

**Part 2A of Form ADV: *Firm Brochure***

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Registration with the SEC or with any state securities authority does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information about Spire Wealth Management, LLC also is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our firm's CRD number is 113908.

## **Item 2 Material Changes**

This Firm Brochure, dated March 2017 provides you with a summary of Spire Wealth Management, LLC's advisory services and fees, professionals, certain business practices and policies, as well as actual or potential conflicts of interest, among other things. This Item is used to provide our clients with a summary of new and/or updated information; we will inform of the revision(s) based on the nature of the information as follows.

1. Annual Update: We are required to update certain information at least annually, within 90 days of our firm's fiscal year end (FYE) of December 2016. We will provide you with either a summary of the revised information with an offer to deliver the full revised Brochure within 120 days of our FYE or we will provide you with our revised Brochure that will include a summary of those changes in this Item.
2. Material Changes: Should a material change in our operations occur, depending on its nature we will promptly communicate this change to clients (and it will be summarized in this Item). "Material changes" requiring prompt notification will include changes of ownership or control; location; disciplinary proceedings; significant changes to our advisory services or advisory affiliates – any information that is critical to a client's full understanding of who we are, how to find us, and how we do business.

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## **Item 4    Advisory Business**

Spire Wealth Management, LLC is a SEC registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in Virginia. Spire Wealth Management, LLC began conducting business in 2001.

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

- Spire Investment Partners, LLC, Owner

In addition, the following information identifies those parties that indirectly own 25% or more of our firm:

- David L Blisk, CEO

Spire Wealth Management, LLC offers the following advisory services to our clients:

### **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Our firm provides continuous advice to a client regarding the investment of client funds based on the individual needs of the client. Through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on a client's particular circumstances are established, we develop a client's personal investment policy and create and manage a portfolio based on that policy. During our data gathering process, we determine the client's individual objectives, time horizons, risk tolerance, and liquidity needs. As appropriate, we also review and discuss a client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background.

We manage these advisory accounts on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis. Account supervision is guided by the client's stated objectives (i.e., capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth and income), as well as tax considerations.

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

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

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Municipal securities
- Mutual fund shares

- United States governmental securities
- Options contracts on securities

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

### **INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") MODEL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

Our firm, through our Investment Advisor Representatives (IAR) provides portfolio management services to clients using model asset allocation portfolios. Each model portfolio is designed to meet a particular investment goal.

We manage these advisory accounts on a discretionary or non-discretionary basis. Account supervision is guided by the client's stated objectives (i.e., capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth and income), as well as tax considerations.

Through personal discussions with the client in which the client's goals and objectives are established, we determine if the model portfolio is suitable to the client's circumstances. Once we determine the suitability of the portfolio, the portfolio is managed based on the portfolio's goal, rather than on each client's individual needs. Clients, nevertheless, have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in their account. Clients retain individual ownership of all securities.

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

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Municipal securities
- Mutual fund shares
- United States governmental securities
- Options contracts on securities
- Futures contracts on tangibles

Because some types of investments involve certain additional degrees of risk, they will only be implemented/recommended when consistent with the client's stated investment objectives,

tolerance for risk, liquidity and suitability.

To ensure that our initial determination of an appropriate portfolio remains suitable and that the account continues to be managed in a manner consistent with the client's financial circumstances, we will:

1. at least annually, contact each participating client to determine whether there have been any changes in the client's financial situation or investment objectives, and whether the client wishes to impose investment restrictions or modify existing restrictions;
2. be reasonably available to consult with the client; and
3. maintain client suitability information in each client's file.

### **Proprietary Model Portfolio Strategies**

Within Spire's RIA we offer proprietary model portfolio strategies managed by our Investment Advisor Representatives.

Corbett Road is a dba operating under Spire Wealth Management's RIA.

Corbett Road Dynamic ETF is an all ETF tactical strategy that uses a core/satellite approach. It can invest in any exchange traded fund, any market cap (both foreign and domestic), and is able to utilize products that will short the market.

Corbett Road Opportunity Strategy targets between 35-40 individual equity positions, allowing Corbett Road to mitigate concentration risk, but avoid purchasing the index. It can invest in any exchange traded asset class, any market cap (both foreign and domestic) and is able to utilize products that will short the market.

Corbett Road Core Demand targets 10-15 ETFs, combined with 10-15 individual equity positions. It is focused on demand inelasticity and has an emphasis on higher quality, lower volatility positions. The absolute buy/sell discipline of the strategy differs from both our Opportunity and Dynamic ETF Strategies.

