OPTIMUM MARKET PORTFOLIOS (OMP) ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

This Account Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and among LPL Financial LLC ("LPL"), a registered investment advisor and broker/dealer, the LPL Investment Advisor Representative indicated in Section V of the Account Application attached hereto ("IAR"), and the client indicated in Section I of the Account Application ("Client"), pursuant to which Client will open an account ("Account") with LPL and IAR for the purpose of participating in the Optimum Market Portfolios Program ("Program"). Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the advisory services to be provided under this Agreement by either LPL or IAR shall not begin until your Account paperwork has been accepted by LPL at its home office as being in good order. LPL's acceptance of the Account will generally occur within 15 business days, but can take longer in certain circumstances, from the day you provide completed paperwork to your IAR. A description of the services to be provided and the parties providing the services are set forth below.

1. LPL OPTIMUM MARKET PORTFOLIOS PROGRAM

The Program offers clients the ability to participate in a professionally managed asset allocation program using Optimum Funds Class I shares.

Under the Program, Client authorizes LPL and IAR on a discretionary basis to purchase and sell Optimum Funds pursuant to investment objectives chosen by Client and to liquidate previously purchased securities. Client understands that the investment objective selected for the Account in the Account Application is an overall objective and to liquidate previously purchased securities for the entire Account and may be inconsistent with a particular holding and the Account's performance at any time. Client understands that achievement of the stated investment objective is a long-term goal for the Account. There are up to six Optimum Funds that may be purchased within the Account: Optimum Large Cap Growth Fund, Optimum Large Cap Value Fund, Optimum Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund, Optimum Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund, Optimum Small-Mid Cap Growth Fund, Optimum Small-Mid Cap Value Fund, Checks for funds to be invested in the Account should be made payable to LPL Financial LLC.

IAR will obtain the necessary financial data from Client, assist Client in determining the suitability of the Program and assist Client in setting an appropriate investment objective. IAR will initiate the steps necessary to open the Account and select a portfolio consistent with Client's stated investment objective. Once the IAR has selected a portfolio and the Program minimum has been reached, LPL will purchase Optimum Funds in amounts appropriate for the portfolio selected. LPL will review the Account to determine if rebalancing is appropriate based on the frequency selected by Client at account opening or as altered by the IAR from time to time. The choices for frequency of rebalancing are quarterly (four times per year), semiannually (two times per year) or annually (once per year). The Account will be reviewed on the frequency selected based on the anniversary date of the Account opening or as altered by the IAR to determine if rebalancing is necessary. As discussed above, Client understands that, although the Account may be open, the obligation of LPL to manage the Account, or for LPL or IAR to provide advisory services with respect to the Account, begins only after LPL has accepted the Account.

Although the Account is not considered tax efficient or tax managed, LPL may delay placing transactions on non-qualified accounts by one day for any rebalancing scheduled to occur on the first one year anniversary date of the Account opening in an attempt to limit short-term tax treatment for any position being sold. At each rebalancing review date, the Account will be rebalanced if at least one of the Account positions is outside a range determined by LPL, subject to a minimum transaction amount established by LPL in its discretion. In addition, LPL may review the Account for rebalancing in the event that LPL Research changes the model portfolio.

LPL follows an asset allocation investment style in constructing portfolios for the Program. Asset allocation methodology is implemented by combining investments representing various asset classes that react differently to varying market conditions. Thus, if one asset class reacts negatively to certain market events, the potential exists for another asset class to react positively. As with any investment strategy, there is no guarantee that the use of an asset allocation strategy will produce favorable results.

During any month that there is activity in the Account, Client will receive a monthly account statement showing account activity as well as positions held in the Account at month-end. Additionally, Client will receive a confirmation of each transaction that occurs within the Account unless the transaction is the result of a systematic purchase or systematic redemption. Client will also



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receive from LPL detailed guarterly performance information describing account performance and positions. An additional yearend report will be provided for accounts not established on a calendar quarter basis.

The minimum account size is \$10,000. In certain instances, LPL will permit a lower minimum account size. Client may make additions (cash or eligible securities) to the Account at any time and may withdraw account assets on notice to IAR, subject to Section 7 below. Additional deposits will be invested into Optimum Funds consistent with the current LPL target allocation for the portfolio, but such deposits (or a portion thereof) may be liquidated and the proceeds may remain in cash until certain conditions are met related to trade size and position deviation from the target allocation.

In the event Client withdrawals cause the Account asset value to fall below the required minimum, Client understands this Agreement may be subject to immediate termination under the provisions of Section 7. Client understands that the Program is designed as a long-term investment vehicle and that asset withdrawals may impair the achievement of Client's investment objectives. LPL may accommodate requests by Client or IAR for all or a portion of the assets in the Account to remain allocated to cash for a period of time. Client acknowledges that such customized portfolio requests, liquidation requests in connection with withdrawals, and changes to the portfolio or investment objective selected may take up to 5 business days to process, and, in certain circumstances, may take longer.

Client retains the right to pledge Optimum Funds in the Account. Subject to restrictions that may be placed on the assets, and subject to LPL's policies regarding pledged assets, pledged assets may be held in an Account. Client will be responsible for completing the pledge of the collateral. If restrictions on the assets apply, the assets may be withdrawn from the Account. LPL will not continue to manage any positions that have been withdrawn.

LPL reserves the right to accept, reject or renew this Agreement in its sole discretion and for any reason.

2. TRADING AUTHORIZATION AND REBALANCING INSTRUCTIONS

Client hereby grants LPL and IAR complete and unlimited discretionary trading authorization with respect to the purchase and sale of Optimum Fund Class I shares in the Account and the sale of previously purchased securities. Client hereby appoints LPL and IAR as Client's agents and attorneys-in-fact with respect to this trading authorization. Client also authorizes IAR to select the portfolio in which Program assets will be invested and LPL to affect the rebalancing instructions on the frequency selected by Client or IAR, or as determined by LPL. Client also authorizes IAR to alter the rebalancing frequency from time to time. Other than as described in Section 16 and 17, LPL and IAR are not authorized to withdraw or transfer any money, securities or property either in the name of Client or otherwise.

Client understands that IAR is prohibited from taking personal possession of Client securities, stock powers, monies or any other personal or real property in which Client may have an interest. In addition, Client understands that IAR may not lend to or borrow from Client any monies or securities. Client further agrees not to enter into any other business relationship with IAR including, but not limited to, helping to capitalize or finance any business of IAR.

Client understands that LPL, IAR and their affiliates may perform advisory and/or brokerage services for various other clients, and that IAR may give advice or take actions for those clients that differ from the advice given or the timing or the nature of any action taken for the Account. In addition, LPL and IAR may, but are not obligated to, purchase or sell or recommend for purchase or sale any security which LPL or IAR or any of their affiliates may purchase or sell for their own accounts or the account of any other client.

Client acknowledges that all dividends paid by the Optimum Funds in the Account will be automatically reinvested unless Client provides written instructions to LPL that all such dividends shall be paid out to Client. In no event will LPL or IAR be obligated to effect any transaction for Client which it believes would violate any applicable state or federal law, rule or regulation, or the rules or regulations of any regulatory or self-regulatory body.

3. PROXIES AND OTHER SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

Client understands and agrees that Client retains the right to vote all proxies that are solicited for securities held in the Account. LPL and IAR are hereby expressly precluded from voting proxies for securities held in the Account and will not be required to

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take any action or render any advice with respect to the voting of proxies. LPL will provide Client with proxy materials prepared by the Optimum Funds held in the Account.

LPL and IAR shall not be obligated to render any advice or take any action on behalf of Client with respect to any legal proceedings, including bankruptcies, involving securities or other investments held in the Account, or the issuers thereof. Client hereby retains the right and obligation to take action with respect to legal proceedings relating to securities held in the Account.

Client hereby designates LPL, as a broker/dealer and investment adviser, to receive all updated prospectuses, annual reports and disclosure statements for Optimum Funds held in the Account. Client retains the right to rescind this designation by notifying LPL in writing.

4. CLIENT AUTHORITY/ERISA AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

LPL has been keeping retirement account holders informed regarding a new Department of Labor (DOL) rule, certain aspects of which became effective on June 9, 2017. The effective date of other aspects of the rule, including contract provisions and disclosures has been delayed until July 1, 2019. For more information regarding the status of the rule, including any applicable contract provisions and disclosures under the rule, please visit our website at www.lpl.com, and click on Disclosures and then Retirement Fiduciary Disclosures. Please contact your IAR if you would like a paper copy of information on the website or for more information about the DOL rule.

If Client is a corporation, the party executing this Agreement on behalf of Client represents that execution of this Agreement has been duly authorized by appropriate corporate action, and the party executing the Agreement has the authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of corporation.

If this Agreement is entered into by a trustee or other fiduciary, including but not limited to someone meeting the definition of fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), of (i) an employee benefit plan subject to the fiduciary provisions of ERISA (an "ERISA Plan"), (ii) a "plan" within the meaning of Section 4975(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), (iii) any entity whose assets are treated as "plan assets" for purposes of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code (a "Plan Asset Entity"), or (iv) a plan, trust or entity subject to laws similar to the fiduciary duty provisions of ERISA or the prohibited transaction rules under Section 4975 of the Code (each of the foregoing, including any related trust or funding vehicle, a "Plan" and, collectively, "Plans"), such trustee or other fiduciary ("Responsible Plan Fiduciary") represents and warrants that Client's participation in the Program is permitted by the relevant governing instrument of such Plan and laws applicable to such Plan, and that Client is duly authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such Plan.

If Client is an ERISA Plan or a Plan Asset Entity holding assets of one or more ERISA Plans, Client additionally represents and warrants that the person executing and delivering this Agreement on behalf of Client is a "named fiduciary" (as defined under ERISA) who has power under the ERISA Plan(s) to appoint LPL and IAR to provide the services under this Agreement. If Client is an ERISA Plan or a Plan Asset Entity holding assets of one or more ERISA Plans, Client shall obtain and maintain during the term of this Agreement any bond required by ERISA or other applicable law with respect to fiduciaries and shall include LPL within the coverage of such bond.

If the Account is being managed for a particular participant in a Plan (a "Self-Directed Account"), the term Client as used in this Agreement refers to the Responsible Plan Fiduciary and the participant, and both the Responsible Plan Fiduciary and participant must sign the Account Application. In the case of a Self-Directed Account, Client represents to LPL that the Plan's governing documents (including any applicable adoption agreement) and laws governing the Plan permit the participant to self-direct his or her investment of all assets in the Account. If LPL or IAR receives trade instructions from participant, rather than from the Responsible Plan Fiduciary or its designee, such as a trustee, plan administrator or other delegate, Client represents that the Plan's governing the Plan permit the participant to provide trade instructions directly to LPL and IAR.

In the case of a Self-Directed Account, although the Plan's governing documents allow participant to direct investments of the Account, the Plan trustee(s) remains the legal owner of the assets in the Account, and the rules regarding withdrawals,

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contributions and other actions are primarily governed by the Plan documents, including any related trust agreement. If participant is entitled to a distribution or withdrawal from the Account, and the Responsible Plan Fiduciary directs us accordingly, Client is aware that an LPL distribution/withdrawal request will need to be authorized by the Responsible Plan Fiduciary in addition to participant's authorization requesting the transaction. If participant invests through this Account, in place of designated investment options as may be provided by the Responsible Plan Fiduciary under the Plan, if applicable, Client acknowledges that the services (including investments) under this Agreement may be different, and the fees may be higher, than if participant invested through those designated Plan investment options. Client understands that the investment objective for this Account will be based on the investment objective of the participant as provided in the Account Application, and generally will be different from the investment objectives of other Plan accounts for different participants of the same or different Plans.

LPL provides its advisory services under this Agreement as an investment advisor under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the "Advisers Act"). To the extent that LPL and IAR have or exercise discretionary authority under this Agreement with respect to the management of assets of (or otherwise provide "investment advice" under this Agreement as defined under Section 3(21) of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code), LPL and IAR acknowledge that they will be deemed a "fiduciary" as such term is defined under Section 3(21) of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, as applicable, with respect to such advisory services. LPL and the IAR are not and do not act as fiduciaries with respect to Client's decisions to participate in the Program, or to contribute to or withdraw assets from the Program. Client represents and warrants that it has made the decision to participate in the Program independently of LPL and the IAR, that it will make decisions regarding whether to contribute to or withdraw assets from the Account independently of LPL and the IAR, and that it has not relied, and will not rely, upon any advice provided by the IAR as a primary basis for any such decision. Client should consider whether to seek the advice of counsel or other independent experts as necessary. Unless specifically agreed to in writing, LPL does not serve as an "investment manager," as such term is defined under Section 3(38) of ERISA. As discussed more fully above, LPL and IAR do not undertake to provide advisory services under this Agreement nor become fiduciaries to any Plan until the Account has been accepted by LPL.

