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ITEM 2: MATERIAL CHANGES

This “RBC Advisory Programs Disclosure Document - Registered Investment Adviser” Form ADV Part 2A wrap fee programs disclosure brochure (the “Brochure“), dated August 24, 2026, is the initial version and therefore, there are no material changes from previous filings.

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ITEM 4: SERVICES, FEES AND COMPENSATION

RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("**RBC CM**"), an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada ("**RBC**"), is a registered investment adviser and broker-dealer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("**SEC**") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the New York Stock Exchange ("**NYSE**"), and other major securities exchanges. RBC CM, through its RBC Wealth Management ("RBC WM") division, offers clients ("you" or "your") products and services in its capacity as investment adviser, including portfolio management, and as sponsor of various wrap fee advisory programs. For purposes of this brochure, RBC CM and RBC WM will collectively be referred to as "**RBC CM**," the "**Firm,**" "**we,**" "**us,**" or "**our.**"

This brochure provides information about RBC CM and the services it offers through its RBC Clearing and Custody division ("**RBC C&C**") to registered investment advisers, and as applicable, their employees ("**Investment Advisers**" or individually, "**Investment Adviser**"). Pursuant to an agreement between the Investment Adviser and RBC CM, RBC CM provides clearing and custody services and makes certain advisory programs of RBC WM available to such Investment Advisers for recommendation to their clients, as they deem suitable and appropriate. The RBC CM-sponsored advisory wrap fee programs available to Investment Advisers for recommendation to their clients (each, a "**Program,**" and collectively, the "**Programs**") are RBC Unified Portfolio ("**RBC UP**") and RBC Consulting Solutions ("**Consulting Solutions**"), each described below in Item 4. This brochure describes the Programs as they are intended to be used by Investment Advisers with their clients.

It is important to note, however, that RBC CM, including its affiliates, is not responsible for the Investment Adviser's compliance program including with respect to their responsibilities and regulatory obligations in use of the Programs. As such, while RBC CM provides access to the general structure and investment options of the Programs to certain Investment Advisers, all responsibility for client suitability and providing investment advice and recommendations that are in your fiduciary best interest (e.g., recommending an advisory account, a specific Program, an investment strategy, specific investment vehicle, and/or an investment manager, etc.), in accordance with the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "**Advisers Act**"), lies with your Investment Adviser.

RBC CM provides the Program services under a "wrap fee" arrangement. This means that the fee you pay in the Programs covers the investment advisory services of RBC CM as well as certain trade execution, custody, and other brokerage services for a single fee.

In this brochure, the term "**Investment Manager**" refers to a client's affiliated or unaffiliated discretionary investment adviser, which for certain Programs may be RBC CM or its affiliates, including (but not limited to) RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc. ("**RBC GAM – U.S.**"). Investment Managers manage assets to an investment strategy(s) (each, an "**Investment Strategy**") in Program accounts. In RBC UP, the term "**Overlay Manager**" refers to either RBC CM or Envestnet Asset Management, Inc. ("**Envestnet**") and the term "**Model Provider**" refers to affiliated and unaffiliated non-discretionary investment advisers that provide their model portfolio(s) (each, a "**Model Portfolio**"). The term "**Funds**" includes open-end mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("**ETFs**"), exchange-traded notes ("**ETNs**"), and interval funds, unless otherwise specified. Interval funds are a type of closed-end mutual fund that does not trade on a secondary market. Rather, the fund only provides periodic offers to repurchase a limited number of shares. As a result, shareholders may not have access to the invested assets for extended periods of time. Refer to the Interval Fund Disclosure for more information.

For purposes of this brochure, the term "**Retirement Account**" will be used to cover (i) "employee benefit plans" (as defined under Section 3(3) of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("**ERISA**"), which include pension, defined contribution, profit-sharing and welfare plans sponsored by private employers, as well as similar arrangements sponsored by governmental or other public employers which are generally not subject to ERISA; and (ii) individual retirement accounts (each, an "**IRA**") as described in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**"). **RBC CM does not act as a fiduciary for any Investment Adviser client's Retirement Account subject to ERISA or the Code, except in its capacity as Overlay Manager, if applicable.**

The Form ADV Part 2A brochure for each Investment Manager, Model Provider, and the third-party Overlay Manager (**Envestnet**) available in applicable Programs is also available at the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Assets Under Management

As of March 31, 2026, we had $315,666,145,138 in assets under management, $238,825,090,102 of which was managed on a discretionary basis and $76,841,055,036 of which was managed on a non-discretionary basis.

Services

You engage an Investment Adviser to provide investment advisory and other services to you. The Programs are customized advisory programs whereby Program services are provided pursuant to your investment advisory agreement(s) with RBC CM and your Investment Adviser. It is the responsibility of your Investment Adviser to work with you to analyze and define your investment objectives, financial circumstances, risk tolerance to develop and/or select an investment strategy.

To open and enroll an account in any of the Programs described herein, clients and their Investment Adviser are required to enter into a written investment advisory agreement with RBC CM known as the Advisory Master Services Agreement (the "**Advisory Agreement**"). As discussed in Item 5, the Advisory Agreement governs the terms of a client's current and future Program account(s) and relationships with RBC CM and outlines the services to be provided to the client's account(s) in a Program.

As part of the Program account opening process, Investment Advisers are responsible for working with their clients to determine their risk profile, which is intended to encompass the client's risk tolerance, investment objective(s), investment time horizon, and financial situation (when referred to collectively, the "**Advisory Risk Profile**"). Investment Advisers provide Advisory Risk Profiles to RBC CM. It is each client's responsibility to verify that the information they provide to their Investment Adviser is, and continues to be, complete and accurate, and to notify their Investment Adviser promptly if any of their information and circumstances change. Based on the Advisory Risk Profile and other client information provided to the Investment Adviser during the account opening process, each client will work with their Investment Adviser to select a Program. The Investment Adviser is responsible for providing instructions to RBC CM regarding client enrollment and investment decisions. Except as provided in Item 6 below, RBC CM has no discretionary authority to select a Program, strategy, or services on behalf of clients.

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, and as further discussed below, clients pay a quarterly, asset-based, wrap fee (the "**Program Fee**") for investment advisory, brokerage execution, and other services rendered under a Program, to RBC CM, typically based on the value of their Program account(s) regardless of the number of trades placed. In certain circumstances, a client's Investment Adviser or RBC CM may require the client to sign additional documentation relating to Program Fee.

The services generally covered by the Program Fee include the investment advisory services provided by the Investment Adviser, and Program management services provided by RBC CM (and depending on the Program, investment advisory services provided by the Investment Manager, Model Provider, and/or Overlay Manager), as well as trade execution, clearing, custody, and other administrative and account reporting services provided by RBC CM. Please see the detailed discussion of fees and other costs below under "Fees and Compensation" in Item 4.

Reasonable Investment Restrictions

Clients can request that certain reasonable investment restrictions be placed on the management of their Program account(s). Reasonable investment restrictions include restrictions on the purchase and/or sale of certain securities or categories of securities related to a financial sector or industry (e.g., fossil fuels, tobacco). Such restrictions are subject to acceptance by the Investment Adviser, RBC CM, and, where applicable, the Investment Manager(s) and/or the Overlay Manager(s) as reasonable, in each of their sole discretion. It should be noted that any reasonable investment restrictions will not apply to the underlying portfolio of any Fund, UIT, the sub-accounts of annuities, or other similar securities that are held or purchased in a Program account. When an account terminates from a Program, any previously accepted, client-imposed investment restrictions for that account will no longer be in effect.

Where reasonable investment restrictions have been accepted, they can be implemented in various ways, including, but not limited to, increasing the relative proportions of other securities in a portfolio to replace the restricted securities and/or selecting alternate securities. Any investment restrictions clients impose on the management of their Program account(s) can limit the ability to make investments or take advantage of opportunities and can cause the account to perform differently from similar unrestricted accounts. Clients are responsible for notifying their Investment Adviser, who will in turn notify RBC CM of any changes to their investment restrictions. RBC CM will then notify the Overlay Manager and/or Investment Manager of any changes to the investment restrictions.

Custody

RBC CM will act as custodian for the assets and securities held in a Program account(s).

Advisory Programs

RBC Unified Portfolio Program

The RBC UP Program is a "unified managed account" program in which a single client account can invest in all or some of the following investment products (each, an "**Investment Product**"), which may or may not be affiliated with RBC CM: eligible Funds, closed-end funds, Model Portfolios managed and provided by Model Providers and/or Investment Strategies managed by Investment Managers. The different Investment Products are held in "sleeves" (each, a "**Sleeve**") in a single RBC UP account. Except for Sleeves managed by Investment Managers, Sleeves are managed on a discretionary basis by the Overlay Manager.

The Overlay Manager for an RBC UP account will either be RBC CM or Envestnet, a third-party portfolio manager that is not affiliated with RBC CM. In addition to providing discretionary account management, each Overlay Manager provides portfolio implementation, coordination, and other services as specified below. This discretionary authority includes the authority to implement any Model Portfolio(s), Fund(s) and/or closed-end fund(s) selected for your RBC UP account, subject to any

reasonable investment restrictions you have requested, and which have been accepted by the Overlay Manager and/or Investment Manager. The Overlay Manager will not have discretionary authority over Sleeves managed by Investment Managers. Except when RBC CM is Overlay Manager, RBC CM will not have discretionary authority with respect to RBC UP accounts.

The Overlay Manager for your RBC UP account will generally be determined by the specific services you elect to receive in the Program. However, if you elect to invest in an Investment Strategy, your Overlay Manager will be RBC CM. If you elect tax management services ("**Tax Management**") and/or responsible investing screens services ("**Screens**"), each as further described below, your account will be managed by Envestnet as Overlay Manager. If you do not select Tax Management or Screens, your account will be managed by RBC CM as Overlay Manager.

Recommendation of Investment Strategy

You will work with your Investment Adviser to determine the investment strategy and target investment allocation for your RBC UP account. The target investment allocation for your RBC UP account will ultimately be comprised of the specific Investment Product(s) that you or your Investment Adviser select from those available in the Program and a target allocation to each such Investment Product.

The target investment allocation and Investment Product(s) selected for your account will be provided to the Overlay Manager and/or Investment Manager(s). You can change the target investment allocation and/or Investment Products for your account by notifying your Investment Adviser, who will in turn notify the Overlay Manager and/or Investment Manager(s) of the change. RBC CM will send you written confirmation of such change.

As further discussed below under "Eligible Investments; Fund Share Class Selection," if your target investment allocation includes a Fund share class that is ineligible for the Program, we can update the allocation to include the eligible share class of the same Fund without notification to you.

Discretionary Authority

Overlay Manager discretionary authority is limited to Model Portfolios, Funds and closed-end funds. The Overlay Manager does not have discretionary authority over Investment Strategies. Investment Managers have discretionary authority over their respective Investment Strategies. If your account is comprised of one or more Model Portfolios, the Overlay Manager will manage your RBC UP account in accordance with such Model Portfolios, and any updates thereto, as provided and communicated by the respective Model Providers to the Overlay Manager. While implementing the Model Portfolio, the Overlay Manager will take into account any reasonable investment restrictions, as discussed above, or client elected services as discussed below.

The Model Portfolios, and changes to the Model Portfolios, are typically implemented by the Overlay Manager as soon as practicable after they are received. Therefore, reasonable delays may occur between the receipt of Model Portfolio revisions, and the resulting execution of securities transactions, by the Overlay Manager. As a result, transactions in client accounts can be subject to significant market impact prior to execution. For example, the implemented Model Portfolio can receive less favorable execution prices, particularly if the overall trading in the securities is large in relation to the securities' trading volume.

Rebalancing of Assets

You will choose between three rebalancing options for your RBC UP account: quarterly, annually, or no rebalance. If you select a quarterly or annual rebalance frequency, the Overlay Manager will execute trades and coordinate with any Investment Managers, as needed, to bring your account as close to your target investment allocation as practicable. The initial rebalance date will be based on the account start date. You may elect not to have the account rebalanced, except upon your request.

Regardless of your selected rebalance option, your account may be rebalanced at any time when deemed appropriate by the Overlay Manager due to other factors that include, but are not limited to, contributions, withdrawals, and updates to any Model Portfolio(s) and/or Investment Strategy(s). Any unscheduled rebalance of your account will reset the next rebalance date to the next quarter or a year, as applicable.

If you have elected to receive Tax Management (described below), Envestnet will evaluate the trade-off between rebalancing the account and the tax consequences of any client specified limits. If your account is not tax-exempt, the sale, redemption, or exchange of investments may result in taxable gains or losses. We will not be liable for any tax consequences or Fund redemption fees (see the Fund's prospectus) that result from rebalancing.

In general, any contributions or withdrawals of assets to or from your account will be applied to the target investment allocation.

Tax Management

You can elect Tax Management if you are utilizing an equity or Fund Model Portfolio, or any combination thereof. If you elect Tax Management, Envestnet will develop a tax strategy for your account based on the information and instructions, including any limits, you provide to your Investment Adviser and your Investment Adviser forwards to Envestnet. The tax strategy

Envestnet develops is provided solely in connection with your account. Neither Envestnet nor RBC CM provide tax advice or tax planning services of any kind; clients are urged to consult with their own personal tax advisors for advice specific to their situation. If you elect Tax Management, please consider the following:

- Tax Management is limited in scope and is not designed to eliminate taxes in the account. Envestnet can, in light of other considerations in an account, effect transactions even though they may generate tax liabilities, including short-term taxable income, or exceed any of the limits or mandates identified by the client. Envestnet makes no guarantee that tax liability in the account will be reduced or that any indicated limits or mandates will be met.
- The use of limits to restrict the amount of capital gains realized can severely restrict trading in the account and could result in substantial deviations from your target investment allocation. Limits should only be imposed on the account after you have consulted with your own personal tax advisor. The limits specified will be used annually until you instruct us and Envestnet otherwise. If you elect Tax Management, your account can perform better or worse than similarly invested accounts that did not elect Tax Management.
- When providing Tax Management, Envestnet avoids net short-term capital gains where possible, but does not limit net long-term capital gains.
- If your account is funded with positions that have long-term capital gains and you have not set a long-term capital gain limit, then all long-term tax lots of securities that are not included in your equity Model Portfolio(s) will be sold, which will cause you to incur long-term capital gains.
- If Fund Model Portfolios, or Envestnet's Quantitative Portfolios, are included in your target investment allocation, existing Fund positions held in your account may be able to be retained for tax reasons, regardless of whether they are part of such Fund Model Portfolios, or Envestnet Quantitative Portfolios. The Fund positions that are retained may have a higher cost. However, if you are not invested in Fund Model Portfolios or Envestnet Quantitative Portfolios, any existing Fund positions held in your account that are not included in your target investment allocation will be sold upon Program account opening regardless of tax consequences.
- You may cancel Tax Management at any time. Cancelling Tax Management may result in the recognition of significant taxable capital gains or losses. If you cancel Tax Management, but your account maintains or enrolls in Screens, Envestnet will continue to act as Overlay Manager. If you cancel Tax Management, and your account is not enrolled in Screens, RBC CM will become your Overlay Manager.
- Significant investment allocations to certain Fund Model Portfolios may result in less effective Tax Management. For example, Envestnet has less flexibility in managing a client's tax strategy where a client is invested in a Fund Model Portfolio with frequent, tactical changes, thereby making it difficult to evaluate the portfolio's tracking error.
- Accounts that include Investment Products not eligible for Tax Management (e.g., Funds, closed-end funds and/or bond Model Portfolios) may still elect Tax Management, but Tax Management will not be applied to those Investment Products.

Envestnet performs an automated year-end tax loss harvest review. For accounts with Tax Management that have net realized gains for the year, securities in equity Model Portfolios are reviewed for harvesting. Starting with the largest percentage loss tax lots that are available to sell (i.e., there is no known wash sale or other sale restriction on the tax lot or security), Envestnet will harvest losses until the account's net realized gains are eliminated, or all available tax lots with losses greater than 10% are harvested. The sales proceeds are invested in other Model Portfolio holdings and/or cash. This review process typically occurs in early December and is intended to harvest losses while minimizing the impact to the integrity of the investment allocation. Envestnet's ability to harvest losses is dependent on account circumstances and market environment, among other factors. If your account is enrolled in Tax Management, you may not separately request that Envestnet harvest gains or losses in your account. Except when Envestnet's Quantitative Portfolios are included in your investment allocation, Envestnet will only seek to harvest losses from equity Model Portfolios and Fund Model Portfolios. Envestnet will not seek to harvest losses from Funds, closed-end funds, or bond Model Portfolios.

