Apex Investment Group, LLC

Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure

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This Form ADV Part 2A ("Disclosure Brochure") provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Apex Investment Group, LLC ("Apex Investment Group" or the "Advisor"). If you have any questions about the content of this Disclosure Brochure, please contact the Advisor at 978-994-0021.

Apex Investment Group is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The information in this Disclosure Brochure has not been approved or verified by the SEC or by any state securities authority. Registration of an investment advisor does not imply any specific level of skill or training. This Disclosure Brochure provides information about Apex Investment Group to assist you in determining whether to retain the Advisor.

Additional information about Apex Investment Group and its Advisory Persons is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333593.

Item 2 – Material Changes

Form ADV 2 is divided into two parts: *Part 2A (the "Disclosure Brochure")* and *Part 2B (the "Brochure Supplement")*. The Disclosure Brochure provides information about a variety of topics relating to an Advisor's business practices and conflicts of interest. The Brochure Supplement provides information about the Advisory Persons of Apex Investment Group. For convenience, the Advisor has combined these documents into a single disclosure document.

Apex Investment Group believes that communication and transparency are the foundation of its relationship with clients and will continually strive to provide you with complete and accurate information at all times. Apex Investment Group encourages all current and prospective clients to read this Disclosure Brochure and discuss any questions you may have with the Advisor.

Material Changes

The following material changes have been made to this Disclosure Brochure since the last filing and distribution to clients. This is the Advisor's first annual amendment filing:

- The Advisor's primary address has changed to 145 Main St, Hudson, MA 01749.
- The Advisor now provides 3(21) and 3(38) retirement plan advisory services. For more information, please see Item 4 and Item 5 of the Disclosure Brochure.
- The Advisor now offers both monthly and quarterly billing for its wealth management services. For more information, please see Item 5 of the Disclosure Brochure.

Future Changes

From time to time, the Advisor may amend this Disclosure Brochure to reflect changes in business practices, changes in regulations or routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. This complete Disclosure Brochure or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to you annually and if a material change occurs.

At any time, you may view the current Disclosure Brochure on-line at the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333593. You may also request a copy of this Disclosure Brochure at any time by contacting the Advisor at 978-994-0021.

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Item 4 – Advisory Services

A. Firm Information

Apex Investment Group, LLC ("Apex Investment Group" or the "Advisor") is a registered investment advisor with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The Advisor is organized as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Apex Investment Group was founded in October 2024 and is owned and operated by Pedro M. Silva (Partner and Chief Compliance Officer) and Joseph E. Bakaysa (Partner). This Disclosure Brochure provides information regarding the qualifications, business practices, and the advisory services provided by Apex Investment Group.

B. Advisory Services Offered

Apex Investment Group offers wealth management services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and retirement plans (each referred to as a "Client").

The Advisor serves as a fiduciary to Clients, as defined under the applicable laws and regulations. As a fiduciary, the Advisor upholds a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client and seeks to mitigate potential conflicts of interest. Apex Investment Group's fiduciary commitment is further described in the Advisor's Code of Ethics. For more information regarding the Code of Ethics, please see Item 11 – Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading.

Wealth Management Services

The Advisor provides customized wealth management services for its Clients. This is achieved through continuous personal Client contact and interaction while providing discretionary investment management and financial planning services. These services are listed below.

Investment Management Services – The Advisor provides discretionary investment management services. The Advisor works closely with each Client to identify their investment goals, objectives, risk tolerance and financial situation in order to create a portfolio strategy. Apex Investment Group will then construct an investment portfolio, consisting of low-cost, diversified mutual funds and/or exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") to achieve the Client's investment goals. The Advisor may also utilize individual stocks, bonds or structured products to meet the needs of its Clients. The Advisor may retain other types of investments from the Client's legacy portfolio due to fit with the overall portfolio strategy, tax-related reasons, or other reasons as identified between the Advisor and the Client.

The Advisor 's investment strategies are primarily long-term focused, but the Advisor may buy, sell or re-allocate positions that have been held for less than one year to meet the objectives of the Client or due to market conditions. The Advisor will construct, implement and monitor the portfolio to ensure it meets the goals, objectives, circumstances, and risk tolerance agreed to by the Client. Each Client will have the opportunity to place reasonable restrictions on the types of investments to be held in their respective portfolio, subject to acceptance by the Advisor.

The Advisor evaluates and selects investments for inclusion in Client portfolios only after applying its internal due diligence process. The Advisor may recommend, on occasion, redistributing investment allocations to diversify the portfolio. The Advisor may recommend specific positions to increase sector or asset class weightings. The Advisor may recommend employing cash positions as a possible hedge against market movement. The Advisor may recommend selling positions for reasons that include, but are not limited to, harvesting capital gains or losses, business or sector risk exposure to a specific security or class of securities, overvaluation or overweighting of the position[s] in the portfolio, change in risk tolerance of the Client, generating cash to meet Client needs, or any risk deemed unacceptable for the Client's risk tolerance.

Retirement Accounts – When the Advisor provides investment advice to Clients regarding ERISA retirement accounts or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), the Advisor is a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and/or the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. When deemed to be in the Client's best interest, the Advisor will provide investment advice to a Client regarding a distribution from an ERISA retirement account or to roll over the assets to an IRA, or recommend a similar transaction including rollovers from one ERISA sponsored Plan to another, one IRA to another

IRA, or from one type of account to another account (e.g. commission-based account to fee-based account). Such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if the Advisor will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee as a result of the transaction. No client is under any obligation to roll over a retirement account to an account managed by the Advisor.

At no time will the Advisor accept or maintain custody of a Client's funds or securities, except for the limited authority as outlined in Item 15 – Custody. All Client assets will be managed within the designated account[s] at the Custodian, pursuant to the terms of the advisory agreement. Please see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

Financial Planning Services – The Advisor provides a variety of financial planning and consulting services to Clients as part of its wealth management services. Services are offered in several areas of a Client's financial situation, depending on their goals and objectives. Generally, such financial planning services involve rendering a specific financial consultation based on the Client's financial goals and objectives. This planning or consulting may encompass one or more areas of need, including but not limited to, investment planning, retirement planning, personal savings, education savings, insurance needs and other areas of a Client's financial situation.