If Client is a Plan, the person executing this Agreement authorizes LPL to collect transaction fees or transaction-related fees in connection with brokerage transactions, as permitted by Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 86-128 (51 F.R. 41686, as amended and restated effective June 9, 2017). This authorization is terminable at will by the Plan. Client acknowledges and agrees that LPL has furnished the following documents to the Plan: (a) a form for terminating this authorization; (b) a description of LPL's brokerage placement practices; and (c) a copy of the Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 86-128. Client acknowledges and agrees that these disclosures are available on its website at https://lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures/retirement-plan-disclosures.html. Client acknowledges and agrees that Client has accessed and reviewed these disclosures to the extent Client believes necessary to provide this authorization. Copies of these disclosures are available upon request by contacting your IAR.

Client agrees to furnish IAR and LPL with such governing plan documents as they shall reasonably request with respect to the foregoing. Client agrees to advise LPL and IAR of any event which might affect this authority or the validity of the Agreement.

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

LPL is appointed by Client as custodian of the Account assets and as the sole and exclusive broker/dealer with respect to processing securities transactions for the Account. LPL may aggregate transactions for Client with other clients to improve the quality of execution.

The Account Fee set forth in Schedule A represents compensation for the asset management and quarterly reporting services provided. The transaction charges set forth in Schedule B ("Transaction Charges") represent a payment for expenses associated with trade execution and processing, including preparing, printing and/or delivering confirmations; however, they are not directly based on such costs and may include a profit to LPL. The Transaction Charges may be higher or lower than commissions otherwise payable in the absence of the Account Fee.

LPL serves as a sub-services agent with respect to Program accounts. As such, LPL will provide all sub-accounting and shareholder recordkeeping with respect to Optimum Fund shares, and will provide the following administrative services among others: 1) establishing and maintaining sub-account records reflecting the issuance, transfer or redemption of shares, 2) assisting shareholders

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in designating and changing account designations and addresses, and 3) responding to inquiries for shareholders with respect to the status of sub-accounts, fund performance, sub-account histories and making adjustments to sub-accounts to correct sub-account files. As compensation for these services, LPL receives administrative servicing fees from the service agent of the Optimum Funds.

LPL provides investment consulting services to the adviser to the Optimum Funds including, but not limited to: 1) assist the adviser in determining whether to employ, maintain or terminate sub-advisers for the Optimum Funds, 2) provide monthly fact sheets describing the performance of the Optimum Funds, 3) provide quarterly analysis consisting of statistical information and analysis regarding the Optimum Funds and sub-adviser performance, 4) meet with sub-advisers selected by the adviser to the Optimum Funds to discuss their performance and prepare reports regarding their evaluations, and 5) help the adviser make recommendations on sub-advisers to the Board of Trustees by providing the adviser to the Optimum Funds with potential sub-adviser options. As compensation for these services, LPL receives investment consulting compensation from the adviser to the Optimum Funds.

Client understands and consents to the conflicts arising from the compensation LPL receives as a result of Client's participation in the Program, including the recordkeeping and consulting payments with respect to the Optimum Funds.

Although Client will not be charged a commission for transactions in Optimum Funds, Client should be aware that the Optimum Funds charge internal management fees and administrative expenses. The amount of the Optimum Funds' management fees and administrative expenses are included among mutual fund expenses and are reflected on the Optimum Fund financial statements.

No agency cross transaction (as such term is defined in Rule 206(3)-2(b) under the Advisers Act) for the Account shall be effected by LPL.

LPL credits the Account funds belonging to Client such as dividends, interest, redemptions, and proceeds of corporate reorganizations on the day such funds are received by LPL. These funds come to LPL from issuers and various intermediaries in which LPL is a participant, such as the Depository Trust Company. Information regarding when LPL credits the Account with funds due the Account, when those funds are available to Account, and/or when Client begins earning interest on the funds is available from LPL.

If Client is a participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k) plan, and decides to roll assets out of the plan into the Account, LPL has a financial incentive to recommend that Client invest those assets in the Account, because LPL will be paid on those assets, for example, through advisory fees. You should be aware that such fees likely will be higher than those a participant pays through a plan, and there can be maintenance and other miscellaneous fees. As securities held in a retirement plan are generally not transferred to the Account, commissions and sales charges will be charged when liquidating such securities prior to the transfer, in addition to commissions and sales charges previously paid on transactions in the plan.

6. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Neither LPL, IAR nor any of their officers, directors, employees, or affiliates shall be liable for any loss incurred with respect to the Account, except where such loss directly results from such party's negligence or misconduct.

Client acknowledges that neither LPL, IAR nor their employees are agents of each other or of any of their affiliates, and that no party shall be liable for any act or omission of another party or their agents or employees. Nothing in this Agreement shall in any way constitute a waiver or limitation of any rights which Client may have under federal or state securities laws (or ERISA, where applicable).

Client further understands that there is no guarantee that Client's investment objectives will be achieved. Neither LPL nor IAR shall have any liability for Client's failure to inform IAR in a timely manner of any material change in Client's financial circumstances which might affect the manner in which Client's assets are allocated, or to provide IAR with any information as to Client's financial status as IAR may reasonably request.

LPL shall not be liable for loss caused, directly or indirectly, by government restrictions, exchange or market rulings, suspension of trading, war, strikes or other conditions beyond LPL's control.

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Client also understands that IAR and LPL do not provide tax, accounting, or legal advice. In making legal, tax, or accounting decisions, Client will consult with and rely on Client's own advisors and not IAR or LPL, and IAR and LPL shall have no liability therefor.

LPL is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). SIPC provides protection for the Account for up to \$500,000, including \$250,000 for claims for cash. The account protection applies when a SIPC member firm fails financially and is unable to meet obligations to securities customers, but it does not protect against losses from the rise and fall in the market value of investments. More information on SIPC, including obtaining a SIPC Brochure, may be obtained by calling SIPC directly at (202) 371-8300 or by visiting www.sipc.org.

7. ASSIGNMENT/TERMINATION

This Agreement may not be assigned or transferred in any manner by any party without the written consent of all parties receiving or rendering services hereunder; provided that LPL may assign this Agreement upon consent of Client in accordance with the Advisers Act. In addition, LPL may add or replace the IAR servicing the Account without Client consent.

This Agreement may be terminated by any party effective upon receipt of written notice to the other parties ("Termination Date"). LPL will deliver securities and funds held in the Account as instructed by Client unless Client requests that the Account be liquidated. LPL will initiate instructions to deliver funds and/or securities within two weeks of Client's written request. If an account is liquidated as a result of a termination notice, LPL will have a period of 72 hours to begin liquidations unless special circumstances apply. Proceeds will be payable to Client upon settlement of all transactions in the Account. Client will be entitled to a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly Account Fee based upon the number of days remaining in the quarter after the Termination Date. Client understands and agrees that after the Termination Date, the Account may be converted to a brokerage account at LPL. In a brokerage account, Client is charged a commission for each transaction and the IAR has no responsibility to provide ongoing investment advice. If this Agreement terminates, and the Account converts to a brokerage account, Client hereby elects to have the insured cash account as the sweep option for the brokerage account.

If the Account is closed within the first six months by Client or as a result of withdrawals which bring the Account value below the required minimum, LPL reserves the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly Account Fee for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative cost of establishing the Account which may include costs to transfer positions into and out of the Account, data entry costs to open the Account, costs associated with reconciling of positions in order to issue quarterly performance information, and the cost of re-registering positions.

In the case of an Account held by an individual, this Agreement shall terminate upon death of Client; provided, however, that the authority of LPL and IAR under this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until such time as LPL and IAR have been notified otherwise in writing by the authorized representative of Client or Client's estate.

Termination of the Agreement will not affect the liabilities or obligations of the parties from transactions initiated prior to termination.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

LPL and IAR will keep Client information confidential and will not use or disclose it to others without Client's prior consent except as described in LPL's privacy policy below. Client acknowledges, understands and agrees that for our mutual protection, LPL may electronically record telephone conversations. Client agrees not to record any telephone conversation without express written authorization of LPL and the individual(s) engaged in the conversation.

9. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement shall be held or made non-enforceable by a statute, rule, regulation, decision of a tribunal or otherwise, such provision shall be automatically reformed and construed so as to be valid, operative and enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law or equity while most nearly preserving its original intent. The invalidity of any part of this Agreement shall not render invalid the remainder of this Agreement and, to that extent, the provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be severable.





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10. VALUATION

Securities shall be valued in a manner determined in good faith by LPL to reflect fair market value. For any assets purchased within the Account, the cost basis is the actual purchase price including transaction charges. For any assets transferred into the Account, original purchase price is used as the cost basis to the extent such information was submitted to LPL by Client or a former service provider. It is Client's responsibility to advise LPL immediately if the cost basis information is portrayed inaccurately. Statement calculations and figures should not be relied upon for tax purposes.

11. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in a manner consistent with the Advisers Act and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

12. RECEIPT OF DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS

Client acknowledges receipt of LPL's OMP Program Form and IAR's Brochure Supplement as required by Rule 204-3 under the Advisers Act. This Agreement, the Account Application, and the OMP Program Form Brochure constitute disclosure required to be provided to an ERISA Plan under Rule 408(b)(2) under ERISA. Client understands the investment approach, related risk factors, and the fees associated with investing in the Account. This Agreement will not take effect until LPL has accepted the Account.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/AMENDMENT

This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein. This Agreement may be amended by LPL upon thirty days' notice to all parties. To access the most current version of this Agreement, please reference <u>www.lpl.com</u>.

14. ACCOUNT APPLICATION

The Account Application, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement, must be completed in full by Client and the accuracy of its contents is hereby acknowledged by Client. By signing the Account Application, Client agrees to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. LPL may accept the Account electronically. Client further acknowledges that it is Client's responsibility to provide LPL and IAR with updated information as necessary and that LPL and IAR have the right to rely on this information. Client agrees to promptly notify LPL in the event that his or her country of residence or citizenship status changes, and Client acknowledges and agrees that such notification may result in termination of his or her account by LPL under Section 7 above if LPL does not service accounts in the new jurisdiction.

Important information about procedures for opening this Account: To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person who opens an account. Client is required to provide the following information, among other items, on the Account Application: name, address, date of birth and other information that will allow LPL to confirm Client's identity. In addition, IAR may also ask to see a valid driver's license or other identifying documents.

15. AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

Client hereby authorizes LPL to debit all Account Fees payable pursuant to Section 16 directly from the Account. It is agreed by Client and LPL that the Account Fee will be payable, first, from free credit balances, if any, in the Account, and second, from the liquidation or withdrawal (which Client hereby authorizes) by LPL of Client's shares of the money market fund or insured cash account ("ICA") or deposit cash account ("DCA"), as the case may be. LPL reserves the right to liquidate at any time a portion of the other assets in the Account to cover the Account Fee or other charges. Certain accounts may establish procedures to pay the Account Fee directly rather than through a debit to the Account. Any different method of billing Account Fees may result in the imposition of additional charges to cover the administrative costs of billing.

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16. FEES AND CHARGES

As a participant in the Program, Client will pay an annualized fee (Account Fee). The maximum Account Fee is set forth in Schedule A attached hereto. The Account Fee may be structured on a tiered basis, with a reduced percentage rate based on reaching certain thresholds. The Account Fee is negotiable, is based on the value of the assets in the Account, including cash holdings, and is payable quarterly in advance. For purposes of calculating Account Fees and providing quarterly performance information as described in Section 1, the Account quarter will begin on the first day of the month in which the Account is accepted by LPL unless Client chooses a different quarterly cycle. The Account Fee will be as stated on the Account Application.

The initial Account Fee is due at the beginning of the quarterly cycle following acceptance of the Account and will include the prorated amount for the initial quarter in addition to the standard quarterly fee for the upcoming quarter. Subsequent Account Fees will be assessed at the beginning of each quarterly cycle thereafter and will be based on the value of the Account assets under management as of the close of business on the last business day of the preceding quarter (as valued by an independent pricing service, where available, or otherwise in good faith as reflected on Client's quarterly performance report) and based on the fee rate in effect at the time of assessment. At the time of a subsequent Account Fee assessment, the Account Fee will be adjusted for deposits or withdrawals during the prior quarter pro rata based on the asset value of the transaction and based on the fee rate in effect at the time of the assessment. If there is a change in the Account Fee rate negotiated between IAR and Client during the quarter, the effective date of any increase or decrease will be at the beginning of the next quarterly cycle. All Account Fees will be deducted from the Account pursuant to the authorization granted under Section 15. If Client has paid a commission on the purchase of a security in a brokerage account held at LPL within up to two years of the transfer of the security into the Account, Client may be entitled to a credit for a portion of the Account Fee.

In addition to the Account Fee stated in Schedule A, the Account will be assessed the Transaction Charge as stated in Schedule B. Although the Transaction Charge may be identified under the commission column on the confirmations, it represents a payment for expenses associated with trade execution and processing, including preparing, printing and/or delivering confirmations, and not commissions. IAR will not receive any portion of the Transaction Charge. Client authorizes LPL to deduct from the Account all Account Fees, Transaction Charges any other fees or charges associated with the Account unless other arrangements have been made for the Account pursuant to Section 16. All such fees and charges will be noted on Client's statements or confirmations.