When the equity Model Portfolios in a client's target investment allocation are solely Envestnet's Quantitative Portfolios, and they comprise at least 35% of the client's total target investment allocation, the client can select Envestnet's "Portfolio Diversification Solution," an additional Tax Management service. Envestnet's "**Portfolio Diversification Solution**" is a Tax Management service designed to transition a client's current holdings to their target investment allocation over a longer period of time (subject to any maximum imposed by Envestnet) than might otherwise be allowed based on Envestnet's standard tracking error thresholds. For these purposes, tracking error measures the difference between the performance of Model Portfolios when used in accounts with Tax Management and when used in accounts without Tax Management. With Envestnet's Portfolio Diversification Solution, there are no limits on the initial tracking error provided that the selected tax budgets will allow full transition to the target investment allocation within the determined time period. Tracking error will be higher at the beginning of the transition and will decline over time as capital gains are realized and the client's investments become increasingly more in line with the target investment allocation.

If you are enrolled in Tax Management and then add an Investment Strategy to your RBC UP account, RBC CM will remove Tax Management from your account, and your account will transition from Envestnet to RBC CM as Overlay Manager. The removal of Tax Management could result in the recognition of significant taxable capital gains or losses.

You should consult your own personal tax advisor before enrolling in Tax Management and providing any tax information to your Investment Adviser and Envestnet. For more information on Tax Management, please refer to Envestnet's ADV which is available upon request or at the SEC's website: www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Responsible Investing Screens

Screens are available to you if you are utilizing an equity Model Portfolio. Clients may restrict their accounts from investing in certain securities or industries by selecting Screens for their account(s). Envestnet relies on third-party data research providers for industry and socially responsible classifications of individual securities, and Envestnet and RBC CM make no guarantee as to the accuracy of such third parties' classification. The third-party data research providers of these classifications apply different definitions and criteria from other similar providers, which, when applied, could result in the restriction of different securities (i.e., there is no single industry definition or uniformly applied criteria that inform the Screens).

If a third-party data research provider changes the classification of an individual security, Envestnet will make reasonable efforts to implement those changes in a timely manner. Envestnet may implement restrictions by, for example, increasing the relative proportions of other securities to replace the restricted securities and/or selecting alternate securities.

Many of the Screens have both a "**Best in Class**" and "**Strict**" restriction. Best in Class restrictions are designed for investors seeking to achieve alignment between their values and the prudent management of their investments, while Strict restrictions are designed for investors who want to integrate more stringent environmental/social criteria into their investments by minimizing exposure to companies with specific products, services, and/or operations that do not meet the investor's personal values criteria.

Screens will only be applied to equity Model Portfolios and not to other Investment Products held in a Program account. The application of Screens can cause an account to underperform or overperform when compared to other similarly invested accounts that have not elected Screens.

If you are enrolled in Screens and then add an Investment Strategy to your RBC UP account, Screens will be removed from your account and RBC CM will become your Overlay Manager, unless you have elected Tax Management. Removing Screens could result in the purchase or sale of securities and, in turn, in the recognition of significant taxable capital gains or losses.

Consulting Solutions Program

In the Consulting Solutions Program, your Investment Adviser will assist you in selecting one or more Investment Managers and one or more of their Investment Strategies (each, an "**Investment Strategy**") from those RBC CM has made available in this Program. Upon consultation with you, your Investment Adviser will provide you with recommendations regarding Investment Managers and their Investment Strategy or Investment Strategies that they believe are suitable and consistent with your Advisory Risk Profile. The Investment Managers made available to clients through this Program include both RBC CM affiliated and non-affiliated Investment Managers who meet the Firm's eligibility requirements for participation as detailed below in Item 6: "Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation."

In Consulting Solutions, you or your Investment Adviser are responsible for the ultimate selection of the Investment Manager and Investment Strategy. The Investment Manager has discretionary authority over your account and will implement the investment decisions for your account in accordance with the selected Investment Strategy, subject to any investment restrictions you have requested, and which have been accepted by the Investment Manager.

In Consulting Solutions, the Advisory Agreement that you sign is between you, your Investment Adviser, and RBC CM; you do not sign a separate agreement with the Investment Manager.

Several direct indexing Investment Strategies are available in Consulting Solutions. Investment Managers who offer direct indexing Investment Strategies typically require that accounts enrolled in such Investment Strategies they manage be set to a Highest Cost, First Out (HIFO) tax lot accounting method. If you elect to enroll your account and invest in a direct indexing Investment Strategy, RBC CM will change the tax lot accounting method of your account to HIFO upon your written consent before your enrollment in such direct indexing Investment Strategy (if it was not already set to HIFO). If you terminate the Investment Strategy or your Consulting Solutions account, the tax lot accounting method for your account will remain HIFO unless you provide written instruction to RBC CM to change the tax lot accounting method for your account.

Other Disclosures Relating to the Programs

The following disclosures generally apply to all the Programs, unless noted otherwise.

Funding Program Accounts

You can fund your Program accounts at any time by depositing cash and/or securities acceptable to RBC CM (subject, for Retirement Accounts, to any limitations imposed under the retirement plan documents, ERISA, or the Code, as applicable). The investment of assets in a Program account will only occur when all operational requirements have been met. Deposits of cash and/or securities into Consulting Solutions or RBC UP accounts will be invested by the Investment Manager or the Overlay Manager, as applicable, as soon as reasonably practicable.

The management of a new Program account will begin after RBC CM has accepted the account into a Program and, as applicable, after the Investment Manager or Overlay Manager has accepted the account. At the time of Program enrollment, account acceptance could be delayed or rejected if the account is underfunded, funded with ineligible securities, and/or for other operational reasons. If you fund your Consulting Solutions or RBC UP account with securities, the Investment Manager or Overlay Manager (which may be RBC CM), as applicable, will liquidate the securities on your behalf, or request that your Investment Adviser liquidate the securities on your behalf, and allocate the proceeds in accordance with the Investment Strategy or Investment Products you have selected. Depending on the type of security involved, liquidation may result in redemption charges and/or taxable gains or losses. RBC CM will not be liable for any lost opportunity profits that may result from investing or liquidating deposits.

Withdrawals from Program Accounts

Withdrawals from a Program account will be taken first from any free credit cash balances and then from cash balances in your Cash Sweep Option. If the liquidation of securities is required, trades will be implemented as soon as practicable, although they may be delayed depending on market volatility, the Program in which your account is enrolled, and/or the types of securities held in your account. Frequent withdrawals from your Program account may affect the performance and the investment objective of your account. Taxable gains and losses may be realized as result of your withdrawal instructions. RBC CM reserves the right to terminate a Program account if a withdrawal or series of withdrawals results in the account assets falling below the Program minimum.

Eligible Investments; Fund Share Class Selection

Your Investment Adviser and/or RBC CM may restrict the purchase or holding of certain investments in Program accounts. If a Program account is funded with investments deemed to be ineligible, the Investment Manager and/or Overlay Manager will generally liquidate such investments, or in the case of Funds, RBC CM will convert such investments to an eligible share class of the same Fund without notice to you. Alternatively, you may instruct your Investment Adviser to move such investments to an eligible account. Your account may incur certain transaction charges as a result.

Funds

In identifying and selecting Funds eligible in the Programs, we may use many sources of information and analysis about Funds, including data provided by third parties. We determine which Fund share classes are available in the Programs based on factors, including, but not limited to, availability, eligibility requirements, and payment of Operational Support and/or Marketing Support to us (as described below in the "Fund Fees and Expenses" section). We do not always make the lowest cost share class available to you. Lower cost share classes may be available to you elsewhere, including, but not limited to, through other broker-dealers or registered investment advisers to which RBC CM provides clearing, custody, and execution services. Where RBC CM offers a lower cost share class than the designated eligible share class for the Programs, in certain circumstances, RBC CM may grant exceptions for clients to hold their existing share class and for institutional clients to purchase the lower cost share class option. In accordance with applicable regulations, we will make a Fund's current prospectus accessible to you when you purchase shares of the Fund through us.

If your account is not tax-exempt, the redemption or exchange of Fund shares can result in taxable gains or losses. RBC CM does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice and, therefore, you should consult your own personal tax, legal or accounting advisors for such advice. We are not liable for any tax consequences or redemption fees that can result from rebalancing.

Certain investment strategies may be offered as both ETFs and Mutual Funds which may have different compensation arrangements with RBC CM. Such compensation differences create an incentive for RBC CM to make available the investment products that pay us higher compensation. For a discussion of fees and certain conflicts of interest associated with Fund share class selection, please see the section below titled, "Fund Fees and Expenses."

Cash Balances and the Cash Sweep Program

Events such as deposits, the sale of securities, and/or other similar activity can generate uninvested cash balances in your account. Pursuant to your brokerage account agreement with RBC CM (the "**Client Account Agreement**"), you have the option to have uninvested cash balances in your account(s) automatically deposited, on a daily basis, into an interest-bearing deposit account, a specified money market mutual fund, or a non-sweep cash investment alternative (each, a "**Cash**

Sweep Option," and collectively, the "**Cash Sweep Options**"). Upon notice to you, RBC CM may add, remove, or change the Cash Sweep Options available to you through the Cash Sweep Program (hereinafter, the "**Cash Sweep Program**"). As discussed below, the different available Cash Sweep Options are subject to eligibility requirements and restrictions. You should review your Client Account Agreement and related Cash Sweep disclosures for details regarding the Cash Sweep Options. For additional information and disclosures on the Cash Sweep Options discussed here, refer to the links under "Cash Management" on our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

The Cash Sweep Options available to you will depend, in part, on the type of account you have opened. You should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Cash Sweep Option(s) available to you before selecting that option. Please read any related disclosures, including prospectuses (as applicable), carefully before investing to make sure the Cash Sweep Option is appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance.

Non-Retirement Accounts

Cash held in non-retirement accounts will be swept into the Cash Sweep Option you choose. The available Cash Sweep Options for non-retirement accounts are:

- ***RBC Insured Deposits.*** RBC Insured Deposits is a Cash Sweep Option that automatically deposits, or "sweeps," available cash balances in your Program account into interest-bearing deposit accounts ("**Deposit Accounts**") established for you at participating depository institutions ("**Program Banks**"), whose deposits are insured by the FDIC up to applicable limits, subject to bank capacity. The Program Banks include unaffiliated, third-party banks and two affiliated banks, RBC Bank (Georgia), N.A. ("**RBC Bank**") and City National Bank ("**CNB**") (together, "**RBC Affiliate Banks**" or "**Affiliate Banks**"). Funds in RBC Insured Deposits are not subject to market risk and potential value loss, but they are subject to the risk of a Program Bank's failure. RBC CM is not an FDIC-insured depository institution. FDIC insurance available in RBC Insured Deposits is subject to certain conditions and FDIC insurance only protects against the failure of a bank. A list of Program Banks is available at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/rbc-insured-deposits-program-banks. The RBC Insured Deposits terms and conditions are available at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/rbc-insured-deposits. More information regarding FDIC insurance is available at http://www.fdic.gov.

  In the event a Program Bank fails, deposits at each Program Bank are eligible for FDIC coverage up to applicable limits. However, deposits at each Program Bank are not protected by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC") or any excess coverage purchased by RBC CM. Cash balances in RBC Insured Deposits in excess of applicable limits are swept into one or more other banks ("**Excess Banks**"), which will accept funds without limitation and without regard to the FDIC limit, which may be RBC Affiliate Banks. Currently, the primary Excess Bank is CNB.
- ***GAM Money Market Fund.*** A money market fund managed by our affiliate, RBC GAM – U.S., ("**GAM Money Market Fund**") subject to eligibility and applicable minimum amounts.
- ***Credit Interest Program.*** The Credit Interest Program is a non-sweep cash alternative and represents our direct obligation to repay the invested amount, on demand, plus interest. We invest and use Credit Interest Program assets as free credit balances for our benefit, and we periodically adjust the interest rate payable on Credit Interest Program accounts. We use these funds in the ordinary course of our brokerage business, subject to the requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**"). The difference between amounts earned by us from our investments and the rate we pay to Credit Interest Program account holders is our profit. Cash invested in the Credit Interest Program is protected by SIPC up to $250,000 per account on claims for cash. SIPC protects against the custodial risk (and not a decline in market value) when a brokerage firm fails by replacing missing cash up to the $250,000 limit.

Retirement Accounts

Cash balances held in Retirement Accounts will be swept into an unaffiliated money market fund, the Federated Hermes Treasury Obligations Fund (the "**Federated Money Market Fund**") You may access the most recent Federated Money Market Fund prospectus by contacting your Investment Adviser or by accessing Federated Investment Management Company's website at www.federatedinvestors.com/products/mutual-funds/treasury-obligations/as.do.

Money Market Funds in the Cash Sweep Program

As described above, the money market funds offered in the Cash Sweep Program are the GAM Money Market Fund and the Federated Money Market Fund. Money market funds will usually pay a higher rate of interest on cash balances than RBC Insured Deposits or the Credit Interest Program. Other financial institutions may offer cash sweep options that pay you a higher rate of interest than is available in our Cash Sweep Program. You can also receive higher rates on cash balances outside of the Cash Sweep Program by investing directly in money market funds or other cash alternatives; however, such investments must be directed by you and will not be invested automatically. For more information about the Cash Sweep Options available to you, please refer to your Client Account Agreement, which can be found at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/en-us/legal/, and/or the prospectuses of the Federated Money Market Fund and/or GAM Money Market Fund.

Interest Rates

Interest rates are determined based on the total client account RBC Insured Deposits balance. Balances are reviewed daily to determine the appropriate interest rate tier for each account. Current RBC Insured Deposits interest rates are set forth on our public website under "Program Interest Rates" at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/rbc-insured-deposits. Interest rates are variable and subject to change without notice.

Cash Sweep Program Conflicts of Interest

RBC CM has a conflict of interest in offering the Cash Sweep Options because RBC CM and/or our affiliates receive compensation or benefits from cash balances swept to these Cash Sweep Options in addition to the Program Fee assessed on Program accounts. This conflict of interest is greater when higher cash balances are maintained in your account. This creates an incentive for RBC CM to offer and encourage deposits in these specific Cash Sweep Options.

- ***The Program Fee.*** We charge the Program Fee on cash balances in your Program account(s) and we and/or our affiliates receive benefits from amounts invested in the Cash Sweep Options. This means that we and/or our affiliates earn two levels of fees on the same cash balances in your account.
- ***RBC Affiliate Banks.*** For non-retirement accounts, RBC CM receives revenue for your cash deposits directed to our Affiliate Banks through RBC Insured Deposits. This creates a conflict of interest for us because we have an incentive to maintain and direct your uninvested cash into Deposit Accounts at our Affiliate Banks where they use such deposits to generate additional revenue for themselves. Our Affiliate Banks make a profit on the difference, or "spread," between the interest they pay and other costs they incur on deposits, and the interest or other income they earn using the deposits for loans, investments, and the purchase of other assets. Our Affiliate Banks can change the interest rate they pay on deposits at any time, and we can increase the amount of the fee we retain, both of which can change the amount of interest you receive on cash balances. For RBC Insured Deposits cash balances placed with our Affiliate Banks, including amounts that exceed total FDIC program coverage and are placed at CNB in its capacity as the primary Excess Bank, our Affiliate Banks will receive a stable source of deposits at a cost that is less than other funding sources available. By being designated as the Primary Excess Bank in RBC Insured Deposits, CNB will receive substantial additional deposits to use in its business to increase its profitability.

  Because the amount of interest paid to clients in RBC Insured Deposits is deducted from the revenue shared with us by our Affiliate Banks, RBC CM has a conflict of interest in that the less interest we pay you, the more revenue we earn on those assets. In addition, RBC CM receives compensation and benefits from these amounts in the form of a per account fee paid directly to RBC CM by the Affiliate Banks. Further, RBC CM receives internal accounting credits that help us meet our internal profitability goals as reported to our mutual parent company, which positively affects the amount of bonus paid to senior executives, including branch director personnel who supervise your accounts.