A financial consultation rendered to the Client will usually include general recommendations for a course of activity or specific actions to be taken by the Client. For example, recommendations may be made that the Client start or revise their investment programs, commence or alter retirement savings, establish education savings and/or charitable giving programs.

The Advisor may also refer Clients to an accountant, attorney or other specialists, as appropriate for their unique situation. Plans or consultations are typically completed within six (6) months of contract date, assuming all information and documents requested are provided promptly.

Financial planning and consulting recommendations pose a conflict between the interests of the Advisor and the interests of the Client. For example, the Advisor has an incentive to recommend that Clients engage the Advisor for investment management services or to increase the level of investment assets with the Advisor, as it would increase the amount of advisory fees paid to the Advisor. Clients are not obligated to implement any recommendations made by the Advisor or maintain an ongoing relationship with the Advisor. If the Client elects to act on any of the recommendations made by the Advisor, the Client is under no obligation to implement the transaction through the Advisor.

Use of Independent Managers

The Advisor may recommend that Clients utilize one or more unaffiliated investment managers or investment platforms (collectively "Independent Managers") for all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio, based on the Client's needs and objectives. In certain instances, the Client may be required to authorize and enter into an investment management agreement with the Independent Manager[s] that defines the terms in which the Independent Manager[s] will provide its services. The Advisor will perform initial and ongoing oversight and due diligence over each Independent Manager to ensure the strategy remains aligned with Clients' investment objectives and overall best interests. The Advisor will also assist the Client in the development of the initial policy recommendations and managing the ongoing Client relationship. The Client, prior to entering into an agreement with an Independent Manager, will be provided with the Independent Manager's Form ADV Part 2A - Disclosure Brochure (or a brochure that makes the appropriate disclosures).

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

The Advisor provides 3(21) or 3(38) retirement plan advisory services on behalf of the retirement plans (each a "Plan") and the company (the "Plan Sponsor"). The Advisor's retirement plan advisory services are designed to assist the Plan Sponsor in meeting its fiduciary obligations to the Plan and its Plan Participants. Each engagement is customized to the needs of the Plan and Plan Sponsor. Services generally include:

- Vendor Analysis
- Plan Participant Enrollment and Education Tracking
- Investment Policy Statement ("IPS") Design and Monitoring
- Ongoing Investment Recommendation and Assistance
- Performance Reports

- ERISA 404(c) Assistance
- Benchmarking Services

These services are provided by the Advisor serving in the capacity as a fiduciary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"). In accordance with ERISA Section 408(b)(2), the Plan Sponsor is provided with a written description of the Advisor's fiduciary status, the specific services to be rendered and all direct and indirect compensation the Advisor reasonably expects under the engagement.

C. Client Account Management

Prior to engaging Apex Investment Group to provide wealth management services, each Client is required to enter into a written agreement with the Advisor that define the terms, conditions, authority and responsibilities of the Advisor and the Client. These services may include:

- <u>Establishing an Investment Strategy</u> Apex Investment Group, in connection with the Client, will develop a strategy that seeks to achieve the Client's goals and objectives.
- <u>Asset Allocation</u> Apex Investment Group will develop a strategic asset allocation that is targeted to meet the investment objectives, time horizon, financial situation and tolerance for risk for each Client.
- <u>Portfolio Construction</u> Apex Investment Group will develop a portfolio for the Client that is intended to meet the stated goals and objectives of the Client.
- <u>Investment Management and Supervision</u> Apex Investment Group will provide investment management and ongoing oversight of the Client's investment portfolio.

D. Wrap Fee Programs

Apex Investment Group does not manage or place Client assets into a wrap fee program. Investment management services are provided directly by Apex Investment Group.

E. Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2024 Apex Investment Group manages \$101,572,089 in Client assets, all of which are managed on a discretionary basis. Clients may request more current information at any time by contacting the Advisor.

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

The following paragraphs detail the fee structure and compensation methodology for services provided by the Advisor. Each Client engaging the Advisor for services described herein shall be required to enter into a written agreement with the Advisor.

A. Fees for Advisory Services

Wealth Management Services

Wealth management fees are paid monthly or quarterly ("Billing Period") in advance of each calendar Billing Period pursuant to the terms of the wealth management agreement. Wealth management fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior calendar Billing Period. Wealth management fees range up to 1.25% annually based on several factors, including: the scope and complexity of the services to be provided; the level of assets to be managed; and the overall relationship with the Advisor. Relationships with multiple objectives, specific reporting requirements, portfolio restrictions and other complexities may be charged a higher fee.

The wealth management fee in the first Billing Period of service is prorated from the inception date of the account[s] to the end of the first Billing Period. Fees may be negotiable at the sole discretion of the Advisor. The Client's fees will take into consideration the aggregate assets under management with the Advisor. All securities held in accounts managed by Apex Investment Group will be independently valued by the Custodian. The Advisor will conduct periodic reviews of the Custodian's valuation to ensure accurate billing.

The Advisor's fee is exclusive of, and in addition to any applicable securities transaction and custody fees, and other related costs and expenses described in Item 5.C below, which may be incurred by the Client. However, the Advisor shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Use of Independent Managers

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor will implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio utilizing one or more Independent Managers. To eliminate any conflict of interest, the Advisor does not earn any compensation from an Independent Manager. The Advisor will only earn its wealth management fee as described above. Independent Managers typically do not offer any fee discounts but may have a breakpoint schedule which will reduce the fee with an increased level of assets placed under management with an Independent Manager. The terms of such fee arrangements are included in the Independent Manager's disclosure brochure and applicable contract[s] with the Independent Manager. The total blended fee, including the Advisor's fee and the Independent Manager's fee, will not exceed 2.00% annually.

