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## Form ADV Part 2A - Firm Brochure

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Stream Financial Advice LLC. If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (801) 609-8085. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Stream Financial Advice LLC is a registered investment adviser. Registration does not imply a certain level of skill or training.

Additional information about Stream Financial Advice LLC also is available on the SEC's website at <a href="https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a>, which can be found using the firm's identification number, 327449.

# Item 2: Material Changes

Since this is the first filing of the Form ADV Part 2A for Stream Financial Advice LLC, there is nothing to report. In the future, any material changes made during the year will be reported here.

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# Item 4: Advisory Business

#### **Description of Advisory Firm**

Stream Financial Advice LLC is an Investment Adviser principally located in the state of Utah. We are a limited liability company founded in May of 2023. Stream Financial Advice LLC became registered in November of 2023. David MaWhinney is the principal owner and Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO").

As used in this brochure, the words "SFA", "we", "our firm", "Advisor" and "us" refer to Stream Financial Advice LLC and the words "you", "your" and "Client" refer to you as either a client or prospective client of our firm.

#### **Types of Advisory Services**

SFA is a fee-only firm, meaning the only compensation we receive is from our Clients for our services. We offer investment management and financial planning services. From time to time, SFA recommends third-party professionals such as attorneys, accountants, tax advisors, insurance agents, or other financial professionals. Clients are never obligated to utilize any third-party professional we recommend. SFA is not affiliated with nor does SFA receive any compensation from third-party professionals we may recommend.

#### **Wealth Management Services**

Wealth Management encompasses investment management services and financial planning. Our firm provides continuous advice to a Client regarding the investment of Client funds based on the individual needs of the Client. Through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on a Client's particular circumstances are established, we develop a Client's personal investment policy or an investment plan with an asset allocation target and create and manage a portfolio based on that policy and allocation targets. We will also review and discuss a Client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background. Account supervision is guided by the stated objectives of the Client (e.g., maximum capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth, and income), as well as risk tolerance and tax considerations.

We primarily advise our Clients regarding investments in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, ETFs, U.S. government and municipal securities, and cash and cash equivalents. We may also provide advice regarding investments held in Client's portfolio at the inception of our advisory relationship and/or other investment types not listed above, at the Client's request.

When we provide investment management services, Clients grant us limited authority to buy and sell securities on a discretionary basis. More information on our trading authority is explained in Item 16 of this Brochure. Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors. We will not manage Client accounts on a non-discretionary basis.

At no additional fee and at Client's election, SFA also provides the Client with a financial plan. A Client will be taken through establishing their goals and values around money. Clients will be required to provide pertinent information to help complete the following areas of analysis: net worth, cash flow, credit scores/reports, employee benefits, retirement planning, investments, college planning, and estate planning. Once the Client's information is reviewed, their plan will be built and analyzed, and then the findings, analysis and potential changes to their current situation will be reviewed with the Client. Clients will receive a detailed financial plan designed to help

achieve Client's stated financial goals and objectives. The plan and the Client's financial situation and goals will be monitored throughout the year.

#### **Financial Planning Services**

Financial planning involves an evaluation of a Client's current and future financial state by using currently known variables to predict future cash flows, asset values, and withdrawal plans. The key defining aspect of financial planning is that through the financial planning process, all questions, information, and analysis will be considered as they affect and are affected by the entire financial and life situation of the Client. For Clients purchasing this stand alone financial planning service, the Client will receive a written report, providing the Client with a detailed financial plan designed to help achieve the Client's stated financial goals and objectives.