  We address these conflicts of interest through proper disclosure and by offering clients the ability to opt-out of having their Deposit Accounts maintained at Affiliate Banks.
- ***Third-Party Program Banks.*** Third-party Program Banks holding cash balance deposits through RBC Insured Deposits pay RBC CM a fee based on a percentage of the assets placed with them. RBC CM pays you interest out of the amount we receive from the third-party Program Banks. The amount retained by RBC CM is larger than the amount we pay you. The Program Banks can change the interest rate they pay on deposits, and we can increase the amount of the fee we retain, both of which can change the amount of interest you receive on cash balances. Because the amount of interest paid to clients is deducted from the revenue shared with us by the third-party Program Banks, RBC CM has a conflict of interest in that the less interest we pay you, the more revenue we earn on those cash balances.
- ***Credit Interest Program.*** For the Credit Interest Program, we invest and use cash balances as free credit balances for our benefit. We use the free credit balances in the ordinary course of our brokerage business, subject to the requirements of Rule 15c3-3 under the Exchange Act. Under these arrangements, we invest Credit Interest Program cash balances and generally earn interest or a return based on short-term market interest rates prevailing at the time. We periodically adjust the interest rate we pay you on Credit Interest Program cash balances, and the spread between the interest earned by us from our investments and the interest rate we pay you on Credit Interest Program cash balances will be favorable to us. We address these conflicts of interest through proper disclosure and by making the Credit Interest Program unavailable to Retirement Account clients.
- ***Money Market Funds.*** For amounts invested in the Federated Money Market Fund, the fund pays RBC CM service fees in the form of a recordkeeping fee and a shareholder servicing fee. This provides us with an incentive to use money market funds that pay us such fees instead of other funds that do not. These money market funds typically pay you a lower yield than money market funds that do not pay us recordkeeping or shareholder servicing fees. We address this conflict of interest by proper disclosure and not charging omnibus, management and/or 12b-1 fees to Retirement Accounts.

  For amounts invested in shares of GAM Money Market Fund, RBC GAM – U.S. is an affiliate of RBC CM and RBC GAM – U.S. receives fees for managing and servicing the fund. RBC GAM – U.S. also pay RBC CM 12b-1 fees, which provides us with another incentive to use this money market fund instead of another fund that does not pay us the same or any revenue share.

- ***Recurring Distributions.*** In non-retirement accounts, you may also elect to automatically distribute accrued dividends, interest, capital gains, and return on capital payments from your account on a recurring basis. RBC CM invests and uses such cash balances as free credit from the date of deposit until the funds are distributed from your account, which is a benefit to us. You do not earn interest on free credit cash balances. Additional information regarding RBC CM's use of free credit cash balances can be found in the Credit Interest Program section of the Client Account Agreement between you and RBC CM.
- ***Differential Interest Rates by Business Channel.*** You may receive a different interest rate in RBC Insured Deposits from clients who enroll through a different business channel. This creates a conflict of interest because RBC CM retains a higher percentage of the revenue received on RBC Insured Deposits cash balances in business channels that pay clients a lower interest rate.

Harvesting Gains or Losses

Except for RBC UP accounts enrolled in Tax Management provided by Envestnet, you can request that the Overlay Manager or Investment Manager harvest gains or losses in your RBC UP or Consulting Solutions account. Such requests are subject to acceptance by the Overlay Manager or Investment Manager. To request harvesting of gains or losses for your account in either of these Programs, you can notify your Investment Adviser, who will in turn notify the Overlay Manager or Investment Manager. You must make such request each time, and for each account, that you desire gain or loss harvesting. Through the notification of your direction to the Overlay Manager or Investment Manager for your account, you are providing independent instructions to said Overlay Manager or Investment Manager to sell and to then either reinvest the loss sale proceeds in one or more replacement securities or retain the proceeds in cash. Gain sale proceeds will be reinvested in the account in accordance with the applicable asset allocation, as determined by the Overlay Manager or Investment Manager.

You can typically request gain or loss harvesting (i) for specified securities, (ii) for specified tax lots, (iii) in a specified total amount, or (iv) in the maximum amount available, subject to each Investment Manager's and Overlay Manager's own policies and/or ability and willingness to accommodate such requests. It is important to note that the Investment Manager or the Overlay Manager may reject your request for tax harvesting in whole or in part, at its discretion.

Please be aware that gain or loss harvesting is an intricate, nuanced strategy that may not be appropriate in all situations and may adversely impact investment performance. Neither RBC CM (including its affiliates) nor the Investment Managers or Overlay Managers provide any tax advice or make any guarantee that tax harvesting will be successful or produce any specific outcome. As such, you should consult your own independent tax, accounting and/or legal professionals before requesting gain or loss harvesting. In addition, when harvesting gains or losses, please keep the following in mind:

- If a replacement security increases in value during any applicable wash sale period, such increase can result in a short-term capital gain to you when sold upon expiration of the applicable wash sale period.
- There is no guarantee that harvesting requests received late in a calendar year will be completed before year-end.
- There is no guarantee that harvesting will achieve any particular result. Tax management or "harvesting" is not tax advice and may not achieve the intended results.
- If utilizing harvesting, your account holdings and performance can differ from other similarly invested accounts that do not utilize harvesting.
- Harvesting requests only apply to the specific account for which the request is made. If you buy or sell securities in an account that overlaps with the securities sold in another account and such sale generates a loss, this loss may be disallowed under the IRS wash sale rules.
- Withdrawing sale proceeds generated from harvesting will likely result in the rebalance of your account and the realization of additional capital gains or losses.

Securities-Based Lending

Clients have the opportunity to borrow money through lending programs, including RBC Express Credit ("**Margin**") offered by RBC CM and RBC Credit Access Line ("**CAL**") offered by Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Bank, bank affiliates of RBC CM, collectively referred to as "**Lending Programs**," subject to eligibility requirements. In these Lending Programs, the client's loan is secured by investments and other assets in their account(s) at RBC CM, including those held in Program accounts. Retirement Accounts, including those subject to Title I of ERISA and IRAs, are not eligible for participation in the Lending Programs.

To participate in a Lending Program, you agree to maintain securities and/or other assets ("**Collateral**") in your account that have a value at least equal to the amount required by its terms ("**Maintenance Requirement**"). Various factors may be considered in determining your Maintenance Requirement(s), including the value, liquidity, and concentration of the Collateral. Not all securities are eligible to be used as Collateral.

If the Collateral declines in value, certain actions may be taken to maintain the Maintenance Requirement, including selling securities or other assets in your account. Due to market volatility, debt you incur can exceed the value of the Collateral you

deposit in your account. You will be required to deposit additional cash or securities, or pay down your loan, should the value of your Collateral decline below the percentage equity you must maintain for your Maintenance Requirement, or should the percentage equity you must maintain for your Maintenance Requirement increase.

Through the Lending Programs, RBC CM receives interest on loans RBC CM extends on Margin or through CAL. RBC CM is permitted to lend or utilize securities on Margin and may receive compensation in connection with the use of such securities. This compensation creates a conflict of interest because it incentivizes RBC CM to make these Lending Programs available to you. Additionally, Investment Adviser clients with balances in a Lending Program may be charged a different interest rate from clients who have balances in the same program through a different business channel. This creates a conflict of interest because RBC CM retains a higher percentage of the revenue received on loans in business channels that charge clients a higher interest rate.

RBC Express Credit (Margin)

In this Lending Program, we charge you interest on credit extended to you for the purpose of purchasing, carrying, or trading in securities or commodities or otherwise using eligible securities in your accounts held with us as Collateral. Margin interest rates are determined using a base lending rate plus a sliding scale of percentages according to the size of your Margin debit balance. RBC CM receives a portion of the interest earned by RBC CM. The use of Margin in your Program account will impact the Program Fee you pay as further discussed in the section titled, "Calculation of Program Fees" in Item 4 below.

RBC Credit Access Line (CAL)

In this Lending Program, you have access to a securities-based line of credit through Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Bank. Interest rates can vary depending on factors such as your creditworthiness and the amount of credit for which you are eligible, as determined by Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Bank. Interest you pay on your CAL is paid to Royal Bank of Canada and/or RBC Bank. RBC CM receives a portion of the interest and transactions fees earned by Royal Bank of Canada and/or RBC Bank on your CAL.

For more information about these Lending Programs, please refer to "Risks Related to Securities-Based Lending" in Item 6 below and the "RBC Credit Access Line," "RBC Express Credit", and "Schedule of Fee" disclosures available at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

Fees and Compensation

Fees

In the Programs, you will pay the "**Program Fee**", which is comprised of the Investment Adviser Fee, the Program Sponsor Fee, and for certain Programs, the Investment Manager Fee, the Model Provider Fee, and/or the Overlay Manager Fee (each as defined and described below). Each of these is expressed as a percentage rate. **Your Program Fee will not exceed 3.0%.**

- ***Investment Adviser Fee.*** In all Programs, you pay an "**Investment Adviser Fee**" to your Investment Adviser for the services they provide in the Programs. The Investment Adviser Fee rate is determined between you and your Investment Adviser.
- ***Program Sponsor Fee.*** In all Programs, you pay a "**Program Sponsor Fee**" to RBC CM which covers the services RBC CM provides as sponsor of the Programs, as well as services related to the custody of account assets, trade execution, clearing and settlement, account reporting and other administrative services. The Program Sponsor Fee typically ranges from 0.00% to 0.40% of Program account assets under management.
- ***Investment Manager Fee.*** In the Consulting Solutions Program, and the RBC UP Program when utilizing Investment Strategies managed by any Investment Manager(s), you will pay a fee for the investment management services of any Investment Manager (the "**Investment Manager Fee**").
- ***Overlay Manager Fee.*** In the RBC UP Program, you will pay a fee for the services of the Overlay Manager (the "**Overlay Manager Fee**").
- ***Model Provider Fee.*** In the RBC UP Program, as applicable, you will pay a fee for the Model Portfolio(s) provided by any Model Provider(s) (the "**Model Provider Fee**").

You will receive written confirmation of the Program Fee for your account upon enrollment in a Program, and each time you and your Investment Adviser agree to any changes. In certain circumstances, RBC CM and/or your Investment Adviser may require you to sign additional documentation relating to the Program Fee (or a component thereof) for your account(s). On the written confirmations you receive from RBC CM, the term "Management Fee" will include, as applicable, the Overlay Manager Fee, the Model Provider Fee, and/or the Investment Manager Fee.

Information and ranges for Investment Manager Fees, Model Provider Fees, and Overlay Manager Fees are included below. These fee rates may increase or decrease from time to time which will impact the relevant fee components of your total Program Fee. If the Investment Manager, Model Provider, or Overlay Manager for your account changes, the relevant components of your total Program Fee may increase or decrease based on the selected Investment Manager, Model Provider, or Overlay Manager. In such case, we will notify you in writing of any change to your Program Fee.

Program Fee Components and Ranges by Program

The Program Fee is established at the account level. The Program Fee components depend on the Program in which your account is enrolled, and therefore, the Program Fee can vary between Program accounts, as follows:

- ***Consulting Solutions.*** The Program Fee consists of the Investment Adviser Fee, Program Sponsor Fee, and the Investment Manager Fee.

  Investment Manager Fees you pay range from an annual rate of 0.00% to 0.50% of Program account assets under management and vary by Investment Manager and Investment Strategy.

  We pay a portion of the Investment Manager Fee to each Investment Manager, which typically ranges from 0.00% to 0.50% of Program account assets. Such amount is determined by the specific Investment Strategies of each Investment Manager currently available in the Program, the services provided by each Investment Manager, the total assets managed by each Investment Manager, and fee negotiations with the Investment Manager, as set forth in an agreement between RBC CM and each such Investment Manager. In some cases, fees we pay to Investment Managers may be lower than the amount of the Investment Manager Fee you pay us. Additionally, we negotiate fee schedules with some Investment Managers, which reduce the effective fee rate we pay to Investment Managers as the total amount of Program assets managed by those Investment Managers increases. Any difference in Investment Manager Fees charged to clients and the percentage of such fees we ultimately pay to the Investment Managers are retained by us. Fees retained by us are not passed on to the Investment Adviser. The fees we pay Investment Managers may change from time to time and such change may impact the total Program Fee we charge you. That is, if we negotiate a lower Investment Manager Fee for the Investment Strategy of an Investment Manager in which your Program account is invested, we may similarly decrease the Investment Manager Fee you pay us as part of the Program Fee. If we renegotiate an existing Investment Manager's current fee rate, we will notify affected clients of any increase to the Investment Manager Fee.

- ***RBC UP.*** The Program Fee consists of the Investment Adviser Fee, the Program Sponsor Fee, the Overlay Manager Fee and, as applicable, the Model Provider Fee and/or the Investment Manager Fee.

  When RBC CM acts as Overlay Manager, the Overlay Manager Fee is 0.05% and is in addition to the Program Sponsor Fee paid to us.

  When Envestnet acts as Overlay Manager, the Overlay Manager Fee is 0.10% and includes Envestnet's Tax Management and/or Screens services, if selected. As noted above in Item 4, the Overlay Manager Fee will be assessed on all assets in the account, regardless of whether Tax Management and/or Screens are applied to all or some of those assets.

  When Envestnet is the Overlay Manager, we pay a portion of the Overlay Manager Fee to Envestnet that ranges from an annual rate of 0.00%-0.08% of account assets under management. We retain any difference between the Overlay Manager Fee of 0.10% that you pay and the portion of such fee we ultimately pay to Envestnet.

  The Model Provider Fee component of the Program Fee varies by Model Provider, Model Portfolio and type of account (i.e., Retirement Accounts investing in affiliated Model Portfolios), and ranges from 0.00% to 0.65% annually of the market value of an account's assets allocated to a Model Portfolio, as set forth in an agreement between RBC CM and each Model Provider.

  If more than one Model Portfolio and/or Investment Strategy is included in your RBC UP account, RBC CM employs a Sleeve-level billing methodology to calculate the amount of each Model Provider Fee and/or Investment Manager Fee. The amount will be determined by calculating the value invested in each Model Portfolio and/or Investment Strategy, or Sleeve, multiplied by the applicable Model Provider Fee for each Model Portfolio and/or Investment Manager Fee for each Investment Strategy in your RBC UP account at the time of each billing event.

  We pay each Model Provider and Investment Manager a portion of the Model Provider Fee or Investment Manager Fee you pay us. Any difference in the Overlay Manager Fee, Model Provider Fee and/or Investment Manager Fee paid by clients and the percentage of such fees that we ultimately pay to the Overlay Manager, Model Provider and/or Investment Manager are retained by us.

Your Program Fee may be higher or lower than (i) the fees and commissions you would pay in a brokerage account; (ii) the fees of other clients depending on considerations such as the size of your account, the types of securities, services provided, and other relevant criteria; and (iii) the cost of similar services offered through other Investment Advisers or financial institutions.

Calculation of Program Fees; Valuation of Account Assets

Typically, Program accounts are charged the Program Fee quarterly, in advance, based on the market value of the assets in a Program account, including securities, cash, money market funds, Cash Sweep Program balances, and/or Credit Interest Program balances as of the last business day of the preceding calendar quarter. We include the full market value of assets purchased on Margin in the calculation of your Program Fee and do not reduce the market value of your account by your Margin debit balance. Because the Program Fee is assessed on the market value of assets in your account at the end of a quarter, the total amount of the Program Fee billed each quarter will generally change as Program assets increase or decrease in the Program account.

Exchange-traded securities will be valued at the last trade price, or if unavailable, the last known bid price as provided by a third-party vendor. Over the counter and illiquid securities will be valued using the broadest and most representative market available. Securities for which market quotations are not readily available will be valued at the known current bid price.

If updated pricing is not available from the third-party vendor within 45 days or RBC CM determines the price received from the third-party vendor does not reasonably reflect the last trade price, last known bid price or current market value, as applicable, the price of the security will be removed from the system. All other securities are valued by an independent third-party retained by us or, if unavailable, by a valuation statement provided by the issuer, which will remain unchanged for one year from the date on the valuation statement or until an updated statement is received. Securities where the price cannot be determined will be excluded from the Program Fee charged by RBC CM.

Funds

To compute the value of assets held in a Program account, we value Fund shares at their respective net asset values as reported on the valuation date by each Fund.

Dividends

In non-retirement accounts, if you have elected to automatically distribute accrued dividends, interest, capital gains, and return on capital payments from your account on a recurring basis, the proceeds of these payments will not be assessed a Program Fee from the date these payments are made to the date of distribution.

Deposits, Withdrawals and Changes

Program Fees are prorated for any billing period that is less than a complete quarter. Deposits to or withdrawals from a Program account of cash and/or securities with a value equal to or greater than $10,000 will be billed on a pro-rated basis. Deposits and withdrawals on the same day will offset each other, and the net amount will be used to calculate on a daily basis an additional Program Fee or refund to your account.

