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Crux Wealth Advisors is a registered investment adviser. Registration as an investment adviser does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information regarding Crux Wealth Advisors and its Advisory Persons is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov by searching with our firm name or our CRD# 330731.

Item 2 – Material Changes

Since the Firm's last annual updating amendment dated March 31, 2025, the Firm has the following material changes to report:

- Item 8: Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss
 - Removed Real Estate as a particular type of security Crux may recommend as the firm does not recommend real estate to clients.
 - Added Structured Products and Buffer ETF risks.

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Item 4 – Advisory Business

About Us

Crux Wealth Advisors, LLC is a registered investment adviser with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) offering financial planning and asset management services to clients. Crux Wealth Advisors is organized as a Limited Liability Company (“LLC”) under the laws of the state of Delaware. The firm was founded in 2016 and its principal owner is Travis P. Alexander. At Crux Wealth Advisors we believe in a process-driven approach to investment management.

This Brochure is designed to provide detailed and clear information relating to each item noted in the table of contents. Certain disclosures are repeated in one or more items, and/or other items are referred to in an effort to be as comprehensive as possible on the broad subject matters discussed. Within this Brochure, certain terms in either upper- or lowercase are used as follows:

- “We,” “us,” and “our” refer to Crux Wealth Advisors.
- “Advisor” refers to persons who provide investment recommendations or advice on behalf of Crux Wealth Advisors.
- “You,” “yours,” and “client” refer to clients of Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors.

Description of Services Available

Crux Wealth Advisors offers a suite of investment advisory services and programs to its advisors for use with their clients. Our investment advisory services and programs are designed to accommodate a wide range of client investment philosophies, goals, needs, and investment objectives. Through these various advisory programs and services, clients have access to a wide range of securities products, including, but not limited to, common and preferred stocks; municipal, corporate, and government fixed income securities; mutual funds; exchange-traded products (“ETPs”); options and derivatives; unit investment trusts (“UITs”); and variable and fixed-indexed insurance products, as well as other products and services, including a variety of asset allocation services, financial planning, and consulting services.

Asset Management Services: Our asset management solutions enable you, with the guidance of our advisors, to invest in a wide range of securities products. These products include, but are not limited to, common and preferred stocks, corporate and municipal bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded products (such as exchange-traded funds), and unit investment trusts. The advisor typically acts as portfolio manager with full investment discretion although clients may elect to have the advisor manage the account on a non-discretionary basis. At Crux Wealth Advisors, our investment professionals provide customized investment advisory solutions for its clients. The financial advisor is responsible for ensuring the investment portfolio aligns with client risk tolerance and overall investment objectives.

When engaged to provide asset management services our advisors will gather information on a client’s financial history, income and expenses, goals and objectives and assist the client in developing an appropriate asset allocation strategy based on the client’s unique individual needs. In general, clients will provide discretionary authority to Crux Wealth Advisors which enables our advisors to place trades in your account in accordance with the established objectives of the account, but without the need for the client to approve each trade in advance. Discretionary authority is typically granted by the investment advisory agreement you sign with our firm, a limited power of attorney, or trading authorization forms. The account is monitored by your advisor on a regular basis, and your advisor will meet with you no less than annually to review the account’s holdings and performance.

Fees for our asset management services are described in Item 5 of this brochure and are based on the level of assets in your managed account.

Wealth Management Consulting: We provide wealth management consulting services on a wide range of topics, including, but not limited to, comprehensive financial planning, budgeting and cash flow analysis, major purchases, education planning, retirement income/longevity planning, portfolio analysis, estate planning analysis, investment analysis, business succession planning, and fringe benefit analysis. Clients may also elect to enter into consulting or financial planning engagements with advisors separately from, in addition to, or as part of their managed account program, as may be agreed between the client and advisor.

In offering wealth management consulting or financial planning, a conflict exists between the interests of the investment adviser and the interests of the client. The client is under no obligation to act upon the investment adviser's recommendation, and, if the client elects to act on any of the recommendations, the client is under no obligation to affect the transaction through the investment adviser. This statement is required by California Code of Regulations, 10 CCR Section 260.235.2.

Retirement Plan Consulting: We provide a fee-for-service consulting program whereby our advisors offer onetime or ongoing advisory services to qualified retirement plans. Through the retirement plan consulting, advisors assist plan sponsors with their fiduciary duties and provide individualized advice based upon the needs of the plan and/or plan participants regarding investment management matters, such as:

- Investment policy statement support
- Plan menu design and monitoring
- Service provider support
- Participant advice programs

Individualized Services and Client-Imposed Restrictions

The investment advisory services provided by our advisors depend largely on the personal information the client provides to the advisor. In order for our advisors to provide appropriate investment advice to, or, in the case of discretionary accounts, make tailored investment decisions for, the client, it is very important that clients provide accurate and complete responses to their advisor's questions about their financial condition, needs, goals, and objectives and notify the advisor of any reasonable restrictions they wish to apply to the securities or types of securities to be bought, sold, or held in their managed account. It is also important that clients promptly inform their advisor of any changes in their financial condition, investment objectives, personal circumstances, or reasonable investment restrictions pertaining to the management of their account, if any, that may affect their overall investment goals and strategies or the investment advice provided or investment decisions made by their advisor.

In general, the advisor is responsible for delivering investment advisory services to clients, and clients generally deal with matters relating to their accounts by contacting their advisor directly. Of course, clients may contact Crux Wealth Advisors directly with questions about the advisory services offered by our firm.

Wrap Fee Programs

Crux Wealth Advisors does not offer a Wrap Fee Program.

Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2025, Crux Wealth Advisors has the following assets under management:

Discretionary assets:	\$489,248,903.00
Non-discretionary assets:	\$58,586,171.00

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

How You're Charged and How We're Compensated

Wealth Management Consulting

Wealth management consulting may be included as a component of an asset management services relationship. Wealth management consulting may also be provided for a pre-negotiated fee. The fees described for financial planning services are separate from and in addition to fees charged for ongoing asset management. The fee for a comprehensive financial plan will range from \$1,000 to \$250,000 depending on the scope of the work. Fees can be paid in advance and/or in arrears as a flat fee. We also offer an hourly billing option at a rate of \$500 per hour (fees are paid as services are rendered). Fees are negotiable and are payable to Crux Wealth Advisors. Fees for financial planning services may be discounted or waived at our sole discretion.

Asset Management Programs

Crux Wealth Advisors' asset management fees range from 0.0% to 2.25%. The annual asset management fee is based on a percentage of assets under management, including cash and money market positions. Our fee billing is monthly, in advance, based on the average daily balance of the account during the billing period. When an account engages during a month, it is prorated using the initial deposit.

Asset management fees are negotiable, at the sole discretion of Crux Wealth Advisors, taking into account the specific needs of each client.

Clients who elect to open a margin account acknowledge and agree that margin may be exercised against their account for purposes including, but not limited to, covering debits, management fees, and/or other billing and administrative costs. Management fees on margin accounts will be assessed on the equity (e.g., ownership) portion of the account and not on the account's total market value.

Transaction charges and other account-related fees assessed by the account custodian are not negotiable. In the event a client terminates an advisory agreement with Crux Wealth Advisors, any unearned fees resulting from payments made by clients in advance will be refunded to the client.

Managed Account Fee Collection Process

Managed account fees are typically automatically charged to the client's account pursuant to instructions provided to the account custodian by Crux Wealth Advisors. Rather than automatic fee debiting from the account, clients can instruct Crux Wealth Advisors to charge the fee to one of the client's other non-qualified Crux Wealth Advisors accounts.

Managed account clients will generally pay fees monthly, in advance. Consulting clients will have the option to pay fees at time of service, in advance of service, or in arrears, as well as in monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual installments, as agreed to between the client and the advisor.

The initial monthly fee will be prorated based on the number of billing days in the initial month. Fees are based on account value and account type and are negotiable. Other methods of fee calculation exist or are possible, depending on the specific program, the services provided, client circumstances, and the account size. These methods include, but are not limited to, hourly or flat fee billing. Additional deposits/withdrawals of funds and/or securities during a particular calendar month are subject to billing on a pro rata basis.

Other Fees and Expenses

Broker-dealers charge brokerage commissions and/or transaction fees for effecting certain securities transactions (i.e., transaction fees are charged for certain no-load mutual funds, commissions are charged for individual equity transactions, and mark-ups and mark-downs are charged for fixed income transactions). The amount of these commissions and/or transaction fees may vary depending upon a range of factors, which typically include the following: the broker-dealer/custodian utilized; the total value of regulatory assets under management held at the applicable custodian; the type of asset (e.g., equity, ETF, mutual fund, fixed income product). In addition, client accounts may invest in open-end mutual funds (including money market funds) and ETFs that have various internal fees and expenses (i.e., management fees), which are paid by these funds but ultimately borne by clients as a fund shareholder. These internal fees and expenses are in addition to the fees charged by the Firm. See Item 12- Brokerage Practices for more information.

In most cases, mutual fund companies offer multiple share classes of the same mutual fund. Some share classes of a fund charge higher internal expenses, whereas other share classes of a fund charge lower internal expenses. Institutional and advisory share classes typically have lower expense ratios and are less costly for a client to hold than Class A shares or other share classes that are eligible for purchase in an advisory account. Mutual funds that offer institutional share classes, advisory share classes, and other share classes with lower expense ratios are available to investors who meet specific eligibility requirements that are described in the mutual fund's prospectus or its statement of additional information. These eligibility requirements include, but may not be limited to, investments meeting certain minimum dollar amounts and accounts that the fund considers qualified fee-based programs. The lowest-cost mutual fund share class for a fund may not be offered through our clearing firm or made available by Crux Wealth Advisors for purchase within our managed accounts. Clients should never assume that they will be invested in the share class with the lowest possible expense ratio or cost.

Crux Wealth Advisors urges clients to discuss with their advisor whether lower-cost share classes are available in their program account. Clients should also ask their advisor why the funds or other investments that will be purchased or held in their managed account are appropriate for them in consideration of their expected holding period, investment objective, risk tolerance, time horizon, financial condition, amount invested, trading frequency, the amount of the advisory fee charged, whether the client will pay transaction charges for fund purchases and sales, whether clients will pay higher internal fund expenses in lieu of transaction charges that could adversely affect long-term performance, and relevant tax considerations. Your advisor may recommend, select, or continue to hold a fund share class that charges you higher internal expenses than other available share classes for the same fund.

The purchase or sale of transaction-fee ("TF") funds available for investment through Crux Wealth Advisors will result in the assessment of transaction charges to you, your advisor, Crux Wealth Advisors or Pershing. Although no-transaction-fee ("NTF") funds do not assess transaction charges, most NTF funds have higher internal expenses than funds that do not participate in an NTF program. These higher internal

fund expenses are assessed to investors who purchase or hold NTF funds. Depending upon the frequency of trading and hold periods, NTF funds may cost you more, or may cost Crux Wealth Advisors, Pershing or your advisor less, than mutual funds that assess transaction charges but have lower internal expenses. In addition, the higher internal expenses charged to clients who hold NTF funds will adversely affect the long-term performance of their accounts when compared to share classes of the same fund that assess lower internal expenses.

