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# **PART 2A – FIRM BROCHURE**

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Additional information about Signal Advisors Wealth, LLC is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. Our searchable IARD/CRD number is 301086.

# **ITEM 2 – MATERIAL CHANGES**

# **ANNUAL UPDATE**

The Material Changes section of this brochure will be updated annually or when material changes occur since the previous release of the Firm Brochure. Each year, we will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent brochures by April 30th. We will further provide you with our most recent brochure at any time at your request, without charge. You may request a brochure by contacting us at 866-774-4625.

### SUMMARY OF MATERIAL CHANGES

This section of the Brochure will address only those "material changes" that have been incorporated since our last delivery or posting of this document on the SEC's public disclosure website (IAPD) www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Since the filing of our Form ADV 2A, dated August 1, 2023, we have the following material changes to report:

- Item 5. Fees and Compensation. Signal Wealth can charge a maximum of 2.0%
- Item 4. Advisory Business. Signal Wealth has added a Wrap Fee Program.

### **Additional Information:**

A free copy of our Brochure may be requested by contacting Veronica LeDuc, Chief Compliance Officer of Signal Wealth at (866) 774-4625. The Brochure is also available on our website - www.signalwealthmanagement.com.

We encourage investors to read this document in its entirety.

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# **ITEM 4 – ADVISORY BUSINESS**

This disclosure document is being offered by Signal Advisors Wealth, LLC ("us", "we", "our" or "Signal Wealth") about the investment advisory services we provide. It discloses information about our services and the way those services are made available to our clients.

We became a registered investment adviser in January 2023, and we are owned by Signal Advisors USA, Inc.

### ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED TO INDEPENDENT REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISERS

Signal Wealth sponsors an investment management platform also known as Signal Wealth TAMP Services. TAMP stands for "turnkey asset management program" and is referred to throughout this brochure as the "Signal Platform." The Signal Platform is available to independent registered investment advisory firms and investment adviser representatives of Signal Wealth (referred to as the "*RIA Advisers*").

Signal Wealth has and will enter into an investment management and services agreement (each a "*RIA Adviser Agreement*") with each RIA Adviser in order to provide each RIA Adviser with access to the Signal Platform. The purpose of the RIA Adviser Agreement is to provide the RIA Advisers (each of whom are investment adviser representatives) with investment management services, as well as other resources and tools to enable the RIA Advisers to better serve their own investment management clients (referred to herein as the "client" or "retail client").

The Signal Platform provides RIA Advisers with access to custodians, model portfolios managed by Signal Wealth, strategies managed by unaffiliated third party money managers, asset allocation services, and additional programs and features aimed at providing a comprehensive investing environment for investors. Additionally, through the Signal Platform, RIA Advisers can choose to invest their clients' assets in accordance with a number of model portfolios or third party strategies, in each case based on the financial circumstances and investing goals of the RIA Adviser clients. The Signal Platform also provides RIA Advisers' with access to account monitoring and reporting tools. Signal Wealth executes trading instructions as submitted by the RIA Adviser.

In providing investment advice and portfolio management services to retail clients, each RIA Adviser acts as an investment adviser and fiduciary to and on behalf of each of its respective clients. RIA Advisers are not agents of Signal Wealth. RIA Advisers maintain the direct, contractual relationship with retail clients. In this capacity, RIA Advisers are responsible for assisting retail clients in completing administrative paperwork, servicing the accounts, and providing account maintenance. Importantly, RIA Advisers maintain responsibility for the initial and ongoing client relationship, including the initial and ongoing suitability determination, and fiduciary duty of care. RIA Advisers retain the sole authority and responsibility for providing customized investment advice and portfolio management services to their clients and for implementing their clients' investment recommendations in accordance with the client's financial circumstances and investment objectives. RIA Advisers operate pursuant to the discretionary authority granted to them by the clients and exercise investment judgment accordingly. RIA Adviser is responsible for obtaining and furnishing to Signal Wealth information pertaining to custodial paperwork, account manager selection, model allocations, investing instructions, account guidelines and any reasonable restriction requests by retail clients, which enables Signal Wealth to perform services through the Signal Platform.

The RIA Adviser Agreement requires RIA Advisers to obtain retail clients' authorization to appoint discretionary authority to Signal Wealth to implement trades on retail clients' behalf in specified accounts on the Signal Platform. Signal Wealth will use this discretionary authority to implement model portfolio selections or direct trading instructions provided by RIA Adviser. Custodians may require additional paperwork from each client to grant trading discretion to Signal Wealth. Retail clients should therefore consult the RIA Adviser's Form ADV part 2A Disclosures Brochure for a full description of that investment adviser's investment advisory strategies and services.

Signal Wealth grants RIA Adviser access to performance software through the Signal Platform to enable performance reporting. Signal Wealth facilitates the fee billing on behalf of the RIA Adviser. Through RIA Adviser's investment management agreement with retail clients, retail clients will authorize the custodian to deduct fees directly from the client's account for management of the Client's Signal Platform accounts.

The investment management fees are deducted by the custodian and paid to Signal Wealth. Signal Wealth then pays the RIA Adviser its portion of the fees from the total management fees deducted from client accounts managed by RIA Adviser on the Signal Platform. The authorization for use of third-party asset management services will be part of each RIA Adviser's investment management agreement with clients.

As stated above, RIA Advisers outsource some or all of their portfolio management services through an investment management agreement between RIA Adviser and its retail clients. Signal Wealth maintains a limited power of attorney, granted by retail clients through the investment management agreement, to direct trading in client accounts on the Signal Platform. As the sponsor of the Signal Platform, Signal Wealth has discretionary authority to engage in the following:

- hire and terminate third-party money managers on the Signal Platform and reallocate assets among them.
- Change portfolios and strategies offered on the Signal Platform, as Signal Wealth deems appropriate, to meet the objectives of the portfolios offered through the Signal Platform.
- Tailor portfolio management services to meet the needs of the clients of RIA Advisers and seek to ensure that portfolios are managed in a manner consistent with those needs and objectives.

Signal Wealth's investment committee serves as the investment manager and makes recommendations and selects investments for the investment portfolios/strategies that we make available to RIA Advisers. In so doing, the committee may elect to make investment recommendations utilizing asset allocation software and models. Asset allocation models are generally designed to attempt to achieve diversification to reduce the risk of loss due to variation of investment returns of any particular asset class. Signal Wealth will accept retail client accounts with restrictions, provided the restrictions are reasonable and agreed to in writing. Signal Wealth primarily allocates retail client assets among various equities, exchanged traded funds ("*ETFs*"), no-load or load-waived mutual funds, cash, or alternative investments in accordance with

the client's stated investment objectives. All of which are considered asset allocation categories for the investment strategies.

All retail client accounts will be held at an independent Custodian pursuant to an agreement between the Custodian and the RIA Adviser client.

### INVESTMENT AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION SERVICES

We manage advisory accounts on a discretionary basis. For discretionary accounts, once we have determined a profile and investment plan with a client, we will execute the day-to-day transactions without seeking prior client consent but within the expected investment guidelines. We may accept accounts with certain restrictions, if circumstances warrant. We primarily allocate client assets among cash, individual stocks, bonds, exchange traded funds ("ETFs"), equities, corporate bonds, municipal bonds, U.S. Government Treasuries and cash in accordance with their stated investment. When appropriate, we recommend Private Fund investments to certain suitable clients. We generally invest Client's cash balances in money market funds, FDIC Insured Certificates of Deposit, high-grade commercial paper and/or government backed debt instruments. Ultimately, we try to achieve the highest return on our client's cash balances through relatively low-risk and conservative investments. In most cases, at least a partial cash balance will be maintained in a money market account so that our firm may debit advisory fees for our services related to this service.

Portfolios will be designed to meet a particular investment goal, determined to be suitable to the client's circumstances. Once the appropriate portfolio has been determined, portfolios are continuously and regularly monitored, and if necessary, rebalanced based upon the client's individual needs, stated goals and objectives.

