## Item 1 Cover Page

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Bison Wealth Management LLC ("Bison Wealth Management LLC", "us", "we", "our"). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (919) 610-0567 or via email at psmith@bisonwealth.net. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Bison Wealth Management LLC is also available via the SEC's website <a href="www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a>. You can search this site by using a unique identifying number, known as a CRD number. The CRD number for Bison Wealth Management LLC is 297943. The SEC's web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with Bison Wealth Management LLC who are registered, or are required to be registered, as Investment Adviser Representatives of Bison Wealth Management LLC.

Bison Wealth Management LLC is a Registered Investment Adviser. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training. The oral and written communications of an Adviser provide you with information that you may use to determine whether to hire or retain them.

## **Item 2 - Material Changes**

Since our most recent Annual ADV filing on February 1, 2023, there are no material changes to the Form ADV.

In the future, this section of the Brochure will discuss only the specific material changes that were made to the Brochure and will provide you with a summary of all material changes that have occurred since the last filing of this Brochure. This section will also identify the date of our last annual Brochure update.

We will ensure that you receive a summary of any material changes to this and subsequent Brochures within 90 days of the close of our business' fiscal year end which is December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will provide other ongoing disclosure information about material changes as they occur. We will also provide you with information on how to obtain the complete brochure. Currently, our Brochure may be requested at any time, without charge, by contacting Pomeroy Smith at (919) 610-0567.

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## Item 4 – Advisory Business Introduction

## **Our Advisory Business**

Bison Wealth Management LLC is a registered investment adviser with the State of Texas and with the State of North Carolina. The Adviser was founded in 2018 by Pomeroy Smith II, who is the sole owner and manager of the adviser. Currently, the only investment adviser representative is Pomeroy Smith II, who is responsible for all aspects of providing investment advice and management of accounts for the Firm.

The Firm provides investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, and trusts. The Firm has full discretionary authority with respect to investment decisions. The Firm will employ both fundamental and technical analysis in pursuing our clients' investment objectives. Each client's investment objective(s), goal(s) and risk tolerance(s) are considered in developing an appropriate asset allocation strategy. The Firm is responsible for investing the capital of clients in securities, financial instruments and/or other assets in accordance with the discussed asset allocation strategy. Capital appreciation of assets while preserving the assets is the primary objective, income is secondary.

#### Services

Bison Wealth Management LLC offers asset management services, with an emphasis on building customized portfolios designed to meet the needs of our clients. Our focus is on helping you develop and execute plans that are designed to build and preserve your wealth. We are available during normal business hours either by telephone, fax, email, or in person by appointment to answer your questions.

#### **Active Asset Management**

As part of the active asset management process we will meet with you to discuss your financial circumstances, investment goals and objectives, and to determine your risk tolerance. We will ask you to provide statements summarizing current investments, income and other earnings, recent tax returns, retirement plan information, other assets and liabilities, wills and trusts, insurance policies, and other pertinent information.

Based on the information you share with us, we will analyze your situation and tailor a portfolio with appropriate asset allocations and investment strategy[ies]. Our recommendations and ongoing management are based upon your investment goals, objectives and risk tolerance. We will monitor the account, trade as necessary, and communicate regularly with you.

We will work with you on an ongoing basis to evaluate your asset allocation as well as rebalance your portfolio to keep it in line with your goals as necessary. We will be reasonably available to help you with questions about your account.

\* Please note that pursuant to the investment advisory agreement you are obligated to notify us promptly when your financial situation, goals, objectives, or needs change. \*

You shall have the ability to impose reasonable restrictions on the management of your account, including the ability to instruct us not to purchase certain mutual funds, stocks or other securities.

These restrictions may be a specific company security, industry sector, asset class, or any other restriction you request.

Under certain conditions, securities from outside accounts may be transferred into your advisory account; however, we may recommend that you sell any security if we believe that it is not suitable for the current recommended investment strategy. Additionally, trading may be required to meet initial allocation targets, after substantial cash deposits that require investment allocation, and/or after a request for a withdrawal that requires liquidation of a position.

Periodically, your account may need to be rebalanced or reallocated in order to reestablish the targeted percentages of your initial asset allocation. This rebalancing or reallocation will occur as required or pursuant to the schedule we have determined together.