The existence of various fund share classes with lower internal expenses that Crux Wealth Advisors may not make available for purchase in its managed account programs present a conflict of interest between clients and Crux Wealth Advisors or its advisors. A conflict of interest exists because Crux Wealth Advisors and your advisor have a greater incentive to make available, recommend, or make investment decisions regarding investments that provide additional compensation to Crux Wealth Advisors that cost clients more than other available share classes in the same fund that cost you less. For those advisory programs that assess transaction charges to clients or to Crux Wealth Advisors or the advisor, a conflict of interest exists because Crux Wealth Advisors and your advisor have a financial incentive to recommend or select NTF funds that do not assess transaction charges but cost you more in internal expenses than funds that do assess transaction charges but cost you less in internal expenses.

Prorated Rebate of Fees Paid in Advance

In the event a client terminates an advisory agreement with Crux Wealth Advisors and his or her advisor, any unearned fees resulting from advanced payments will be refunded on a pro rata basis based on the number of days in the billing period prior to the effective date of termination. This means that the account will only be billed for the number of days during the period during which advisory services are rendered.

Likewise, in the event Crux Wealth Advisors bills clients in arrears for services that have already been rendered, Crux Wealth Advisors will prorate such fees up to the termination date of the advisory agreement.

Other Forms of Compensation

As mentioned above, an ongoing asset management fee, billed monthly in advance, is the most common method of payment for the client and compensation to Crux Wealth Advisors and the advisor. In some cases, certain managed account programs charge fees quarterly or will have differing methods of fee calculation. Please refer to the respective program description in this Brochure and to the respective client agreement for specific information about the maximum fee allowed, the fee schedules of each program, and the methods of fee billing for the program(s) you select.

For California Residents: Subsection (j) of Rule 260.238 of the California Code of Regulations requires that all investment advisers disclose to their advisory clients that lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

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

Crux Wealth Advisors does not charge any performance-based fees (fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client).

Item 7 – Types of Clients

Crux Wealth Advisors generally 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
- Charitable organizations
- Trusts and estates
- Corporations or other businesses not listed above

Crux Wealth Advisors managed account programs generally require clients to meet certain account minimums. In some cases, account balances may be combined at the household level to satisfy the account minimum.

Crux Wealth Advisors generally requires a \$100,000 account minimum which can be waived in our sole discretion.

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

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that investors should be sure they understand and should be prepared to bear.

Crux Wealth Advisors primarily serves retail investors. Crux Wealth Advisors investment advisor representatives have the independence to take the approach he or she believes is most appropriate when analyzing investment products and strategies for clients. There are several sources of information that Crux Wealth Advisors and the advisor may use as part of the investment analysis process. These sources include, but are not limited to:

- Prospectuses and offering materials
- Product and sponsor sales materials
- Sponsor due diligence meetings and product presentations
- Financial publications
- Research, software, and materials prepared by third parties
- Corporate rating services
- SEC filings (annual reports, prospectus, 10-K, etc.)
- Company press releases

As a firm, Crux Wealth Advisors does not favor any specific method of analysis over another and, therefore, would not be considered to have one approach deemed to be a “significant strategy.” There are, however, a few common approaches that may be used by Crux Wealth Advisors or your advisor, individually or collectively, in the course of providing advice to clients. **It is important to note that there is no investment strategy that will guarantee a profit or prevent loss.** Following are some common strategies employed by advisors in the management of client accounts:

- **Dollar Cost Averaging (“DCA”):** The technique of buying a fixed dollar amount of a particular investment on a regular schedule, regardless of the share price. More shares are purchased

when prices are low, and fewer shares are bought when prices are high. DCA is believed to lessen the risk of investing a large amount in a single investment at higher price. DCA strategies are not effective and do not prevent loss in declining markets.

- **Asset Allocation:** An investment strategy that aims to balance risk and reward by allocating assets among a variety of asset classes. At a high level, there are three main asset classes—equities (stocks), fixed income (bonds), and cash/cash equivalents—each of which has different risk and reward profiles/behaviors. Asset classes are often further divided into domestic and foreign investments, and equities are often divided into small, intermediate, and large capitalization. The general theory behind asset allocation is that each asset class will perform differently from the others in different market conditions. By diversifying a portfolio of investments among a wide range of asset classes, advisors seek to reduce the overall volatility and risk of a portfolio through avoiding overexposure to any one asset class during various market cycles. Asset allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.
- **Technical Analysis (aka “Charting”):** A method of evaluating securities by analyzing statistics generated by market activity, such as past prices and volume. Technical analysts do not attempt to measure a security’s intrinsic value. Instead, they use charts and other tools to identify patterns that can suggest future activity. When looking at individual equities, a person using technical analysis generally believes that performance of the stock, rather than performance of the company itself, has more to do with the company’s future stock price. It is important to understand that past performance does not guarantee future results.
- **Fundamental Analysis:** A method of evaluating a security that entails attempting to measure its intrinsic value by examining related economic, financial, and other qualitative and quantitative factors. Fundamental analysts attempt to study everything that can affect the security’s value, including macroeconomic factors (e.g., the overall economy and industry conditions) and company-specific factors (e.g., financial condition and management). The end goal of performing fundamental analysis is to produce a value that an investor can compare with the security’s current price, with the aim of figuring out what sort of position to take with that security (underpriced = buy, overpriced = sell or short). This method of security analysis is considered to be the opposite of technical analysis.
- **Quantitative Analysis:** An analysis technique that seeks to understand behavior by using complex mathematical and statistical modeling, measurement, and research. By assigning a numerical value to variables, quantitative analysts try to replicate reality mathematically. Some believe that it can also be used to predict real-world events, such as changes in a share price.
- **Qualitative Analysis:** Securities analysis that uses subjective judgment based on non-quantifiable information, such as management expertise, industry cycles, strength of research and development, and labor relations. This type of analysis technique is different from quantitative analysis, which focuses on numbers. The two techniques, however, are often used together.