During personal discussions with clients, we determine the client's objectives, time horizons, risk tolerance, and liquidity needs. As appropriate, we also review a client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background. Based on client needs, we develop a client's personal profile and investment plan. We then create and manage the client's investments based on that policy and plan. It is the client's obligation to notify us immediately if circumstances have changed with respect to their goals.

Once we have determined the types of investments to be included in a client's portfolio and have allocated the assets, we provide ongoing investment review and management services.

With our discretionary relationship, we will make changes to the portfolio, as we deem appropriate, to meet client financial objectives. We trade these portfolios based on the combination of our market views and client objectives, using our investment process. We tailor our advisory services to meet the needs of our clients and seek to ensure that your portfolio is managed in a manner consistent with those needs and objectives. Clients have the ability to leave standing instructions with us to refrain from investing in particular industries or invest in limited amounts of securities.

In all cases, clients have a direct and beneficial interest in their securities, rather than an undivided interest in a pool of securities. We do have limited authority to direct the Custodian to deduct our investment advisory fees from your accounts, but only with the appropriate written authorization from clients.

Where appropriate, we provide advice about any type of legacy position held in client portfolios. Typically, these are assets that are ineligible to be custodied at our primary custodian. Clients will engage us to advise on certain investment products that are not maintained at their primary custodian, such as variable life insurance, annuity contracts, and assets held in employer sponsored retirement plans and qualified tuition plans (i.e., 529 plans).

You are advised and are expected to understand that our past performance is not a guarantee of future results. Certain market and economic risks exist that adversely affect an account's performance. This could result in capital losses in your account.

# FINANCIAL PLANNING

Through the financial planning process, our team strives to engage our clients in conversations around their goals, objectives, priorities, vision, and legacy – both for the near term as well as for future generations. With the unique goals and circumstances of each client in mind, our IARs and RIA Advisers will offer financial planning ideas and strategies to address the client's holistic financial picture, including estate, income tax, charitable, cash flow, wealth transfer, and client legacy objectives. Our IARs and RIA Advisers might partner with CPAs, Enrolled Agents, Estate Attorneys, Insurance Brokers, etc. to ensure a coordinated effort of all parties toward the client's stated goals. Such services include various reports on specific goals and objectives or general investment and/or planning recommendations, guidance to outside assets, and periodic updates.

The specific services in preparing your plan may include:

- Review and clarification of your financial goals;
- Assessment of your overall financial position including cash flow, balance sheet, investment strategy, risk management, and estate planning;
- Creation of a unique plan for each goal you have, including personal and business real estate, education, retirement, financial independence, charitable giving, estate planning, business succession, and other personal goals;
- Development of a goal-oriented investment plan, with input from various advisors to our clients around tax suggestions, asset allocation, expenses, risk, and liquidity factors for each goal. This includes IRA and qualified plans, taxable and trust accounts that require special attention;
- Design of a risk management plan including risk tolerance, risk avoidance, mitigation, and transfer, including liquidity as well as various insurance and possible company benefits; and
- Crafting and implementation of, in conjunction with your estate and/or corporate attorneys as tax adviser, an estate plan to provide for you and/or your heirs in the event of an incapacity or death.

A written evaluation of each client's initial situation is provided to the client in the form of a financial plan. A periodic review will be provided by the Adviser, if indicated by the Client and Adviser per the Agreement. More frequent reviews occur but are not necessarily communicated to the client unless immediate changes are recommended.

# DISCLOSURE REGARDING ROLLOVER RECOMMENDATIONS

A client or prospect leaving an employer typically has four options regarding an existing retirement plan (and may engage in a combination of these options): (i) leave the money in the former employer's plan, if permitted, (ii) roll over the assets to the new employer's plan, if one is available and rollovers are permitted, (iii) rollover to an Individual Retirement Account ("IRA"), or (iv) cash out the account value (which could, depending upon the client's age, result in adverse tax consequences). Our Firm may recommend an investor roll over plan assets to an IRA for which our Firm provides investment advisory services. As a result, our Firm and its representatives may earn an asset-based fee. In contrast, a recommendation that a client or prospective client leave their plan assets with their previous employer or roll over the assets to a plan sponsored by a new employer will generally result in no compensation to our Firm. Our Firm therefore has an economic incentive to encourage a client to roll plan assets into an IRA that our Firm will manage, which presents a conflict of interest. To mitigate the conflict of interest, there are various factors that our Firm will consider before recommending a rollover, including but not limited to: (i) the investment options available in the plan versus the investment options available in an IRA, (ii) fees and expenses in the plan versus the fees and expenses in an IRA, (iii) the services and responsiveness of the plan's investment professionals versus those of our Firm, (iv) protection of assets from creditors and legal judgments, (v) required minimum distributions and age considerations, and (vi) employer stock tax consequences, if any. All rollover recommendations are reviewed by our Firm's Chief Compliance Officer and remains available to address any questions that a client or prospective client has regarding the oversight.

We are fiduciaries under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and when we provide investment advice to you regarding your retirement plan account or individual retirement account, we are also fiduciaries within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and/or the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. We must act in your best interest and not put our interests ahead of yours. At the same time, the way we make money creates some conflicts with your interests.

### **CO-BRANDED INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENTATIVES**

Our firm offers services through our network of investment adviser representatives ("IARs"). IARs may have their own legal business entities whose trade names and logos are used for marketing purposes and may appear on marketing materials and/or disclosure statements and client statements. The Client should understand that the businesses are legal entities of the IAR and not of our firm. The IARs are under the supervision of our firm and the investment advisory services of the IAR are provided through our firm. A complete listing of the entities is listed on our ADV Part 1.

### **OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES**

We also provide clients investment advice on a more-limited basis on one or more isolated areas of concern such as estate planning, real estate, retirement planning, or any other specific topic. Additionally, we provide advice on non-securities matters about the rendering of estate planning, insurance, real estate, and/or annuity advice or any other business advisory / consulting services for equity or debt investments in privately held businesses. In these cases, clients will be required to select their own investment managers, custodian, and/or insurance companies for the implementation of consulting recommendations. If client needs include brokerage and/or other financial services, we will recommend the use of one of several investment managers, brokers, banks, custodians, insurance companies, or other financial professionals ("Firms"). Consulting clients must independently evaluate these Firms before opening an account or transacting business and have the right to effect business through any firm they choose. Clients have the right to choose whether or not to follow the consulting advice provided.

## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Signal Wealth has contracted with a third-party entity to utilize their technology platform which supports data reconciliation, performance reporting, fee calculation, client relationship maintenance, at least quarterly performance evaluations, and other functions related to the administrative tasks of managing RIA Advisers' accounts. Due to this arrangement, the third-party entity will have access to retail client accounts but will not serve as an investment adviser. The third-party vendor bills Signal Wealth an annual fee (paid quarterly) for each account administered by its software. This fee is paid from the portion of the investment management fee retained by Signal Wealth. Periodic performance reporting is made available by us and provides relevant portfolio information, including but not limited to, asset allocation, securities positions, end-of-period fair market values, and investment performance for the period.

### HELD AWAY ACCOUNT ASSET MANAGEMENT

We use a third-party platform (Pontera, formerly FeeX) to facilitate management of held away assets such as defined contribution plan participant accounts, with discretion. The platform allows us to avoid being considered to have custody of Client funds since we do not have direct access to Client log-in credentials to affect trades. We are not affiliated with the platform in any way and receive no compensation from them for using their platform. A link will be provided to the Client allowing them to connect an account(s) to the platform. Once Client account(s) is connected to the platform, Adviser will review the current account allocations. When deemed necessary, Adviser will rebalance the account considering client investment goals and risk tolerance, and any change in allocations will consider current economic and market trends. The goal is to improve account performance over time and manage internal fees that harm account performance. Client account(s) will be reviewed at least quarterly and allocation changes will be made as deemed necessary.

### WRAP FEE PROGRAMS

Signal Wealth does sponsor and may recommend a Wrap Fee Program for the client's account(s). A "wrap fee program" for purposes of the SEC is a program under which investment advisory and brokerage execution services are provided for a single "wrapped" fee that is not based on the transactions in a client account. Clients with Wrap Fee Program accounts will be provided with Signal Wealth's Wrap Fee Brochure.