You will be responsible for all tax consequences resulting from the sale of any security, rebalancing or reallocation of the account. You are responsible for any taxable events in these instances. We are nottax professionals and do not give tax advice. However, we will work with your tax professionals to assist you with tax planning.

You will be notified of any purchases or sales through trade confirmations and statements that are provided by the custodian. These statements list the total value of the account, itemize all transaction activity, and list the types, amounts, and total value of securities held. You will at all times maintain full and complete ownership rights to all assets held in your account, including the right to withdraw securities or cash, proxy voting and receiving transaction confirmations.

We may also provide you with quarterly performance statements. These statements give you additional feedback regarding performance, educate you about our long-term investment philosophy, and describe any changes in current strategy and allocation along with the reasons for making these changes.

## **Wrap Fee**

Bison Wealth Management, LLC does not sponsor or participate in a third-party sponsored wrap fee program.

## **Assets Under Management**

As of the December 31, 2023, we have \$16,808,469 in assets under management. All assets under management are discretionary.

## Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

## **Asset Management Fee Schedule**

The minimum account opening balance is \$500,000.00, which may be negotiable based upon certain circumstances and at the Adviser's discretion. The fee charged is based upon the amount of money invested. Multiple accounts of immediately-related family members, at the same mailing address, may

be considered one consolidated account for billing purposes. Fees are charged quarterly, in advance. Payments are due and will be assessed within seven business days of each quarter's end, based on the previous quarterly ending balance. The Adviser will not pro rate for deposits and withdrawals in the account during the billing period. Fees will be calculated as follows:

Tiered fee Schedule

AUM	Fee
Up to \$10,000,000.00 billed at	1% per annum
Next \$10,000,000.00 to \$25,000,000.00 billed at	.5% per annum
\$25,000,000.00 and over billed at	Negotiable

The fees shown above are annual fees and may be negotiable based upon certain circumstances. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without prior written notification. Bison Wealth Management LLC believes the advisory fee is reasonable considering the fees charged by other investment advisers offering similar services/programs. For any client that terminates their relationship with Bison Wealth Management LLC prior to the end of a quarter the client will receive a pro-rated return of management fees.

## **Automatic Payment of Fee**

The Client agrees to authorize the Custodian to pay directly to Bison Wealth Management LLC upon receipt of notice, the Account's investment advisory services fee. Fee withdrawals will occur no more frequently than quarterly from the Client's Account, unless specifically instructed otherwise by the Client.

The Custodian will send to the Client a statement, at least quarterly, indicating all amounts disbursed from the Account, including the fee paid directly to Bison Wealth Management LLC. Bison Wealth Management LLC's access to the Assets of the Account will be limited to trading and the withdrawals authorized above.

## **Third Party Fees**

Our fees do not include brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses. You may incur certain charges imposed by custodian and other third parties. These include fees charged by managers, custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual funds, money market funds and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in the fund's prospectus. These fees may include, but are not limited to, a management fee, upfront sales charges, and other fund expenses. Certain strategies offered by us may involve investment in mutual funds and/or ETFs. Load and no load mutual funds may pay annual distribution charges, sometimes referred to as "12(b)(1) fees". These 12(b)(1) fees come from fund

assets, and thus indirectly from clients' assets. We do not receive any compensation from these fees. All of these fees are in addition to the management fee you pay us. You should review all fees charged to fully understand the total amount of fees you will pay. Services similar to those offered by us may be available elsewhere for more or less than the amounts we charge. Our brokerage practices are discussed in more detail under Item 12 – Brokerage Practices.

## **Other Compensation**

Bison Wealth Management, LLC does not receive any additional compensation from any other sources. We require that all IARs disclose this conflict of interest when such recommendations are made. We also require IARs to disclose to clients that they may purchase recommended products from other representatives not affiliated with us. Our Code of Ethics requires our IARs do what is in the clients' best interests at all times. Our CCO monitors all transactions to ensure that representatives put their clients first, not the commission they may receive.

## Item 6 - Performance Based Fee and Side by Side Management

We do not charge any performance-based fees. These are fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client.

## Item 7 – Types of Client(s)

We provide investment advisory services to individuals, high net worth individuals, and trusts.

Our minimum account opening balance is \$500,000.00 which may be negotiable based upon certain circumstances.

