### **January 19, 2012**

## **Background**

Trent Benedetti, CPA, CFP, graduated from California Polytechnic University at Pomona, California with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1982. After working for four different regional CPA firms he opened his own practice in Santa Maria, California. The tax and bookkeeping practice started in October 1982 and began operating as a corporate certified public accounting firm, Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc. on October 1, 2000.

The firm consists of employees specializing in accounting/taxes and financial services, including two CPA's, two full-charge bookkeepers, an accounting clerk, office manager, administrative financial planning assistant, insurance specialist and secretary. Benedetti acts primarily as a financial coach/counselor, fee-based investment adviser and CPA tax consultant.

The company works with small/medium size businesses for their tax and accounting needs. Additionally, Benedetti works with startups, tax planning strategies (entity choice, benefit plan options, pension/profit sharing choices) and budgeting issues.

In addition to holding his CPA license (CA #79502) Benedetti is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP board ID#062661), and passed NASD securities licenses 6, 7, 24, 63 & 65 and State of California insurance license (0A83750). Benedetti is also trained by the Dave Ramsey organization as a financial counselor.

Trent J. Benedetti is a Registered Investment Adviser with the State of California Department of Corporations (file number 923-4337). As a fee-based financial advisor he counsels businesses and individuals on investment advice. For online public disclosure go to <a href="http://adviserinfo.sec.gov">http://adviserinfo.sec.gov</a>. Then, choose left pane "Investment Adviser Search". Then, search contains "Benedetti".

The financial planning practice has a special emphasis on financial literacy. Benedetti counsels clients on debt free living, tools to develop an emergency fund, wants/needs analysis, and the importance of a "purpose driven" budget. After the basics ("fourwalls") and stability issues (life insurance, health insurance) are taken care of Benedetti works with clients towards their financial future with savings/investment strategies, principal protection along with growth are the emphasis. In addition, Benedetti manages client investments, including pensions, individual retirement accounts and other savings. The Benedetti philosophy of Free Markets work relies on client education as the cornerstone to avoiding mistakes in a portfolio.

Benedetti is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Society of California Accountants.

#### **Community Involvement**

Benedetti has always given back to the community by volunteering for various organizations. A partial list includes:

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Elected to the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce in June 2007. Serving as co-chair of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, Business Development Committee. 2006 – present. Benedetti also serves as 1<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair on the Chamber Board.

City of Santa Maria Planning Commission, serving 1990-2005, having served as chairman three different years.

Current Treasurer of the Committee to Improve North County (Committee INC) a nonpartisan political action committee committed to working on issues important to our north Santa Barbara County quality of life, including job creation and affordable housing. Board member since January, 2000. Benedetti served as Chairperson for two terms.

Current President of the Santa Barbara County Finance Corporation (2001 to present), tasked with governance of the Santa Barbara County COP municipal bonds, funding county facility construction projects.

Benedetti is active in the Knights of Columbus, serving as a board member of the Saint Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, Orcutt, CA, Council #11137, previously served as President, (Grand Knight) two terms July 2008 to June 2010. Currently Benedetti serves as a Board Trustee.

In 2008-2011 Benedetti served as Chairman of the Parish Fundraising Project for the two-million dollar Parish Community Center. This project started nearly 4 years ago (October 2007) and was successful in spite of the recessionary times. Additionally, Benedetti serves as a member of the Parish Finance Council.

Board Member of People for Leisure and Youth (PLAY foundation), a founding board member, the PLAY foundation is the fund raising 501-C-3 arm of the City of Santa Maria recreation and parks programs. Trent served 1994-2005.

Founding board member of the Central Coast Soccer Foundation – tasked with acquiring and operating a youth soccer facility of approximately 20 to 30 fields.

Saint Joseph High School, Santa Maria, CA – Boy's Varsity Soccer Coach, 2001 to 2003. Prior to that Benedetti was assistant coach to girl's varsity at SJHS, Hancock Community College women's soccer and head coach of various club and recreation teams for over twelve years.

Past president of the Santa Maria Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce. Served three years as a state officer in the California Junior Chamber of Commerce. Benedetti was recognized as State Officer of the Year. Also, he received lifetime achievement award as a Jaycee International Senator #47907.

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## **Personal**

Trent was born in Whittier, California, in 1955. Raised in southern California, graduated from Whittier High School in 1973 and married to Barbara for 35 years. They have four children and three grandchildren.

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WARNING: Complete this form truthfully. False statements or omissions may result in denial of your application, revocation of your registration, or criminal prosecution. You must keep this form updated by filing periodic amendments. See Form ADV General Instruction 3.

#### **Item 1 Identifying Information**

Responses to this Item tell us who you are, where you are doing business, and how we can contact you.

- Your full legal name (if you are a sole proprietor, your last, first, and middle names): A. BENEDETTI, TRENT JOSEPH
- Name under which you primarily conduct your advisory business, if different from Item 1.A. В. BENEDETTI, TRENT J List on Section 1.B. of Schedule D any additional names under which you conduct your advisory business.
- If this filing is reporting a change in your legal name (Item 1.A.) or primary business name C. (Item 1.B.), enter the new name and specify whether the name change is of
  - your legal name or your primary business name:
- If you are registered with the SEC as an investment adviser, your SEC file number: 801-D.
- If you have a number ("CRD Number") assigned by FINRA's CRD system or by the IARD Ε. system, your CRD number: 134598 If your firm does not have a CRD number, skip this Item 1.E. Do not provide the CRD number of one of your officers, employees, or affiliates.

## FORM ADV UNIFORM APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTRATION

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- Principal Office and Place of Business F.
  - (1) Address (do not use a P.O. Box):

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Number and Street 2:

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City:

State:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

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|    | 2722 SANTA BARBARA DRIVE   | •  |  |  |   |   |
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YES NO

I. Do you have World Wide Web site addresses?

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If "yes," list these addresses on Section 1.I. of Schedule D. If a web address serves as a portal through which to access other information you have published on the World Wide Web, you may list the portal without listing addresses for all of the other information. Some advisers may need to list more than one portal address. Do not provide individual electronic mail addresses in response to this Item.

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TRENT J. BENEDETTI

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|    | TRENTB@BENEDETTICP         | A.COM                         |                          |                   |       |          |
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**Item 2 SEC Registration** Responses to this Item help us (and you) determine whether you are eligible to register with the SEC.

Complete this Item 2 only if you are applying for SEC registration or submitting an annual updating amendment to your SEC registration.

A. To register (or remain registered) with the SEC, you must check at least one of the Items 2.A(1) through 2.A(11), below. If you are submitting an annual updating amendment to your SEC registration and you are no longer eligible to register with the SEC, check Item 2.A(12). You:

(1) have assets under management of \$25 million (in U.S. dollars) or more;

See Part 1A Instruction 2.a. to determine whether you should check this box.

- (2) have your *principal office and place of business* in Wyoming;
- (3) have your principal office and place of business outside the United States;
- [7] (4) are an investment adviser (or sub-adviser) to an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

See Part 1A Instruction 2.b. to determine whether you should check this box.

| <b>[</b> ] (5) | have been designated as a nationally recognized statistical rating organization;   |
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|                | See Part 1A Instruction 2.c. to determine whether you should check this box.   |
| ☐ (6)          | are a pension consultant that qualifies for the exemption in rule 203A-2(b);   |
|                | See Part 1A Instruction 2.d. to determine whether you should check this box.   |
| <b>□</b> (7)   | are relying on rule 203A-2(c) because you are an investment adviser that <i>controls</i> , is <i>controlled</i> by, or is under common <i>control</i> with, an investment adviser that is registered with the SEC, and your <i>principal office and place of business</i> is the same as the registered adviser; |
|                | See Part 1A Instruction 2.e. to determine whether you should check this box. If you check this box, complete Section 2.A(7) of Schedule D.   |
| [] (8)         | are a newly formed adviser relying on rule 203A-2(d) because you expect to be eligible for SEC registration within 120 days;   |
|                | See Part 1A Instruction 2.f. to determine whether you should check this box. If you check this box, complete Section 2.A(8) of Schedule D.   |

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|      |     | (10)  | are an Internet investment adviser relying on rule 203A-2(f);  |
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|      |     | (11)  | have received an SEC <i>order</i> exempting you from the prohibition against registration with the SEC;                                    |
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|   | municipal government<br>ndividuals" includes tru  | tions or other businesses not listed above municipal government entities additionals includes trusts, estates, 401(k)  | tions or other businesses not listed above O municipal government entities  | tions or other businesses not listed above O | tions or other businesses not listed above C © C municipal government entities © C C © C C municipal government entities of C | tions or other businesses not listed above      | tions or other businesses not listed above O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O |

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| Item :        | Information About Your Ad   | visory Business (Conti     | nuea)                               |            |    |
| Comp          | ensation Arrangements   |                            |                                     |            |    |
| E. Yo         | u are compensated for your inv                                    | estment advisory service   | s by (check all that apply)         | :          |    |
| 1             | $\overline{I}$ (1) A percentage of assets und                     | ler your management        |                                     |            |    |
| _             | (2) Hourly charges  | ,                          |                                     |            |    |
|               | (3) Subscription fees (for a ne                                   | wsletter or periodical)    |                                     |            |    |
| _             | (4) Fixed fees (other than sub-                                   |                            |                                     |            |    |
| _             | (5) Commissions   | scription rees)            |                                     |            |    |
|               | (6) Performance-based fees  |                            |                                     |            |    |
|               | _   |                            |                                     |            |    |
| . <b>.</b>    | (7) Other (specify):  |                            | •                                   |            |    |
| Assets        | <u>Under Management</u>   |                            |                                     |            |    |
|               |   |                            |                                     | YES        | NO |
| F. (1)        | Do you provide continuous and securities portfolios?              | regular supervisory or n   | nanagement services to              | •          | O  |
| (2)           | If yes, what is the amount of y                                   | our assets under manage    | ement and total number of           | accounts?  |    |
|               |   | U.S. Dollar Amount         | Total Number of                     | Accounts   |    |
|               | Discretionary:  | (a) \$ 15964253 .00        | (d) 412                             |            |    |
|               | Non-Discretionary:  | (b) \$ 0 .00               | (e) 0                               |            |    |
|               | Total:  | (c) \$ 15964253 .00        | (f) 412                             | •          |    |
|               | Part 1A Instruction 5.b. explain follow these instructions carefu |                            |                                     | . You must |    |
| <u>Adviso</u> | ry Activities   |                            |                                     |            |    |
| G V           | /hat type(s) of advisory services                                 | do vou provide? Check      | all that apply.                     |            |    |
| 0             | mac type(b) at advisory so, that                                  | , at you promise and an    |                                     |            |    |
|               | (1) Financial planning servic                                     | es                         |                                     |            |    |
|               | (2) Portfolio management fo                                       | r individuals and/or smal  | l businesses                        |            |    |
|               | (3) Portfolio management fo                                       | r investment companies     |                                     |            |    |
|               | (4) Portfolio management fo<br>companies)                         | r businesses or institutio | nal <i>clients</i> (other than inve | estment    |    |
|               | (5) Pension consulting service                                    | ces                        |                                     |            |    |
|               | (6) Selection of other advise                                     | rs                         |                                     |            |    |

(7) Publication of periodicals or newsletters

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| ☐ (8) Security ratings or pricing services  |
|---|
| (9) Market timing services  |
| [] (10) Other (specify):  |
| Do not check Item 5.G(3) unless you provide advisory services pursuant to an investment advisory contract to an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. |

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**Item 5 Information About Your Advisory Business (Continued)** H. If you provide financial planning services, to how many clients did you provide these services during your last fiscal year? O 11-25 O 26-50  $\circ_{51-100}$  $\mathbf{c}_{\alpha}$ C<sub>1-10</sub> O More than 500 If more than 500, how many? © 251-500 (round to the nearest 500) I. If you participate in a wrap fee program, do you (check all that apply):  $\square$  (1) sponsor the wrap fee program? (2) act as a portfolio manager for the wrap fee program? If you are a portfolio manager for a wrap fee program, list the names of the programs and their sponsors in Section 5.I(2) of Schedule D. If your involvement in a wrap fee program is limited to recommending wrap fee programs to your clients , or you advise a mutual fund that is offered through a wrap fee program, do not check either Item 5.I(1) or 5.I(2). **Item 6 Other Business Activities** In this Item, we request information about your other business activities. A. You are actively engaged in business as a (check all that apply): (1) Broker-dealer  $\square$  (2) Registered representative of a broker-dealer  $\square$  (3) Futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor (4) Real estate broker, dealer, or agent (5) Insurance broker or agent  $\square$  (6) Bank (including a separately identifiable department or division of a bank) (7) Other financial product salesperson (specify): YES NO

| В. | (1) | Are you actively engaged in any other business not listed in Item 6.A. (other than giving investment advice)? | • 💿 | O  |
|----|-----|---|-----|----|
|    | (2) | If yes, is this other business your primary business?   | •   | Ö  |
|    |     | If "yes," describe this other business on Section 6.B. of Schedule D.   |     |    |
|    |     |   | YES | NO |
|    | (3) | Do you sell products or provide services other than investment advice to your advisory <i>clients</i> ?       | 0   | 0  |

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| Item 7 Financial Industry Affiliations   | conun zanata |
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| In this Item, we request information about your financial industry affiliations and activities. This information identifies areas in which conflicts of interest may occur between you and your <i>clients</i> .   |              |
| Item 7 requires you to provide information about you and your <i>related persons</i> . Your <i>related persons</i> all of your <i>advisory affiliates</i> and any <i>related person</i> that is under common <i>control</i> with you.  | re           |
| A. You have a <i>related person</i> that is a (check all that apply):  (1) broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer (2) investment company (including mutual funds) (3) other investment adviser (including financial planners) (4) futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor (5) banking or thrift institution (6) accountant or accounting firm (7) lawyer or law firm (8) insurance company or agency (9) pension consultant (10) real estate broker or dealer (11) sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships |              |
| If you checked Items 7.A.(1) or (3), you must list on Section 7.A. of Schedule D all your related persons that are investment advisers, broker-dealers, municipal securities dealers, or government securities broker or dealers.  | ed           |
| B. Are you or any <i>related person</i> a general partner in an <i>investment-related</i> limited partnership or manager of an <i>investment-related</i> limited liability company, or do you advise any other "private fund" as defined under SEC rule 203(b)(3)-1?   | No<br>O      |
| If "yes," for each limited partnership or limited liability company, or (if applicable) private fund, complete Section 7.B. of Schedule D . If, however, you are an SEC-registered adviser and you have related persons that are SEC-registered advisers who are the general partners  |              |

of limited partnerships or the managers of limited liability companies, you do not have to complete Section 7.B. of Schedule D with respect to those related advisers' limited partnerships or limited liability companies.