### ASSETS

As of December 31, 2023, the firm had discretionary assets under management of \$461,073,562 and \$4,192,136 in non-discretionary assets.

### **ITEM 5 - FEES AND COMPENSATION**

### ASSET MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED TO ADVISER CLIENTS

Fees billed for our services include the following: Signal Wealth Fee for services described in Item 4 (*"Signal Wealth Fee"*), the RIA Adviser's Advisory fee, and any applicable third-party manager fee. The

Signal Wealth Fee is an asset based advisory fee for the platform administration and investment management services we provide to retail client accounts managed by RIA Advisers through the Signal Platform.

As discussed in Item 4 – Advisory Business, RIA Advisers engage Signal Wealth to provide the Signal Platform and related services. The RIA Advisers provide services to their retail clients and will bill an advisory fee for those services (*"RIA Adviser Fees"*) pursuant to RIA Adviser's fee schedule (*"RIA Adviser Fees"*) pursuant to RIA Adviser's Part 2A Brochure and investment management agreement. Signal Wealth will apply the fee charged by RIA Adviser to each account managed by RIA Adviser on the Signal Platform Signal Wealth and RIA Adviser will agree upon the RIA Adviser Fee Schedule as part of the RIA Adviser Agreement. Signal Wealth will instruct the client's named Custodian to debit fees from the client account in accordance with the RIA Adviser Fee Schedule.

Signal Wealth's maximum annual advisory fee for the investments and services outlined in Item 4 – Advisory Business is one percent (1.00%). Fees are billed in advance and will be calculated based on the market value of the total managed assets on the last day of the previous calendar month. There may be circumstances where RIA Advisers have negotiated an alternative billing method with Signal Wealth. The RIA Adviser Agreement will outline the details of each annual fee and billing arrangement with Signal Wealth. Comparable services for lower fees may be available from other sources. Fees are prorated based on the number of days management is provided during the initial billing period. The Custodian will debit the combined total of the fees disclosed above from the accounts managed by RIA Adviser on the Signal Platform and disburse fees to Signal Wealth. Signal Wealth will pay the RIA Adviser its portion of the fees.

It is the responsibility of RIA Adviser to communicate any fee updates to Signal Wealth and approve RIA Adviser's monthly billing summary prior to fees being deducted by the Custodian. It is the responsibility of RIA Adviser to disclose all fees applicable to each RIA Adviser retail client to such client. After RIA Adviser approves the billing summary each month, Signal Wealth will submit the required fee information to the Custodian for each account managed by RIA Adviser on the Signal Platform. For each billing cycle, Signal Wealth will provide to RIA Adviser the fee reports and documentation so that RIA Adviser may maintain its books and records in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Either party may terminate the RIA Adviser Agreement by providing 30 days' written notice. Upon termination of the RIA Adviser Agreement by either party and for any reason, Signal Wealth will pay RIA Adviser any RIA Adviser Fees due and already earned, on a pro-rata basis up to and including the date of termination.

# INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR INVESTMENT ADVISER REPRESENATIVES ("IARS")

Our Firm charges a fee as compensation for providing Investment Management services on your account(s). These services include advisory services, trade entry, investment supervision, and other account maintenance activities provided by Signal Wealth and/or our investment adviser representatives. Our recommended Custodian charges transaction costs, custodial fees, redemption fees, retirement plan and administrative fees or commissions. See Additional Fees and Expenses below for details.

A quarterly investment management fee is billed based on the market value of your account during the previous calendar quarter. Our maximum annual advisory fee is 2.0%. The initial billing will be prorated for the time your assets are under our Firm's management. The relevant fee and billing method is defined and agreed to by the firm and the client in the executed Investment Advisory Agreement. Fees are assessed on all assets under management, including securities, cash, and money market balances. Margin account balances are included in the fee billing. This fee may be debited directly from your investment account or you may pay this fee separately. You will need to indicate how you would like to pay this fee in your Investment Advisory Agreement. Comparable services for lower fees may be available from other sources. Additional fees and expenses you may incur might include brokerage commissions, principal markups and discounts, SEC fees, mutual fund/ETF expense ratios, tax withholding on certain foreign securities, postage fees, wire fees, bank charges, and other administration fees as authorized by you. *Please refer to Item 12 for information on brokerage fees and services.* 

Fees may vary based on the size of the account, number of accounts, complexity of the portfolio, extent of activity in the account, or other factors agreed upon by our Firm and you as the client. In certain circumstances, our fees and the timing of the fee payments may be negotiated. Our employees and their family related accounts are charged a reduced fee for our services.

Unless otherwise instructed by the Client, we will aggregate related client accounts for the purposes of determining the account size and annualized fee. The common practice is often referred to as "house-holding" portfolios for fee purposes and may result in lower fees than if fees were calculated on portfolios separately. Our method of house-holding accounts for fee purposes looks at the overall family dynamic and relationship. When applicable, and noted in Appendix of the Investment Management Agreement, legacy positions will also be excluded from the fee calculation.

The independent and qualified custodian holding your funds and securities will debit your account directly for the advisory fee and pay that fee to us. When establishing a relationship with Signal Wealth, you provide written authorization permitting the fees to be paid directly from your account held by the qualified custodian. Further, the qualified Custodian agrees to deliver an account statement to you on a monthly basis indicating all the amounts deducted from the account including our advisory fees.

Either Signal Wealth or you may terminate the management agreement immediately upon written notice to the other party. The management fee will be pro-rated to the date of termination, for the month in which the cancellation notice was given and any earned fee will be billed to you by our Firm.

Upon termination, you are responsible for monitoring the securities in your account, and we will have no further obligation to act or advise with respect to those assets. In the event of client's death or disability, Signal Wealth will continue management of the account until we are notified of client's death or disability and given alternative instructions by an authorized party.

In no case are Signal Wealth fees based on, or related to, the performance of your funds or investments.

# INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HOUSE ACCOUNTS

Signal Wealth manages accounts for family and certain friends ("*Family Clients*") of Signal Wealth employees and charges fees that can and likely will differ from standard client account fees ("*Family Fees*"). Family Fees are negotiated and documented in a Signal Wealth investment management agreement, executed directly between Signal Wealth and Family Clients.

# ADDITIONAL FEES AND EXPENSES

In addition to the advisory fees paid to us, RIA Adviser's retail clients and Signal Wealth's direct clients might also incur certain charges imposed by other third parties, such as broker-dealers, custodians, trust companies, banks, other financial institutions and third-party managers (collectively *"Financial Institutions"*). These additional charges include custodial fees, charges imposed by a mutual fund or ETF in accounts managed by RIA Adviser on the Signal Platform – as disclosed in the fund's prospectus (e.g., fund management fees and other fund expenses) – deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, regulatory fees assessed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (*"FINRA"*) and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Signal Wealth's brokerage practices are described at length in Item 12, below. Signal Wealth does not share in any of these additional fees and expenses outlined above.

# ITEM 6 - PERFORMANCE BASED FEES AND SIDE-BY-SIDE MANAGEMENT

Signal Wealth does not charge advisory fees on a share of the capital appreciation of the funds or securities in a client account (so-called performance-based fees), nor engage side-by-side management.

# **ITEM 7 - TYPES OF CLIENTS**

Signal Wealth generally provides investment advice to the following types of clients:

- Independent registered investment advisers and investment adviser representatives of Signal Wealth (RIA Advisers)
- Family and friends of the firm
- Corporations and other business entities
- Direct clients serviced by our investment adviser representatives ("IARs")

Direct clients are required to execute a written agreement with Signal Wealth specifying the particular advisory service in order to establish a direct client relationship with Signal Wealth.

We do not require a minimum account size to work with Signal Wealth or open an account on the Signal Platform. However, certain investment strategies available on the Signal Platform may impose a minimum account size based on factors unique to the strategy or money manager.

# ITEM 8 - METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS

Signal Wealth takes a macro-environmental approach to tactical asset allocation with sector rotation and uses a relative growth/value framework in determining sub-asset classes. This top-down method allows us to assess the investing landscape and provide recommendations as to when and where it may be advantageous to modify exposure within the asset classes, market segments, and sectors.