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan advisory fees are charged an annual asset-based fee of up to 1.25%. Fees may be billed monthly or quarterly ("Billing Period") in advance or arrears pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Retirement plan fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the Billing Period. Fees may be negotiable depending on the size and complexity of the Plan but shall not exceed the fee range stated above.

B. Fee Billing

Wealth Management Services

Wealth management fees are calculated by the Advisor or its delegate and deducted from the Client's account[s] at the Custodian. The Advisor shall send an invoice to the Custodian indicating the amount of the fees to be deducted from the Client's account[s] at the beginning of the respective Billing Period. The amount due is calculated by applying the Billing Period rate (number of days in the period divided by the number of days in the year) to the total assets under management with Apex Investment Group at the end of the prior Billing Period. Clients will be provided with a statement, at least quarterly, from the Custodian reflecting deduction of the wealth management fee. Clients are urged to also review and compare the statement provided by the Advisor to the brokerage statement from the Custodian, as the Custodian does not perform a verification of fees. Clients provide written authorization permitting advisory fees to be deducted by Apex Investment Group to be paid directly from their account[s] held by the Custodian as part of the wealth management agreement and separate account forms provided by the Custodian.

Use of Independent Managers

For Client accounts implemented through an Independent Manager, the Client's overall fees may include The Advisor's wealth management fee (as noted above) plus investment management fees and/or platform fees charged by the Independent Manager[s], as applicable. In certain instances, the Independent Manager or the Advisor may assume responsibility for calculating the Client's fees and deduct all fees from the Client's account[s].

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

Retirement plan advisory fees may be directly invoiced to the Plan Sponsor or deducted from the assets of the Plan, depending on the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement.

C. Other Fees and Expenses

Clients may incur certain fees or charges imposed by third parties, other than Apex Investment Group, in connection with investments made on behalf of the Client's account[s]. The Client is responsible for all custody and securities execution fees charged by the Custodian, as applicable. The Advisor's recommended Custodian does not charge securities transaction fees for ETF and equity trades in a Client's account, provided that the account meets the terms and conditions of the Custodian's brokerage requirements. However, the Custodian typically charges for mutual funds and other types of investments. The fees charged by Apex Investment Group are separate and distinct from these custody and execution fees.

In addition, all fees paid to Apex Investment Group for wealth management services are separate and distinct from the expenses charged by mutual funds and ETFs to their shareholders, if applicable. These fees and expenses are described in each fund's prospectus. These fees and expenses will generally be used to pay management fees for the funds, other fund expenses, account administration (e.g., custody, brokerage and account reporting), and a possible distribution fee. A Client may be able to invest in these products directly, without the services of Apex Investment Group, but would not receive the services provided by Apex Investment Group which are designed, among other things, to assist the Client in determining which products or services are most appropriate for each Client's financial situation and objectives. Accordingly, the Client should review both the fees charged by the fund[s] and the fees charged by Apex Investment Group to fully understand the total fees to be paid. Please refer to Item 12 – Brokerage Practices for additional information.

D. Advance Payment of Fees and Termination

Wealth Management Services

Apex Investment Group may be compensated for its Wealth management services in advance of the Billing Period in which services are rendered. Either party may terminate the wealth management agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client may also terminate the wealth management agreement within five (5) business days of signing the Advisor's agreement at no cost to the Client. After the five-day period, the Client will incur charges for bona fide advisory services rendered to the point of termination and such fees will be due and payable by the Client. Upon termination, the Advisor will refund any unearned, prepaid wealth management fees from the effective date of termination to the end of the Billing Period. The Client's wealth management agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

Use of Independent Managers

In the event that the Advisor has determined that an Independent Manager is no longer in the Client's best interest or a Client should wish to terminate their relationship with the Independent Manager, the terms for the termination will be set forth in the respective agreements between the Client or the Advisor and the Independent Manager. The Advisor will assist the Client with the termination and transition as appropriate.

Retirement Plan Advisory Services

The Advisor may be compensated for its services at the beginning of the Billing Period before services are rendered pursuant to the terms of the retirement plan advisory agreement. Either party may request to terminate a retirement plan advisory agreement, at any time, by providing advance written notice to the other party. The Client shall be responsible for fees up to and including the effective date of termination. If the fees are billed in advance, the Advisor will refund any unearned, prepaid retirement plan advisory fees from the effective date of termination to the end of the Billing Period. The Client's retirement plan services agreement with the Advisor is non-transferable without the Client's prior consent.

E. Compensation for Sales of Securities

Apex Investment Group does not buy or sell securities to earn commissions and does not receive any compensation for securities transactions in any Client account, other than the wealth management fees noted above.

Broker Dealer Affiliation

Certain Advisory Persons are also Registered Representatives of Mutual Securities, Inc. ("MSI"). MSI is a registered broker-dealer (CRD# 13092), member FINRA, SIPC. In one's separate capacity as a Registered Representative, the Advisory Person will implement securities transactions under MSI and not through the Advisor. In this capacity, the Advisory Person will receive commission-based compensation in connection with the purchase and sale of securities, including 12b-1 fees for the sale of investment company products. Compensation earned by the Advisory Person in one's capacity as a Registered Representative is separate and in addition to wealth management fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest because the Advisory Person who is a Registered Representative has an incentive to effect securities transactions for the purpose of generating commissions. Clients are not obligated to implement any recommendation provided by the Advisor nor Advisory Persons. Neither the Advisor nor Advisory Person's separate capacity as a Registered Representative. Please see Item 10 below.

Insurance Agency Affiliation

Certain Advisory Persons are licensed as independent insurance professionals. As an independent insurance professional, an Advisory Person may earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products offered to Clients. Insurance commissions earned by the Advisory Person are separate and in addition to wealth management fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest as an Advisory Person who is also an insurance professional will have an incentive to recommend insurance products to the Client for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on the Client's needs. Clients are under no obligation, contractual or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through any Advisory Person affiliated with the Advisor. Please see Item 10 below.

Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

Apex Investment Group does not charge performance-based fees for its wealth management services. The fees charged by Apex Investment Group are as described in Item 5 above and <u>are not</u> based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

Apex Investment Group does not manage any proprietary investment funds or limited partnerships (for example, a mutual fund or a hedge fund) and has no financial incentive to recommend any particular investment options to its Clients.

Item 7 – Types of Clients

Apex Investment Group offers wealth management services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and retirement plans. Apex Investment Group generally does not impose a minimum relationship size.

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

A. Methods of Analysis

Apex Investment Group employs fundamental and technical analysis methods in developing investment strategies for its Clients. Research and analysis from Apex Investment Group are derived from numerous sources, including financial media companies, third-party research materials, Internet sources, and review of company activities, including annual reports, prospectuses, press releases and research prepared by others.

Fundamental analysis utilizes economic and business indicators as investment selection criteria. This criteria consists generally of ratios and trends that may indicate the overall strength and financial viability of the entity being analyzed. Assets are deemed suitable if they meet certain criteria to indicate that they are a strong investment with a value discounted by the market. While this type of analysis helps the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in the fundamental analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included below in Item 13 – Review of Accounts.

Technical analysis involves the analysis of past market data rather than specific company data in determining the recommendations made to clients. Technical analysis may involve the use of charts to identify market patterns and trends, which may be based on investor sentiment rather than the fundamentals of the company. The primary risk in using technical analysis is that spotting historical trends may not help to predict such trends in the future. Even if the trend will eventually reoccur, there is no guarantee that Apex Investment Group will be able to accurately predict such a reoccurrence.

As noted above, Apex Investment Group generally employs a long-term investment strategy for its Clients, as consistent with their financial goals. Apex Investment Group will typically hold all or a portion of a security for more than a year, but may hold for shorter periods for the purpose of rebalancing a portfolio or meeting the cash needs of Clients. At times, Apex Investment Group may also buy and sell positions that are more short-term in nature, depending on the goals of the Client and/or the fundamentals of the security, sector or asset class.

B. Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves certain investment risks. Securities may fluctuate in value or lose value. Clients should be prepared to bear the potential risk of loss. Apex Investment Group will assist Clients in determining an appropriate strategy based on their tolerance for risk and other factors noted above. However, there is no guarantee that a Client will meet their investment goals.

While the methods of analysis help the Advisor in evaluating a potential investment, it does not guarantee that the investment will increase in value. Assets meeting the investment criteria utilized in these methods of analysis may lose value and may have negative investment performance. The Advisor monitors these economic indicators to determine if adjustments to strategic allocations are appropriate. More details on the Advisor's review process are included below in Item 13 – Review of Accounts.

Each Client engagement will entail a review of the Client's investment goals, financial situation, time horizon, tolerance for risk and other factors to develop an appropriate strategy for managing a Client's account. Client participation in this process, including full and accurate disclosure of requested information, is essential for the analysis of a Client's account[s]. The Advisor shall rely on the financial and other information provided by the Client or their designees without the duty or obligation to validate the accuracy and completeness of the provided information. It is the responsibility of the Client to inform the Advisor of any changes in financial condition, goals or other factors that may affect this analysis.

The risks associated with a particular strategy are provided to each Client in advance of investing Client accounts. The Advisor will work with each Client to determine their tolerance for risk as part of the portfolio construction process.

Market Risks

The value of a Client's holdings may fluctuate in response to events specific to companies or markets, as well as economic, political, or social events in the U.S. and abroad. This risk is linked to the performance of the overall financial markets.

ETF Risks

The performance of ETFs is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the ETFs will fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the funds. In addition, ETFs have a trading risk based on the loss of cost efficiency if the ETFs are traded actively and a liquidity risk if the ETFs have a large bid-ask spread and low trading volume. The price of an ETF fluctuates based upon the market movements and may dissociate from the index being tracked by the ETF or the price of the underlying investments. An ETF purchased or sold at one point in the day may have a different price than the same ETF purchased or sold a short time later. There is also a risk that Authorized Participants are unable to fulfill their responsibilities. Authorized Participants are one of the major parties involved with ETF creation/redemption mechanism in the markets. The Authorized Participants play a critical role in the liquidity of ETFs and essentially have the exclusive right to change the supply of ETF shares in the market. If the Authorized Participants does not fulfill this expected role, there could be an adverse impact on liquidity and the valuation of an ETF.

Bond Risks

Bonds are subject to specific risks, including the following: (1) interest rate risks, i.e. the risk that bond prices will fall if interest rates rise, and vice versa, the risk depends on two things, the bond's time to maturity, and the coupon rate of the bond. (2) reinvestment risk, i.e. the risk that any profit gained must be reinvested at a lower rate than was previously being earned, (3) inflation risk, i.e. the risk that the cost of living and inflation increase at a rate that exceeds the income investment thereby decreasing the investor's rate of return, (4) credit default risk, i.e. the risk associated with purchasing a debt instrument which includes the possibility of the company defaulting on its repayment obligation, (5) rating downgrades, i.e. the risk associated with a rating agency's downgrade of the company's rating which impacts the investor's confidence in the company's ability to repay its debt and (6) Liquidity Risks, i.e. the risk that a bond may not be sold as quickly as there is no readily available market for the bond.

Mutual Fund Risks

The performance of mutual funds is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the mutual funds will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities that make up the funds. The price of a mutual

fund is typically set daily therefore a mutual fund purchased at one point in the day will typically have the same price as a mutual fund purchased later that same day.