In each case, the additional Program Fee or refund will be calculated based on the applicable fee rate times the amount of the increase or decrease, pro-rated based on the number of days from the date of the triggering event to the last day of the calendar quarter.

If there is any change in your Overlay Manager, Model Provider, Model Portfolio, Investment Manager, Investment Strategy or investment allocation in your account before the end of a quarter, we will use the market valuation from the date of the change to adjust only the portion(s) of the Program Fee (e.g., Overlay Manager Fee, Model Provider Fee, Investment Manager Fee) affected by such change on a pro-rated basis. At the time of such account change, the market value of your account may be higher or lower than the market value of your account at the time your quarterly Program Fee was calculated. As a result, the prorated Model Provider Fee, Overlay Manager Fee, and/ or Investment Manager Fee portion of the Program Fee may be higher or lower than when originally calculated.

Each of Investment Adviser and RBC CM reserve the right to correct errors in calculations of Program Fees that were charged to you by debiting or crediting your account, as applicable, without prior notice to you. Additionally, RBC CM reserves the right to increase any components of the Program Fee upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice to you.

Fees Upon Termination

You, Investment Adviser, or RBC CM can terminate your Program account in accordance with the notice and other provisions contained in the Advisory Agreement. If a Program account is terminated prior to the last day of the quarter, we will refund to you the prorated portion of the Program Fee you paid, calculated based upon the days remaining in the quarter. The termination of a Program account will terminate the Advisory Agreement for that account.

Payment of Program Fee

The Program Fee will be deducted on a quarterly basis directly from your Program account unless you affirmatively elect, verbally or in writing, to be billed directly, or to have the Program Fee deducted from another account with your Investment Adviser for which RBC CM is custodian, provided that the account is not a custodial account (e.g., UGMA/UTMA account) or a Retirement Account, as permitted by applicable law.

If you have elected to be invoiced for the Program Fee and the Program Fee is not paid within sixty (60) days of the date of the invoice, RBC CM will instead debit your applicable Program account for the invoiced amount of the Program Fee due.

Offset of Certain Fees to Retirement Accounts

With respect to Retirement Accounts in the Consulting Solutions and RBC UP Programs, if you hold RBC GAM – U.S. Funds, including the RBC BlueBay Access Capital Community Investment Fund, RBC BlueBay Destra International Event-Driven Credit Fund, or Funds subadvised by RBC Rochdale, LLC ("RBC Rochdale"), we will rebate the net management fee charged by the Fund company to you. For other affiliated Funds and/or Funds sub-advised by an affiliate of ours (e.g., RBC GAM –

U.S.), the Program Sponsor Fee, and the Overlay Manager Fee when RBC CM acts as Overlay Manager in RBC UP, will not be assessed on the value of these Funds held in Consulting Solutions and/or RBC UP Retirement Accounts. Unless required by applicable law, the credit or offset will not apply to other Fund expenses such as transfer agency fees and shareholder servicing fees, or actual distribution, shareholder servicing and other fees paid to RBC CM and its affiliates. Additionally, RBC CM has a conflict of interest in offering and recommending proprietary and affiliated Funds in the Programs over non-proprietary and/or non-affiliated Funds because we and/or our affiliates receive the fees and expenses charged by such Funds rather than a non-affiliate. For more information see "Fees to RBC Affiliates" on our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/en-us/legal/.

Comparing Costs

You may pay more or less in a Program than you might otherwise pay if you purchased the services separately, through other firms, or if you chose to purchase the same or similar securities in a brokerage account without the investment advisory services of your Investment Adviser.

Factors to consider with respect to the cost of a Program include but are not limited to: the cost of the services if provided and charged for separately; the Program Fee rate charged in the Program; and the trading activity in your Program account. When making cost comparisons, you should be aware that the combination of investment management, custodial, consulting, and brokerage services available through a Program may not be available separately or may require multiple accounts, agreements, and fees. In addition, certain Investment Strategies, Overlay Managers, and/or Model Portfolios may not be available to clients outside of a Program either because of minimum account size requirements, fee schedules, geographic availability, or other factors.

When assessing the overall cost of a Program, you should also consider that a Program account with low trading volumes, high cash balances, and/or significant fixed income positions could receive similar services at a lower cost in a brokerage account. If a Program account is actively traded through RBC CM, the Program Fee may be less expensive than separately paying investment management fees, consulting fees, and trading and execution costs. In addition, investments that have no upfront fees or commissions, such as no-load Funds, may be available to you outside of a Program account at no additional cost. As discussed below in Item 4 under "Fund Fees and Expenses," fees charged in connection with certain investments in your Program account, such as management and other fees charged by Funds, are not included in the Program Fee and will result in higher total costs than if you invested in such securities outside of a Program account.

Additional Fees and Expenses

The Program Fee (including all components described above) does not cover or include any of the following additional fees and expenses, where applicable:

- Fees charged to you by your Investment Adviser;
- commissions, "mark-ups," "mark-downs," and dealer spreads, if any, (i) that RBC CM or its affiliates receive when acting as principal in certain transactions where permitted by law, rule, or regulation, or (ii) that other broker-dealers receive when acting as principal in certain transactions effected through RBC CM and/or its affiliates acting as agent, which is typically the case for dealer market transactions (e.g., fixed income, over-the-counter equity, and foreign exchange ("**FX**") conversions in connection with purchases or sales of non-US dollar-denominated securities and with payments of principal and interest dividends on such securities);
- underwriting commissions, investment banking, and other fees where RBC CM is a member of an underwriting syndicate;
- certain other costs or charges that may be imposed by third parties including, among other things, bid-ask spreads, odd-lot differentials, exchange fees, transfer taxes, foreign custody fees, supplemental transaction fees, regulatory fees and other fees or taxes that may be imposed pursuant to law, rule, or regulation;
- RBC CM's usual and customary transaction charges on the liquidation of investments deemed ineligible for the Programs;
- any contingent deferred sales charges, redemption charges, or other fees and expenses imposed by certain Funds or alternative investments (see Fund prospectus or private placement memorandum ("**PPM**"), as applicable, for details);
- check reordering costs and fees;
- short-term trading charges for purchases and corresponding redemptions of certain Fund shares (see Fund prospectus for details) made within a short period of time;
- costs and expenses of UITs (e.g., organization costs, operating expenses, portfolio supervision, bookkeeping, trustee, and other administrative fees, etc.);
- fees and charges specific to annuities linked to your Program account, which may include but are not limited to, administrative and termination/distribution charges, mortality and expense risk charges, expenses for underlying investment options and optional rider/benefit fees;
- RBC Express Credit (margin) or RBC Credit Access Line (CAL) interest, or interest on other debit account balances;

- non-sponsored alternative investment processing and maintenance fees;
- safekeeping fees for physical securities;
- American Depositary Receipt ("**ADR**") pass-through fees;
- additional costs incurred when purchasing foreign securities that are assessed by the foreign exchange, including, but not limited to, exchange fees, taxes, conversion fees and currency translation costs. For example, when "ordinary shares" are purchased on a foreign exchange (which may charge a fee or tax on the trade) and are converted to ADRs, the depository bank may charge a fee to convert the ordinary shares to ADRs and in doing so, there may be currency translation costs associated with the conversion;
- additional costs when investing in foreign securities and utilizing foreign tax relief and reclamation services;
- fees charged by RBC CM related to reporting and filing unrelated business taxable income in Retirement Accounts; and
- any fees/expenses associated with RBC Insured Deposits.

Fund Fees and Expenses

Funds pay fees and expenses that are ultimately borne by clients (including, but not limited to, management fees, brokerage costs, administrative, and custody fees), as detailed in each Fund's prospectus. Program clients that are holding or investing in Funds will pay two levels of investment advisory fees: 1) investment management fees charged by the Fund companies, and 2) Program Fees to your Investment Adviser, RBC CM as Program sponsor, the Investment Managers, the Model Providers, and/or the Overlay Manager. Some of the fees and expenses are paid to and, where permitted under applicable regulatory requirements, retained by us and/or the Investment Adviser for advisory and/or other services.

Funds eligible for the Programs will be subject to the Program Fee which could also subject you to a higher overall cost. Outside of the Cash Sweep Program, RBC CM may, without notice to you, convert Funds in your Program account to a lower cost share class of the same Fund offered by RBC CM or make changes to your investment model or allocation in the event a lower cost share class of the same Fund is or becomes available through RBC CM. However, if you purchased a Fund from RBC CM with an up-front sales charge, typically in a brokerage account outside of the Programs, and subsequently transfer such Fund shares into an advisory Program account, those Fund shares will not be subject to the Program Fee for two or more years from the date of initial purchase. Fund shares purchased at other financial institutions may be converted to the appropriate share class in a Program account and subject to the Program Fee immediately whether you paid an up-front sales charge or other compensation or not. RBC CM may also elect not to convert certain Fund shares if, for example, there is no equivalent share class available in the Programs, or such conversion could subject you to additional sales or other charges, or in certain other circumstances, as determined by us.

Additionally, if you have a systematic buy or sell transaction established for a Fund that is ineligible for the Program selected, the transaction may be rejected resulting in your trade(s) not being fulfilled.

Prior to enrolling in the Programs, you should review the costs and impact of converting your Fund share classes and discuss this with your Investment Adviser. If you do not want your Funds converted, or your investment model/allocation updated, you should discuss leaving those holdings in or transferring those holdings to a non-Program account.

Under certain circumstances, your account may be invested in a Fund share class with a 12b-1 fee. This fee, which is also known as a distribution fee, is an operational expense used to pay for marketing and distribution expenses and is therefore included in the Fund's expense ratio. 12b-1 fees are part of the overall Fund expense ratio, which is paid by you through deduction of assets in the Fund's daily net asset value calculation. 12b-1 fees may vary by share class, with certain share classes having lower or no 12b-1 fees. Typically, the 12b-1 fee is paid to your Investment Adviser as ongoing compensation for a period of time, as outlined in the applicable prospectus, creating an incentive for your Investment Adviser to recommend a Fund and a share class that pays a 12b-1 fee as opposed to a Fund or share class that does not. Excluding the Cash Sweep Program, RBC CM addresses this conflict of interest by (1) limiting offerings of share classes that pay a 12b-1 fee in the Programs, and (2) crediting any 12b-1 fees that RBC CM receive back to you rather than paying such fee to the Investment Adviser.

Funds and certain other investments will be accompanied by a prospectus or other offering document that contains important information about each such Fund, including investment objectives, risks, and applicable fees and expenses. Clients should read each Fund's prospectus carefully and consider all the information in it before investing.

If, and to the extent that your account is invested in a Fund managed by an affiliate of ours, you will indirectly pay two levels of advisory and other fees to us in connection with such balances (i.e., the investment management fees charged by the Fund companies, and the Program Fee). We address this conflict through disclosure and by subjecting the affiliated Funds to the same selection and evaluation standards as non-affiliated Funds. Further, in Retirement Accounts, if you hold Funds subadvised by RBC Rochdale, the management fee charged by the Fund company will be rebated to you. For other RBC CM affiliated Funds subadvised by RBC Rochdale, the Program Sponsor Fee payable to RBC CM, and when RBC CM acts as the

Overlay Manager in RBC UP, the Overlay Manager Fee component of the Program Fee, will not be assessed to the value of such Funds maintained in Retirement Accounts.

You should read the Fund's prospectus carefully prior to selecting a Fund.

Trading Away and Associated Costs

We generally anticipate most Investment Managers and the Overlay Managers will effect substantially all portfolio trades for Program accounts with or through us. This arrangement creates an incentive for us to make available Investment Managers or Model Providers with lower portfolio turnover rates. There are certain Investment Managers, including those offering certain fixed income strategies, that have historically directed most, if not all, their trades to outside broker dealers. RBC CM makes information on Investment Managers' trading practices in this regard available via the "Investment Managers and Trading Practices" link at RBC CM's legal disclosure website, www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures. The information we provide in this regard is based solely on the historical information provided to us by the Investment Managers. We do not make any representations regarding their future trading practices.

If Investment Managers trade away from RBC CM with other broker-dealers, you should understand that commissions, mark-ups, spreads, and other transactional charges for such trades are charged to you by the executing broker-dealer (and passed along to you by RBC CM). Accordingly, the Program Fee you pay does not cover such costs charged by other broker-dealers; the Program Fee covers these costs only when the transactions are executed by RBC CM. The executing broker-dealer may net these commissions, mark-ups, spreads and other transactional charges into the overall purchase or sale price of the trades, and these commissions, mark-ups, spreads and other transactional charges are not delineated on your RBC CM trade confirmation, monthly transaction summary or statement. RBC CM does not restrict an Investment Manager's ability to trade away, as the responsibility to determine the suitability of trading away from RBC CM and for best execution is that of the Investment Manager.

RBC CM does not evaluate whether an Investment Manager is meeting its best execution obligations when trading away. You should understand that RBC CM is not a party to transactions that are not executed through or with us, and therefore, we are not able to negotiate the price or transaction related charge(s) with the executing broker-dealer. While the costs associated with equity trades done away are typically in the form of commissions and other transactional charges that are disclosed and accessible to RBC CM, the additional costs associated with fixed income trades are not identified separately because they are incorporated into the net price of the trade. Additional information on trade-away practices of Investment Managers in Consulting Solutions is available via at: www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

Note, before selecting an Investment Manager for any Program described in this brochure, you should carefully review all material related to that Investment Manager, including any disclosure on whether the Investment Manager uses broker-dealers other than RBC CM to effect any trades and any additional trading costs (brokerage commissions or other charges) associated with executing trades with such other broker-dealers. You should consider this information (i.e., an Investment Manager's trading practices and any associated additional costs and expenses), when assessing the overall costs of a Program and a particular Investment Manager and/or Investment Strategy.

Foreign Tax Relief and Reclamation Services

For clients who invest in international securities, we utilize a third-party vendor that provides foreign tax relief and reclamation services on behalf of clients. For more information, please see "Foreign Tax Relief and Reclamation Overview" on our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

Tax Considerations

The payment of the Program Fee as described above may produce income tax results different from those resulting from the payment of brokerage commissions or other transactional charges on a per trade basis. If you are not a tax-exempt entity, the sale, redemption, or exchange of investments may result in taxable gains or losses. Further, it is your responsibility to ensure that the payment method selected, and subsequent treatment of the related expenses, complies with applicable tax laws and other regulations. In addition, careful consideration should be given prior to purchasing investments or selecting strategies that may utilize "tax-advantaged" investments in certain qualified accounts. This may result in no additional tax benefits at the expense of performance. Neither RBC CM, nor its affiliates or employees provide legal, accounting or tax advice. All legal, accounting or tax decisions regarding your accounts and any transactions or investments entered into in relation to such accounts, should be made in consultation with your independent advisors. No information, including but not limited to written materials, provided by RBC CM or its affiliates or employees should be construed as legal, accounting or tax advice.

Compensation to Investment Adviser

Advisory Fees

For information on how your Investment Adviser compensates its advisory personnel and financial professionals, please see your Investment Adviser's ADV brochure or other similar disclosure documents, or contact your Investment Adviser.

Investment Advisers are compensated based on the market value of billable assets in your Program account. In certain instances, your account could contain assets that are not included in the billable value of the account. Therefore, this is a conflict of interest as your Investment Adviser could have a financial incentive to sell these assets and purchase assets that would be included in the billable value of the account and directly impact compensation.

ITEM 5: ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS AND TYPES OF CLIENTS

To open an account in any of the Programs and receive the investment advisory and other related services described in this brochure, you must enter into the Advisory Agreement with your Investment Adviser and RBC CM. The Advisory Agreement expressly acknowledges the parameters of our investment advisory relationship with you, describes the services we will provide to you, and details the terms and conditions of the Program. The Advisory Agreement governs the relationships with your Investment Adviser and RBC CM with respect to the terms of your existing and future Program accounts.

Each of the Programs generally requires a certain minimum amount of assets to open an account in that Program. However, RBC CM has the discretion to accept accounts that are below the Program minimums. RBC CM reserves the right to terminate a Program account if the account assets fall below the Program minimums set forth below.

- ***RBC UP:*** Depending on services and Investment Products selected, minimums range from $2,500-$200,000.
- ***Consulting Solutions:*** $100,000-$600,000 for equity strategies; $100,000-$500,000 for fixed income strategies, subject to minimum account requirements imposed by the applicable Investment Manager.