Risks of Loss

Regardless of what investment strategy or analysis is undertaken, investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients must be prepared to bear; in fact, some investment strategies could result in total loss of

your investment. Some risks may be avoided or mitigated, while others are completely unavoidable. Some of the common risks you should consider prior to investing include, but are not limited to:

Market risks: The prices of, and the income generated by, the common stocks, bonds, and other securities you own may decline in response to certain events taking place around the world, including those directly involving the issuers; conditions affecting the general economy; overall market changes; local, regional, or global political, social, or economic instability; governmental or governmental agency responses to economic conditions; and currency, interest rate, and commodity price fluctuations.

Interest rate risks: The prices of, and the income generated by, most debt and equity securities will most likely be affected by changing interest rates and by changes in the effective maturities and credit ratings of these securities. For example, the prices of debt securities generally decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. In addition, falling interest rates may cause an issuer to redeem, “call,” or refinance a security before its stated maturity date, which would typically result in having to reinvest the proceeds in lower-yielding securities.

Credit risks: Debt securities are also subject to credit risk, which is the possibility that the credit strength of an issuer will weaken and/or an issuer of a debt security will fail to make timely payments of principal or interest and the security will go into default.

Risks of investing outside the U.S.: Investments in securities issued by entities based outside the United States are often subject to the risks described above to a greater extent.

Margin transactions: Securities transactions in which an investor borrows money to purchase a security, in which case the security serves as collateral on the loan, inherently have more risk than cash purchases. If the value of the shares drops sufficiently, the investor will be required to either deposit more cash into the account or sell a portion of the stock in order to maintain the margin requirements of the account. This is known as a “margin call.” An investor’s overall risk in accounts utilizing margin includes the amount of money invested plus the amount that was loaned to them.

Pledging Assets: Pledging assets in an account to secure a loan involves additional risks. The bank holding the loan has the authority to liquidate all or part of the securities at any time without prior notice in order to maintain required maintenance levels, or to call the loan at any time, and this may cause you to sell assets and realize losses in a declining market. In addition, because of collateral requirements imposed by the bank, investment decisions for the account may be restricted. These restrictions, or a forced liquidation, may interfere with your long-term investment goals and/or result in adverse tax consequences.

Tax considerations: Our strategies and investments may have unique and significant tax implications. Unless specifically agreed otherwise, and in writing, however, tax efficiency is not our primary consideration in the management of your assets. Regardless of your account size or any other factors, it is strongly recommended that you consult with a tax professional regarding the investing of your assets. Custodians and broker/dealers must report the cost basis of equities acquired in client accounts. Your custodian will default to the first in, first out (“FIFO”) accounting method for calculating the cost basis of your equity investments and average-cost for mutual fund positions. You are responsible for contacting your tax advisor to determine if this accounting method is the right choice for you. If your tax advisor believes another accounting method is more advantageous, provide written notice to our firm immediately, and our firm will alert Pershing of your individually selected accounting method. Decisions

about cost basis accounting methods will need to be made before trades settle, as the cost basis method cannot be changed after settlement.

Liquidity risk: The risk of being unable to sell your investment at a fair price at a given time due to high volatility or lack of active liquid markets. You may receive a lower price, or it may not be possible to sell the investment at all. Certain structured products, interval funds, and alternative investments are less liquid than securities traded on an exchange, and you should be aware of the fact that you may not be able to sell these products outside of prescribed time periods. You should consult your advisor prior to purchasing products considered illiquid and in instances where changes in your financial situation and objectives may increase your need for liquidity.

Inflation risk: Security prices and portfolio returns will likely vary in response to changes in inflation and interest rates. Inflation causes the value of future dollars to be worth less and may reduce the purchasing power of a client's future interest payments and principal. Inflation also generally leads to higher interest rates which may cause the value of many types of fixed income investments to decline.

Time horizon and longevity risk: Time horizon risk is the risk that your investment horizon is shortened because of an unforeseen event (e.g., the loss of your job). This may force you to sell investments that you were expecting to hold for the long term. If you must sell at a time that the markets are down, you may lose money. Longevity risk is the risk of outliving your savings. This risk is particularly relevant for people who are retired or nearing retirement.

Recommendation of particular types of securities: We will recommend various types of securities and do not primarily recommend one particular type of security over another since each client has different needs and different tolerance for risk. Each type of security has its own unique set of risks associated with it, and it would not be possible to list here all of the specific risks of every type of investment. Even within the same type of investment, risks can vary widely. In very general terms, however, the higher the anticipated return of an investment, the higher the risk of loss associated with the investment. Descriptions of the types of securities we may recommend to you and some of their inherent risks are provided below:

- **Money market funds:** A money market fund is technically a security, and, as such, there is a risk of loss of principal, although it is generally rare. In return for this risk, you should earn a greater return on your cash than you would expect from a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured savings account (money market funds are not FDIC insured). Next, money market fund rates are variable. In other words, you do not know how much you will earn on your investment next month. The rate could go up or down. If it goes up, that may result in a positive outcome. If it goes down, however, and you earn less than you expected to, you may end up needing more cash. A final risk you are taking with money market funds has to do with inflation. Because money market funds are considered to be safer than other investments like stocks, long-term average returns on money market funds tend to be less than long-term average returns on riskier investments. Over long periods of time, inflation can eat away at your returns.
- **Municipal securities:** Municipal securities, while generally thought of as safe, can have significant risks associated with them, including, but not limited to, the creditworthiness of the governmental entity that issues the bond, the stability of the revenue stream that is used to pay the interest to the bondholders, when the bond is due to mature, and whether the bond can be "called" prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same amount of interest or yield to maturity.

