaq 100.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Interest Rate Long / Short - This strategy is designed for investors looking to potentially enhance their portfolios investment performance. Based on our tactical research this strategy will either be invested in a Government Bond Fund, Cash or an inverse of Government Bond fund.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Income Portfolio - This strategy is designed for investors that want to participate in active management investment strategies inside income-oriented sectors. Our research looks at using market and economic data with the performance of the financial markets to identify investment

opportunities throughout the different sectors of Income investing.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Growth Portfolio – This strategy is designed for investors that want to participate in active management investment strategies with inside of all equity and income sectors. Our research looks at using market and economic data with the performance of the financial markets to identify investment opportunities throughout the different sectors of Income investing.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Total Return Portfolio – This strategy is designed for investors that want to participate in active management investment strategies with inside of all equity and income sectors to react to changes in the markets to reduce risk. Our research looks at using market and economic data with the performance of the financial markets to identify investment opportunities throughout the different sectors of Income investing.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

Risk of Loss: Securities investments are not guaranteed, and you may lose money on your investments.

Regardless of what investment strategy or analysis is undertaken, investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients must be prepared to bear; in fact, some investment strategies could result in total loss of your investment. Some risks may be avoided or mitigated, while others are completely unavoidable. Some of the common risks you should consider prior to investing include, but are not limited to:

- **Market risks:** The prices of, and the income generated by, the common stocks, bonds, and other securities you own may decline in response to certain events taking place around the world, including those directly involving the issuers; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional, or global political, social, or economic instability; governmental or governmental agency responses to economic conditions; and currency, interest rate, and commodity price fluctuations.
- **Interest rate risks:** The prices of, and the income generated by, most debt and equity securities may be affected by changing interest rates and by changes in the effective

maturities and credit ratings of these securities. For example, the prices of debt securities generally will decline when interest rates rise and will increase when interest rates fall. In addition, falling interest rates may cause an issuer to redeem, “call,” or refinance a security before its stated maturity date, which may result in having to reinvest the proceeds in lower-yielding securities.

- **Credit risks:** Debt securities are also subject to credit risk, which is the possibility that the credit strength of an issuer will weaken and/or an issuer of a debt security will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest and the security will go into default.
- **Risks of investing outside the U.S.:** Investments in securities issued by entities based outside the United States may be subject to the risks described above to a greater extent.

Investments may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, disclosure, and regulatory and legal standards and practices; expropriation (occurs when governments take away a private business from its owners); changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; different securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries. Investments in securities issued by entities domiciled in the United States may also be subject to many of these risks.

Your investments are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other governmental agency, entity, or person, unless otherwise noted and explicitly disclosed as such, and as such may lose value.

Item 9 Disciplinary Information

We are required to disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a Client's or prospective Client's evaluation of our advisory business or the integrity of our management.

Our firm and our management personnel have no reportable disciplinary events to disclose.

All legal and disciplinary events for NFGI and its IARs can be accessed on the FINRA website at www.finra.org/brokercheck or the SEC website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Item 10 Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

NFGI is not and does not have a related company that is a (1) investment company or other pooled investment vehicle (including a mutual fund, closed- end investment company, unit investment trust, private investment company or “hedge fund,” and offshore fund), (2) futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor, (3) banking or thrift institution, (4) accountant or accounting firm, (5) lawyer or law firm, (6) pension consultant, (7) real estate broker or dealer, or (8) sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships.

NFGI is also a FINRA registered broker/dealer engaging in securities sales and services. Also, in conjunction with the broker/dealer, NFGI offers discount brokerage services under the name of Frontier Investment Services. R. Scott Bennett, the principal executive officer of the firm is also the CEO of NFGI.

Since NFGI is registered as an investment adviser and a broker/dealer, our registration as a broker/dealer is material to NFGI's advisory business because a majority of our advisory accounts are held with NFGI's broker/dealer. Depending upon the securities registrations held by each IAR, they offer a variety of securities and investments to their clients, including, but not limited to, mutual funds, Section 529 college savings plans, annuities, individual stocks and bonds, options, limited partnerships, UITs, real estate investment trusts, alternative investments, and a variety of other securities and insurance products approved for sale by NFGI. The majority of NFGI's principal executive officers and supervisors are each individually registered with NFGI's broker/dealer. As discussed above in Item 5. Fees and Compensation, and Item 12. Brokerage Practices of this Brochure, NFGI's relationship as a broker/dealer presents a variety of material conflicts of interest with its clients. NFGI has a separate, fully disclosed clearing arrangement with Wells Fargo Clearing Services. This fully disclosed agreement states the responsibilities of each party.

IARs, acting in their separate capacities as registered representatives of NFGI, may make offers to buy and sell, for commissions, general securities products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, alternative investments, and variable annuity and variable life products to advisory clients. As such, some IARs suggest that advisory clients implement investment advice by purchasing securities products through a commission based NFGI account in addition to an advisory account. In the event that you elect to purchase or sell these products through NFGI, NFGI and your IAR, in the capacity as a NFGI registered representative, will receive the normal and customary commission compensation in connection with the specific product purchased. This presents a conflict of interest, as it gives the NFGI registered representative an incentive to recommend investment products on the compensation received, rather than on your needs. NFGI does not require its IARs to encourage you to implement investment advice through NFGI. You are free to implement investment advice through any broker-dealer or product sponsor you select. However, you should understand that, due to certain regulatory constraints, an IAR must place all purchases and sales of securities products in commission-based brokerage accounts through NFGI or other NFGI approved institutions.

NFGI is also an insurance general agency under common ownership. Some of our investment adviser representatives are insurance agents of NFGI and some are independently licensed as insurance agents. In these capacities, NFGI and our IARs may recommend insurance products in connection with investment advisory services. You are not obligated to purchase any insurance products through NFGI or through our IARs acting in their individual capacity as an insurance agent. However, when you do purchase such products, commissions for the sale of insurance products from various, unaffiliated, insurance companies are received by NFGI and/or IAR. Implementing and purchasing of any insurance product is solely at your discretion.

In some situations, an IAR of NFGI may also be the owner or principal of their own Investment Advisory firm. The independent Investment Advisory firms that are either owned by or associated with an IAR of NFGI are:

NFGI currently does not have any independent Investment Advisory relationships.

Third Party Investment Advisors

As described in Item 4 – Advisory Business and Item 5 – Fees and Compensation, we have formed relationships with independent, third-party investment advisors. When we refer clients to a third-party investment advisor through our programs, we will receive a portion of the fee charged. Therefore, we have a conflict of interest in that we will only recommend third party investment

advisors available through the programs described in Item 5 of the Disclosure Brochure.

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

Code of Ethics - NFGI and our supervised persons may buy or sell for their personal accounts investment products identical to those recommended to clients. Section 204A-1 of the *Investment Advisers Act of 1940* (Act) requires us to establish, maintain and enforce a Code of Ethics, which we have done. We are considered a fiduciary according to the Act and have a fiduciary duty to our clients. As a fiduciary, it is our responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients at all times. This fiduciary duty is considered the core underlying principle for our Code of Ethics which also covers Insider Trading and Personal Securities Transactions Policies and Procedures. We require all supervised persons to conduct business with the highest level of ethical standards and to comply with all federal and state securities laws at all times. At least annually, all supervised persons will sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand and agree to comply with our Code of Ethics. We have the responsibility to make sure that the interests of all clients are placed ahead of our interests or our supervised person's own investment interest. Full disclosure of all material facts and conflicts of interest will be provided to you before any services are conducted. We 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. This disclosure is provided to give you a summary of our Code of Ethics. However, if you wish to review the Code of Ethics in its entirety, we will provide a copy promptly upon request.

You may request a copy by email sent to compliance@nationsfg.com, calling us at 319-393-9541 or contacting your IAR.

Principal Transactions - Principal transactions are generally defined as transactions where an adviser, acting as principal for its own account or the account of an affiliate, buys a security from or sells a security to an advisory client as opposed to carrying out trades through another broker-dealer. NFGI executes client orders for certain types of securities on a principal basis in advisory accounts managed by NFGI.

It is NFGI's policy that no additional compensation, outside of the normal advisory fee, will be charged to an advisory client account due to the implementation of the principal transaction. NFGI has adopted policies and procedures to ensure that, to the extent it engages in any principal transactions, such transactions comply with Section 206(3) of the Advisers Act, which requires prior notice of and consent to a principal transaction, on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Disclosure will generally come directly from the broker-dealer or custodian. NFGI, as a broker-dealer, facilitates the principal transaction.

Personal Trading – NFGI and our IAR's will recommend or affect transactions for your accounts in securities in which a NFGI director, officer, employee or other related person may also be invested directly or indirectly. This poses a conflict of interest to the extent that transactions in such securities on behalf of NFGI clients will advantage such related persons. However, NFGI and its IAR's are constrained by fiduciary principles to act in your best interests when managing your accounts. We monitor activity in client accounts in an effort to ensure that transactions are appropriate, and any such conflicts are resolved in a manner that is fair and equitable to clients.

It is the expressed policy of NFGI that no IAR may purchase or sell any security prior to a recommended or discretionary transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account, thereby preventing such IAR(s) from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.

We may aggregate our IAR trades with Client transactions where possible and when compliant with our duty to seek best execution for our Clients. In these instances, participating Clients will receive an average share price and transaction costs will be shared equally and on a pro-rata basis. In the instances where there is a partial fill of a particular batched order, we will allocate all purchases pro-rata, with each account paying the average price. Our IAR's accounts may be included in the pro-rata allocation.

Item 12 Brokerage Practices

Clients wishing to implement NFGI's investment advisory advice are free to select any broker-dealer or Investment Adviser they wish. However, when you decide to implement advice through our IARs, you will be required to establish an account through a trading platform that is approved by NFGI. NFGI allows its IARs to manage accounts through a couple of different arrangements. The ultimate decision to recommend or require a certain NFGI approved custodian is typically made by the IAR but must be agreed to by you. Accounts managed by NFGI are separate accounts, which means that you will have direct ownership of the account and must establish the account in your name. Broker-dealers approved for use by NFGI and recommended by IAR are registered with the SEC and a member of FINRA/SIPC.

As previously stated, most IARs are also Registered Representatives of NFGI. These dually registered IARs are restricted by certain FINRA rules and policies from maintaining client accounts at or executing client transactions in such client accounts through any broker-dealer or custodian that is not approved by NFGI. It should be noted that not all investment advisers require their clients to use specific or particular broker-dealers or other custodians required by the investment adviser. This presents a conflict of interest because the fees charged by NFGI and the approved custodians can be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers and custodians.

Accounts Established through Wells Fargo Clearing Services (WFCS)

If you wish to have your IAR implement advice through an investment management program that uses WFCS, then NFGI, must be used. IARs who are also Registered Representatives of NFGI are required to use the services of NFGI and NFGI's approved custodians. NFGI serves as the introducing broker-dealer. All brokerage accounts established through NFGI will be cleared and held at WFCS. NFGI is not related or affiliated with WFCS.

Using WFCS is based on the fact that NFGI has established clearing agreements with WFCS as its preferred clearing broker-dealer and qualified custodian. The decision to use WFCS is based on past experiences, minimizing commissions and other costs as well as offerings or services WFCS provide that NFGI and clients require or find valuable. Other services include, but are not limited to, account custody, trade execution services, clearing services, access to information and account information look-up services for Registered Representatives and clients, record-keeping services, exception reporting and access to various financial products, including institutional share class mutual funds. These mutual funds can be purchased for investment advisory accounts at no cost

to NFGI, the IAR or the client. Clients should be aware, however, that some share classes with lower expense ratios may be available at different custodians.

NFGI's clearing relationship with WFCS provides NFGI's broker/dealer with substantial economic benefits by using itself as the broker/dealer and WFCS as the clearing firm for its advisory accounts, or recommending WFCS programs, rather than an unaffiliated broker/dealer. Additionally, NFGI receives additional good standing benefits from WFCS when total NFGI account values at WFCS maintain certain thresholds. This additional compensation received by NFGI in its broker/dealer capacity creates a significant conflict of interest with clients because NFGI has a substantial economic incentive to use WFCS as its clearing firm for trade execution and custody over other firms that do not or would not provide these incentives to NFGI.

Additionally, by using itself as the broker/dealer for its accounts, NFGI may be unable to achieve the most favorable execution for client transactions, which may cost clients more money. Further detailed discussion of the substantial economic benefits NFGI receives from its relationship with WFCS can be found in this Item 12 and in Item 14. Client Referrals and Other Compensation below. Clients are urged to read and consider the contents of this Brochure carefully and to inquire about NFGI's and the IAR's various sources of compensation and conflicts of interest in making a fair and reasonable assessment of the fees and charges clients will pay for the services rendered by NFGI and their IAR.

Cash Sweep Programs

WFCS offers a FDIC cash sweep program ("Program"). The Program is the core account investment vehicles used to hold your cash balances while awaiting reinvestment for eligible accounts. The cash balance in your eligible NFGI accounts will be deposited automatically or "swept" into interest-bearing FDIC-insurance eligible Program deposit accounts ("Deposit Accounts") at one or more FDIC-insured financial institutions including WFCS' affiliate Wells Fargo Bank.

The Program Banks use Program Deposits to fund current and new lending and for investment activities. The Program Banks earn net income from the difference between the interest they pay on Program Deposits and the fees paid to us and the income they earn on loans, investments, and other assets.

As noted above, the Program Banks may pay rates of interest on Program Deposits that are lower than prevailing market interest rates that have been paid on accounts otherwise opened directly with the Program Bank. Program Banks do not have a duty to provide the highest rates available and may instead seek to pay a low rate. Lower rates will be more financially beneficial to a Program Bank. There is no necessary linkage between bank rates of interest and the highest rates available in the market, including any money market mutual fund rates. By comparison, a money market mutual fund generally seeks to achieve the highest rate of return (less fees and expenses) consistent with the money market mutual fund's investment objective, which can be found in the fund's prospectus.

WFCS also provides a cash sweep money market fund for those accounts ineligible for the Program.(such as government accounts, insurance companies, banks and credit unions)

NFGI does not receive any revenue sharing for any advisory assets in the Cash Sweep Programs.

Should you wish to not participate in this program you can either 1) choose no sweep option, with the cash held in the WFCS account earning no interest, where funds are available upon request; or 2) trading into another possibly uninsured cash position or money market fund where funds are not immediately available. Returns to you for these other options can be higher or lower than the Program. You can discuss these options with your IAR

It is important to understand that the cash balance held in your account at WFCS that is not in the Program is not FDIC insured. However, it is covered by SIPC up to certain limits. For more information about SIPC coverage, please visit www.sipc.org. Not all broker-dealers offer FDIC insured bank deposit sweep vehicles or have the same access and features.

Visit the below for more information regarding the Program:

<https://www.wellsfargoclearingservicesllc.com/disclosures/cash-sweep-program.htm>

WFCS Non-Purpose Loan Program

Clients can choose to participate in WFCS non-purpose loan program. In this program, WFCS will qualify a client who would benefit from having an alternative for accessing credit for financial needs in the form of a non-purpose loan. NFGI and the IAR receives revenue for a client's participation in this program. The receipt of these additional payments creates a conflict of interest because of the increased compensation to NFGI. Clients are not required to use this loan program and can work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other financing arrangements.