RBC CM provides investment advisory services to individuals, foundations, endowments, employee benefit plans, trusts, estates, educational institutions, corporations, businesses, government entities and other entities. The Programs are generally available for both non-retirement and Retirement Accounts, including IRAs.

When providing services to clients who are subject to ERISA, we may rely on various Prohibited Transaction Exemptions ("**PTEs**") available under ERISA, including PTE 84-14, which is only available to qualified professional asset managers (the "**QPAM Exemption**"). On March 5, 2024, the French Court of Appeal rendered a judgment of conviction (the "**Conviction**") against Royal Bank of Canada Trust Company (Bahamas) Limited ("**RBCTC Bahamas**"), an affiliate of RBC CM, and other parties regarding a charge of complicity in estate tax fraud relating to actions taken relating to a trust for which RBCTC Bahamas serves as trustee. In 2016, RBC was granted an exemption by the U.S. Department of Labor that allowed RBC and its current and future affiliates to continue to qualify for the QPAM Exemption under ERISA despite the conviction of RBCTC Bahamas in the French proceeding for a temporary one-year period from the date of conviction. In 2025, the Department of Labor granted RBC an exemption providing longer-term relief, which is effective from August 12, 2025, through March 4, 2030.

ITEM 6: PORTFOLIO MANAGER SELECTION AND EVALUATION

Selection of Investment Managers and Model Providers

In RBC UP and Consulting Solutions, we consider and select only Investment Managers and Model Providers that meet our eligibility requirements. In identifying and choosing Investment Managers and Model Providers, we evaluate the financial and organizational stability of the firm and product, historical performance results, experience, and other factors. Based on the evaluation, Investment Managers and Model Providers are categorized by their respective investment styles. Each Model Portfolio and Investment Strategy added to the RBC UP and/or Consulting Solutions Programs, as applicable, are further categorized by the level of conviction RBC CM has in the Investment Manager and/or Model Provider and their respective Investment Strategy or Model Portfolio. Information that we gather regarding Investment Managers and Model Providers is believed to be reliable and accurate, but we do not independently verify it. We conduct periodic reviews of Envestnet and our own Overlay Manager function to evaluate adherence to Model Portfolios and investment allocations selected by you.

As described above in Item 4, you will establish an Advisory Risk Profile for your Program account. For Programs in which you select an Investment Manager(s) or Model Provider(s), your Investment Adviser will consult with you regarding investment alternatives consistent with your Advisory Risk Profile. You then can select one or more Investment Managers (and their Investment Strategy(ies) and/or Model Providers (and their Model Portfolio(s)).

When required to do so by law or as otherwise agreed to with an Investment Manager, we will provide you with a copy of each Investment Manager's and/or the Overlay Manager's written disclosure statement (Part 2A of its Form ADV or other comparable document) at the time of Program enrollment.

Monitoring and Review of Investment Managers and Model Providers

On a quarterly basis, we monitor and review the Investment Managers we make available in Consulting Solutions and RBC UP, and the Model Providers we make available in RBC UP, to determine whether they continue to meet the standards and requirements of RBC CM. This evaluation may involve, among other things, a review of investment discipline and trends in

investment philosophies. Comparisons are made to other accounts and to standard industry market statistics. These initial and ongoing due diligence reviews are conducted by the RBC Global Manager Research team ("**GMR**").

The level of review applied by GMR depends on RBC CM's conviction in each Investment Manager and Model Provider and their respective Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios. For the highest conviction Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios, this review is based on both the investment style descriptions offered by the Investment Managers and Model Providers (qualitative factors) and analysis performed by GMR (quantitative factors). GMR's ratings and opinions for the highest conviction Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios are available to Investment Advisers. These ratings and opinions are updated annually or more frequently, as needed.

Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios not deemed highest conviction are reviewed quarterly based primarily on quantitative factors.

A quantitative score ("**Score**") is assigned to each Investment Strategy and Model Portfolio based on multiple factors related to the firm and product, investment professionals, investment approach and performance and weights assigned to the individual factors selected. Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios not deemed to be the highest conviction must meet these predefined Scores to be added and maintained in the Programs. If a Score cannot be calculated, the same factors are reviewed manually, instead of systematically, until a Score can be calculated. For cases where a Score cannot be produced, GMR will continue to qualitatively monitor the applicable Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios and provide annual updates as needed to the RBC CM Managed Account Investment Committee. Scores are not assigned to the RBC CM Portfolio Advisory Group ("**PAG**") Model Portfolios. Each of the PAG Model Portfolios are reviewed quarterly by an internal oversight committee led by GMR to determine if it continues to align with its stated investment objective.

Through our monitoring process, the level of conviction in an Investment Strategy or Model Portfolio may change, and therefore, the level of review applied may also change. If you would like information regarding RBC CM's conviction in a particular Investment Strategy or Model Portfolio, please contact your Investment Adviser. The level of conviction we have in an Investment Strategy or Model Portfolio is not indicative of its quality nor is it a basis for how the Program Fee is determined.

Watch List

As part of our monitoring process, RBC CM maintains a watch list of Investment Managers and Model Providers for which there may be developments of potential concern. Such developments may include adherence to management style, consistency with client objectives, unexplained poor performance, or other matters that come to our attention. The watch list provides us with the means to review and communicate developments related to Investment Managers and Model Providers. Placement of Investment Managers and/or Model Providers on the watch list initiates a probationary period that allows us adequate time to better assess the effects — negative or positive — stemming from the developments in question.

Performance

- ***Investment Manager and Model Provider.*** For all Investment Strategies and Model Portfolios, we make product profiles containing reported historical performance available to your Investment Adviser to provide to you.
- ***Fund Performance.*** We utilize the Fund's published performance for review purposes.
- ***Portfolio Advisory Group (PAG).*** We create performance composites for each PAG Model Portfolio and make them available to your Investment Adviser to provide to you.

Removal of an Investment Manager, Model Provider, Overlay Manager, or Fund

Upon written notice to affected clients, we may remove an Investment Manager or Model Provider from a Program if our rating and/or opinion of the Investment Manager or Model Provider materially changes. This will most commonly be a result of fundamental developments that are determined to be detrimental to the potential longer-term success of the Investment Manager, Model Provider, or underlying investment strategy (e.g., departure of key personnel, performance, etc.). In such event, we will promptly notify your Investment Adviser, who will in turn consult with you to reallocate applicable account assets to a new Investment Manager or Model Provider.

In the event RBC CM removes an Investment Manager from Consulting Solutions, and you do not reallocate applicable account assets prior to the termination of the Investment Manager, we may terminate your Program account.

In RBC UP, when RBC CM removes a Model Provider or Investment Manager selected by you, if you do not select a new Model Provider or Investment Manager before the removal date, we will move your assets to an available Investment Strategy or Model Portfolio which we deem, in our sole discretion, to be consistent with the removed Model Portfolio or Investment Strategy. If an appropriate replacement Model Portfolio or Investment Strategy is not available, we will move your assets to an appropriate Fund and/or closed-end fund.

In RBC UP, we will provide information to your Investment Adviser regarding a Fund that is no longer eligible for the Program. Your Investment Adviser will work with you to select a suitable replacement investment.

In RBC UP, we may change the Overlay Managers upon advance written notice to the affected clients.

Related Persons as Investment Manager, Model Provider, and/or Overlay Manager, and Associated Conflicts of Interest

If you invest in certain Programs described in this brochure, your account may be managed by an Investment Manager that is an affiliate of ours (also referred to as a related person), or that is a client of an affiliate of ours. In addition, we, or our affiliates (or clients of our affiliates) may act as Model Providers. Related persons or their clients acting as Investment Managers or Model Providers are subject to the same eligibility, review, and removal procedures as non-affiliated Investment Managers and Model Providers, as described above. When related persons or their clients act as Investment Managers or Model Providers for Program clients, certain conflicts of interest exist (see Item 9, Material Relationships with Related Persons for more information on conflicts of interest).

In some cases, the same Investment Strategies are available in both Consulting Solutions and RBC UP. However, the fees associated with these Investment Strategies may differ depending on the Program. Generally, for fixed income Investment Strategies available in both Consulting Solutions and RBC UP, the Consulting Solutions Investment Manager Fee and the RBC UP Model Provider Fee are the same. However, for equity Investment Strategies available in both Consulting Solutions and RBC UP, the RBC UP Model Provider Fee is generally lower than the Consulting Solutions Investment Manager Fee due to the specific services provided in each Program. Consulting Solutions client accounts are separately managed to an Investment Strategy by the Investment Managers in the Program on a discretionary basis. In contrast, in RBC UP, implementation of, and updates to, Model Portfolios are managed by us or Envestnet as Overlay Manager on a discretionary basis. When we act as Overlay Manager in RBC UP, we retain the 0.05% Overlay Manager Fee that we charge which can give us an incentive to promote RBC UP over Consulting Solutions, particularly where an investment strategy is available in both Programs. Any difference in fees paid by you and fees we pay to the Investment Managers, Model Providers or the Overlay Managers are retained by us. This fee differential for certain equity investment strategies is larger in Consulting Solutions than in RBC UP. When fee differentials are retained by us, we do not pay any part of the retained fees to your Investment Adviser. Therefore, Investment Advisers do not have a direct financial incentive to recommend using investment strategies in one Program over the other.

Our Cash Sweep Program creates a conflict of interest for us because we have an incentive for you to maintain and direct otherwise uninvested cash in your account to deposits of our Affiliate Banks and third-party banks, where they can use such deposits to generate additional revenue. Please see the above Cash Sweep Program Conflicts of Interest section in Item 4 for additional details. More information regarding the Cash Sweep Program is available in the Cash Management section of our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

In the Programs, you may be able to invest in Funds and other investment products affiliated with RBC CM. Certain conflicts of interest among the issuer, Fund, the Fund manager, and/or the broker or agent may exist as described in the applicable prospectus. Where we are affiliated, through common ownership and control by the RBC, with a Fund, Fund manager, issuer or agent, we have an incentive to make our proprietary or affiliated product available over an unaffiliated product, such that the fees and expenses charged by the Fund, Fund manager, issuer or agent are earned by us or our affiliate, rather than a non-affiliate.

You may invest in an Investment Manager and/or Model Provider affiliated with RBC CM. We have an incentive to make our affiliated Investment Managers and Model Providers available because RBC CM and its affiliates receive greater revenue.

RBC GAM – U.S.

RBC GAM – U.S. acts as an Investment Manager in Consulting Solutions and as a Model Provider in RBC UP. This is a conflict of interest as we are incented to make RBC GAM – U.S. available as a Model Provider and Investment Manager over non-affiliates. This conflict of interest is addressed by proper disclosure. If you select RBC GAM – U.S. as your Investment Manager in Consulting Solutions, or as your Model Provider in RBC UP, RBC GAM – U.S. and RBC CM will each collect separate advisory fees.

RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited ("**GAM UK**") acts as a Model Provider in RBC UP. This is a conflict of interest as we are incented to recommend GAM UK over non-affiliates. This conflict of interest is addressed by proper disclosure. If you select GAM UK as your Model Provider in RBC UP, GAM UK and RBC CM will each collect separate advisory fees.

RBC CM Acting as Portfolio Manager

As discussed above in Item 4, RBC CM acts as the Overlay Manager in RBC UP. Our participation in a Program creates an incentive for us to make such Program available where we are the Portfolio Manager over other qualified and suitable Portfolio Managers. Where RBC CM serves as the Overlay Manager in RBC UP, you do not pay more, but we do charge and retain the Overlay Manager Fee component of the Program Fee you pay.

PAG makes available timely, independent information to your Investment Adviser by independently analyzing research from its research providers. The research that is produced by PAG is intended to provide a broad and extensive array of fundamental research in the marketplace by focusing on key analysts, recommendations, and trends within their research sources, including those of RBC CM as well as through nationally recognized correspondents. PAG also creates equity Model Portfolios for use in RBC UP. PAG does not receive a Model Provider Fee for providing these Model Portfolios.

While the research conducted in creating Model Portfolios is independent, RBC CM has a conflict of interest when selecting Funds for inclusion in a Model Portfolio because we have an incentive to use certain Funds over others. Specifically, we have an incentive to select 1) Funds for which we receive additional compensation from the investments in such Funds, and/or 2) Funds managed by an affiliate of RBC CM which results in compensation to any such affiliate. We mitigate this conflict of interest by disclosure and subjecting the Model Portfolios created by PAG to review by an RBC CM internal oversight committee on a regular basis, consistent with the standards employed when reviewing and selecting those of unaffiliated Investment Managers and Model Providers as further detailed in Item 6. Selection of Investment Managers and Model Providers.

Performance-Based Fees and Side-by-Side Management

RBC CM does not charge performance-based fees in the Programs. However, certain Funds available in the Programs may be subject to performance-based fees or varying expense charges imposed by the Fund manager.

Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies

The methods of analysis used and Investment Strategies available in each Program are described above in the "Services, Fees and Compensation" and the "Portfolio Manager Selection and Evaluation" sections. We obtain information from various sources including financial publications, company press releases and securities filings, research and due diligence material prepared by RBC CM, our affiliates and other third parties, rating or timing services, regulatory reports, third-party data, and research providers, professionals and other public sources. Your Investment Adviser may use research, model portfolios, and/or asset allocation recommendations provided by RBC CM, our affiliates and/or third parties to make recommendations to you.

Risk of Loss

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. There is no guarantee of performance for any investment strategy implemented or recommended by your Investment Adviser, and the value of a client's investments will fluctuate due to market conditions and other factors. Investments are subject to various risks, including, but not limited to, market, liquidity, currency, economic, and political risk, and will not necessarily be profitable. Past performance does not predict or guarantee any level of future performance.

For the strategies used in the Programs, equities, Funds, options, and fixed income securities are the primary investments. Below are certain material risk factors associated with the Programs and the strategies utilized in the Programs. There are certain other risk factors described throughout this brochure. For more details on material risk factors associated with Investment Strategies, Model Portfolios, and/or the services of the unaffiliated Overlay Manager in applicable Programs, please refer to each Investment Manager's, Model Provider's, and/or the Overlay Manager's Form ADV Part 2A brochure and/or other similar disclosure documents. In addition, always read the prospectus or other offering documents for a full description of risks associated with a particular investment. You are urged to consult with your Investment Adviser to discuss the risks associated with any investment strategy, particular investments, securities, and/or transactions recommended or effected in your Program account(s). Some of the material risks associated with investments available in the Programs are as follows:

- ***Market Risk.*** The value of securities owned by an investor may go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, due to factors affecting certain industries and/or securities markets generally.
- ***Interest Rate Risk.*** Fixed income securities will decline in value because of an increase in interest rates; a bond or a fixed income fund with a longer duration will be more sensitive to changes in interest rates than a bond or bond fund with a shorter duration.
- ***Economic Conditions Risk.*** The economic, political, or financial developments will, from time to time, result in periods of volatility or other adverse effects that could negatively impact your account.
- ***Credit Risk.*** Investors could lose money if the issuer or guarantor of a fixed income security is unable or unwilling to meet its financial obligations.
- ***Liquidity Risk.*** Investors would not be able to sell or redeem an investment quickly without significantly affecting the price. Liquidity risk is heightened when markets are distressed. Generally, alternative investments and interval funds have higher liquidity risk than securities traded on exchanges, fixed income securities or open-end mutual funds.
- ***Risks Relating to Equities.*** The price may rise or fall, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably, because of changes in a company's financial condition. These price movements can result from economic changes or macro factors such as the economic performance of a particular country, interest rate movements, and international developments. Sector or industry developments as well as changes in government regulations may affect equity prices.
- ***Risk Relating to Debt Securities.*** Debt securities, such as bonds, involve interest rate risk, credit risk, extension risk, prepayment risk, and other types of risks. In addition, the value of debt securities may fluctuate in response to market movements or issues that affect particular industries or issuers. When interest rates fall, the issuers of debt securities

may prepay principal more quickly than expected, and investors may have to reinvest the proceeds at a lower interest rate. This is known as "prepayment risk." When interest rates rise, debt securities may be repaid more slowly than expected, and the value of the debt security can fall sharply. This is known as "extension risk." Certain types of debt securities may be subject to "call and redemption risk," which is the risk that the issuer may call a bond for redemption before it matures, and the investor may lose income.