Client also incurs charges imposed by third parties in connection with investments made through the Account, including among others, the following types of charges: mutual fund management fees, transfer agent recordkeeping fees, and administrative servicing fees, mutual fund redemption fees, administrative servicing fees for trust accounts, and other charges required by law. LPL receives a portion of certain of these third party fees as described in the OMP Program Form Brochure included in this Account Packet, and available from your IAR and on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. Further information regarding charges and fees assessed by the Optimum Funds is available in the Funds' prospectus and financial statements available from IAR and at www.delawareinvestments.com/optimum-funds.

Client understands that LPL and IAR, in connection with the performance of their respective services, shall be entitled to and will share in the Account Fees payable hereunder. LPL shall not be compensated on the basis of a share of capital gains upon or capital appreciation of the funds or any portion of the funds of Client. Client acknowledges and agrees that the Account Fee and Transaction Charges set forth in Schedules A and B and other fees and charges in effect for the Account shall continue until thirty (30) days after LPL has notified Client in writing of any change in the amount of the fees or charges applicable to the Account, at which time the new fees or charges will become effective unless Client notifies LPL in writing that the Account is to be closed.

In connection with servicing the Account, Client acknowledges and agrees that Client will be charged by LPL certain incidental miscellaneous fees and charges. These fees are set out in the Miscellaneous Account and Service Fees Schedule attached hereto. These fees include, for example, an account termination fee for processing a full account transfer to another financial institution. LPL makes available a current list of these fees on its website at <u>www.lpl.com</u>. These fees are not directly based on the costs of the transaction or service by LPL, may include a profit to LPL, and certain of the fees may be lowered or waived for certain customers.



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These fees are subject to change at the discretion of LPL. You will be notified of these charges and any changes through information provided with your periodic statements. These fees and charges shall continue until thirty (30) days after LPL has notified Client in writing of any change in the amount of the fees or charges applicable to the Account, at which time the new fees or charges will become effective unless Client notifies LPL in writing that the Account is to be closed.

17. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

To the extent permitted by applicable law, notices and communications may be sent to Client through mail, overnight express delivery, or electronically, at LPL's or the IAR's discretion. Notices and communications will be sent to the postal or electronic address ("E-Address") shown on the Account Application or at such other postal or E-Address as Client may hereafter provide to LPL in accordance with procedures LPL may establish from time to time. The E-Address may be an e-mail address, other Internet address, fax number, or other electronic access address. To the extent permitted by applicable law, notices and communications will be deemed delivered when sent, whether actually received or not, even if LPL has notice of non-delivery. Notices and communications posted to an online location by LPL will be deemed to be delivered to, and received by, Client at the time that LPL sends notice to Client in accordance with this Agreement that the notice or communication is posted online and available for review.

LPL may, at its option, send notices and communications to Client electronically either:

- to Client's E-Address, or
- by posting the information online and sending Client a notice to Client's postal address or E-Address telling Client that the information has been posted and providing instructions on how to view it.

Client agrees that Client will notify LPL and the IAR immediately in the event of a change to Client's postal address or E-Address.

All notices and communications to LPL or the IAR must be provided in writing at LPL's or the IAR's postal address, as applicable, and as such address may be updated by notice to the other parties from time to time. Any notice Client sends LPL or the IAR will not be effective until actually received. Client assumes the risk of loss in the mail or otherwise in transit.

18. AUTOMATIC CASH SWEEP PROGRAM

By signing the Account Application, Client is selecting and agreeing, with respect to assets held at LPL, to have cash balances in the Account transferred automatically into a sweep program, depending on the type of Account. Below is a summary of the general terms and conditions of the sweep programs offered by LPL.

The applicable sweep program will be implemented upon LPL's acceptance of the Account, as discussed above. Pending our acceptance, cash balances not otherwise invested at your direction will be held in the Account as a free credit balance, as discussed more fully below.

Multi-Bank Insured Cash Account ("ICA") or Deposit Cash Account ("DCA") Program General Terms and Conditions

If the Account is eligible for the ICA or DCA program, you hereby authorize and direct LPL to automatically deposit available cash balances (from securities transactions, dividend and interest payments, deposits and other activities) in the Account into interest-bearing Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured deposit accounts ("Deposit Accounts") at one or more banks or other depository institutions (each, a "Bank"). In selecting the DCA program for your eligible Account, you agree that: you have independently chosen the DCA program for your Account, fees of LPL and the program administrator, as discussed below, are reasonable and appropriate for the services being provided under the program, you have reviewed the DCA Disclosure Booklet and you have not relied on the advice or recommendation of LPL or IAR in making this selection.

<u>Eligibility.</u> The ICA program is available for accounts of individuals, trusts, sole proprietorships and entities organized or operated to make a profit, such as corporations, partnerships, associations, business trusts, and other organizations. LPL may at its discretion deem an eligible person to be an ineligible person if LPL becomes aware that the person is prohibited as a matter of law from holding funds at the Bank. In the future, LPL may at its discretion, deem additional account types eligible for the ICA program. The DCA program is available only to IRAs including traditional, rollover, and Coverdell IRAs. Please note that if your

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IAR is located at a bank that offers a SBICA (as defined below), you are not eligible for the ICA, but eligible Accounts will still participate in the DCA Program. Please consult your IAR for additional details concerning eligibility.

FDIC Insurance. Deposit Accounts available through the ICA program are eligible for insurance by the FDIC up to \$250,000 in principal and accrued interest per depositor (individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), Roth IRAs, and certain other retirement accounts) in each insurable capacity (e.g. individual, trust, joint, etc.) per program bank. As your agent in the ICA program, LPL will place up to \$246,500 of available cash for an individual or trust account (\$493,000 for a joint account) into one bank. As your agent, LPL will place funds in excess of \$246,500 for an individual or trust account (\$493,000 for a joint account) at additional banks in the ICA program. If \$246,500 has been deposited for an individual or trust account (\$493,000 for joint accounts) at additional banks in the ICA program up to the current maximum deposit insurance determined by the programs current capacity, excess funds above the current maximum will be invested in a money market mutual fund. As your agent in the DCA program, LPL will place up to \$249,000 of available cash for an individual or trust account (\$498,000 for a joint account) into one bank. As your agent, LPL will place funds in excess of \$249,000 for an individual or trust account (\$498,000 for a joint account) at additional banks in the DCA program. If \$249,000 has been deposited for an individual or trust account (\$498,000 for joint accounts) at additional banks in the DCA program up to the current maximum deposit insurance determined by the programs current capacity, excess funds above the current maximum will be invested in a money market mutual fund. A prospectus for the money market fund is available from LPL upon request. To view the current maximum deposit insurance see the Current Interest Rate page for ICA or DCA (as applicable) on LPL.com. Cash invested in a money market mutual fund is not eligible for FDIC deposit insurance. Deposit Accounts are not protected by SIPC.

The ability of the ICA and DCA programs to sweep uninvested cash into Bank Deposit Accounts depends, however, on the capacity of the Banks to accept new deposits. In the ICA Program, if during our sweep process at the end of each day, your cash cannot be deposited into a Bank in which you have not exceeded your \$250,000, it may be swept into the Excess Banks (as denoted on the Priority Bank List) without limit on a temporary basis. If during our sweep process at the end of each day, your cash cannot be fully deposited into a participating Bank (including the Excess Banks), it will be automatically invested into a money market mutual fund the following business day just as it will be when your available cash exceeds the maximum level of available deposit insurance detailed earlier. When Bank capacity is restored, your funds are automatically moved from Excess Bank or the money market mutual fund into Deposit Accounts with the available Bank(s), subject to the maximum amount of FDIC insurance.

In the DCA Program, if during our sweep process at the end of each day, your cash cannot be fully deposited into a participating Bank, it will be automatically invested into a money market mutual fund the following business day just as it will be when your available cash exceeds the maximum level of available deposit insurance detailed earlier. When Bank capacity is restored, your funds are automatically moved from the money market mutual fund into Deposit Accounts with the available Bank(s), subject to the maximum amount of FDIC insurance.

Interest. In both the ICA and DCA Program, LPL will pay Client the same interest for the respective program as stated on LPL.com regardless of the Bank in which the Client deposits are held. Interest will accrue daily on balances from the day funds are deposited into a Bank through the business day preceding the date of withdrawal from that Bank. In the ICA program, interest will be compounded daily and credited monthly. In the DCA program, interest is credited to your account monthly (or when you close your account if done mid-month). This process is described in more detail in the ICA Disclosure Booklet or DCA Disclosure Booklet (as applicable) available from IAR or on www.lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures. The interest rates paid are determined by the amount the Banks are willing to pay minus the fees paid to LPL and other parties for administering the program. The interest rates accruing on funds may change as frequently as daily without prior notice. The most up-to-date interest rates are found on www.lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures.

<u>Fees</u>. In the ICA program, LPL receives a fee equal to a percentage of the average daily deposit balance. The fee paid to LPL will be at an annual rate of up to an average of 400 basis points as applied across all ICA Deposit Accounts taken in the aggregate. In the DCA program, LPL receives a flat fee per account with the fee indexed to the Fed Funds Target (FFT) interest rate. If the Fed Funds Target interest rate is a range, the fee is determined by using the middle of the range rounded up to the





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nearest whole number. For details on how the fee is determined, please reference the DCA Disclosure Booklet available from IAR or on <u>www.lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures</u>.

<u>Tax Information</u>. For most clients, interest earned on deposits in the Deposit Accounts will be taxed as ordinary income in the year it is received. A Form 1099 will be sent to Client each year showing the amount of interest income Client has earned on deposits in the Deposit Accounts. Client should consult with a tax advisor about how the ICA or DCA program, as applicable, affects Client.

<u>Termination of Participation</u>. You can terminate your Account's participation in the ICA or DCA program, as applicable, at any time without penalty, upon notice to LPL.

<u>More Information</u>. For more specific information about the terms and conditions of the ICA or DCA program, please see the ICA Disclosure Booklet or DCA Disclosure Booklet (as applicable) available from IAR or on <u>www.lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures</u>.

Single Bank Insured Cash Account Program ("SBICA") General Terms and Conditions

If IAR is located at a bank that offers a SBICA, you hereby authorize and direct LPL to automatically deposit available cash balances (from securities transactions, dividend and interest payments, deposits and other activities) in your account into an interest-bearing bank deposit account at that bank that is generally insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for joint accounts. SBICA accounts are not protected by SIPC.

<u>Fees</u>. In the case of a SBICA program, LPL receives a fee from the bank of up to 0.50% of the LPL client assets deposited at the bank under the program for its sweep processing services.

<u>Tax Information</u>. For most clients, interest earned on deposits in the SBICA accounts will be taxed as ordinary income in the year it is received. A Form 1099 will be sent to Client each year showing the amount of interest income Client has earned on deposits in the SBICA accounts. Client should consult with a tax advisor about how the SBICA program affects Client.

More Information. For additional information on the SBICA, please see the applicable disclosure booklet available from IAR.

Money Market Mutual Fund Sweep Program General Terms and Conditions

<u>Eligibility</u>. If the Account is not eligible for an ICA, DCA, or SBICA, you hereby authorize and direct LPL to automatically invest available cash balances (from securities transactions, dividend and interest payments, deposits and other activities) in shares of a money market mutual fund. If Account is a non-retirement account, and a specific sweep money market mutual fund is not otherwise directed by you, you hereby authorize LPL to direct the cash balances held in your Account to the J.P. Morgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund (unless you own a foreign account and then it will be the J.P. Morgan U.S. Dollar Liquidity Fund). Contact your Advisor to learn about the specific share class you will be invested in or to learn about other sweep money market mutual funds that may be available.

<u>No FDIC Insurance</u>. Investments in money market mutual funds are not guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or any other government agency. Although money market mutual funds seek to preserve a net asset value of \$1.00 per share, there is no guarantee that this will occur. LPL is a member of SIPC. For accounts held at LPL, SIPC provides account protection up to a maximum of \$500,000 per client, of which \$250,000 may be claims for cash. This account protection applies when a SIPC member firm fails financially and is unable to meet obligations to securities customers, but it does not protect against losses from the rise and fall in the market value of investments. More information on SIPC, including obtaining a SIPC Brochure, may be obtained by calling SIPC directly at (202) 371-8300 or by visiting www.sipc.org.

<u>Fees</u>. LPL receives compensation of up to 1.00% of LPL customer assets invested in the sweep money market mutual funds from the money market fund sponsor in connection with 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping fees and other compensation.

<u>More Information</u>. For more complete information about any of the sweep money market mutual funds, including all charges and expenses, please contact IAR for a free prospectus. Client may obtain information with respect to the current yields available on the money market mutual funds by contacting IAR.