In general, the financial plan will address some or all of the following areas of concern. The Client and SFA will work together to select specific areas to cover. These areas may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Business Planning:** We provide consulting services for Clients who currently operate their own business, are considering starting a business, or are planning for an exit from their current business. Under this type of engagement, we work with you to assess your current situation, identify your objectives, and develop a plan aimed at achieving your goals.
- Cash Flow and Debt Management: We will conduct a review of your income and expenses to determine your current surplus or deficit along with advice on prioritizing how any surplus should be used or how to reduce expenses if they exceed your income. Advice may also be provided on which debts to pay off first based on factors such as the interest rate of the debt and any income tax ramifications. We may also recommend what we believe to be an appropriate cash reserve that should be considered for emergencies and other financial goals, along with a review of accounts (such as money market funds) for such reserves, plus strategies to save desired amounts.
- College Savings: Includes projecting the amount that will be needed to achieve college or other
  post-secondary education funding goals, along with advice on ways for you to save the desired amount.
  Recommendations as to savings strategies are included, and, if needed, we will review your financial
  picture as it relates to eligibility for financial aid or the best way to contribute to children and
  grandchildren (if appropriate).
- **Employee Benefits Optimization**: We will provide review and analysis as to whether you, as an employee, are taking the maximum advantage possible of your employee benefits. If you are a business owner, we will consider and/or recommend the various benefit programs that can be structured to meet both business and personal retirement goals.
- Estate Planning: This usually includes an analysis of your exposure to estate taxes and your current estate plan, which may include whether you have a will, powers of attorney, trusts, and other related documents. Our advice also typically includes ways for you to minimize or avoid future estate taxes by implementing appropriate estate planning strategies such as the use of applicable trusts. We always recommend that you consult with a qualified attorney when you initiate, update, or complete estate planning activities. We may provide you with contact information for attorneys who specialize in estate planning when you wish to hire an attorney for such purposes. From time-to-time, and at no additional

charge, we will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your attorney with your approval or request.

- **Financial Goals**: We will help Clients identify financial goals and develop a plan to reach them. We will identify what you plan to accomplish, what resources you will need to make it happen, how much time you will need to reach the goal, and how much you should budget for your goal.
- Investment Analysis: This may involve developing an asset allocation strategy to meet Clients' financial goals and risk tolerance, providing information on investment vehicles and strategies, reviewing employee stock options, as well as assisting you in establishing your own investment account at a selected broker/dealer or custodian. The strategies and types of investments we may recommend are further discussed in Item 8 of this brochure.
- **Retirement Planning**: Our retirement planning services typically include projections of your likelihood of achieving your financial goals, typically focusing on financial independence as the primary objective. For situations where projections show less than the desired results, we may make recommendations, including those that may impact the original projections by adjusting certain variables (e.g., working longer, saving more, spending less, taking more risk with investments).

If you are near retirement or already retired, advice may be given on appropriate distribution strategies to minimize the likelihood of running out of money or having to adversely alter spending during your retirement years.

- **Risk Management:** A risk management review includes an analysis of your exposure to major risks that could have a significant adverse impact on your financial picture, such as premature death, disability, property and casualty losses, or the need for long-term care planning. Advice may be provided on ways to minimize such risks and about weighing the costs of purchasing insurance versus the benefits of doing so and, likewise, the potential cost of not purchasing insurance ("self-insuring").
- Tax Planning Strategies: Advice may include ways to minimize current and future income taxes as a part of your overall financial planning picture. For example, we may make recommendations on which type of account(s) or specific investments should be owned based in part on their "tax efficiency," with the consideration that there is always a possibility of future changes to federal, state or local tax laws and rates that may impact your situation.

We recommend that you consult with a qualified tax professional before initiating any tax planning strategy, and we may provide you with contact information for accountants or attorneys who specialize in this area if you wish to hire someone for such purposes. At no additional charge, we will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your tax professional with your approval.

Financial Planning Services are offered on a Project-Based or via an Ongoing engagement.

**Ongoing Financial Planning.** This service involves working one-on-one with a financial planner ("planner") over an extended period of time. Through this ongoing arrangement, Clients are expected to collaborate with the planner to develop and assist in the implementation of their financial plan (the "plan"). The planner will monitor the plan, recommend any appropriate changes and ensure the plan is up-to-date as the Client's situation, goals, and objectives evolve.

Upon engaging the firm for financial planning, SFA is responsible for obtaining and analyzing all necessary qualitative and quantitative information from the Client that is essential to understanding the Client's personal and financial circumstances; helping the Client identify, select, and prioritize certain financial goals while understanding the effect that pursuing one goal may have on other potential goals; assessing the Client's current course of action and alternative courses of action to identify required changes that provide the best opportunity for the client to meet their financial goals; developing & presenting financial planning recommendations based on the aforementioned actions while including all information that was required to be considered in preparing the recommendations; and ongoing monitoring of the Client's progress toward the goals and objectives that the recommendations are based around. These components all require in-depth communication with the Client in order for the planner to establish a financial plan and implementation strategy that provides the Client with the most appropriate options in pursuing their established goals and objectives.