- **Bonds:** Also known as corporate debt securities, bonds are typically safer investments than equity securities, but their risk can also vary widely based on the financial health of the issuer, the risk that the issuer might default, when the bond is set to mature, and whether the bond can be “called” prior to maturity. When a bond is called, it may not be possible to replace it with a bond of equal character paying the same rate of return.
- **Stocks:** There are numerous ways of measuring the risk of equity securities (also known simply as “equities” or “stocks”). In very broad terms, the value of a stock depends on the financial health of the company issuing it. Stock prices, however, can be affected by many other factors, including, but not limited to, the class of stock (e.g., preferred or common), the health of the market sector of the issuing company, and the overall health of the economy. In general, larger, more well-established companies (i.e., large-caps) tend to be safer than smaller start-up companies (i.e., small-caps), but the mere size of an issuer is not, by itself, an indicator of the safety of the investment.
- **Mutual funds and ETFs:** Mutual funds and ETFs are professionally managed collective investment systems that pool money from many investors and invest in stocks, bonds, short term money market instruments, other mutual funds, other securities, or any combination thereof. The fund will have a manager that trades the fund’s investments in accordance with the fund’s investment objective. While mutual funds and ETFs generally provide diversification, risks can be significantly increased if the fund is concentrated in a particular sector of the market, primarily invests in small-cap or speculative companies, uses leverage (i.e., borrows money) to a significant degree, or concentrates in a particular type of security (i.e., equities) rather than balancing the fund with different types of securities. ETFs differ from mutual funds in that they can be bought and sold throughout the day like stock and their price can fluctuate throughout the day. The returns on mutual funds and ETFs can be reduced by the costs to manage the funds. Also, while some mutual funds are “no load,” meaning there’s no fee to buy into or sell out of the fund, other types of mutual funds do charge such fees, which can also reduce returns. Mutual funds can also be “closed-end” or “open-end.” Open-end mutual funds continue to allow new investors indefinitely, whereas closed-end funds have a fixed number of shares to sell, which can limit their availability to new investors.
- **Variable annuities:** A variable annuity is a form of insurance where the seller or issuer (typically an insurance company) makes a series of future payments to a buyer (annuitant) in exchange for the immediate payment of a lump sum (single-payment annuity) or a series of regular payments (regular-payment annuity). The payment stream from the issuer to the annuitant has an unknown duration based principally upon the date of death of the annuitant. At this point, the contract will terminate, and the remainder of the funds accumulated will be forfeited unless there are other annuitants or beneficiaries in the contract. Annuities can be purchased to provide an income during retirement. Unlike fixed annuities that make payments in fixed amounts or in amounts that increase by a fixed percentage, variable annuities pay amounts that vary according to the performance of a specified set of investments, typically bond and equity mutual funds. Many variable annuities typically impose asset-based sales charges or surrender charges for withdrawals within a specified period. Variable annuities may impose a variety of fees and expenses, in addition to sales and surrender charges, such as mortality and expense risk charges, administrative fees, underlying fund expenses, and charges for special features, all of which can reduce the return.

- **Options contracts:** Options are complex securities that involve risks and are not suitable for everyone. Option trading can be speculative in nature and carry substantial risk of loss. It is generally recommended that you only invest in options with risk capital. An option is a contract that gives the buyer the right, but not the obligation, to buy or sell an underlying asset at a specific price on or before a certain date (i.e., the expiration date). The two types of options are calls and puts. A call gives the holder the right to buy an asset at a certain price within a specific period of time. Calls are similar to having a long position on a stock. Buyers of calls hope that the stock will increase substantially before the option expires. A put gives the holder the right to sell an asset at a certain price within a specific period of time. Puts are very similar to having a short position on a stock. Buyers of puts hope that the price of the stock will fall before the option expires. Selling options is more complicated and can be even riskier. Option trading risks are closely related to stock risks, as stock options are a derivative of stocks.
- **Buffer ETFs:** A type of structured product investment seeks to provide investors with the upside of the underlying index, market benchmark or assets returns (generally up to a capped percentage stated in the ETFs prospectus and prospectus supplement) while also providing downside protection on the first predetermined percentage of losses. Similar to other ETFs, a buffer ETF will be designed to track a stated index, market benchmark, or asset. However, the buffer ETF will also use a portfolio of options and derivatives in order to achieve the stated capped return (“cap”) and limitation of losses (“buffer”).