Structured Products

Structured products are securities derived from another asset, such as a security or a basket of securities, an index, a commodity, a debt issuance, or a foreign currency. Structured products frequently limit the upside participation in the reference asset. Structured products are senior unsecured debt of the issuing bank and subject to the credit risk associated with that issuer. This credit risk exists whether or not the investment held in the account offers principal protection. The creditworthiness of the issuer does not affect or enhance the likely performance of the investment other than the ability of the issuer to meet its obligations. Any payments due at maturity are dependent on the issuer's ability to pay. In addition, the trading price of the security in the secondary market, if there is one, may be adversely impacted if the issuer's credit rating is downgraded. Some structured products offer full protection of the principal invested, others offer only partial or no protection. Investors may be sacrificing a higher yield to obtain the principal guarantee. In addition, the principal guarantee relates to nominal principal and does not offer inflation protection. An investor in a structured product never has a claim on the underlying investment, whether a security, zero coupon bond, or option. There may be little or no secondary market for the securities and information regarding independent market pricing for the securities may be limited. This is true even if the product has a ticker symbol or has been approved for listing on an exchange. Tax treatment of structured products may be different from other investments held in the account (e.g., income may be taxed as ordinary income even though payment is not received until maturity). Structured CDs that are insured by the FDIC are subject to applicable FDIC limits.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns. Investing in securities and other investments involve a risk of loss that each Client should understand and be willing to bear. Clients are reminded to discuss these risks with the Advisor.

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, regulatory or disciplinary events involving Apex Investment Group or its management persons. Apex Investment Group values the trust Clients place in the Advisor. The Advisor encourages Clients to perform the requisite due diligence on any advisor or service provider that the Client engages. The backgrounds of the Advisor or Advisory Persons are available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 333593.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Broker-Dealer Affiliation

As noted in Item 5, certain Advisory Persons are also Registered Representatives of MSI. In one's separate capacity as a Registered Representative, Advisory Persons will receive commissions for the implementation of recommendations for commissionable transactions. Clients are not obligated to implement any recommendation provided by the Advisory Person. Neither the Advisor nor Advisory Persons will earn ongoing investment advisory fees in connection with any services implemented in the Advisory Person's separate capacity as a Registered Representative.

Insurance Agency Affiliation

As noted in Item 5, certain Advisory Persons are licensed insurance professionals. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from one's role with the Advisor. As an insurance professional, the Advisory Person will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Advisory Persons are not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset wealth management fees. This presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by the Advisor or Advisory Persons.

Use of Independent Managers

As noted in Item 4, the Advisor may implement all or a portion of a Client's investment portfolio with one or more Independent Managers. To eliminate any conflict of interest, the Advisor does not earn any compensation from an

Independent Manager. In such arrangements, the Independent Manager or the Advisor may assume responsibility for calculating the Client's fees and deduct all fees from the Client's account[s].

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

A. Code of Ethics

Apex Investment Group has implemented a Code of Ethics (the "Code") that defines the Advisor's fiduciary commitment to each Client. This Code applies to all persons associated with Apex Investment Group ("Supervised Persons"). The Code was developed to provide general ethical guidelines and specific instructions regarding the Advisor's duties to each Client. Apex Investment Group and its Supervised Persons owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client. It is the obligation of Apex Investment Group's Supervised Persons to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code, but also to the general principles that guide the Code. The Code covers a range of topics that address employee ethics and conflicts of interest. To request a copy of the Code, please contact the Advisor at 978-994-0021.

B. Personal Trading with Material Interest

Apex Investment Group allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Apex Investment Group does not act as principal in any transactions. In addition, the Advisor does not act as the general partner of a fund, or advise an investment company. Apex Investment Group does not have a material interest in any securities traded in Client accounts.

C. Personal Trading in Same Securities as Clients

Apex Investment Group allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Owning the same securities that are recommended (purchase or sell) to Clients presents a conflict of interest that, as fiduciaries, must be disclosed to Clients and mitigated through policies and procedures. As noted above, the Advisor has adopted the Code to address insider trading (material non-public information controls); gifts and entertainment; outside business activities and personal securities reporting. When trading for personal accounts, Supervised Persons have a conflict of interest if trading in the same securities. The fiduciary duty to act in the best interest of its Clients can be violated if personal trades are made with more advantageous terms than Client trades, or by trading based on material non-public information. This risk is mitigated by Apex Investment Group requiring reporting of personal securities trades by its Supervised Persons for review by the Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO") or delegate. The Advisor has also adopted written policies and procedures to detect the misuse of material, non-public information.

D. Personal Trading at Same Time as Client

While Apex Investment Group allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients, such trades are typically aggregated with Client orders or traded afterwards. At no time will Apex Investment Group, or any Supervised Person of Apex Investment Group, transact in any security to the detriment of any Client.

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

A. Recommendation of Custodian[s]

Apex Investment Group does not have discretionary authority to select the broker-dealer/custodian for custody and execution services. The Client will engage the broker-dealer/custodian (herein the "Custodian") to safeguard Client assets and authorize Apex Investment Group to direct trades to the Custodian as agreed upon in the wealth management agreement. Further, Apex Investment Group does not have the discretionary authority to negotiate commissions on behalf of Clients on a trade-by-trade basis.

Where Apex Investment Group does not exercise discretion over the selection of the Custodian, it may recommended the Custodian to Clients for custody and execution services. Clients are not obligated to use the recommended Custodian and will not incur any extra fee or cost from the Advisor associated with using a custodian not recommended by Apex Investment Group. However, the Advisor may be limited in the services it can provide if the recommended Custodian is not engaged. Apex Investment Group may recommend the Custodian based on criteria

such as, but not limited to, reasonableness of commissions charged to the Client, services made available to the Client, and its reputation and/or the location of the Custodian's offices.

The Advisor will generally recommend that Clients establish their account[s] with Fidelity Clearing & Custody Solutions and related entities of Fidelity Investments, Inc. (collectively "Fidelity") or Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("Schwab"), each a FINRA-registered broker-dealer and member SIPC. Fidelity or Schwab will serve as the Client's "qualified custodian". The Advisor maintains an institutional relationship with both Fidelity and Schwab, whereby the Advisor receives economic benefits. Please see Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation below.