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

## **Methods of Analysis**

We use both fundamental and technical analysis as part of our overall investment management discipline; the implementation of these analyses as part of our investment advisory services to you may include any, all or a combination of the following:

#### **Fundamental Analysis**

Fundamental analysis is a technique that attempts to determine a security's value by focusing on the underlying factors that affect a company's actual business and its future prospects. Fundamental

analysis is about using real data to evaluate a security's value. It refers to the analysis of the economic well-being of a financial entity as opposed to only its price movements.

The end goal of performing fundamental analysis is to produce a value that we can compare with the security's current price, with the aim of figuring out what sort of position to take with that security (underpriced = buy, overpriced = sell or short).

#### **Technical Analysis**

Technical Analysis is a technique that attempts to determine a security's value by developing models and trading rules based upon price and volume transformation. Technical analysis assumes that a market's price reflects all relevant information so the analysis focuses on the history of a security's trading behavior rather than external drivers such as economic, fundamental and news events. The practice of technical analysis incorporates the importance of understanding how market participants perceive and act upon relevant information rather than focusing on the information itself. Ultimately, technical analysts develop trading models and rules by evaluating factors such as market trends, market participant behaviors, supply and demand and pricing patterns and correlations.

As with other types of analysis, the predictive nature of technical analysis can vary greatly; models and rules are often modified and updated as new patterns and behaviors develop. Past performance is not an indicator of future return.

## **Investment Strategies**

In order to perform this analysis, we use many resources, such as:

- Financial newspapers and magazines (e.g. Wall Street Journal, Forbes, etc.)
- Annual reports, prospectuses, filings
- •Company press releases and websites

The investment strategies we use to implement any investment advice given to you include, but are not limited to:

- Long term purchases -securities held at least a year
- •Short term purchases securities sold within a year

## Risk of Loss

We cannot guarantee our analysis methods will yield a return. In fact, a loss of principal is always arisk. Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you should be prepared to bear. You need to understand that investment decisions made for your account by us are subject to various market, currency, economic, political and business risks. The investment decisions we make for you will not always be profitable nor can we guarantee any level of performance.

A list of all risks associated with the strategies, products and methodology we offer are listed below:

#### Alternative Investment Risk

Investing in alternative investments is speculative, not suitable for all clients, and intended for experienced and sophisticated investors who are willing to bear the high economic risks of the investment, which can include:

- Loss of all or a substantial portion of the investment due to leveraging, short-selling orother speculative investment practices
- Lack of liquidity in that there may be no secondary market for the fund and none expected to develop
- Volatility of returns
- Absence of information regarding valuations and pricing
- Delays in tax reporting
- Less regulation and higher fees than mutual funds.

#### **Bond Fund Risk**

Bond funds generally have higher risks than money market funds, largely because they typically pursue strategies aimed at producing higher yields of the risks associated with bond funds include:

- Call Risk The possibility that falling interest rates will cause a bond issuer to redeem—or call—its high-yielding bond before the bond's maturity date.
- Credit Risk the possibility that companies or other issuers whose bonds are owned by the
  fund may fail to pay their debts (including the debt owed to holders of their bonds). Credit
  risk is less of a factor for bond funds that invest in insured bonds or U.S. Treasury bonds. By
  contrast, those that invest in the bonds of companies with poor credit ratings generally will
  be subject to higher risk.
- Interest Rate Risk the risk that the market value of the bonds will go down when interest rates go up. Because of this, you can lose money in any bond fund, including thosethat invest only in insured bonds or Treasury bonds.
- Prepayment Risk the chance that a bond will be paid off early. For example, if interest rates fall, a bond issuer may decide to pay off (or "retire") its debt and issue new bonds that pay a lower rate. When this happens, the fund may not be able to reinvest the proceeds in an investment with as high a return or yield.

## **Fundamental Analysis Risk**

Fundamental analysis, when used in isolation, has a number of risks:

There are an infinite number of factors that can affect the earnings of a company, and itsstock
price, over time. These can include economic, political and social factors, in addition to the
various company statistics.

- The data used may be out of date.
- It is difficult to give appropriate weightings to the factors.
- It assumes that the analyst is competent.
- It ignores the influence of random events such as oil spills, product defects beingexposed, and acts of God and so on.