**GROWTH STRATEGIES**: Our growth strategies consist of investments spanning a broad range of asset classes that are selected for their long-term risk/return characteristics as well as their correlation to the overall markets. The resulting blended allocation is used as the foundation for the client's growth portfolio. Portfolio rebalancing is discretionary and will be based on individual portfolio considerations. There is no guarantee as to the number of times a portfolio is rebalanced each year. Other asset classes and opportunistic investments are added to the growth portfolio to create a customized allocation that is appropriate for each strategy's objectives. Examples of investments which may be included as part of our growth strategies include individual equities and exchange traded funds (ETFs).

**FIXED INCOME STRATEGIES**: Fixed income investments such as bonds, notes, and certificates of deposit are intended to provide diversification, generate income, and to preserve and protect assets. Generally, the stabilizing influence of fixed income comes at the cost of lower returns relative to growth investments. Our fixed income portfolios generally consist of high quality domestically issued bonds, both taxable and tax-free. Examples of investments which may be included as part of our fixed income strategies include individual government, municipal, and corporate bonds, certificates of deposits, exchange traded funds (ETFs), and money markets.

We may utilize the following forms of analysis:

**FUNDAMENTAL ANALYSIS**: We attempt to measure the intrinsic value of a security by looking at economic and financial factors (including the overall economy, industry conditions, and the financial condition and management of the company itself) to determine if the company is underpriced (indicating it may be a good time to buy) or overpriced (indicating it may be time to sell). Fundamental analysis does not attempt to anticipate market movements. This presents a potential risk, as the price of a security can move up or down along with the overall market regardless of the economic and financial factors considered in evaluating the stock.

**QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS**: We use mathematical ratios and other performance appraisal methods in attempt to obtain more accurate measurements of an investment manager's investment acumen, idea generation, consistency of purpose and overall ability to outperform their stated benchmark throughout a full market cycle. Additionally, we perform periodic measurements to assess the authenticity of returns. A risk in using quantitative analysis is that the models used may be based on assumptions that prove to be incorrect.

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS: We use this method of evaluating securities by analyzing statistics generated by market activity, such as past prices and volume. Technical analysts do not attempt to measure a security's intrinsic value, but instead use charts and other tools to identify patterns that can suggest future activity. Technical analysts believe that the historical performance of stocks and markets are indications of future performance. Technical analysis is even more subjective than fundamental analysis in that it relies on proper interpretation of a given security's price and trading volume data. A decision might be made based on a historical move in a certain direction that was accompanied by heavy volume; however, that heavy volume may only be heavy relative to past volume for the security in question, but not compared to the future trading volume. Therefore, there is the risk of a trading decision being made incorrectly since future trading volume is an unknown. Technical analysis is also done through observation of various market sentiment readings, many of which are quantitative. Market sentiment gauges the relative degree of bullishness and bearishness in a given security, and a contrarian investor utilizes such sentiment advantageously. When most traders are bullish, then there are very few traders left in a position to buy the security in question, so it becomes advantageous to sell it ahead of the crowd. When most traders are bearish, then there are very few traders left in a position to sell the security in question, so it becomes advantageous to buy it ahead of the crowd. The risk in utilization of such sentiment technical measures is that a very bullish reading can always become more bullish, resulting in lost opportunity if the money manager chooses to act upon the bullish signal by selling out of a position. The reverse is also true in that a bearish reading of sentiment can always become more bearish, which may result in a premature purchase of a security.

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

# MUTUAL FUND SHARE CLASS

Generally, Signal Wealth does not recommend mutual funds holdings as part of our investment strategies or in model portfolios managed by Signal Wealth on the Signal Platform. However, some portfolios available on the Signal Platform do utilize mutual funds and ETFs. These strategies may choose to hold mutual funds in their accounts for various reasons including tax strategies or legacy assets. If we need to render advice on mutual fund holdings, Signal Wealth will recommend the purchase of institutional share classes of those mutual funds. The institutional share class generally has the lowest expense ratio. The expense ratio is the annual fee that all mutual funds or ETFs charge their shareholders. It expresses the percentage of assets deducted each fiscal year for a fund's expenses, including 12b-1 fees, management fees, administrative fees, operating costs, and all other asset-based costs incurred by the fund. Some fund families offer different classes of the same fund, and one share class may have a lower expense ratio than another share class. These expenses come from RIA Adviser assets which could impact the RIA Adviser's client's account performance. Mutual fund expense ratios are in addition to our fee, and we do not receive any portion of these charges.

If an institutional share class is not available for the mutual fund selected, Signal Wealth will recommend the purchase of the least expensive share class available for the mutual fund. However, some share classes may have other restrictions (such as restrictions on redemption) which the RIA Adviser takes into consideration when managing the retail clients' assets. Thus, the RIA Adviser will have the ability to select a share class based upon the specific needs of its retail client.

As share classes with lower expense ratios become available, Signal Wealth may use them in the RIA Adviser's portfolio, and/or convert the existing mutual fund position to the lower cost share class. RIA Advisers who transfer mutual funds into their accounts on the Signal Platform would bear the expense of any contingent or deferred sales loads incurred upon selling the product. If a mutual fund has a frequent trading policy, the policy can limit a client's transactions in shares of the fund (e.g., for rebalancing, liquidations, deposits, or tax harvesting). All mutual fund expenses and fees are disclosed in the respective mutual fund prospectus.

# MANAGER SELECTION

If Signal Wealth uses other managers in its portfolios, Signal Wealth reviews each model manager before selecting them to be included in our portfolios. We conduct initial and ongoing due diligence reviews to ensure that the manager is suitable for our portfolios.

# **RISK OF LOSS**

An investment portfolio is affected by general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic conditions, changes in laws and national and international political circumstances. Investing in securities involves certain investment risks. Securities may fluctuate in value or lose value. Retail clients should be prepared to bear the potential risk of loss, which could be substantial.

Our methods rely on the assumption that the underlying companies within our securities allocations are accurately reviewed by the rating agencies and other publicly available sources of information about these securities are providing accurate and unbiased data. While we are alert to indications that data may be incorrect, there is always a risk that our analysis may be compromised by inaccurate or misleading information.

Risks that apply to both fixed income and equity strategies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Active Management Risk: Due to its active management, a portfolio could underperform other portfolios with similar investment objectives and/or strategies.
- Allocation Risk: A portfolio may use an asset allocation strategy in pursuit of its investment objective. There is a risk that a portfolio's allocation among asset classes or investments will cause a portfolio to lose value or cause it to underperform other portfolios with a similar investment objective and/or strategy, or that the investments themselves will not produce the returns expected.
- Cybersecurity Risk. Cybersecurity risks include both intentional and unintentional events at Signal Wealth or one of our third-party counterparties or service providers, that may result in a loss or corruption of data, result in the unauthorized release or other misuse of confidential information, and generally compromise Signal Wealth's ability to conduct its business. A cybersecurity breach may also result in a third-party obtaining unauthorized access to our clients' information, including social security numbers, home addresses, account numbers, account balances, and account holdings. We have established business continuity plans and risk management systems designed to reduce the risks associated with cybersecurity breaches. However, there are inherent limitations in these plans and systems, including that certain risks may not have been identified, in large part because different or unknown threats may emerge in the future. As such, there is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, especially because we do not directly control the cybersecurity systems of our third-party service providers. There is also a risk that cybersecurity breaches may not be detected.
- Liquidity Risk: The risk that exists when a security's limited marketability prevents it from being bought or sold quickly enough to avoid or minimize a loss. This risk is particularly relevant in the bond market, although it can also be a risk when transacting in small cap securities and certain other stocks.