Following are additional details regarding the brokerage practices of the Advisor:

1. Soft Dollars - Soft dollars are revenue programs offered by broker-dealers/custodians whereby an advisor enters into an agreement to place security trades with a broker-dealer/custodian in exchange for research and other services. Apex Investment Group does not participate in soft dollar programs sponsored or offered by any broker-dealer/custodian. However, the Advisor receives certain economic benefits from the Custodian. Please see Item 14 below.

2. Brokerage Referrals - Apex Investment Group does not receive any compensation from any third party in connection with the recommendation for establishing an account.

3. Directed Brokerage - All Clients are serviced on a "directed brokerage basis", where Apex Investment Group will place trades within the established account[s] at the Custodian designated by the Client. Further, all Client accounts are traded within their respective account[s]. The Advisor will not engage in any principal transactions (i.e., trade of any security from or to the Advisor's own account) or cross transactions with other Client accounts (i.e., purchase of a security into one Client account from another Client's account[s]). Apex Investment Group will not be obligated to select competitive bids on securities transactions and does not have an obligation to seek the lowest available transaction costs. These costs are determined by the Custodian.

B. Aggregating and Allocating Trades

The primary objective in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities for Client accounts is to obtain the most favorable net results taking into account such factors as 1) price, 2) size of the order, 3) difficulty of execution, 4) confidentiality and 5) skill required of the Custodian. Apex Investment Group will execute its transactions through the Custodian as authorized by the Client. Apex Investment Group may aggregate orders in a block trade or trades when securities are purchased or sold through the Custodian for multiple (discretionary) accounts in the same trading day. If a block trade cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the initial pre-allocation or other written statement. This must be done in a way that does not consistently advantage or disadvantage any particular Clients' accounts.

Item 13 - Review of Accounts

A. Frequency of Reviews

Securities in Client accounts are monitored on a regular and continuous basis by Pedro M. Silva, Chief Compliance Officer of Apex Investment Group. Formal reviews are generally conducted at least annually or more frequently depending on the needs of the Client.

B. Causes for Reviews

In addition to the investment monitoring noted in Item 13.A., each Client account shall be reviewed at least annually. Reviews may be conducted more frequently at the Client's request. Accounts may be reviewed as a result of major changes in economic conditions, known changes in the Client's financial situation, and/or large deposits or withdrawals in the Client's account[s]. The Client is encouraged to notify Apex Investment Group if changes occur in the Client's personal financial situation that might adversely affect the Client's investment plan. Additional reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events.

C. Review Reports

The Client will receive brokerage statements no less than quarterly from the Custodian. These brokerage statements are sent directly from the Custodian to the Client. The Client may also establish electronic access to the Custodian's website so that the Client may view these reports and their account activity. Client brokerage statements will include all positions, transactions and fees relating to the Client's account[s]. The Advisor may also provide Clients with periodic reports regarding their holdings, allocations, and performance.

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

A. Compensation Received by Apex Investment Group

Apex Investment Group is a fee-based advisory firm, that is compensated solely by its Clients and not from any investment product. Apex Investment Group does not receive commissions or other compensation from product sponsors, broker-dealers or any un-related third party. Apex Investment Group may refer Clients to various unaffiliated, non-advisory professionals (e.g. attorneys, accountants, estate planners) to provide certain financial services necessary to meet the goals of its Clients. Likewise, Apex Investment Group may receive non-compensated referrals of new Clients from various third-parties.

Participation in Institutional Advisor Platform - Fidelity

As noted in Item 12, The Advisor has established an institutional relationship with Fidelity to assist the Advisor in managing Client account[s]. As part of the arrangement, Fidelity also makes available to the Advisor certain research and brokerage services, including research services obtained by Fidelity directly from independent research companies. The Advisor may also receive additional services and support from Fidelity. As a result of receiving such services the Advisor has an incentive to continue to use or expand the use of Fidelity's services. The Advisor examined this potential conflict of interest when it chose to enter into the relationship with Fidelity and has determined that the relationship with Fidelity remains in the best interests of the Advisor's Clients in connection with its fiduciary obligations, including its duty to seek best execution. Please see Item 12 above.

The Advisor receives access to software, vendors, and related support without cost or at a discount because the Advisor renders wealth management services to Clients that maintain assets at Fidelity The software and related systems support benefit the Advisor and indirectly benefit the Clients. However, all services provided may not be utilized for all Clients.

In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of these economic benefits from Fidelity creates a conflict of interest as these economic benefits may influence the Advisor's recommendation of Fidelity as a Custodian over another custodian that does not furnish similar software, systems, back-office support, and/or other economic benefits. Notwithstanding the conflicts noted herein, the Advisor firmly believes that Fidelity provides the Client and the Advisor with excellent value and support.

Participation in Institutional Advisor Platform - Schwab

The Advisor has established an institutional relationship with Schwab through its "Schwab Advisor Services" unit, a division of Schwab dedicated to serving independent advisory firms like the Advisor. As a registered investment advisor participating on the Schwab Advisor Services platform, the Advisor receives access to software and related support without cost because the Advisor renders Wealth management services to Clients that maintain assets at Schwab. Services provided by Schwab Advisor Services benefit the Advisor and many, but not all services provided by Schwab will benefit Clients. In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits from a custodian creates a conflict of interest since these benefits can influence the Advisor's recommendation of Schwab over a custodian that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services.

Services that Benefit the Client – Schwab's institutional brokerage services include access to a broad range of investment products, execution of securities transactions, and custody of Client's funds and securities. Through Schwab, the Advisor may be able to access certain investments and asset classes that the Client would not be able to obtain directly or through other sources. Further, the Advisor may be able to invest in certain mutual funds and

other investments without having to adhere to investment minimums that might be required if the Client were to directly access the investments.