Additional Information For Recommendation of WFCS

The general requirement to use WFCS is based on the fact that we have established a clearing agreement with First Clearing as our clearing broker/dealer and qualified custodian. The decision to use WFCS is based on past experience, minimizing commissions and other costs as well as offerings or services WFCS provides us that we and our clients may require or find valuable such as online access. You may pay commissions to us and/or WFCS that are higher than those obtainable from other broker/dealers in return for products and services offered through us and WFCS and fee structures of various broker/dealers are periodically reviewed to ensure clients are receiving best execution. Accordingly, while we consider our rates competitive, they will not necessarily be the lowest possible commission rates for your account transactions.

Through the relationship with WFCS, we receive economic and non-economic benefits, which creates conflicts of interest. These benefits include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- a dedicated service group and a Relationship Manager dedicated to NFGI accounts on the WFCS platform
- receipt of duplicate client confirmations and bundled duplicate statements, access to Online Access (through which clients may access their account information over the internet)
- availability of third-party research and technology
- access to a trading desk
- access to block trading which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions
- allocate the appropriate share amount to client accounts
- the ability to have advisory fees directly debited from client accounts (in accordance with federal and state requirements)

- electronic download of trades, balances and position information
- access to InfoMax
- access to an electronic communications network for client order entry and account information.
- access to general oversight and monitoring tools
- educational conferences and events

The decision to use WFCS is also directly related to NFGI's participation in advisory programs sponsored by Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo Advisors and First Clearing are trade names for the parent company WFCS. Not all Registered Investment Advisors require their clients to direct brokerage to a custodian, and the benefits detailed above create a conflict of interest for NFGI to recommend this custodian instead of another. By directing brokerage to this custodian, NFGI may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transactions, and this practice may cost you more money.

NFGI receives certain benefits which create a conflict for it to recommend WFCS. These conflicts include incentive payments predicated on maintaining asset levels with WFCS, margin debit balance and bank, sponsorships of NFGI conferences, reduced internal account administration fees, and the shared revenues from lending activities to NFGI accounts. While clients may receive beneficial rates at WFCS, there is a conflict for NFGI to recommend lending activities for its clients through WFCS.

Accounts Established through Charles Schwab & Co.

We also may recommend that our Clients use Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a FINRA-registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian. We are independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab. Schwab will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when we instruct them to. While we may recommend that you use Schwab as custodian/broker, you will decide whether to do so and open your account with Schwab by entering into an account agreement directly with them. Conflicts of interest associated with this arrangement are described below as well as in Item 14 (Client referrals and other compensation). You should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting your custodian. We do not open the account for you. Even though your account is maintained at Schwab, we can still use other brokers to execute trades for your account, as described in the next paragraph.

When considering whether the terms that Schwab provides are, overall, most advantageous to you when compared with other available providers and their services, we take into account a wide range of factors, including:

- Combination of transaction execution services and asset custody services (generally without a separate fee for custody)
- Capability to execute, clear, and settle trades (buy and sell securities for your account)
- Capability to facilitate transfers and payments to and from accounts (wire transfers, check requests, bill payment, etc.)
- Breadth of available investment products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds [ETFs], etc.)
- Availability of investment research and tools that assist us in making investment decisions
- Quality of services

- Competitiveness of the price of those services (commission rates, margin interest rates, other fees, etc.) and willingness to negotiate the prices
- Reputation, financial strength, security and stability
- Prior service to us and our clients
- Services delivered or paid for by Schwab
- Availability of other products and services that benefit us, as discussed below (see “Products and services available to us from Schwab”)

For our clients’ accounts that Schwab maintains, Schwab generally does not charge you separately for custody services but is compensated by charging you commissions or other fees on trades that it executes or that settle into your Schwab account. Certain trades (for example, many mutual funds and ETFs) may not incur Schwab commissions or transaction fees. Schwab is also compensated by earning interest on the uninvested cash in your account in Schwab’s Cash Features Program. For some accounts, Schwab charges you a percentage of the dollar amount of assets in the account in lieu of commissions. Schwab charges you a flat dollar amount as a “prime broker” or “trade away” fee for each trade that we have executed by a different broker-dealer but where the securities bought or the funds from the securities sold are deposited (settled) into your Schwab account. These fees are in addition to the commissions or other compensation you pay the executing broker-dealer. Because of this, in order to minimize your trading costs, we have Schwab execute most trades for your account.

Schwab Advisor Services™ is Schwab’s business serving independent investment advisory firms like us. They provide us and our clients with access to their institutional brokerage services (trading, custody, reporting, and related services), many of which are not typically available to Schwab retail customers. However, certain retail investors may be able to get institutional brokerage services from Schwab without going through us. Schwab also makes available various support services. Some of those services help us manage or administer our clients’ accounts, while others help us manage and grow our business. Schwab’s support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (we don’t have to request them) and at no charge to us. Following is a more detailed description of Schwab’s support services:

Services that benefit you. Schwab’s institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets.

The investment products available through Schwab include some to which we might not otherwise have access or that would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment by our clients. Schwab’s services described in this paragraph generally benefit you and your account.

Services that do not directly benefit you. Schwab also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but do not directly benefit you or your account. These products and services assist us in managing and administering our clients’ accounts and operating our firm. They include investment research, both Schwab’s own and that of third parties. We use this research to service all or a substantial number of our clients’ accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab. In addition to investment research, Schwab also makes available software and other technology that:

- Provide access to client account data (such as duplicate trade confirmations and account statements)
- Facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts

- Provide pricing and other market data
- Facilitate payment of our fees from our clients' accounts
- Assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting

Services that generally benefit only us. Schwab also offers other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services include:

- Educational conferences and events
- Consulting on technology and business needs
- Consulting on legal and related compliance needs
- Publications and conferences on practice management and business succession
- Access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, and insurance providers
- Marketing consulting and support

Schwab provides some of these services itself. In other cases, it will arrange for third-party vendors to provide the services to us. Schwab also discounts or waives its fees for some of these services or pays all or a part of a third party's fees. Schwab also provides us with other benefits, such as occasional business entertainment of our personnel. If you did not maintain your account with Schwab, we would be required to pay for these services from our own resources. Schwab may provide client reimbursement of transfer expenses if certain AUM levels are maintained for a period of time. This can create a conflict when deciding which custodian to choose.

Our interest in Schwab's services. The availability of these services from Schwab benefits us because we do not have to produce or purchase them. We don't have to pay for Schwab's services. The fact that we receive these benefits from Schwab is an incentive for us to recommend the use of Schwab rather than making such a decision based exclusively on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a conflict of interest. We believe, however, that taken in the aggregate, any recommendation of Schwab as custodian and broker is in the best interests of our clients. Our selection is primarily supported by the scope, quality, and price of Schwab's services and not Schwab's services that benefit only us.

Best Execution

As a fiduciary, NFGI owes a fiduciary duty to its clients to obtain best execution of their transactions. That duty puts forth that an investment adviser generally must execute securities transactions in such a manner that the total cost or proceeds in each transaction is the most favorable under the circumstances. However, clients must understand that best execution does not necessarily mean the lowest available price. Instead, the totality of the arrangement and services provided by a broker-dealer must be examined to determine a qualitative measure of best execution. Based on these principles, commission and fee structures of various broker-dealers are periodically reviewed by the compliance department in order to evaluate the execution services provided by NFGI and all the unaffiliated broker-dealers and custodians used by NFGI. Accordingly, while NFGI does consider competitive rates, it does not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. Therefore, the overall services provided by NFGI and all the unaffiliated broker-dealers and custodians are evaluated to determine best execution.

You should consider that in light of NFGI's limited approved trading platforms for your accounts and the fact that only some of the approved trading platforms accommodate the investment strategy recommended by the IAR, that IARs are limited in their ability to obtain the best execution price and lowest execution costs for each transaction or the product with the lowest internal expenses. Not all investment advisers restrict or limit the broker-dealers their clients can use. Some investment advisers permit their clients to select any broker-dealer of the client's own choosing. Therefore, clients can pay higher commissions or trade execution charges through the trading platforms approved by NFGI than through other platforms for investment advisory accounts.

Trade Aggregation

Transactions implemented by NFGI for client accounts are generally affected independently, unless an IAR decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. This process is referred to as aggregating orders, batch trading or block trading and is used by an IAR when the IAR believes such action proves advantageous to you. When the IAR aggregates client orders, the allocation of securities among client accounts will be done on a fair and equitable basis. Typically, the process of aggregating client orders is done in order to achieve better execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate orders among clients on a more equitable basis in order to avoid differences in prices and transaction fees or other transaction costs that might be obtained when orders are placed independently. While there is more than one process for allocating, generally the transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among IAR's clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. It should be noted, NFGI does not allow IAR to receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of aggregation.

Because NFGI does not require IARs to aggregate trades, not all trades are aggregated even when there is an opportunity to do so. When trades are not aggregated, you will not always see the effects of lower commission per share costs that often occurs as a result of aggregating trades and as a result, pay a higher transaction cost than could be received elsewhere. Also, we do not believe Clients are hindered when we trade accounts individually. This is because the IAR develops individualized investment strategies for Clients and holdings will vary. Their strategies are primarily developed for the long-term and minor differences in price execution are not material to our overall investment strategy. Finally, it should be noted that NFGI does not aggregate mutual fund transactions.

Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

NFGI does not use commissions to pay for research and brokerage services (i.e., soft-dollar transactions). Research, along with other products and services other than trade execution, are available to NFGI on a cash basis in accordance with the terms of NFGI's clearing agreements with WFCS. Certain product sponsors, including WFCS and Schwab provide us with other economic benefits as a result of sales activities directed to the sponsors, including but not limited to, financial assistance or the sponsorship of conferences and educational sessions, marketing support, incentive awards, payment of travel expenses, tools to assist us in providing various services to you such as reporting programs and portfolio analysis and directing brokerage transactions in our capacity as a broker/dealer.

Trade Errors

It is NFGI's policy to ensure trading errors are handled and corrected in a timely manner in the best interests of the client affected by the error. Specifically, when NFGI or an IAR causes a trade error

to occur in your account that results in a loss, NFGI works with the relevant broker-dealer or custodian in order to reimburse any costs paid by you and make whole your transaction as it should have originally taken place/or not taken place. If the trade error results in a gain and NFGI executed the transaction, NFGI will keep that gain to offset future losses. The retained gain is not shared with the IAR or account owners.

The same standard as above applies to accounts held with Schwab other than if the gain is more than \$100, Schwab will donate the gain to charity. If the gain is less than \$100, Schwab will keep the gain to minimize and offset its administrative time and expense.

All trade errors should be corrected within a reasonable period of time following discovery of the error. NFGI will not use commissions from client accounts to correct trade errors. It is the strict policy of NFGI that IARs are not permitted to make payments to clients or to client accounts.

Principal Trades and Agency Cross Transactions

Even though we may be permitted by contract and by law to do so, as a matter of policy, we do not generally execute principal trades or agency cross transactions in our advisory accounts with the exception of the Private Advisor Network Program. In the Private Advisor Network Program, principal trades may be permitted in non-IRA and non-ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) Accounts. Although in some instances, we may be able to provide a more favorable market price to you if we participate in a principal trade or an agency cross transaction with your accounts, we do so only when consistent with our obligations to provide best execution, due to regulatory requirements when executing such transactions. Therefore, you will generally not have access to new issues or syndicate offerings in these Accounts. You may make such purchases in a retail brokerage account, and you should be aware that they will be subject to the customary fees and commissions charged in such accounts.

Item 13 Review of Accounts

The IARs are in charge of providing all investment advice and conducting ongoing reviews of all accounts for their respective client accounts. NFGI IAR's are also in charge of selecting and/or recommending third party investment advisers to their respective clients. Therefore, you will need to contact your IAR for the most current information and status of your accounts.

Your investment adviser representative regularly reviews your accounts, preferably quarterly but no less often than annually. More frequent reviews may be triggered in the event of changes in market conditions, your financial situation, personal situation, money manager personnel, management style, fund closures, or as agreed upon between you and the IAR.

Your investment advisory accounts are reviewed by the IAR and at times NFGI to analyze if the account is in your best interest and being managed in accordance with your chosen investment objective, that the account is properly balanced, if it is being managed according to a specific asset allocation model, and to verify the accuracy of account holdings and fee deductions.

For accounts managed by third party investment advisers, the third-party investment adviser is responsible for managing the account and will conduct reviews and the IAR will monitor the performance of the third-party investment advisor.

Client Reports and Statements

You will receive confirmations of purchases and sales in their accounts, unless you had chosen to have them suppressed. You will also receive account statements quarterly and/or monthly containing account information such as account value, transactions and other relevant account information. Confirmations and statements will come directly from the custodians, sponsor companies or third-party investment advisers. NFGI urges you to review the contents of these custodial statements and compare them against any reports provided directly from NFGI or your IAR.

Some clients also receive periodic reports reflecting the performance of their investment portfolio over a specified period. NFGI offers this optional performance reporting solutions to its IAR's.

Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Client Referrals

NFGI and its investment adviser representatives may enter into arrangements as and/or with individuals ("Promoters") who will refer clients that may be candidates for investment advisory services. In return, we agree to compensate or be compensated as the Promoter for the referral. Compensation to the Promoter is dependent on the client entering into an advisory agreement with NFGI. Compensation to the Promoter may be an agreed upon percentage of the investment advisory fee or a flat fee, depending on the type of advisory services IAR provides to the referred client and the agreed upon compensation arrangement between us and the Promoter. Our referral program will be in compliance with federal and state regulations (as applicable). The referral fee is paid pursuant to a written agreement retained by both NFGI and the Promoter. The Promoter will provide the client with a copy of our Part 2 and a Referral Disclosure Document at the time of referral. The Promoter is not permitted to offer any investment advice on behalf of NFGI.

We may compensate professionals who send us client referrals. These potential clients are advised of the relationship and compensation before we begin working with them.

Arrangements with Financial Institutions

NFGI has established and will continue to establish marketing arrangements with banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. In certain circumstances, investment advisory services of NFGI are also marketed through these banks, credit unions and other financial institutions, provided that such marketing is done in compliance with applicable SEC and state regulations. Further, some IARs conduct business from and/or are affiliated with a bank or other financial institution. As a result of these marketing agreements, the financial institution receives compensation representing payment for the use of the facilities and equipment of the financial institution(s), in the form of program support or rent payment and/or a portion of advisory fees or securities commissions paid to the IAR/Registered Representatives for sales to customer/members of the financial institution.

These relationships create compliance issues relative to consumer protection.

The joint guidelines of regulators of the depository institution call for, at a minimum, both written and verbal disclosure at or prior to the time securities products are purchased or sold that such securities products:

- Are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or any other federal or state deposit guarantee fund or other government agency;
- Not endorsed or guaranteed by the bank or credit union or their affiliates;
- Are not deposits or obligations of the depository institutions and are not guaranteed by the depository institutions;
- Investments and securities are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.