To use this alternative procedure, you must state in the Miscellaneous Section of Schedule D :(1) that you have related SEC-registered investment advisers that manage limited partnerships or limited liability companies that are not listed in Section 7.B. of Schedule D; (2) that complete and accurate information about those limited partnerships or limited liability companies is available in Section 7.B. of Schedule D of the Form ADVs of your related SEC-registered advisers; and (3) whether your clients are solicited to invest in any of those limited partnerships or limited liability companies.

#### Item 8 Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

In this Item, we request information about your participation and interest in your clients' transactions. Like Item 7, this information identifies areas in which conflicts of interest may occur between you and your clients.

Like Item 7, Item 8 requires you to provide information about you and your related persons.

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Item 8 Participation or Interest in Client Transactions (Continued) Proprietary Interest in Client Transactions Yes No A. Do you or any related person: (1) buy securities for yourself from advisory clients, or sell securities you own to advisory clients (principal transactions)? (2) buy or sell for yourself securities (other than shares of mutual funds) that you also **(**•) 0 recommend to advisory clients? (3) recommend securities (or other investment products) to advisory clients in which you or **(**  $\circ$ any related person has some other proprietary (ownership) interest (other than those mentioned in Items 8.A(1) or (2))? Sales Interest in Client Transactions Yes No B. Do you or any related person: (1) as a broker-dealer or registered representative of a broker-dealer, execute securities **(0)** Ο. trades for brokerage customers in which advisory client securities are sold to or bought from the brokerage customer (agency cross transactions)?  $\odot$ (2) recommend purchase of securities to advisory clients for which you or any related 0 person serves as underwriter, general or managing partner, or purchaser representative?

| (3) recommend purchase or sale of securities to advisory clients for which you or an related person has any other sales interest (other than the receipt of sales commas a broker or registered representative of a broker-dealer)?   |  | ©             |
|---|--|---------------|
| Investment or Brokerage Discretion  |  |               |
| C. Do you or any related person have discretionary authority to determine the:  | Yes  | . Ne          |
| (1) securities to be bought or sold for a client's account?   | •  | С             |
| (2) amount of securities to be bought or sold for a client's account?   | •  | C             |
| (3) broker or dealer to be used for a purchase or sale of securities for a client's account   | unt? 💍 💍   | C             |
| (4) commission rates to be paid to a broker or dealer for a client's securities transact  | tions? O   | 0             |
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| D. Do you or any related person recommend brokers or dealers to clients?  | •  | С             |
| E. Do you or any <i>related person</i> receive research or other products or services other the execution from a broker-dealer or a third party in connection with <i>client</i> securities transactions?   | an 💿   | С             |
| F. Do you or any related person, directly or indirectly, compensate any person for client<br>referrals?   | e o  | •             |
| In responding to this Item 8.F., consider in your response all cash and non-cash  |  |               |
| compensation that you or a related person gave any person in exchange for client re-<br>including any bonus that is based, at least in part, on the number or amount of client<br>referrals.  |  |               |
| Item 9 <i>Custody</i>   | STREET, THE STREET, PRINCIPLES OF THE THREE STREET, ST | CONTRACTOR OF |
| In this Item, we ask you whether you or a related person has custody of client assets and custodial practices.  | i about your   | MENITOR       |
|   |  |               |
| A. (1) Do you have <i>custody</i> of any advisory <i>clients</i> ':   | Yes  | : N           |
| (a) cash or bank accounts?  | Ö  | C             |
| (b) securities?   | O  | (             |
| If you are registering or registered with the SEC, answer "No" to Item 9.A.(1)(a) and custody solely because (i) you deduct your advisory fees directly from your clients' acrelated person maintains client funds or securities as a qualified custodian but you ha presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to Advisers Act rul (5)) from the related person. | ccounts, or (ii<br>ve overcome   | i) a          |
| (2) If you checked "yes" to Item 9.A(1)(a) or (b), what is the amount of <i>client</i> funds and total number of <i>clients</i> for which you have <i>custody</i> :   | and securitie  | S             |

**Total Number of Clients** 

U.S. Dollar Amount

|    | (a)\$   | (b)   |        |                 |
|----|---|---|--------|-----------------|
|    | those assets and the n                                | serves as qualified custodian of client assets, do not include the amoun<br>number of those clients in your response to Item 9.A.(2). Instead, includ<br>sponse to Item 9.B.(2).  |        | at              |
| в. | (1) Do any of your rela                               | lated persons have custody of any of your advisory clients':  | Yes    | No              |
|    | (a) cash or bank a                                    | accounts?   | 0      | 0               |
|    | (b) securities?                                       |   | Ö      | (               |
|    | You are required to an                                | nswer this item regardless of how you answered Item 9.A.(1)(a) or (b).  |        |                 |
|    |   | es" to Item 9.B.(1)(a) or (b), what is the amount of <i>client</i> funds and sec<br>of <i>clients</i> for which your related persons have <i>custody</i> :  | uritie | <b>2</b> S      |
|    | U.S. Dollar Amour                                     | nt Total Number of Clients  |        |                 |
|    | (a)\$   | (b)   |        |                 |
| C. | If you or your <i>related p</i>                       | persons have custody of client funds or securities, check all the following   | g tha  | it              |
|    | pooled investment                                     | an(s) sends account statements at least quarterly to the investors in the vehicle(s) you manage.  |        |                 |
|    |   | ublic accountant audits annually the pooled investment vehicle(s) that you dited financial statements are distributed to the investors in the pools.  |        |                 |
|    | and securities.                                       | ublic accountant conducts an annual surprise examination of <i>client</i> funds   |        |                 |
|    |   | ublic accountant prepares an internal control report with respect to custo<br>or your <i>related persons</i> are qualified custodians for <i>client</i> funds and   | odial  |                 |
|    |   | .C.(2), C.(3) or C.(4), list in Section 9.C. of Schedule D the accountants are audit or examination or prepare an internal control report.  | that   | are             |
| D. | Do you or your <i>related</i> advisory services you p | persons act as qualified custodians for your clients in connection with provide to clients?   | Yes    | No              |
|    | (1) you act as a qualifi                              | ·   | O      | $\mathbf{c}$    |
|    |   | ns act as qualified custodians  | 0      | 0               |
|    | act as qualified custodi                              | o Item 9.D.(2), list in Section 9.D. of Schedule D all your related person<br>lians for your clients in connection with advisory services you provide to<br>it broker-dealers already identified as qualified custodians in Section 7.A | clien  |                 |
| E. |   | nnual updating amendment and you were subject to a surprise examina<br>plic accountant during your last fiscal year, provide the date (MM/YYYY)<br>red:   |        | KAMINENI 1 S NO |
|    | m 10 <i>Control Persons</i>                           | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |        |                 |
| In | this Item, we ask you t                               | to identify every <i>person</i> that, directly or indirectly, <i>controls</i> you.  |        |                 |
|    | ,   | g an initial application, you must complete Schedule A and Schedule B. information about your direct owners and executive officers. Schedule B  | 3 ask  | s               |

for information about your indirect owners. If this is an amendment and you are updating

information you reported on either Schedule A or Schedule B (or both) that you filed with your initial application, you must complete Schedule C.

> YES NO

Does any person not named in Item 1.A. or Schedules A, B, or C, directly or indirectly, control your management or policies?

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If yes, complete Section 10 of Schedule D.

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#### **Item 11 Disclosure Information**

In this Item, we ask for information about your disciplinary history and the disciplinary history of all your advisory affiliates. We use this information to determine whether to grant your application for registration, to decide whether to revoke your registration or to place limitations on your activities as an investment adviser, and to identify potential problem areas to focus on during our on-site examinations. One event may result in "yes" answers to more than one of the questions below.

Your advisory affiliates are: (1) all of your current employees (other than employees performing only clerical, administrative, support or similar functions); (2) all of your officers, partners, or directors (or any person performing similar functions); and (3) all persons directly or indirectly controlling you or controlled by you. If you are a "separately identifiable department or division" (SID) of a bank, see the Glossary of Terms to determine who your advisory affiliates are.

If you are registered or registering with the SEC, you may limit your disclosure of any event listed in Item 11 to ten years following the date of the event. If you are registered or registering with a state, you must respond to the questions as posed; you may, therefore, limit your disclosure to ten years following the date of an event only in responding to Items 11.A(1), 11.A(2), 11.B(1), 11.B(2), 11.D (4), and 11.H(1)(a). For purposes of calculating this ten-year period, the date of an event is the date the final order, judgment, or decree was entered, or the date any rights of appeal from preliminary orders, judgments, or decrees lapsed.

You must complete the appropriate Disclosure Reporting Page ("DRP") for "yes" answers to the questions in this Item 11.

For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Criminal Action DRP:

A. In the past ten years, have you or any advisory affiliate:

YES NO

- (1) been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any felony?
- $\mathbf{O}$ •

(2) been charged with any felony?

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If you are registered or registering with the SEC, you may limit your response to Item 11.A (2) to charges that are currently pending.

B. In the past ten years, have you or any advisory affiliate:

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| (1) been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to a misdemeanor involving: investments or an investment-related business, or any fraud, false statements, or omissions, wrongful taking of property, bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or a conspiracy to commit any of these offenses? | 0 | • |
|--|---|---|
| (2) been charged with a misdemeanor listed in 11.B(1)?   | O | • |
| If you are registered or registering with the SEC, you may limit your response to Item 11.B (2) to charges that are currently pending.   |   |   |

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**Item 11 Disclosure Information (Continued)** For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Regulatory Action DRP: YES NO C. Has the SEC or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) ever: (1) found you or any advisory affiliate to have made a false statement or omission? **(**  $\circ$ (2) found you or any advisory affiliate to have been involved in a violation of SEC or  $\mathbf{O}$ **(** CFTC regulations or statutes? **(** (3) found you or any advisory affiliate to have been a cause of an investment-related business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted? ◉ (4) entered an order against you or any advisory affiliate in connection with investmentrelated activity? (5) imposed a civil money penalty on you or any advisory affiliate, or ordered you or any ⊚ advisory affiliate to cease and desist from any activity? D. Has any other federal regulatory agency, any state regulatory agency, or any foreign financial regulatory authority: **(** (1) ever found you or any advisory affiliate to have made a false statement or omission,  $\circ$ or been dishonest, unfair, or unethical? (2) ever found you or any advisory affiliate to have been involved in a violation of ◉ investment-related regulations or statutes? (3) ever found you or any advisory affiliate to have been a cause of an investment-0 related business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, ◉ (4) in the past ten years, entered an order against you or any advisory affiliate in connection with an investment-related activity? (5) ever denied, suspended, or revoked your or any advisory affiliate's registration or  $\circ$ **©** license, or otherwise prevented you or any advisory affiliate, by order, from associating with an investment-related business or restricted your or any advisory affiliate's activity?

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|     | s any self-regulatory organization or commodities exchange ever:  found you or any advisory affiliate to have made a false statement or omission?  | 0 | • |
|-----|--|---|---|
|     | found you or any advisory affiliate to have been involved in a violation of its rules (other than a violation designated as a "minor rule violation" under a plan approved by the SEC)?  | 0 | Ø |
| (3) | found you or any advisory affiliate to have been the cause of an investment-related business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted?  | 0 | • |
| (4) | disciplined you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> by expelling or suspending you or the <i>advisory affiliate</i> from membership, barring or suspending you or the <i>advisory affiliate</i> from association with other members, or otherwise restricting your or the <i>advisory affiliate's</i> activities? | 0 | • |

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|--|-----|----------|
|  | YES | NO       |
| F. Has an authorization to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor granted to<br>you or any advisory affiliate ever been revoked or suspended?   | 0   | •        |
| G. Are you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> now the subject of any regulatory <i>proceeding</i> that could result in a "yes" answer to any part of Item 11.C., 11.D., or 11.E.?                      | 0   | 0        |
| For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Civil Judicial Action DRP:  H. (1) Has any domestic or foreign court:   | YES | NO       |
| (a) in the past ten years, enjoined you or any advisory affiliate in connection with any investment-related activity?  | O   | 0        |
| (b) ever found that you or any advisory affiliate were involved in a violation of<br>investment-related statutes or regulations?   | O   | <b>©</b> |
| (c) ever dismissed, pursuant to a settlement agreement, an investment-related civil<br>action brought against you or any advisory affiliate by a state or foreign financial<br>regulatory authority? | O   | 0        |
| (2) Are you or any advisory affiliate now the subject of any civil proceeding that could result in a "yes" answer to any part of Item 11.H(1)?   | C   | 0        |
| Item 12 Small Businesses   |     |          |

The SEC is required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act to consider the effect of its regulations on small entities. In order to do this, we need to determine whether you meet the definition of "small business" or "small organization" under rule 0-7.