Services that May Indirectly Benefit the Client – Schwab provides participating advisors with access to technology, research, discounts and other services. In addition, the Advisor receives duplicate statements for Client accounts, the ability to deduct advisory fees, trading tools, and back office support services as part of its relationship with Schwab. These services are intended to assist the Advisor in effectively managing accounts for its Clients, but may not directly benefit all Clients.

Services that May Only Benefit the Advisor – Schwab also offers other services to the Advisor that may not benefit the Client, including: educational conferences and events, start-up support, consulting services and discounts for various service providers. Access to these services creates a financial incentive for the Advisor to recommend Schwab, which results in a potential conflict of interest. The Advisor believes, however, that the selection of Schwab as Custodian is in the best interests of its Clients.

B. Compensation for Client Referrals

The Advisor does not compensate, either directly or indirectly, any persons who are not supervised persons, for Client referrals.

Item 15 – Custody

Apex Investment Group does not accept or maintain custody of Client accounts, except for the limited circumstances outlined below:

Deduction of Advisory Fees - To ensure compliance with regulatory requirements associated with the deduction of advisory fees, all Clients for whom Apex Investment Group exercises discretionary authority must hold their assets with a "qualified custodian." Clients are responsible for engaging a "qualified custodian" to safeguard their funds and securities and must instruct Apex Investment Group to utilize that Custodian for securities transactions on their behalf. Clients are encouraged to review statements provided by the Custodian and compare to any reports provided by Apex Investment Group to ensure accuracy, as the Custodian does not perform this review.

Money Movement Authorization - For instances where Clients authorize Apex Investment Group to move funds between their accounts, Apex Investment Group and the Custodian have implemented safeguards to ensure that all money movement activities are conducted strictly in accordance with the Client's documented instructions.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

Apex Investment Group generally has discretion over the selection and amount of securities to be bought or sold in Client accounts without obtaining prior consent or approval from the Client. However, these purchases or sales may be subject to specified investment objectives, guidelines, or limitations previously set forth by the Client and agreed to by Apex Investment Group. Discretionary authority will only be authorized upon full disclosure to the Client. The granting of such authority will be evidenced by the Client's execution of a wealth management agreement containing all applicable limitations to such authority. All discretionary trades made by Apex Investment Group will be in accordance with each Client's investment objectives and goals.

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

Apex Investment Group does not accept proxy-voting responsibility for any Client. Clients will receive proxy statements directly from the Custodian. The Advisor will assist in answering questions relating to proxies, however, the Client retains the sole responsibility for proxy decisions and voting.

Item 18 – Financial Information

Neither Apex Investment Group, nor its management, have any adverse financial situations that would reasonably impair the ability of Apex Investment Group to meet all obligations to its Clients. Neither Apex Investment Group, nor any of its Advisory Persons, have been subject to a bankruptcy or financial compromise. Apex Investment Group is not required to deliver a balance sheet along with this Disclosure Brochure as the Advisor <u>does not</u> collect advance fees of \$1,200 or more for services to be performed <u>six months</u> or more in the future.

Form ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement

for

Joseph E. Bakaysa Partner

Effective: March 27, 2025

This Form ADV 2B ("Brochure Supplement") provides information about the background and qualifications of Joseph E. Bakaysa (CRD# 5427559) in addition to the information contained in the Apex Investment Group, LLC ("Apex Investment Group" or the "Advisor", CRD# 333593) Disclosure Brochure. If you have not received a copy of the Disclosure Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of the Apex Investment Group Disclosure Brochure or this Brochure Supplement, please contact us at 978-994-0021.

Additional information about Mr. Bakaysa is available on the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 5427559.

Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Joseph E. Bakaysa, born in 1983, is dedicated to advising Clients of Apex Investment Group as a Partner. Mr. Bakaysa earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Bentley University in 2005. Additional information regarding Mr. Bakaysa's employment history is included below.

Employment History:

Partner, Apex Investment Group, LLC	01/2025 to Present
Investment Advisor Representative, The Patriot Financial Group LLC	07/2018 to 12/2024
Registered Representative, Cetera Financial Specialists	12/2022 to 12/2023
Registered Representative, Securities America, Inc.	07/2018 to 12/2022
Relationship Manager, Citizen Bank	12/2013 to 07/2018

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Bakaysa. Mr. Bakaysa has never been involved in any regulatory, civil or criminal action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against Mr. Bakaysa.

Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices. As previously noted, there are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Bakaysa.

However, we do encourage you to independently view the background of Mr. Bakaysa on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 5427559.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Bakaysa is also a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Bakaysa's role with Apex Investment Group. As an insurance professional, Mr. Bakaysa will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Bakaysa is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Bakaysa or the Advisor. Mr. Bakaysa spends approximately 5% of his time per month in this capacity.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

Mr. Bakaysa has additional business activities where compensation is received that are detailed in Item 4 above.

Item 6 – Supervision

Mr. Bakaysa serves as a Partner of Apex Investment Group and is supervised by Pedro Silva, the Chief Compliance Officer. can be reached at 978-994-0021. Apex Investment Group has implemented a Code of Ethics, an internal compliance document that guides each Supervised Person in meeting their fiduciary obligations to Clients of Apex Investment Group. Further, Apex Investment Group is subject to regulatory oversight by various agencies. These agencies require registration by Apex Investment Group and its Supervised Persons. As a registered entity, Apex Investment Group is subject to examinations by regulators, which may be announced or unannounced. Apex Investment Group is required to periodically update the information provided to these agencies and to provide various reports regarding the business activities and assets of the Advisor

Form ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement

for

Pedro M. Silva Partner and Chief Compliance Officer

Effective: March 27, 2025

This Form ADV 2B ("Brochure Supplement") provides information about the background and qualifications of Pedro M. Silva (CRD# 4721125) in addition to the information contained in the Apex Investment Group, LLC ("Apex Investment Group" or the "Advisor", CRD# 333593) Disclosure Brochure. If you have not received a copy of the Disclosure Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of the Apex Investment Group Disclosure Brochure or this Brochure Supplement, please contact us at 978-994-0021.