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Changes to Sweep Programs

LPL may make changes to the sweep programs, for example, to replace one sweep money market mutual fund with another money market mutual fund. If the Account is not eligible for the ICA or DCA program, but later becomes eligible for one of the programs, LPL may switch the sweep program from the money market mutual fund sweep program to the ICA or DCA program. Client will be provided with notice of such change prior to the effective date of the change.

Free Credit Balances

Your selection of a sweep program above will not be effected until your Account paperwork has been accepted by LPL as being in good order. Until such time, available cash balances (from securities transactions, dividend and interest payments, deposits and other activities) will not be automatically swept and will be held as a free credit balance. A free credit balance is a liability of LPL and payable to the Account on demand. Interest will not be paid to the Account on free credit balances. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, it is our understanding that any free credit balances held in your Account are pending investment.

Free credit balances may be used by LPL in the ordinary course of its business subject to the requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The use of customer free credit balances generally generates revenue for LPL in the forms of interest and income, which LPL retains as additional compensation for its services to its clients. Under these arrangements, LPL will generally earn interest or a return based on short-term market interest rated prevailing at the time.

If you are acting on behalf of a Plan, the Responsible Plan Fiduciary agrees that it has independently determined that holding cash balances, pending LPL's acceptance of the Account, as a free credit balance, which does not earn income for the Plan, is both (i) reasonable and in the best interests of the Plan and (ii) that the Plan receives no less, nor pays no more, than adequate consideration with respect to this arrangement. If the Responsible Plan Fiduciary chooses to avoid holding un-invested cash as a free credit balances, the Plan should not fund the Account until after the Account paperwork has been accepted by LPL as being in good order.

Further Information

For further information about LPL's sweep programs or the Account, please contact IAR.

19. RIGHT TO ADVOCATE AND REFUSAL TO ACCEPT ORDERS

LPL shall have the right at its sole discretion to advocate administratively or judicially on your behalf where LPL suspects exploitation of any kind, dementia and/or undue influence. LPL shall have at its sole discretion the authority to pause or refuse to obey any instructions or orders for, including but not limited to, transactions, disbursements, or account transfers.

20. TRUSTED CONTACT PERSON DISCLOSURE

You understand by providing a trusted contact person in the Account Application, you give permission to LPL and its associated persons, including your IAR, to use their discretion to contact the trusted contact person and disclose information about you and your Account in order to:

- address concerns that you might be a victim of financial exploitation which could include fraud, coercion, or unauthorized transactions,
- address a temporary hold on a disbursement of funds or securities pertaining to possible financial exploitation or other concerns,
- confirm your current contact information,
- confirm and address your whereabouts and health status, and/or
- confirm the identity of any legal guardian, executor, trustee, holder of a power or attorney, or other person who may be acting on your behalf (such as an attorney or accountant).

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21. ARBITRATION

Client agrees to direct any complaints regarding the handling of Client's account to IAR and the LPL Legal Department in writing.

This Agreement contains a predispute arbitration clause. By signing an arbitration agreement the parties agree as follows:

- All parties to this Agreement are giving up the right to sue each other in court, including the right to a trial by jury, except as provided by the rules of the arbitration forum in which a claim is filed.
- Arbitration awards are generally final and binding; a party's ability to have a court reverse or modify an arbitration award is very limited.
- The ability of the parties to obtain documents, witness statements and other discovery is generally more limited in arbitration than in court proceedings.
- The arbitrators do not have to explain the reason(s) for their award, unless, in an eligible case, a joint request for an explained decision has been submitted by all parties to the panel at least 20 days prior to the first hearing date.
- The Panel of Arbitrators will typically include a minority of arbitrators who were or are affiliated with the securities industry.
- The rules of some arbitration forums may impose time limits for bringing a claim in arbitration. In some cases, a claim that is ineligible for arbitration may be brought in court.
- The rules of the arbitration forum in which the claim is filed, and any amendments thereto, shall be incorporated into this Agreement.

In consideration of opening one or more accounts for you, you agree that any controversy between you and LPL and/or your IAR arising out of or relating to your account, transactions with or for you, or the construction, performance, or breach of this Agreement whether entered into prior, on or subsequent to the date hereof, shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with the rules, then in effect, of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Any arbitration award hereunder shall be final, and judgment upon the award rendered may be entered in any court, state or federal, having jurisdiction. You understand that you cannot be required to arbitrate any dispute or controversy nonarbitrable under federal law.

OMP SCHEDULE A - FEES

MAXIMUM FEE (ANNUALLY) 2.50%
OMP SCHEDULE B - TRANSACTION CHARGES
MUTUAL FUNDS
PURCHASE OR LIQUIDATION \$5.00



Miscellaneous Account and Service Fees Schedule Advisory

The listed fees below do not include advisory fees. These fees apply to the following LPL Financial program accounts: Strategic Asset Management (SAM), SAM II, Optimum Market Portfolios, Advisory and Brokerage (OMP), Model Wealth Portfolios (MWP), Personal Wealth Portfolios (PWP) and Manager Select. Some of these fees may not apply to all of these account types. Some of these fees may be waived under certain conditions.¹

ACCOUNT OR SERVICE	FEE	FREQUENCY
ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE		
Transaction Fee/Service Charge ²	\$5	Per transaction
Corporate Actions — Mandatory (if securities are in physical form)	\$15	Per security
Corporate Actions — Voluntary or Mandatory with Options (if election is made)	\$25	Per security
Express Mail/Overnight Delivery	\$15	Per shipment unless otherwise noted
Extension for Money or Securities Received Past Settlement	\$15	Per event
Interest Charged for Money or Securities Received Past Settlement	Cash Due Interest Rate	Begins accruing 3 days after trade settlement
Legal Transfer — for processing of certificate requiring legal documentation (e.g., power of attorney, court appointment, death certificate, corporate resolution, etc.)	\$20	Per security
Outgoing Account Transfer — for processing full account transfer of all assets and positions to another financial institution (excludes retirement accounts)	\$125	Per account
Outgoing Account Transfer Check — for processing outgoing account transfer of physical checks	\$15	Per check over \$1,000
	\$20	Per item
Return/Rejected Item/Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF)		
Small Account Fee ³	\$10	Per quarter (for accounts below \$100,000)
Retirement Account Fees:		
Annual IRA Maintenance — for custodial and tax reporting services provided to maintain an individual retirement account (IRA) ⁴	\$40	Per year/per account
Annual QRP and 403(b)(7) Maintenance — for custodial and tax reporting services provided to	\$ 10	
maintain qualified retirement plan (QRP) or 403(b)(7) account ⁴	\$50	Per year/per account
IRA/QRP and 403(b)(7) Termination	\$125	Per account
QRP and 403(b)(7) Loan Processing	\$50	Per loan
Roth IRA Conversion	\$25	Per conversion
	\$100	Per 900-T
990-T Filing	\$50	Per 1099-R
1099-R for Omnibus/Pooled QRPs CASH MANAGEMENT SERVICES	\$20	Per 1099-R
Checking — for Premier Plus checkwriting account feature, if selected	\$60	Per year
Deposit Cash Account sweep fee ⁵		Monthly, per account
	\$4.04 (as of 7/1/16, subject to change)	
Stop Payment	\$10	Per check
Wired Funds	\$25	Per wire
IVESTMENT SPECIFIC		
Alternative Investment (AI) Products ³ :		
AI Product Processing	\$50	Per transaction
AI Administration	\$35	Per year/per position (\$100 max)
AI Unrelated Business Taxable Income (UBTI) Filing — for preparation and filing of tax forms for UBTI, if applicable	\$100	Per required filing
Foreign Securities:		
Foreign Transaction Tax ⁶	0.3%	Per purchase transaction
Transaction (not applicable to American Depository Receipts)	\$40	Per transaction or transfer
Transfer and Ship	\$250	Per transfer
Physical Certificates / Transfer and Ship — for issuance of physical certificate upon request (rate		
depends on transfer agent)	\$0 - \$25	Per certificate
Restricted Securities — Legend Removal	\$50	Per legal transfer
Stock Option — Exercise (Cashless)	Margin Interest Rate	Per transaction
Transaction Charges ⁷ :		
Equities, ETFs, Closed-end Funds	\$9	Per transaction
Fixed Income	\$50	Per transaction
Mutual Funds ⁸	\$0, \$4.50, \$26.50	Per transaction
Options	\$25	Per transaction

¹ See account agreements for more information. These fees generally are not based directly on the costs of the transaction or service by LPL, and may include a profit to LPL.

² This fee applies to OMP accounts only.

³ This fee applies to SAM/SAM II accounts only.

⁴ This fee does not apply to OMP, MWP and PWP accounts.

⁵ This fee only applies to IRAs that participate in the DCA Program. This monthly fee is based on a formula equal to \$1.00 plus, \$0.08 times the current Federal Funds Target (FFT) in basis points and varies with FFT. The current fee can be found at lpl.com. It is expected that this fee will be recouped from the DCA Program Banks and will not be a fee directly applied to your account. For more information, see the DCA Disclosure booklet.

⁶ A Foreign Transaction Tax is charged by LPL on foreign equity security purchases where the underlying non-U.S. securities are from French or Italian issuers. This tax is levied by the French or Italian governments, and the charge offsets the tax incurred by LPL as a result of executing the transaction on your behalf.

⁷ These fees apply to SAM accounts only.

8 The charge is \$0 for a Full Participating Fund (a fund that pays a certain level of recordkeeping fees to LPL and/or is part of LPL's "No Transaction Fee Network"), \$4.50 for a Participating Fund (a fund that pays a certain level of recordkeeping fees to LPL), and \$26.50 for a Non-Participating Fund (a fund that does not pay recordkeeping fees or pays below a certain level of recordkeeping fees to LPL).

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Make Checks Payable as Follows:

John Doe 123 Main St. Your Town, USA	001 Date: 12/1/16
PAY TO THE ORDER OF: LPL Financial	\$ 600.00
six hundred dollars	DOLLARS
Notes: Account Number	Signature: John Doe

Security Endorsement Instructions:

For value received, (Leave Blank) hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto (Leave Blank) shares represented by the within certificate and do hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint (LPL Financial) as Attorney to transfer the said shares on the books of the within named Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises. <u>Dated</u>: (Date Signed)

Signed: (Sign Exactly as Registered on the Front, With All Signatures)

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Facts	What Does LPL Financial Do with Your Personal Information?	
Why?	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.	
What?	The types of personal information we collect can include: • Social Security number • Investment experience • Income • Account transactions • Assets • Retirement assets When you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we will continue to hold your information and share it as described in this notice.	
How?	All financial companies need to share customers' personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons why financial companies can share their customers' personal information, the reasons LPL chooses to share personal information and whether you can limit this sharing.	

Reasons We Can Share Your Personal Information	Does LPL Financial Share?	Can You Limit This Sharing?
For our everyday business purposes, such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes to offer our products and services to you	No	We don't share
For joint marketing with other financial companies	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your transactions and experiences	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness	No	We don't share
For non-affiliates to market to you—for clients with accounts established with LPL representatives at banks or credit unions	No	We don't share
For non-affiliates to market to you—for clients with accounts established with LPL independent representatives		Yes
* If your independent representative terminates his or her relationship with us and moves to another brokerage or investment advisory firm, we or your independent representative may disclose your personal information to the new firm, unless you instruct us not to by returning the completed Privacy Choices Notice form attached to this notice.		
Questions? Go to <u>www.lpl.com</u>		

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Vhat We Do	
How does LPL Financial protect my personal information?	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings. Our online environment uses security technologies, including layered security and access controls over personal information. For further information, please visit the page <u>How LPL Financial Secures Your Information</u> .
How does LPL Financial collect my personal information?	 We collect your personal information, for example, when you: Open an account Apply for insurance Tell us about your investment or retirement portfolio Seek advice about your investments We also collect your personal information from others such as credit bureaus, affiliates or other companies.
Why can't l limit all sharing?	 Federal law gives you the right to limit only: Sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness Affiliates from using your information to market to you Sharing for non-affiliates to market to you State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing. See below for more on your rights under state law.
What happens when I limit sharing for an account I hold jointly with someone else?	Your choices will apply to everyone on your account.

Demitions	
Affiliates	 Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and non-financial companies. Our affiliates include companies with an LPL Financial name; financial companies such as The Private Trust Company, N.A; non-financial companies and others.
Non-Affiliates	 Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and non-financial companies. Non-affiliates we may share information with include an independent representative's new brokerage or an investment advisory firm.
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between non-affiliates financial companies that together market financial products or services to you: This may include banks, credit unions or other financial institutions with which we have a joint marketing agreement

Other Important Information

Information for California, North Dakota, and Vermont Customers

In response to applicable state law, if the mailing address provided for your account is in California, North Dakota, or Vermont, we will automatically treat your account as if you do not want us to disclose your personal information to non-affiliated third parties for purposes of them marketing to you, except as permitted by the applicable state law.

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Additional Information Regarding the LPL Financial Privacy Notice

For clients of LPL advisors also affiliated with a bank, credit union or other financial institution

If your account was opened in our offices located at a financial institution, such as a bank or credit union; and that financial institution decides to enter into a relationship with a new financial services provider, we may share your information with that new financial services provider so that your account can continue to be serviced.