Answer this Item 12 only if you are registered or registering with the SEC and you indicated in response to Item 5.F(2)(c) that you have assets under management of less than \$25 million. You are not required to answer this Item 12 if you are filing for initial registration as a state adviser, amending a current

state registration, or switching from SEC to state registration.

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| For purposes of this Item 12 only:   |   |    |
| <ul> <li>Total Assets refers to the total assets of a firm, rather than the assets managed on beha clients. In determining your or another person's total assets, you may use the total asset on a current balance sheet (but use total assets reported on a consolidated balance sheet subsidiaries included, if that amount is larger).</li> <li>Control means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies person, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. Any person directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting securities, or entitled to 25 percent or more of the profits, of another person is presumed to control the person.</li> </ul> | ts sho<br>et with<br>of a<br>chat<br>is | ,  |
|  | YES                                     | NO |
| A. Did you have total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of your most recent fiscal year?   | 0                                       | 0  |
| If "yes," you do not need to answer Items 12.B. and 12.C.  |   |    |
| B. Do you:   |   |    |

(1) control another investment adviser that had assets under management of \$25 million  $\bullet$ 

(2) control another person (other than a natural person) that had total assets of \$5

(1) controlled by or under common control with another investment adviser that had assets under management of \$25 million or more on the last day of its most recent

or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

## (2) controlled by or under common control with another person (other than a natural person) that had total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

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You must complete this Part 1B only if you are applying for registration, or are registered, as an investment adviser with any of the state securities authorities.

| Part 1B Item 1 - State Re  | gistration  |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| additional state registration application. If you are alread an additional state or state  | on(s). Check the bore<br>eady registered with<br>tes, check the boxes<br>of the boxes next to the | xes next to the state<br>of at least one state a<br>s next to the states i<br>the states in which y  | for state registration or requesting es to which you are submitting this and are applying for registration with in which you are applying for you are currently registered or where   |
| □ <sub>AL</sub>  |   | □ MO   | □ <sub>PA</sub>   |
| □ <sub>AK</sub>  |   | □ <sub>MT</sub>  | □ <sub>PR</sub>   |
| □ AZ   |   | □ <sub>NE</sub>  | □ <sub>RI</sub>   |
| □ AR   | □ IA  | □ <sub>NV</sub>  | □ <sub>SC</sub>   |
| ☑ CA   | □ KS  | □ NH   | □ <sub>SD</sub>   |
| □ co   |   |  | III TN  |
| □ <sub>CT</sub>  |   | D <sub>NM</sub>  | <b>⊠</b> <sub>TX</sub>  |
| □ DE   | □ ME  | □ <sub>NY</sub>  | □ UT  |
| □ DC   | □ MD  | □ <sub>NC</sub>  | □ <sub>VT</sub>   |
| □ FL   | □ MA  | □ <sub>ND</sub>  |   |
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| A. Person responsible for some: TRENT J. BENEDETTI Title: OWNER Telephone: 805-922-4881 Number and Street 1: 2151 S. COLLEGE DRIV. City: SANTA MARIA Email address, if availa TRENTB@BENEDETTICE | /E State: CA ble: PA.COM  | Fax:<br>805-9<br>Number and Str<br>STE. 101<br>Country:<br>USA   | 922-7953<br>reet 2:<br>ZIP+4/Postal Code:<br>93455  |
| If this address is a priv<br>B. Bond/Capital Information   |   |  |   |

|    | · (1) | Name of Issuing Insurance Company:  |     |    |
|----|-------|---|-----|----|
|    | (2)   | Amount of Bond: \$ .00  |     |    |
|    | (3)   | Bond Policy Number:   |     |    |
|    |       |   | Yes | No |
| (• | •     | quired by your home state, are you in compliance with your home state's minimum all requirements? | •   | O  |

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|   | Yes     | No      |
| For "yes" answers to the following question, complete a Bond DRP.   |         |         |
| C. Has a bonding company ever denied, paid out on, or revoked a bond for you?   | $\circ$ | ⊚       |
| For "yes" answers to the following question, complete a Judgment/Lien DRP:  |         |         |
| D. Do you have any unsatisfied judgments or liens against you?  | Ö       | ⊚       |
| For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete an Arbitration DRP:  |         |         |
| E. Are you, any advisory affiliate, or any management person currently the subject of, or<br>have you, any advisory affiliate, or any management person been the subject of, an<br>arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500, involving any of the following: |         |         |
| (1) any investment or an investment-related business of activity?   | O       | ⊚       |
| (2) fraud, false statement, or omission?  | O       | ⑥       |
| (3) theft, embezziement, or other wrongful taking of property?  | O       | ⊚       |
| (4) bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion?   | $\circ$ | $\odot$ |
| (5) dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices?  | O       | ⊙       |
| For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Civil Judicial Action DRP:   |         |         |
| F. Are you, any advisory affiliate, or any management person currently subject to, or have you, any advisory affiliate, or any management person been found liable in, a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding involving any of the following:  |         |         |
| (1) an investment or investment-related business or activity?   | O       | ◉       |
| (2) fraud, false statement, or omission?  | $\circ$ | $\odot$ |
| (3) theft, embezziement, or other wrongful taking of property?  | Ö       | $\odot$ |
| (4) bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion?   | O       | •       |
| (5) dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices?  | 0       | •       |
| G. Other Business Activities  |         |         |
| (1) You are actively engaged in business as a(n) (check all that apply):  |         |         |
| Attorney  |         |         |

| •                           |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Certified Public Accountant |  |
| ☐ Tax Preparer              |  |

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| (2) If you are actively engaged in any busines<br>2.G(1) of Part 1B, describe the busines<br>business:   |  |                               |        | em  |
| H. If you provide financial planning services of your last fiscal year totaled:  | s, the investments made based          | on those services at          | the    | end |
|  | Securities Investments                 | Non-Securities<br>Investments |        |     |
| Under \$100,000  | O                                      | 0                             |        |     |
| \$100,001 to \$500,000   | O                                      | 0                             |        |     |
| \$500,001 to \$1,000,000   | O                                      | 0                             | -      |     |
| \$1,000,001 to \$2,500,000   | <b>©</b>                               | O                             |        |     |
| \$2,500,001 to \$5,000,000   | 0                                      | 0                             |        |     |
| More than \$5,000,000  | O                                      | o                             |        |     |
| If securities investments are over \$5,000 If non-securities investments are over \$5  |  | to the nearest \$1,00         |        |     |
| <ul><li>I. Custody</li><li>(1) Do you withdraw advisory fees directly "yes", respond to the following:</li><li>(a) Do you send a copy of your invoice</li></ul>  |  |                               | ©<br>© | 0   |
| you send a copy to the client?   |  | ·                             | -      | 4   |
| <ul><li>(b) Does the custodian send quarterly<br/>disbursements for the custodian ac</li></ul>   | ccount, including the amount of        | the advisory fees?            | •      | 0   |
| <ul><li>(c) Do your clients provide written aut<br/>their accounts held by the custodia</li></ul>  |  | paid directly for             | •      | O   |
| (2) Do you act as a general partner for any partnership or trustee for any trust in which<br>your advisory clients are either partners of the partnership or beneficiaries of the trust?<br>If you answered "yes", respond to the following: |  |                               | 0      | 0   |
| (a) As the general partner of a partner independent certified public account payment or any transfer of funds or   | ntant to provide authority perm        | itting each direct            | 0      | O   |
| (3) Do you require the prepayment of fees or more in advance?  | of more than \$500 per <i>client</i> a | nd for six months             | O      | •   |

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|  | Yes | No |  |  |  |
| J. If you are organized as a sole proprietorship, please answer the following:   |     |    |  |  |  |
| (1) (a) Have you passed, on or after January 1, 2000, the Series 65 examination?   | O   | ⊚  |  |  |  |
| (b) Have you passed, on or after January 1, 2000, the Series 66 examination and also<br>passed, at any time, the Series 7 examination? | 0   | •  |  |  |  |
| (2) (a) Do you have any investment advisory professional designations?   | ⊙   | O  |  |  |  |
| If "no", you do not need to answer Item 2.J(2)(b).   |     |    |  |  |  |
| (b) I have earned and I am in good standing with the organization that issued the  |     |    |  |  |  |
| following credential:  |     |    |  |  |  |
| Certified Financial Planner ("CFP")  |     |    |  |  |  |
| Chartered Financial Analyst ("CFA")  |     |    |  |  |  |
| Chartered Financial Consultant ("ChFC")  |     |    |  |  |  |
| Chartered Investment Counselor ("CIC")   |     |    |  |  |  |
| Personal Financial Specialist ("PFS")  |     |    |  |  |  |
| None of the above  |     |    |  |  |  |
| (3) Your Social Security Number: 573-96-9193   |     |    |  |  |  |

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| 2448        | TRENT J BENEDETTI ADV PART II | Individuals, High net worth individuals, Pension plans/profit sharing plans, Pension consulting Foundations/charities, Financial Planning Services, Other |  |

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#### Form ADV, Schedule A

#### **Direct Owners and Executive Officers**

- 1. Complete Schedule A only if you are submitting an initial application. Schedule A asks for information about your direct owners and executive officers. Use Schedule C to amend this information.
- 2. Direct Owners and Executive Officers. List below the names of:
  - (a) each Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer(Chief Compliance Officer is required and cannot be more than one individual), director, and any other individuals with similar status or functions;
  - (b) if you are organized as a corporation, each shareholder that is a direct owner of 5% or more of a class of your voting securities, unless you are a public reporting company (a company subject to Section 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act);

Direct owners include any person that owns, beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 5% or more of a class of your voting securities. For purposes of this Schedule, a person beneficially owns any securities: (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sonin-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, sharing the same residence; or (ii) that he/she has the right to acquire, within 60 days, through the exercise of any option, warrant, or right to purchase the security.

- (c) if you are organized as a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 5% or more of your capital;
- (d) in the case of a trust that directly owns 5% or more of a class of your voting securities, or that has the right to receive upon dissolution, or has contributed, 5% or more of your capital, the trust and each trustee; and
- (e) if you are organized as a limited liability company ("LLC"), (i) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 5% or more of your capital, and (ii) if managed by elected managers, all elected managers.
- 3. Do you have any indirect owners to be reported on Schedule B?
- 4. In the DE/FE/I column below, enter "DE" if the owner is a domestic entity, "FE" if the owner is an entity incorporated or domiciled in a foreign country, or "I" if the owner or executive officer is an individual.
- 5. Complete the Title or Status column by entering board/management titles; status as partner, trustee, sole proprietor, elected manager, shareholder, or member; and for shareholders or members, the class of securities owned (if more than one is issued).
- 6. Ownership codes
- NA less than 5%
- B 10% but less than
- D 50% but less than

are:

25%

75%

A - 5% but less than

- C 25% but less than
- E 75% or more

10%

50%

7. (a) In the Control Person column, enter "Yes" if the person has control as defined in the Glossary of Terms to Form ADV, and enter "No" if the person does not have control. Note that under this

- definition, most executive officers and all 25% owners, general partners, elected managers, and trustees are control persons.
- (b) In the PR column, enter "PR" if the owner is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15 (d) of the Exchange Act.

(c) Complete each column.

| FULL LEGAL NAME    | DE/FE/I | Title or | Date Title or | Ownership | Control | PR | CRD No. If None:    |
|--------------------|---------|----------|---------------|-----------|---------|----|---------------------|
| (Individuals: Last |         | Status   | Status        | Code      | Person  |    | S.S. No. and Date   |
| Name, First Name,  |         |          | Acquired      |           |         |    | of Birth, IRS Tax   |
| Middle Name)       |         |          | MM/YYYY       |           |         |    | No., or Employer ID |
| -                  |         |          |               |           |         |    | No.                 |
| BENEDETTI, TRENT,  | I       | ADVISOR  | 08/1987       | E         | Y       | N  | 1746521             |
| JOSEPH             |         |          |               |           |         |    |                     |

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#### Form ADV, Schedule B

#### **Indirect Owners**

- 1. Complete Schedule B only if you are submitting an initial application. Schedule B asks for information about your indirect owners; you must first complete Schedule A, which asks for information about your direct owners. Use Schedule C to amend this information.
- 2. Indirect Owners. With respect to each owner listed on Schedule A (except individual owners), list below:
  - (a) in the case of an owner that is a corporation, each of its shareholders that beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 25% or more of a class of a voting security of that corporation;
    - For purposes of this Schedule, a person beneficially owns any securities: (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, sharing the same residence; or (ii) that he/she has the right to acquire, within 60 days, through the exercise of any option, warrant, or right to purchase the security.
  - (b) in the case of an owner that is a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the partnership's capital;
  - (c) in the case of an owner that is a trust, the trust and each trustee; and
  - (d) in the case of an owner that is a limited liability company ("LLC"), (i) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the LLC's capital, and (ii) if managed by elected managers, all elected managers.
- 3. Continue up the chain of ownership listing all 25% owners at each level. Once a public reporting company (a company subject to Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act) is reached, no further ownership information need be given.
- 4. In the DE/FE/I column below, enter "DE" if the owner is a domestic entity, "FE" if the owner is an entity incorporated or domiciled in a foreign country, or "I" if the owner is an individual.

