

Lockwood Wealth Strategies, LLC

Form ADV Part 2A – Disclosure Brochure

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This Form ADV Part 2A ("Disclosure Brochure") provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Lockwood Wealth Strategies, LLC ("LWS" or the "Advisor"). If you have any questions about the content of this Disclosure Brochure, please contact the Advisor at (346) 487-8700.

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

Additional information about LWS and its Advisory Persons is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 327781.

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Item 2 – Material Changes

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

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

Material Changes

There have been no material changes to this Disclosure Brochure since the last filing and distribution to Clients.

Future Changes

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

At any time, you may view the current Disclosure Brochure on-line at the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 327781. You may also request a copy of this Disclosure Brochure at any time by contacting the Advisor at (346) 487-8700.

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Item 4 – Advisory Services

A. Firm Information

Lockwood Wealth Strategies, LLC ("LWS" or the "Advisor") is a registered investment advisor located in the State of Texas. The Advisor is organized as a Limited Liability Company ("LLC") under the laws of Texas. LWS was founded in January 2024 and is owned and operated by Brandon R. Lockwood CWS[®] (Owner, Principal and Chief Compliance Officer). This Disclosure Brochure provides information regarding the qualifications, business practices, and the advisory services provided by LWS.

B. Advisory Services Offered

LWS offers wealth management services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and businesses (each referred to as a "Client").

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

Wealth Management Services

LWS provides customized wealth management services for its Clients. This is achieved through continuous personal Client contact and interaction while providing discretionary investment management, financial planning, and related advisory services.

Investment Management Services – LWS works closely with each Client to identify their investment goals and objectives as well as risk tolerance and financial situation in order to create a portfolio strategy. LWS will then construct an investment portfolio, consisting exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"), low-cost, diversified mutual funds, and/or individual stocks and/or to achieve the Client's investment goals. The Advisor may also utilize unaffiliated money managers (See "Independent Managers" below), and/or other types of investments, as appropriate, to meet the needs of the Client. The Advisor may retain certain legacy investments based on portfolio fit and/or tax considerations.

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

LWS evaluates and selects investments for inclusion in Client portfolios only after applying its internal due diligence process. LWS may recommend, on occasion, redistributing investment allocations to diversify the portfolio. LWS may recommend specific positions to increase sector or asset class weightings. The Advisor may recommend employing cash positions as a possible hedge against market movement.

LWS may recommend selling positions for reasons that include, but are not limited to, harvesting capital gains or losses, business or sector risk exposure to a specific security or class of securities, overvaluation or overweighting of the position[s] in the portfolio, change in risk tolerance of the Client, generating cash to meet Client needs, or any risk deemed unacceptable for the Client's risk tolerance.

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

Use of Independent Managers – LWS may recommend that Clients utilize one or more unaffiliated investment managers or investment platforms (collectively "Independent Managers") for all or a portion of a Client's investment

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

Retirement Accounts – When the Advisor provides investment advice to Clients regarding ERISA retirement accounts or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs"), the Advisor is a fiduciary within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA") and/or the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. When deemed to be in the Client's best interest, the Advisor will provide investment advice to a Client regarding a distribution from an ERISA retirement account or to roll over the assets to an IRA, or recommend a similar transaction including rollovers from one ERISA sponsored Plan to another, one IRA to another IRA, or from one type of account to another account (e.g. commission-based account to fee-based account). Such a recommendation creates a conflict of interest if the Advisor will earn a new (or increase its current) advisory fee as a result of the transaction. No client is under any obligation to roll over a retirement account to an account managed by the Advisor.

Financial Planning Services – LWS will typically provide a variety of financial planning and consulting services to Clients as part of its wealth management services. Services are offered in several areas of a Client's financial situation, depending on their goals and objectives. Generally, such financial planning services involve preparing a formal financial plan or rendering a specific financial consultation based on the Client's financial goals and objectives. This planning or consulting may encompass one or more areas of need, including but not limited to, review / preparation of a financial plan, asset allocation, education planning, net worth analysis, business planning, insurance needs, estate planning, retirement income planning, cash flow planning, investment planning, risk analysis, equity compensation planning and other areas of the Client's financial situation.