The fees for these strategies are based on a percentage of the assets under management and are collected monthly in arrears.

These strategies are managed on a discretionary basis under an advisory agreement with individual clients.

## **MANAGER OF MANAGERS PROGRAM**

Spire Wealth Management, LLC offers advisory management services to clients through our Manager of Managers Program. We provide the client with an asset allocation strategy developed through personal discussions in which the client's goals and objectives are established based on the client's particular circumstances.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC performs management searches of various registered investment advisers. Based on the client's individual circumstances and needs we determine which selected registered investment adviser's ("adviser" or "asset manager") portfolio management style is appropriate for that client. Factors considered in making this determination include account size, risk tolerance, the opinion of each client and the investment philosophy of the selected asset manager. Clients should refer to the asset manager's Firm Brochure or other disclosure document for a full description of the services offered. Client meetings are available on a regular basis, or as determined by the client, to review the account.

On an ongoing basis, we monitor the performance of the asset manager(s). If we determine that a particular adviser is not providing sufficient management services to the client, or is not managing the client's portfolio in a manner consistent with that client's objectives and risk tolerance then we may move the client's portfolio to a different asset manager and/or program sponsor. Under this scenario, our firm retains the discretion to hire and fire the asset manager and/or move the client's portfolio to a different program.

We remain available to meet with the client to review and update, as necessary, the individual objectives and risk tolerances. However, should there be any material change in the client's personal and/or financial situation, we should be notified immediately to determine whether any review and/or revision of the client's investment profile is warranted.

## **FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Our advisors may provide financial planning services. Financial planning is an evaluation of a client's current and future financial state by using currently known variables to predict future cash flows, asset values and withdrawal plans. Through the financial planning process, all questions, information and analysis are considered as they impact and are impacted by the entire financial and life situation of the client. Clients purchasing this service receive a written report which provides the client with a detailed financial plan designed to assist the client achieve his or her financial goals and objectives.

In general, the financial plan can address any or all of the following areas:

- **PERSONAL:** We may review family records, budgeting, personal liability, estate information and financial goals.
- **TAX & CASH FLOW:** We may analyze the client's income tax and spending and planning

for past, current and future years; then illustrate the impact of various investments on the client's current income tax and future tax liability.

- **INVESTMENTS:** We may analyze investment alternatives and their effect on the client's portfolio.
- **INSURANCE:** We may review existing policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home and automobile.
- **RETIREMENT:** We may analyze current strategies and investment plans to help the client achieve his or her retirement goals.
- **DEATH & DISABILITY:** We may review the client's cash needs at death, income needs of surviving dependents, estate planning and disability income.
- **ESTATE:** We may assist the client in assessing and developing long-term strategies, including as appropriate, living trusts, wills, review estate tax, powers of attorney, asset protection plans, nursing homes, Medicaid and elder law.

We gather required information through in-depth personal interviews. Information gathered includes the client's current financial status, tax status, future goals, returns objectives and attitudes towards risk. We carefully review documents supplied by the client, including a questionnaire completed by the client, and prepare a written report. Should the client choose to implement the recommendations contained in the plan, we suggest the client work closely with his/her attorney, accountant, insurance agent, and/or stockbroker. Implementation of financial plan recommendations is entirely at the client's discretion.

We also provide general non-securities advice on topics that may include tax and budgetary planning, estate planning and business planning.

Typically the financial plan is presented to the client within six months of the contract date, provided that all information needed to prepare the financial plan has been promptly provided.

Financial Planning recommendations are not limited to any specific product or service offered by a broker-dealer or insurance company. All recommendations are of a generic nature.

### **AMOUNT OF MANAGED ASSETS**

As of the end of 20156 we were actively managing \$1.9 Billion of client's assets on both a discretionary and non-discretionary basis. This includes our client's assets being managed by third-party money managers.



## Item 5 Fees and Compensation

### INVESTMENT SUPERVISORY SERVICES ("ISS") INDIVIDUAL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FEES, MODEL PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FEES, MANAGER OF MANAGER FEES

Our annual fees for Investment Supervisory Services are based upon a percentage of assets under management and generally range from .25% to 2.0%. Please see individual advisor for their fee schedule.

A minimum of \$25,000 of assets under management is typically required for this service. This account size may be negotiable under certain circumstances. Spire Wealth Management, LLC may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size and determining the annualized fee.