- Market and Timing Risk: Prices of securities may become more volatile due to general market conditions that are not specifically related to a particular company, such as adverse economic conditions or outlooks, adverse investor sentiment, changes in the outlook for corporate earnings, or changes in interest rates.
- Sector/Region Risk: The risk that the strategy's concentration in equities or bonds in a specific sector or industry will cause the strategy to be more exposed to price movements and developments affecting that sector.
- **Event Risk:** The possibility that an unforeseen event will negatively affect a company or industry, and thus, increase the volatility of the security.
- Third Party Reliance: Signal Wealth relies on a number of external sources for investment advice, research services, and financial and fundamental data, including RIA Advisers, overlay portfolio management providers, model managers, market data vendors, custodians, brokerage firms, and various service providers. Signal Wealth will use its best efforts to ensure the information provided by these third parties is reliable and accurate, but no assurances can be given that the information will be reliable and accurate. Inaccurate information could adversely impact the investment advice and services provided by Signal Wealth.

Risks associated with our fixed income strategies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Asset-Backed Securities Risk: Payment of principal and interest on asset-backed securities is dependent largely on the cash flows generated by the assets backing the securities. Further, some asset-backed securities may not have the benefit of any security interest in the related assets. There is also the possibility that recoveries in the underlying collateral may not be available to support the payments on these securities. Downturns in the economy could cause the value of asset-backed securities to fall, thus, negatively impacting account performance.
- Call Risk: Some bonds give the issuer the option to redeem the bond before its maturity date. If
  an issuer exercises this option during a time of declining interest rates, the proceeds from the
  bond may have to be reinvested in an investment offering a lower yield and may not benefit from
  an increase in value as a result of declining rates. Callable bonds also are subject to increased price
  fluctuations during periods of market illiquidity or rising interest rates. Finally, the capital
  appreciation potential of a bond will be reduced because the price of a callable bond may not rise
  much above the price at which the issuer may call the bond.
- Corporate Debt Risk: The rate of interest on a corporate debt security may be fixed, floating, variable, or may vary inversely with respect to a reference rate. Corporate debt securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on the obligation. They also may be subject to price volatility due to interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity. When interest rates rise, the value of a corporate debt security can be expected to decline. Debt securities with longer maturities tend to be more sensitive to interest rate movements than those with shorter maturities. A company default can reduce income and capital value of a corporate debt security. Moreover, market expectations regarding economic conditions and the likely number of corporate defaults may impact the value of these securities.

- **Credit Default Risk:** The risk of loss of principal due to the borrower's failure to repay the loan or risk of liquidity from the decline in the borrower's financial strength.
- Duration Risk: The risk associated with the sensitivity of a bond's price to a change in interest rates. The higher a bond's (or portfolio's) duration, the greater its sensitivity to interest rate changes.
- Government Securities Risk: Not all U.S. government securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. It is possible that the U.S. government would not provide financial support to certain of its agencies or instrumentalities if it is not required to do so by law. If a U.S. government agency or instrumentality defaults and the U.S. government does not stand behind the obligation, returns could be negatively impacted. The U.S. government guarantees payment of principal and timely payment of interest on certain U.S. government securities.
- Interest Rate Risk: Prices of fixed income securities tend to move inversely with changes in interest rates. As interest rates rise, bond prices typically fall and vice versa. The longer the effective maturity and duration of a strategy's portfolio, the more the performance of the investment is likely to react to interest rates.
- Municipal Bond Risk: Investments in municipal bonds are affected by the municipal market as a whole and the various factors in the particular cities, states or regions in which the strategy invests. Issues such as legislative changes, litigation, business and political conditions relating to a particular municipal project, municipality, state or territory, and fiscal challenges can impact the value of municipal bonds. These matters can also impact the ability of the issuer to make payments. Also, the amount of public information available about municipal bonds is generally less than that for corporate equities or bonds. Additionally, supply and demand imbalances in the municipal bond market can cause deterioration in liquidity and lack of price transparency.
- Prepayment Risk: Similar to call risk, this risk is associated with the early unscheduled repayment
  of principal on a fixed income security. When principal is returned early, future interest payments
  will not be paid. The proceeds from the repayment may be reinvested in securities at a lower,
  prevailing rate.
- **Reinvestment Risk:** The risk that future cash flows, either coupons or the final return of principal, will need to be reinvested in lower-yielding securities.
- Securities Lending Risk: Securities lending involves the risk that the fund loses money because the borrower fails to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The fund could also lose money if the value of the collateral provided for loaned securities, or the value of the investments made with the cash collateral, falls. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences for the fund.
- State Risk: Portfolios with state or region-specific customizations will be more sensitive to the
  events that affect that state's economy and stability. Portfolios with a higher concentration of
  bonds in a state or region may have higher credit risk exposure, especially if the percentage of
  assets dedicated to the state is invested in fewer issuers.
- Tax Liability Risk: The risk that the distributions of municipal securities become taxable to the investor due to noncompliant conduct by the municipal bond issuer or changes to federal and state laws. These adverse actions would likely negatively impact the prices of the securities. A wash sale occurs when an investor sells a security at a loss and then purchases that same security

or "substantially identical" securities within 30 days (before or after the sale date). If an investor ends up being affected by the wash-sale rule, the investor loss will be disallowed by Internal Revenue Service Code in most cases. Note Signal Wealth does not monitor for wash sales. In certain actively managed strategies offered by Signal Advisors, wash sales may be inherent.

 Valuation Risk: The lack of an active trading market and/or volatile market conditions can make it difficult to obtain an accurate price for a fixed income security. There are uncertainties associated with pricing a security without a reliable market quotation, and the resulting value may be very different than the value of what the security would have been if readily available market quotations had been available.

Risks associated with Signal Wealth's equity strategies include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Capitalization Risk: Small-cap and mid-cap companies may be hindered as a result of limited resources or less diverse products or services Their stocks have historically been more volatile than the stocks of larger, more established companies.
- Exchange-Traded Fund ("ETF") and Mutual Fund Risk: Investments in ETFs and mutual funds have unique characteristics, including, but not limited to, the ETF or mutual fund's expense structure. Investors of ETFs and mutual funds held within Signal Wealth client accounts bear both their Signal Wealth portfolio's advisory expenses and, indirectly, the ETF's or mutual fund's expenses. Because the expenses and costs of an underlying ETF or mutual fund are shared by its investors, redemptions by other investors in the ETF or mutual fund could result in decreased economies of scale and increased operating expenses for such ETF or mutual fund. Additionally, the ETF or mutual fund may not achieve its investment objective. Actively managed ETFs or mutual funds may experience significant drift from their stated benchmark.
- Foreign Securities Risk: Investments in or exposure to foreign securities involve certain risks not associated with investments in or exposure to securities of U.S. companies. Foreign securities subject a portfolio to the risks associated with investing in the particular country of an issuer, including the political, regulatory, economic, social, diplomatic and other conditions or events (including, for example, military confrontations, war and terrorism), occurring in the country or region, as well as risks associated with less developed custody and settlement practices. Foreign securities may be more volatile and less liquid than securities of U.S. companies and are subject to the risks associated with potential imposition of economic and other sanctions against a particular foreign country, its nationals or industries or businesses within the country. In addition, foreign governments may impose withholding or other taxes on income, capital gains or proceeds from the disposition of foreign securities, which could reduce a portfolio's return on such securities.
- Frequent Trading Risk: A portfolio manager may actively and frequently trade investments in a
  portfolio to carry out its investment strategies. Frequent trading of investments increases the
  possibility that a portfolio, as relevant, will realize taxable capital gains (including short-term
  capital gains, which are generally taxable at higher rates than long-term capital gains for U.S.
  federal income tax purposes), which could reduce a portfolio's after-tax return.

- Issuer Risk: The risk that an issuer of a security may perform poorly, and therefore, the value of
  its securities may decline. Poor performance may be caused by poor management decisions,
  competitive pressures, breakthroughs in technology, reliance on suppliers, labor problems or
  shortages, corporate restructurings, fraudulent disclosures, natural disasters or other events,
  conditions or factors.
- Market Risk: When the stock market strongly favors a particular style of equity investing, some or all of Signal Wealth's equity strategies could underperform. The performance of clients' accounts could suffer when Signal Wealth's particular investment style(s) are out of favor. For example, Signal Wealth's large cap equity strategies could underperform when the market favors smaller capitalization stocks. Signal Wealth's strategies with exposure to small/mid cap stocks could underperform when the market favors larger cap stocks. Additionally, growth securities could underperform when the market favors value securities.
- Sector Risk: At times, a portfolio may have a significant portion of its assets invested in securities
  of companies conducting business in a related group of industries within an economic sector.
  Companies in the same economic sector may be similarly affected by economic, regulatory,
  political or market events or conditions, which make a portfolio more vulnerable to unfavorable
  developments in that economic sector than portfolios that invest more broadly. Generally, the
  more a portfolio diversifies its investments, the more it spreads risk and potentially reduces the
  risks of loss and volatility.