Other compensation

While no benefits are based directly on the production or use of specific services or products, at times, certain product sponsors provide NFGI and the IAR with economic benefits as a result of your IAR's recommendation of the product sponsors' investments. These other products and services can benefit NFGI and/or your IAR but may not benefit you. The economic benefits received can include but are not limited to, financial assistance or the sponsorship of national or regional conferences, client meetings or other events. It can also include educational sessions, marketing support, payment of travel expenses, occasional business entertainment, including meals, virtual entertainment and invitations to sporting events, including golf tournaments, educational opportunities and tools to assist your IAR in providing various services to clients. This presents a conflict in that a recommendation to use these product sponsors may be based in part on the benefit to your IAR or NFGI and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody, product, or services provided. These economic benefits could influence NFGI and your IAR to recommend or have available certain products/programs over others. NFGI policy requires that any such compensation or reimbursement be pre-approved by the NFGI and not paid directly to any IAR. NFGI conducts an annual review of all such conflicts in order to help ensure recommendations to clients are in their best interest.

NFGI and IARs may also receive compensation from a third-party vendor for referring prospective Clients. In which the NFGI and the IAR may share in the fees resulting from investment advisory services provided by third party vendor. The referral fee is paid pursuant to a written agreement retained by both NFGI and the Promoter. The Promoter will provide the client with a copy of our ADV Part 2 and a Referral Disclosure Document at the time of referral. The Promoter is not permitted to offer any investment advice on behalf of NFGI.

As a broker dealer and registered representative, NFGI and IAR will receive additional compensation through commissions or trails through sales of investment, insurance, or bank vehicles through NFGI's Broker Dealer and Agency. The receipt of this compensation can affect the judgment of the IAR when recommending these products to their clients.

Clients can choose to participate in WFCS non-purpose loan program. In this program, WFCS will qualify a client who would benefit from having an alternative for accessing credit for financial needs in the form of a non-purpose loan. NFGI and the IAR receives revenue for a client's participation in this program. The receipt of these additional payments creates a conflict of interest because of the increased compensation to NFGI. Clients are not required to use this loan program and can work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other financing arrangements. (see more under Item 5)

As a broker dealer, NFGI receives concessions through its clearing relationships aimed to assist in new business development or recruitment. New IAR's can directly or indirectly receive benefit from

these concessions. These concessions present a conflict of interest in that NFGI and the new IAR have a financial incentive to recommend that you maintain your account with certain custodians. However, to the extent that NFGI or the IAR directs Clients to the custodian for such services, it is because NFGI and the IAR believe that it is in that Client's best interest to do so. Any concession or benefits received are not based on any contests or specific products. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of concessions by NFGI or its related persons in and of itself creates a potential conflict of interest and may indirectly influence NFGI or IAR choice of custody and brokerage services.

Some IAR's receive a Sign On bonus at the time of the affiliation with the firm. The bonus is typically used to assist with costs associated with transitioning from their prior firm to NFGI. If the amount of the bonus exceeds the cost of transition, the recipient uses the remaining funds for other purposes, such as normal operational costs. In addition, some IAR's may receive a Good Standing bonus on a periodic basis for maintaining a relationship with NFGI. . At times for a new IAR joining NFGI, the bonus may be based on or contingent on the amount of client assets transferred to or continually held with an NFGI custodian. At times, the incentive may be based on the transfer to NFGI of certain types of accounts like brokerage or advisory. However, it will not be based on the conversion of account types like moving from brokerage to advisory. The receipt of a bonus from NFGI presents a conflict of interest in that the IAR has a financial incentive to maintain a relationship with NFGI and recommend NFGI to clients. However, to the extent that the IAR recommends NFGI to clients, it is because they believe that it is in the client's best interest to do so based on the quality and pricing of the execution, benefits of an integrated platform for brokerage and advisory accounts, and other services provided by NFGI. Some IAR's receive transition assistance which can include but is not limited to technology services, administrative support, reimbursement of fees associated with moving accounts and attendance to conferences. This practice represents a conflict of interest in that the IAR has a financial incentive to affiliate with and recommend NFGI to clients.

NFGI also receive an economic benefit from Schwab in the form of the support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Schwab. You do not pay more for assets maintained at Schwab as a result of these arrangements. However, we benefit from the referral arrangement because the cost of these services would otherwise be borne directly by us. You should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting a custodian. The products and services provided by Schwab, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above (see Item 12—Brokerage Practices).

Item 15 Custody

Custody, as it applies to investment advisors, has been defined by regulators as having access or control over client funds and/or securities. In other words, custody is not limited to physically holding your funds and securities but also if we have the ability to access or control those funds or securities. Accordingly, we are deemed to have custody and to have and implement proper procedures.

The custody situations we encounter are limited to the following conditions: (1) We may deduct fees from advisory accounts and funds may be issued directly from your custodian account. For those accounts in which NFGI has custody, the firm has established the following procedures to

ensure compliance with the SEC's Custody Rule.

- Your funds and securities are held with a qualified custodian, such as WFCS or Schwab, in a separate account in your name.
- You must direct that we establish an account for you including written awareness of the qualified custodian's name, address and the manner in which your funds or securities are maintained.
- Finally, we have contracted with an independent, third-party accounting firm to perform an annual, surprise examination verifying the location of client funds and securities. The accounting firm's report is available through the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure page at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. You can view our information on this website by searching for "Nations Financial Group" or searching by our firm's CRD number (44181) or our SEC number (801-57407).

You will receive statements at least quarterly from WFCS, Schwab, or from the selected qualified custodian at which your accounts are maintained. In addition, you may receive annual or more frequent performance reports from NFGI or a third-party money manager. You should carefully review these statements and are urged to compare the statement against reports received from us or from your investment adviser representative. If you have questions about your account statements, please contact us or the qualified custodian shown as preparing the statement.

Item 16 Investment Discretion

Discretionary - Upon receiving written authorization from you, your IAR can provide discretionary investment management services for your accounts. When discretionary authority is granted, it is limited to discretionary trading authority, but in some cases includes the authority to determine commission rates paid by you. This authority is further limited by your stated investment objectives, guidelines and restrictions, and by our fiduciary obligation to act in your best interest. We monitor advisory accounts periodically for consistency with these limitations. When discretionary trading authority is granted, the IAR will have the authority to determine the type of securities and the amount of securities that can be bought or sold in an account without obtaining the client's consent prior to each transaction. NFGI's discretionary authority will be granted by the client in the appropriate Client agreement.

Depending on the WFCS or other sub-advisor program for which you contracted, NFGI IARs also have discretionary authority to select and remove third-party investment advisors and/or money managers.

In addition, the IAR may be charged ticket charges when implementing transactions in certain circumstances. When these circumstances arise, and the cost is not passed to the account it does create a conflict of interest for the IAR. In that the more they trade, the more costs they may incur. These circumstances may arise in the Asset Advisor, CustomChoice, PAN, and PIM programs.

The discretionary authority shall remain in full force and effect until NFGI receives written notice from the Client of its termination or until NFGI receives notice from the court or legally appointed person(s) in case of the Client's death or adjudicated incompetence.

Non-Discretionary - If you decide to grant trading authorization on a non-discretionary basis, your IAR is required to contact you prior to implementing changes in your account. Therefore, you will be contacted and required to accept or reject your IAR's investment recommendations including:

- The security being recommended
- The number of shares or units
- Whether to buy or sell

Once the above factors are agreed upon, your IAR will be responsible for making decisions regarding the timing of buying or selling an investment and the price at which the investment is bought or sold. If your accounts are managed on a non-discretionary basis, you need to know that if you are not able to be reached or are slow to respond to your IAR, it can have an adverse impact on the timing of trade implementations and the optimal trading price.

All clients have the ability to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments that are purchased in an account. Clients can also place reasonable limitations on the discretionary power granted to NFGI and IAR, so long as the limitations are specifically set forth or included as an attachment to the appropriate Client agreement.

IARs have the option to purchase fixed income securities through fixed income broker-dealers in order to obtain a better price for you and then have the bonds delivered into your brokerage account. This practice can be referred to as trading away. This is the only case in which an IAR can select a broker-dealer to be used without your specific consent. The client's primary broker-dealer and custodian can charge the client a transaction fee for trading away through other broker-dealers.

You are encouraged to discuss with your IAR the positives and negatives of authorizing discretion on your accounts.

Item 17 Voting Client Securities

NFGI does not vote proxies or consider any other corporate actions on your behalf. We shall have no obligation or authority to take any action or render any advice with respect to the voting of proxies solicited by or with respect to issuers of securities held by you. You retain the authority and responsibility for, and we shall be expressly precluded from rendering any advice or taking any action with respect to, the voting of any such proxies. Certain accounts may permit you to direct proxy ballots to a designated third-party (such as your attorney) or another outside vendor.

Accounts managed by an outside sub-advisor not affiliated with NFGI may allow you to grant that sub-advisor the right to vote proxies. Other than these style accounts, you will receive proxies directly from the account custodian or investment transfer agent. Although we do not vote your proxies, feel free to contact your IAR if you have a question about a particular proxy. Likewise, NFGI does not advise or act for you in any legal proceedings, including class actions or bankruptcies, or notify you of such events, involving securities purchased for or held in your account. You (or your legal agent) then have the sole responsibility for taking or not taking any action regarding these legal matters.

Item 18 Financial Information

NFGI does not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. We are not subject to a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. Finally, we have not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time.

Other Information

Rollovers

If you are rolling over assets from an employer-sponsored Qualified Retirement Plan ("QRP"), such as a 401(k), to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA") with us, the IAR will help you carefully evaluate all choices which are typically available. These four options include: leaving your assets in your former employer's plan (if permitted), rolling over the assets to your new employer's plan (if permitted), rolling your assets to an IRA with us or another firm, or cashing out the account value. You should consider the following factors, among others, in deciding whether to keep assets in a QRP, rollover to an IRA or cash out: investment & income options, product choices, fees & expenses, ability to make penalty-free withdrawals and differences in creditor protection. We have a conflict of interest in connection with a rollover of your assets into an IRA and the investment of the assets with us as opposed to leaving the assets in your former employer's plan or electing one of the other options. The conflict arises because we will likely earn no compensation if you were to leave the assets in your former employer's plan or transfer to your new employer's plan. In addition, the costs of maintaining and investing assets in an IRA with us will generally involve higher costs than the other options available to you. While we typically offer a broader range of investment options and services than an employer-sponsored QRP, there are no guarantees that the additional investment options will outperform your employer-sponsored QRP.

In addition to the above when dealing with IRA to IRA, advisory to brokerage, brokerage to advisory, QRP to QRP, our IAR's will act as a fiduciary and give advice that is in your best interest. The advice will be prudent and the IAR will not put their interest ahead of yours, while ensuring costs are reasonable and statements are not misleading. All fees and expenses of the current investments/plan as well as those recommended will be discussed and considered. Account types and products will be compared and analyzed to help ensure that any recommendation made is in your best interest.

Privacy Policy

We will not sell your information to other companies for marketing purposes. We employ strict security standards and safeguards to protect your personal information and prevent fraud. In addition, we will continue to protect your privacy even if you cease being our Client.

Consistent with our privacy policies and applicable law, NFGI and its IAR may provide access to your personal information to affiliated and third-party service providers as needed in order to provide you our services. When your information is accessed, we maintain protective measures as described in our privacy policies and notices.

With your written permission, obtained via your Client agreement or other written communication, we may provide your information electronically to you and your IAR.

We reserve the right, at our discretion, to refuse to provide certain information that may be requested. Furthermore, in compliance with our Privacy Policy, we will accept your instructions to discontinue providing such information.

For more information, please read our Privacy Policy at www.nationsfg.com .

Part 2A Appendix 1 of Form ADV: *Wrap Fee Program Brochure*

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This wrap brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Nations Financial Group, Inc. ("NFGI"). This information should be considered before participating in one of our programs. If you have any questions about the contents of this wrap brochure, please contact us at 319-393-9541 or compliance@nationsfg.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 NFGI also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our firm's CRD number is 44181.

NFGI is a Registered Investment Adviser. **Registration as an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.**

Item 2 Material Changes

The material changes since the last annual Brochure dated 03/30/2024 include:

- No Material Changes

The above is only a summary and does not purport to identify every change to the Brochure since the last annual update. Additional information about each change referred to above may be found in the applicable section of the Brochure. Clients are encouraged to read the Brochure in detail and contact Nations Financial Group, Inc. (NFGI) with any questions.

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Item 4 Services Fees and Compensation

Nations Financial Group, Inc. is a SEC-registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in Iowa. Nations Financial Group, Inc. began conducting business in 1999. We are considered a fiduciary according to the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. As a fiduciary, it is our responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients at all times.

We sponsor the NFGI Wrap Program (the "Program"), a wrap fee program. A wrap fee program is an advisory program under which a specified fee or fees not based directly on transactions in the Client's account is charged for advisory services, which includes portfolio management or advice on the selection of investments, and the execution of Client transactions.

NFGI WRAP PROGRAM

The NFGI Wrap Program is a discretionary or non-discretionary, investment program in which your Investment Adviser Representative (IAR) or Third-Party Manager provides a broad range of investment recommendations based on your investment objectives, financial circumstances, best interest, and risk tolerance. As a minimum criterion for providing these services, NFGI requires the Portfolio Managers to possess satisfactory past business experience, plus any required industry examinations and registrations.

Most types of securities are eligible for purchase in the NFGI Wrap Program account including, but not limited to, common and preferred stocks, exchange-traded products, closed end funds, fee-based unit investment trusts, corporate and government bonds, certificates of deposit, options, structured products, certain mutual funds whose shares can be purchased at net asset value, cash, variable annuities, and certain wrap class alternative investments, such as REITs, hedge funds and managed futures. Collectively, these are referred to as "Program Assets."

Hedge funds and managed futures are not suitable for all investors. Hedge funds are complex investment vehicles that often use leverage and other speculative investment practices, such as short sales, options, derivatives, futures, and illiquid investments that may increase the risk of investment loss. Managed futures are speculative investments that are subject to a significant amount of risk. This Brochure is not a solicitation, recommendation, or invitation to invest in alternative investments and is intended solely to disclose the availability of alternative investments within NFGI's Wrap Program.

While new-issue CDs are an eligible Program Asset, the yield of new-issue CDs takes into account a sales concession in order to compensate the brokerage firms that sell the CDs. For certain advisory accounts, the underwriter retains this sales concession. The Firm's Broker Dealer may retain the concession, but the IAR does not receive the sales concession, the sales concession has an impact on the overall yield paid to you. Since we charge an advisory fee on all eligible assets within an advisory Account, you are effectively charged both the sales concession (retained by the underwriter) and the advisory fee on the CD. These charges reduce the overall yield on the CD and, in some cases; this may result in a negative yield. You should be aware that you could obtain the same CDs without being subject to the advisory fee if you purchase it in a non-advisory brokerage Account.

The NFGI Wrap Program account may not be used for market timing strategies or similar activities for mutual funds or any extreme trading activity that the Firm, in its sole discretion, deems detrimental to the interest of average fund shareholders or contrary to the policies or interest of mutual fund companies with whom the Firm, or Clearing Agent maintains relationships. The Firm or Clearing Agent, in its sole direction, or by direction of the fund company, reserves the right to reject any transactions or to assess a redemption fee for any partial or full liquidation execution in which the account trading appears to be

inconsistent with the fund's prospectus. Furthermore, the Firm will cooperate, when asked by a fund company, to aid in its attempt to identify and impede the efforts of the IAR and investors engaging in market timing or extreme trading activity. If the fund company notifies the Firm to reject or cancel a trade for any reason, NFGI reserves the right to cancel such trade without prior notice to the Client. The Firm will not be held accountable for any losses resulting from market timing activities or any action taken under its market timing policies. In addition, the frequency of mutual fund transactions and exchanges is subject to any limits established by the applicable mutual funds and the Firm.

INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

The IAR acts as the Portfolio Manager and provides continuous advice regarding the investment of your funds based on your individual needs. Through personal discussions, goals and objectives based on your particular circumstance are established, we identify your personal investment objective that is in your best interest and create and manage a portfolio based on that objective. During our data-gathering process, among other things we determine your individual objectives, time horizons, risk tolerance, and liquidity needs. As appropriate, we also review and discuss your prior investment history.

We manage your funds on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis. Clients funds managed on a discretionary basis: These portfolios are managed primarily by utilizing stocks, bonds, covered options, variable annuity products, ETF's and mutual funds. In discretionary accounts, the Investment Adviser Representative (IAR) primarily makes all investment decisions with or without consulting you. This discretion is only granted after receiving written approval from you via the contract. The IAR's discretion will solely relate to trading and will not allow the IAR to withdraw or journal your assets. Specific investment recommendations will vary depending on the individual IAR that you are working with. Client funds managed on a non-discretionary basis: These portfolios are managed primarily by utilizing stocks, bonds, covered options, variable annuity products, ETF's and mutual funds. The non-discretionary accounts investment recommendations will be presented to you by the IAR; however, the final investment decisions will be made by you. Specific investment recommendations will vary depending on the individual IAR that you are working with.

Account recommendations are guided by but not limited to your stated objectives, risk tolerance, time horizon, restrictions and guidelines, as well as tax considerations.

You may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors.

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be implemented/recommended when consistent with the Client's stated investment objectives, tolerance for risk, liquidity and best interest.

Portfolio Managers may use third-party research to assist in developing your portfolio. When seeking to anticipate trends and identify undervalued securities with sound fundamentals, Portfolio Managers may also use a security selection and portfolio modeling process that incorporates fundamental, technical and statistical analyses of historical data. Due to any number of factors, including timing of deposits, investment selection process or investment needs, certain Clients may receive different execution prices and investment results.

NFGI 401K PORTFOLIOS

We offer 5 portfolios to be used inside 401k's, when we work in a discretionary manner under a 3(38) arrangement. These mutual fund models are designed to fit the objectives of investors from Aggressive (typically 100% equities) to Conservative (typically 20% equity/80% income).

These mutual fund models are built to have a diversified strategy. Internal expenses are considered in these strategies. The portfolios may contain a large percentage in index funds to help keep the internal expenses down. However, index funds may not be used at all times.

The sections below cover NFGI 401K Portfolios:

- NFGI Aggressive
- NFGI Moderate Aggressive
- NFGI Moderate
- NFGI Moderate Conservative
- NFGI Conservative

The **NFGI Aggressive** strategy is for investors who are characterized as seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns. Risk levels are expected to be consistent with a broadly diversified all-equity portfolio. With an emphasis on long-term capital appreciation, exposures to small- to mid-cap and developed and emerging market international equities could represent the majority of the overall asset allocation.

The **NFGI Moderate Aggressive** strategy is for investors that are characterized as seeking significant growth of capital and income with a higher tolerance for risk. The dual mandate, greater risk tolerance and longer-term time horizon allow these investors to pursue higher-risk and generally more aggressive strategies that may offer higher potential returns. Diversified equities typically represent the majority of the blend. In addition to seeking income through dividend-paying equities, and fixed income exposure is generally maintained to enhance income yield and diversification

The **NFGI Moderate** strategy is for investors that are characterized as seeking both income and capital appreciation while incurring moderate levels of risk. Investors seek to balance potential risk with their goals for current income and moderate growth of capital. Based on these combined goals and risk considerations, both diversified fixed income and equities will typically account for significant portions of the overall asset allocation

The **NFGI Moderate Conservative** strategy is for investors that are characterized as having the dual objectives of generating both capital appreciation and current income while maintaining risk levels that are consistent with a more conservative investment approach. Based on overall risk considerations, these investors seek growth of assets to meet financial goals and protect purchasing power, while, relative to more aggressive mandates, maintaining safety of principal. As such, they are willing to accept lower potential returns in exchange for lower risk. Based on the combined risk, return and yield objectives, the asset allocation for these investors generally maintains the majority of assets in diversified fixed income investments, but with a complementary allocation to broadly diversified domestic and international equities.

The **NFGI Conservative** strategy is for investors that place emphasis on income generation versus capital appreciation. While the growth of assets and the maintenance of purchasing power remain considerations and are reflected in measured risk-taking, these objectives are constrained by both the income-generation objective and a greater emphasis on maintaining safety of principal. Based on these combined goals, these investors are expected to remain predominately invested in fixed income investments, including relatively moderate allocations to high yield and emerging market bonds, complemented by a moderate allocation to equities.

NFGI PORTFOLIOS

We offer portfolios to be used in a discretionary manner for Clients. These mutual funds, ETP, and equity models are designed to fit the objectives of investors from Aggressive (up to 100% equities) to Conservative (typically 30% equity/70% income). The **Asset Allocation** models are built to have a diversified strategy. The **Equity and Tactical** models focus may not be on diversification but rather to a primary investment goal or strategy.

NFGI Portfolios – Asset Allocation is a discretionary investment advisory program that offers a broad array of mutual funds or ETPs that invest in and across different investment asset classes and employ varied approaches to investment management. We have created a number of portfolios based on due diligence and asset allocation that we believe are appropriate for a number of different investment objectives. Based on your investment objectives, financial circumstances, and risk tolerance, your IAR will recommend one of the models that will be managed on a discretionary basis.

The combination and allocation strategy of the selected mutual funds or ETPs in a Portfolio is based on our determination of the appropriate target asset allocation and/or risk/return profile for your investment objective and risk tolerance. The investments and allocations may be modified from time to time based upon changes in asset allocation guidance or our assessment of factors impacting individual positions or particular combinations. Additions to and withdrawals from your account will generally be allocated based on the target allocation you selected.

Fluctuations in the market value of assets, as well as other factors, will affect the actual allocation at any given time. We will generally rebalance the account annually unless market conditions indicate we should do so more frequently. You may also request us to rebalance your account as necessary.

The sections below cover NFGI Portfolios – Asset Allocation:

- NFGI Aggressive (MF or ETP)
- NFGI Moderate Aggressive (MF or ETP)
- NFGI Moderate (MF or ETP)
- NFGI Conservative (MF or ETP)

NFGI Aggressive - Aggressive investors are characterized as seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns. Risk levels are expected to be consistent with a broadly diversified all-equity portfolio. With an emphasis on long-term capital appreciation, exposures to small- to mid-cap and developed and emerging market international equities will typically represent the majority of the overall asset allocation.

NFGI Moderate Aggressive - Moderate Aggressive investors are characterized as primarily pursuing growth of principal and being willing to tolerate volatility consistent with the maintenance of a primarily equity portfolio in pursuit of this objective. These investors do not need their portfolios to provide current income but will look to non-equity exposure as a means to reduce risk and further enhance diversification. Based on these objectives, the asset allocation for these investors will remain predominately in diversified domestic and international equities, while relying on fixed income securities to moderately temper the overall risk level. Within equities considerable exposure will be maintained in asset classes with relatively higher longer-term growth potential, including mid- and small-cap stocks and emerging markets.

NFGI Moderate - Moderate investors are characterized as seeking both income and capital appreciation while incurring moderate levels of risk. Investors seek to balance potential risk with their goals for current income and moderate growth of capital. Based on these combined goals and risk considerations, both diversified fixed income and equities will typically account for significant portions of the overall asset allocation

NFGI Conservative - Conservative investors are characterized as having the dual objectives of generating both capital appreciation and current income while maintaining risk levels that are consistent with a more conservative investment approach. Based on overall risk considerations, these investors seek growth of assets to meet financial goals and protect purchasing power, while, relative to more aggressive mandates, maintaining safety of principal. As such, they are willing to accept lower potential returns in exchange for lower risk. Based on the combined risk, return and yield objectives, the asset allocation for these investors generally maintains the majority of assets in diversified fixed income investments, but with a complementary significant allocation to broadly diversified domestic and international equities.

NFGI Portfolios - Equity and Tactical is a discretionary investment advisory program that offers a broad array of mutual funds, ETPs, and individual equity positions that invest in and across different investment asset classes and employ varied approaches to investment management. These strategies may not be diversified and may have higher volatility than more diversified portfolios. Based on your investment objectives, financial circumstances, and risk tolerance, your IAR will recommend one or more of the models that will be managed on a discretionary basis.

The portfolios may be derived from outside research providers and the portfolios may materially be modified. Additions to and withdrawals from your account will generally be allocated based on the target allocation you selected.

Fluctuations in the market value of assets, as well as other factors, will affect the actual portfolio allocation at any given time. These accounts may contain higher turnover levels and you should consider possible tax consequences before investing in these strategies.

The sections below cover NFGI Portfolios – Equity:

- NFGI Value
- NFGI Equity Total Return

NFGI Value - The Value strategy uses the following criteria to select stocks to create a portfolio, the criteria would include: Free Cash Flow levels, Net Profit Margin levels, Return on Equity levels, Retained Earnings level, and Liquidity.

This strategy may not be diversified and will primarily be equities only. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Equity Total Return - The strategy is designed for long-term total return and looks for holdings that have a current yield at least equal to or greater than that of the S&P 500. The company must not have cut its regular dividend in the last five years at the time of entry into the model portfolio and that dividend must be secure based on our research.

This strategy may not be diversified and will primarily be equities only. Investors should be

seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

The sections below cover NFGI Portfolios – Tactical:

- NFGI OTC Long/Short
- NFGI Interest Rate Long/Short
- NFGI Income
- NFGI Growth
- NFGI Total Return

NFGI OTC Long / Short - This strategy is designed for investors looking to potentially enhance their portfolios investment performance. Based on our tactical research this strategy will use ETFs that either can be invested in the Nasdaq 100, Treasury ETFs, Cash or an inverse of the Nasdaq 100.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Interest Rate Long / Short - This strategy is designed for investors looking to potentially enhance their portfolios investment performance. Based on our tactical research this strategy will either be invested in a Government Bond Fund, Cash or an inverse of Government Bond fund.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon, little need for current income and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Income Portfolio - This strategy is designed for investors that want to participate in active management investment strategies inside of income-oriented sectors. Our research looks at using market and economic data with the performance of the financial markets to identify investment opportunities throughout the different sectors of Income investing.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Growth Portfolio – This strategy is designed for investors that want to participate in active management investment strategies with inside of all equity and income sectors. Our research looks at using market and economic data with the performance of the financial markets to identify investment opportunities throughout the different sectors of Income investing.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their

primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI Total Return Portfolio – This strategy is designed for investors that want to participate in active management investment strategies with inside of all equity and income sectors to react to changes in the markets to reduce risk. Our research looks at using market and economic data with the performance of the financial markets to identify investment opportunities throughout the different sectors of Income investing.

This strategy is not diversified and will have higher levels of turnover which investors should consider the tax implications. Investors should be seeking long-term capital appreciation as their primary investment goal, with a long-term time horizon and a higher risk tolerance allowing for the potential of considerable volatility and interim periods of substantial loss of capital in exchange for potential higher longer-term returns.

NFGI WRAP PROGRAM FEE SCHEDULE

NFGI Wrap Program accounts are charged an all-inclusive fee that covers advisory, execution and reporting services. Billed quarterly in advance, the standard NFGI Wrap Program, fee schedule is based on program eligible assets:

Total Account Value	Annualized Fee
All Assets	2.50%*

*NFGI's 401K Portfolios offered as a 3(38) manager the fees will range from .10-.30%

*Discounts and tiers may be applied by the Investment Adviser Representatives (IARs)

Fees for advisory services are negotiable, thus vary from Client to Client. The fees you pay for advisory services will vary based on a number of factors including but not limited to; the specific IAR that is providing the service, the geographic location of the Client and IAR, the types of securities being managed, the account size, special service requests you may have and specific account related service requests of the Client.

Whereas we do not generally waiver from these fee schedules, we reserve the right to charge you a higher or lower fee or one different from the guidelines set forth in these fee schedules and one lower or higher than fees charged to another client with a similar account.

A portion of the fees will be paid to your IAR in connection with the introduction of Accounts as well as for providing Client-related services. This compensation could be more or less than an IAR would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services. If an IAR wishes to discount Fee below certain levels, they have the ability to do so under certain circumstances. IAR's generally will earn reduced compensation resulting from the discount. This creates an incentive for IAR's to not discount.

The specific asset-based fees are documented in the advisory contract and/or fee schedule that you sign prior to providing services.

Fees will be applied to cash sweep balances and cash alternatives (i.e., money market funds) held inside the Account. Clients will, in many instances, pay more in fees with respect to sweep vehicle holdings, than

the interest earnings that may be generated by these sweep vehicle holdings.

Accounts may hold assets that are considered non-billable or below the line. These may include assets held away but shadow posted in the account or certain mutual funds that have yet to convert to an advisory or lower cost share class, and various other situations.

NFGI believes its advisory services are competitively priced, however you may be able to receive similar services at a lower price elsewhere. Fees for consulting services will vary according to each IAR and their services provided.

Certain fee discounts may be provided to friends and family members of the IAR.

In addition to sponsoring this wrap fee program, NFGI has entered into an agreement with Wells Fargo Advisors (“WFA”), pursuant to which WFA provides advisory and/or other services with respect to the Programs. Clients with advisory accounts described herein are Clients of NFGI. NFGI is not related to or affiliated with WFA or Wells Fargo Clearing Services (the “Clearing Agent”). Unless otherwise specified, the Clearing Agent will maintain custody of Client assets. Clearing Agent qualifies as a “qualified custodian” as described by Rule 206(4)-2 of the Investment Advisers Act. WFA and Clearing Agent each reserves the right to reject and not provide services to any Client or with respect to any Client account for any reason.

WFA provides advisory and other services to NFGI with respect to the following programs: *Personalized UMA*, *Fundsource*, and *Fundsource Fundamentals*. Please review the appropriate WFA Disclosure Documents for a complete description of each program. The fees for these programs should not exceed 2.5%.

WFA does not provide advisory services to NFGI with respect to Private Investment Management (PIM), Private Advisor Network (PAN), Asset Advisor, and CustomChoice. NFGI provides advice to client regarding the selection of advisory programs, WFA provides certain non-advisory services (such as: custody, execution services, billing and reporting) which enable NFGI to offer these programs.

Private Investment Management (“PIM”)

With PIM, our IARs (called Portfolio Managers) provide investment advisory and brokerage services to your account on a discretionary basis. As a minimum criterion for providing advisory services, NFGI requires our Portfolio Managers to possess satisfactory past business experience, plus any required industry examinations and registrations. Based on your investment objectives and individual needs, your Portfolio Manager will have discretion to manage your assets to an appropriate investment strategy.