- ***Risks Relating to Specific Styles.*** Different types of stocks tend to shift in and out of favor depending on market and economic conditions. To the extent a portfolio emphasizes a value or growth style of investing, a portfolio runs the risk that undervalued companies' valuations will never improve or that growth companies may be more volatile than other types of investments, respectively.
- ***Risks Relating to Securities-Based Lending.*** Certain Program accounts may be eligible for Margin or other types of securities-based lending as part of RBC CM's brokerage services. The extension of credit may be obtained through Lending Programs described above. Prior to enrolling in any of the Lending Programs, you should carefully review the agreement and disclosures for such Lending Program and ensure that you understand the risks associated with leveraging your account. You must carefully consider:
  - Whether or not you can afford, and want, to assume the additional risks that losses in your account may be significantly greater than if you decide not to invest with borrowed funds (i.e., not to use leverage). Leveraging your account may increase your risks and make your investment objectives more difficult to realize you may lose more than your original investment;
  - You will pay interest on the outstanding loan balance; thus, the use of leverage will increase your costs of investing;
  - Since the Program Fee is calculated as a percentage of the net market value in a Program account, the use of Margin to purchase additional securities in a Program account will increase the net market value of the Program account by the value of such additional securities purchased with the proceeds of the Margin loan (and will not be offset by the amount of the client's Margin debit held in an account outside of a Program). This will result in a higher Program Fee that you pay to us and your Investment Adviser. This will result in additional compensation to RBC CM and your Investment Adviser;
  - RBC CM, or a third-party lender, can force the sale of Program assets to satisfy collateral requirements without notice to you;
  - Neither RBC CM nor our affiliates will act as an investment adviser to you with respect to the liquidation of securities held in a Program account to meet collateral requirements. These liquidations will be executed in our capacity as broker-dealer and creditor and may, as permitted by and in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including the Advisers Act, result in executions on a principal basis in your account; and
  - Under these circumstances, RBC CM cannot guarantee a favorable price on the sale of Program assets or that the liquidations align with your investment strategy or Advisory Risk Profile.

RBC CM is permitted to lend or utilize Margin securities in its possession and receives compensation in connection with the use of such securities. The costs you pay associated with the Lending Programs is not included in the Program Fee and will result in additional compensation to RBC CM and/or our affiliates and your Investment Adviser. For more information, please see the "Margin Disclosure Statement" under "RBC Express Credit" on our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

- ***Risks Relating to Money Market Funds.*** An investment in a money market fund is neither insured nor guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency. Although money market funds seek to preserve the value of your investment at $1.00 per share, there is no assurance that will occur, and it is possible to lose money if the fund value per share falls. Moreover, in some circumstances, money market funds may be forced to cease operations when the value of a fund drops below $1.00 per share. If this happens, the fund's holdings are liquidated and distributed to the fund's shareholders. This liquidation process is likely to take a month or more. During that time, these funds would not be available to you to support purchases, withdrawals and, if applicable, check writing or other money movement debits from your account.
- ***Concentration Risk.*** To the extent a client concentrates their investments by investing a significant portion of their assets in the securities of a single issuer, industry, sector, country or region, the overall adverse impact on the client of adverse developments in the business of such issuer, such industry or such government could be considerably greater than if they did not concentrate their investments to such an extent.
- ***Sector Risk.*** To the extent a client account invests more heavily in particular sectors, industries, or sub-sectors of the market, its performance will be especially sensitive to developments that significantly affect those sectors, industries, or sub-sectors. An individual sector, industry, or sub sector of the market may be more volatile and may perform differently than the broader market. The several industries that constitute a sector may not all react in the same way to economic, political, or regulatory events. A client account's performance could be affected if the sectors, industries, or sub-sectors do not perform as expected. Alternatively, the lack of exposure to one or more sectors or industries may adversely affect performance.

- ***Risks Relating to Foreign Securities and Emerging Markets.*** Investments in securities of foreign issuers denominated in foreign currencies are subject to risks in addition to the risks of securities of U.S. issuers. These risks include political and economic risks, civil conflicts and war, greater volatility, expropriation and nationalization risks, sanctions or other measures by the United States or other governments, currency fluctuations, higher transactions costs, delayed settlement, possible foreign controls on investment, liquidity risks, and less stringent investor protection and disclosure standards of some foreign markets. Events and evolving conditions in certain economies or markets may alter the risks associated with investments tied to countries or regions that historically were perceived as comparatively stable becoming riskier and more volatile. These risks are magnified in countries in emerging markets, which may have relatively unstable governments and less-established market economies than those of developed countries. Emerging markets may face greater social, economic, regulatory, and political uncertainties. These risks make emerging market securities more volatile and less liquid than securities issued in more developed countries. For more information, see the "Risks Related to Foreign Securities and Foreign Currencies section" in the Client Account Agreement and Disclosure, available on our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.
- ***High Yield Securities Risk.*** Certain strategies invest in securities and instruments that are issued by companies that are highly leveraged, less creditworthy, or financially distressed. These investments (known as junk bonds) are considered speculative and are subject to greater risk of loss, greater sensitivity to interest rate and economic changes, valuation difficulties, and potential illiquidity. For more information see the "High-Yield Securities Disclosure" on our public website at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.
- ***Counterparty Risk.*** An account may have exposure to the credit risk of counterparties with which it deals in connection with the investment of its assets, whether engaged in exchange traded or off-exchange transactions or through brokers, dealers, custodians, and exchanges through which it engages. In addition, many protections afforded to cleared transactions, such as the security afforded by transacting through a clearing house, might not be available in connection with over-the-counter ("**OTC**") transactions. Therefore, in those instances in which an account enters into OTC transactions, the account will be subject to the risk that its direct counterparty will not perform its obligations under the transactions and will sustain losses.
- ***Derivatives Risk.*** Certain strategies may use derivatives. Derivatives, including forward currency contracts, futures, options and commodity-linked derivatives and swaps, may be riskier than other types of investments because they may be more sensitive to changes in economic and market conditions, and could result in losses that significantly exceed the investor's original investment in the derivative. Many derivatives create leverage thereby causing a portfolio to be more volatile than it would have been if it had not been exposed to such derivatives. Derivatives also expose a portfolio to counterparty risk (the risk that the derivative counterparty will not fulfill its contractual obligations), including the credit risk of the derivative counterparty. Certain derivatives are synthetic instruments that attempt to replicate the performance of certain reference assets. Regarding such derivatives, an investor does not have a claim on the reference assets and is subject to enhanced counterparty risk. Derivatives may not perform as expected, so an investor may not realize the intended benefits. The possible lack of a liquid secondary market for derivatives and the resulting ability to sell or otherwise close a derivatives position could expose a portfolio to losses. Additionally, certain derivatives are subject to position limits imposed by regulators, and the investment adviser will not be able to obtain additional exposure if these limits are reached. When used for hedging, the change in value of a derivative may not correlate as expected with what is being hedged. In addition, given their complexity, derivatives expose an investor to risks of mispricing or improper valuation.
- ***Risks Relating to Structured Investments.*** Structured Investments are generally a combination of unsecured debt and other underlying assets. Since Structured Investments represent an unsecured debt obligation of the issuer, you should consider the creditworthiness of the company issuing the security, since downside protections and payment features are contingent upon the solvency of the issuer. The potential benefits of Structured Investments typically will not be fully realized unless held to maturity. For example, if sold prior to maturity, the sale will be subject to market prices and the principal may not be fully returned. There is no guarantee of secondary market price or interim liquidity, and the interim value of a Structured Investment could differ from the original issue price and the investments intrinsic value. Depending on the type of structure, risks of investing in a Structured Investment include, but are not limited to, call risk, coupon risk, currency risk, liquidity risk, issuer credit risk, loss of principal risk, risks associated with the performance of underlying assets, and tax risk. Structured Investments are complex and are not appropriate for all investors. You should understand the complete terms, risks, tax consequences, and possible performance outcomes of investing in any Structured Investment before purchasing, as each structure is different and constructed for different investment objectives and market conditions. When considering a Structured Investment, you should review the accompanying prospectus, which will contain more complete information.
- ***Risks Relating to Smaller Companies.*** Investments in smaller companies are generally riskier than investments in larger companies. The securities of smaller companies may trade less frequently and in smaller volumes than securities of larger companies. Securities of smaller companies tend to be less liquid than securities of larger companies. In addition, small companies are generally more vulnerable to economic, market and industry changes. As a result, the

changes in value of their securities may be more sudden or erratic than in large capitalization companies, especially over the short term. Because smaller companies may have limited product lines, markets or financial resources or may depend on a few key employees, they may be more susceptible to particular economic events or competitive factors than large capitalization companies. This may cause unexpected and frequent decreases in the value of an account's investments. Finally, emerging companies in certain sectors may not be profitable and may not realize earning profits in the foreseeable future.

Voting Client Securities (Proxy Voting)

You have the right to vote proxies for securities held in your Program account(s). You also have the option to delegate proxy voting authority as described below. In the Advisory Agreement, you indicate your proxy voting authority election for your Program account(s).

- ***Client as proxy authority.*** For all Programs, you can retain the right to vote proxies with respect to the securities held in the account(s), or delegate that right to another third-party designated by you. If you retain proxy voting authority, we will forward to you (or another third-party designated by you) all proxy-related materials, annual and interim reports, and other issuer-related materials that RBC CM receives pertaining to the securities in your Program account(s).
- ***Manager as proxy authority.*** For certain Programs, you can delegate your proxy voting authority to a manager to vote proxies with respect to the securities held in your Program account(s). If you delegate voting authority to a manager, we will forward all proxy-related materials, annual and interim reports, and other issuer-related materials that RBC CM receives pertaining to the securities in your Program account(s) to a third-party Investment Manager(s) or Overlay Manager (i.e., Envestnet or RBC CM), if applicable, to vote proxies on your behalf. When a client has delegated proxy voting authority to RBC CM, RBC CM further delegates such authority to an independent third-party proxy voting agent, currently Institutional Shareholder Services ("**ISS**"), as described below. We will not provide you with notice that we have received a proxy solicitation, nor will we or any third-party Investment Manager or proxy voting agent consult with you before casting a vote.

  Your designation of "Manager" is only valid if accepted by that designee. Investment Managers and the Overlay Managers retain the right to rescind their acceptance of the proxy authorization. If an Investment Manager or the Overlay Manager elects to stop voting proxies, we will forward proxy voting materials to you (or a third-party agent designated by you), and if an Investment Manager or Overlay Manager elects to start voting proxies, we will send to them all proxy-related materials and you will not receive them.

You may change your proxy voting election at any time upon written notice to us, in accordance with the terms of your Advisory Agreement. If you or RBC CM terminate a Program account, RBC CM will revert proxy voting authority to you (or another third-party selected by you).

RBC UP

If you designate "Manager" as proxy authority for your account(s) in RBC UP, RBC CM or Envestnet as Overlay Manager, will vote proxies on your behalf.

When we vote proxies, we have a fiduciary responsibility to vote proxies in a manner that we believe is consistent with your best interest and in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by RBC CM. We have retained ISS, to provide fundamental research and independent voting recommendations based on its standard proxy voting guidelines, and to vote proxies in your account(s) on our behalf. The proxy voting guidelines set forth by ISS are reasonably designed to identify potential conflicts of interest when voting proxies on a client's behalf. The engagement of ISS as our agent is not intended to be a delegation of our proxy voting responsibilities and does not relieve us of any fiduciary obligations with respect to the voting of proxies.

RBC CM has implemented policies reasonably designed to identify potential material conflicts of interest to help us vote proxies without undue influence from individuals or groups who may have an economic interest in the outcome of a proxy vote. These policies include:

- Causing the proxies to be delegated to an independent third party;
- Causing the independent third party to use predetermined voting guidelines;
- Causing proxies to be voted in accordance with recommendations of an independent third party.

While ISS uses its best efforts to vote proxies, there are instances when they do not vote proxies because voting is not practical or is not in the best interest of clients. For example, casting a vote on a foreign security may involve additional costs or may prevent, for a period of time, sales of shares that have been voted, or when a security is a privately held company or a preferred stock where ISS does not have a separate service contract to provide a vote recommendation, or the voting instructions require a vote from either a controlling shareholder or shareholder with a personal interest.

You may contact your Investment Adviser to request and obtain a copy of our proxy voting policies and procedures, ISS' standard proxy voting guidelines, and records of how RBC CM voted proxies with respect to securities held in your Program account(s).

Consulting Solutions

If you designate "Manager" as proxy voting authority for your account(s) in Consulting Solutions, such designation of proxy voting authority is subject to acceptance by the applicable Investment Manager in its sole discretion. Pursuant to this designation, you (i) authorize the selected Investment Manager to receive the proxy-related materials, annual and interim reports, and other issuer-related materials for securities in your account(s), and (ii) delegate to the Investment Manager the proxy voting rights for those securities. If an Investment Manager has elected to not vote client proxies, you (or another third-party agent designated by you) will be responsible for voting proxies for the securities in your Program account(s).

Retirement Accounts

With respect to Retirement Accounts subject to Title I of ERISA, we shall have no responsibility or authority to vote proxies on behalf of any such account. The right to direct the voting of proxies is reserved to a named fiduciary of the plan as selected by you.

Unless you indicate otherwise in the Advisory Agreement, RBC CM, your Investment Adviser, the Investment Manager(s) selected by you, and/or the Overlay Manager(s) are expressly precluded from voting proxies on behalf of any Retirement Account subject to Title I of ERISA (although we may, in our capacity as a broker, act pursuant to the instructions of a named plan fiduciary). We deem the authority to vote proxies as expressly reserved to a named plan fiduciary and therefore, we have no obligation and will not accept any authority to take action on your behalf with respect to any proxy-related material.

ITEM 7: CLIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

We share relevant client information with (1) the Investment Manager(s) and/or Overlay Manager(s) in order for such Investment Manager(s) and/or Overlay Manager(s) to adequately manage your Program account, and (2) certain companies that we or your selected Investment Manager(s) and/or Overlay Manager(s) partner with to service your Program account(s).

ITEM 8: CLIENT CONTACT WITH PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Investment Adviser, through RBC CM, shall serve as the liaison for communications between you and the Investment Managers and/or Overlay Managers. However, unlike the Investment Managers, the Model Providers do not have direct investment advisory relationships with clients and may have their own restrictions on such contact and consultation.

Clients are encouraged to review the Form ADV Part 2A brochure(s) or other similar disclosure documents of any Investment Manager(s), the Overlay Manager (Envestnet), and/or Model Provider(s) for information on whether they have any of their own restrictions on direct client communication.

ITEM 9: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Disciplinary Information

The following is a summary of certain adverse legal and disciplinary events and regulatory settlements during the last 10 years that may be material to your decision of whether to retain us for your investment advisory needs. You can find additional information regarding these settlements in Part 1 of our Form ADV at adviserinfo.sec.gov.

- In June 2025, RBC CM entered into a settlement (the "**Settlement**") with the Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding allegations that RBC CM charged unreasonable commission for certain equity transactions, and did not reasonably supervise these transactions in violation of § 204(a) (2)(J) of the Massachusetts Uniform Securities Act. RBC CM agreed to pay restitution in an amount no less than $113,295.06, plus 6% compounded interest, to affected Massachusetts customers. RBC CM also agreed to provide restitution, plus 6% compounded interest, to affected customers of other jurisdictions that agree to the terms of an agreement ("**Term Sheet**") between RBC CM and a multi-state group, including Massachusetts, executed contemporaneously with the Settlement. RBC CM agreed to pay an administrative fine in an aggregate amount not to exceed $1,095,000 to the jurisdictions agreeing to the terms of the Term Sheet, which includes $25,000 to be paid to Massachusetts.
- On August 14, 2024, RBC CM entered into a settlement order with the SEC in connection with RBC CM's recordkeeping practices concerning business-related electronic communications sent or received by firm personnel using non-approved channels or methods ("**off-channel communications**"). The SEC found that from at least June 2019 to August 2024, RBC CM willfully violated Section 17(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 17a-4(b)(4) thereunder and Section 204 of the Advisers Act and Rule 204-2(a)(7) thereunder in connection with RBC CM's failure to maintain and preserve the substantial majority of off-channel communications of its personnel that were records required to be maintained under Exchange Act

Rule 17a-4(b)(4) and/or Advisers Act Rule 204-2(a)(7); and therefore, failed to reasonably supervise its personnel within the meaning of Section 15(b)(4)(E) of the Exchange Act and Section 203(e)(6) of the Advisers Act.