Generally, the more a portfolio diversifies its investments, the more it spreads risk and potentially reduces the risks of loss and volatility. Investors should be aware that accounts are subject to the following risks:

- Use of Third-Party Software Vendors ("TPSV") Third-Party Software Vendors can experience
  their own computer glitches, slowdowns, and network crashes. At times, clients should be aware
  that TPSV require restrictions on accessing some or all parts of their software or Web site to
  perform routine maintenance, mostly which occur during non-business or non-trading hours.
  While it is TPSV's intention that software and Web sites will be available seven days a week, clients
  should be aware that TPSV do not guarantee access to their software or web site for order
  placement and/or execution. Computer, telephone, internet or network problems and/or
  unforeseen system outages can arise on either end affecting client or TPSV's ability to conduct
  activity on TPSV's platform. In the event that trading volumes rise to an overwhelming volume
  on financial markets and many investors engage in buy or sell activity simultaneously, orders
  cannot be executed as quickly as clients demand.
- Non-Liquid Alternative Investments From time to time, Signal Wealth will recommend to certain qualifying clients that a portion of such clients' assets be invested in private funds, private fund-of-funds and/or other alternative investments (collectively, "Nonliquid Alternative Investments"). Nonliquid Alternative Investments are not suitable for all of Signal Wealth's clients and are offered only to those qualifying clients for whom Signal Wealth believes such an investment is suitable and in line with their overall investment strategy. Nonliquid Alternative Investments typically are available to only a limited number of sophisticated investors who meet the definition of "accredited investor" under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the

"Securities Act"), or "qualified client" under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or "qualified purchaser" under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Nonliquid Alternative Investments present special risks for retail clients, including without limitation, limited liquidity, higher fees and expenses, volatile performance, no assurance of investment returns, heightened risk of loss, limited transparency, additional reliance on underlying management of the investment, special tax considerations, subjective valuations, use of leverage and limited regulatory oversight. When a Nonliquid Alternative Investment invests part or all of its assets in real estate properties, there are additional risks that are unique to real estate investing, including but not limited to: limitations of the appraisal value; the borrower's financial conditions (if the underlying property has been obtained by a loan), including the risk of foreclosures on the property; neighborhood values; the supply of and demand for properties of like kind; and certain city, state and/or federal regulations. Additionally, real estate investing is also subject to possible loss due to uninsured losses from natural and man-made disasters. The above list is not exhaustive of all risks related to an investment in Nonliquid Alternative Investments. A more comprehensive discussion of the risks associated with a particular Nonliquid Investment is set forth in that fund's offering documents, which will be provided to each client subscribing to a Nonliquid Alternative Investment, for review and consideration. It is important that each potential, qualified investor carefully read each offering or private placement memorandum prior to investing.

Structured Notes - Structured products are designed to facilitate highly customized risk-return objectives. While structured products come in many different forms, they typically consist of a debt security that is structured to make interest and principal payments based upon various assets, rates, or formulas. Many structured products include an embedded derivative component. Structured products may be structured in the form of a security, in which case these products may receive benefits provided under federal securities law, or they may be cast as derivatives, in which case they are offered in the over-the-counter market and are subject to no regulation. Investment in structured products includes significant risks, including valuation, liquidity, price, credit, and market risks. One common risk associated with structured products is a relative lack of liquidity due to the highly customized nature of the investment. Moreover, the full extent of returns from the complex performance features is often not realized until maturity. As such, structured products tend to be more of a buy-and-hold investment decision rather than a means of getting in and out of a position with speed and efficiency. Another risk with structured products is the credit quality of the issuer. Although the cash flows are derived from other sources, the products themselves are legally considered to be the issuing financial institution's liabilities. The vast majority of structured products are from high-investment-grade issuers only. Also, there is a lack of pricing transparency. There is no uniform standard for pricing, making it harder to compare the net-of-pricing attractiveness of alternative structured product offerings than it is, for instance, to compare the net expense ratios of different mutual funds or commissions among broker-dealers.

# **ITEM 9 - DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION**

Signal Wealth does not have any legal, financial or other disciplinary items to report.

# **ITEM 10 – OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS**

### **OTHER FINANCIAL AFFILIATIONS**

Signal Advisors Insurance, LLC ("Signal Insurance") is an affiliate of Signal Wealth and both entities are wholly owned by Signal Advisors USA, Inc. Signal Insurance is an insurance marketing organization that distributes annuity and life insurance products to third-party independent insurance producers in exchange for override, bonuses, and other compensation.

When an insurance product is sold through Signal Insurance then Signal Insurance receives override, commissions, bonuses, and other compensation, and the owners of Signal Wealth benefit. When an RIA Adviser or investment advisor representative contracts with Signal Wealth, and an insurance entity affiliated with the RIA Adviser or investment advisor representative contracts with Signal Insurance, then that insurance entity or financial professional will earn upfront commissions from the insurance carrier that are higher when compared to the annual advisory fees for assets under management, as well as free marketing services, technology, advances, commissions, reimbursements, and other compensation from Signal Insurance. This creates a conflict of interest. We address this conflict of interest by: (1) disclosing it in this brochure; and (2) not charging a Signal Wealth fee on insurance products.

### TRANSITION AND RETENTION BENEFITS

Signal Wealth can, at our discretion, provide various benefits and payments associated with transitioning to or continuing their business with the Signal Wealth platform to Registered Investment Advisers, and the individuals associated with those Registered Investment Advisers, that are with Signal Wealth, (collectively referred to as "Transition and Retention Benefits"). The Transition and Retention Benefits are intended to be used for a variety of purposes, including but not necessarily limited to, providing working capital to assist in funding the Registered Investment Adviser's business, offsetting account transfer fees (ACATs) payable to Signal Wealth as a result of the Registered Investment Adviser's clients transitioning to Signal Wealth's platform, costs associated with transferring their business to the Signal Wealth platform, assisting with their business needs, technology set-up fees, marketing and mailing costs, compliance and regulatory costs, stationary and licensure transfer fees, staffing support, and termination fees associated with moving accounts. The amount and nature of Transition and Retention Benefits is at our sole discretion and could vary amongst Registered Investment Advisers based on a number of factors.

The Transition and Retention Benefits may also be in the form of a forgivable loan that may be forgiven over time depending on the length of time a Registered Investment Adviser is contracted with Signal Wealth and the amount of assets the Registered Investment Adviser has on the Signal Wealth platform. The amount of the loan, option or warrant (described below) paid to the Registered Investment Adviser or individual affiliated with the Registered Investment Adviser represents a substantial payment. Forgiveness of the loan, in whole or in part, is conditioned on the Registered Investment Adviser being contracted with Signal Wealth and maintaining assets on the Signal Wealth platform. The Transition and Retention Benefits may also be in the form of warrants or options granted by Signal Advisors USA, Inc. to the Registered Investment Adviser or an individual affiliated with the Registered Investment Adviser. The Transition and Retention Benefits may also be provided without any future obligations or requirements by the Registered Investment Adviser. The amount of the Transition and Retention Benefits is often significant in relation to the overall revenue earned or compensation received by the Registered Investment Adviser prior to entering into an agreement with Signal Wealth. Such benefits are generally based on the size of the Registered Investment Adviser's business, and the length of time it is contracted (or expected to be contracted) with Signal Wealth, and how they may consult with Signal Wealth on how Signal Wealth can improve its services.