**Project-Based Financial Planning.** We provide project-based financial planning services on a limited scope one-time engagement. Project-Based Financial Planning is available for Clients looking to address specific questions or issues. The Client may choose from one or more of the above topics to cover or other areas as requested and agreed to by SFA. For Project-Based Financial Planning, the Client will be ultimately responsible for the implementation of the financial plan.

#### Client Service Calendar

**January** - Review Prior Year Goals & Action Items, Update Goals & Financial Planning Projections, Rebalance 529 Plans, Rebalance 401(k) & Investment Accounts

February - Salary Benchmark, Gather Tax Documents (1099s), Schedule Appointment w/ CPA

**March** - 401(k) deferral and fund menu review.

**April** - Quarterly Call/Meeting, Investment Review, Check Equifax, Qualified Retirement account contribution.

May - Student and consumer debt assessment, Tax Filing Review, review and update W-4 withholding.

**June** - Budget and Cashflow review, Client Appreciation Event.

**July** - Mid-Year Goals & Financial Plan Review Meeting, Rebalance 529 plans, Mortgage Analysis, Rebalance 401(k) & Investment Accounts

August - Credit Check (TransUnion), Estate Review (Beneficiaries, Will, AMD, POA)

**September** - Roth conversions and rollover opportunities, Capital gain and loss harvesting, Client Appreciations event.

**October** - Quarterly Check-in Call/Meeting & Investment Review. Employee Benefits Review, FAFSA deadlines, Extension Filing Deadline, Rebalance 401(k)/investment accounts.

**November** - FSA (use it or lose it), Budget & Cash Flow review, Mutual Fund distributions.

December - Credit Check (Experian), Tax-Loss Harvesting, Charitable Giving, Emergency Fund Review

#### **Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions**

We tailor the delivery of our services to meet the individual needs of our Clients. We consult with Clients initially and on an ongoing basis, through the duration of their engagement with us, to determine risk tolerance, time horizon and other factors that may impact the Clients' investment and/or planning needs.

Clients are able to specify, within reason, any restrictions they would like to place as it pertains to individual securities and/or sectors that will be traded in their account. All such requests must be provided to SFA in writing. SFA will notify Clients if they are unable to accommodate any requests.

## **Wrap Fee Programs**

We do not participate in wrap fee programs.

## **Assets Under Management**

As of November 2023, SFA has \$0 in discretionary and \$0 in non-discretionary assets under management.

# Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Please note, unless a Client has received this brochure at least 48 hours prior to signing an Advisory Contract, the Advisory Contract may be terminated by the Client within five (5) business days of signing the Advisory Contract without penalty.

How we are paid depends on the type of advisory services we perform. Below is a brief description of our fees, however, you should review your executed Advisory Contract for more detailed information regarding the exact fees you will be paying. No increase to the agreed-upon advisory fees outlined in the Advisory Contract shall occur without prior Client consent. Please note, lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources. Fees may be negotiated for family members, legacy clients who have previously worked with the advisor, or based on asset size

Annually, SFA will acquire Client(s) written consent to the next year's services and billings.

#### **Wealth Management Services**

Our wealth management service combines investment management and ongoing financial planning services. The fee is based on a percentage of assets under management and is not negotiable. The annualized fees for investment management services are based on the following fee schedule:

Assets Under Management	<b>Annual Advisory Fee</b>	<b>Monthly Advisory Fee</b>
<mark>("AUM")</mark>		
All Assets	1.00%	0.83% of AUM

The annual advisory fee is paid monthly in arrears based on the average daily balance of the Client's account(s). In determining the advisory fee, we may allow accounts of members of the same household to be aggregated. SFA relies on the valuation as provided by Client's custodian in determining assets under management. Our advisory fee is prorated for any partial billing periods occurring during the engagement, including the initial and terminating billing periods.

#### **Ongoing Financial Planning**

We charge a recurring fixed fee for Ongoing Financial Planning. Fees are paid monthly in arrears, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 per month or from \$6,000 to \$12,000 per year. The fee range is dependent upon variables including the specific needs of the Client, complexity, estimated time, research, and resources required to provide services to you, among other factors we deem relevant. Fees are negotiable and the final agreed upon fee will be outlined in your Advisory Contract.