- RBC CM admitted to the facts in the settlement order and acknowledged its conduct violated the federal securities laws. The SEC ordered RBC CM to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a) of the Exchange Act and Rule 17a-4(b)(4) thereunder and Section 204 of the Advisers Act and Rule 204-2 thereunder, censured it for its conduct, ordered it to pay a civil monetary penalty in the amount of $45,000,000, and ordered it to comply with the undertakings enumerated in the settlement order.
- RBC CM consented to FINRA sanctions and findings that its supervisory system did not provide certain customers with mutual fund sales charge waivers and fee rebates to which they were entitled through rights of reinstatement offered by mutual fund companies, which resulted in the payment of $264,939.44 in excess sales charges and fees by eligible customers. On July 2, 2024, RBC CM was censured, fined $75,000 and required to certify that it had remediated the issues and implement reasonably designed supervisory system, including written supervisory procedures ("**WSPs**"). The firm also made full restitution, plus interest, to the affected customers.
- RBC CM consented to FINRA sanctions and findings that it sent trade confirmations to customers that contained inaccurate information. The findings stated that the firm sent its institutional customers confirmations for fixed income transactions, including certain municipal securities transactions, that inaccurately stated that the transactions were executed in an agency capacity, when they were executed in a principal capacity. The firm also sent its institutional customers trade confirmations that inaccurately stated that certain transactions that were solicited were unsolicited and vice versa. In addition, the firm failed to deliver trade confirmations to customers that had requested electronic delivery of trade confirmations and failed to send trade confirmations for millions of dividend reinvestment program ("**DRIP**") transactions. The findings also stated that the firm failed to establish, maintain, and enforce a supervisory system, including WSPs, reasonably designed to achieve compliance with trade confirmation requirements. The findings also included that the firm violated Regulation T promulgated by the board of governors of the federal reserve system under Section 7 of the Exchange Act by extending credit to certain customers of the firm and its introducing firms, which resulted in hundreds of incorrectly executed trades in those accounts and the frequent selling of the positions at issue to generate proceeds to cover the purchases. In connection with these transactions, customer accounts incurred commissions, markups, markdowns, and fees totaling $392,525.50, that they would not otherwise have incurred had the firm cancelled the trades. In addition, introducing firm customer accounts incurred $1,308 in fees in connection with these trades that they would not have incurred had the firm cancelled the trades. On April 29, 2024, RBC CM was censured, fined $375,000, ordered to pay $393,833.50 in restitution to customers, and required to certify that it has remediated the issues and implemented a supervisory system, including WSPs.
- On November 2, 2023, RBC CM entered into a settlement with the SEC resulting in the SEC issuing an order (the "**Order**"). RBC CM consented to the entry of the Order that found that RBC CM failed to make and keep books, records, and accounts, which, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflected the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the issuer, and failed to devise and maintain a system of internal account controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Order directs that RBC CM cease-and-desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Sections 13(B)(2)(A) and 13(B)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act. On November 2, 2023, without admitting or denying the findings, RBC CM consented to the Order and was fined $6,000,0000.
- In May 2023, RBC CM entered into a settlement with the Commonwealth of Virginia's State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising (the "**Division**") regarding allegations that it employed an investment adviser representative in the Commonwealth of Virginia without that person being duly registered with the Division, in violation of § 13.1-504 c (ii) of the Virginia Securities Act. RBC CM agreed to pay a $10,000 monetary penalty and $1,000 for the cost of the investigation.
- In April 2023, without admitting or denying the findings, RBC CM reached a settlement with FINRA and consented to sanctions and the entry of findings that it failed to establish and maintain a supervisory system reasonably designed to achieve compliance with its suitability obligations in connection with syndicate preferred stock in brokerage accounts. The findings stated that while the firm's procedures called for supervisors to closely examine representatives' short-term trading of preferred stocks, the firm's electronic surveillance of short-term trading in preferred stock was unreasonably designed, and it failed to monitor for that activity. Although the surveillance system had certain alerts that specifically monitored for short-term trading in other products, such as closed-end funds, it did not have any alerts that specifically monitored for short-term trading in preferred stock. The firm also did not have any other alerts that flagged the purchase and sale within 180 days of syndicate preferred stock. Certain of the firm's registered representatives recommended that a number of the firm's retail customers purchase syndicate preferred stocks, and then sold the positions within 180 days, and such customers sustained losses on these transactions. The firm earned $653,313 in selling concessions from these syndicate purchases and $128,643 in sales commissions from the subsequent sales. The firm conducted a substantial syndicate preferred stock business yet did not maintain a reasonable supervisory system to monitor whether its representatives recommended

short-term trading of syndicate preferred securities that was unsuitable, including for the purpose of capturing sales concessions and commissions. The firm was censured, fined $300,000, ordered to pay $128,643.17, plus interest, in restitution to customers, ordered to pay $653,312.83, plus interest, in disgorgement, and required to certify that it has remediated the issues identified in this AWC and implemented a supervisory system, including WSPs, reasonably designed to achieve compliance with FINRA Rule 3110 regarding the issues identified in this AWC.

- On March 3, 2022, RBC CM affiliate and registered investment adviser, CNR, reached a settlement with the SEC concerning CNR's breach of its fiduciary duty relating to the use of proprietary Funds and certain share classes in advisory accounts. Those Funds generated fees for CNR and its affiliates, rather than competitor funds within the same asset classes that may not have generated such fees, and created a conflict that was not disclosed. The SEC determined that CNR willfully violated sections 206(2) and 206(4) of the Advisers Act as well as Rule 206(4)-7 by failing to adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violations of the Advisers Act. Under the terms of the settlement, CNR paid $30,361,804 in fines, disgorgement, and interest.
- Without admitting or denying the findings, RBC CM consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to establish, maintain, and enforce a supervisory system, including WSPs, reasonably designed to achieve compliance with FINRA and Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("**MSRB**") rules with respect to representatives' recommendations of high-yield corporate and municipal bonds. The findings stated that the firm's policies and procedures did not sufficiently address the suitability factors that representatives should consider before recommending high-yield bonds. On December 15, 2021, RBC CM was censured, fined $550,000, and ordered to pay $456,155, plus interest, in restitution to customers.
- On September 17, 2021, RBC CM entered into a settlement with the SEC resulting in the SEC issuing an order (the "**Order**"). RBC CM consented to the entry of the Order which found that from 2014-2017, RBC CM engaged in improper conduct in connection with the allocation, purchase, and sale of certain new issue municipal bond offerings in violation of internal procedures, as well as MSRB and SEC rules. The Order found that RBC CM's conduct violated MSRB and SEC rules. The Order censured RBC CM and required RBC CM to pay disgorgement of $552,440, prejudgment interest of $160,886.97, and $150,000 as a civil penalty to the SEC. Such payments were made by RBC CM on September 22, 2021.
- The Virginia State Corporation Commission found that, from December 1, 2017, through November 27, 2020, RBC CM employed an investment adviser representative ("**IAR**") who was registered in the District of Columbia but not Virginia and that RBC CM failed to enforce its written supervisory procedures regarding IAR registration. On September 8, 2021, RBC CM executed the settlement order which states that RBC CM neither admits nor denies the Virginia state corporation commission's allegations and paid a $10,000 civil penalty.
- It was found by the NYSE that RBC CM violated NYSE Rule 3110(a) and (b) (Supervision) by failing to establish and maintain a supervisory system and WSPs reasonably designed to detect and prevent errors in market on close orders. On July 6, 2021, RBC CM entered into a letter of acceptance, waiver and consent with the NYSE under which RBC CM consented to the sanctions and was censured and fined $10,000.
- It was found that RBC CM violated SEC Rule 15c3-5(b) and (c)(1)(ii) and Rules 3.2 and 5.1 of the CBOE BZX Exchange, Inc., CBOE EDGA Exchange, Inc., CBOE BYX Exchange, Inc., and CBOE EDGX Exchange, Inc. due to the fact that the Firm's financial risk management controls and supervisory procedures were not reasonably designed to (i) prevent the entry of erroneous orders, (ii) reject orders that exceed appropriate price or size parameters, on an order-by-order basis or over a short period of time, or (iii) reject duplicative orders. On March 30, 2021, without admitting or denying the findings, RBC CM was censured and fined $45,000 by CBOE BZX Exchange, Inc., $45,000 by CBOE EDGA Exchange, Inc., $70,000 by CBOE BYX Exchange, Inc. and $45,000 by CBOE EDGX Exchange, Inc.
- The Massachusetts Securities Division found that RBC CM failed to adequately supervise its representatives with respect to concentration and suitability of master limited partnership energy and telecom positions in certain client accounts. On February 2, 2021, without admitting to any supervisory deficiencies, RBC CM agreed to the described sanctions and fines totaling $320,267.41.
- Without admitting or denying the findings, on December 15, 2020, RBC CM consented to the sanctions and to the entry of findings that it failed to establish and maintain a supervisory system reasonably designed to supervise representatives' recommendations to customers to purchase particular share classes of 529 college savings plans. The findings stated that RBC CM did not provide adequate guidance to representatives regarding the importance of considering share class differences when recommending 529 plans and had no procedures requiring supervisors to review 529 plan share class recommendations for suitability. RBC CM updated its procedures to include such a requirement, but the updated procedures failed to adequately instruct supervisors to consider either the age of the beneficiary or the number of years until expected withdrawals, both critical factors in determining the suitability of the recommended share class. Also, RBC CM did not consistently provide supervisors with the information necessary to review the suitability of 529 plan share class recommendations. Later, RBC CM issued a company-wide compliance alert that provided guidance to representatives regarding 529 plan share class recommendations. RBC CM then updated its supervisory systems and procedures with respect to 529 share class recommendations. Among other things, RBC CM instructed supervisors to

consider the age of the beneficiary when assessing the suitability of a representative's 529 share class recommendation. RBC CM has agreed to pay restitution and interest relating to the sale of class C shares to certain 529 plan customers in the estimated amount of $839,803.

- The SEC found that from at least July 2012 through August 2017, RBC CM disadvantaged certain retirement plan and charitable organization brokerage customers who maintained accounts at RBC CM ("**Eligible Customers**") by failing to ascertain that they were eligible for a less expensive share class and recommending and selling them more expensive share classes in certain open-end Funds when less expensive share classes were available. RBC CM did so without disclosing that it would receive greater compensation from the Eligible Customers' purchases of the more expensive share classes. Eligible Customers did not have sufficient information to understand that RBC CM had a conflict of interest resulting from compensation it received for selling the more expensive share classes. Specifically, RBC CM recommended and sold these Eligible Customers class A shares with an up-front sales charge, or class B or class C shares with a back-end contingent deferred sales charge (a deferred sales charge the purchaser pays if the purchaser sells the shares during a specified time period following the purchase) and higher ongoing fees and expenses, when these Eligible Customers were eligible to purchase load-waived class A and/or no-load class R shares. RBC CM omitted material information concerning its compensation when it recommended the more expensive share classes. RBC CM also did not disclose that the purchase of the more expensive share classes would negatively impact the overall return on the Eligible Customers' investments, in light of the different fee structures for the different fund share classes. In making those recommendations of more expensive share classes while omitting material facts, RBC CM violated sections 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act. These provisions prohibit, respectively, in the offer or sale of securities, obtaining money or property by means of an omission to state a material fact necessary to make statements made not misleading, and engaging in a course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit on the purchaser. As a result of the conduct described above, RBC CM willfully violated sections 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Securities Act. On April 24, 2020, RBC CM was censured and paid disgorgement of $2,607,676, prejudgment interest of $631,331, plus a civil monetary penalty of $650,000.
- Without admitting or denying the findings, RBC CM consented to the sanctions and the entry of findings that RBC CM entered 670 principal orders with incorrect origin codes, indicating that the orders were for customers instead of RBC CM. The findings state that RBC CM ignored red flags and failed to remedy the pattern of entering and executing orders with incorrect origin codes. In addition, for the calendar year 2018 RBC CM conducted 11 of 12 monthly origin code reviews late because RBC CM failed to enforce its procedures requiring timely origin code reviews. Between August 28, 2019, and October 2, 2019, RBC CM settled for a total of $100,000 across eight exchanges (NASDAQ PHLX LLC $7,138; NASDAQ Stock Markets/The NASDAQ Options Market $5,687; CBOE BZX Exchange, Inc. $28,271; NASDAQ ISE, LLC Fine $6,721; NYSE American LLC $4,098; NYSE ARCA, Inc. $5,509; CBOE Exchange, Inc.: $36,592; and CBOE C2 Exchange, Inc., $5,984).
- FINRA found that from March 2008 to June 2016, RBC CM failed to make the statutorily required delivery of prospectuses to customers who purchased approximately 165,000 ETFs and notes and hundreds of thousands of open-end and closed-end mutual funds. RBC CM failed to design, implement, and enforce a reasonable supervisory system, procedures and set of controls to comply with prospectus delivery rules for Funds and as a result, failed to discover the delivery failures until FINRA's investigation into the matter. On October 17, 2019, RBC CM was censured and fined in the amount of $2,900,000.
- RBC CM self-reported to the SEC the violations described below pursuant to the Division of Enforcement's Share Class Selection Disclosure Initiative ("SCSD Initiative"). The SEC found that RBC CM, during the period of January 1, 2014, through March 27, 2017, failed to make adequate disclosures, in its Form ADV or otherwise, regarding its Fund share class selection practices, and the 12b-1 fees it received, in connection with advisory account transactions. Specifically, at times during the relevant period, RBC CM purchased, recommended, or held in advisory accounts Fund share classes that charged 12b-1 fees instead of lower cost share classes in the same fund. The SEC found that RBC CM failed to adequately disclose the receipt of the 12b-1 fees and the associated conflict of interest, thereby willfully violating Sections 206(2) and 207 of the Advisers Act. On March 11, 2019, without admitting or denying the findings, the SEC issued, and the firm consented to the entry of an order (the "Order") that censured RBC CM and directs it to cease-and-desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Sections 206(2) and 207 of the Advisers Act. Additionally, the Order requires Respondent to pay disgorgement of $10,494,813.38, prejudgment interest of $1,220,581.34, and to comply with the other undertakings enumerated in the Order as part of the settlement.

Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Broker-Dealer Registrations

RBC CM is registered with the SEC as a broker-dealer and investment adviser. Certain of RBC CM's management personnel and all of its Financial Advisors and their supervisors are registered with FINRA as representatives of RBC CM in its capacity as a broker-dealer. Further, RBC CM is a member of the NYSE, FINRA, SIPC, and several other exchanges and self-regulatory organizations.

Futures/Commodities-Related Registrations

RBC CM is also registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("**CFTC**") as a futures commission merchant and swap firm.

Material Relationships with Related Persons

RBC C&C provides clearing and custodial services on a fully disclosed basis to broker-dealers and registered investment advisers, including Investment Adviser, who are charged fees based on their use of these services. We, in our capacity as a securities broker-dealer, investment banker and investment adviser, are routinely engaged in various securities transactions and trading activities for various clients and customers (in addition to you) which could create conflicts of interest among our duties to you and our duties to other clients and customers.

In addition to sponsoring the Programs, RBC CM sponsors other investment advisory programs available to our clients and engages in a broad range of brokerage and other financial services. These services include public and private investment banking and underwriting, retail and institutional brokerage and trading, institutional research and numerous other brokerage, advisory and financial services. Clients of RBC CM may include Investment Managers and Overlay Managers available in the Programs.

We have multiple affiliated entities engaged in many different business activities. The business interests of our affiliates may not align with the interests of our brokerage services. Consequently, our firm may be subject to pressure from our affiliates to protect their business interests. This pressure creates a conflict of interest because it incentivizes us to make certain products and services available to you in a manner which best protects those business interests.

RBC CM and our affiliates may give advice and take action in performing our duties to other clients that differs from advice given, or the timing and nature of action taken, with respect to you. In the course of our respective investment banking activities or otherwise, we and our affiliates may, from time to time, acquire material non-public or other information about corporations or other entities or their securities. We and our affiliates are not obligated and may not be permitted to divulge any such information to or for the benefit of clients or otherwise act on the basis of any such information in providing services to clients. We, our related persons, and affiliates may purchase for our own accounts securities that are made available to Program clients.

RBC GAM – U.S.

RBC GAM – U.S. is an affiliate of RBC CM. RBC GAM – U.S. is a federally registered investment adviser that provides portfolio management services to institutional separate accounts, registered investment companies, pooled vehicles, and portfolio management services for wrap fee accounts and Model Portfolios offered by other Providers. RBC CM makes RBC GAM – U.S. available as an Investment Manager in the Consulting Solutions Program and as a Model Provider in RBC UP.