5. Complete the Status column by entering the owner's status as partner, trustee, elected manager, shareholder, or member; and for shareholders or members, the class of securities owned (if more than one is issued).

6. Ownership codes

C - 25% but less than

E - 75% or more

are:

50%

D - 50% but less than

F - Other (general partner, trustee, or elected

75%

manager)

- 7. (a) In the Control Person column, enter "Yes" if the person has control as defined in the Glossary of Terms to Form ADV, and enter "No" if the person does not have control. Note that under this definition, most executive officers and all 25% owners, general partners, elected managers, and trustees are control persons.
  - (b) In the PR column, enter "PR" if the owner is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15 (d) of the Exchange Act.
  - (c) Complete each column.

No Indirect Owner Information Filed

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#### Form ADV, Schedule C

#### Amendments to Schedules A and B

- 1. Use Schedule C only to amend information requested on either Schedule A or Schedule B. Refer to Schedule A and Schedule B for specific instructions for completing this Schedule C. Complete each column.
- 2. In the Type of Amendment column, indicate "A" (addition), "D" (deletion), or "C" (change in information about the same person).

3. Ownership codes

are:

C - 25% but less

G - Other (general partner, trustee,

or elected member)

NA - less than

A - 5% but less

D - 50% but less

than 10%

5%

than 75%

than 50%

B - 10% but less

E - 75% or more

than 25%

4. List below all changes to Schedule A (Direct Owners and Executive Officers):

No Changes to Direct Owner / Executive Officer Information Filed

List below all changes to Schedule B (Indirect Owners):

No Changes to Indirect Owner Information Filed

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#### Form ADV, Schedule D Page 1

Certain items in Part 1A of Form ADV require additional information on Schedule D. Use this Schedule D Page 1 to report details for items listed below. Report only new information or changes/updates to previously submitted information. Do not repeat previously submitted information.

#### Section 1.B. Other Business Names

List your other business names and the jurisdictions in which you use them. You must complete a separate Schedule D for each business name.

#### No Information Filed

#### Section 1.F. Other Offices

Complete the following information for each office, other than your principal office and place of business, at which you conduct investment advisory business. You must complete a separate Schedule D Page 1 for each location. If you are applying for registration, or are registered, only with the SEC, list only the largest five (in terms of numbers of employees).

#### No Information Filed

#### Section 1.I. World Wide Web Site Addresses

List your World Wide Web site addresses. You must complete a separate Schedule D for each World Wide Web site address.

No Information Filed

#### Section 1.K. Locations of Books and Records

Complete the following information for each location at which you keep your books and records, other than your principal office and place of business. You must complete a separate Schedule D Page 1 for each location.

No Information Filed

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Use this Schedule D Page 2 to report details for items listed below. Report only new information or changes/updates to previously submitted information. Do not repeat previously submitted information.

#### Section 1.L. Registration with Foreign Financial Regulatory Authorities

List the name, in English, of each foreign financial regulatory authority and country with which you are registered. You must complete a separate Schedule D Page 2 for each foreign financial regulatory authority with whom you are registered.

No Information Filed

#### Section 2.A(7) Affiliated Adviser

If you are relying on the exemption in rule 203A-2(c) from the prohibition on registration because you control, are controlled by, or are under common control with an investment adviser that is registered with the SEC and your principal office and place of business is the same as that of the registered adviser, provide the following information:

Name of Registered Investment Adviser

CRD Number of Registered Investment Adviser (if any)

SEC Number of Registered Investment Adviser 801-

#### Section 2.A(8) Newly Formed Adviser

If you are relying on rule 203A-2(d), the newly formed adviser exemption from the prohibition on registration, you are required to make certain representations about your eligibility for SEC registration. By checking the appropriate boxes, you will be deemed to have made the required representations. You must make both of these representations:

| I am not registered or required to be registered with the SEC or a state securities authority and I |
|---|
| have a reasonable expectation that I will be eligible to register with the SEC within 120 days      |
| after the date my registration with the SEC becomes effective.                                      |

| I undertake to withdraw from SEC registration if, on the 120th day after my registration with the |
|---|
| SEC becomes effective, I would be prohibited by Section 203A(a) of the Advisers Act from          |
| registering with the SEC.   |

#### Section 2.A(9) Multi-State Adviser

If you are relying on rule 203A-2(e), the multi-state adviser exemption from the prohibition on registration, you are required to make certain representations about your eligibility for SEC registration. By checking the appropriate boxes, you will be deemed to have made the required representations.

| If you are applyi  | ing for registration as an investment adviser with the   | e SEC, you must make both of   |
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| these representa   | ations:  |  |
| I have revi  | iewed the applicable state and federal laws and have   | concluded that I am required by  |
| the laws of  | f 30 or more states to register as an investment adv   | iser with the securities authorities   |
| in those st  | ates.  |  |
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#### Section 6.B. Description of Primary Business

Describe your primary business (not your investment advisory business):

BENEDETTI IS THE SOLE OWNER OF BENEDETTI & ASSOCIATES CPA, INC-PRIMARY BUSINESS. TRENT BENEDETTI IS ALSO THE SINGLE MEMBER OWNER OF PAYSON GREENFIELD, LLC WHICH ACTS AS MANAGER FOR INVESTMENT RELATED LLC'S.

#### SECTION 7.A. Affiliated Investment Advisers and Broker-Dealers

No Information Filed

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Use this Schedule D Page 4 to report details for items listed below. Report only new information or changes/updates to previously submitted information. Do not repeat previously submitted information.

#### Section 7.B. Limited Partnership Participation or Other Private Fund Participation

You must complete a separate Schedule D Page 4 for each limited partnership in which you or a related person is a general partner, each limited liability company for which you or a related person is a manager, and each other private fund that you advise.

Name of Limited Partnership, Limited Liability Company, or other Private Fund: ARIZONA PRIVATE EQUITY, LLC

Name of General Partner or Manager:

PAYSON GREENFIELD, LLC

Yes No

If you are registered or registering with the SEC, is this a "private fund" as defined under SEC  $\,$   $\,$   $\,$  $\circ$ rule 203(b)(3)-1?

Are your clients solicited to invest in the limited partnership, limited liability company, or **(0**)  $\circ$ other private fund?

Approximately what percentage of your clients have invested in this limited partnership, limited liability company, or other private fund?

3 %

Minimum investment commitment required of a limited partner, member, or other investor:

Current value of the total assets of the limited partnership, limited liability company, or other private

\$ 0

#### **SECTION 9.C. Independent Public Accountant**

No Information Filed

#### **SECTION 9.D. Related Person Qualified Custodian**

No Information Filed

#### Section 10 Control Persons

You must complete a separate Schedule D Page 4 for each control person not named in Item 1.A. or Schedules A, B, or C that directly or indirectly controls your management or policies.

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#### Schedule D - Miscellaneous

You may use the space below to explain a response to an Item or to provide any other information.

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#### DOMESTIC INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial application for SEC registration and all amendments to registration.

#### Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint the Secretary of State or other legally designated officer, of the state in which you maintain your principal office and place of business and any other state in which you are submitting a notice filing, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such persons may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, order instituting proceedings, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative proceeding or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, proceeding or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is founded, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of the state in which you maintain your principal office and place of business or of any state in which you are submitting a notice filing.

#### Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other

information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

I certify that the adviser's books and records will be preserved and available for inspection as required by law. Finally, I authorize any *person* having custody or possession of these books and records to make them available to federal and state regulatory representatives.

Signature:

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

TRENT J BENEDETTI

03/30/2011

Printed Name:

Title:

TRENT J BENEDETTI

INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Adviser CRD Number:

134598

#### **NON-RESIDENT INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE**

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial application for SEC registration and all amendments to registration.

### 1. Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint each of the Secretary of the SEC, and the Secretary of State or other legally designated officer, of any other state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such *persons* may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, *order* instituting *proceedings*, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative *proceeding* or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, *proceeding*, or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is *founded*, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of any state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*.

#### 2. Appointment and Consent: Effect on Partnerships

If you are organized as a partnership, this irrevocable power of attorney and consent to service of process will continue in effect if any partner withdraws from or is admitted to the partnership, provided that the admission or withdrawal does not create a new partnership. If the partnership dissolves, this irrevocable power of attorney and consent shall be in effect for any action brought against you or any of your former partners.

#### Non-Resident Investment Adviser Undertaking Regarding Books and Records

By signing this Form ADV, you also agree to provide, at your own expense, to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at its principal office in Washington D.C., at any Regional or District Office of the Commission, or at any one of its offices in the United States, as specified by the Commission, correct, current, and complete copies of any or all records that you are required to maintain under Rule 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. This undertaking shall be binding upon you, your heirs, successors and assigns, and any *person* subject to your written irrevocable consents or powers of attorney or any of your general partners and *managing agents*.

#### Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the non-resident investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

I certify that the adviser's books and records will be preserved and available for inspection as required by law. Finally, I authorize any person having custody or possession of these books and records to make them available to federal and state regulatory representatives.

| Signature:          | Date: MM/DD/YYYY                      |
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| Printed Name:       | Title:                                |
| Adviser CRD Number: |                                       |
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#### State Registered Investment Adviser Execution Page

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial application for state registration and all amendments to registration.

## 1. Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint the legally designated officers and their successors, of the state in which you maintain your principal office and place of business and any other state in which you are applying for registration or amending your registration, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such persons may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, order instituting proceedings, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative proceeding or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, proceeding, or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is founded, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of the state in which you maintain your principal office and place of business or of any state in which you are applying for registration or amending your registration.

#### State-Registered Investment Adviser Affidavit

If you are subject to state regulation, by signing this Form ADV, you represent that, you are in compliance with the registration requirements of the state in which you maintain your principal place of business and are in compliance with the bonding, capital, and recordkeeping requirements of that state.

#### Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the investment adviser.

The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

I certify that the adviser's books and records will be preserved and available for inspection as required by law. Finally, I authorize any person having custody or possession of these books and records to make them available to federal and state regulatory representatives.

Signature

Date MM/DD/YYYY

TRENT J BENEDETTI

03/30/2011

**CRD Number** 

134598

Printed Name

Title

TRENT J BENEDETTI

INVESTMENT ADVISOR

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

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03/30/2011

This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Trent J. Benedetti. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at (805) 922-4881 or trentb@benedetticpa.com. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Trent J. Benedetti also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. You can search this site by a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. Our firm's CRD number is 134598.

#### Item 2 Material Changes

The SEC adopted "Amendments to Form ADV" in July, 2010. This Firm Brochure, dated 03/30/2011, is our new disclosure document prepared according to the SEC's new requirements and rules. As a state-registered investment adviser, our firm is required to comply with the new reporting and filing requirements. As you will see, this document is a narrative that is substantially different in form and content, and includes some new information that we were not previously required to disclose.

After our initial filing of this Brochure, this Item will be used to provide our clients with a summary of new and/or updated information. We will inform you of the revision(s) based on the nature of the updated information.

Consistent with the new rules, we will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 120 days of the close of our business' fiscal year. Furthermore, we will provide you with other interim disclosures about material changes as necessary.

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#### Item 4 Advisory Business

Trent J. Benedetti is a state-registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in CA. Trent J. Benedetti 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).

Trent J. Benedetti, Owner

Trent J. Benedetti 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 basis. Account supervision is guided by the client's stated objectives (i.e., maximum 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
- Foreign issuers
- Warrants
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Commercial paper
- Certificates of deposit
- Municipal securities

- Variable life insurance
- Variable annuities
- Mutual fund shares
- United States governmental securities
- Options contracts on securities
- · Options contracts on commodities
- Interests in partnerships investing in real estate
- Interests in partnerships investing in oil and gas interests
- Other Unit Investment Trusts and Structured Products

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.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING

We provide financial planning services. Financial planning is a comprehensive 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 review family records, budgeting, personal liability, estate information and financial goals.
- TAX & CASH FLOW: We 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 analyze investment alternatives and their effect on the client's portfolio.
- INSURANCE: We review existing policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home and automobile.

- RETIREMENT: We analyze current strategies and investment plans to help the client achieve his or her retirement goals.
- DEATH & DISABILITY: We review the client's cash needs at death, income needs of surviving dependents, estate planning and disability income.
- ESTATE: We assist the client in assessing and developing long-term strategies, including, as appropriate, living trusts, wills, reviewing 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, return 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.

- Exchange-listed securities
- Securities traded over-the-counter
- Foreign issuers
- Warrants
- Corporate debt securities (other than commercial paper)
- Commercial paper
- · Certificates of deposit
- Municipal securities
- Variable life insurance
- Variable annuities
- Mutual fund shares
- United States governmental securities

- · Options contracts on securities
- Options contracts on commodities
- Interests in partnerships investing in real estate
- Interests in partnerships investing in oil and gas interests
- Other Unit Investment Trusts and Structured Products

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.