Fees may be billed/collected either quarterly in advance or monthly in arrears, based on an average daily account balance for the month. Fees may be withdrawn directly from a specified account or by invoicing the client. Custodial statements will reflect any fees deducted from the accounts.

**Limited Negotiability of Advisory Fees:** Although Spire Wealth Management, LLC has established the aforementioned fee schedule(s), we retain the discretion to negotiate alternative fees on a client-by-client basis. Client facts, circumstances and needs are considered in determining the fee schedule. These include the complexity of the client, assets to be placed under management, anticipated future additional assets; related accounts; portfolio style, account composition, reports, among other factors. The specific annual fee schedule is identified in the Investment Management Agreement (IMA) between the adviser and each client.

### FINANCIAL PLANNING FEES

Spire Wealth Management, LLC's Financial Planning fee is determined based on the nature of the services being provided by the individual advisor and the complexity of each client's circumstances. All fees are agreed upon prior to entering into a contract with any client.

Our Financial Planning fees are typically calculated and charged on an hourly basis, ranging from \$100 to \$500 per hour. Although the length of time it will take to provide a Financial Plan will depend on each client's personal situation, we will provide an estimate for the total hours at the start of the advisory relationship.

Our Financial Planning fees may be calculated and charged on a fixed fee basis, depending on the specific arrangement reached with the client.

We may request a retainer upon completion of our initial fact-finding session with the client; however, advance payment will never exceed \$500 for work that will not be completed within

six months. The balance is due upon completion of the plan.

The client is usually billed quarterly in arrears or on an annual basis based on actual hours accrued.

Management personnel and other related persons of our firm are licensed as registered representatives of a broker-dealer and/or licensed as insurance agents or brokers. In their separate capacity(ies), these individuals are able to implement investment recommendations for advisory clients for separate and typical compensation (i.e., commissions, 12b-1 fees or other sales-related forms of compensation). This presents a conflict of interest to the extent that these individuals recommend that a client invest in a security which results in a commission being paid to the individuals. Clients are not under any obligation to engage these individuals when considering implementation of advisory recommendations. The implementation of any or all recommendations is solely at the discretion of the client.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

***Termination of the Advisory Relationship:*** A client agreement may be canceled at any time, by either party, for any reason upon receipt of 30 days written notice. [As disclosed above, certain fees may be paid in advance of services provided.] Upon termination of any account, any prepaid, unearned fees will be promptly refunded. [In calculating a client's reimbursement of fees, we will pro rate the reimbursement according to the number of days remaining in the billing period.]

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

***Wrap Fee Programs and Separately Managed Account Fees:*** Clients participating in separately managed account programs may be charged various program fees in addition to the advisory fee charged by our firm. Such fees may include the investment advisory fees of the independent advisers, which may be charged as part of a wrap fee arrangement. In a wrap fee arrangement, clients pay a single fee for advisory, brokerage and custodial services. Client's portfolio transactions may be executed without commission charge in a wrap fee arrangement. In evaluating such an arrangement, the client should also consider that, depending upon the level of the wrap fee charged by the broker-dealer, the amount of portfolio activity in the client's account, and other factors, the wrap fee may or may not exceed the aggregate cost of such services if they were to be provided separately. We will review with clients any separate program fees that may be charged to clients.

***Additional Fees and Expenses:*** In addition to our advisory fees, clients are also

responsible for the fees and expenses charged by custodians and imposed by broker dealers, including, but not limited to, any transaction charges imposed by a broker dealer with which an independent investment manager effects transactions for the client's account(s). Please refer to the "Brokerage Practices" section (Item 12) of this Form ADV for additional information.

**Grandfathering of Minimum Account Requirements:** Pre-existing advisory clients are subject to Spire Wealth Management, LLC's minimum account requirements and advisory fees in effect at the time the client entered into the advisory relationship. Therefore, our firm's minimum account requirements will differ among clients.

**ERISA Accounts:** Spire Wealth Management, LLC is deemed to be a fiduciary to advisory clients that are employee benefit plans or individual retirement accounts (IRAs) pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income and Securities Act ("ERISA"), and regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), respectively. . As such, our firm is subject to specific duties and obligations under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code that include among other things, restrictions concerning certain forms of compensation. To avoid engaging in prohibited transactions, Spire Wealth Management, LLC may only charge fees for investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons do not receive any commissions or 12b-1 fees, or conversely, investment advice about products for which our firm and/or our related persons receive commissions or 12b-1 fees, however, only when such fees are used to offset Spire Wealth Management, LLC's advisory fees.