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

LWS may also refer Clients to an accountant, attorney or other specialists, as appropriate for their unique situation. For certain financial planning engagements, the Advisor will provide a written summary of the Client's financial situation, observations, and recommendations. For consulting or ad-hoc engagements, the Advisor may not provide a written summary. Plans or consultations are typically completed within six (6) months of contract date, assuming all information and documents requested are provided promptly.

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

C. Client Account Management

Prior to engaging LWS to provide wealth management services, each Client is required to enter into one or more agreements with the Advisor that define the terms, conditions, authority and responsibilities of the Advisor and the Client. These services may include:

 <u>Establishing an Investment Strategy</u> – LWS, in connection with the Client, will develop a strategy that seeks to achieve the Client's goals and objectives.

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

D. Wrap Fee Programs

LWS does not manage or place Client assets into a wrap fee program. Wealth management services are provided directly by LWS.

E. Assets Under Management

As of April 17, 2024, LWS manages \$41,271,408 in Client assets, all of which are managed on a discretionary basis. Clients may request more current information at any time by contacting the Advisor.

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

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

A. Fees for Advisory Services

Wealth Management Services

Wealth management fees are paid monthly, in advance of each month, pursuant to the terms of the wealth management agreement. Wealth management fees are based on the market value of assets under management at the end of the prior month. Wealth management fees are based on the following tiered fee schedule:

Assets Under Management (\$)	Annual Rate (%)
Up to \$500,000	1.25%
\$500,001 to \$750,000	1.15%
\$750,001 to \$1,000,000	1.05%
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	0.95%
\$2,000,001 to \$3,000,000	0.75%
\$3,000,001 to \$4,000,000	0.65%
Over \$4,000,000	Negotiable

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

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

Use of Independent Managers

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

B. Fee Billing

Wealth Management Services

Wealth management fees are calculated by the Advisor or its delegate and deducted from the Client's account[s] at the Custodian. The Advisor shall send an invoice to the Custodian indicating the amount of the fees to be deducted from the Client's account[s] at the beginning of each month. The amount due is calculated by applying the monthly rate (annual rate divided by 12) to the total assets under management with LWS at the end of the prior month. Clients will be provided with a statement, at least quarterly, from the Custodian reflecting deduction of the wealth management fee. In addition, the Advisor will provide the Client a report itemizing the fee, including the calculation period covered by the fee, the account value and the methodology used to calculate the fee. Clients are urged to also review and compare the statement provided by the Custodian, as the Custodian does not perform a verification of fees. Clients provide written authorization permitting advisory fees to be deducted by LWS to be paid directly from their account[s] held by the Custodian as part of the wealth management agreement and separate account forms provided by the Custodian.

Use of Independent Managers

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

C. Other Fees and Expenses

Clients may incur certain fees or charges imposed by third parties, other than LWS, in connection with investments made on behalf of the Client's account[s]. The Client is responsible for all custody and securities execution fees charged by the Custodian, as applicable. The fees charged by LWS are separate and distinct from these custody and execution fees.

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

D. Advance Payment of Fees and Termination

Wealth Management Services

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

Use of Independent Managers

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

E. Compensation for Sales of Securities

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

Mr. Lockwood is also licensed as an independent insurance professional. As an independent insurance professional, Mr. Lockwood may earn commission-based compensation for selling insurance products, including insurance products sold to Clients. Insurance commissions earned by Mr. Lockwood are separate and in addition to our advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest as Mr. Lockwood may have an incentive to recommend insurance products to Clients for the purpose of generating commissions rather than solely based on the Client's needs. Clients are under no obligation, contractually or otherwise, to purchase insurance products through Mr. Lockwood. Please see Item 10 below.

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

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

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

Item 7 – Types of Clients

LWS offers wealth management services to individuals, high net worth individuals, trusts, estates, and businesses. LWS generally does not impose a minimum relationship size.

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

A. Methods of Analysis

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

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

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

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

B. Risk of Loss

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

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

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

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

Market Risks

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

ETF Risks

The performance of ETFs is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the ETFs will fluctuate with the price of the underlying securities that make up the funds. In addition, ETFs have a trading risk based on the loss of cost efficiency if the ETFs are traded actively and a liquidity risk if the ETFs has a large bid-ask spread and low trading volume. The price of an ETF fluctuates based upon the market movements and may dissociate from the index being tracked by the ETF or the price of the underlying investments. An ETF purchased or sold at one point in the day may have a different price than the same ETF purchased or sold a short time later.