#### **CONSULTING SERVICES**

Clients can also receive investment advice on a more focused basis. This may include advice on only an isolated area(s) of concern such as estate planning, retirement planning, or any other specific topic. We also provide specific consultation and administrative services regarding investment and financial concerns of the client.

Consulting 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.

#### Item 5 Fees and Compensation

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

Our annual fees for Investment Supervisory Services are based upon a percentage of assets under management and generally range from 0.50% to 1.50%.

The annualized fee for Investment Supervisory Services are charged as a percentage of assets under management, according to the following schedule:

|                              | Portfolio Value | Annual Percentage |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Growth Portfolios (equities) | First \$100,000 | 1.50%             |
| Growth Portfolios (equities) | Over \$100,000  | 1.00%             |
| Balanced Portfolios          | First \$100,000 | 1.50%             |

(equities and debt)

| Balanced Portfolios (equities and debt)   | Over \$100,000  | 1.00% |
|---|-----------------|-------|
| Income Portfolios<br>(debt and preferred) | First \$100,000 | 0.75% |
| Income Portfolios (debt and preferred)    | Over \$100,000  | 0.50% |

Limited Negotiability of Advisory Fees: Although Trent J. Benedetti 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, and reports, among other factors. The specific annual fee schedule is identified in the contract between the adviser and each client.

We may group certain related client accounts for the purposes of achieving the minimum account size requirements and determining the annualized fee.

Discounts, not generally available to our advisory clients, may be offered to family members and friends of associated persons of our firm.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING FEES

Trent J. Benedetti's Financial Planning fee is determined based on the nature of the services being provided 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 calculated and charged on an hourly basis, ranging from \$50 to \$250 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 are calculated and charged on a fixed fee basis, typically ranging from \$250 to \$5,000, 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.

**Financial Planning Fee Offset:** Trent J. Benedetti reserves the discretion to reduce or waive the hourly fee and/or the minimum fixed fee if a financial planning client chooses to engage us for our Portfolio Management Services.

The client is billed in arrears on a monthly basis as earned.

#### **CONSULTING SERVICES FEES**

Trent J. Benedetti's Consulting Services fee is determined based on the nature of the services being provided and the complexity of each client's circumstances. All fees are agreed upon prior to entering into a contract with any client.

Our Consulting Services fees are calculated and charged on an hourly basis, ranging from \$50 to \$250 per hour. An estimate for the total hours is determined at the start of the advisory relationship.

Our Consulting Services fees are calculated and charged on a fixed fee basis, typically ranging from \$250 to \$5,000, subject to the specific arrangement reached with the client.

The client is billed in arrears on a monthly basis as earned.

Management personnel and other related persons of our firm are 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 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 an insurance product 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 5 days written notice. As disclosed above, certain fees are paid in advance of services provided. Upon termination of any account, any prepaid, unearned fees will be promptly refunded. Since most fees are billed in arrears, no refunds are expected.

Mutual Fund Fees: All fees paid to Trent J. Benedetti 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.

*ERISA Accounts*: Trent J. Benedetti 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, Trent J. Benedetti 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 Trent J. Benedetti's advisory fees.

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

Limited Prepayment of Fees: Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$500 more than six months in advance of services rendered.

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

Trent J. Benedetti does not charge performance-based fees.

#### Item 7 Types of Clients

Trent J. Benedetti provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

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

# Item 8 Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss METHODS OF ANALYSIS

We use the following methods of analysis in formulating our investment advice and/or managing client assets:

**Charting.** In this type of technical analysis, we review charts of market and security activity in an attempt to identify when the market is moving up or down and to predict how long the trend may last and when that trend might reverse.

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.

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

We use 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.

**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 holder, the right to buy an asset at a certain price within a specific period of time. We will buy a call if we have determined that the stock will increase substantially before the option expires.
- A put gives 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.** Securities investments are not guaranteed and you may lose money on your investments. We ask that you work with us to help us understand your tolerance for risk.

For investors who fear the risk of being "in the market," but are equally concerned about the opportunity cost associated with being "out of the market," principal protected structured products may offer a timely solution.

Principal protected investments provide investors with 100% principal protection when held to maturity, plus an additional amount based on the return of an underlying asset. Principal protected structured products come in a variety of structures that can help investors manage portfolio risk while maintaining appropriate exposure to the market.

These securities may be appropriate for more conservative investors seeking market exposure without risking their principal investment. Principal protection and payment at maturity is subject to the credit risk of the issuer. In addition, investors may experience a loss if sold prior to maturity.

#### Item 9 Disciplinary Information

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

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

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

Our firm and our related persons are not engaged in other financial industry activities and have no other industry affiliations.

Management personnel of our firm are also partners in the accounting firm of Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc., where they are individually licensed and practicing Certified Public

Accountants providing accounting services for separate and typical compensation.

Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc. typically recommends Trent J. Benedetti to accounting clients in need of advisory services. Conversely, Trent J. Benedetti typically recommends Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc. to advisory clients in need of accounting services. Accounting services provided by Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc. are separate and distinct from our advisory services, and are provided for separate and typical compensation. There are no referral fee arrangements between our firms for these recommendations. No Trent J. Benedetti client is obligated to use Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc. for any accounting services and conversely, no accounting client is obligated to use the advisory services provided by us. Benedetti & Associates, CPA, Inc.'s accounting services do not include the authority to sign checks or otherwise disburse funds on any of our advisory client's behalf.

These individuals will spend the majority of their time on their accounting practice.

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.

# 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.

Trent J. Benedetti 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 quarterly securities transactions reports as well as initial and annual securities holdings reports that must be submitted by the firm's access persons. 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.

Trent J. Benedetti'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. Request a copy by email sent to trentb@benedetticpa.com, or by calling us at (805) 922-4881.

Trent J. Benedetti and individuals associated with our firm are prohibited from engaging in principal transactions.

Trent J. Benedetti and individuals associated with our firm are prohibited from engaging in agency cross transactions.

Trent J. Benedetti is the sole member of Payson Greenfield, LLC. Payson Greenfield, LLC acts as Manager and/or General Partner for investment related limited liability companies. Certain clients of Trent J. Benedetti may be solicited to invest in these investment related LLC's.

Our Code of Ethics is designed to assure that the personal securities transactions, activities and interests of our employees will not interfere with (i) making decisions in the best interest of advisory clients and (ii) implementing such decisions while, at the same time, allowing employees to invest for their own accounts.

Our firm and/or individuals associated with our firm may buy or sell for their personal accounts securities identical to or different from those recommended to our clients. In addition, any related person(s) may have an interest or position in a certain security(ies) which may also be recommended to a client.

It is the expressed policy of our firm that no person employed by us may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account, thereby preventing such employee(s) from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.

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

As these situations represent actual or potential conflicts of interest to our clients, we have established the following policies and procedures for implementing our firm's Code of Ethics, to ensure our firm complies with its regulatory obligations and provides our clients and potential clients with full and fair disclosure of such conflicts of interest:

- 1. No principal or employee of our firm may put his or her own interest above the interest of an advisory client.
- 2. No principal or employee of our firm may buy or sell securities for their personal portfolio(s) where their decision is a result of information received as a result of his or her employment unless the information is also available to the investing public.
- 3. It is the expressed policy of our firm that no person employed by us may purchase or sell any security prior to a transaction(s) being implemented for an advisory account. This prevents such employees from benefiting from transactions placed on behalf of advisory

accounts.

- 4. Our firm requires prior approval for any IPO or private placement investments by related persons of the firm.
- 5. We maintain a list of all reportable securities holdings for our firm and anyone associated with this advisory practice that has access to advisory recommendations ("access person"). These holdings are reviewed on a regular basis by our firm's Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee.
- 6. We have established procedures for the maintenance of all required books and records.
- 7. All clients are fully informed that related persons may receive separate commission compensation when effecting transactions during the implementation process.
- 8. Clients can decline to implement any advice rendered, except in situations where our firm is granted discretionary authority.
- 9. All of our principals and employees must act in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations governing registered investment advisory practices.
- 10. We require delivery and acknowledgement of the Code of Ethics by each supervised person of our firm.
- 11. We have established policies requiring the reporting of Code of Ethics violations to our senior management.
- 12. Any individual who violates any of the above restrictions may be subject to termination.

As disclosed in the preceding section of this Brochure (Item 10), related persons of our firm are separately licensed as an insurance agent/broker of various insurance companies. Please refer to Item 10 for a detailed explanation of these relationships and important conflict of interest disclosures.

#### Item 12 Brokerage Practices

Trent J. Benedetti requires that clients provide us with written authority to determine the broker-dealer to use and the commission costs that will be charged to our clients for these transactions.

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.

As a matter of policy and practice, Trent J. Benedetti does not generally block client trades and, therefore, we implement client transactions separately for each account. Consequently,

certain client trades may be executed before others, at a different price and/or commission rate. Additionally, our clients may not receive volume discounts available to advisers who block client trades.

Trent J. Benedetti may require 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 require that clients establish accounts at Schwab, it is the client's decision to custody assets with Schwab. Trent J. Benedetti is independently owned and operated and not affiliated with Schwab.

Schwab provides Trent J. Benedetti 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. These services are not contingent upon our firm committing to Schwab any specific amount of business (assets in custody or trading commissions). 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 Trent J. Benedetti 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 Trent J. Benedetti. 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.

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

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

**REVIEWS:** While the underlying securities within Individual Portfolio Management Services accounts are continually monitored, these accounts are reviewed at least quarterly. 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.

These accounts are reviewed by: Trent J. Benedetti, Investment Adviser

**REPORTS:** In addition to the monthly statements and confirmations of transactions that clients receive from their broker-dealer, we provide reports summarizing account performance, balances and holdings upon request by the client.

#### 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.

**REPORTS:** Financial Planning clients will receive a completed financial plan. Additional reports will not typically be provided unless otherwise contracted for.

#### **CONSULTING 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 Consulting Services clients unless otherwise contracted for. Such reviews will be conducted by the client's account representative.

**REPORTS:** Consulting Services clients will not typically receive reports due to the nature of the service.

#### Item 14 Client Referrals and Other Compensation

It is Trent J. Benedetti's policy not to engage solicitors or to pay related or non-related persons for referring potential clients to our firm.

#### OTHER COMPENSATION

Our firm and/or our officers and representatives are eligible to receive incentive awards (including prizes such as trips or bonuses) for recommending certain types of insurance policies or other investment products that we recommend.

While we endeavor at all times to put the interest of our clients first as part of our fiduciary duty, the possibility of receiving incentive awards creates a conflict of interest, and may affect the judgment of these individuals when making recommendations.

#### 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.

In addition to the periodic statements that clients receive directly from their custodians, we also send account statements directly to our clients upon request. We urge our clients to carefully compare the information provided on these statements to ensure that all account transactions, holdings and values are correct and current.

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.

#### Item 17 Voting Client Securities

We vote proxies for all client accounts; however, you always have the right to vote proxies yourself. You can exercise this right by instructing us in writing to not vote proxies in your account.

We will vote proxies in the best interests of its clients and in accordance with our established policies and procedures. Our firm will retain all proxy voting books and records for the requisite period of time, including a copy of each proxy statement received, a record of each vote cast, a copy of any document created by us that was material to making a decision how to vote proxies, and a copy of each written client request for information on how the adviser voted proxies. If our firm has a conflict of interest in voting a particular action, we will notify the client of the conflict and retain an independent third-party to cast a vote.

Clients may obtain a copy of our complete proxy voting policies and procedures by contacting Trent J. Benedetti by telephone, email, or in writing. Clients may request, in writing, information on how proxies for his/her shares were voted. If any client requests a copy of our complete proxy policies and procedures or how we voted proxies for his/her account(s), we will promptly provide such information to the client.

We will neither advise nor act on behalf of the client in legal proceedings involving companies whose securities are held in the client's account(s), including, but not limited to, the filing of "Proofs of Claim" in class action settlements. If desired, clients may direct us to transmit copies of class action notices to the client or a third party. Upon such direction, we will make commercially reasonable efforts to forward such notices in a timely manner.

With respect to ERISA accounts, we will vote proxies unless the plan documents specifically reserve the plan sponsor's right to vote proxies. To direct us to vote a proxy in a particular

manner, clients should contact Trent J. Benedetti by telephone, email, or in writing.

You can instruct us to vote proxies according to particular criteria (for example, to always vote with management, or to vote for or against a proposal to allow a so-called "poison pill" defense against a possible takeover). These requests must be made in writing. You can also instruct us on how to cast your vote in a particular proxy contest by contacting us by telephone, email, or in writing.

#### 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. Trent J. Benedetti has no additional financial circumstances to report.

Under no circumstances do we require or solicit payment of fees in excess of \$500 per client more than six months in advance of services rendered. Therefore, we are not required to include a financial statement.

Trent J. Benedetti has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition at any time during the past ten years.

#### Item 19 Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

The following individuals are the principal executive officers and management persons of Trent J. Benedetti:

Trent J. Benedetti, Owner

Information regarding the formal education and business background for each of these individuals is provided in their respective Brochure Supplements.

We are required to disclose all material facts regarding certain legal or disciplinary events pertaining to arbitration awards or other civil, regulatory or administrative proceedings in which our firm or management personnel were found liable or against whom an award was granted.

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

As previously disclosed in "Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations" (Item 10), neither Trent J. Benedetti nor our management personnel have a relationship or arrangement with any issuer of securities.