Mail-In Form

Privacy Choices Notice

(To be used by clients of LPL Financial independent advisors only—not clients of advisors associated with a bank or credit union)

If you would like to limit the personal information that your financial advisor could disclose or take if he or she moved to another brokerage or investment advisory firm and terminated the relationship with LPL, please complete and mail the following form to:

Privacy Management LPL Financial 4707 Executive Drive San Diego, CA 92121-3091

You can withdraw your opt-out choice at any time by contacting us in writing at the address provided above.

If your primary address is in a state that requires your affirmative consent to share your personal information with the New Firm, then you must give your written consent before we will allow your financial advisor to take any of your personal information to that New Firm.

Please be aware that LPL Financial entered into the Protocol for Broker Recruiting (Protocol) on September 4, 2008, with certain other brokerage firms, and if LPL remains a signatory to the Protocol as of the effective date of your advisor's termination from LPL, then LPL will permit your financial advisor to take your name, address, phone number, email address and the account title of the accounts serviced (or additional information as permitted if the Protocol is amended) while your financial advisor was associated with LPL if your advisor joins one of these Protocol firms. The retention of this limited information by your advisor under the Protocol may occur even if you have exercised your rights to limit information sharing as described above.

By completing and returning this form as described, I am instructing LPL Financial to limit the personal information about me that my financial advisor could disclose or take if he or she moves to another brokerage or investment advisory firm and terminates the relationship with LPL Financial. However, I understand that LPL may disclose my name, address, telephone number, email and the account title of the accounts serviced by my advisor to the new brokerage or investment advisory firm as allowed under federal and certain state laws and the Protocol.

Please note that for accounts held jointly by two or more persons, the privacy choices made by any account holder apply to all joint holders with respect to the account. In order for your opt-out election to be effective, you must complete ALL of the following information:

In order for your opt-out election to be effective, you must complete ALL of the following information:

Name (please print clearly)

Address

City_____Phone Number

Name of LPL Financial Advisor

Signature

_____Date _____

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March 23, 2018

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Additional information about LPL also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

ITEM 1 COVER PAGE

ITEM 2 MATERIAL CHANGES

The following is a summary of certain changes made to this Brochure from the time of the annual update of the Brochure dated March 31, 2017. Item 9 was updated to provide information regarding disciplinary events, involving (i) a consent order with the Massachusetts Securities Division related to LPL's supervisory practices for LPL representatives located on the premises of a credit union (2017), (ii) a consent order with the New Jersey Bureau of Securities related to the sale of non-traded alternative investments in excess of prospectus standards or LPL's internal guidelines and the maintenance of related books and records (2017), and (iii) FINRA sanctions in connection with brokerage supervisory and disclosure procedures related to the sale of certain brokered certificates of deposit in brokerage accounts (2018). Item 9 also was updated to provide more information regarding outside business activities in which an IAR might engage, and the conflicts of interest that can be presented by those activities.

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ITEM 4 SERVICES, FEES AND COMPENSATION

Services

LPL offers various types of advisory services and programs, including wrap fee programs, mutual fund asset allocation programs, advisory programs offered by third party investment advisor firms, financial planning services, an advisor-enhanced digital advice program, and retirement plan consulting services. This Brochure provides a description of the advisory services offered under LPL's Optimum Market Portfolios ("OMP") program. For more information about LPL's advisory services and programs other than OMP, please contact your IAR for a copy of a similar brochure that describes such service or program or go to www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. IARs are required by applicable rules and policies to obtain licenses and complete certain training in order to recommend certain investment products and services. You should be aware that your IAR, depending on the licenses



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or training obtained, may or may not be able to recommend certain investments, models or services. Please ask your IAR about the investments, models and services he or she is licensed or qualified to sell.

LPL is also a broker-dealer registered with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), and an IAR also may be registered with LPL as a broker-dealer registered representative. Therefore, an IAR may be able to offer a client both investment advisory and brokerage services. Before engaging with an IAR, clients should take time to consider the differences between an advisory relationship and a brokerage relationship to determine which type of service best serves the client's investment needs and goals. Clients should speak to the IAR to understand the different types of services available through LPL. Clients also should refer to the informational brochure on <u>www.lpl.com</u> titled "Working with an LPL Financial Advisor: The Choice Between Advisory Services and Brokerage Services."

The OMP program is a professionally managed mutual fund asset allocation program in which LPL and its IARs provide ongoing investment advice and management. The IAR obtains the necessary financial data from the client, assists the client in determining the suitability of the program and assists the client in setting an appropriate investment objective. The IAR selects a model portfolio of mutual funds ("Portfolio") designed by LPL's Research Department consistent with the client's stated investment objective. The Portfolios are made up of mutual funds in the Optimum Funds mutual fund family. A Portfolio may include up to six Optimum Funds. The OMP program also permits clients to select a third party investment advisor firm associated with an LPL registered representative, in lieu of an IAR, to provide the advisory services described in this brochure.

LPL has discretion to buy and sell securities in the account and will invest the account based on the Portfolio selected. LPL rebalances accounts based on the allocations in the Portfolio as described below. LPL reviews the account for rebalancing on the frequency selected by the client at account opening or as altered by the IAR or the client from time to time. The choices for frequency of rebalancing are quarterly (four times per year), semi-annually (two times per year) or annually (once per year). Accounts are reviewed on the frequency selected based on the anniversary date of account opening, to determine if rebalancing is necessary. At each rebalancing review date, accounts are rebalanced if at least one of the account positions is outside a range determined by LPL, subject to a minimum transaction amount established by LPL in its discretion. In addition, LPL may review the account for rebalancing in the event that PL Research changes the model portfolio.

LPL may accommodate requests by client or IAR for all or a portion of the assets in the account to remain allocated to cash for a period of time. Such customized Portfolio requests, liquidation requests in connection with withdrawals, and changes to the Portfolio or investment objective selected may take up to 5 business days to process, and, in certain circumstances, may take longer. LPL invests deposits in an account according to the Portfolio, but such deposits (or a portion thereof) may be liquidated and the proceeds may remain in cash until certain conditions are met related to trade size and positive deviation from the target allocation. Although OMP accounts are not considered tax efficient or tax managed, LPL may delay placing transactions on non-retirement accounts by one day for any rebalancing scheduled to occur on the first one year anniversary date of the account opening in an attempt to limit short-term tax treatment for any position being sold.

In connection with the program, LPL also acts as custodian to accounts, provides brokerage services as the broker-dealer on transactions, and performs administrative services, such as quarterly performance reporting to clients.

Fee Schedule

In the OMP program, clients pay LPL and its IARs an ongoing advisory fee ("Account Fee"). The Account Fee is negotiable between the client and the IAR and is set out in the Account Application. The Account Fee is typically a straight percentage based on the value of all assets in the account, including cash holdings. The Account Fee also may be structured on a tiered basis, with a reduced percentage rate based on reaching certain thresholds. The maximum Account Fee is 2.50%. The Account Fee is paid to LPL, and LPL shares up to 100% of the Account Fee (typically between 90% to 100%) with the IAR based on the agreement between LPL and the IAR. A portion of the fee to the IAR may be paid by the IAR to his or her LPL branch manager or another LPL representative for supervision or administrative support.



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How the Account Fee is Charged

LPL deducts the Account Fee and other fees and charges associated with an OMP account from the account. LPL calculates and deducts the Account Fee in the method described in the Account Agreement, unless other arrangements are made in writing. If a client wishes to be billed for the Account Fee, rather than a deduction directly from the account, the client needs to make a request to LPL through the IAR.

Payment in Advance and Refund of Pre-Paid Fees

LPL deducts the Account Fee quarterly in advance. If the Account Agreement is terminated before the end of the quarterly period, LPL will pay the client a prorated refund of any pre-paid quarterly Account Fee based on the number of days remaining in the quarter after the termination date. However, if the account is closed within the first six months by the client or as a result of withdrawals that bring the account value below the required minimum, LPL reserves the right to retain the pre-paid quarterly Account Fee for the current quarter in order to cover the administrative costs of establishing the account (for example, the costs related to transferring positions in and out of the account, data entry in opening the account, reconciliation of positions in order to issue quarterly performance information, and re-registration of positions). After the termination date, LPL may convert the account to a brokerage account. In a brokerage account, client is charged a commission for each transaction and LPL and the IAR have no responsibility to provide ongoing investment advice.

Other Types of Direct Fees and Expenses of LPL

In addition to the Account Fee, LPL assesses a transaction charge of \$5 on each purchase and sale transaction. The transaction charge is identified under the service charge column on trade confirmations and represents a payment for expenses associated with trade execution and processing, including for preparing, printing and/or delivering confirmations. LPL does not share any portion of the transaction charge with the IAR. Transaction charges present conflicts of interest. For example, where transaction charges apply, the more transactions Client enters into, the more compensation LPL receives. The transaction charge may be higher or lower than commissions otherwise payable in the absence of the Account Fee. When an investment change is made to the account (e.g., for transactions resulting from contributions, rebalancing, model changes, and withdrawals), the transaction charge can represent a meaningful cost to Client, in particular, at smaller account sizes.

Clients also pay LPL other additional miscellaneous administrative or custodial-related fees and charges that apply to an OMP account. LPL notifies clients of these charges at account opening and makes available a current list of these charges on its website at <u>www.lpl.com</u>. These fees include retirement account fees and termination fees, including, for example, a fee for loans processed for qualified retirement plan and 403(b)(7) plan accounts and an account termination fee for processing a full account transfer to another financial institution. These transaction charges and other direct fees are not directly based on the costs of the transaction or service by LPL, may include a profit to LPL, and certain of the fees may be lowered or waived for certain clients.

Fees Charged by Third Parties, Including the Optimum Funds

There are other fees and charges that are imposed by third parties other than LPL that apply to investments in OMP accounts. In OMP, assets are invested in mutual funds and, therefore, there are two layers of advisory fees and expenses for those assets. Client will pay an advisory fee to the investment advisor of the Optimum Funds and other expenses as a shareholder of the Funds. Client will also pay LPL and IAR the Account Fee with respect to those assets. The Optimum Funds or funds with similar investment objectives may be purchased outside of LPL. Therefore, clients could generally avoid the second layer of fees by not using the advisory services of LPL and IAR and by making their own decisions regarding mutual fund investing. The amount of the advisory fees and other expenses of the Optimum Funds is set out in the prospectus and financial statements of the Optimum Funds, which are available upon request from IAR or the Optimum Funds directly.

Client should understand that a portion of the fees and expenses Client pays as a shareholder of the Optimum Funds is used by the sponsor of the Funds to pay LPL for services LPL provides with respect to the funds. See Item 9, "Participation or Interest in Client Transactions," for more information on the payments received by LPL with respect to the Optimum Funds.

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Client should be aware that securities liquidated in order to fund an account may have been subject to a commission or sales load when the security was originally purchased.

Important Things to Consider About Fees on an OMP Account

- The Account Fee is a single fee for investment advisory services and other administrative and custodial services. Clients do
 not pay a commission to LPL but do pay a transaction charge as described above. The Account Fee may cost the client
 more than purchasing the program services separately, for example, paying an advisory fee plus commissions to a brokerdealer for each transaction in the account. Factors that bear upon the cost of the account in relation to the cost of the same
 services purchased separately include the:
 - type and size of the account
 - historical and or expected size or number of trades for the account, and
 - number and range of supplementary advisory and client-related services provided to the client.
- The Account Fee may be higher than the fees charged by other investment advisors for similar services. This is the case in
 particular if the Account Fee is at or near the maximum Account Fee set out above. The IAR is responsible for determining the
 Account Fee to charge each client based on factors such as total amount of assets involved in the relationship and the
 complexity, number and range of supplementary advisory and client-related services to be provided to the account. Clients
 should consider the level and complexity of the advisory services to be provided when negotiating the Account Fee with IAR.
- The investment products available to be purchased in the program can be purchased by clients outside of an OMP account, through broker-dealers or other investment firms not affiliated LPL.
- Clients should consider the impact of fees and expenses on their investment portfolio, as described in the informational brochure titled "How Fees and Expenses Affect Your Portfolio" on the <u>LPL.com</u> Investor Regulatory Resources page.

ITEM 5 ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS AND TYPES OF CLIENTS

LPL generally requires a minimum account value of \$10,000. In certain instances, LPL will permit a lower minimum account size. An account will not be invested according to the Portfolio until the minimum has been reached. The program is available for individuals, IRAs, banks and thrift institutions, pension and profit sharing plans, including plans subject to Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), trusts, estates, charitable organizations, state and municipal government entities, corporations and other business entities.