SFA collects an initial fee, no greater than \$2,500. The initial, one-time fee is charged in addition to the monthly fee. The initial fee covers the initial construction of the comprehensive financial plan. This work will commence immediately after the fee is paid, and the length of time required to complete and deliver the plan is dependent on several factors including the needs of the Client, the Client's ability to provide any necessary information and documentation, as well as the complexity of their financial situation. Advisor may reduce or waive the initial fee at the Advisor's discretion. At no time do we require prepayment of \$500 or more six months or more in advance of rendering the services.

#### **Project-Based Financial Planning**

We charge an hourly fee for Project-Based Financial Planning. Our hourly rate is \$150. Fees are not negotiable and the final agreed upon fee will be outlined in your Advisory Contract. SFA collects half of the fee in advance with the remainder due upon completion of the services. SFA will not bill an amount above \$500 more than 6 months or more in advance of rendering the services.

#### **Fee Payment**

For Investment Management services, we deduct our advisory fee from one or more account(s) held at an unaffiliated third-party custodian, as directed by the Client. Please refer to Item 15 of this Brochure regarding our policy on direct fee deduction. Clients may also pay by electronic funds transfer (EFT). We use an independent third party payment processor in which the Client can securely input their banking information and pay their fee. We do not have access to the Client's banking information at any time. The Client will be provided with their own secure portal in order to make payments.

For Financial Planning services, fees are paid by electronic funds transfer (EFT) or check. We use an independent third party payment processor in which the Client can securely input their banking information and pay their fee. We do not have access to the Client's banking information at any time. The Client will be provided with their own secure portal in order to make payments.

#### **Other Types of Fees and Expenses**

Our fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which may be incurred by the Client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers, and other third parties such as 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 fund and exchange-traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus. Such charges, fees, and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to our fee, and we shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Item 12 further describes the factors that we consider in selecting or recommending custodians for Client's transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g., commissions).

Clients may incur fees from third-party professionals such as accountants and attorneys that SFA may recommend, upon Client request. Such fees are separate and distinct from SFA's advisory fees.

#### **Terminations and Refunds**

For Investment Management Services, the Advisory Contract may be terminated with written notice at any time. Since fees are paid in arrears, no refund will be needed upon termination of the Advisory Contract. Clients will be responsible for payment of fees up to the date of termination.

For Ongoing Financial Planning services, the Advisory Contract may be terminated with written notice at any time. In the event of early termination prior to the initial plan being delivered, fees will be prorated based on the percentage of work completed by the Advisor up to the date of termination. Any prepaid but unearned fees will be

refunded, and any unearned unpaid fees will be due. Any completed deliverables will be provided to the Client. Since fees are paid in arrears, no refund will be needed upon termination of the Advisory Contract. Clients will be responsible for payment of fees up to the date of termination, based on the percentage of work completed by the Advisor. Any prepaid but unearned fees will be refunded, and any unearned unpaid fees will be due. Any completed deliverables will be provided to the Client.

For Project-Based Financial Planning services, this service is not an ongoing engagement, thus upon receipt of the final fees, the Advisory Contract will automatically be terminated. Clients may terminate at any time provided written notice. If fees are paid in advance, a prorated refund will be given, if applicable, upon termination of the Advisory Contract for any unearned fee. For fees paid in arrears, Client shall be charged a pro-rata fee based upon the percentage of the work done up to the date of termination.

#### Sale of Securities or Other Investment Products

Advisor and its supervised persons do not accept compensation for the sale of securities or other investment products including asset-based sales charges or service fees from the sale of mutual funds.

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

We do not offer performance-based fees and do not engage in side-by-side management.

# Item 7: Types of Clients

We provide financial planning and investment management services to individuals and high net-worth individuals.

We do not have a minimum account size requirement.

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

Below is a brief description of our methods of analysis and primary investment strategies.

#### **Methods of Analysis**

#### Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT)

The underlying principles of MPT are:

- Investors are risk averse. The only acceptable risk is that which is adequately compensated by an expected return. Risk and investment return are related and an increase in risk requires an increased expected return.
- Markets are efficient. The same market information is available to all investors at the same time. The market prices every security fairly based upon this equal availability of information.
- The design of the portfolio as a whole is more important than the selection of any particular security. The appropriate allocation of capital among asset classes will have far more influence on long-term portfolio performance than the selection of individual securities.
- Investing for the long-term (preferably longer than ten years) becomes critical to investment success because it allows the long-term characteristics of the asset classes to surface.
- Increasing diversification of the portfolio with lower correlated asset class positions can decrease portfolio risk. Correlation is the statistical term for the extent to which two asset classes move in tandem or opposition to one another.