Transition and Retention Benefits provided to the Registered Investment Adviser, or the individual associated with the Registered investment Adviser, creates a conflict of interest relating to the Registered Investment Adviser's advisory business because it creates a financial incentive for the Registered Investment Adviser to contract with Signal Wealth and use the portfolio management of Signal Wealth. In certain instances, the receipt of such Transition and Retention Benefits is dependent on maintaining its clients' assets with Signal Wealth and therefore the Registered Investment Adviser has an incentive to recommend that retail clients maintain their management with Signal Wealth in order to generate such benefits.

# ITEM 11 – CODE OF ETHICS

Signal Wealth and persons associated with Signal Wealth can invest for their own accounts, in the same securities or other investments that we recommend or acquire for RIA Advisers' accounts managed on the Signal Platform and may engage in transactions that are the same as or different than transactions recommended to or made for RIA Advisers' accounts managed on the Signal Platform. This creates a conflict of interest. We recognize the fiduciary responsibility to act in all of our client's best interests and have established polices to mitigate conflicts of interest.

We have developed and implemented a Code of Ethics that sets forth standards of conduct expected of our advisory personnel to mitigate this conflict of interest. The Code of Ethics addresses, among other things, personal trading, gifts, and the prohibition against the use of inside information.

The Code of Ethics is designed to protect our clients to detect and deter misconduct, educate personnel regarding Signal Wealth's expectations and laws governing their conduct, remind personnel that they are in a position of trust and must act with complete propriety at all times, protect the reputation of Signal Wealth, safeguard against the violation of the securities laws, and establish procedures for personnel to follow so that we may determine whether personnel are complying with Signal Wealth's ethics principles.

We have established the following restrictions to ensure our fiduciary responsibilities:

- No supervised employee of Signal Wealth shall prefer his or her own interest to that of the client.
   Trades for supervised employees are traded alongside client accounts.
- We maintain a list of all securities holdings of anyone associated with Signal Wealth who has access to advisory recommendations. These holdings are reviewed on a regular basis by an appropriate officer/individual of Signal Wealth.
- We emphasize the unrestricted right of the client to decline implementation of any advice rendered, except in situations where we are granted discretionary authority of the client's account.
- We require that all supervised employees must act in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations governing registered investment advisory practices.

• Any supervised employee not in observance of the above may be subject to termination.

None of our associated persons may affect for himself/herself or for accounts in which he/she holds a beneficial interest, any transactions in a security which is being actively recommended to any of our clients, unless in accordance with Signal Wealth's procedures and Code of Ethics.

Investors may request a complete copy of our Code of Ethics by contacting us at the address, telephone, or email on the cover page of this brochure; ATTN: Veronica LeDuc, Chief Compliance Officer.

# ITEM 12 – BROKERAGE PRACTICES

In order for Signal Wealth to provide asset management services, we request you utilize the brokerage and custodial services of Fidelity and Schwab ("Fidelity and Schwab"), for which we have an existing relationship. Signal Wealth and Fidelity and Schwab are not affiliated companies. In considering which independent qualified custodian will be the best fit for Signal Wealth's business model, we are evaluating the following factors, which is not an all-inclusive list:

- Financial strength
- Reputation
- Reporting capabilities
- Execution capabilities
- Pricing, and
- Types and quality of research

A detailed description, list of services, and additional disclosures will be made during the revision of this brochure once an arrangement is finalized.

While you are free to choose any broker-dealer or other service provider, we recommend that you establish an account with a brokerage firm with which we have an existing relationship. Such relationships may include benefits provided to our firm, including, but not limited to research, market information, and administrative services that help our firm manage your account(s). We believe that recommended broker-dealers provide quality execution services for our clients at competitive prices. Price is not the sole factor we consider in evaluating best execution. We also consider the quality of the brokerage services provided by the recommended broker-dealers, including the value of research provided, the firm's reputation, execution capabilities, commission rates, and responsiveness to our clients and our firm.

You may direct us in writing to use a particular broker-dealer to execute some or all of the transactions for your account. If you do so, you are responsible for negotiating the terms and arrangements for the account with that broker-dealer. We may not be able to negotiate commissions, obtain volume discounts, or best execution. In addition, under these circumstances a difference in commission charges may exist

between the commissions charged to clients who direct us to use a particular broker or dealer and other clients who do not direct us to use a particular broker or dealer.

Signal Wealth does not receive client referrals from broker-dealers in exchange for cash or other compensation, such as brokerage services or research.

Signal Wealth does not have any formal soft dollar arrangements.

When Signal Wealth buys or sells the same security for two or more clients (including our personal accounts), we may place concurrent orders to be executed together as a single "block" in order to facilitate orderly and efficient execution. Each client account will be charged or credited with the average price per unit. We receive no additional compensation or remuneration of any kind because we aggregate client transactions. No client is favored over any other client. If an order is not completely filled, it is allocated pro-rata based on an allocation statement prepared by Signal Wealth prior to placing the order. Because of an order's aggregation, some clients may pay higher transaction costs, or greater spreads, or receive less favorable net prices on transactions than would otherwise be the case if the order had not been aggregated.

Fees vary among custodians and it will be the responsibility of the RIA Adviser to disclose the custodian's fees to their retail clients.

We are independently owned and operated and not affiliated with the custodians available through the Signal Platform. The custodians on the Signal Platform provide access to their institutional trading and custody services, including brokerage, custody, research, and access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors.

# **BEST EXECUTION**

Signal Wealth routes the majority of trades resulting from retail client transactions directly to the custodian(s) of record. For the small percentage of trades not routed directly to the custodian of record, Signal's Wealth's primary objective is to obtain prompt execution of orders at the most favorable prices reasonably obtainable.

Signal Wealth has adopted a Best Execution Policy pursuant to which Signal Wealth reviews exception reports containing samples of trades to monitor for best execution. We are guided by applicable regulatory requirements and equitable treatment in trading such Adviser Client accounts.

As referenced above, by allowing clients to direct brokerage to specific Custodians, it is possible that directed brokerage transactions will not receive best execution and, as a result, retail clients will pay more than those clients whose transactions are aggregated.

# DISBURSEMENTS

When clients request a cash withdrawal from their account, Signal Wealth must first sell some of the securities in the account to raise the cash requested. After an equity security is sold, it may take up to two

(2) business days before the trade settles and the cash proceeds are in the account. In some cases, Signal Wealth may be able to request a "short settlement" and have the trade settled in one (1) business day. Please note, however, that clients requesting a short settlement will incur additional brokerage costs. In addition, certain mutual funds do not permit next day settlement requests even though most open-ended mutual fund trades settle in one (1) business day.

During an investment strategy rebalance or asset allocation rebalance, it may appear as though the account has an available cash balance, however, there may not actually be enough cash to honor the withdrawal request. Signal Wealth performs its trading analysis based on trade date, not settlement date, which can make it appear as though cash is available when it is not due to the rebalance across strategies or models ("*Global Rebalance*"). For example, Signal Wealth sends an order to sell a security and buy another security. The security sale raises \$10,000 and the new security is purchased for the same amount. The sale may settle the next business day, but the new security may not settle for two (2) more business days.

If a client requests a withdrawal and takes the cash in the strategy after the sale of the security settles, but before the new security buy settles, it will result in a negative balance. In addition, there are times when it will take more than one (1) day to complete the trading required and cash may appear to be available at times when it is not available.

If a client wishes to make a withdrawal or some other change, such as an investment strategy change or style change, Signal Wealth cannot process the request on shares that have not settled, because the client does not own them yet. This would constitute a violation called "freeriding," which is not permitted under the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation T and the custodian may be required to prohibit trading in the Client's account for 90 days.

# **TRADE AGGREGATION & TRADING**

The RIA Adviser delegates certain operational functions to Signal Wealth, including trade order entry with respect to the investment strategy. Due to different trading technology platforms, the timing of trading among the different Investment strategies may, and often does, differ. Signal Wealth maintains "average price accounts" at each custodian recommended by the RIA Adviser. Generally, trades made within the same investment strategies are aggregated in the same trading block so that all accounts within that trading block will receive the same price for execution based on the average price for the block. Typically, for each investment strategy, trades for new accounts, style changes, and previous day contributions are aggregated in one trade block per custodian.