Portfolio Managers may use third-party research to assist in developing security selection models for PIM. When seeking to anticipate trends and identify undervalued securities with sound fundamentals, Portfolio Managers may also use a security selection and portfolio modeling process that incorporates fundamental, technical and statistical analyses of historical data. Due to any number of factors, including timing of deposits, investment selection process or investment needs, certain Clients may receive different execution prices and investment results.

Annual fees charged under these programs are billed quarterly in advance and are deducted directly from your accounts pursuant to the PIM ADV. When fees are negotiable, the negotiating factors include the complexity of your financial situation, securities positions held in the account, and the amount of assets under management.

After 120 annual trades in your PIM wrap accounts, your IAR will be assessed an elevated internal administration fee (not paid by you), which is a conflict not to make trades in your account.

The maximum annual fee charged in PIM equity and fixed income accounts shall not exceed 2.50% annually. Fees charged on accounts are negotiable.

Whereas we do not generally waive from these fee schedules, we reserve the right to charge you a higher or lower fee or one different from the guidelines set forth in these fee schedules and one lower or higher than fees charged to another client with a similar account.

A portion of the fees will be paid to your IAR in connection with the introduction of Accounts as well as for providing Client-related services. This compensation could be more or less than an IAR would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services. If an IAR wishes to discount Fee below certain levels, they have the ability to do so under certain circumstances. IAR's generally will earn reduced compensation resulting from the discount. This creates an incentive for IAR's to not discount.

Private Advisor Network

Through Private Advisor Network ("PAN"), our IAR will assist you in identifying an outside investment adviser to perform investment advisory services with respect to your assets. NFGI's services include matching personal and financial data provided by you with a roster of investment advisers, periodic evaluation and comparison of account performance, and continuing investment performance and objectives.

Your IAR will provide information on investment advisers that appear to meet your needs. Screening criteria may include the investment adviser's past record, management style, location, size of account, etc. With the assistance of your IAR, you may then choose one or more investment advisers to manage your assets.

All accounts are managed by the outside investment adviser(s) selected by you. Neither NFGI nor WFA has discretionary trading authority with respect to such accounts. Information collected by NFGI regarding PAN advisers is believed to be reliable and accurate but NFGI does not necessarily independently verify it on all occasions. NFGI does not assume responsibility for the conduct of investment advisers that Clients select, including their performance or compliance with laws or regulations.

Private Advisor Network accounts are charged an all-inclusive fee that covers, advisory, execution, custodial and reporting services. Billed quarterly in advance, the standard Private Advisor Network fee schedule is based on program eligible assets. The Fee Schedule does not include the investment adviser fees of the third-party investment manager. You pay for the services of the investment adviser separately. You authorize us to pay the separate investment advisory management fee invoiced by the adviser by debiting the Client account accordingly. It is your responsibility to determine if any such invoice from the investment adviser is proper or if the amount of fees charged is accurate. You may revoke NFGI's authorization to pay the investment adviser fee at any time by written notice.

After 120 annual trades in your PAN wrap accounts, your IAR will be assessed an elevated internal administration fee (not paid by you), which is a conflict not to make trades in your account.

The annualized fee charged under the Private Advisor Network typically ranges from 1.00% to 2.00% for equity and balanced accounts and 0.50% to 1.00% for fixed income accounts with fees being negotiable on accounts above \$2,000,000. Fees charged by outside investment advisers selected are billed and

collected separately from the annual fee retained by us.

The total fee should not exceed 2.50%

Whereas we do not generally waive from these fee schedules, we reserve the right to charge you a higher or lower fee or one different from the guidelines set forth in these fee schedules and one lower or higher than fees charged to another client with a similar account.

A portion of the fees will be paid to your IAR in connection with the introduction of Accounts as well as for providing Client-related services. This compensation could be more or less than an IAR would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services. If an IAR wishes to discount Fee below certain levels, they have the ability to do so under certain circumstances. IAR's generally will earn reduced compensation resulting from the discount. This creates an incentive for IAR's to not discount.

Asset Advisor and CustomChoice

With Asset Advisor and CustomChoice, our IARs (called Portfolio Managers) provide investment advisory and brokerage services to your account on a non-discretionary basis. As a minimum criterion for providing advisory services, NFGI requires our Portfolio Managers to possess satisfactory past business experience, plus any required industry examinations and registrations. Based on your investment objectives and individual needs, your Portfolio Manager will recommend an appropriate investment strategy.

Portfolio Managers may use third-party research to assist in developing security selection models for Asset Advisor and CustomChoice. When seeking to anticipate trends and identify undervalued securities with sound fundamentals, Portfolio Managers may also use a security selection and portfolio modeling process that incorporates fundamental, technical and statistical analyses of historical data. Due to any number of factors, including timing of deposits, investment selection process or investment needs, certain Clients may receive different execution prices and investment results.

Annual fees charged under these programs are billed quarterly in advance and are deducted directly from your accounts pursuant to the Asset Advisor and CustomChoice ADV. When fees are negotiable, the negotiating factors include the complexity of your financial situation, securities positions held in the account, and the amount of assets under management.

After 120 annual trades in your Asset Advisor and CustomChoice wrap accounts, your IAR will be assessed an elevated internal administration fee (not paid by you), which is a conflict not to make trades in your account.

The maximum annual fee charged in Asset Advisor accounts shall not exceed 2.50% annually. Fees charged on accounts are negotiable.

The standard fee schedule under the Custom Choice Program is as follows:

- First \$250,000 of assets – 1.75%
- Next \$750,000 of assets – 1.50%
- Over \$1,000,000 of assets – 1.15%

Whereas we do not generally waive from these fee schedules, we reserve the right to charge you a higher or lower fee or one different from the guidelines set forth in these fee schedules and one lower or higher than fees charged to another client with a similar account.

A portion of the fees will be paid to your IAR in connection with the introduction of Accounts as well as for providing Client-related services. This compensation could be more or less than a IAR would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services. If an IAR wishes to discount Fee below certain levels, they have the ability to do so under certain circumstances. IAR's generally will earn reduced compensation resulting from the discount. This creates an incentive for IAR's to not discount.

HOW FEES ARE CHARGED

Asset Based - You will pay NFGI for its services and for the services of your IAR in advance on a quarterly basis, or as otherwise agreed upon between the parties and stated in the fee schedule. The initial fee will be immediately charged once the account is under agreement and funded. The fee will be prorated for the number of days in the partial quarter the account is under agreement by using the opening balance. Thereafter all account's quarterly fees will be charged in advance during the first month of the quarter and will be based on the ending account balance of the prior quarter. NFGI's fee will be debited from the account on payment date which is on or about the fifteenth business day of the month. Should you make a deposit or withdrawal during any quarter, the account may be charged or credited back a partial advisory fee. To determine whether a partial fee is applicable (generally on the 3rd week of the month); the net additions/withdrawals from the prior month are used to calculate a prorated fee on the amount. Should the prorated fee be a positive or negative \$40 or more, it will be debited from or credited to the account. Generally, deposits to accounts can increase fees charged and withdrawals from an account can reduce fees paid.

Fee schedules may be amended from time to time by NFGI upon thirty (30) days written notice to you. Any fee schedule charges previously in effect shall continue until the next billing cycle.

You may pay the aforementioned fees from outside funds provided that your IAR is notified in advance and outside funds are sufficient to pay the fees are paid to NFGI on or prior to payment date. You authorize NFGI to request a withdrawal of fees from the account. You will be notified of the quarterly fee on the statement that comes from the account custodian.

In some cases, the account value in which the fee is based may differ from the statement value on the custodian issued statement. This will generally occur in instances where the account has accrued interest or dividends past ex-date that have yet to post to the account.

For eligible securities purchased previously in a brokerage account and subsequently moved into an advisory account, these securities will be included in the calculation of fees for services and are in addition to any previous brokerage charges paid.

Accounts may hold assets that are considered non-billable or below the line. These may include assets held away but shadow posted in the account or certain mutual funds that have yet to convert to an advisory or lower cost share class, and various other situations.

You should be aware that program fees charged may be higher or lower than those otherwise available if you were to select a separate brokerage service and negotiate commissions in the absence of the extra advisory service provided.

You should consider the value of these advisory services when making such comparisons. The

combination of custodial, advisory and brokerage services may not be available separately or may require multiple accounts, documentation, and fees. You should also consider the amount of anticipated trading activity when selecting among the programs and assessing the overall cost. Advisory programs typically assume a normal amount of trading activity and, therefore, under particular circumstances, prolonged periods of inactivity or asset allocations with significant fixed income or cash weightings may result in higher fees than if commissions were paid separately for each transaction.

A portion of the fees or commissions charged for the programs described here will be paid to the IARs in connection with the introduction of accounts as well as for providing Client-related services within the programs. This compensation may be more or less than an IAR would receive if you paid separately for investment advice, brokerage, and other services, and may vary, depending on the program or services offered.

In an advisory Account, you pay fees based on the percentage of assets in your Account in accordance with an investment advisory agreement. Certain services or products have higher total fees than others based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, management fees, and administrative fees. A conflict of interest exists to the extent that we have a financial incentive to recommend a particular advisory Program that results in additional or greater compensation to us.

Should you have a question about your quarterly fee you should contact NFGI at 1-800-351-2471.

Account Termination

Client signed agreements shall remain in full force and effect until NFGI receives written notice from you of its termination or until NFGI receives notice from the court or legally appointed person(s) in case of the Client's death or adjudicated incompetence. You have the right, within five (5) days of execution, to terminate the Client Agreement without penalty. NFGI and the IAR can also terminate the agreement with written notice to the Client. In the event of cancellation of Client Agreements, fees previously paid pursuant to the fee schedule will be refunded on a pro rata basis, as of the date notice of such cancellation is received by the non-canceling party, less reasonable start-up costs.

If you choose to terminate your advisory agreement, we can liquidate your account if you instruct us to do so before removal from any program. If so instructed, we will liquidate your account in an orderly and efficient manner. We do not charge for such redemption; however, you should be aware that certain mutual funds impose redemption fees as stated in their fund prospectus. Any trade instructions given after termination of the agreement will be subject to applicable brokerage expenses like commissions. You should also keep in mind that the decision to liquidate security issues or mutual funds may result in tax consequences that should be discussed with your tax advisor.

We will not be responsible for market fluctuations in your account from the time of notice until complete liquidation. All efforts will be made to process the termination in an efficient and timely manner. Factors that may affect the orderly and efficient liquidation of an account might be size and types of issues, liquidity of the markets, and market makers' abilities. Should the necessary securities' markets be unavailable, and trading suspended, efforts to trade will be done as soon as possible following their reopening. Due to the administrative processing time needed to terminate an advisory account, termination orders cannot be considered market orders. It may take several business days under normal market conditions to process your request.

If an advisory agreement is terminated, but you maintain a brokerage account with us, your mutual fund shares may be exchanged for shares of another series of the same fund since they may no longer be eligible for the share class they are in. You are subject to the customary brokerage charges for any securities positions purchased or sold in your account after the termination of program services.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Product Fees (mutual funds / ETPs): All fees paid to NFGI for investment advisory services are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by money markets, mutual funds and/or ETPs to their shareholders. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees generally include a management fee, other fund expenses, and a possible distribution fee. If the fund also imposes sales charges, you may pay an initial or deferred sales charge. You could invest in a money market, mutual fund directly, without our services. In that case, you would not receive the services provided by our firm which are designed, among other things, to assist you in determining which money market, mutual fund or ETPs are most appropriate to your financial condition and objectives. Accordingly, you should review both the fees charged by the funds and our fees to fully understand the total amount of fees to be paid by you and to thereby evaluate the advisory services being provided.

Certain funds make multiple no-load, institutional, advisory, or load-waived share classes available for purchase through investment advisory programs. These share classes may be available only through NFGI wrap programs and have different and lower shareholder servicing, sub-accounting, investment management and 12b-1 fees and charges from other shares classes offered by those Funds. As a result, some Clients may have purchased these lower-cost institutional share classes, while others may have purchased a non-institutional share class.

IAR's have the availability to utilize mutual funds that offer various share classes, including those within the same fund. Varying share classes include but are not limited to shares designated as Class A Shares and Class I Shares. Generally, I Shares are reserved for institutional investors and therefore are not always available for your account. As a result of the different expenses of the mutual fund share classes, it is generally more expensive for you to own Class A Shares than Class I Shares (or other share classes).

You generally do not pay a transaction charge for Class A or C Share mutual fund transactions; however, the share class can be more expensive to you over time because of the ongoing 12b-1 fee. You should discuss and understand these additional indirect expenses borne as a result of the mutual fund fees.

NFGI or our service providers will collect such fees directly or indirectly from some or all of the mutual funds in which you invest, and we may pay any such fees it receives to NFGI IARs if they were accrued while the position was not in our advisory program. The amount of the fees we or your IAR receive will vary, depending on the percentage paid pursuant to a fund's Rule 12b-1 plan.

Most of the mutual funds we include on our advisory program platform do not pay us 12b-1 fees. Any 12b-1 fee payments we do receive for program approved eligible mutual funds held in advisory accounts are credited back to the account. 12b-1 fees received from non-eligible mutual funds will not be credited back to the account. These fees will be shared with the IAR. Receipt of the fees creates a conflict. Ineligible positions may be held in the account but will not be included in advisory billing. NFGI monitors all transactions to help ensure the appropriate shares classes are offered. In addition, periodic position reviews are completed to ensure funds paying 12b-1 are not charged an advisory fee.

Third Party Management Fees: Clients participating in separately managed account programs will be charged various program fees in addition to the advisory fee charged by our firm. Such fees may include the investment advisory fees of the independent advisers, which may be charged as part of a wrap fee arrangement. In a wrap fee arrangement, you pay a single fee for advisory, brokerage and custodial services. The portfolio transactions will be executed without commission charges in a wrap fee

arrangement. In evaluating such an arrangement, you should also consider that, depending upon the level of the wrap fee charged by the firm, the amount of portfolio activity in the account, and other factors, the wrap fee may or may not exceed the aggregate cost of such services if they were to be provided separately. We will review with Clients any separate program fees that may be charged.

Additional Fees and Expenses: In addition to our advisory fees, Clients are also responsible for the fees and expenses charged by custodians and imposed by broker dealers, including, but not limited to, custodial annual account or product fees and any transaction charges imposed by a broker dealer with which an independent investment manager effects transactions for the account(s).

The fee does not include certain dealer markups or markdowns, odd lot differentials, transfer taxes, exchange fees, execution fees (foreign and/or domestic) when applicable, fees for trades executed away from the custodian, and any other fees required by law.

Fees will be applied to cash sweep balances and cash alternatives (i.e., money market funds) held inside the Account. Clients will, in many instances, pay more in fees with respect to sweep vehicle holdings, than the interest earnings that may be generated by these sweep vehicle holdings.

Cash balances in an Account will be invested in a cash sweep program. In a low interest rate environment, the yield that you earn on cash and cash alternatives, including cash sweep funds, CDs and money market funds may not offset advisory fees. In some instances, the effective yield of the investment may in fact be negative.

Non-brokerage-related fees, such as IRA fees, are not included in the wrap fee and may be charged to your account separately. As more fully described in the fee schedules above, the fees you are charged may be different, depending on the asset type invested by the account.