Additional information about Mr. Silva is available on the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 4721125.

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Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Pedro M. Silva, born in 1975, is dedicated to advising Clients of Apex Investment Group as a Partner and Chief Compliance Officer. Mr. Silva earned a BA Psychology; BA Sociology from Clark University in 1997. Additional information regarding Mr. Silva's employment history is included below.

Employment History:

Partner and Chief Compliance Officer, Apex Investment Group, LLC	01/2025 to Present
Investment Advisor Representative, The Patriot Financial Group, LLC	02/2015 to 12/2024
Financial Advisor, Cetera Financial Specialists	12/2022 to 12/2024
Financial Advisor, Securities America	06/2018 to 12/2022
Financial Advisor, LPL Financial	02/2009 to 07/2018

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Silva. Mr. Silva has never been involved in any regulatory, civil or criminal action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against Mr. Silva.

Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices. *As previously noted, there are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Silva.*

However, we do encourage you to independently view the background of Mr. Silva on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 4721125.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Silva is also a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Silva's role with Apex Investment Group. As an insurance professional, Mr. Silva will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Silva is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Silva or the Advisor. Mr. Silva spends approximately 5% of his time per month in this capacity.

Mr. Silva is also a Musician, Composer, and Producer. Mr. Silva spends approximately 10% of his time per month in this capacity.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

Mr. Silva has additional business activities where compensation is received that are detailed in Item 4 above.

Item 6 – Supervision

Mr. Silva serves as the Chief Compliance Officer of Apex Investment Group. Mr. Silva can be reached at 978-994-0021. Apex Investment Group has implemented a Code of Ethics, an internal compliance document that guides each Supervised Person in meeting their fiduciary obligations to Clients of Apex Investment Group. Further, Apex Investment Group is subject to regulatory oversight by various agencies. These agencies require registration by Apex Investment Group and its Supervised Persons. As a registered entity, Apex Investment Group is subject to examinations by regulators, which may be announced or unannounced. Apex Investment Group is required to

periodically update the information provided to these agencies and to provide various reports regarding the business activities and assets of the Advisor.

Privacy Policy

Effective: March 27, 2025

Our Commitment to You

Apex Investment Group, LLC ("Apex Investment Group" or the "Advisor") is committed to safeguarding the use of personal information of our Clients (also referred to as "you" and "your") that we obtain as your Investment Advisor, as described here in our Privacy Policy ("Policy").

Our relationship with you is our most important asset. We understand that you have entrusted us with your private information, and we do everything that we can to maintain that trust. Apex Investment Group (also referred to as "we", "our" and "us") protects the security and confidentiality of the personal information we have and implements controls to ensure that such information is used for proper business purposes in connection with the management or servicing of our relationship with you.

Apex Investment Group does not sell your non-public personal information to anyone. Nor do we provide such information to others except for discrete and reasonable business purposes in connection with the servicing and management of our relationship with you, as discussed below.

Details of our approach to privacy and how your personal non-public information is collected and used are set forth in this Policy.

Why you need to know?

Registered Investment Advisors ("RIAs") must share some of your personal information in the course of servicing your account. Federal and State laws give you the right to limit some of this sharing and require RIAs to disclose how we collect, share, and protect your personal information.

What information do we collect from you?

Driver's license number	Date of birth
Social security or taxpayer identification number	Assets and liabilities
Name, address and phone number[s]	Income and expenses
E-mail address[es]	Investment activity
Account information (including other institutions)	Investment experience and goals

What Information do we collect from other sources?

Custody, brokerage and advisory agreements	Account applications and forms
Other advisory agreements and legal documents	Investment questionnaires and suitability documents
Transactional information with us or others	Other information needed to service account

How do we protect your information?

To safeguard your personal information from unauthorized access and use we maintain physical, procedural and electronic security measures. These include such safeguards as secure passwords, encrypted file storage and a secure office environment. Our technology vendors provide security and access control over personal information and have policies over the transmission of data. Our associates are trained on their responsibilities to protect Client's personal information.

We require third parties that assist in providing our services to you to protect the personal information they receive from us.

How do we share your information?

An RIA shares Client personal information to effectively implement its services. In the section below, we list some reasons we may share your personal information.

Basis For Sharing	Do we share?	Can you limit?
Servicing our Clients We may share non-public personal information with non-affiliated third parties (such as administrators, brokers, custodians, regulators, credit agencies, other financial institutions) as necessary for us to provide agreed upon services to you, consistent with applicable law, including but not limited to: processing transactions; general account maintenance; responding to regulators or legal investigations; and credit reporting.	Yes	No
Marketing Purposes Apex Investment Group does not disclose, and does not intend to disclose, personal information with non-affiliated third parties to offer you services. Certain laws may give us the right to share your personal information with financial institutions where you are a customer and where Apex Investment Group or the client has a formal agreement with the financial institution. We will only share information for purposes of servicing your accounts, not for marketing purposes.	No	Not Shared
Authorized Users Your non-public personal information may be disclosed to you and persons that we believe to be your authorized agent[s] or representative[s].	Yes	Yes
Information About Former Clients Apex Investment Group does not disclose and does not intend to disclose, non-public personal information to non-affiliated third parties with respect to persons who are no longer our Clients.	No	Not Shared

Changes to our Privacy Policy

We will send you a copy of this Policy annually for as long as you maintain an ongoing relationship with us.

Periodically we may revise this Policy and will provide you with a revised Policy if the changes materially alter the previous Privacy Policy. We will not, however, revise our Privacy Policy to permit the sharing of non-public personal information other than as described in this notice unless we first notify you and provide you with an opportunity to prevent the information sharing.

Any Questions?

You may ask questions or voice any concerns, as well as obtain a copy of our current Privacy Policy by contacting us at 978-994-0021.