Bond Risks

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

Mutual Fund Risks

The performance of mutual funds is subject to market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The price of the mutual funds will fluctuate with the value of the underlying securities that make up the funds. The price of a mutual fund is typically set daily therefore a mutual fund purchased at one point in the day will typically have the same price as a mutual fund purchased later that same day.

Margin Borrowings

The use of short-term margin borrowings may result in certain additional risks to a Client. For example, if securities pledged to brokers to secure a Client's margin accounts decline in value, the Client could be subject to a "margin call", pursuant to which it must either deposit additional funds with the broker or be the subject of mandatory liquidation of the pledged securities to compensate for the decline in value.

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

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, regulatory or disciplinary events involving LWS or its owner. LWS values the trust Clients place in the Advisor. The Advisor encourages Clients to perform the requisite due diligence on any advisor or service provider that the Client engages. The backgrounds of the Advisor or Advisory Persons are available on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with the Advisor's firm name or CRD# 327781.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Insurance Agency Affiliations

As noted in Item 5, Mr. Lockwood is also a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Lockwood's role with LWS. As an insurance professional, Mr. Lockwood may receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Lockwood is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This may cause a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Lockwood.

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

A. Code of Ethics

LWS has implemented a Code of Ethics (the "Code") that defines the Advisor's fiduciary commitment to each Client. This Code applies to all persons associated with LWS ("Supervised Persons"). The Code was developed to provide general ethical guidelines and specific instructions regarding the Advisor's duties to each Client. LWS and its Supervised Persons owe a duty of loyalty, fairness and good faith towards each Client. It is the obligation of LWS' Supervised Persons to adhere not only to the specific provisions of the Code, but also to the general principles that guide the Code. The Code covers a range of topics that address employee ethics and conflicts of interest. To request a copy of the Code, please contact the Advisor at (346) 487-8700.

B. Personal Trading with Material Interest

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

C. Personal Trading in Same Securities as Clients

LWS allows Supervised Persons to purchase or sell the same securities that may be recommended to and purchased on behalf of Clients. Owning the same securities that are recommended (purchase or sell) to Clients

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

D. Personal Trading at Same Time as Client

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

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

A. Recommendation of Custodian[s]

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

Where LWS does not exercise discretion over the selection of the Custodian, it may recommend the Custodian to Clients for custody and execution services. Clients are not obligated to use the Custodian recommended by the Advisor and will not incur any extra fee or cost associated with using a custodian not recommended by LWS. However, the Advisor may be limited in the services it can provide if the recommended Custodian is not engaged. LWS may recommend the Custodian based on criteria such as, but not limited to, reasonableness of commissions charged to the Client, services made available to the Client, and its reputation and/or the location of the Custodian's offices. LWS will generally recommend that Clients establish their account[s] at Altruist Financial LLC ("Altruist"), a FINRA-registered broker-dealer and member SIPC. Altruist will serve as the Client's "qualified custodian". LWS maintains an institutional relationship with Altruist, whereby the Advisor receives economic benefits. Please see Item 14 below.

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

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

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

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

B. Aggregating and Allocating Trades

The primary objective in placing orders for the purchase and sale of securities for Client accounts is to obtain the most favorable net results taking into account such factors as 1) price, 2) size of the order, 3) difficulty of execution, 4) confidentiality and 5) skill required of the Custodian. LWS will execute its transactions through the Custodian as authorized by the Client. LWS may aggregate orders in a block trade or trades when securities are purchased or sold through the Custodian for multiple (discretionary) accounts in the same trading day. If a block trade cannot be executed in full at the same price or time, the securities actually purchased or sold by the close of each business day must be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the initial pre-allocation or other written statement. This must be done in a way that does not consistently advantage or disadvantage any particular Clients' accounts. **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

A. Frequency of Reviews

Securities in Client accounts are monitored on a regular and continuous basis by Mr. Lockwood. Formal reviews are generally conducted at least annually or more frequently depending on the needs of the Client.