Your IAR may suggest that you use other products and services that NFGI offers, but that are not available through the program you select ("Excluded Assets"). Excluded Assets are not charged a program fee and are not considered a part of the program or program services. We generally recommend that you hold these Excluded Assets in a separate brokerage account. If an excluded fund purchased for or transferred into your account later becomes eligible for the program, program fees will apply to that fund. You will incur any usual and customary brokerage charges and fees imposed on transactions in Excluded Assets which may include (i) any dealer markups and odd lot differentials and transfer taxes; (ii) charges imposed by broker-dealers and custodians other than WFA and its affiliates and fees for other products and services that we and our affiliates may offer; (iii) offering discounts, commissions and related fees in connection with underwritten public offerings of securities; (iv) margin interest and operational fees and charges; (v) IRA fees; and (vi) any redemption fees, exchange fees and or similar fees (among which SEC fees are included) imposed in connection with mutual fund transactions whereby NFGI or your IAR may receive additional compensation on these Excluded Assets.

ERISA Accounts: In some instances, NFGI will be deemed to be a fiduciary to advisory Clients that are employee benefit plans pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income and Securities Act and the Internal Revenue Code that include among other things, restrictions concerning certain forms of compensation. To avoid engaging in prohibited transactions, NFGI will only charge fees for investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons do not receive any commissions or 12b-1 fees, or conversely, investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons receive commissions or 12b-1 fees, however, only when such fees are used to offset NFGI's advisory fees.

Advisory Fees in General: Clients should note that similar advisory services may (may not) be available from other registered (or unregistered) investment advisers for similar or lower fees. You could also invest

on your own in a security or a portfolio directly without being charged an investment advisory fee for services. You should be aware that investment advisory program fees charged may be higher or lower than if you elected to execute transactions on a commission basis for each transaction in a brokerage account. You should consider the value of these investment advisory services when making such comparisons. The combination of custodial, investment advisory and brokerage services may not be available separately or would require maintaining multiple accounts, documentation, and fees. You should also consider the amount of anticipated volume of trading activity when selecting among the investment advisory programs when assessing the overall costs. Investment advisory programs typically take into consideration certain volume of trading activity and therefore, under particular circumstances, prolonged periods of inactivity or asset allocations with significant fixed income or cash positions may result in higher investment advisory fees being paid overtime than if you paid a commission separately for each transaction.

Limited Prepayment of Fees: Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

Changes in Fee Schedules: All fees are subject to change with 30 days written notice to the Client(s). Changes in fee rates are generally not applied until the next billing cycle.

Risk in the Use of Margin: To the extent margin is used in your account, you should be aware that the margin debit balance does not reduce the market value of eligible program assets. If you use margin to purchase additional securities, your total value of eligible program assets increases and therefore your asset-based fee will increase. In addition, you will be charged margin interest on the debit balance in your account.

The increased asset-based fee that you pay will provide an incentive for your IAR to recommend the use of margin. However, we intend to make all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on our obligations to act in your best interest and consider your objectives and needs. Please note that using margin is not suitable for all investors; the use of margin increases leverage in your account and therefore increases its risk. Additionally, if margin is used in your account, the firm may receive additional compensation. The IAR will not share in this compensation but NFGI does set the margin rate, so this is an additional conflict. Please see the Margin Disclosure Statement and the General Account Agreement and Disclosure Document provided at the time establishing margin for more details on the risks of margin use.

You may pledge your account assets as collateral for WFCS' non-purpose loan program with our consent and where you are eligible under the program. In order for your account to be eligible to serve as collateral for a securities-backed loan, your account may not also serve as collateral for a margin loan. If you wish to use your account as collateral for a securities-based loan, we will automatically discontinue the availability of margin for your account. There are risks, costs, and conflicts of interests associated with securities-based loans. You are encouraged to speak with your IAR to the extent you have questions about how your account may be used in connection with a securities-based loan program and how such arrangement should be taken into consideration when discussing the management of your account.

If you have elected to participate in the securities-based loan program, the terms and conditions applicable to that program are governed by the applicable securities-based loan documents and other service agreements and are not included or described further in this brochure. You should review carefully the terms, conditions and any related risk disclosures for the program and understand that risks are heightened in the event you hold a concentrated position in your pledged account or if your pledged account makes up all, or substantially all, of your overall net worth or investable assets. Certain eligibility requirements must be met and documentation must be completed prior to obtaining securities-based

loans.

NFGI sets the interest rate for these programs, which is a conflict for us to recommend these programs.

The costs, including interest, associated with a securities-based loan are not included in the Fee and will result in additional compensation to us and our IAR. The interest charges on your securities-based loan program, combined with the Fee, may exceed the income generated by your pledged account assets and, as a result, the value of your account may decrease. You are encouraged to carefully consider the total cost of taking out a securities-based loan, and any additional compensation that NFGI and your IAR will receive, when determining to take out and/or maintain a securities-based loan against your account assets.

In addition to receiving a portion of the Fee, IAR's also receive compensation based on the outstanding loan balances of securities-based loan programs. Since NFGI and your IAR are compensated through asset-based advisory fees paid on your account, we benefit if you draw down on your securities-based loan, which preserves asset based advisory fee revenue and generates additional loan-related compensation, rather than sell securities or other investments in your account, which would reduce the assets in your account and our asset-based advisory fee revenue. This presents a conflict of interest for your IAR when addressing your liquidity needs. In addition, where a securities-based loan is secured by both brokerage and advisory assets, an IAR will benefit if your brokerage assets are liquidated prior to or instead of your advisory assets because the IAR would be able to maintain advisory account assets subject to the Fee. We address these conflicts by disclosing them to you and monitoring IAR trading activities and program balances. Also, by making all recommendations independent of such considerations and based solely on your best interest and our obligations to consider your objectives and needs.

There are other lending products that may be suitable for you and for which we and your IAR would receive different or no compensation. You are responsible for independently evaluating if a securities-based loan is appropriate for your needs, if the lending terms are acceptable, and whether the securities-based loan will have potential adverse tax or other consequences for you.

Except for margin accounts, where the loan proceeds can be used to purchase, carry, or trade securities, the proceeds of securities-based loan may not be used to (a) purchase, carry, or trade securities or (b) reduce or retire any indebtedness incurred to purchase, carry, or trade securities. If your account is used as collateral for a securities-based loan, the account is pledged to support the loan and you are not permitted to withdraw funds or other assets from your account unless sufficient amounts of collateral remain to continue supporting the securities-based loan (as determined under the applicable Securities-Based Loan Program). Although you are required to satisfy such collateral requirements, you can terminate your advisory relationship with NFGI, at which time the funds and assets in your account will be treated as a brokerage account and the collateral requirements for the securities-based loan will continue to apply.

Additional Considerations Associated with Pledging Advisory Accounts: In addition to the risks mentioned above, with respect to investment advisory account(s) that are pledged or otherwise used as collateral for margin or any other securities-based lending product, the exercise of our rights and powers over the assets in your advisory account(s), including the disposition and sale of any and all assets pledged as collateral may be contrary to your interests and the investment objective of your advisory account(s). Any recommendation to use margin or a securities-based lending product, as well as the related compensation that we or our affiliate may receive, could create conflicts of interest between you and us or, if applicable, our affiliate. For example, such recommendation to use margin or a securities-based lending product could result in a situation in which we are required to liquidate securities your IAR

or money manager would otherwise not sell, and which may not otherwise be in your best interests to sell, to satisfy a maintenance call. We or a third-party money manager will seek to manage your advisory account(s) as agreed under your advisory client agreement and applicable client profile provided that, if a maintenance call takes place, we or your money manager may not be able to manage your advisory account(s) consistent with our or the money manager's overall strategy. Any action taken by us, or an affiliate, against the assets in your advisory account(s) pursuant to the use of margin or a securities-based lending product will not constitute a breach of our fiduciary duties as an investment advisor to you under your advisory client agreement and applicable client profile.

Item 5 Account Requirements and Types of Clients

MINIMUM ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

Participation in this program is subject to certain minimum account requirements. Under certain circumstances the minimum account size may be waived.

Program Name	Minimum Account Size
Individual Portfolio Management	\$25,000
NFGI Portfolios	\$25,000
NFGI 401k Portfolios	\$25,000
Personalized UMA	\$25,000 to \$250,000
PAN	\$100,000 subject to Manager's minimum
PIM	\$50,000
Asset Advisor	\$25,000
CustomChoice	\$25,000
FundSource	\$25,000
Fundamentals	\$10,000

IF APPLICABLE: Grandfathering of Minimum Account Requirements: Pre-existing advisory Clients are subject to NFGI's minimum account requirements and advisory fees in effect at the time the Client entered into the advisory relationship. Therefore, our firm's minimum account requirements will differ among Clients.

Types of Clients

Most NFGI clients are retail clients, such as individual and joint owners, revocable and irrevocable trusts, individual retirement accounts, self-directed 401(k) participant accounts, Section 529 Plan accounts, and custodial accounts. NFGI also manages assets held in corporate, 401(k), and defined benefit plan accounts, among others.

Opening an Account

You are required to execute a written agreement with NFGI specifying the particular advisory services in order to establish a client arrangement with NFGI. In addition, you will be required to establish a brokerage account.

Item 6 Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation

Portfolio Manager Selection

NFGI and/or the IAR act as the portfolio manager(s) for accounts in the Individual Portfolio Management, NFGI Portfolios, NFGI 401k Portfolios, PIM, Asset Advisor and Custom Choice programs. NFGI's advisory services are always provided based on your individual needs. This means, for example, that when we

provide asset management services, you are given the ability to impose written restrictions on the accounts we manage for you, including specific investment selections and sectors. We work with you on a one-on-one basis through interviews and questionnaires to determine your investment objectives and best interest.

We will not enter into an investment adviser relationship with a prospective client whose investment objectives may be considered incompatible with our investment philosophy or strategies or where the prospective client seeks to impose unduly restrictive investment guidelines.

As previously disclosed, NFGI also recommends the services of independent managers to provide asset management services to our Clients based on your individualized needs. A portion or all of the Client's assets will then be managed by the independent manager based upon the stated investment objectives of the Client.

The recommendation of an independent manager is contingent upon that manager passing our due diligence requirements. NFGI will not recommend the use of an independent manager unless the manager is registered or exempt from registration as an investment adviser in the Client's home state. We evaluate independent managers based on information provided by that manager, including descriptions of its investment process, asset allocation strategies, sample portfolios, and the independent manager's disclosure brochure(s). We also analyze performance, risk characteristics and management style. We may also rely on the due diligence reports provided by our clearing firms and other sources.

Investment managers are selected by the Client after a profile interview is completed with the prospective Client. A manager is selected whose discipline style and manner is most compatible with the Client's objective. Manager review is performed at least annually.

Circumstances under which an asset manager might be removed include (but are not limited to) poor performance, significant departure from the manager's stated investment discipline, or material changes in the organization. Similarly, NFGI may, as an alternative, recommend changing managers for any of the foregoing or other reasons, including a Client's dissatisfaction.

NFGI and its IAR may have a conflict of interest when recommending use of an outside manager or not. Depending on the manager or program pricing the IAR or NFGI may generate more revenue when not choosing to use an outside manager. However, in some cases more revenue may be earned when outsourcing. NFGI and our IAR always strive to recommend the selection that is in the best interest of the Client.

Portfolio Performance Reporting

Performance reporting is available for Clients in the program. Use of these reports is determined by you and the IAR. Performance information may also be provided directly to you by certain investment managers. NFGI does not conduct reviews of the performance reports provided by outside managers, nor do we engage any third-party to conduct such reviews. Accordingly, the information being reported may or may not be calculated on a uniform and consistent basis.

Voting Client Proxies

NFGI does not vote proxies or consider any other corporate actions on your behalf. We shall have no obligation or authority to take any action or render any advice with respect to the voting of proxies solicited by or with respect to issuers of securities held by you. You retain the authority and responsibility for, and we shall be expressly precluded from rendering any advice or taking any action with respect to, the voting of any such proxies. Certain accounts may permit you to direct proxy ballots to a designated third-party (such as your attorney) or another outside vendor.

Accounts managed by an outside sub-advisor not affiliated with NFGI may allow you to grant that sub-advisor the right to vote proxies. Other than these style accounts, you will receive proxies directly from the account custodian or investment transfer agent. Although we do not vote your proxies, feel free to contact your IAR if you have a question about a particular proxy. Likewise, NFGI does not advise or act for you in any legal proceedings, including class actions or bankruptcies, or notify you of such events, involving securities purchased for or held in your account. You (or your legal agent) then have the sole responsibility for taking or not taking any action regarding these legal matters.

Item 7 Client Information Provided to Portfolio Managers

The IAR is responsible for developing an initial financial risk profile of the Client. Prior to opening an account, we assist in determining your profile for the Program by obtaining the appropriate information.(personal, financial, goals, needs, risk tolerances, etc.) Initial investment strategy is jointly determined based on an assessment of the information provided by the Client.

While we provide you with periodic reminders, it remains the Client's responsibility to advise us of any changes to the information previously provided that might impact the ongoing suitability of any prior determined investment strategy and/or objectives. We will promptly communicate any reported changes to the Client's portfolio manager.

Your IAR will directly contact you at least annually to verify that there has been no change in your financial circumstances and/or investment objectives and determine whether you wish to impose any reasonable restrictions on the management of the account(s). Any such changes or requests are communicated in writing to the Client's portfolio manager, who is responsible for implementing appropriate adjustments to the portfolio.

Item 8 Client Contact with Portfolio Managers

Your contact for information and consultation regarding your program accounts is your IAR. In certain instances, your IAR may coordinate a response with the outside manager (if applicable) or arrange for you to consult directly with the outside manager. There are no restrictions placed on your ability to contact and consult with your portfolio managers. You are encouraged to contact your IAR whenever you have questions about the management of your account(s).

Item 9 Additional Information

Disciplinary Information

We are required to disclose any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a Client's or prospective Client's evaluation of our advisory business or the integrity of our management.

Our firm and our management personnel have no reportable disciplinary events to disclose.

All legal and disciplinary events for NFGI and its IARs can be accessed on the FINRA website at www.finra.org/brokercheck or the SEC website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

NFGI is not and does not have a related company that is a (1) investment company or other pooled investment vehicle (including a mutual fund, closed- end investment company, unit investment trust, private investment company or "hedge fund," and offshore fund), (2) futures commission merchant,

commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor, (3) banking or thrift institution, (4) accountant or accounting firm, (5) lawyer or law firm, (6) pension consultant, (7) real estate broker or dealer, or (8) sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships.

NFGI is also a FINRA registered broker/dealer engaging in securities sales and services. Also, in conjunction with the broker/dealer, NFGI offers discount brokerage services under the name of Frontier Investment Services. R. Scott Bennett, the principal executive officer of the firm is also the CEO of NFGI.