Most buffer ETFs have a stated outcome or holding period (typically a 3 month or 12-month period), in order to realize the benefits of the hedge or limitation on losses. These limited outcome periods or holding periods mean that only those investors who purchase at the beginning of the outcome period (e.g., on the first date of rebalancing) and hold the ETF throughout the entire outcome period will be provided with the level of return/protection stated by the prospectus. Investors who invest in these ETFs at any time after the beginning of the outcome or holding period or who liquidate their investments in these ETFs before the end of the holding or outcome period, will receive different caps and buffers on gains and losses than those stated in the ETF prospectus or prospectus supplement. Fund sponsors often post the anticipated cap on returns, buffers, and days remaining in the outcome period on the funds’ websites. The updated caps, buffers, and days remaining should be considered and analyzed by an investor before investing in the buffer ETF at any time other than the beginning of the outcome period and should further be reviewed prior to liquidating any investment in such ETFs prior to the conclusion of the applicable holding or outcome period. At the end of an outcome period, the buffer ETF will roll into a new set of option contracts with the same buffer level and term length, but a new upside cap. This upside cap may be higher or lower than the preceding period and will depend on market conditions at the time. Additionally, the expenses associated with the new options contracts may impact the expenses of the ETF, which could impact returns to investors who hold these ETFs through multiple outcome periods.

Investors should understand that buffer ETFs are complex products with complicated and layered strategies. There are unique risks and considerations that investors must understand and accept before purchasing a buffer ETF. Investors should consider the following implications before purchasing a buffer ETF:

- Exposure to the index is likely limited to price returns. Dividends and income are not included.
- Downside protection is not eliminated and is only “buffered”. Accordingly, if a given buffer ETF has a stated buffer of 10% and the underlying reference index falls 25% during the outcome period, that investor will experience a roughly 15% loss. This loss will be further increased once management fees are subtracted from the portfolio.
- The buffer ETFs upside return is capped. Investors will not be compensated if the underlying reference index experiences a higher return than the stated cap. This cap is established to offset the costs of purchasing options to create the downside buffer, therefore the cap and buffer are inversely related. Thus, if investors require more downside protection, the trade-off is a lower upside cap (meaning a lower upside return). Conversely, if an investor requires a higher upside return it will result in less downside protection.
- Due to the strategies employed these funds will generally exhibit a greater potential for loss than the potential for gain. In other words, by capping the upside, investors miss out on gains that exceed the upside cap, but they still participate in all downside losses beyond the stated buffer.
- Because these buffer ETFs trade in options that are volatile in price, investors who invest in these ETFs beyond the initial holding or outcome period may experience losses due to the price fluctuations in the trading of options contracts at the start of the new holding period. It is therefore not recommended to hold these investments beyond the stated outcome or holding period.

Investors should also be aware that in addition to these risks unique to buffer ETFs, these products also face the same general risks associated with any ETF product. Please see the “ETF Risks, including Net Asset Valuations and Tracking Error” paragraph in this section above for more information regarding risks associated with ETFs.

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

Investments may also be affected by currency controls; different accounting, auditing, financial reporting, disclosure, and regulatory and legal standards and practices; expropriation (occurs when governments take away a private business from its owners); changes in tax policy; greater market volatility; different securities market structures; higher transaction costs; and various administrative difficulties, such as delays in clearing and settling portfolio transactions or in receiving payment of dividends. These risks may be heightened in connection with investments in developing countries. Investments in securities issued by entities domiciled in the United States may also be subject to many of these risks.

Any of the common risks described above could adversely affect the value of your portfolio and account performance, and you can lose money. Even though these risks exist, Crux Wealth Advisors and your advisor will still earn the fees and other compensation described in this Brochure. Clients should carefully consider the risks of investing and the potential that they may lose principal while Crux Wealth Advisors and your advisor continue to earn fees and other forms of compensation.

Your investments are not bank deposits and are not insured or guaranteed by the FDIC or any other governmental agency, entity, or person, unless otherwise noted and explicitly disclosed as such, and as such may lose value.

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

To review the firm or management personnel’s disciplinary history, please visit www.investor.gov.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Registration as a Broker/Dealer or a Broker/Dealer Representative

Crux Wealth Advisors is not registered, and does not have an application pending to register as a broker-dealer. Management persons and some of our advisors may be Registered Representatives of a FINRA registered broker/dealer. As such, these advisors may spend approximately 20% of their time offering securities products on a commission or fee basis with a broker/dealer. These arrangements present a conflict of interest because they create an incentive to make recommendations for the purchase or sale of securities based upon the amount of commissions the registered representative can receive rather than based upon your needs.

Registration as a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Advisor

Neither Crux Wealth Advisors nor its management persons are registered as or have pending applications to become either a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Advisor, or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

Registration Relationships Material to this Advisory Business and Possible Conflicts of Interest

Some of our advisors are also licensed insurance agents and offer various insurance products for which they will be paid a commission. These arrangements present a conflict of interest because they create an incentive to make recommendations for the purchase or sale of insurance policies based upon the amount of compensation the licensed insurance agent can receive rather than based upon your needs. You have the option to purchase insurance products through other brokers or agents who are not affiliated with Crux Wealth Advisors.

Crux Wealth Advisors has an affiliated company that is licensed as an insurance agency under the name of Crux Insurance Agency.

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

Pursuant to Rule 204A-1 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, Crux Wealth Advisors has adopted a Code of Ethics that governs a number of conflicts of interest we have when providing our advisory services to you. Our Code of Ethics is designed to ensure that we meet our fiduciary obligations to you and to foster a culture of compliance throughout our firm.

Our Code of Ethics is comprehensive and is designed to help us detect and prevent violations of securities laws and to help ensure that we keep your interests first at all times. We distribute our Code of Ethics to each supervised person at the time of his or her initial affiliation with our firm; we make sure it remains available to each supervised person for as long as he or she remains associated with our firm; and we ensure that updates to our Code of Ethics are communicated to each supervised person as changes are made.

Our Code of Ethics sets forth certain standards of conduct and addresses conflicts of interest between our firm, our employees, our agents, our advisors, and our advisory clients.