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

## **Item 6 Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management**

Spire Wealth Management, LLC does not charge performance-based fees.

## **Item 7 Types of Clients**

Spire Wealth Management, LLC provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- Individuals
- High net worth individuals
- Corporations or other businesses
- Trusts and Retirement Plans

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

## METHODS OF ANALYSIS

Our advisors may use any of the following methods of analysis in formulating their investment advice and/or managing client assets:

***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.

***Technical Analysis.*** We analyze past market movements and apply that analysis to the present in an attempt to recognize recurring patterns of investor behavior and potentially predict future price movement.

Technical analysis does not consider the underlying financial condition of a company. This presents a risk in that a poorly-managed or financially unsound company may underperform regardless of market movement.

***Cyclical Analysis.*** In this type of technical analysis, we measure the movements of a particular stock against the overall market in an attempt to predict the price movement of the security.

***Quantitative Analysis.*** We use mathematical models in an attempt to obtain more accurate measurements of a company's quantifiable data, such as the value of a share price or earnings per share, and predict changes to that data.

A risk in using quantitative analysis is that the models used may be based on assumptions that prove to be incorrect.

***Qualitative Analysis.*** We subjectively evaluate non-quantifiable factors such as quality of management, labor relations, and strength of research and development factors not readily subject to measurement, and predict changes to share price based on that data.

A risk in using qualitative analysis is that our subjective judgment may prove incorrect.

***Asset Allocation.*** Rather than focusing primarily on securities selection, we attempt to identify an appropriate ratio of securities, fixed income, and cash suitable to the client's investment goals and risk tolerance.

A risk of asset allocation is that the client may not participate in sharp increases in a particular security, industry or market sector. Another risk is that the ratio of securities, fixed income, and cash will change over time due to stock and market movements and, if not corrected, will no longer be appropriate for the client's goals.

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

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

***Third-Party Money Manager Analysis.*** We examine the experience, expertise, investment philosophies, and past performance of independent third-party investment managers in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We monitor the manager's underlying holdings, strategies, concentrations and leverage as part of our overall periodic risk assessment. Additionally, as part of our due-diligence process, we survey the manager's compliance and business enterprise risks.

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

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

## ***INVESTMENT STRATEGIES***

Our advisors may use any of the following strategy(ies) in managing client accounts, provided that such strategy(ies) are appropriate to the needs of the client and consistent with the client's investment objectives, risk tolerance, and time horizons, among other considerations:

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

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

A risk in a long-term purchase strategy is that by holding the security for this length of time, we may not take advantage of short-term gains that could be profitable to a client. Moreover, if our predictions are incorrect, a security may decline sharply in value before we make the decision to sell.

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

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

**Margin transactions.** We will purchase stocks for your portfolio with money borrowed from your brokerage account. This allows you to purchase more stock than you would be able to with your available cash, and allows us to purchase stock without selling other holdings.

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

The two types of options are calls and puts:

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

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

We use "covered calls", in which we sell an option on security you own. In this strategy, you

receive a fee for making the option available, and the person purchasing the option has the right to buy the security from you at an agreed-upon price.

We use a "spreading strategy", in which we purchase two or more option contracts (for example, a call option that you buy and a call option that you sell) for the same underlying security. This effectively puts you on both sides of the market, but with the ability to vary price, time and other factors.

### ***Risk of Loss***

Clients should understand that investing in any securities, including mutual funds, involves a risk of loss of both income and principal. We ask that you work with us to help us understand your tolerance for risk.

## **Item 9 Disciplinary Information**

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

The following is a disciplinary event relating to our management personnel:

In 2009 one of our advisors was found, by FINRA, to have violated Rules 2110 and 3040 regarding Private Securities Transactions. The advisor, without admitting or denying the findings, consented to sanctions and to the entry of the findings.

In 2015 one of our advisors was found, by the SEC, to have violated sections of the Advisers Act. He was fined and barred from any supervisory capacity.

In 2012 one of our advisors was found by the State of Florida to have violated Florida statutes and FINRA conduct rules and was fined. In addition this advisor was found by FINRA in 2016 to have made a late reporting of a disclosure event, was fined and suspended for 30 days.