#### Exchange Traded Fund ("ETF") Risk

Most ETFs are passively managed investment companies whose shares are purchased and sold on a securities exchange. An ETF represents a portfolio of securities designed to track a particular market segment or index. ETFs are subject to the following risks that do not apply to conventional funds:

- The market price of the ETF's shares may trade at a premium or a discount to their net asset value;
- An active trading market for an ETF's shares may not develop or be maintained; and
- There is no assurance that the requirements of the exchange necessary to maintain thelisting of an ETF will continue to be met or remain unchanged

#### **Mutual Funds Risk**

The following is a list of some general risks associated with investing in mutual funds.

- Country Risk The possibility that political events (a war, national elections), financial problems (rising inflation, government default), or natural disasters (an earthquake, a poor harvest) will weaken a country's economy and cause investments in that country to decline.
- Currency Risk -The possibility that returns could be reduced for Americans investing in foreign securities because of a rise in the value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currencies. Also called exchange-rate risk.
- Income Risk The possibility that a fixed-income fund's dividends will decline as a result of falling overall interest rates.
- Industry Risk The possibility that a group of stocks in a single industry will decline in price due to developments in that industry.
- Inflation Risk The possibility that increases in the cost of living will reduce or eliminatea fund's real inflation-adjusted returns.
- Manager Risk -The possibility that an actively managed mutual fund's investment adviser will
  fail to execute the fund's investment strategy effectively resulting in the failure of stated
  objectives.
- Market Risk -The possibility that stock fund or bond fund prices overall will decline over short or even extended periods. Stock and bond markets tend to move in cycles, with periods when prices rise and other periods when prices fall.
- Principal Risk -The possibility that an investment will go down in value, or "lose money,"

from the original or invested amount.

#### Stock Fund Risk

Overall "market risk" poses the greatest potential danger for investors in stocks funds. Stock prices can fluctuate for a broad range of reasons, such as the overall strength of the economy or demand for particular products or services.

#### Technical Analysis risk

- Technical analysis is derived from the study of market participant behavior and itsefficacy is a matter of controversy.
- •Methods vary greatly and can be highly subjective; different technical analysts can sometimes make contradictory predictions from the same data.
- Models and rules can incur sufficiently high transaction costs.

#### **Overall Risks**

Clients need to remember that past performance is no guarantee of future results. All funds carry some level of risk. You may lose some or all of the money you invest, including your principal, because the securities held by a fund goes up and down in value. Dividend or interest payments may also fluctuate, or stop completely, as market conditions change.

Before you invest, be sure to read a fund's prospectus and shareholder reports to learn about its investment strategy and the potential risks. Funds with higher rates of return may take risks that are beyond your comfort level and are inconsistent with your financial goals.

While past performance does not necessarily predict future returns, it can tell you how volatile (or stable) a fund has been over a period of time. Generally, the more volatile a fund, the higher the investment risk. If you'll need your money to meet a financial goal in the near-term, you probably can'tafford the risk of investing in a fund with a volatile history because you will not have enough time to rideout any declines in the stock market.

## Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

Registered Investment Advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of us or the integrity of our management. We do not have any information to disclose concerning Bison Wealth Management LLC or any of our IARs. We adhere to high ethical standards for all IARs and associates.

## Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Neither Bison Wealth Management LLC nor any of its management persons are registered as a broker-dealer or registered as a representative of a broker-dealer, nor does it have any pending application to register. In addition, neither Bison Wealth Management LLC nor its management persons are affiliated with any broker-dealer.

Bison Wealth Management LLC and its management persons are not registering as a commodity pool operator, futures commission merchant, or commodity trading advisor.

## **Other Financial Industry Affiliations**

The IARs of Bison Wealth Management LLC do not participate in other business activities or have any outside affiliations at this time. We require all IARs to disclose to clients that they may purchase recommended products from other representatives not affiliated with us. Our Code of Ethics requires our IARs do what is in the clients' best interests at all times. Our CCO monitors all transactions to ensure that representatives put their clients first, not the commission they may receive.

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

#### **General Information**

We have adopted a Code of Ethics for all employees of the firm describing its high standards of business conduct, and fiduciary duty to you, our client. The Code of Ethics includes provisions relating to the confidentiality of client information, a prohibition on insider trading, a prohibition of rumor mongering, restrictions on the acceptance of significant gifts, the reporting of certain gifts and business entertainment items, and personal securities trading procedures. All of our employees must acknowledge the terms of the Code of Ethics annually, or as amended.