B. Causes for Reviews

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

C. Review Reports

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

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

A. Compensation Received by LWS

LWS may refer Clients to various unaffiliated, non-advisory professionals (e.g. attorneys, accountants, estate planners) to provide certain financial services necessary to meet the goals of its Clients. Likewise, LWS may receive non-compensated referrals of new Clients from various third-parties.

Participation in Institutional Advisor Platform

LWS has established an institutional relationship with Altruist to assist the Advisor in managing Client account[s]. Access to the Altruist platform is provided at no charge to the Advisor. The Advisor receives access to software and related support because the Advisor renders wealth management services to Clients that maintain assets at Altruist The software and related systems support may benefit the Advisor, but not its Clients directly. In fulfilling its duties to its Clients, the Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its Clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits from a Custodian creates a potential conflict of interest since these benefits may influence the Advisor's recommendation of this Custodian over one that does not furnish similar software, systems support, or services.

B. Compensation for Client Referrals

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

Item 15 – Custody

LWS does not accept or maintain custody of any Client accounts, except for the authorized deduction of the Advisor's fees. All Clients must place their assets with a "qualified custodian". Clients are required to engage the Custodian to retain their funds and securities and direct LWS to utilize that Custodian for the Client's security transactions. Clients should review statements provided by the Custodian and compare to any reports provided by LWS to ensure accuracy, as the Custodian does not perform this review. For more information about custodians and brokerage practices, see Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

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

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

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

Item 18 – Financial Information

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

Item 19 – Requirements for State Registered Advisors

A. Educational Background and Business Experience of Principal Officer

The Principal Officer of LWS is Mr. Brandon Lockwood. Information regarding the formal education and background of Mr. Lockwood is included the Form ADV 2B – Brochure Supplement below.

B. Other Business Activities of Principal Officer

Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Lockwood is a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Lockwood's role with LWS. As an insurance professional, Mr. Lockwood may receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Lockwood is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This may cause a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Lockwood.

C. Performance Fee Calculations

LWS does not charge performance-based fees for its investment advisory services. The fees charged by LWS are as described in Item 5 – Fees and Compensation above and <u>are not</u> based upon the capital appreciation of the funds or securities held by any Client.

D. Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding LWS or Mr. Lockwood. Neither LWS nor Mr. Lockwood have ever been involved in any regulatory, civil or criminal action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against LWS or Mr. Lockwood.

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

E. Material Relationships with Issuers of Securities

Neither LWS nor Mr. Lockwood have any relationships or arrangements with issuers of securities.



Form ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement

for

Brandon R. Lockwood, CWS[®] Principal and Chief Compliance Officer

Effective: May 9, 2024

This Form ADV 2B ("Brochure Supplement") provides information about the background and qualifications of Brandon R. Lockwood, CWS[®] (CRD# 4952640) in addition to the information contained in the Lockwood Wealth Strategies, LLC ("LWS" or the "Advisor", CRD# 327781) Disclosure Brochure. If you have not received a copy of the Disclosure Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of the LWS Disclosure Brochure or this Brochure Supplement, please contact us at (346) 487-8700.

Additional information about Mr. Lockwood is available on the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 4952640.

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Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Brandon R. Lockwood, CWS[®], born in 1979, is dedicated to advising Clients of LWS as its Owner, Principal and Chief Compliance Officer. Mr. Lockwood earned a B.S. in Finance from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2004. Additional information regarding Mr. Lockwood's employment history is included below.

Employment History:

Owner, Principal, Chief Compliance Officer, Lockwood Wealth Strategies, LLC	02/2024 to Present
Financial Advisor, Cetera Advisors LLC d/b/a Lifestyle Financial Advisors, Inc.	09/2022 to 02/2024
Financial Advisor, Cetera Investment Advisors LLC d/b/a Lifestyle Financial Advisors, Inc.	11/2020 to 02/2024
Financial Advisor, Lifestyle Asset Management, Inc.	06/2018 to 02/2024
Financial Advisor, First Allied Securities, Inc. d/b/a Lifestyle Financial Advisors, Inc.	02/2007 to 09/2022
Financial Advisor, First Allied Advisory Services, Inc. d/b/a Lifestyle Financial Advisors, Inc.	05/2010 to 11/2020

<u>Certified Wealth Strategist[™] ("CWS[®]"</u>)

The Certified Wealth Strategist[™] (CWS[®]) designation is the professional credential for persons who typically advise clients on wealth building. An individual requires three years of experience in the financial services industry that must also include direct interaction with clients and a 4-year degree from an accredited school.