#### **Investment Strategies**

#### **Asset Allocation**

In implementing our Clients' investment strategy, we begin by attempting to identify an appropriate ratio of equities, fixed income, and cash (i.e. "asset allocation") suitable to the Client's investment goals and risk tolerance.

A risk of asset allocation is that the Client may not participate in sharp increases in a particular security, industry or market sector. Another risk is that the ratio of equities, fixed income, and cash will change over time due to stock and market movements and, if not corrected, will no longer be appropriate for the Client's goals. We attempt to closely monitor our asset allocation models and make changes periodically to keep in line with the target risk tolerance model. SFA may rely on the use of model portfolios provided by Altruist.

#### **Passive and Active Investment Management**

We may choose investment vehicles that are considered passive, active, or a combination of both styles.

Passive investing involves building portfolios that are composed of various distinct asset classes. The asset classes are weighted in a manner to achieve a desired relationship between correlation, risk and return. Funds that passively capture the returns of the desired asset classes are placed in the portfolio.

Active investing involves a single manager or managers who employ some method, strategy or technique to construct a portfolio that is intended to generate returns that are greater than the broader market or a designated benchmark. Actively managed funds are also designed to reduce volatility and risk.

We may engage in both passive and active investing in the Client's portfolio. However, we strive to construct

portfolios of funds and individual securities that we believe will have the greatest probability for achieving our Clients' personal financial goals with the least amount of volatility and risk rather than attempt to outperform an arbitrary index or benchmark.

Specific investment selections are based on a number of factors that we evaluate in order to select, what we believe to be, the highest quality funds or individual securities for our Clients. These factors include but are not limited to underlying holdings of funds, percentage weighting of holdings within funds, liquidity, tax efficiency, bid/ask spreads, and other smart/strategic beta factors. These factors may or may not result in the lowest cost ETFs and mutual funds available when utilizing funds in a Client's portfolio, but we strive to keep internal fund expenses as low as possible by selecting ETFs and mutual funds that have lower expenses.

#### **Material Risks Involved**

All investing strategies we offer involve risk and may result in a loss of your original investment which you should be prepared to bear. Many of these risks apply equally to stocks, bonds, commodities, and any other investment or security. Material risks associated with our investment strategies are listed below.

**Market Risk:** Market risk involves the possibility that an investment's current market value will fall because of a general market decline, reducing the value of the investment regardless of the operational success of the issuer's operations or its financial condition.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Bond (fixed income) prices generally fall when interest rates rise, and the value may fall below par value or the principal investment. The opposite is also generally true: bond prices generally rise when interest rates fall. In general, fixed income securities with longer maturities are more sensitive to these price changes. Most other investments are also sensitive to the level and direction of interest rates.

**Legal or Legislative Risk**: Legislative changes or Court rulings may impact the value of investments, or the securities' claim on the issuer's assets and finances.

**Inflation**: Inflation may erode the buying power of your investment portfolio, even if the dollar value of your investments remains the same.

**Model Portfolio Risk:** Investing in model portfolios involves market risk, reliance on assumptions, potential losses despite diversification, and tax consequences. Model portfolios also carry market risk due to the potential fluctuations and assumptions used in model construction, which may not always align with market reality. Diversification and rebalancing may not prevent losses or tax consequences. As such, clients must assess suitability, communicate preferences, and stay informed.

#### **Risks Associated with Securities**

Apart from the general risks outlined above which apply to all types of investments, specific securities may have other risks.

**Exchange Traded Funds** prices may vary significantly from the Net Asset Value due to market conditions. Certain Exchange Traded Funds may not track underlying benchmarks as expected. ETFs are also subject to the following risks: (i) an ETF's shares may trade at a market price that is above (premium) or below (discount) their net asset value and an ETF purchased at a premium may ultimately be sold at a discount; (ii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are delisted from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock

prices) halts stock trading generally. The Adviser has no control over the risks taken by the underlying funds in which the Clients invest.