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

Management personnel of Spire Wealth Management, LLC are separately licensed as registered representatives of Spire Securities, LLC (a FINRA registered broker-dealer). These individuals, in their separate capacity, can effect securities transactions for which they will receive separate, yet customary compensation.

While Spire Wealth Management, LLC and these individuals endeavor at all times to put the interest of the clients first as part of our fiduciary duty, clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation itself creates a conflict of interest, and may affect the judgment of these individuals when making recommendations.

Management personnel of our firm, in their individual capacities, are agents for various insurance companies. As such, these individuals are able to receive separate, yet customary

commission compensation resulting from implementing product transactions on behalf of advisory clients. Clients, however, are not under any obligation to engage these individuals when considering implementation of advisory recommendations. The implementation of any or all recommendations is solely at the discretion of the client.

Clients should be aware that the receipt of additional compensation by Spire Wealth Management, LLC and its management persons or employees creates a conflict of interest that may impair the objectivity of our firm and these individuals when making advisory recommendations. Spire Wealth Management, LLC endeavors at all times to put the interest of its clients first as part of our fiduciary duty as a registered investment adviser; we take the following steps to address this conflict:

- we disclose to clients the existence of all material conflicts of interest, including the potential for our firm and our employees to earn compensation from advisory clients in addition to our firm's advisory fees;
- we disclose to clients that they are not obligated to purchase recommended investment products from our employees or affiliated companies;
- we collect, maintain and document accurate, complete and relevant client background information, including the client's financial goals, objectives and risk tolerance;
- our firm's management conducts regular reviews of each client account to verify that all recommendations made to a client are suitable to the client's needs and circumstances;
- we require that our employees seek prior approval of any outside employment activity so that we may ensure that any conflicts of interests in such activities are properly addressed;
- we periodically monitor these outside employment activities to verify that any conflicts of interest continue to be properly addressed by our firm; and
- we educate our employees regarding the responsibilities of a fiduciary, including the need for having a reasonable and independent basis for the investment advice provided to clients.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC has taken an ownership position of another RIA, Almanack Strategies, LLC. Although Spire and Almanack may operate from a central location, no commingling of Spire's client assets, books and records or other proprietary items will be made available to Almanack.

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

Our firm has adopted a Code of Ethics which sets forth high ethical standards of business conduct that we require of our employees, including compliance with applicable federal securities laws.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC and our personnel owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good



faith towards our clients, and have an obligation to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code of Ethics but to the general principles that guide the Code.

Our Code of Ethics includes policies and procedures for the review of securities transactions reports. Among other things, our Code of Ethics also requires the prior approval of any acquisition of securities in a limited offering (e.g., private placement) or an initial public offering. Our code also provides for oversight, enforcement and recordkeeping provisions.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC's Code of Ethics further includes the firm's policy prohibiting the use of material non-public information. While we do not believe that we have any particular access to non-public information, all employees are reminded that such information may not be used in a personal or professional capacity.

A copy of our Code of Ethics is available to our advisory clients and prospective clients via our internet site ([www.spireip.com](http://www.spireip.com)). You may also request a copy by email sent to [info@spireip.com](mailto:info@spireip.com), or by calling us at 703-657-6060.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC and individuals associated with our firm are prohibited from engaging in principal transactions.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC and individuals associated with our firm are prohibited from engaging in agency cross transactions.

## **Item 12 Brokerage Practices**

For discretionary clients, Spire Wealth Management, LLC requires these clients to provide us with written authority to determine the broker dealer to use and the commission costs that will be charged to these clients for these transactions. These disclosures are made using the Investment Management Agreement (IMA).

These clients must include any limitations on this discretionary authority in this written authority statement. Clients may change/amend these limitations as required. Such amendments must be provided to us in writing.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC does not have any soft-dollar arrangements and does not receive any soft-dollar benefits.

As a matter of practice, Spire Wealth Management, LLC may block client trades and allocate accordingly. Our clients may receive volume discounts due to this blocking..

Spire Wealth Management, LLC may recommend that clients establish brokerage accounts with the **Schwab Institutional division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab")**, a FINRA registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, to maintain custody of clients' assets and to effect trades for their accounts. Although we may make this recommendation that clients establish accounts at Schwab, it is the client's decision to custody assets with Schwab.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab.

Schwab provides Spire Wealth Management, LLC with access to its institutional trading and custody services, which are typically not available to Schwab retail investors. These services generally are available to independent investment advisers on an unsolicited basis, at no charge to them so long as a total of at least \$10 million of the adviser's clients' assets are maintained in accounts at Schwab Institutional. Schwab's brokerage services include the execution of securities transactions, custody, research, and access to mutual funds and other investments that are otherwise generally available only to institutional investors or would require a significantly higher minimum initial investment.