Since NFGI is registered as an investment adviser and a broker/dealer, our registration as a broker/dealer is material to NFGI's advisory business because a majority of our advisory accounts are held with NFGI's broker/dealer. Depending upon the securities registrations held by each IAR, they offer a variety of securities and investments to their clients, including, but not limited to, mutual funds, Section 529 college savings plans, annuities, individual stocks and bonds, options, limited partnerships, UITs, real estate investment trusts, alternative investments, and a variety of other securities and insurance products approved for sale by NFGI. The majority of NFGI's principal executive officers and supervisors are each individually registered with NFGI's broker/dealer. As discussed in Part 2 - Item 5. Fees and Compensation, and Item 12. Brokerage Practices, NFGI's relationship as a broker/dealer presents a variety of material conflicts of interest with its clients. NFGI has a separate, fully disclosed clearing arrangement with Wells Fargo Clearing Services. This fully disclosed agreement states the responsibilities of each party.

IARs, acting in their separate capacities as registered representatives of NFGI, may make offers to buy and sell, for commissions, general securities products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, alternative investments, and variable annuity and variable life products to advisory clients. As such, some IARs suggest that advisory clients implement investment advice by purchasing securities products through a commission based NFGI account in addition to an advisory account. In the event that you elect to purchase or sell these products through NFGI, NFGI and your IAR, in the capacity as a NFGI registered representative, will receive the normal and customary commission compensation in connection with the specific product purchased. This presents a conflict of interest, as it gives the NFGI registered representative an incentive to recommend investment products on the compensation received, rather than on your needs. NFGI does not require its IARs to encourage you to implement investment advice through NFGI. You are free to implement investment advice through any broker-dealer or product sponsor you select. However, you should understand that, due to certain regulatory constraints, an IAR must place all purchases and sales of securities products in commission-based brokerage accounts through NFGI or other NFGI approved institutions.

NFGI is also an insurance general agency under common ownership. Some of our investment adviser representatives are insurance agents of NFGI and some are independently licensed as insurance agents. In these capacities, NFGI and our IARs may recommend insurance products in connection with investment advisory services. You are not obligated to purchase any insurance products through NFGI or through our IARs acting in their individual capacity as an insurance agent. However, when you do purchase such products, commissions for the sale of insurance products from various, unaffiliated, insurance companies are received by NFGI and/or IAR. Implementing and purchasing of any insurance product is solely at your discretion.

Third Party Investment Advisors

As described in Part 2 - Item 4 – Advisory Business and Item 5 – Fees and Compensation, we have formed relationships with independent, third-party investment advisors. When we refer clients to a third-party investment advisor through our programs, we will receive a portion of the fee charged. Therefore, we have a conflict of interest in that we will only recommend third party investment advisors available through our programs.

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

NFGI and our supervised persons may buy or sell for their personal accounts investment products identical to those recommended to clients. Section 204A-1 of the *Investment Advisers Act of 1940* (Act) requires us to establish, maintain and enforce a Code of Ethics, which we have done. We are considered a fiduciary according to the Act and have a fiduciary duty to our clients. As a fiduciary, it is our responsibility to provide fair and full disclosure of all material facts and to act solely in the best interest of each of our clients at all times. This fiduciary duty is considered the core underlying principle for our Code of Ethics which also covers Insider Trading and Personal Securities Transactions Policies and Procedures. We require all supervised persons to conduct business with the highest level of ethical standards and to comply with all federal and state securities laws at all times. At least annually, all supervised persons will sign an acknowledgement that they have read, understand and agree to comply with our Code of Ethics. We have the responsibility to make sure that the interests of all clients are placed ahead of our interests or our supervised person's own investment interest. Full disclosure of all material facts and conflicts of interest will be provided to you before any services are conducted. We 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. This disclosure is provided to give you a summary of our Code of Ethics. However, if you wish to review the Code of Ethics in its entirety, we will provide a copy promptly upon request.

You may request a copy by email sent to compliance@nationsfq.com, calling us at 319-393-9541 or contacting your IAR.

Principal Transactions - Principal transactions are generally defined as transactions where an adviser, acting as principal for its own account or the account of an affiliate, buys a security from or sells a security to an advisory client as opposed to carrying out trades through another broker-dealer. NFGI executes client orders for certain types of securities on a principal basis in advisory accounts managed by NFGI.

It is NFGI's policy that no additional compensation, outside of the normal advisory fee, will be charged to an advisory client account due to the implementation of the principal transaction. NFGI has adopted policies and procedures to ensure that, to the extent it engages in any principal transactions, such transactions comply with Section 206(3) of the Advisers Act, which requires prior notice of and consent to a principal transaction, on a transaction-by-transaction basis. Disclosure will generally come directly from the broker-dealer or custodian. NFGI, as a broker-dealer, facilitates the principal transaction.

Personal Trading – NFGI and our IAR's will recommend or affect transactions for your accounts in securities in which a NFGI director, officer, employee or other related person may also be invested directly or indirectly. This poses a conflict of interest to the extent that transactions in such securities on behalf of NFGI clients will advantage such related persons. However, NFGI and its IAR's are constrained by fiduciary principles to act in your best interests when managing your accounts. We monitor activity in client accounts in an effort to ensure that transactions are appropriate, and any such conflicts are resolved in a manner that is fair and equitable to clients.

It is the expressed policy of NFGI that no IAR may purchase or sell any security prior to a recommended or discretionary transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account, thereby preventing such IAR(s) from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.

We may aggregate our IAR trades with Client transactions where possible and when compliant with our duty to seek best execution for our Clients. In these instances, participating Clients will receive an average share price and transaction costs will be shared equally and on a pro-rata basis. In the instances where there is a partial fill of a particular batched order, we will allocate all purchases pro-rata, with each account paying the average price. Our IAR's accounts may be included in the pro-rata allocation.

Review of Accounts

The IARs are in charge of providing all investment advice and conducting ongoing reviews of all accounts for their respective client accounts. NFGI IAR's are also in charge of selecting and/or recommending third party investment advisers to their respective clients. Therefore, you will need to contact your IAR for the most current information and status of your accounts.

Your investment adviser representative regularly reviews your accounts, preferably quarterly but no less often than annually. More frequent reviews may be triggered in the event of changes in market conditions, your financial situation, personal situation, money manager personnel, management style, fund closures, or as agreed upon between you and the IAR.

Your investment advisory accounts are reviewed by the IAR and at times NFGI to analyze if the account is in your best interest and being managed in accordance with your chosen investment objective, that the account is properly balanced, if it is being managed according to a specific asset allocation model, and to verify the accuracy of account holdings and fee deductions.

For accounts managed by third party investment advisers, the third-party investment adviser is responsible for managing the account and will conduct reviews and the IAR will monitor the performance of the third-party investment advisor.

You will receive confirmations of purchases and sales in their accounts, unless you had chosen to have them suppressed. You will also receive account statements quarterly and/or monthly containing account information such as account value, transactions and other relevant account information. Confirmations and statements will come directly from the custodians, sponsor companies or third-party investment advisers. NFGI urges you to review the contents of these custodial statements and compare them against any reports provided directly from NFGI or your IAR.

Some clients also receive periodic reports reflecting the performance of their investment portfolio over a specified period. NFGI offers this optional performance reporting solutions to its IAR's.

Financial Information

NFGI does not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. We are not subject to a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. Finally, we have not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time.

Brokerage Practices

Clients wishing to implement NFGI's investment advisory advice are free to select any broker-dealer or Investment Adviser they wish. However, when you decide to implement advice through our IARs, you will be required to establish an account through a trading platform that is approved by NFGI. NFGI allows its IARs to manage accounts through a couple of different arrangements. The ultimate decision to recommend or require a certain NFGI approved custodian is typically made by the IAR but must be agreed to by you. Accounts managed by NFGI are separate accounts, which means that you will have direct ownership of the account and must establish the account in your name. Broker-dealers approved for use by NFGI and recommended by IAR are registered with the SEC and a member of FINRA/SIPC.

As previously stated, most IARs are also Registered Representatives of NFGI. These dually registered IARs are restricted by certain FINRA rules and policies from maintaining client accounts at or executing

client transactions in such client accounts through any broker-dealer or custodian that is not approved by NFGI. It should be noted that not all investment advisers require their clients to use specific or particular broker-dealers or other custodians required by the investment adviser. This presents a conflict of interest because the fees charged by NFGI and the approved custodians can be higher or lower than those charged by other broker-dealers and custodians.

Accounts Established through Wells Fargo Clearing Services (WFCS)

If you wish to have your IAR implement advice through an investment management program that uses WFCS, then NFGI, must be used. IARs who are also Registered Representatives of NFGI are required to use the services of NFGI and NFGI's approved custodians. NFGI serves as the introducing broker-dealer. All brokerage accounts established through NFGI will be cleared and held at WFCS. NFGI is not related or affiliated with WFCS.

Using WFCS is based on the fact that NFGI has established clearing agreements with WFCS as its preferred clearing broker-dealer and qualified custodian. The decision to use WFCS is based on past experiences, minimizing commissions and other costs as well as offerings or services WFCS provide that NFGI and clients require or find valuable. Other services include, but are not limited to, account custody, trade execution services, clearing services, access to information and account information look-up services for Registered Representatives and clients, record-keeping services, exception reporting and access to various financial products, including institutional share class mutual funds. These mutual funds can be purchased for investment advisory accounts at no cost to NFGI, the IAR or the client. Clients should be aware, however, that some share classes with lower expense ratios may be available at different custodians.

NFGI's clearing relationship with WFCS provides NFGI's broker/dealer with substantial economic benefits by using itself as the broker/dealer and WFCS as the clearing firm for its advisory accounts, or recommending WFCS programs, rather than an unaffiliated broker/dealer. Additionally, NFGI receives additional good standing benefits from WFCS when total NFGI account values at WFCS maintain certain thresholds. This additional compensation received by NFGI in its broker/dealer capacity creates a significant conflict of interest with clients because NFGI has a substantial economic incentive to use WFCS as its clearing firm for trade execution and custody over other firms that do not or would not provide these incentives to NFGI.

Additionally, by using itself as the broker/dealer for its accounts, NFGI may be unable to achieve the most favorable execution for client transactions, which may cost clients more money. Further detailed discussion of the substantial economic benefits NFGI receives from its relationship with WFCS can be found in Part 2 - Item 12 and in Item 14. Client Referrals and Other Compensation below. Clients are urged to read and consider the contents of this Brochure carefully and to inquire about NFGI's and the IARs various sources of compensation and conflicts of interest in making a fair and reasonable assessment of the fees and charges clients will pay for the services rendered by NFGI and their IAR.

Cash Sweep Programs

WFCS offers a FDIC cash sweep program ("Program"). The Program is the core account investment vehicles used to hold your cash balances while awaiting reinvestment for eligible accounts. The cash

balance in your eligible NFGI accounts will be deposited automatically or “swept” into interest-bearing FDIC-insurance eligible Program deposit accounts (“Deposit Accounts”) at one or more FDIC-insured financial institutions including WFCS’ affiliate Wells Fargo Bank.

The Program Banks use Program Deposits to fund current and new lending and for investment activities. The Program Banks earn net income from the difference between the interest they pay on Program Deposits and the fees paid to us and the income they earn on loans, investments, and other assets.

As noted above, the Program Banks may pay rates of interest on Program Deposits that are lower than prevailing market interest rates that have been paid on accounts otherwise opened directly with the Program Bank. Program Banks do not have a duty to provide the highest rates available and may instead seek to pay a low rate. Lower rates will be more financially beneficial to a Program Bank. There is no necessary linkage between bank rates of interest and the highest rates available in the market, including any money market mutual fund rates. By comparison, a money market mutual fund generally seeks to achieve the highest rate of return (less fees and expenses) consistent with the money market mutual fund’s investment objective, which can be found in the fund’s prospectus.

WFCS also provides a cash sweep money market fund for those accounts ineligible for the Program. (such as government accounts, insurance companies, banks and credit unions)

NFGI does not receive any revenue sharing for any advisory assets in the Cash Sweep Programs.

Should you wish to not participate in this program you can either 1) choose no sweep option, with the cash held in the WFCS account earning no interest, where funds are available upon request; or 2) trading into another possibly uninsured cash position or money market fund where funds are not immediately available. Returns to you for these other options can be higher or lower than the Program. You can discuss these options with your IAR

It is important to understand that the cash balance held in your account at WFCS that is not in the Program is not FDIC insured. However, it is covered by SIPC up to certain limits. For more information about SIPC coverage, please visit www.sipc.org. Not all broker-dealers offer FDIC insured bank deposit sweep vehicles or have the same access and features.

Visit the below for more information regarding the Program:

<https://www.wellsfargoclearingservicesllc.com/disclosures/cash-sweep-program.htm>

WFCS Non-Purpose Loan Program

Clients can choose to participate in WFCS non-purpose loan program. In this program, WFCS will qualify a client who would benefit from having an alternative for accessing credit for financial needs in the form of a non-purpose loan. NFGI and the IAR receives revenue for a client’s participation in this program. The receipt of these additional payments creates a conflict of interest because of the increased compensation to NFGI. Clients are not required to use this loan program and can work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other financing arrangements.

Additional Information For Recommendation of WFCS

The general requirement to use WFCS is based on the fact that we have established a clearing agreement with First Clearing as our clearing broker/dealer and qualified custodian. The decision to use WFCS is based on past experience, minimizing commissions and other costs as well as offerings or services WFCS provides us that we and our clients may require or find valuable such as online access. You may pay commissions to us and/or WFCS that are higher than those obtainable from other broker/dealers in return for products and services offered through us and WFCS and fee structures of various broker/dealers are periodically reviewed to ensure clients are receiving best execution. Accordingly, while we will consider our rates competitive, they will not necessarily be the lowest possible commission rates for your account transactions.

Through the relationship with WFCS, we receive economic and non-economic benefits, which creates conflicts of interest. These benefits include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- a dedicated service group and a Relationship Manager dedicated to NFGI accounts on the WFCS platform
- receipt of duplicate client confirmations and bundled duplicate statements, access to Online Access (through which clients may access their account information over the internet)
- availability of third-party research and technology
- access to a trading desk
- access to block trading which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions
- allocate the appropriate share amount to client accounts
- the ability to have advisory fees directly debited from client accounts (in accordance with federal and state requirements)
- electronic download of trades, balances and position information
- access to InfoMax
- access to an electronic communications network for client order entry and account information.
- access to general oversight and monitoring tools
- educational conferences and events

The decision to use WFCS is also directly related to NFGI participation in advisory programs sponsored by Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo Advisors and First Clearing are trade names for the parent company WFCS. Not all Registered Investment Advisors require their clients to direct brokerage to a custodian, and the benefits detailed above create a conflict of interest for NFGI to recommend this custodian instead of another. By directing brokerage to this custodian, NFGI may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transactions, and this practice may cost you more money.

NFGI receives certain benefits which create a conflict for it to recommend WFCS. These conflicts include incentive payments predicated on maintaining asset levels with WFCS, margin debit balance and bank, sponsorships of NFGI conferences, reduced internal account administration fees, and the shared revenues from lending activities to NFGI accounts. While clients may receive beneficial rates at WFCS, there is a conflict for NFGI to recommend lending activities for its clients through WFCS.

Accounts Established through Charles Schwab & Co.