Signal Wealth routes the majority of trades resulting from RIA Adviser transactions and manager investment strategy updates directly to the custodian(s) of record. In the event there are trades submitted outside of Signal Wealth's ordinary trading process or in a manner that does not allow Signal Wealth to aggregate trading, Signal Wealth will execute the transactions in such a manner that the client's total costs or proceeds in each transaction are the most favorable under the circumstances. In attempting to obtain the most favorable circumstances, Signal Wealth will consider the full range and quality of a

broker-dealer's services including, among other things, the value of research provided as well as execution capability, commission rate, financial responsibility, and responsiveness.

Throughout the day, at various times, Signal Wealth may receive requests from RIA Advisers that require Signal Wealth to execute a trade. For example, an RIA Adviser may ask Signal Wealth to raise cash for an upcoming withdrawal, liquidate a security, or change the selected investment strategy. Signal Wealth will process the request and enter an order for a trade block as each request is received. If Signal Wealth receives multiple requests within a reasonable time, generally, Signal Wealth will aggregate those trades into a single trading block.

### REBALANCING

The RIA Adviser may change the allocation or investment strategies (*"Sleeves"*) used to manage a portion of the portfolio without receiving instructions signed by the Adviser Client in each case. In the event of an asset allocation change, Signal Wealth executes a Global Rebalance. During the life of the portfolio, the investment vehicles used within the portfolio may change to attempt to achieve more effective tracking related to a benchmark or make an allocation to a specific sector or characteristic, such as International Small-Cap or fixed income duration.

Accounts are systematically reviewed periodically to determine if they fall outside of the drift parameters. If an account has drifted away from the allocation to selected investment strategies such that it falls outside of the established parameters, it will be rebalanced back to the selected allocation. If the account is within the drift parameters, the account will not be rebalanced. Signal Wealth retains discretion to determine if a rebalance is appropriate at any time during the life of the account.

### **BROKERAGE FOR CLIENT REFERRALS**

Signal Wealth does not receive client referrals from any Custodian or third party in exchange for using that broker-dealer or third party.

# TRADE ERRORS

Signal Wealth has implemented procedures designed to prevent trade errors; however, trade errors in client accounts cannot always be avoided. In all situations, we will absorb any loss resulting from the trade error if the error was caused by us. If the error is caused by the Custodian, the Custodian will be responsible for covering all trade error costs. If an investment gain results from the correcting trade, the gain will be donated to charity. We will never benefit or profit from trade errors.

# SOFT DOLLARS

Currently Signal Wealth does not receive commission soft dollar benefits. However, it is our policy to stay within the safe harbor provisions of 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 should we do so in the future. The term "soft dollars" is used to describe arrangements whereby advisory firms pay for research, products, or services from a broker-dealer with client commissions rather than paying directly from the adviser's revenue. In contrast, when and adviser uses its own money to pay for products or services, it is said to be using "hard dollars."

Some of the other Fidelity products and services assist us in managing and administering your accounts. These include software and technology that provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements), facilitate trade execution (and allocation of aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts), provide research, pricing information and other market data, facilitate payment of our fees from your account, and assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping and reporting.

# ITEM 13 - REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

# ACCOUNT REVIEWS AND REVIEWERS – INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES

Signal Wealth monitors our portfolios and strategies on a regular basis for consistency with investment asset allocation, risk tolerance, and performance relative to the appropriate benchmark. More frequent reviews may be triggered by changes in geopolitical and macroeconomic specific events.

# STATEMENTS AND REPORTS

The custodian for the individual client's account will provide clients with an account statement at least quarterly. Through our agreement with the RIA Adviser, clients will have access to on online portal that provides reports detailing their current positions, asset allocations, and year-to-date performance for accounts managed on the Signal Platform.

Investors are urged to compare the reports provided by Signal Wealth against the account statements received directly from the account custodian.

# **ITEM 14 – CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION**

Signal Wealth has entered into agreements to pay referral fees to independent promoters in exchange for referrals to us in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. We provide incentives for independent advisors to do business with us and in some instances refer other financial advisors to us (*"Promoters"*). This may be compensated through cash or non-cash compensation. In this regard, Signal Wealth maintains Promotor Agreements in compliance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and applicable state and federal laws. All who are referred by Promotors to us will be given full written disclosure describing the terms and fee arrangements between Signal Wealth and Promotor(s). In cases where state law requires licensure of Promotors, we ensure that no Promotor fees are paid unless the Promotor is properly registered as an investment adviser representative.

# ITEM 15 – CUSTODY

Signal Wealth does not have physical custody, as it applies to investment advisors. Custody has been defined by regulators as having access or control over client funds and/or securities.

# **DEDUCTION OF ADVISORY FEES**

Through Signal Wealth's written agreement with RIA Advisers, we have been given the authority to direct custodians to deduct advisory fees from client accounts. Signal Wealth and the RIA Adviser have established procedures to ensure all client funds and securities are held at a qualified custodian in a

separate account for each retail client under that client's name. Retail clients of the RIA Adviser will direct, in writing, the establishment of all accounts and therefore are aware of the qualified custodian's name, address, and the way the funds or securities are maintained. Finally, account statements are delivered directly from the qualified custodian to each RIA Adviser, or the client's independent representative, at least quarterly. Retail clients will also receive these statements and should carefully review them. Retail clients and are urged to compare the statements against reports received from the RIA Adviser or Signal Advisors. When clients have questions about their account statements, clients should contact their RIA Adviser, their designated investment adviser representative, or their qualified custodian preparing the statement.

Please refer to Item 5 for more information about how advisory fees are deducted.

# STANDING LETTERS OF AUTHORIZATION

Some clients may execute limited powers of attorney or other standing letters of authorization that permit the firm to transfer money from their account with the client's independent qualified Custodian to thirdparties. This authorization to direct the Custodian may be deemed to cause our firm to exercise limited custody over your funds or securities and for regulatory reporting purposes, we are required to keep track of the number of clients and accounts for which we may have this ability. We do not have physical custody of any of your funds and/or securities. Your funds and securities will be held with a bank, broker-dealer, or other independent, qualified custodian. You will receive account statements from the independent, qualified custodian(s) holding your funds and securities at least quarterly. The account statements from your custodian(s) will indicate any transfers that may have taken place within your account(s) each billing period. You should carefully review account statements for accuracy.

# ITEM 16 – INVESTMENT DISCRETION

Signal Wealth has ongoing and continuous oversight over the strategies/portfolios offered by the Signal Wealth. Signal Wealth is responsible for the implementation, execution of trades and investment menu of the recommended strategies/portfolios available to RIA Advisers on the Signal Platform. Signal Wealth has the authority to manage and rebalance automatically based on the parameters of the portfolio/investment strategies being offered and not based on overall client suitability. Signal Wealth's RIA Adviser agreement directs RIA Adviser to obtain this authority from the client as part of the RIA Adviser's investment management agreement. Trading discretion is inherently limited to selected models and securities selected through the Signal Platform. Further, Signal Wealth has discretion over the timing and execution of the securities offered within the portfolio/strategy to best manage the execution without prior consent from clients.

The retail client relationship is between the client and RIA Adviser. The decision as to investment strategy is based on suitability information gathered, a best interest analysis, reviewed, and determined by the RIA Adviser. Clients may place reasonable restrictions on their account by communicating the restriction to the RIA Adviser who will, in turn, provided the account restriction request to Signal Wealth.

Signal Wealth is authorized, in its discretion and without prior consultation to: (1) buy, sell, exchange, and trade any stocks, bonds or other securities or assets (2) determine the amount and timing of securities to

be bought or sold, and (3) place orders directly with the custodian. Any limitations to such discretionary authority will be communicated Signal Wealth in writing.

# ITEM 17 – VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

Signal Wealth will not vote proxies on the client's behalf. Investors can contact Signal Wealth's office with questions about a particular solicitation by phone at 866-774-4625 or contact their investment adviser representative.

# ITEM 18 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

We do not require or solicit prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. Therefore, we are not required to include a balance sheet for our most recent fiscal year. We are not subject to a financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet contractual commitments to clients. Finally, we have not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time.