ITEM 6 PORTFOLIO MANAGER SELECTION AND EVALUATION

In OMP, LPL does not select, review or recommend the services of other investment advisor or portfolio management firms. LPL and its IARs are responsible for the investment advice and management offered to clients, and the client selects the IAR who services the account. LPL generally requires that individuals involved in determining or giving investment advice have at least two years financial planning, advisory or brokerage-related experience. Each IAR is also generally required to possess a FINRA Series 6, 7, 65, or 66 license (to the extent required). For more information about the IAR managing the account, client should refer to the Brochure Supplement for the IAR, available from the IAR.

In OMP, clients invest in Portfolios designed by LPL's Research Department. LPL's Research Department provides various types of advisory services. LPL Research provides research recommendations on asset allocation and mutual funds and ETFs. LPL Research provides investment advice on mutual fund selection and allocation through other LPL advisory programs, such as Model Wealth Portfolios and Personal Wealth Portfolios. LPL Research also reviews and recommends outside portfolio management firms for LPL's separately managed account wrap program, Manager Select.

LPL Research designs different types of Portfolios for OMP to meet the varying needs of clients. The IAR selects the Portfolio and provides advice based on the client's individual needs. LPL receives a portion of the Account Fee for the Portfolio design services of LPL Research. LPL and its IARs do not accept performance-based fees under OMP.

LPL's Research Department uses the following investment strategies in designing Portfolios. It is important to note that no methodology or investment strategy is guaranteed to be successful or profitable. Investing in securities involves the risk of loss



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that clients should be prepared to bear. Each of these investment strategies seek to generate capital appreciation while assuming a reasonable amount of risk.

- *Standard*. These Portfolios invest in up to six Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, international, and fixed income.
- U.S. These Portfolios invest in up to five Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, and fixed income. These Portfolios do not invest in international.
- Growth Tilt. These Portfolios invest in up to six Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, international, and fixed income. These Portfolios are over-weighted to growth relative to the standard models.
- Value Tilt. These Portfolios invest in up to six Optimum Funds across the following asset classes: large growth, large value, small/mid growth, small/mid value, international, and fixed income. These Portfolios are over-weighted to value relative to the standard models.

For Standard and U.S. Portfolios described above, LPL Research makes available a strategic or tactical version for each Portfolio. The strategic Portfolios are intended to take advantage of market opportunities that will occur or persist over a three-to-fiveyear time frame. The tactically managed Portfolios are intended to take advantage of short-, medium-, or long-term opportunities. In addition, for the Standard Portfolios there are two different versions of the tactically-managed portfolios: Traditional Standard and Spectrum Standard. The asset allocation of the Traditional Standard Portfolios is set primarily leveraging the LPL Research macroeconomic views. The asset allocation of the Spectrum Standard Portfolios is set primarily leveraging the LPL Research diligence views.

Types of Investments and Risks

Investing in securities involves the risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Described below are some risks associated with investing.

- *Market Risk.* This is the risk that the value of securities owned by an investor may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting securities markets generally or particular industries.
- Interest Rate Risk. This is the risk that fixed income securities will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates; a bond or a fixed income fund with a longer duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a bond or bond fund with a shorter duration.
- Credit Risk. This is the risk that an investor could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security is unable or unwilling to meet its financial obligations.
- Investment Company Risk. To the extent a client account invests in ETFs or other investment companies, its performance will be affected by the performance of those other investment companies. Investments in ETFs and other investment companies are subject to the risks of the investment companies' investments, as well as to the investment companies' expenses. If a client account invests in other investment companies, the client account may receive distributions of taxable gains from portfolio transactions by that investment company and may recognize taxable gains from transactions in shares of that investment company, which would be taxable when distributed.

Voting Client Securities

In OMP, LPL and IARs do not accept authority to vote client securities. Clients retain the right to vote all proxies that are solicited for securities held in the account. Clients will receive proxies or other solicitations from LPL. If clients have questions regarding the solicitation, they should contact the contact person that the issuer identifies in the proxy materials or their IAR. In addition, LPL and IARs do not accept authority to take action with respect to legal proceedings relating to securities held in the account.

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ITEM 7 CLIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

The IAR obtains the necessary financial data from the client and assists the client in setting appropriate investment objectives for the account. The IAR obtains this information by having the client complete an Account Application which is a part of the Account Agreement. In quarterly communications, LPL asks clients to contact the IAR if there have been any changes in the client's financial situation or investment objectives or if they wish to impose any reasonable restrictions on the management of the account or reasonably modify existing restrictions.

Clients should understand that the investment objective selected for the program in the Account Application is an overall objective for the entire account and may be inconsistent with a particular holding and the account's performance at any time. Client also should be aware that achievement of the stated investment objective is a long-term goal for the account.

ITEM 8 CLIENT CONTACT WITH PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

LPL does not place any restrictions on a clients' ability to contact and consult with IARs.

ITEM 9 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Disciplinary Information

As an investment advisor and broker-dealer regulated by the SEC, LPL was found by the SEC to have willfully violated Rule 30(a) of Regulation S-P, which requires broker-dealers and investment advisors to have written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to safeguard customer records and information. The SEC ordered LPL to cease and desist from committing future violations of Rule 30(a), censured it for its conduct, and ordered it to pay a \$275,000 penalty (2008).

LPL, as a broker-dealer, is a member of ("FINRA") and has found to be in violation of FINRA's rules related to its brokerage activities. In particular, LPL consented to sanctions related to the following matters:

- LPL's brokerage supervisory and disclosure procedures related to the sale of certain brokered certificates of deposit in brokerage accounts, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$375,000 (2018).
- LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to the creation and distribution of certain required account notices, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$900,000, and an undertaking to review affected processes (2016).
- LPL's systems and supervisory procedures relating to the format in which certain electronic records were retained, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$750,000 (2016).
- LPL's various brokerage supervisory procedures, including those related to the sale of complex non-traditional ETFs, variable annuity ("VA") contracts, real estate investment trusts ("REITs") and other products in brokerage accounts, as well as LPL's failure to monitor and report trades and deliver trade confirmations, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$10,000,000, and restitution of \$1,664,592 (2015).
- LPL's processing and supervision of the sale of alternative investments, including non-traded REITs resulting in a censure and a fine of \$950,000 (2014).
- LPL's systems and procedures to review and retention of email, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$7.5 million, and establishment of a fund of \$1.5 million to cover payments to eligible former brokerage customer claimants who may not have received all emails in connection with their claim (2013).
- LPL's supervisory systems to monitor and ensure the timely delivery of mutual fund prospectuses, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$400,000 (2012).
- LPL's procedures regarding its review of e-mail communications, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$100,000 (2011).
- LPL's procedures on transmittals of cash and securities from customer accounts to third party accounts, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$100,000 (2011).
- LPL's procedures on supervision of VA exchanges, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$175,000 (2010).
- Allegations that LPL failed to reasonably supervise a registered representative regarding his use of strategies and recommendations involving UITs, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$125,000 (2008).



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LPL, as a broker-dealer, is regulated by each of the 50 states and has been the subject of orders related to the violation of state laws and regulations in connection with its brokerage activities. In particular, LPL entered into consent orders related to the following matters:

- The sale of non-traded alternative investments in excess of prospectus standards or LPL's internal guidelines and the maintenance of related books and records, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$950,000, a \$25,000 contribution to an investor education fund and remediation of losses to impacted customers (New Jersey, 2017).
- LPL's supervisory practices for LPL representatives located on the premises of a credit union, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$1,000,000, and an undertaking to avoid investor confusion specific to the name under which the credit union does business and review LPL's related policies and procedures (Massachusetts or "MA," 2017).
- LPL's oversight of certain VA transactions, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$975,000, restitution to clients and former clients of an LPL representative, disgorgement of commissions retained by LPL in connection with such representative's VA sales, and an undertaking to review such representative's brokerage and advisory activities and LPL's related policies and procedures (MA, 2017).
- The sale in brokerage accounts of non-traded REITs in excess of prospectus standards, state concentration limits or LPL's internal guidelines, resulting in an aggregate civil penalty of \$1,425,000, reimbursement of certain investigative expenses and remediation of losses to impacted customers (Global settlement with certain members of the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), 2015).
- The sale of non-traded REITs in excess of prospectus standards, state concentration limits or LPL's internal guidelines, resulting in an administrative fine of \$250,000, reimbursement of investigative costs of \$250,000, a \$250,000 contribution to an investor education fund and remediation of losses to impacted customers (New Hampshire, 2015).
- The sale of leveraged and inverse leveraged ETFs ("Leveraged ETFs"), resulting in an administrative fine of \$50,000 (Delaware), a penalty of \$200,000 (MA), restitution to Delaware customers in an amount up to \$150,000, restitution to MA customers in an amount up to \$1,600,000, and an agreement to make certain changes in its supervisory system with respect to Leveraged ETFs (2015).
- Failure to implement procedures related to the use of senior-specific titles by LPL representatives as required under MA law, resulting in a censure and a fine of \$250,000 (2015).
- Failure to detect improper and fraudulent conduct by an LPL representative, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$500,000, and restitution to impacted customers; and failure to adequately enforce supervisory procedures and maintain certain books and records required under Illinois law in connection with certain VA exchange transactions, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$2,000,000, and restitution to impacted customers (2014).

The sale of non-traded REITs to MA residents in excess of MA concentration limits, resulting in a censure, a fine of \$500,000, and restitution to impacted customers (2013). For more information about those state events and other disciplinary and legal events involving LPL and its IARs, client should refer to Investment Advisor Public Disclosure at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov or FINRA BrokerCheck at www.finra.org.

Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

LPL is a broker-dealer registered with FINRA and the SEC. As a broker-dealer, LPL transacts business in various types of securities, including mutual funds, stocks, bonds, commodities, options, private and public partnerships, variable annuities, REITs and other investment products. LPL is registered to operate in all 50 states and has primarily an independent-contractor sales force of registered representatives and IARs dispersed throughout the United States. LPL has a dedicated team of employee IARs who service certain accounts in the absence of an IAR. IARs are registered representatives of LPL. If required for their positions with a registered broker-dealer, LPL's principal executive officers are securities licensed as registered representatives of LPL. LPL is also registered as a transfer agent with the SEC and as an introducing broker with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. In addition, LPL is qualified to sell insurance products in all 50 states.

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LPL and The Private Trust Company, N.A. ("PTC"), a federally chartered non-depository bank licensed to provide trust services in all 50 states, are related persons. PTC serves as IRA custodian for program accounts set up as IRAs and receives an annual maintenance fee for this service. PTC also provides personal trustee services to clients for a variety of administrative fiduciary services, which services may relate to a program account. PTC's IRA custodian and trustee services and related fees are established under a separate engagement between the client and PTC.

IARs are permitted to engage in certain LPL-approved business activities other than the provision of brokerage and advisory services through LPL, and in certain cases, an IAR could receive greater compensation through the outside business than through LPL. An IAR could also be an accountant, real estate agent, tax preparer, lawyer or refer customers to other service providers and receive referral fees, for example. As other examples, an IAR could provide advisory or financial planning services through an independent unaffiliated investment advisory firm, sell insurance through a separate business, or provide third-party administration to retirement plans through a separate firm. If an IAR provides investment services to a retirement plan as a representative of LPL and also provides administration services to the plan through a separate firm, this typically means the IAR is compensated from the plan for the two services. If you engage with an IAR for services separate from LPL, you may wish to discuss with him or her any questions you have about the compensation he or she receives from the engagement.

Code of Ethics and Personal Trading

LPL has adopted a code of ethics that includes guidelines regarding personal securities transactions of its employees and IARs. The code of ethics permits LPL employees and IARs to invest for their own personal accounts in the same securities that LPL and IARs purchase for clients in program accounts. This presents a conflict of interest because trading by an employee or IAR in a personal securities account in the same security on or about the same time as trading by a client can disadvantage the client. LPL addresses this conflict of interest by requiring in its code of ethics that LPL employees and IARs report certain personal securities transactions and holdings to LPL. LPL has procedures to review personal trading accounts for front-running. In addition, employees in LPL's Research Department are required to obtain pre-clearance prior to purchasing certain securities for a personal account. Employees and IARs are also required to obtain pre-approval for investments in private placements and initial public offerings. A copy of the code of ethics is available to clients or prospective clients upon request and is available on LPL's website <u>www.lpl.com</u>.

Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

A purchase of mutual fund shares may be processed through LPL's proprietary account resulting in the purchase being characterized as a principal transaction for certain reporting purposes. In such case, the shares will be purchased at the fund's net asset value, and no additional charges will be applied to such transactions as a result of LPL's use of a proprietary account. LPL does not otherwise engage in principal transactions with its clients in the program. LPL's parent company, LPL Financial Holdings Inc., is a publicly traded company. LPL Financial Holdings Inc. stock may not be purchased directly in OMP accounts. However, an OMP account may include a mutual fund that holds LPL Financial Holdings Inc. stock as an underlying investment.

LPL provides investment consulting services to the investment advisor of the Optimum Funds. These services include assisting the investment advisor in determining whether to engage, maintain or terminate sub-advisors for the Optimum Funds. As compensation for these services, LPL receives an investment consulting fee of up to 0.22% of assets from the investment advisor to the Optimum Funds. In addition, the Chief Financial Officer of LPL serves as a Trustee of the Optimum Funds.