In the Cash Sweep Program, you may have a balance in the RBC BlueBay U.S. Government Money Market Fund-Institutional Investor Class 2 (TIMXX) or the RBC BlueBay U.S. Government Money Market Fund-Investor Class (TUIXX), both managed by RBC GAM – U.S. A lower cost share class of the same RBC BlueBay U.S. Government Money Market Fund (TUGXX) is also available outside of the Cash Sweep Program. TUGXX is subject to eligibility requirements for Retirement Accounts. For amounts invested in shares of the RBC GAM – U.S. managed money market fund, our affiliate RBC GAM – U.S. will receive fees for managing and servicing the fund. RBC GAM – U.S. will also pay RBC CM 12b-1 fees, which provides us with another incentive to use this money market fund instead of another fund that does not pay us the same or any revenue share. We address this conflict of interest by proper disclosure.

RBC Rochdale

RBC Rochdale is a subsidiary of CNB. RBC Rochdale is a federally registered investment adviser that provides investment management services to high-net-worth individuals, families, and foundations. RBC Rochdale may also serve as investment adviser and/or sub-adviser to Funds that may be recommended by RBC CM. This is a conflict of interest as we are incented to make available Funds subadvised by RBC Rochdale or third-party Funds sub-advised by RBC Rochdale. This conflict of interest is addressed by proper disclosure and by rebating or not charging certain fees to Retirement Accounts in Consulting Solutions and RBC UP.

RBC US Holdco Corporation

RBC CM, RBC GAM – U.S. and CNB are wholly owned subsidiaries of RBC USA Holdco Corporation, which is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of RBC.

RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

GAM UK is a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of RBC and an affiliate of RBC CM. GAM UK serves as an investment sub-adviser to certain U.S. registered Funds for which RBC GAM – U.S. or other third parties serve as the investment adviser. Such Funds may be recommended by RBC CM. This is a conflict of interest as we have an incentive to recommend Funds that are

sub-advised by our affiliates over other products. To the extent permitted by applicable law, this conflict is addressed by proper disclosure and by not assessing the Program Sponsor Fee or the Overlay Manager Fee component of the Program Fee, when RBC CM acts as Overlay Manager, to the value of these Funds maintained in Consulting Solutions and RBC UP Retirement Accounts. In addition, RBC CM makes GAM UK available as a Model Provider in RBC UP.

Matthews International Capital Management, LLC

RBC USA Holdco Corporation, a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of RBC, owns a minority interest in Matthews International Capital Management, LLC ("**MICM**") which serves as investment adviser for Matthews Asia Funds. MICM is a privately owned, federally registered investment adviser that provides investment services to institutional clients, pension and profit-sharing plans, insurance companies, endowments, and foundations and other business entities. MICM also serves as an investment adviser or sub-adviser to Funds which may be made available by RBC CM. This is a conflict of interest as we are incented to recommend MICM Funds over a non-RBC fund. To the extent permitted by applicable law, this conflict is addressed by proper disclosure and by not assessing the Program Sponsor Fee, and when RBC CM acts as Overlay Manager, the Overlay Manager Fee component of the Program Fee to the value of these Funds maintained in Retirement Accounts in Consulting Solutions and RBC UP.

Trust and Estate Settlement Services

Clients can select CNB, a nationally chartered bank and trust company, or its subsidiary RBC Trust Company (Delaware) Limited ("**RBC Trust**"), a Delaware chartered trust company, as professional trust and estate settlement service providers. RBC CM and its Financial Advisors are generally prohibited from serving as trustees. Clients can also select TrustCorp America ("**TCA**"), a Washington, D.C. chartered trust company, as a professional trust and estate settlement service provider. RBC CM has a minority interest in TCA.

Cash Sweep Program

RBC CM and Affiliated Banks receive financial benefits in connection with Cash Sweep Options managed or held by such Affiliated Banks. See Item 4, "Cash Balances and the Cash Sweep Program" for a description of the Cash Sweep Options and related conflicts of interest.

Lending Programs

Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Bank receive financial benefits in connection with Lending Programs managed or held Royal Bank of Canada and RBC Bank. See Item 4, "Securities-Based Lending" for a description of the Lending Programs and related conflicts of interest.

Other Material Relationships

Marketing and Operational Support Payments

RBC CM receive cash payments and/or other financial benefits from certain Funds, ETPs, UITs, Alternative Investments, insurance companies, Investment Managers, Model Providers, and/or Envestnet ("**Marketing Support**"). Marketing Support is used to offset compliance and product management costs, for training and education programs, due diligence meetings, conferences, and/or to provide our employees with business entertainment, expense reimbursement for travel associated with these meetings and conferences, financial assistance in covering the cost of certain marketing and sales events, and small gifts. RBC CM's existing or prospective clients also receive Marketing Support in the form of financial benefits, such as seminars, education programs and small gifts. Marketing Support cash payments received by RBC CM vary and may be paid based on a percentage of client assets in certain securities or investment products, and/or based on a flat dollar amount. RBC CM does not receive payments from mutual fund companies based on a percentage of mutual fund assets held in retirement advisory accounts.

RBC CM receives payments from certain Fund companies which are used in part to offset certain administrative and operational costs that RBC CM incurs in connection with providing certain sub-accounting and sub-transfer agent services in distributing Funds and provides a financial benefit to RBC CM ("**Operational Support**"). These costs include sending shareholder statements, maintaining shareholder records, and performing regulatory mailings. RBC CM rebates Operational Support payments received from mutual fund companies to clients with discretionary retirement accounts.

Marketing Support and/or Operational Support payments create a conflict of interest because we are incentivized to utilize companies and recommend securities and investment products for which we earn greater compensation over companies, securities, and investment products that do not make such payments. We address this conflict through disclosure and by selecting companies, securities and investment products based on merit, qualitative and quantitative evaluations, performance, and risk management practices and not based on the amount of revenue we receive.

In general, Funds and ETPs of companies that make Marketing Support and/or Operational Support payments to RBC CM have higher expense ratios than Funds and ETPs of companies that do not make such payments. The receipt of Marketing

Support and/or Operational Support payments from Fund and ETP companies by RBC CM is one of multiple factors that RBC CM considers when deciding which Funds and share classes or ETP to make available to clients. RBC CM has a conflict of interest in choosing a Fund with higher expense ratio share classes or an ETP where we receive these payments from Fund and ETP companies to help offset certain operational costs that RBC CM incurs in connection with distributing those Funds and ETPs. A higher expense ratio will adversely affect investment performance. These conflicts of interest are also addressed by appropriate disclosure in this brochure. For a list of Fund families from which RBC CM receives payments described herein, please see "Mutual Fund and ETF Arrangements" at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures.

Additionally, RBC CM has arrangements with certain donor advised funds for the referral of clients or prospects that have indicated an interest in establishing and maintaining a donor advised fund. Neither RBC CM nor its Financial Advisors receive a referral fee for such arrangement. However, donor advised funds that partner with RBC CM generally invest the referred client assets in Programs that are advised and serviced by the referring Financial Advisor which creates an incentive to refer clients to donor advised funds with which RBC CM has a referral arrangement.

We seek to address this conflict of interest through disclosure, and by treating Program assets owned and administered by such donor advised funds and Program assets owned directly by clients as separate and distinct advisory relationships in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements.

Federated Investment Counseling

Federated Investment Counseling (including its Federated Hermes CW Henderson division) is an unaffiliated investment adviser registered with the SEC. As of the date of this brochure, Federated Investment Counseling (one or more of its Investment Strategies and/or Model Portfolios, as applicable) is available for selection as an Investment Manager in Consulting Solutions and as a Model Provider in RBC UP. In addition, Federated Investment Management Company is the investment adviser for the only unaffiliated money market fund available as a Cash Sweep Option for advisory clients. The Federated Hermes Treasury Obligations Fund (TOAXX) is the Cash Sweep Option RBC CM makes available to Retirement Accounts enrolled in a Program.

Cash balances in accounts managed by Federated Investment Counseling as Investment Manager in Consulting Solutions or invested in a Federated Investment Counseling Model Portfolio or Investment Strategy in RBC UP, will be invested in any such client's selected Cash Sweep Option, which may be the Federated Hermes Treasury Obligations Fund (TOAXX).

As discussed in Item 4, clients pay the Program Fee on the total value of the assets in their Program account, including cash balances. As a result, you should be aware that if Federated Investment Counseling is the discretionary Investment Manager for your Consulting Solutions account or RBC UP account Sleeve, or the Model Provider that delivers its Model Portfolio in which your RBC UP account is invested, you will pay Federated Investment Counseling advisory fees on all assets, including cash balances. If the Cash Sweep Option for your Program account is the Federated Hermes Treasury Obligations Fund (TOAXX), you will also pay Federated Hermes applicable money market mutual fund fees and expenses on these same cash balances, as described above in the section titled "Cash Balances and the Cash Sweep Program."

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

Code of Ethics and Personal Trading

RBC CM has adopted an Investment Adviser Code of Ethics (the "**IA Code of Ethics**") in accordance with Rule 204A-1 of the Advisers Act, which applies to all RBC CM employees, contingent workers, contract workers and interns ("**Covered Persons**"), with limited exceptions. The IA Code of Ethics sets forth the standards of business conduct applicable to RBC CM and its Covered Persons (i.e., to act with integrity, honesty, and professionalism and to always act in the best interests of our clients) and is designed to ensure that RBC CM and its Covered Persons comply with applicable federal and state securities laws and regulations. The IA Code of Ethics also highlights that as an investment adviser and fiduciary, RBC CM and its Covered Persons have an affirmative duty to always act in the best interest of our advisory clients, which means their interests must always come first. This means that when acting in an investment advisory capacity, Covered Persons are responsible to: (i) put client interests before their own; (ii) act with utmost good faith; (iii) provide full and fair disclosure of all material facts; (iv) not mislead clients; and (v) disclose all potential, perceived, and/or actual conflicts of interest to clients.

The IA Code of Ethics also includes guidelines regarding personal securities transactions of, and the maintenance of personal securities accounts by, its Covered Persons (with the exception of interns) in accordance with RBC CM's policies on outside securities accounts, and employee/employee-related accounts. More specifically, the IA Code of Ethics outlines RBC CM's requirements contained in such policies, including that Covered Persons and their immediate family members (i) maintain their personal securities accounts and accounts in which they have a beneficial interest at RBC CM, unless RBC CM has given its prior express written permission to open and/or maintain an account outside of RBC CM, (ii) report their personal securities transactions and holdings to RBC CM, and (iii) obtain pre-approval for investments in private placements and initial public offerings, among others. In addition, the IA Code of Ethics also contains information on standards relating to prohibited and illegal activities associated with the possession of material information (e.g., further disclosure, trading),

the administration and enforcement of the IA Code of Ethics, and maintenance of certain records relating to the IA Code of Ethics. As part of RBC CM's annual Compliance questionnaire process, Covered Persons are required to certify to their receipt and review of, and compliance with, the IA Code of Ethics. A copy of the IA Code of Ethics is available to clients or prospective clients upon request.

Please contact your Investment Adviser to request a copy of and/or for questions related to their Code of Ethics.

Participation or Interest in Client Transactions

As a full-service broker-dealer, on an ongoing basis and as permitted by applicable law, we may, when appropriate:

- act as broker or agent, effect securities transactions for compensation for you;
- make available to Investment Adviser securities or investment products in which we or a related person or a family member of an employee has some financial interest;
- buy or sell for ourselves securities that we also make available to Investment Adviser; or
- sell or convert Fund shares or other unbilled assets, which will subject proceeds to the Program Fee.

We have adopted internal policies and procedures with respect to conflicts of interest between us and our clients. Pursuant to these policies and procedures, we, when engaging in the activities enumerated above, treat your orders fairly and do not give our own orders preference over your orders. As required by applicable law and/or exchange rules, including, but not limited to, the Advisers Act, we obtain the consent of affected clients in advance of any transactions in which we will be engaging in the activities referenced above. When we engage in the activities referenced above, all statements and/or confirmations of such transactions contain the disclosures required by applicable law and exchange rules. Securities activities are monitored daily to detect and prevent employees from trading ahead of client accounts.

RBC CM and its affiliates are not obligated to affect any transaction that they believe would violate federal or state law, or the regulations of any regulatory or self-regulatory body.

Agency Cross Transactions

Agency cross trades and internal cross trades are generally prohibited for Program accounts.

Best Execution

It is the duty of the entity with brokerage discretion under a Program to seek the best net price and execution on securities trades for client accounts. If we sell a security to you or buy a security from you, we will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that you obtain the best net price and execution on the purchase or sale based on prevailing inter-dealer market prices. In some circumstances, the change in market price may result in financial benefit to us. We may consider it appropriate to use our own execution services to effect purchases and sales of securities for investment advisory clients. We may receive brokerage commissions in connection with such transactions and, in accordance with Section 11(a) of the Exchange Act, may execute transactions for investment advisory accounts over which we have discretion on the floors of securities exchanges of which we are a member. Mark-ups and mark-downs charged by a dealer unaffiliated with us may be included in the price of certain transactions.

Payment for Order Flow, Order Routing and Rebates

For options orders, we receive payments in the form of rebates and credits. We receive payments from option market centers in return for routing exchange-listed equity and index options orders to those centers when the rebates and credits we receive from those centers are in excess of the fees that those centers charge us for such orders. Any remuneration that we receive for directing options trades to any market center will not accrue to your account. RBC CM contracts with a third-party vendor, to provide execution metrics that RBC CM uses to evaluate execution quality across various markets and firms. These payments for order flow create a conflict of interest for RBC CM as it incentivizes us to route orders to the market center that pays the most. RBC CM mitigates this conflict by making routing decisions based on the quality of execution and not payment for order flow, and by ensuring payment rates do not differ between market centers and not sharing these payments with the Investment Adviser or those involved with the execution of the order. We also mitigate these conflicts by disclosing them to you and by establishing policies and procedures that limit the value, frequency, and nature of these types of incentives. For information with respect to RBC's handling of customer orders, see "SEC Order Handling Disclosures" at www.rbcclearingandcustody.com/disclosures. You can request a written copy of this information from your Investment Adviser.

Trade Errors

From time to time, inadvertent administrative errors may occur in processing transactions, resulting in one or more erroneous securities transactions for a client's account. If this occurs in an account, the error will be corrected, and the account will be restored to the same economic position had the error never occurred. Through this process, a profit may be realized, or a loss suffered in connection with correcting this error. Neither losses nor gains realized will be passed on to the

client. RBC CM will retain amounts remaining after errors are corrected. As a result, trade corrections can result in financial benefit to RBC CM or its affiliated broker dealers.

Trade Aggregation and Allocation

In addition, the Overlay Managers have discretion to aggregate orders into a block trade and execute at an average price. Depending on the size of these orders and the liquidity of the individual security, the execution of the block may occur over more than one day.

Review of Accounts

When you open a Program account, your Investment Adviser (and its applicable personnel) are responsible for reviewing your account(s) to confirm that the account type, the Program and the investment strategy approach are suitable and appropriate based on your financial (and other relevant) circumstances, investment objectives, risk tolerance, and any other information you have provided for your account. As a Program client paying a fee to receive investment advice and services, your Investment Adviser is responsible for conducting periodic reviews of your account(s) to ensure consistency with your best interest, Advisory Risk Profile and overall situation.

It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the information you provide for your Program account(s) is, and continues to be, complete and accurate and to notify your Investment Adviser promptly of any changes. This includes, but is not limited to, information regarding your financial circumstances, investment objectives, and risk tolerance.

Reports to Program Clients

RBC CM will provide you with the following trade confirmations and account statements:

- trade confirmations reflecting all transactions effected with or through us (other than cash sweep transactions) unless designated otherwise by you, in accordance with applicable law, rules and regulations; and
- Periodic account statements as described in your Client Account Agreement.

In the Advisory Agreement, you will elect whether you wish to receive trade confirmations on a daily or monthly basis for your account(s).

At any time, you may request a copy of the trade confirmation for transactions that appear on the monthly transaction summary statement, as well as any subsequent transaction, or previous transaction effected through RBC CM at no additional cost. If you or RBC CM terminate a Program account, RBC CM will revert the frequency of trade confirmations to daily.

Financial Information

We are not required to include a balance sheet in this brochure because we do not require or solicit prepayment of more than $1,200 in fees per client, six months or more in advance. We do not have any financial conditions that are reasonably likely to impair our ability to meet our contractual commitments to clients. RBC CM, RBC WM and their predecessors have not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition during the past 10 years.

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