# SEPARATING MYTHS FROM TRUTH

The Story of Investing



## TRADITIONAL INVESTING MYTHS

MYTH 1: Stock Selection

MYTH 2: Track-Record Investing

MYTH 3: Market Timing

MYTH 4: Costs of Investing



## **MYTH 1: STOCK SELECTION**

#### Stock Selection:

Choosing stocks based on a belief they will do well in the future.

## THE MYTH:

Investment advisors can consistently and predictably add value by exercising "superior skill" in individual Stock selection



# **Survivorship Bias**

| Year         | Number of Funds | Number of<br>New Funds | Number of<br>Dead Funds | Year  | Number of Funds | Number<br>of New<br>Funds | Number of<br>Dead Funds | Year | Number<br>of Funds | Number of<br>New Funds | Number of<br>Dead Funds |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1923         | 1               | 1                      | 0                       | 1954  | 183             | 20                        | 0                       | 1982 | 1034               | 205                    | 24                      |
| 1924         | 4               | 3                      | 0                       | 1955  | 186             | 3                         | 0                       | 1983 | 1221               | 212                    | 25                      |
| 1925         | 5               | 1                      | 0                       | 1956  | 205             | 19                        | 0                       | 1984 | 1455               | 253                    | 19                      |
| 1926         | 6               | 1                      | ,                       | 10.55 |                 | ·-                        |                         | 1085 | 1798               | 360                    | 17                      |
| 1928         | 10              | 4                      | Tot                     | al Nu | ımhar           | of F                      | unds O                  | nan  | 33                 | 459                    | 24                      |
| 1929         | 16              | 6                      | 101                     | aiitu |                 | 011                       |                         | PCII | 26                 | 528                    | 35                      |
| 1930         | 17              | 1                      |                         |       | 2               | 010                       |                         |      | 96                 | 450                    | 80                      |
| 1931         | 21              | 4                      |                         |       |                 | UIU                       |                         |      | 08                 | 330                    | 118                     |
| 1932         | 37              | 16                     |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 96                 | 474                    | 186                     |
| 1933         | 46              | 9                      |                         |       | 97              | E40                       |                         |      | 80                 | 599                    | 115                     |
| 1934         | 48              | 2                      |                         |       | <b>Z</b> (      | ,542                      |                         |      | 24                 | 1017                   | 173                     |
| 1935         | 57              | 9                      |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 40                 | 1776                   | 160                     |
| 1936         | 59              | 2                      |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 30                 | 2123                   | 233                     |
| 1937         | 62              | 3                      |                         | lot   | al Nu           | mber                      | Born                    |      | 86                 | 1548                   | 492                     |
| 1938         | 71              | 9                      |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 724                | 1745                   | 507                     |
| 1939         | 78              | 7                      |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 352                | 2160                   | 532                     |
| 1940         | 86              | 8                      |                         |       | 46              | ,476                      |                         |      | 940                | 2075                   | 487                     |
| 1941         | 87              | 1                      |                         |       | -10             | , 110                     |                         |      | 938                | 2046                   | 48                      |
| 1944<br>1945 | 93<br>98        | 6<br>5                 |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 636<br>027         | 2562<br>2292           | 864<br>901              |
| 1945         | 98<br>103       | 5<br>5                 |                         | Tot   | al Niur         | nhar                      | Killed                  |      | 327<br>337         | 2328                   | 1018                    |
| 1940         | 113             | 10                     |                         | 100   | ai Nui          | IIDCI                     | Milieu                  |      | 112                | 2326<br>1816           | 1018                    |
| 1948         | 117             | 4                      |                         |       |                 |                           |                         |      | 112                | 1847                   | 847                     |
| 1949         | 131             | 14                     |                         |       | 40              | 024                       |                         |      | 344                | 2287                   |                         |
| 1950         | 137             | 6                      |                         |       | ΙŌ              | ,934                      |                         |      | 036                | 2287<br>2675           | 1055<br>983             |
| 1951         | 142             | 5                      | 0                       | 1979  | 674             | 52                        | 25                      | 2007 |                    |                        |                         |
| 1952         | 152             | 10                     | 0                       | 1980  | 726             | 72                        | 20                      | 2007 | 25,609             | 2050                   | 1477                    |
| 1            |                 |                        | _                       | 1980  | 853             | 143                       | 16                      | 2008 | 26,711             | 2391                   | 1289                    |
| 1953         | 163             | 11                     | 0                       | 1901  | 000             | 140                       | 10                      | 2009 | 26,905             | 1570                   | 2307                    |

<sup>\*</sup> There were 265 funds opened and 47 funds closed in which the year was undisclosed.



| Bottom 200 Dead Mutual Fund Names   | Dorn                    | Died                     | TotalBaturn           |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Hudson Investors Fund, Inc  | <u>Born</u><br>9/8/1994 | <u>Died</u><br>6/29/2001 | TotalReturn<br>-99.5% |
| Potomac Funds: Internet Plus Fund; Adv Cl   | 2/24/2000               |                          | -99.1%                |
| Ameritor Investment Fund, Inc   |                         | 9/28/2007                | -98.8%                |
| American Heritage Growth Fund, Inc  | 5/25/1994               | 8/29/2008                | -98.2%                |
| American Heritage Fund, Inc   | 12/28/1951              |                          | -95.7%                |
| Potomac Funds: Potomac Internet Plus Fund; Investor Class   |                         | 4/30/2002                | -92.7%                |
| Ameritor Investment Funds: Ameritor Industry Fund   |                         | 2/28/2001                | -92.6%                |
| Helios Select Fund, Inc: Helios Select Intermediate Bond Fund; Class C Shares   |                         | 5/29/2009                | -92.2%                |
| Berkshire Funds: Berkshire Technology Fund  | 12/29/1999              |                          | -92.0%<br>-91.9%      |
| Helios Select Fund, Inc: Helios Select Intermediate Bond Fund; Class A Shares Helios Select Fund, Inc: Helios Select Intermediate Bond Fund; Class I Shares |                         | 5/29/2009<br>5/29/2009   | -91.9%<br>-91.8%      |
| Steadman Technology & Growth  |                         | 5/29/1998                | -91.1%                |
| IDEX Mutual Funds: IDEX PBHG Technology & Communications; Class B Shares  |                         | 2/28/2003                | -89.0%                |
| IDEX Mutual Funds: IDEX PBHG Technology & Communications; Class C Shares  |                         | 2/28/2003                | -89.0%                |
| IDEX Mutual Funds: IDEX PBHG Technology & Communications; Class M Shares  |                         | 2/28/2003                | -88.8%                |
| Mutual Fund Group: JPMorgan H&Q Technology Fund; Class B Shares   | 9/20/2000               | 2/28/2003                | -88.8%                |
| Mutual Fund Group: JPMorgan H&Q Technology Fund; Class C Shares   |                         | 2/28/2003                | -88.8%                |
| Investment/Indicators Fund  |                         | 12/31/1973               | -88.8%                |
| Mutual Fund Group: JPMorgan H&Q Technology Fund; Class A Shares   |                         | 2/28/2003                | -88.7%                |
| IDEX Mutual Funds: IDEX PBHG Technology & Communications; Class A Shares  |                         | 2/28/2003                | -88.5%                |
| MACROshares Oil Down Tradeable Trust: MACROshares Oil Down Tradeable Shares   | 11/29/2006              |                          | -88.0%                |
| Amerindo Funds Inc: Amerindo Technology Fund; Class C Shares Direxion Funds: India Bull 2X Fund; Investor Class Shares                                      | 12/15/1999              | 11/28/2008               | -87.3%<br>-87.3%      |
| Pilgrim Funds Trust: Pilgrim Global Communications Fund; Class C Shares   |                         | 4/30/2002                | -86.4%                |
| Pilgrim Funds Trust: Pilgrim Global Communications Fund; Class B Shares   |                         | 4/30/2002                | -86.4%                |
| Pilgrim Funds Trust: Pilgrim Global Communications Fund; Class A Shares   |                         | 4/30/2002                | -86.2%                |
| AmeriPrime Funds: Westcott Technology Fund; Institutional Shares  |                         | 8/30/2002                | -85.4%                |
| AmeriPrime Funds: Westcott Technology Fund; Class A Shares  | 12/9/1999               | 8/30/2002                | -85.3%                |
| Mercury Focus Twenty Fund, Inc; Class C Shares  | 3/22/2000               | 2/28/2002                | -84.9%                |
| Excelsior Funds, Inc: Technology Fund   | 3/31/2000               | 11/29/2002               | -84.9%                |
| Firsthand Funds: Communications Fund  |                         | 11/29/2002               | -84.7%                |
| Orbitex Group of Funds: Orbitex Emerging Technology Fund; Class B Shares  |                         | 12/31/2002               | -83.8%                |
| AIM Sector Funds, Inc: INVESCO Telecommunications Fund; Class C Shares  |                         | 10/31/2003               | -83.6%                |
| Managers Trust II: Managers Science & Technology Fund; Class B Shares Managers Trust II: Managers Science & Technology Fund; Class C Shares                 |                         | 4/29/2005<br>4/29/2005   | -83.3%<br>-83.3%      |
| Merrill Lynch Internet Strategies Fund, Inc; Class C Shares   |                         | 9/30/2002                | -83.2%                |
| Merrill Lynch Internet Strategies Fund, Inc; Class B Shares   |                         | 9/30/2002                | -83.2%                |
| Helios Select Fund, Inc: Helios Select Short Term Bond Fund; Class C Shares   |                         | 5/29/2009                | -83.2%                |
| Merrill Lynch Internet Strategies Fund, Inc; Class D Shares   |                         | 9/30/2002                | -83.0%                |
| Managers Trust II: Managers Science & Technology Fund; Class A Shares   | 7/1/2000                | 4/29/2005                | -82.9%                |
| Merrill Lynch Internet Strategies Fund, Inc; Class A Shares   | 3/20/2000               | 9/30/2002                | -82.9%                |
| Professionally Managed Portfolios: Duncan-Hurst Technology Fund; Class I Shares   | 3/30/2000               | 9/30/2002                | -82.9%                |
| TMR Appreciation Fund   | 40/04/0000              | 12/31/1973               | -82.9%                |
| Calvert Social Investment Fund: Technology Portfolio; Class B Shares  | 10/31/2000              |                          | -82.7%                |
| Calvert Social Investment Fund: Technology Portfolio; Class C Shares Mercury Focus Twenty Fund, Inc; Class B Shares   | 10/31/2000              | 2/28/2002                | -82.6%<br>-82.5%      |
| Managers Trust II: Managers Science & Technology Fund; Class Y Shares   |                         | 4/29/2005                | -82.5%                |
| Enterprise Group of Funds, Inc: International Internet Fund; Class C Shares   |                         | 7/31/2002                | -82.4%                |
| Enterprise Group of Funds, Inc: Global Technology Fund; Class B Shares  |                         | 7/31/2002                | -82.4%                |
| iShares Trust: iShares Dow Jones US Internet Index Fund   |                         | 11/29/2002               | -82.4%                |
| Calvert Social Investment Fund: Technology Portfolio; Class A Shares  | 10/31/2000              | 12/31/2002               | -82.3%                |
| Enterprise Group of Funds, Inc: Global Technology Fund; Class A Shares  |                         | 7/31/2002                | -82.2%                |
| Pauze Funds: Pauze Tombstone Fund; Class B Shares   | 5/1/1997                |                          | -82.2%                |
| Mercury Focus Twenty Fund, Inc; Class A Shares  |                         | 2/28/2002                | -82.1%                |
| Enterprise Group of Funds, Inc: Global Technology Fund; Class Y Shares  |                         | 7/31/2002                | -82.0%                |
| Calvert Social Investment Fund: Technology Portfolio; Institutional Shares  | 10/31/2000              |                          | -82.0%                |
| Fidelity Select Portfolios: Networking & Infrastructure Portfolio   |                         | 5/29/2009                | -81.9%                |
| Mercury Focus Twenty Fund, Inc; Class I Shares  |                         | 2/28/2002<br>3/31/2000   | -81.9%                |
| Pauze Funds: Pauze Tombstone Fund; Class A Shares<br>streetTRACKS Series Trust: streetTRACKS Morgan Stanley Internet Index Fund                             |                         | 11/28/2003               | -81.8%<br>-81.7%      |
| INVESCO Stock Funds, Inc: INVESCO Endeavor Fund; Class C Shares   |                         | 1/31/2003                | -81.3%                |
| Sagittarius Fund  |                         | 12/31/1973               | -80.7%                |
| Washington Investment Network   |                         | 12/29/1972               | -80.6%                |
| tive purposes only. Mutual fund data provided by 2010 CRSP Survivor Rias Free M   |                         |                          |                       |



# The Worst 200 Dead Mutual Funds

**AVERAGE RETURN** 



# MYTH 2: TRACK-RECORD INVESTING

Track-Record Investing:
The use of performance history to determine

## THE MYTH:

the best investments for the future.

Finding funds that did well in the past is a reliable method of indicating which funds will do well in the future.