## **Participation or Interest in Client Accounts**

Our Compliance policies and procedures prohibit anyone associated with Bison Wealth Management LLC from having an interest in a client account or participating in the profits of a client's account without the approval of the CCO.

The following acts are prohibited:

- Employing any device, scheme or artifice to defraud
- Making any untrue statement of a material fact
- Omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make a statement, in light of the circumstances under which it is made, not misleading

- Engaging in any fraudulent or deceitful act, practice or course of business
- Engaging in any manipulative practices

Clients and prospective clients may request a copy of the firm's Code of Ethics by contacting the CCO.

## **Personal Trading**

We may recommend securities to you that we will purchase for our own accounts. We may trade securities in our account that we have recommended to you as long as we place our orders after your orders. This policy is meant to prevent us from benefiting as a result of transactions placed on behalf of advisory accounts.

Certain affiliated accounts may trade in the same securities with your accounts on an aggregated basis when consistent with our obligation of best execution. When trades are aggregated, all parties will share the costs in proportion to their investment. We will retain records of the trade Order (specifying each participating account) and its allocation. Completed Orders will be allocated as specified in the initial trade order. Partially filled Orders will be allocated on a pro rata basis. Any exceptions will be explained on the Order.

Bison Wealth Management LLC has a personal securities transaction policy in place to monitor the personal securities transactions and securities holdings of "Access Persons". The policy requires that an Access Person of the firm provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of their current securities holdings within ten (10) days after becoming an Access Person. Additionally, each Access Person must provide the Chief Compliance Officer or his/her designee with a written report of the Access Person's current securities holdings at least once each twelve (12) month period thereafter on a date the Adviser selects; provided, however that at any time that the Adviser has only one Access Person, he or she shall not be required to submit any securities report described above.

We have established the following restrictions in order to ensure our fiduciary responsibilities regarding insider trading are met:

No securities for our personal portfolio(s) shall be bought or sold where this decision is substantially
derived, in whole or in part, from the role of IARs of Bison Wealth Management LLC, unless the
information is also available to the investing public on reasonable inquiry. In nocase, shall we put
our own interests ahead of yours.

## **Privacy Statement**

We are committed to safeguarding your confidential information and hold all personal information provided to us in the strictest confidence. These records include all personal information that we collect from you or receive from other firms in connection with any of the financial services they provide. We also require other firms with whom we deal with to restrict the use of your information. Our Privacy Policy is available upon request.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Bison Wealth Management LLC's IARs may employ the same strategy for their personal investment

accounts as it does for its clients. However, IARs may not place their orders in a way to benefit from the purchase or sale of a security.

We act in a fiduciary capacity. If a conflict of interest arises between us and you, we shall make every effort to resolve the conflict in your favor. Conflicts of interest may also arise in the allocation of investment opportunities among the accounts that we advise. We will seek to allocate investment opportunities according to what we believe is appropriate for each account. We strive to do what is equitable and in the best interests of all the accounts we advise.

## Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

#### **Factors Used to Select Custodians**

In recommending a custodian/broker-dealer, we look for a company that offers relatively low transaction fees, access to desired securities, trading platforms, support services, response times for services requested, transparency of quarterly statements, and ancillary services including research. We may recommend clients use Charles Schwab as the qualified custodian for their accounts when utilizing our asset management services.

#### **Soft Dollars**

We receive research and/or other products or services other than execution from T.D. Ameritrade in connection with client securities transactions.

#### **Economic Benefits**

Neither ADVISER nor any of its management persons are registered as a as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading advisor, broker-dealer or registered as a representative of a broker-dealer, nor does it have any pending application to register. In addition, neither ADVISER nor its management persons are affiliated with any broker-dealer. However, the Adviser participates in the institutional advisor program (the "Program") offered by Charles Schwab. Charles Schwab offers to independent investment advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance and settlement of transactions. Advisor receives some benefits from Charles Schwab through its participation in the Program.