Program Learning Objectives:

- Provide financial services professionals with the technical knowledge and the practice management formula.
- Provide critical client skills to create and build a dynamic Wealth Advisory practice that works effectively with more complex client issues.

Item 3 – Disciplinary Information

There are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Lockwood. Mr. Lockwood has never been involved in any regulatory, civil or criminal action. There have been no client complaints, lawsuits, arbitration claims or administrative proceedings against Mr. Lockwood. Securities laws require an advisor to disclose any instances where the advisor or its advisory persons have been found liable in a legal, regulatory, civil or arbitration matter that alleges violation of securities and other statutes; fraud; false statements or omissions; theft, embezzlement or wrongful taking of property; bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; and/or dishonest, unfair or unethical practices. As previously noted, there are no legal, civil or disciplinary events to disclose regarding Mr. Lockwood. However, we do encourage you to independently view the background of Mr. Lockwood on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with his full name or his Individual CRD# 4952640.

Item 4 – Other Business Activities

Insurance Agency Affiliations

Mr. Lockwood is also a licensed insurance professional. Implementations of insurance recommendations are separate and apart from Mr. Lockwood's role with LWS. As an insurance professional, Mr. Lockwood will receive customary commissions and other related revenues from the various insurance companies whose products are sold. Mr. Lockwood is not required to offer the products of any particular insurance company. Commissions generated by insurance sales do not offset regular advisory fees. This practice presents a conflict of interest in recommending certain products of the insurance companies. Clients are under no obligation to implement any recommendations made by Mr. Lockwood or the Advisor. Mr. Lockwood spends approximately 10% of his time per month in this capacity.

Item 5 – Additional Compensation

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

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Item 6 – Supervision

Mr. Lockwood serves as the Owner, Principal and Chief Compliance Officer of LWS. Mr. Lockwood can be reached at (346) 487-8700.

LWS has implemented a Code of Ethics, an internal compliance document that guides each Supervised Person in meeting their fiduciary obligations to Clients of LWS. Further, LWS is subject to regulatory oversight by various agencies. These agencies require registration by LWS and its Supervised Persons. As a registered entity, LWS is subject to examinations by regulators, which may be announced or unannounced. LWS is required to periodically update the information provided to these agencies and to provide various reports regarding the business activities and assets of the Advisor.

Item 7 – Requirements for State Registered Advisors

A. Arbitrations and Regulatory Proceedings

State regulations require disclosure if any Supervised Person of the Advisor is subject to:

- 1. An award or otherwise being found liable in an arbitration claim alleging damages in excess of \$2,500, involving any of the following:
 - a. an investment or an investment-related business or activity;
 - b. fraud, false statement(s), or omissions;
 - c. theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property;
 - d. bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; or
 - e. dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices.
- 2. An award or otherwise being found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding involving any of the following:
 - a. an investment or an investment-related business or activity;
 - b. fraud, false statement(s), or omissions;
 - c. theft, embezzlement, or other wrongful taking of property;
 - d. bribery, forgery, counterfeiting, or extortion; or
 - e. dishonest, unfair, or unethical practices.

Mr. Lockwood does not have any disclosures to make regarding this Item.

B. Bankruptcy

If a Supervised Person has been the subject of a bankruptcy petition, that fact and the details must be disclosed.

Mr. Lockwood does not have any disclosures to make regarding this Item.

Privacy Policy

Effective: May 9, 2024

Our Commitment to You

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

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

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

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

Why you need to know?

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

What information do we collect from you?

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

What Information do we collect from other sources?

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

How do we protect your information?

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

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

How do we share your information?

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

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

Changes to our Privacy Policy

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

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

Any Questions?

You may ask questions or voice any concerns, as well as obtain a copy of our current Privacy Policy by contacting us at (346) 487-8700.