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

Schwab Institutional also makes available to our firm other products and services that benefit Spire Wealth Management, LLC but may not directly benefit our clients' accounts. Many of these products and services may be used to service all or some substantial number of our client accounts, including accounts not maintained at Schwab.

Schwab's products and services that assist us in managing and administering our clients' accounts include software and other technology that

- i. provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements);
- ii. facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts;
- iii. provide research, pricing and other market data;
- iv. facilitate payment of our fees from clients' accounts; and
- v. assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping and client reporting.

Schwab Institutional also offers other services intended to help us manage and further develop our business enterprise. These services may include:

- i. compliance, legal and business consulting;
- ii. publications and conferences on practice management and business succession; and
- iii. access to employee benefits providers, human capital consultants and insurance providers.

Schwab may make available, arrange and/or pay third-party vendors for the types of services

rendered to Spire Wealth Management, LLC. Schwab Institutional may discount or waive fees it would otherwise charge for some of these services or pay all or a part of the fees of a third-party providing these services to our firm. Schwab Institutional may also provide other benefits such as educational events or occasional business entertainment of our personnel. In evaluating whether to recommend or require that clients custody their assets at Schwab, we may take into account the availability of some of the foregoing products and services and other arrangements as part of the total mix of factors we consider and not solely on the nature, cost or quality of custody and brokerage services provided by Schwab, which may create a potential conflict of interest.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC participates in the Schwab Advisor Network ("SAN") program. SAN is a referral program designed to introduce high net worth investors to independent registered investment advisors. Spire Wealth Management, LLC currently pays a fee to participate in the SAN Program. These fees are paid by our advisors and do not impact the fee that the client pays to our firm. Our firm's participation in the program could raise potential conflicts of interest as Spire Wealth Management, LLC may have an incentive to recommend that our clients custody their assets with Schwab.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC has an arrangement with **National Financial Services LLC and Fidelity Brokerage Services LLC (collectively, and together with all affiliates, "Fidelity")** through which Fidelity provides our firm with "institutional platform services." The institutional platform services include, among others, brokerage, custody, and other related services. Fidelity's institutional platform services that assist us in managing and administering clients' accounts include software and other technology that (i) provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements); (ii) facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts; (iii) provide research, pricing and other market data; (iv) facilitate payment of fees from its clients' accounts; and (v) assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping and client reporting.

Fidelity also offers other services intended to help our firm manage and further develop its advisory practice. Such services include, but are not limited to, performance reporting, financial planning, contact management systems, third party research, publications, access to educational conferences, roundtables and webinars, practice management resources, access to consultants and other third party service providers who provide a wide array of business related services and technology with whom Spire Wealth Management, LLC may contract directly.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC is independently operated and owned and is not affiliated with Fidelity.

Fidelity generally does not charge its advisor clients separately for custody services but is compensated by account holders through commissions and other transaction-related or asset-based fees for securities trades that are executed through Fidelity or that settle into Fidelity accounts (i.e., transactions fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity and debt securities transactions). Fidelity provides access to many no-load mutual funds without transaction charges and other no-load funds at nominal transaction charges.

As a result of receiving such services for no additional cost, we may have an incentive to

continue to use or expand the use of Fidelity's services. We examined this potential conflict of interest when we chose to enter into the relationship with Fidelity and have determined that the relationship is in the best interests of Spire Wealth Management, LLC's clients and satisfies our client obligations, including our duty to seek best execution. A client may pay a commission that is higher than another qualified broker-dealer might charge to effect the same transaction where we determine in good faith that the commission is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services received. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, and responsiveness. Accordingly, while Spire Wealth Management, LLC will seek competitive rates, to the benefit of all clients, we may not necessarily obtain the lowest possible commission rates for specific client account transactions. Although the investment research products and services that may be obtained by us will generally be used to service all of our clients, a brokerage commission paid by a specific client may be used to pay for research that is not used in managing that specific client's account.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC ("Spire") participates in the Fidelity Wealth Advisor Solutions program. Wealth Advisor Solutions ("the WAS Program"), through which Spire receives referrals from Strategic Advisers, Inc. ("SAI"), a registered investment adviser and subsidiary of FMR LLC, the parent company of Fidelity Investments. Spire is independent and not affiliated with SAI or FMR LLC. SAI does not supervise or control Spire and SAI has no responsibility or oversight for Spire's provision of investment management or other advisory services.