LPL also performs recordkeeping and administrative services on behalf of the Optimum Funds and receives compensation for the services based on the number of positions held by OMP clients in the Optimum Funds (\$16 annually per position). These services include establishing and maintaining sub-account records reflecting the issuance, exchange or redemption of shares by each program account. The receipt of this recordkeeping and investment consulting compensation by LPL presents a conflict of interest, because LPL has a financial benefit the more assets that are invested in the Optimum Funds. The investment consulting and recordkeeping compensation is retained by LPL and is not shared with its IARs.

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LPL makes available programs for cash in an OMP account to be automatically swept to a money market fund or an interestbearing Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC")-insured deposit account. For more information about which types of accounts are eligible to use the different sweep options, please speak to your IAR.

For OMP accounts that are set up for cash to sweep to a money market fund -- the available sweep money market funds typically pay higher 12b-1 fees than other money market funds. In addition, LPL receives compensation of up to 0.35% annually of the LPL client assets invested in the sweep money market funds for recordkeeping services it provides for the funds. LPL also receives up to 0.15% annually of the LPL client assets invested in the sweep money market funds in connection with marketing support services LPL provides to the money market fund sponsors. LPL receives up to 1.00% annually of LPL client assets in the sweep money market funds from the money market fund sponsor in connection with 12b-1 fees, recordkeeping and other compensation.

For accounts that sweep cash to the multi-bank insured cash account program offered by LPL (the "ICA")—LPL receives a fee equal to a percentage of the average daily deposit balance in the ICA. The fee paid to LPL is applied across all ICA deposit accounts taken in the aggregate; therefore, on some accounts, fees to LPL may be higher or lower than this amount. For accounts that sweep cash to the multi-bank deposit cash account program offered by LPL (the "DCA")—LPL receives a flat monthly fee per account based upon the prevailing fed funds target rate. LPL's compensation under the DCA program is not affected by the actual cash amounts held in your account. The compensation LPL receives with respect to the ICA or DCA may be higher than if a client invests in other sweep investment options.

LPL also makes available single-bank insured cash account programs. The banks sponsoring such programs may have an agreement with LPL for LPL IARs to offer advisory services on their premises. In the case of these single-bank programs, LPL receives a fee from the bank of up to 0.50% annually of the LPL client assets deposited at the bank under the program for its sweep processing services. For additional information on the insured cash account program for your Account, please see the applicable disclosure booklet available from IAR.

The compensation that LPL receives related to ICA, DCA and the sweep money market funds is in addition to the Account Fee that LPL and IAR receive with respect to the assets in the sweep investment. This compensation related to ICA, DCA and sweep money market funds presents a conflict of interest to LPL because LPL has a financial benefit if accounts invest in ICA, DCA or the sweep funds. However, LPL Research does not take into account this compensation when it makes decisions on a Portfolio's allocation to cash. LPL does not share this compensation with IARs.

LPL offers a program that enables clients to collateralize certain investment accounts in order to obtain secured loans through banking institutions that participate in the program. LPL receives third party compensation from participant banks based on the amount of outstanding loans. Compensation can be up to 0.65% of the outstanding loan amount.

If a client is a participant in an employer-sponsored retirement plan such as a 401(k) plan, and decides to roll assets out of the plan into the account, LPL has a financial incentive to recommend that the client invest those assets in the account, because LPL will be paid on those assets, for example, through advisory fees. You should be aware that such fees likely will be higher than those a participant pays through a plan, and there can be maintenance and other miscellaneous fees. As securities held in a retirement plan are generally not transferred to the account, commissions and sales charges will be charged when liquidating such securities prior to the transfer, in addition to commissions and sales charges previously paid on transactions in the plan.

Review of Accounts

LPL provides clients with regular written reports regarding their accounts. LPL provides detailed quarterly performance information describing account performance and positions. In addition, LPL transmits to clients account statements showing transactions, positions, and deposits and withdrawals of principal and income. IARs review monthly or quarterly accounts statements as well as quarterly performance information. Portfolio values and returns shown in performance reports for the year-end time period may include mutual fund dividends paid out prior to December 31 but that were posted to the account within the first 2 business days of the subsequent year. The inclusion of such dividends in the year-end performance report may cause discrepancies between the report and the account statement client receives from LPL for the same period.

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Other Compensation

LPL, LPL employees and IARs receive additional compensation from product sponsors. However, such compensation may not be tied to the sales of any products. Compensation includes such items as gifts valued at less than \$100 annually, an occasional dinner or ticket to a sporting event, or reimbursement in connection with educational meetings with IAR, client events or workshops, or marketing or advertising initiatives, including services for identifying prospective clients. Product sponsors may also pay for, or reimburse LPL for the costs associated with, education or training events that may be attended by LPL employees and IARs, client events and LPL-sponsored conferences and events.

LPL employees provide sales support resources to IARs that use LPL advisory programs. The compensation that LPL pays to these employees varies based on the assets in LPL's different advisory programs. These employees have an incentive to promote OMP to IARs over other advisory programs.

LPL receives compensation in the form of earnings on its short-term investment of cash in program accounts prior to the time the cash is invested for the account. These earnings are generally known as "float." Cash in the account would typically result from contributions to the account or sales of securities in the account. For accounts that opt out of the sweep program, the accounts may remain in free credit balances. In such case, LPL receives compensation in the form of earnings on cash. LPL does not share this compensation with your IAR.

In the event a trade error occurs in the Account, and such error is determined to be caused by LPL, LPL typically will cancel the trade and remove the resulting monetary loss to the client from the account. If a trade correction is required as a result of client (e.g., if client does not make full payment for purchases or fails to deliver negotiable securities for liquidations before trade settlement), LPL typically will cancel the trade and any resulting monetary loss will be borne by the client. In the case of a trade that requires a correction as described above and that resulted in a monetary gain to the client, such gain will be removed from the account and can result in a financial benefit to LPL.

Conflicts Related to LPL Compensation to IAR

The IAR recommending an advisory service receives compensation from LPL. LPL compensates IARs pursuant to an independent contractor agreement and not as an employee (although LPL has a dedicated team of employee IARs who service certain accounts in the absence of an IAR). This compensation includes all or a portion of the advisory fee and, such portion received by IAR may be more than what IAR would receive at another investment advisor firm. Such compensation includes other types of compensation, such as bonuses, awards or other things of value offered by LPL to the IAR. In particular, LPL pays its IARs in different ways, for example:

- payments based on production •
- equity awards from LPL's parent company, LPL Financial Holdings Inc., consisting of awards of either restricted stock • units (a promise to deliver stock in the future) or stock options to purchase stock, in each case subject to satisfaction of vesting and other conditions
- reimbursement or credits of fees that IARs pay to LPL for items such as administrative services, or technology fees •
- free or reduced-cost marketing materials •
- payments in connection with the transition of association from another broker-dealer or investment advisor firm to LPL .
- advances of advisory fees •
- payments in the form of repayable or forgivable loans •
- attendance at LPL conferences and events. .

LPL also charges IARs various fees under its independent contractor agreement, for example, for administrative, custody and clearing services to accounts, technology and licensing. In certain cases, LPL pays IARs this compensation, and charges IARs these fees, based on the IAR's overall business production and/or on the amount of assets serviced in LPL advisory relationships. When compensation or fees charged is based on the level of production or advisory assets of an IAR, the IAR has a financial incentive to meet those production or asset levels. The amount of this compensation from LPL could be more, and

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the amount of these fees charged by LPL could be less, than what the IAR would receive, or pay, if he or she associated with another investment advisor firm. The level of compensation and costs is an incentive for an IAR to become associated with LPL over another investment advisor firm. This compensation from LPL could be more than what the IAR receives than if the client participated in other LPL programs, programs of other investment advisors or paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services, and likewise, the fees that IAR pays to LPL could be less for OMP than other programs or services. In such cases, the IAR has a financial incentive to recommend advisory services in OMP over other programs and services. However, an IAR may only recommend a program or service that he or she believes is suitable for a client. LPL has systems in place to review IAR-managed accounts in OMP for suitability over the course of the advisory relationship.

LPL also provides various benefits and/or payments to IARs that are newly associated with LPL to assist the IAR with the costs (including foregone revenues during account transition) associated with transitioning his or her business to LPL (collectively referred to as "Transition Assistance"). The proceeds of such Transition Assistance payments are intended to be used for a variety of purposes, including but not necessarily limited to, providing working capital to assist in funding the IAR's business, satisfying any outstanding debt owed to the IAR's prior firm, offsetting account transfer fees (ACATs) payable to LPL as a result of the IAR's clients transitioning to LPL's custodial platform, technology set-up fees, marketing and mailing costs, stationary and licensure transfer fees, moving expenses, office space expenses, staffing support and termination fees associated with moving accounts.

The amount of the Transition Assistance payments are often significant in relation to the overall revenue earned or compensation received by the IAR at his or her prior firm. Such payments are generally based on the size of the IAR's business established at his or her prior firm and/or assets under custody with LPL. These payments are generally in the form of payments or loans to the IAR with favorable interest rate terms as compared to other lenders, which are paid by LPL or forgiven by LPL based on years of service with LPL (e.g., if the IAR remains with LPL for 5 years) and/or the scope of business engaged in with LPL, including the amount of advisory account assets with LPL. LPL does not verify that any payments made are actually used for such transition costs.

LPL also makes payments to IARs in connection with the transition of certain advisory business to LPL from his or her prior firm that is not approved on LPL's platform. These payments are tied to the amount of client assets that are transitioned from an unapproved platform at the prior firm to LPL's advisory programs.

The receipt of Transition Assistance creates a conflict of interest in that an IAR has a financial incentive to recommend that a client open and maintain an account with the IAR and LPL for advisory, brokerage and/or custody services in order to receive the Transition Assistance benefit or payment. LPL and its IARs attempt to mitigate these conflicts of interest by evaluating and recommending that clients use LPL's services based on the benefits that such services provide to clients, rather than the Transition Assistance earned by any particular IAR. However, clients should be aware of this conflict and take it into consideration in making a decision whether to establish or maintain a relationship with LPL.

Client Referrals

From time to time, LPL and/or its IARs may enter into lead generation and referral arrangements with third parties and other financial intermediaries, including participation in third-party programs for the purpose of introducing new clients to LPL and such IARs. Under these lead generation and referral arrangements, all referral parties are independent contractors. The compensation paid to such parties can be structured in various ways, including an ongoing flat fee.

LPL compensates other persons for solicitations of program accounts. LPL enters into an agreement with such solicitors and pays them a portion of the ongoing Account Fee for the solicitation. The solicitor discloses to the client at the time of the solicitation the arrangement and the compensation to be received by the solicitor. Only advisory accounts are eligible for this solicitation program, giving rise to a conflict of interest because the IAR and solicitor have an incentive that an advisory account be opened rather than a brokerage account.



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Lead generation, referral and solicitation arrangements give rise to conflicts of interests because the referring party has a financial incentive to introduce new investment advisory clients to LPL and its IARs. LPL's participation in these referral arrangements does not diminish its fiduciary obligations to its clients.

LPL and its IARs offer advisory services on the premises of unaffiliated financial institutions, like banks or credit unions. In such case, the advisory services are offered by LPL and not the financial institution, and any securities recommended as part of the investment advice are not guaranteed by the financial institution, or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other federal or state deposit guarantee fund relating to financial institutions.

LPL has entered into agreements with the financial institutions pursuant to which LPL shares compensation, including a portion of the Account Fee, with the financial institution for the use of the financial institution's facilities and for client referrals. In such case, instead of paying the IAR the portion of the Account Fee as described above, LPL may share such portion with the financial institution pursuant to the agreement between LPL and the financial institution, and the financial institution will pay part of that amount to IAR.

In addition, LPL may provide other forms of compensation to financial institutions, such as bonuses, awards or other things of value offered by LPL to the institution. In particular, LPL may pay a financial institution in different ways, for example, payments based on production, reimbursement of fees that LPL charges for items such as administrative services, and other things of value such as free or reduced-cost marketing materials, payments in connection with the transition of association from another broker-dealer or investment advisor firm to LPL, payments in the form of repayable or forgivable loans, advances of advisory fees, or attendance at LPL's national conference or top producer forums and events. LPL may pay this compensation based on overall business production and/or on the amount of assets serviced in LPL advisory programs. Therefore, the amount of this compensation may be more than what the financial institution would receive if the client participated in other LPL programs, programs of other investment advisors or paid separately for investment advice, brokerage and other client services. Therefore, the financial institution may have a financial incentive if an IAR recommends a program account over other programs and services.

Financial Information and Custody

LPL is a qualified custodian as defined in Rule 206(4)-2 and maintains custody of OMP client funds and securities in a separate account for each client under the client's name. LPL as a qualified custodian sends account statements showing all transactions, positions, and all deposits and withdrawals of principal and income. LPL sends account statements monthly when the account has had activity or quarterly if there has been no activity. Clients should carefully review those account statements.