# **Track Record Investing**

|                              | 1991-2000 (10 Year) |        |                      | 2001- | 2010 (1 | LO Year) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|---------|----------|
|                              | Rank                | % Rank | Annualized<br>Return | Rank  |         |          |
| Fidelity Sel Electronics     | 1                   | 0%     | 34.00%               | 3367  | 90%     | -1.49%   |
| Fidelity Sel Technology      | 2                   | 0%     | 28.60%               | 2695  | 72%     | 0.81%    |
| Fidelity Sel Computers       | 3                   | 0%     | 28.34%               | 2727  | 73%     | 0.76%    |
| Invesco Technology           | 4                   | 1%     | 28.33%               | 3662  | 98%     | -5.93%   |
| Fidelity Sel Software & Comp | 5                   | 1%     | 28.28%               | 754   | 20%     | 5.95%    |

|                                | <u> 1991–2000</u> | <u> 2001–2010</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Top 30 Funds Average Return    | 25.47             | 0.43              |
| All Funds Average Return       | 16.00             | 2.84              |
| S&P 500 Index Average Return   | 18.39             | 3.63              |
| CRSP 1-10 Index Average Return | 18.32             | 4.88              |
| Total # of Funds 1991–2000     | 726               |                   |
| Total # of Funds 2001–2010     |                   | 3,732             |

|                                       | 1991-2000 | 2001-2010 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Top 30 Average Return                 | 25.47%    | 0.43%     |
| All Funds Average Return              | 16.00%    | 2.84%     |
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| CRSP 1-10 Market Index Average Return | 18.32%    | 4.88%     |
| Total Funds 1991-2000                 | 726       |           |
| Total Funds 2001-2010                 |           | 3732      |



# **Track Record Investing**

|                                  | 2001-2005 (5 Year) |        |                      | 2006 | -2010 ( | 5 Year)              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|------|---------|----------------------|
|                                  | Rank               | % Rank | Annualized<br>Return | Rank | % Rank  | Annualized<br>Return |
| BlackRock Energy & Resources     | 1                  | 0%     | 30.99%               | 340  | 5%      | 7.77%                |
| Bruce Fund, Inc                  | 2                  | 0%     | 30.45%               | 873  | 14%     | 5.90%                |
| ING Global Natural Resources     | 3                  | 0%     | 29.28%               | 88   | 1%      | 9.91%                |
| Bridgeway Ultra-Small Company    | 4                  | 0%     | 27.25%               | 2704 | 44%     | 3.17%                |
| RS Global Natural Resources Fur  | nd; C 5            | 0%     | 26.19%               | 431  | 7%      | 7.34%                |
| Hotchkis & Wiley Small Cap Value | e 6                | 0%     | 25.03%               | 3807 | 61%     | 2.04%                |

|                             | <u> 2001–2005</u> | <u>2006-2010</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Top 30 Funds Average Return | 22.71             | 5.49             |
| All Funds Average Return    | 1.89              | 2.73             |
| S&P 500 Index               | 2.10              | 5.16             |
| CRSP 1-10 Index             | 3.49              | 6.26             |
| CRSP 9-10 Index             | 23.65             | 11.70            |
| Number of Funds             | 5236              | 6,197            |
|                             |                   |                  |

| All Funds Average Return                | 1.89%  | 2.73%  |  |
|---|--------|--------|--|
| S&P 500 Index Average Return            | 2.10%  | 5.16%  |  |
| CRSP 1-10 Market Index Average Return   | 3.49%  | 6.26%  |  |
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| Total Funds 2006-2010                   |        | 6197   |  |

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# **MYTH 3: MARKET TIMING**

### Market Timing:

Any attempt to alter or change the mix of assets based on a prediction or forecast about the future.

## THE MYTH:

Money managers are able to utilize market timing to effectively predict up & down markets.



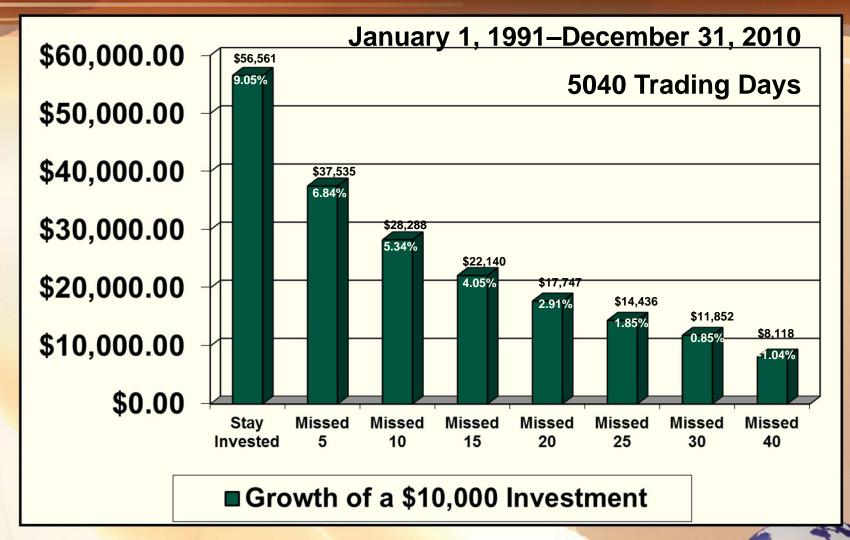
# DALBAR Research Study Results

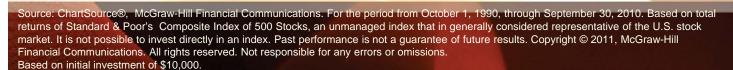
As the chart below clearly indicates –
The Average Investor earns significantly less
than the market indices, barely beating inflation
over the period measured.

| CATEGORY                     | 1991-2010<br>Annualized<br>Return |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| S&P 500 Index                | 9.14%                             |
| Average Equity Fund Investor | 3.83%                             |
| Inflation                    | 2.51%                             |



## WHY MARKET TIMING DOESN'T WORK







## **MYTH 4: COSTS OF INVESTING**

Costs of Investing:
Fees incurred by investors to buy, sell, and own stocks or mutual funds.

THE MYTH: What you don't see can't hurt you.



# THE COSTS OF INVESTING

Bid/Ask Spread

**Mutual Funds** 



#### Bid/Ask Spread



**SELL Price** 

\$49.50

\$.50 Spread

**BUY Price** 

\$50.00

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### BID/ASK SPREAD What Your Broker Won't Tell You

| Market Cap Range<br>(\$Millions) | Average Price | Percent Spread |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| >27,466                          | 56.54         | 0.03           |
| 4,444-27,466                     | 42.45         | 0.05           |
| 1,692-4,439                      | 37.28         | 0.08           |
| 393-1,689                        | 23.75         | 0.24           |
| 93-392                           | 10.86         | 0.68           |
| 10-93                            | 5.36          | 4.37           |

The Bid/Ask Spread as a percent of price is a conservative estimate of actual trading costs. This estimate is almost 145 times as great for the smallest market segment as for the largest market segment (4.37 vs 0.03).



#### SO FAR...

#### The Myths

- -Stock Selection
- -Track-Record Investing
- -Market Timing
- -Costs of Investing

#### Next...

-The Truth



# THE STORY OF INVESTING: FREE MARKET PORTFOLIO THEORY

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#### WHAT IS FREE MARKET PORTFOLIO THEORY?

#### Free Market Portfolio Theory is:

- An investment approach firmly grounded in the academic research of the last 50 years.
- A disciplined approach to capturing market returns while managing volatility.



# THE COMPONENTS OF FREE MARKET PORTFOLIO THEORY

**COMPONENT 1:** 

**Free Markets Work** 

COMPONENT 2: **Modern Portfolio Theory** 

COMPONENT 3: The Three-Factor Model



## LEADING ACADEMICS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO FREE MARKET PORTFOLIO THEORY

- Harry Markowitz: Nobel Prize Laureate, 1990, University of Chicago
- Merton H. Miller: Nobel Prize Laureate, 1990 - Robert R. McCormick Distinguished Service, University of Chicago
- Rex Sinquefield:
   Co-author Stocks, Bonds, Bills and Inflation, MBA, University of Chicago, BA, St. Louis University
- Roger G. Ibbotson:
   Co-author Stocks, Bonds, Bills and Inflation, Professor of Finance,
   School of Organization and Management, Yale University
- Eugene F. Fama:
   Robert R. McCormick Distinguished Service, Graduate School of Business, University of Chicago
- Kenneth French:
   Professor of Finance at the Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth College

#### BELIEFS DICTATE ACTION

#### FREE MARKETS WORK

- Focus on capturing market returns
- Utilize asset-class or structured funds
- Diversify prudently
- Identify your risk tolerance
- Eliminate traditional investment strategies
- Work with a financial coach who shares your market belief

#### FREE MARKETS FAIL

- Pursue traditional investment strategies
- Stay connected to all sources of financial information
- Read every investment article you can find
- Work with a financial professional who shares your market belief



#### **COMPONENT 2:**

# Modern Portfolio Theory Diversification Works

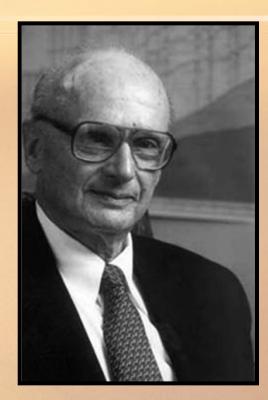
#### **Nobel Prize Winners, 1990**

Harry Markowitz
William Sharpe
Merton Miller



#### DR. HARRY MARKOWITZ

As a graduate student in economics at the University of Chicago in the 1950's, Dr. Markowitz won acclaim for his studies on portfolio design and risk reduction. These concepts were later crucial for the development of Modern Portfolio Theory.

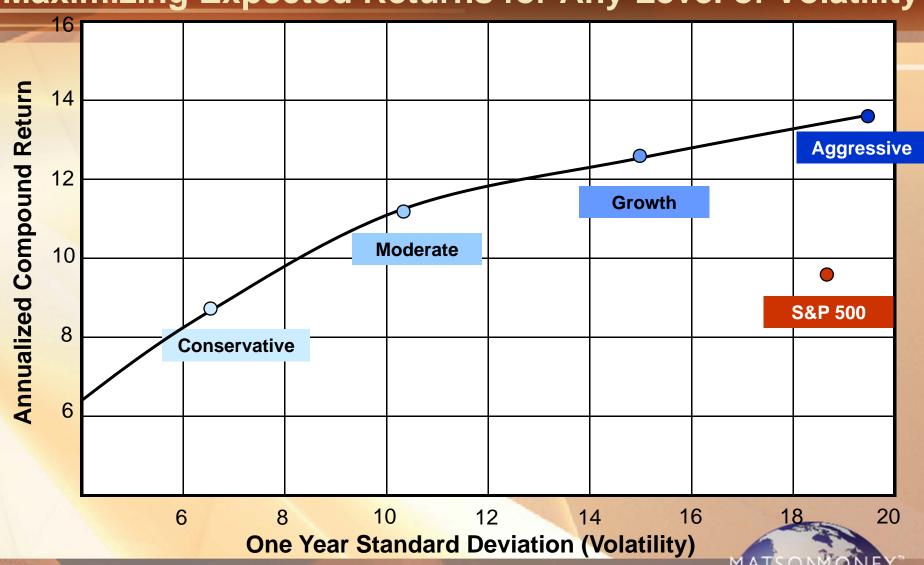


**Nobel Prize Winner 1990** 



#### MARKOWITZ EFFICIENT FRONTIER

Maximizing Expected Returns for Any Level of Volatility



# DETERMINANTS OF PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



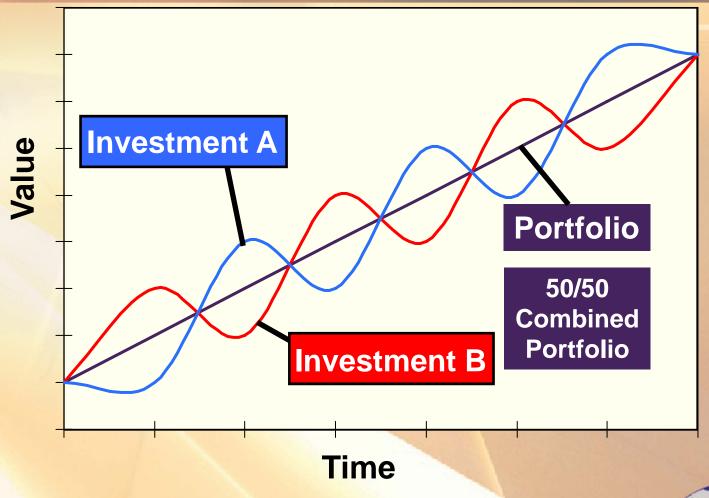
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#### **ASSET CLASS CORRELATION**

**Example Portfolio** 





# INCREASE RETURNS AND REDUCE VOLATILITY

Simplified Example Of Low Correlation Benefits January 1971–December 2010 (in \$U.S.)

Large U.S. Large U.S. **EAFE Small Int'l EAFE** Large U.S. 70% S&P 500<sub>17</sub> 70% S&P 20% EAFE<sub>1.5</sub> 100% S&P 500,, 30% 10% Int'l 500 Index<sub>1,7</sub> Small<sub>1,3,4</sub> EAFE<sub>1.5</sub> 12.16 12.79 Return(%) 11.75 Standard Deviation 18.09 17.94 17.94

Source: DFA Returns Software 12/10

Past performance is no guarantee of future results and investors may experience a loss.