Clients and prospective clients of Crux Wealth Advisors may request a copy of our Code of Ethics at any time.

Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors often invest in the same securities that we recommend to clients. Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors also recommend securities to, and buy and sell securities for, client accounts at or about the same time that we buy or sell the same securities for our own accounts. These activities create a conflict of interest between us and our clients. Our firm policy prohibits “trading ahead” of clients’ transactions to the detriment of clients. When Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors are purchasing or selling securities for their own accounts, priority will be given to client transactions, or trades will be aggregated together to obtain an average execution price for the benefit of all parties.

Neither Crux Wealth Advisors, nor its related persons recommend to clients, or buys or sells for client accounts, securities in which the firm or a related person has a material financial interest. If any material financial interests arise, clients will be notified by the Firm.

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

Directed Brokerage

We require that you direct our firm to execute transactions through Pershing. As such, we may be unable to achieve the most favorable execution of your transactions and you may pay higher brokerage commissions than you might otherwise pay through another broker-dealer that offers the same types of services. Not all advisers require their clients to utilize direct brokerage.

The Custodians and Brokers We Use

Crux Wealth Advisors does not maintain physical custody of your assets; although we will be deemed to have custody of your assets under SEC rules if you give us authority to withdraw advisory fees from your account or if you provide us with authorization for money movement to third parties (see Item 15 - Custody below). Your assets must be maintained in an account at a “qualified custodian”, generally a broker dealer or other financial institution. We primarily recommend that our clients use Pershing Advisor Solutions, a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, as a qualified custodian. At times, we may utilize other qualified custodians to hold your assets. We are independently owned and operated and are not affiliated with Pershing Advisor Solutions or any other qualified custodian. The qualified custodian will hold your assets in a brokerage account and buy and sell securities with our instruction. While we will recommend a qualified custodian to hold your assets, you will decide whether to do so and will open the account directly at the qualified custodian with our assistance. Not all advisers require their Client to use a particular broker-dealer or other custodian selected by the Advisor. However, if you choose not to open an account with one of the qualified custodians we recommend, we will not be able to provide asset management services to you. Consulting services not including asset management will be available in such cases if you desire.

How We Select Brokers/Custodians

We seek to use a custodian/broker who will hold your assets and execute transactions on terms that are, overall, most advantageous when compared to other available providers and their services. We consider a wide range of factors, including, among others:

- Combination of transaction execution services and asset custody services
- Capability to execute, clear and settle trades (buy and sell securities for your account)
- Capability to facilitate transfers and payments to and from accounts (wire transfers, check requests, etc.)
- Breadth of available investment products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds [ETFs], limited partnerships)
- Availability of investment research and tools that assist us in making investment decisions.
- Quality of services
- Competitiveness of the price of those services and willingness to negotiate the prices
- Reputation, financial strength, and stability
- Prior service to us and our other clients
- Availability of other products and services that benefit us

Your Brokerage and Custody Costs

For our clients’ accounts that Crux Wealth Advisors maintains via Pershing Advisor Solutions, Crux Wealth Advisors and Pershing Advisor Solutions generally do not charge you separately for custody services but are compensated by charging you commissions or other fees on trades that are executed or settled into your account. Crux Wealth Advisors’ commission rates applicable to our client accounts were negotiated. We have determined that having Pershing Advisor Solutions execute most trades is consistent with our duty to seek “best execution” of your trades. Best execution means the most favorable terms for a transaction based on all relevant factors, including those listed above (see “How We Select Brokers/Custodians”). Periodically, we will review alternative broker-dealers and custodians in the marketplace to ensure that the custodians we use are meeting our duty to provide best execution for our clients. Best execution does not simply mean the lowest transaction cost. When examining firms, we will compare overall expertise, cost competitiveness and financial condition. The quality of execution by the custodians we use will be reviewed using publicly available trade execution data and other sources as

needed. No single criteria will validate nor invalidate a custodian, but rather, all criteria taken together will be used in evaluating the currently utilized custodian.

Products and Services Available to Us from Our Custodians

Custodian may provide Crux Wealth Advisors with various products and services that enable us to both serve our clients and grow our business.

Block Trading Policy

Crux Wealth Advisors may aggregate (“bunch”) transactions in the same security on behalf of more than one client in an effort to strive for best execution and to possibly reduce the price per share. However, aggregated or bunched orders will not reduce the transaction costs to participating clients. Typically, the process of aggregating client orders is done in order to achieve better execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate orders among clients on a more equitable basis in order to avoid differences in prices and transaction fees or other transaction costs that might be obtained when orders are placed independently. Crux Wealth Advisors conducts aggregated transactions in a manner designed to ensure that no participating client is favored over another client.

Participating clients will obtain the average share price per share for the security executed that day. To the extent the aggregated order is not filled in its entirety and when possible, securities purchased or sold in an aggregated transaction will be allocated pro-rata to the participating client accounts in proportion to the size of the orders placed for each account. The amount of securities maybe increased or decreased to avoid holding odd-lot or a small number of shares for particular clients. It should be noted, Crux Wealth Advisors does not receive any additional compensation or remuneration as a result of aggregation. Advisory clients purchase funds at net asset value.

Soft Dollars

Crux Wealth Advisors does not have any soft dollar agreements.

Brokerage for Client Referrals

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

Item 13 – Review of Accounts

All asset management client accounts are reviewed by an Investment Advisor Representative (IAR) of the firm on at least an annual basis or when changes in client circumstances or market conditions warrant. Securities held in managed accounts are regularly reviewed by the firm’s investment professionals and the IARs.