We also may recommend that our Clients use Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (Schwab), a FINRA-registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as the qualified custodian. We are independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab. Schwab will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities when we instruct them to. While we may recommend that you use Schwab as custodian/broker, you will decide whether to do so and open your account with Schwab by entering into an account agreement directly with them. Conflicts of interest associated with this arrangement are described below as well as in Item 14 (Client referrals and other compensation). You should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting your custodian. We do not open the account for you. Even though your account is maintained at Schwab, we can still use other brokers to execute trades for your account, as described in the next paragraph.

When considering whether the terms that Schwab provides are, overall, most advantageous to you when compared with other available providers and their services, we take into account a wide range of factors, including:

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

For our clients’ accounts that Schwab maintains, Schwab generally does not charge you separately for custody services but is compensated by charging you commissions or other fees on trades that it executes or that settle into your Schwab account. Certain trades (for example, many mutual funds and ETFs) may not incur Schwab commissions or transaction fees. Schwab is also compensated by earning interest on the uninvested cash in your account in Schwab’s Cash Features Program. For some accounts, Schwab charges you a percentage of the dollar amount of assets in the account in lieu of commissions. Schwab charges you a flat dollar amount as a “prime broker” or “trade away” fee for each trade that we have executed by a different broker-dealer but where the securities bought or the funds from the securities sold are deposited (settled) into your Schwab account. These fees are in addition to the commissions or other compensation you pay the executing broker-dealer. Because of this, in order to minimize your trading costs, we have Schwab execute most trades for your account.

Schwab Advisor Services™ is Schwab's business serving independent investment advisory firms like us. They provide us and our clients with access to their institutional brokerage services (trading, custody, reporting, and related services), many of which are not typically available to Schwab retail customers. However, certain retail investors may be able to get institutional brokerage services from Schwab without going through us. Schwab also makes available various support services. Some of those services help us manage or administer our clients' accounts, while others help us manage and grow our business. Schwab's support services are generally available on an unsolicited basis (we don't have to request them) and at no charge to us. Following is a more detailed description of Schwab's support services:

Services that benefit you. Schwab's institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of client assets.

The investment products available through Schwab include some to which we might not otherwise have access or that would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment by our clients. Schwab's services described in this paragraph generally benefit you and your account.

Services that do not directly benefit you. Schwab also makes available to us other products and services that benefit us but do not directly benefit you or your account. These products and services assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts and operating our firm. They include investment research, both Schwab's own and that of third parties. We use this research to service all or a substantial number of our clients' accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab. In addition to investment research, Schwab also makes available software and other technology that:

- Provide access to client account data (such as duplicate trade confirmations and account statements)
- Facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts •
- Provide pricing and other market data
- Facilitate payment of our fees from our clients' accounts
- Assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping, and client reporting

Services that generally benefit only us. Schwab also offers other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services include:

- Educational conferences and events
- Consulting on technology and business needs
- Consulting on legal and related compliance needs
- Publications and conferences on practice management and business succession
- Access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants, and insurance providers
- Marketing consulting and support

Schwab provides some of these services itself. In other cases, it will arrange for third-party vendors to provide the services to us. Schwab also discounts or waives its fees for some of these services or pays all or a part of a third party's fees. Schwab also provides us with other benefits, such as occasional business entertainment of our personnel. If you did not maintain your account with Schwab, we would be required

to pay for these services from our own resources. Schwab may provide client reimbursement of transfer expenses if certain AUM levels are maintained for a period of time. This can create a conflict when deciding which custodian to choose.

Our interest in Schwab's services. The availability of these services from Schwab benefits us because we do not have to produce or purchase them. We don't have to pay for Schwab's services. The fact that we receive these benefits from Schwab is an incentive for us to recommend the use of Schwab rather than making such a decision based exclusively on your interest in receiving the best value in custody services and the most favorable execution of your transactions. This is a conflict of interest. We believe, however, that taken in the aggregate, any recommendation of Schwab as custodian and broker is in the best interests of our clients. Our selection is primarily supported by the scope, quality, and price of Schwab's services and not Schwab's services that benefit only us.

Best Execution

As a fiduciary, NFGI owes a fiduciary duty to its clients to obtain best execution of their transactions. That duty puts forth that an investment adviser generally must execute securities transactions in such a manner that the total cost or proceeds in each transaction is the most favorable under the circumstances. However, clients must understand that best execution does not necessarily mean the lowest available price. Instead, the totality of the arrangement and services provided by a broker-dealer must be examined to determine a qualitative measure of best execution. Based on these principles, commission and fee structures of various broker-dealers are periodically reviewed by the compliance department in order to evaluate the execution services provided by NFGI and all the unaffiliated broker-dealers and custodians used by NFGI. Accordingly, while NFGI does consider competitive rates, it does not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for client account transactions. Therefore, the overall services provided by NFGI and all the unaffiliated broker-dealers and custodians are evaluated to determine best execution.

You should consider that in light of NFGI's limited approved trading platforms for your accounts and the fact that only some of the approved trading platforms accommodate the investment strategy recommended by the IAR, that IARs are limited in their ability to obtain the best execution price and lowest execution costs for each transaction or the product with the lowest internal expenses. Not all investment advisers restrict or limit the broker-dealers their clients can use. Some investment advisers permit their clients to select any broker-dealer of the client's own choosing. Therefore, clients can pay higher commissions or trade execution charges through the trading platforms approved by NFGI than through other platforms for investment advisory accounts.

Trade Aggregation

Transactions implemented by NFGI for client accounts are generally affected independently, unless an IAR decides to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. This process is referred to as aggregating orders, batch trading or block trading and is used by an IAR when the IAR believes such action proves advantageous to you. When the IAR aggregates client orders, the allocation of securities among client accounts will be done on a fair and equitable basis. Typically, the process of aggregating client orders is done in order to achieve better execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate orders among clients on a more equitable basis in order to avoid differences in prices and transaction fees or other transaction costs that might be obtained when orders

are placed independently. While there is more than one process for allocating, generally the transactions will be averaged as to price and will be allocated among the IAR's clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day. It should be noted, NFGI does not allow IAR to receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of aggregation.

Because NFGI does not require IARs to aggregate trades, not all trades are aggregated even when there is an opportunity to do so. When trades are not aggregated, you will not always see the effects of lower commission per share costs that often occurs as a result of aggregating trades and as a result, pay a higher transaction cost than could be received elsewhere. Also, we do not believe Clients are hindered when we trade accounts individually. This is because the IAR develops individualized investment strategies for Clients and holdings will vary. Their strategies are primarily developed for the long-term and minor differences in price execution are not material to our overall investment strategy. Finally, it should be noted that NFGI does not aggregate mutual fund transactions.

Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

NFGI does not use commissions to pay for research and brokerage services (i.e., soft-dollar transactions). Research, along with other products and services other than trade execution, are available to NFGI on a cash basis in accordance with the terms of NFGI's clearing agreements with WFCS. Certain product sponsors, including WFCS and Schwab provide us with other economic benefits as a result of sales activities directed to the sponsors, including but not limited to, financial assistance or the sponsorship of conferences and educational sessions, marketing support, incentive awards, payment of travel expenses, tools to assist us in providing various services to you such as reporting programs and portfolio analysis and directing brokerage transactions in our capacity as a broker/dealer.

Trade Errors

It is NFGI's policy to ensure trading errors are handled and corrected in a timely manner in the best interests of the client affected by the error. Specifically, when NFGI or an IAR causes a trade error to occur in your account that results in a loss, NFGI works with the relevant broker-dealer or custodian in order to reimburse any costs paid by you and make whole your transaction as it should have originally taken place/or not taken place. If the trade error results in a gain and NFGI executed the transaction, NFGI will keep that gain to offset future losses. The retained gain is not shared with the IAR or account owners.

The same standard as above applies to accounts held with Schwab other than if the gain is more than \$100, Schwab will donate the gain to charity. If the gain is less than \$100, Schwab will keep the gain to minimize and offset its administrative time and expense.

All trade errors should be corrected within a reasonable period of time following discovery of the error. NFGI will not use commissions from client accounts to correct trade errors. It is the strict policy of NFGI that IARs are not permitted to make payments to clients or to client accounts.

Principal Trades and Agency Cross Transactions

Even though we may be permitted by contract and by law to do so, as a matter of policy, we do not generally execute principal trades or agency cross transactions in our advisory accounts with the

exception of the Private Advisor Network Program. In the Private Advisor Network Program, principal trades may be permitted in non-IRA and non-ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974) Accounts. Although in some instances, we may be able to provide a more favorable market price to you if we participate in a principal trade or an agency cross transaction with your accounts, we do so only when consistent with our obligations to provide best execution, due to regulatory requirements when executing such transactions. Therefore, you will generally not have access to new issues or syndicate offerings in these Accounts. You may make such purchases in a retail brokerage account, and you should be aware that they will be subject to the customary fees and commissions charged in such accounts.

Client Referrals

NFGI and its investment adviser representatives may enter into arrangements as and/or with individuals ("Promoters") who will refer clients that may be candidates for investment advisory services. In return, we agree to compensate or be compensated as the Promoter for the referral. Compensation to the Promoter is dependent on the client entering into an advisory agreement with NFGI. Compensation to the Promoter may be an agreed upon percentage of the investment advisory fee or a flat fee, depending on the type of advisory services IAR provides to the referred client and the agreed upon compensation arrangement between us and the Promoter. Our referral program will be in compliance with federal and state regulations (as applicable). The referral fee is paid pursuant to a written agreement retained by both NFGI and the Promoter. The Promoter will be required to provide the client with a copy of our Part 2 and a Referral Disclosure Document at the time of referral. The Promoter is not permitted to offer any investment advice on behalf of NFGI.

We may compensate professionals who send us client referrals. These potential clients are advised of the relationship and compensation before we begin working with them.

Arrangements with Financial Institutions

NFGI has established and will continue to establish marketing arrangements with banks, credit unions and other financial institutions. In certain circumstances, investment advisory services of NFGI are also marketed through these banks, credit unions and other financial institutions, provided that such marketing is done in compliance with applicable SEC and state regulations. Further, some IARs conduct business from and/or are affiliated with a bank or other financial institution. As a result of these marketing agreements, the financial institution receives compensation representing payment for the use of the facilities and equipment of the financial institution(s), in the form of program support or rent payment and/or a portion of advisory fees or securities commissions paid to the IAR/Registered Representatives for sales to customer/members of the financial institution.

These relationships create compliance issues relative to consumer protection.

The joint guidelines of regulators of the depository institution call for, at a minimum, both written and verbal disclosure at or prior to the time securities products are purchased or sold that such securities products:

- Are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), or any other federal or state deposit guarantee fund or other government agency;

- Not endorsed or guaranteed by the bank or credit union or their affiliates;
- Are not deposits or obligations of the depository institutions and are not guaranteed by the depository institutions;
- Investments and securities are subject to investment risks, including possible loss of principal invested.

Other compensation

While no benefits are based directly on the production or use of specific services or products, at times, certain product sponsors provide NFGI and the IAR with economic benefits as a result of your IAR's recommendation of the product sponsors' investments. These other products and services can benefit NFGI and/or your IAR but may not benefit you. The economic benefits received can include but are not limited to, financial assistance or the sponsorship of national or regional conferences, client meetings or other events. It can also include educational sessions, marketing support, payment of travel expenses, occasional business entertainment, including meals, virtual entertainment and invitations to sporting events, including golf tournaments, educational opportunities and tools to assist your IAR in providing various services to clients. This presents a conflict in that a recommendation to use these product sponsors may be based in part on the benefit to your IAR or NFGI and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody, product, or services provided. These economic benefits could influence NFGI and your IAR to recommend or have available certain products/programs over others. NFGI policy requires that any such compensation or reimbursement be pre-approved by the NFGI and not paid directly to any IAR. NFGI conducts an annual review of all such conflicts in order to help ensure recommendations to clients are in their best interest.

NFGI and IARs may also receive compensation from a third-party vendor for referring prospective Clients. In which the NFGI and the IAR may share in the fees resulting from investment advisory services provided by third party vendor. The referral fee is paid pursuant to a written agreement retained by both NFGI and the Promoter. The Promoter will provide the client with a copy of our ADV Part 2 and a Referral Disclosure Document at the time of referral. The Promoter is not permitted to offer any investment advice on behalf of NFGI.

As mentioned previously, as a broker dealer, NFGI will receive additional compensation as a share in interest charged relating to margin or cash/money market/bank sweep balances.

As a broker dealer and registered representative, NFGI and IAR will receive additional compensation through commissions or trails through sales of investment, insurance, or bank vehicles through NFGI's Broker Dealer and Agency. The receipt of this compensation can affect the judgment of the IAR when recommending these products to their clients.

Clients can choose to participate in WFCS non-purpose loan program. In this program, WFCS will qualify a client who would benefit from having an alternative for accessing credit for financial needs in the form of a non-purpose loan. NFGI and the IAR receives revenue for a client's participation in this program. The receipt of these additional payments creates a conflict of interest because of the increased compensation to NFGI. Clients are not required to use this loan program and can work directly with other banks to negotiate loan terms or obtain other financing arrangements.

As a broker dealer, NFGI receives concessions through its clearing relationships aimed to assist in new business development or recruitment. New IAR's can directly or indirectly receive benefit from these concessions. These concessions present a conflict of interest in that NFGI and the new IAR have a financial incentive to recommend that you maintain your account with certain custodians. However, to the extent that NFGI or the IAR directs Clients to the custodian for such services, it is because NFGI and the IAR believe that it is in that Client's best interest to do so. Any concession or benefits received are not based on any contests or specific products. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of concessions by NFGI or its related persons in and of itself creates a potential conflict of interest and may indirectly influence NFGI or IAR choice of custody and brokerage services.

Some IAR's receive a Sign On bonus at the time of the affiliation with the firm. The bonus is typically used to assist with costs associated with transitioning from their prior firm to NFGI. If the amount of the bonus exceeds the cost of transition, the recipient uses the remaining funds for other purposes, such as normal operational costs. In addition, some IAR's may receive a Good Standing bonus on a periodic basis for maintaining a relationship with NFGI. At times for a new IAR joining NFGI, the bonus may be based on or contingent on the amount of client assets transferred to or continually held with an NFGI custodian. At times, the incentive may be based on the transfer to NFGI of certain types of accounts like brokerage or advisory. However, it will not be based on the conversion of account types like moving from brokerage to advisory. The receipt of a bonus from NFGI presents a conflict of interest in that the IAR has a financial incentive to maintain a relationship with NFGI and recommend NFGI to clients. However, to the extent that the IAR recommends NFGI to clients, it is because they believe that it is in the client's best interest to do so based on the quality and pricing of the execution, benefits of an integrated platform for brokerage and advisory accounts, and other services provided by NFGI. Some IAR's receive transition assistance which can include but is not limited to technology services, administrative support, reimbursement of fees associated with moving accounts and attendance to conferences. This practice represents a conflict of interest in that the IAR has a financial incentive to affiliate with and recommend NFGI to clients.

NFGI also receive an economic benefit from Schwab in the form of the support products and services it makes available to us and other independent investment advisors whose clients maintain their accounts at Schwab. You do not pay more for assets maintained at Schwab as a result of these arrangements. However, we benefit from the referral arrangement because the cost of these services would otherwise be borne directly by us. You should consider these conflicts of interest when selecting a custodian. The products and services provided by Schwab, how they benefit us, and the related conflicts of interest are described above.