Under the WAS Program, SAI acts as a solicitor for Spire, and Spire pays referral fees to SAI for each referral received based on Spire's assets under management attributable to each client referred by SAI or members of each client's household. The WAS Program is designed to help investors find an independent investment advisors, and any referral from SAI to Spire does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement by SAI of Spire's particular investment management services or strategies. More specifically, Spire pays the following amounts to SAI for referrals: for referrals made prior to April 1, 2017, the sum of (1) an annual percentage of 0.10% of any and all assets in client accounts where such assets are identified as "fixed income" assets by SAI and (ii) an annual percentage of 0.25% of all other assets held in client accounts. For referrals made prior to April 1, 2017, these fees are payable for a maximum of seven years. Fees with respect to referrals made after that date are not subject to the seven year limitation. In addition, Spire has agreed to pay SAI a minimum annual fee amount in connection with its participation in the WAS Program. These referral fees are paid by Spire and not the client.

To receive referrals from the WAS Program, Spire must meet certain minimum participation criteria, but Spire may have been selected for participation in the WAS Program as a result of its other business relationships with SAI and its affiliates, including Fidelity Brokerage Services, LLC ("FBS"). As a result of its participation in the WAS Program, Spire may have a potential conflict of interest with respect to its decision to use certain affiliates of SAI, including FBS, for execution, custody and clearing for certain client accounts, and Spire may have a potential incentive to suggest the use of FBS and its affiliates to its advisory clients, whether or not those clients were referred to Spire as part of the WAS Program. Under an agreement with SAI, Spire has agreed that it will not charge clients more than the standard

range of advisory fees disclosed in its Form ADV 2A Brochure to cover solicitation fees paid to SAI as part of the WAS Program. Pursuant to these arrangements, Spire has agreed not to solicit clients to transfer their brokerage accounts from affiliates of SAI or establish brokerage accounts at other custodians for referred clients other than when Spire's fiduciary duties would so require; therefore, Spire may have an incentive to suggest that referred clients and their household members maintain custody of their accounts with affiliates of SAI. However, participation in the WAS Program does not limit Spire's duty to select brokers on the basis of best execution.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC has an arrangement with ***Pershing Advisor Solutions ("PAS") a Bank of New York Mellon Co.*** through which PAS provides our firm with "institutional platform services." The institutional platform services include, among others, brokerage, custody, and other related services. PAS' institutional platform services that assist us in managing and administering clients' accounts include software and other technology that (i) provide access to client account data (such as trade confirmations and account statements); (ii) facilitate trade execution and allocate aggregated trade orders for multiple client accounts; (iii) provide research, pricing and other market data; (iv) facilitate payment of fees from its clients' accounts; and (v) assist with back-office functions, recordkeeping and client reporting.

Spire has also entered into an agreement with ***TD Ameritrade*** in order to provide our advisors, and their clients, with an additional choice in brokerage, execution and clearing services.

### **CIP of AML Program**

Spire Securities ("Spire") will accept and rely on the CIP efforts of our affiliated firm, Spire Wealth Management, which also has an Anti Money Laundering program. Spire Wealth has assured Spire that not only has it implemented its own AML policy but that it will update such AML program as necessary to implement changes in applicable laws and guidance. Spire Wealth will perform the specified requirements of Spire's CIP in a manner consistent with Section 326 of the Patriot Act and it will promptly disclose to Spire potentially suspicious or unusual activity detected as part of the CIP being performed on Spire's behalf in order to enable Spire to file a SAR, as appropriate based on Spire's judgment and it will certify annually to Spire that the representation in the reliance agreement remain accurate and that it is in compliance with such representations and that it will promptly provide its books and records relating to its performance of CIP to the Commission, to FINRA or to authorized law enforcement agencies at the request of Spire.

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

**REVIEWS:** While the underlying securities within Individual Portfolio Management Services

accounts are continually monitored, these accounts may be further reviewed, at least annually by compliance personnel and or supervising principals. Accounts are reviewed in the context of each client's stated investment objectives and guidelines. More frequent reviews may be triggered by material changes in variables such as the client's individual circumstances, or the market, political or economic environment.