Clients will be provided statements at least quarterly directly from the qualified custodian where your assets are maintained. Additionally, you will receive confirmations of all transactions directly from account custodian. All non-retirement accounts and retirement accounts for those clients taking distributions will receive an annual tax reporting statement.

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Client Referrals

Crux Wealth Advisors does not directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not a supervised person of the Firm for client referrals.

Other Compensation

Crux Wealth Advisors does not receive any economic benefit from another person or entity for soliciting or referring clients.

Item 15 – Custody

Crux Wealth Advisors does not maintain physical custody of your assets. Under SEC rules, we are deemed to have custody of your assets if you authorize us to instruct your account custodian to deduct our advisory fees directly from your account, or if you provide us with authorization to transfer funds from your account to a third party. Crux Wealth Advisors maintains a relationship with qualified custodians. In all cases, the name and address of the account custodian will be identified in the respective managed account client agreement.

Clients who establish a managed account with Crux Wealth Advisors will receive custodial account statements directly from the respective custodian that holds those assets, such as Pershing, or a direct product sponsor. Clients should carefully review the statements they receive from their account custodians and should promptly report material discrepancies to Crux Wealth Advisors.

Crux Wealth Advisors urges you to compare the account statements you receive from your account custodian with any account summary statements or reports you receive from us or your advisor. Although account holdings and asset valuations should generally match, for purposes of calculating performance and account valuations on your account, our summary or performance reporting month-end market values sometimes differ from custodial account statement month-end market values. The three most common reasons why these values may differ are differences in the manner in which accrued interest is calculated, the date upon which “as of” dividends and capital gains are reported, and settlement date versus trade date valuations.

If you believe there are material discrepancies between your custodial statement and the summary statements or reports you receive from Crux Wealth Advisors or your advisor, please contact Crux Wealth Advisors directly.

Custody is also disclosed in Form ADV because Crux Wealth Advisors has authority to transfer money from Client account(s), which constitutes a standing letter or authorization (SLOA). Accordingly, We will follow the safeguards specified by the SEC rather than undergo an annual audit.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

Crux Wealth Advisors renders investment advice to the vast majority of its managed account clients on a discretionary basis, pursuant to written authorization granted by the client to the firm. This authorization grants to Crux Wealth Advisors and your advisor the discretion to buy, sell, exchange, convert, or otherwise trade in securities and/or insurance products, and to execute orders for such securities and/or

insurance products with or through any distributor, issuer, or broker/dealer as Crux Wealth Advisors or your advisor may select. Your advisor may, without obtaining your consent, determine which products to purchase or sell for your managed account, as well as when to purchase or sell such products, and the prices to be paid. Neither Crux Wealth Advisors nor your advisor, however, is granted authority to take possession of your assets. You may terminate this discretionary authorization at any time by providing written notice to us.

Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on their managed account, including, but not limited to, the type, nature, or specific names of securities to be bought, sold, or held in their managed account, as well as the type, nature, or specific names of securities that may not be bought, sold, or held in their managed account. Clients generally grant Crux Wealth Advisors and their advisor discretionary trading authority over their managed accounts. If not specifically requested otherwise by the client, discretionary authority will be established at the time the account is first opened.

As a matter of firm policy, neither Crux Wealth Advisors nor its advisors have or will accept the authority to file class action claims on behalf of clients. This policy reflects Crux Wealth Advisors' recognition that it does not have the requisite expertise to advise clients with regard to participating in class actions. Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors have no obligation to determine if securities held by the client are subject to a pending or resolved class action settlement or verdict. Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors also have no duty to evaluate a client's eligibility or to submit a claim to participate in the proceeds of a securities class action settlement or verdict. Furthermore, Crux Wealth Advisors and its advisors have no obligation or responsibility to initiate litigation to recover damages on behalf of clients who may have been injured because of actions, misconduct, or negligence by corporate management of issuers whose securities are held by clients. The decision to participate in a class action or to sign a release of claims when submitting a proof of claim may involve the exercise of legal judgment, which is beyond the scope of services provided to clients by Crux Wealth Advisors or your advisor. In all cases, clients retain the responsibility for evaluating whether it is prudent to join a class action or to opt out.

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

As a matter of firm policy, and in accordance with this Brochure and our advisory client agreements, neither Crux Wealth Advisors nor our advisors have or will accept the authority to vote proxies on behalf of advisory clients in any situation where Crux Wealth Advisors or the adviser acts as investment adviser to the client. Crux Wealth Advisors or our advisors may, but are not obligated to, provide advice to clients regarding the clients' voting of proxies. In all cases, clients must either retain the responsibility for receiving and voting proxies for any and all securities maintained in their managed accounts, or they must appoint a third-party investment adviser or other person who is not associated with Crux Wealth Advisors to vote proxies for their managed accounts.

In the event the advisor chooses to provide advice to clients designed to assist the client in making a decision as to how to vote their proxies, the advisor has a fiduciary duty to disclose to the client any material conflicts of interest the advisor may have with respect to such advice. In all cases, Crux Wealth Advisors or the advisor will send, or will cause to be sent, all such proxy and legal proceedings information and documents it receives to the client, so that the client may take whatever action the client deems advisable under the circumstances.

Item 18 – Financial Information

Crux Wealth Advisors is not required to provide financial information to our clients because we do not:

- Require prepayment of more than \$1,200 in fees six (6) months or more in advance, or
- Take custody of client funds or securities, or
- have a financial commitment that would impair its ability to meet its contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, nor has Crux Wealth Advisors been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.