As disclosed above, Advisor participates in Charles Schwab's institutional customer program and Advisor may recommend Charles Schwab to Clients for custody and brokerage services. There is no direct link between Advisor's participation in the program and the investment advice it gives to its Clients, although Advisor receives economic benefits through its participation in the program that are typically not available to Charles Schwab retail investors. These benefits include the following products and services (provided without cost or at a discount): receipt of duplicate Client statements and confirmations; research related products and tools; consulting services; access to a trading desk serving Advisor

participants; access to block trading (which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions for execution and then allocate the appropriate shares to Client accounts); the ability to have advisory fees deducted directly from Client accounts; access to an electronic communications network for Client order entry and account information; access to mutual funds with no transaction fees and to certain institutional money managers; and discounts on compliance, marketing, research, technology, and practice management products or services provided to Advisor by third party vendors. Charles Schwab may also have paid for business consulting and professional services received by Advisor's related persons. Some of the products and services made available by Charles Schwab through the program may benefit Advisor but may not benefit its Client accounts. These products or services may assist Advisor in managing and administering Client accounts, including accounts not maintained at Charles Schwab. Otherservices made available by Charles Schwab are intended to help Advisor manage and further develop its business enterprise. The benefits received by Advisor or its personnel through participation in the program do not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to Charles Schwab. As part of its fiduciary duties to clients, Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits by Advisor or its related persons in and of itself creates a potential conflict of interest and may indirectly influence the Advisor's choice of Charles Schwab for custody and brokerage services.

#### **Best Execution**

We have an obligation to seek best execution for you. In seeking best execution, the determinative factor is not the lowest possible commission cost but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of a broker-dealer's services, including the value of research provided, execution capability, commission rates, reputation and responsiveness. Therefore, we will seek competitive commission rates, but we may not obtain the lowest possible commission rates for account transactions.

## **Brokerage for Client Referrals**

In selecting and/or recommending broker-dealers, we do not take into consideration whether or not we will receive client referrals from the broker-dealer or third party.

## **Directed Brokerage**

We do not permit directed brokerage. We will require you to use the custodian of our choosing as the custodial firm.

#### **Trading**

Transactions for each client account generally will be affected independently, unless we decide to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. We may (but are not obligated to) combine or "batch" such Orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among our clients' differences in prices and commission or other transaction costs. Under this procedure, transactions will be price-averaged and allocated among our clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day.

#### **Best Execution**

The Adviser does not trade in any Plan client accounts.

## **Trading**

The Adviser does not trade in individual Plan participant accounts.

Transactions for each client account generally will be effected independently, unless we decide to purchase or sell the same securities for several clients at approximately the same time. We may (but are not obligated to) combine or "batch" such Orders to obtain best execution, to negotiate more favorable commission rates or to allocate equitably among our clients' differences in prices and commission or other transaction costs. Under this procedure, transactions will be price-averaged and allocated among our clients in proportion to the purchase and sale orders placed for each client account on any given day.

## **Qualified Retirement Plan Trading**

We do not accept trading authorization with respect to any participants' plan account.

## Item 13 – Review of Accounts

#### **Reviews**

Reviews are conducted at least annually or as agreed to by us. Reviews will be conducted by our Chief Compliance Officer, Pomeroy Smith. You may request more frequent reviews and may set thresholds for triggering events that would cause a review to take place. Generally, we will monitor for changes and shifts in the economy, changes to the management and structure of a mutual fund or company in which client assets are invested, and market shifts and corrections.

## **Reports**

You will be provided with account summary statements reflecting the transactions occurring in the account on at least a quarterly basis. These statements will be written or electronic depending upon what you selected when you opened the account. You will be provided with paper confirmations for each securities transaction executed in the account by the custodian. You are obligated to notify us of any discrepancies between the statements provided by Bison Wealth Management LLC and the custodian(s) or any concerns you have about the account(s).

## Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

We do not receive any economic benefit from someone who is not a client for providing investment

advice or other advisory services to our clients nor do we directly or indirectly pay any compensation to another person if they refer clients to us.

## Item 15 - Custody

We do not have physical custody of any accounts or assets. However, we may be deemed to have custody of your account(s) if we have the ability to deduct your advisory fees from the custodian. We use Charles Schwab as the custodian and/or broker-dealer for all your accounts. You should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker-dealer or custodian that holds and maintains your investmentassets. We urge you to carefully review such statements and compare this official custodial record to the account statements that we may provide to you. Our statements may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities. If you notice any discrepancies, please contact Bison Wealth Management LLC.

We do not debit the client fees directly from your advisory account. We send information to your custodian to debit your fees and to pay them to us. You authorized the custodian to pay us directly at the onset of the relationship.