**REPORTS:** In addition to the monthly statements and confirmations of transactions that clients receive from their custodians, our advisors may individually provide quarterly reports summarizing account performance, balances and holdings. These reports are produced by a third party vendor believed to be reliable.

### **MANAGER OF MANAGERS PROGRAM**

**REVIEWS:** The performance of the registered investment adviser(s) selected to manage client portfolios within our Manager of Managers Program is continually monitored by the advisor at least quarterly. More frequent reviews may be triggered by material changes in variables such as the client's individual circumstances, or the market, political or economic environment.

**REPORTS:** In addition to the monthly statements and confirmations of transactions that these clients receive from their respective custodian, the asset manager(s) selected by Spire Wealth Management, LLC's advisors to manage the client's portfolio(s) within our Manager of Managers Program may provide the client with written quarterly performance reports. Unless otherwise contracted for, we do not typically provide additional reports.

### **FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICES**

**REVIEWS:** While reviews may occur at different stages depending on the nature and terms of the specific engagement, typically no formal reviews will be conducted for Financial Planning clients unless otherwise contracted for.

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

### **CLIENT REFERRALS**

Our firm may pay referral fees to independent persons or firms ("Solicitors") for introducing clients to us. Currently we have agreements in place with unaffiliated RIAs. This also includes our participation in the SAN and WAS programs detailed above. Whenever we pay a referral fee, we require the Solicitor to provide the prospective client with a copy of this document (our *Firm Brochure*) and a separate disclosure statement that includes the following information:

- the Solicitor's name and relationship with our firm;
- the fact that the Solicitor is being paid a referral fee;
- the amount of the fee; and
- whether the fee paid to us by the client will be increased above our normal fees in order to compensate the Solicitor.

As a matter of firm practice, the advisory fees paid to us by clients referred by solicitors are not increased as a result of any referral.

It is Spire Wealth Management, LLC's policy not to accept or allow our related persons to accept any form of compensation, including cash, sales awards or other prizes, from a non-client in conjunction with the advisory services we provide to our clients.

## **Item 15 Custody**

We previously disclosed in the "Fees and Compensation" section (Item 5) of this Brochure that our firm directly debits advisory fees from client accounts.

As part of this billing process, the client's custodian is advised of the amount of the fee to be deducted from that client's account. On at least a quarterly basis, the custodian is required to send to the client a statement showing all transactions within the account during the reporting period.

Because the custodian does not calculate the amount of the fee to be deducted, it is important for clients to carefully review their custodial statements to verify the accuracy of the calculation, among other things. Clients should contact us directly if they believe that there may be an error in their statement.

Our firm does not have actual or constructive custody of client accounts.

## **Item 16 Investment Discretion**

Clients may hire us to provide discretionary asset management services, in which case we place trades in a client's account without contacting the client prior to each trade to obtain the client's permission.

Our discretionary authority includes the ability to do the following without contacting the client:

- determine the security to buy or sell; and/or
- determine the amount of the security to buy or sell

Clients give us discretionary authority when they sign a discretionary agreement with our firm,

and may limit this authority by giving us written instructions. Clients may also change/amend such limitations by once again providing us with written instructions.

### **MANAGER OF MANAGERS PROGRAM**

As previously disclosed in Item 4 of this brochure, we do not "manage" client portfolios in the traditional sense of the definition, rather Spire Wealth Management, LLC manages the managers of client portfolios within this program. Accordingly, clients participating in this program grant us authority to hire and fire the selected asset manager(s) managing client accounts.

Clients give us this authority when they sign a discretionary agreement with our firm, and may limit this authority by giving us written instructions. Clients may change/amend these limitations by once again providing us with written instructions.

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

As a matter of firm policy, we do not vote proxies on behalf of clients. Therefore, although our firm may provide investment advisory services relative to client investment assets, clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities beneficially owned by the client shall be voted, and (2) making all elections relative to any mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, bankruptcy proceedings or other type events pertaining to the client's investment assets. Clients are responsible for instructing each custodian of the assets, to forward to the client copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to the client's investment assets.

We may provide clients with consulting assistance regarding proxy issues if they contact us with questions at our principal place of business.

### **Item 18 Financial Information**

As an advisory firm that maintains discretionary authority for client accounts, we are also required to disclose any financial condition that is reasonable likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual obligations.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC has no such financial circumstances to report.

Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$1200 per client more than six months in advance of services rendered. Therefore, we are not required to include a financial statement.

Spire Wealth Management, LLC has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.