Brokerage Practices

In OMP, LPL requires that clients direct LPL as the sole and exclusive broker-dealer to execute transactions in the account. Clients should understand that not all advisors or program sponsors require their clients to direct brokerage. However, clients should understand that LPL is not paid a commission for executing transactions in OMP accounts and execution is made at the net asset value of the mutual fund. Although LPL is not paid a commission for transactions in the account, LPL charges a \$5 transaction charge for each transaction. Because LPL bears costs for each transaction made in an account, this presents a conflict of interest because these costs may be a factor LPL considers when deciding which securities to select and whether or not to place transactions in an account. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by compensating the team responsible for directing the trades through a bonus based on the performance of the portfolios; therefore, the team is not incentivized by cost reduction.

LPL will aggregate transactions for a client with other clients. LPL also will aggregate rebalancing transactions for an account with other program accounts. Due to the large number of accounts that may be involved in rebalancing transactions on a single day, LPL may effect transactions for some accounts on one day and for other accounts on the following day or days. In such case, LPL will have discretion to sequence the accounts involved in rebalancing transactions with the goal of treating all accounts equitably over time.

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Brochure Supplements

Accompanying this Brochure are Brochure Supplements for individual employees or officers of LPL. Note that although these individuals are responsible for investment advice provided by LPL and may meet with clients from time to time, they are not IARs responsible for the ongoing individualized investment advice provided to a particular client. For more information about the IAR managing the account, client should refer to the Brochure Supplement for the IAR, which should have been provided by the IAR along with this Brochure at the time client opened the account. If client did not receive a Brochure Supplement for the IAR, the client should contact the IAR or LPL at <u>lplfinancial.adv@lpl.com</u>.

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This Brochure Supplement provides information about certain LPL employees or officers that supplements the LPL Financial Brochure that is attached to this Brochure Supplement. Please contact LPL Financial at the number above if you did not receive the LPL Financial Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure Supplement. You may also contact your LPL investment advisor representative with questions.

Additional information about these LPL employees or officers is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u>.

Note that, although these LPL employees or officers included in this Brochure Supplement are responsible for investment advice provided by LPL and may meet with clients from time to time, they are not the IARs responsible for the ongoing individualized investment advice provided to a particular client. For more information about the IAR managing the account, client should refer to the Brochure Supplement for the IAR, which should have been provided by the IAR along with the LPL Financial Brochure and this Brochure Supplement at the time client opened the account. If client did not receive a Brochure Supplement for the IAR or LPL at lplfinancial.adv@lpl.com.

Educational Background and Business Experience

Jeffrey Alan Buchbinder was born in 1971. He has a BA in Economics from Northwestern University and an MBA from Duke University. He is a Vice President, Equity Strategist and Portfolio Manager for LPL Financial Research and has been with the firm since 2003. Prior to joining LPL, he served as an Equity Research Associate at Sanford C. Bernstein. Prior to Bernstein, he was an Equity Research Associate at Deutsche Bank.

Joseph Patrick Byrne was born in 1981. He has a BA in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross, and an MBA from Boston University. He is a Vice President and joined the LPL Research Department in 2011. Prior to joining LPL, he was an Investment Associate at Putnam Investments.

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Barry Seth Gilbert was born in 1967. He has a BA in Philosophy from Haverford College, an MA from the Pennsylvania State University, and a PhD from Boston University. He is an Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager for LPL Research and has been with the firm since 2013. Prior to joining LPL, he taught at Harvard University.

Marcus Ehlers was born in 1960. He has a BA from the University of Iowa. He is Executive Vice President of Trading and Client Compensation at LPL and joined LPL in 2010. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Ehlers was an internal business consultant at Fidelity Investments from 2009 to 2010, and a Vice President at Schwab Institutional prior to 2009.

George Burton White was born in 1969. He has a BBA from the College of William and Mary. He is Managing Director, Investor and Investment Solutions and Chief Investment Officer and has served in that position as Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer since 2009. He joined LPL in 2007 as a Managing Director and Director of Research. Prior to joining LPL, he was Managing Director and Director of Research at Wachovia Securities from 2000 to 2007.

Kirby Lepak Horan-Adams was born in 1976. She has a BA in Math and Economics from Trinity College, an MBA and MSF from Boston College, and a JD from Boston College Law School. She is an Executive Vice President and Director of Research at LPL and joined the LPL Research Department in 2006. Prior to joining LPL, she was an analyst at Cerulli Associates.

John Lynch was born in 1963. He has a BA in History from Villanova University and an MBA in Finance from The College of William and Mary. He joined LPL Financial in April, 2017 as Chief Investment Strategist and Executive Vice President, Research. He has been in the investment business for 30 years, having spent the last 20 years at Wells Fargo, where he held leadership roles in research and investment strategy for the brokerage, asset management and private banking divisions.

Joseph Edwin Rackley was born in 1981. He has an AB in History from Brown University. He is a Vice President for LPL Financial Research and has been with the firm since 2008. Prior to joining LPL, he served as a Vice President in the Advisory Services Group at Wachovia Securities, LLC.

Steven James Snyder was born in 1973. He has a BA in Economics and a BS in Cognitive Science from the University of California at San Diego. He is the Research Operating Officer of LPL, and has served in that position since 2014. Prior to joining LPL, Mr. Snyder was Head of Due Diligence at Fortigent. Prior to Fortigent, he was a Due Diligence analyst at Dunham & Associates.

Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events to disclose in response to this item.

Other Business Activities

Each of the individuals above is (or is in the process of becoming) a registered representative of LPL. Each of Mr. White, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Horan-Adams and Mr. Snyder is (or is in the process of becoming) an investment adviser representative of Fortigent, LLC ("Fortigent"), a registered investment adviser and related person of LPL. Mr. White is also the Chief Investment Officer of Fortigent. LPL is a registered broker-dealer and member of FINRA. Although these individuals are registered representatives of LPL, they do not engage in the sale of securities or receive commissions or other compensation based on the sale of securities or other investment products.

Additional Compensation

Each of these individuals receives a regular salary and a discretionary bonus. Such bonus for LPL Research personnel is based on the performance of certain portfolios managed by LPL Research. This bonus presents a potential conflict of interest because it could incentivize the LPL Research team to focus on short-term performance, take undue risk, or favor certain portfolios over others. However, LPL mitigates this conflict by basing the bonus calculation on short and long-term performance, capping the amount of compensation paid regardless of the return, and tying a portion of the compensation to the outperformance of all LPL managed portfolios.





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Supervision

Each of the individuals in this Brochure Supplement in the Research Department reports up to Mr. White, the Chief Investment Officer of LPL. As Chief Investment Officer, Mr. White is responsible for the advice provided by the LPL Research Department through LPL's advisory programs. The advice provided by these individuals also is subject to LPL's policies and procedures and to any guidelines established for the applicable advisory program. The Chief Compliance Officer – Advisory Compliance is responsible for administering LPL's policies and procedures for investment advisory activities. The telephone number for the Advisory Compliance Department is 1-800-877-7210.

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The Choice Between Advisory Services and Brokerage Services

LPL Financial is a registered investment advisor and a broker/dealer, which means that an LPL advisor can offer you both investment advisory and brokerage services. We want to make sure you're aware of some of the important considerations to take into account when deciding which type of service best serves your investment goals and needs.

What It Means to Work with an LPL Advisor in an Advisory Relationship

LPL is an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. As an investment advisor, LPL has a fiduciary responsibility to its advisory clients and, as such, is obligated to act in the best interests of clients and make full and fair disclosure of all material conflicts of interest. LPL advisors offer a number of investment advisory programs and services, including discretionary programs such as Strategic Asset Management (SAM), Model Wealth Portfolios (MWP), and Personal Wealth Portfolios (PWP); mutual fund asset allocation programs such as Optimum Market Portfolios (OMP); and planning services.

Under its investment advisory programs and mutual fund asset allocation programs, LPL advisors provide ongoing investment advice and monitoring of client portfolios. These services may be on a discretionary basis, which means that you don't need to direct your advisor to make trades, rebalance your portfolio, or make other investment decisions for your account. For such services, clients pay LPL a fee for investment management, brokerage, custody, and administrative services. The fee, which is negotiated between the LPL advisor and client, is typically a percentage fee based on the value of the assets in the account. These ongoing services and fees are set out in the Investment Advisory Agreement between LPL and the client, which the client can terminate at any time.

As an alternative, or in addition to ongoing investment advice in an advisory program, clients may engage with an LPL advisor for planning services. The client pays a flat fee or hourly fee for this type of service, which is not ongoing.

As noted above, when LPL acts as an investment advisor, it's required to disclose all material conflicts of interest between LPL and its advisory clients. At the time of engagement, advisory clients receive a Form ADV disclosure brochure that contains important information about LPL and the LPL advisor, the advisory services to be provided, the fees to be paid for such services, and material conflicts of interest. Such disclosure brochures may be obtained by visiting www.lpl.com and selecting "Disclosures," and then "LPL Financial Firm Brochure and Program Forms for Advisory Services." When considering whether to engage an LPL advisor, it's important that you carefully read the account agreements and disclosures that are provided to you.

What It Means to Work with an LPL Advisor in a Brokerage Relationship

LPL is also a broker/dealer registered with the SEC and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). In addition, LPL is registered as a broker/dealer with each of the 50 states. As a broker/dealer, LPL includes the following services:

- Taking customer orders and executing securities transactions
- Making recommendations to buy, sell, or hold securities
- Custodial services

Unlike an investment advisory relationship in which clients pay an ongoing asset-based fee, in a brokerage relationship, clients typically pay a commission to LPL on each transaction in the account. Clients don't pay commissions in an advisory relationship. The amount of the commission in a brokerage relationship varies depending on the security or investment product selected by the client. For mutual funds, the commission or sales load is typically paid up front, is charged directly against the investment, and is based on the amount of assets invested. For example, if you have \$1,000 and want to invest it in a mutual fund Class A share with a 5% front-end load through a brokerage

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relationship, the \$50 sales charge you must pay comes off the top, and the remaining \$950 is invested in the fund. Mutual funds typically offer multiple share classes that have different fees and expenses and pay brokers in different ways. The applicable sales charge is described in the prospectus or other offering document of the investment product provided to the client in connection with the investment. As a broker/dealer, LPL may also receive other types of fees and compensation, such as trail payments (also called 12b-1 fees) and markups.

When LPL acts as a broker/dealer, it has a duty to deal fairly with its brokerage clients. When an LPL advisor makes a recommendation about a security in a brokerage relationship, LPL has an obligation to determine that the recommendation is suitable for the client based on the client's stated investment objective, risk tolerance, tax status, and other information provided by the client. Unlike an investment advisory program account, the LPL advisor does not have a duty to provide ongoing investment advice with respect to a brokerage account. LPL does not take discretion from its brokerage clients; in other words, LPL will only place transactions for its brokerage clients upon direction from the client. LPL's obligation to disclose detailed information to clients about the nature and scope of its business, fees, conflicts of interest, and other matters is more limited than in the context of an investment advisory relationship.

Important Things to Consider When Deciding Between an Investment Advisory or Brokerage Relationship

Here are some questions you may wish to ask yourself when deciding whether to work with an LPL advisor in an advisory or brokerage relationship:

- Do you want or need a advisor to manage your investment portfolio? If so, an advisory relationship may be the right choice.
- Do you prefer, instead, to make the investment decisions yourself and are just looking for the advisor to execute on your orders? If so, a brokerage relationship may be the right choice.

- Do you want to engage an advisor in a fiduciary capacity with a duty to provide you ongoing investment services? If so, an advisory relationship may be the right choice.
- Do you desire, instead, only occasional advice or recommendations on particular investments from an advisor? If so, a brokerage relationship may be the right choice.
- What do you expect will be the number and size of the holdings and transactions in your portfolio? If you plan to hold a number of securities and to be transacting and rebalancing the portfolio on a frequent basis, an advisory account may be the right choice. However, if you plan to buy only a few securities and follow a buy-and-hold strategy for a long period of time without ongoing advice from an advisor, a brokerage relationship may be the right choice.
- Do you wish to work with an advisor where the fee is consistent, and not tied to the number or type of transactions in the account? If so, an advisory relationship may be the right choice.
- Do you prefer, instead, to pay your advisor for each transaction that you place? If so, a brokerage relationship may be the right choice.

In some cases, an advisory relationship may cost you more than a brokerage relationship. However, in other cases, a brokerage relationship may cost you more. These questions and the information above will help you determine what level of service and pricing structure is appropriate for you. Keep in mind that your needs and goals may change over time, and how you transact business with your advisor may change as well. As such, this should be a topic you review with your advisor over the course of your relationship. If you have any questions about the differences between an advisory and brokerage relationship, ask your LPL advisor, who is a valuable resource to help you make the investment decisions that are best for you.

For more information regarding the services provided by LPL, please see the documents available at https://lplfinancial.lpl.com/disclosures/

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