#### Item 16 - Investment Discretion

We manage assets on a discretionary basis. If you provide discretion authority, which will be evidenced via the written, discretionary agreement between the client and the Adviser, we will have the authority to determine the following without your consent:

- Securities to be bought or sold for your account
- Amount of securities to be bought or sold for your account
- Broker-dealer to be used for a purchase or sale of securities for your account
- Commission rates to be paid to a broker or dealer for your securities transaction.

In all cases this discretion is exercised in a manner consistent with your stated investment objectives for your account and in accordance with any restrictions placed on the account(s).

When active asset management services are provided on a discretionary basis the client will enter into a separate custodial agreement with the custodian. The custodian agreement will include a limited power of attorney to trade in the client's account(s) which authorizes the custodian to take instructions from us regarding all investment decisions for your account.

## Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

As a matter of firm policy and practice, we do not have any authority to and do not vote proxies on behalf of advisory clients. You retain the responsibility for receiving and voting proxies for any and all securities maintained in your portfolios. We may provide advice to you regarding your voting ofproxies. The custodian will forward you copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to your account assets.

## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

We are required to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about our financial condition. We have no financial commitment that would impair our ability to meet any contractual and fiduciary commitments to you, our client. We have not been the subject of any bankruptcy proceedings. In no event shall we charge advisory fees that are both in excess of five hundred dollars andmore than six months in advance of advisory services rendered.

## Item 19 – Requirements for State Registered Advisers

## **Principals**

There is one principal of Bison Wealth Management LLC, Pomeroy Smith II. He is the Owner and Chief Compliance Officer and was born in 1961. His education information, business background, and other business activities can be found in the Form ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplement below.

#### **Performance Fees**

We do not charge a performance-based fee (fees based on a share of capital gains on, or capital appreciation of, the assets of a client) for our normal asset management accounts.

#### **Disclosable Events**

Neither Bison Wealth Management LLC nor Pomeroy Smith II have any reportable events to disclose here.

## Other Relationships

Neither Bison Wealth Management LLC nor Pomeroy Smith II have any relationship with any issuer of securities.

## **ADV Part 2B Brochure Supplement – Pomeroy Smith II**

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# Pomeroy Smith II

CRD: 1414989

Bison Wealth Management LLC (919) 610-0567 February 14, 2024

This Brochure supplement provides information about Pomeroy Smith II and supplements the Bison Wealth Management LLC ("Bison Wealth Management LLC") Brochure. You should have received a copy of that Brochure. Please contact Pomeroy Smith II if you did not receive the Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Pomeroy Smith II, CRD: 1414989 is available on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a>.

## Item 2 – Educational Background and Business Experience

Full Legal Name: Pomeroy Smith II Year of Birth: 1961

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Arts in Management 1984

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

#### **Business History**

June 2018 – Present CCO and Managing Member at Bison Wealth Management LLC

April 2016 – January 2019 Managing Member at Pathway Wealth Management, LLC

January 2011- April 2016 Angel Investor for various Start-ups

January 2008- January 2011 Director of Operations for Petrays Veterinary Telemedicine Consultants

January 2000- January 2008 Operations Manager at Darkhorse Medical Ventures

## Item 3 – Disciplinary History

Neither Bison Wealth Management LLC nor Pomeroy Smith II have any disciplinary history to disclose.

#### Item 4 – Other Business Activities

As noted in Item 10 "Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations" above, Pomeroy Smith has no outside business activities and/or affiliations to disclose.

We require that all IARs disclose this conflict of interest when such recommendations are made. We also require IARs to disclose to clients that they may purchase recommended products from other representatives not affiliated with us. Our Code of Ethics requires our IARs do what is in the clients' best interests at all times. Our CCO monitors all transactions to ensure that representatives put their clients first, not the commission they may receive.

## Item 5 – Additional Compensation

Pomeroy Smith II may receive additional compensation from another adviser for client referrals. While Pomeroy Smith II endeavors at all times to put the interest of our clients first as part of our fiduciary duty, the possibility of receiving additional compensation creates a conflict of interest, and may affect Pomeroy Smith II's judgment when making recommendations. We require that all IARs disclose this conflict of interest when such recommendations are made.

## Item 6 - Supervision

Pomeroy Smith II is the Chief Compliance Officer and performs all supervisory duties for his firm.

## Item 7 – Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

Pomeroy Smith II has no reportable events to disclose here.