#### **COMPONENT 3:**

#### The Three-Factor Model

**Factor 1: The Market Factor** 

**Factor 2: The Size Factor** 

Factor 3: The "Value" Factor

**Eugene Fama** 

&

**Kenneth French** 

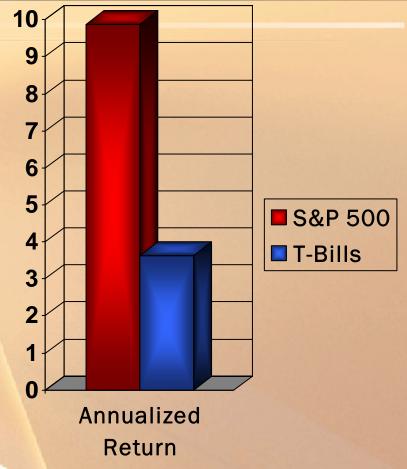
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#### **FACTOR 1: THE MARKET FACTOR**

- Equities are riskier than fixed income.
- Equities historically provide a higher rate of return.

| <u>1926–2010</u>   | S&P 500 <sub>1,7</sub> | T-Bills |
|--------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Annualized Return  | 9.87                   | 3.62    |
| Standard Deviation | 20.39                  | 3.09    |



Source: DFA Returns Software, 12/10

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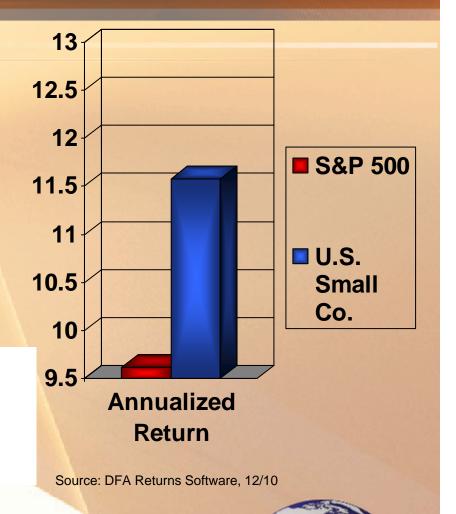
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#### FACTOR 2: THE SIZE FACTOR

- Small companies are riskier than large companies.
- Small companies
   historically provide a
   higher return than large
   companies.

| <u>1926–2010</u>   | S&P 500 <sub>1,7</sub> U.S. Small Co<br>(CRSP 6-10 |       |  |
|--------------------|--|-------|--|
| Annualized Return  | 9.87   | 11.52 |  |
| Standard Deviation | 20.39  | 30.81 |  |



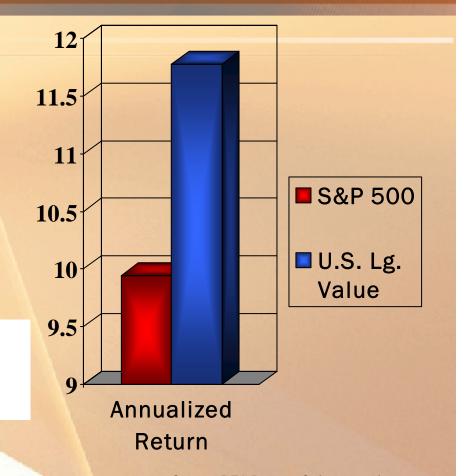
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#### **FACTOR 3: THE VALUE FACTOR**

- High book-to-market (value) stocks are riskier than low book-to-market (growth) stocks.
- High book-to-market stocks historically provide higher return than low book-tomarket stocks.

| <u>July 1926–2010</u> | S&P 500 <sub>1,7</sub> | U.S. Lg. Value <sub>1,2</sub> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Annualized Return     | 9.94                   | 11.78                         |
| Standard Deviation    | 22.68                  | 34.12                         |



Source: DFA Returns Software, 12/10

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#### THE TRUTH

#### **Free Markets Work**

- + Modern Portfolio Theory
- + The Three-Factor Model
- = Free Market Portfolio Theory





AVERAGE INVESTOR EQUITY PERFORMANCE



Actual Investor Results 100% Equity Mutual Funds

**Equity Mutual Funds** 

100%

Portfolio 1

1991-2010

Annualized Annualized Return Standard (%) Deviation (%)

Portfolio 1

3.83

19.79

**Dalbar Investor Results** 

Research for period 1991-2010



#### WHY ARE THE RETURNS SO LOW?

- 1. Average Holding Period—3.27 Years\*
- 2. Track-Record Investing—Chasing the Market
- 3. Hyperactive Stock Picking
- 4. Market Timing



**Basic Passively Invested Portfolio** 



Annualized Annualized Standard Deviation (%)

Portfolio 1\* 3.83 19.79
Portfolio 2 9.81 18.53

**Equity Mutual Funds** S&P 500 Index

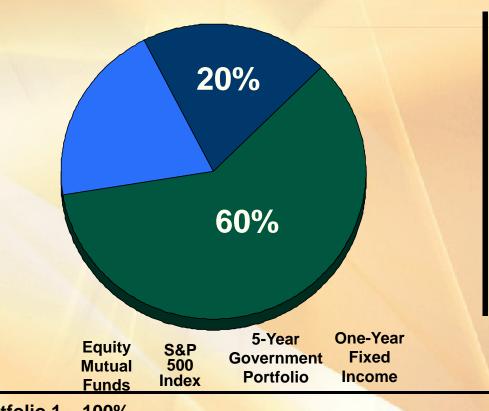
Portfolio 1 100% Portfolio 2

100%

%



Including Fixed Income Assets in the Portfolio



| • | 1973–2010    |                             |   |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|
|   |              | Annualized<br>Return<br>(%) | Annualized<br>Standard<br>Deviation (%) |  |  |  |
|   | Portfolio 1* | 3.83                        | 19.79                                   |  |  |  |
|   | Portfolio 2  | 9.81                        | 18.53                                   |  |  |  |
|   | Portfolio 3  | 9.26                        | 11.66                                   |  |  |  |

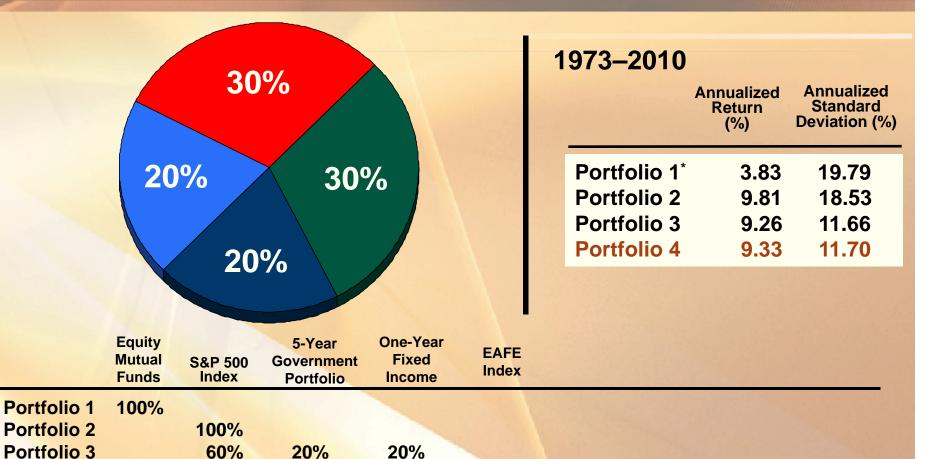
Portfolio 1 100%

Portfolio 2 100%

Portfolio 3 60% 20% 20%



Including Non-U.S. Assets in the Portfolio



30%



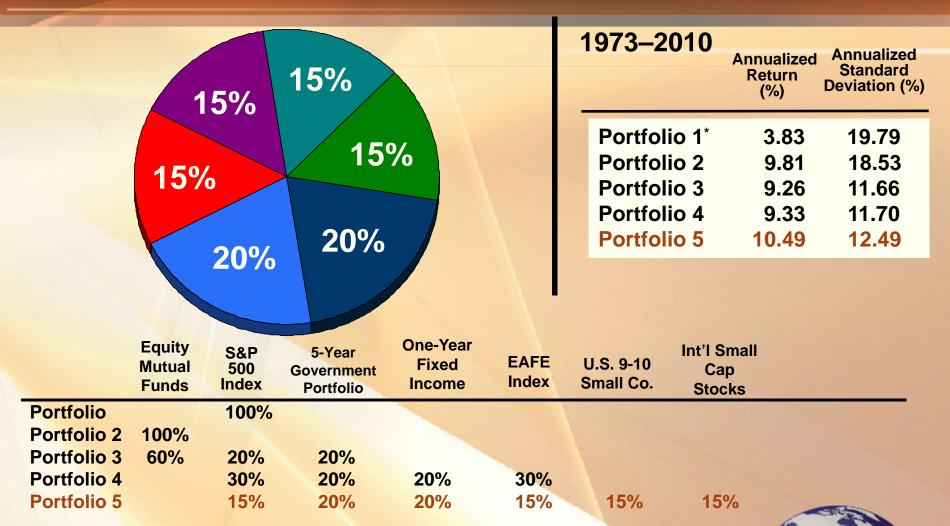
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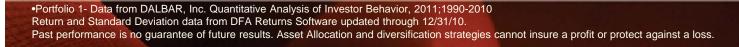
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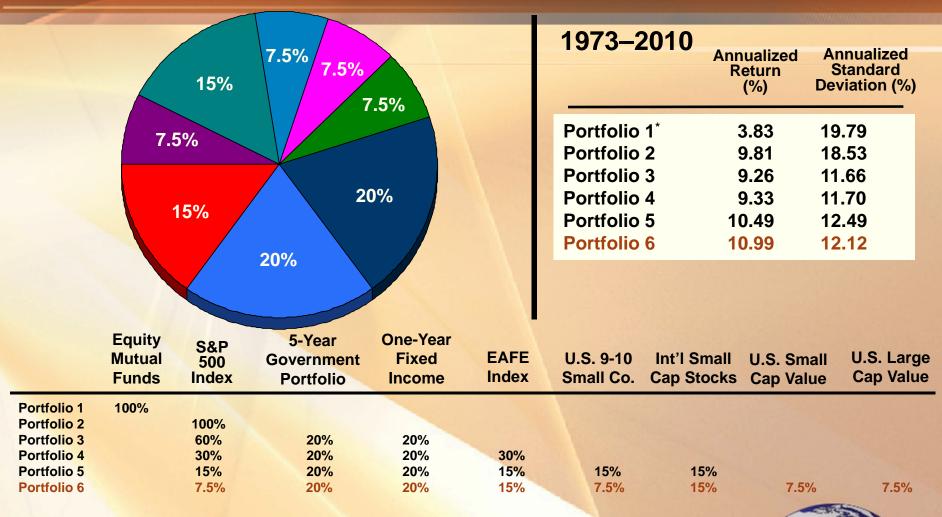
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|  | SAMPLE ASSET CLASS MIXES<br>Percent of Portfolio |          |         |            |
|--|--|----------|---------|------------|
| ASSET CLASSES                              | CONSERVATIVE                                     | MODERATE | GROWTH  | AGGRESSIVE |
| FIXED INCOME                               |  | <u></u>  |         | 6          |
| Cash Equivalents                           | 5  | 5        | 5       | 5          |
| Short Term Fixed                           | 35   | 22.5     | 10      | 0          |
| 5-Year Gov't Bonds<br>S-L Gov't/Corp Bonds | 35   | 22.5     | 10      | 0          |
| Sub Total Fixed Income                     | 75%  | 50%      | 25%     | 5%         |
| U.S. EQUITY/GROWTH                         |  | 21       |         |            |
| Large Stocks                               | 2.63   | 4.5      | 6.375   | 7.5        |
| Large Value Stocks                         | 5.25   | 9        | 12.75   | 15         |
| Small Stocks                               | 5.26   | 9        | 12.75   | 15         |
| Small Value Stocks                         | 4.38   | 7.5      | 10 .625 | 12.5       |
| Sub Total U.S. Equity                      | 17.5%  | 30%      | 42.5%   | 50%        |
| INTERNATIONAL EQUITY                       |  |          |         |            |
| Large Stocks                               | 2.63   | 7        | 11,38   | 15.75      |
| Small Stocks                               | 4.85   | 13       | 21.12   | 29.25      |
| Sub Total Int'l Equity                     | 7.5%   | 20%      | 32.5%   | 45%        |
| GRAND TOTAL                                | 100%   | 100%     | 100%    | 100%       |

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| Allocation Funds                                  | Conservative | Moderate | Growth | Aggressive |
|---|--------------|----------|--------|------------|
| EAFE: MSCI EAFE Index (gross div.)                | 2.63%        | 7%       | 11.38% | 15.75%     |
| TBILL: One-Month US Treasury Bills                | 5%           | 5%       | 5%     | 5%         |
| FFSMH: Fama/French US Small Value Research Index  | 4.38%        | 7.50%    | 10.63% | 12.50%     |
| S&P500: S&P 500 Index                             | 2.63%        | 4.50%    | 6.37%  | 7.50%      |
| INTIX: Dimensional International Small Cap Index  | 4.85%        | 13%      | 21.12% | 29.25%     |
| FFBGH: Fama/French US Large Value Research Index  | 5.25%        | 9%       | 12.75% | 15%        |
| C6-10: CRSP Declines 6-10 Index                   | 2.63%        | 4.50%    | 6.38%  | 7.50%      |
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| DFIHX: DFA One-Year Fixed Income Portfolio (USD)  | 35%          | 22.50%   | 10%    | 0%         |
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