Corporate Bonds are debt securities to borrow money. Generally, issuers pay investors periodic interest and repay the amount borrowed either periodically during the life of the security and/or at maturity. Alternatively, investors can purchase other debt securities, such as zero coupon bonds, which do not pay current interest, but rather are priced at a discount from their face values and their values accrete over time to face value at maturity. The market prices of debt securities fluctuate depending on factors such as interest rates, credit quality, and maturity. In general, market prices of debt securities decline when interest rates rise and increase when interest rates fall. The longer the time to a bond's maturity, the greater its interest rate risk.

**Municipal Bonds** are debt obligations generally issued to obtain funds for various public purposes, including the construction of public facilities. Municipal bonds pay a lower rate of return than most other types of bonds. However, because of a municipal bond's tax-favored status, investors should compare the relative after-tax return to the after-tax return of other bonds, depending on the investor's tax bracket. Investing in municipal bonds carries the same general risks as investing in bonds in general. Those risks include interest rate risk, reinvestment risk, inflation risk, market risk, call or redemption risk, credit risk, and liquidity and valuation risk.

**Mutual Funds** When a Client invests in open-end mutual funds or ETFs, the Client indirectly bears its proportionate share of any fees and expenses payable directly by those funds. Therefore, the Client will incur higher expenses, many of which may be duplicative. In addition, the Client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives). SFA does not use leveraged or inverse ETFs as part of its portfolio construction.

# Item 9: Disciplinary Information

## **Criminal or Civil Actions**

SFA and its management persons have not been involved in any criminal or civil action.

## **Administrative Enforcement Proceedings**

SFA and its management persons have not been involved in administrative enforcement proceedings.

#### **Self-Regulatory Organization Enforcement Proceedings**

SFA and its management persons have not been involved in legal or disciplinary events that are material to a Client's or prospective Client's evaluation of SFA or the integrity of its management.

# Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

#### **Broker-Dealer Affiliation**

Neither SFA or its management persons is registered, or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

#### **Other Affiliations**

Neither SFA or its management persons is registered, or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, commodity trading advisor, or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

#### **Related Persons**

Neither SFA or its management persons have any relationship or arrangement with any related parties.

#### **Recommendations or Selections of Other Investment Advisers**

SFA does not recommend or select other investment advisers for our clients.

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

As a fiduciary, our firm has a duty of utmost good faith to act solely in the best interests of each Client. Our Clients entrust us with their funds and personal information, which in turn places a high standard on our conduct and integrity. Our fiduciary duty is a core aspect of our Code of Ethics and represents the expected basis of all of our dealings. The firm also adheres to the Code of Ethics and Professional Responsibility adopted by the CFP® Board of Standards Inc., and accepts the obligation not only to comply with the mandates and requirements of all applicable laws and regulations but also to take responsibility to act in an ethical and professionally responsible manner in all professional services and activities.

#### **Code of Ethics Description**

This Code of Ethics does not attempt to identify all possible conflicts of interest, and compliance with each of its specific provisions will not shield our firm or its access persons from liability for misconduct that violates a fiduciary duty to our Clients. A summary of the Code of Ethics' Principles is outlined below.

- Integrity Access persons shall offer and provide professional services with integrity.
- Objectivity Access persons shall be objective in providing professional services to Clients.
- Competence Access persons shall provide services to Clients competently and maintain the necessary knowledge and skill to continue to do so in those areas in which they are engaged.
- Fairness Access persons shall perform professional services in a manner that is fair and reasonable to Clients, principals, partners, and employers, and shall disclose conflict(s) of interest in providing such services.
- Confidentiality Access persons shall not disclose confidential Client information without the specific consent of the Client unless in response to proper legal process, or as required by law.
- Professionalism Access persons conduct in all matters shall reflect the credit of the profession.
- Diligence Access persons shall act diligently in providing professional services.

We periodically review and amend our Code of Ethics to ensure that it remains current, and we require all firm access persons to attest to their understanding of and adherence to the Code of Ethics at least annually. Our firm will provide a copy of its Code of Ethics to any Client or prospective Client upon request.

#### **Investment Recommendations Involving a Material Financial Interest and Conflicts of Interest**

Neither our firm, its access persons, or any related person is authorized to recommend to a Client or effect a transaction for a Client, involving any security in which our firm or a related person has a material financial interest, such as in the capacity as an underwriter, adviser to the issuer, principal transaction, among others.

#### Advisory Firm Purchase of Same Securities Recommended to Clients and Conflicts of Interest

Our firm, its access persons, and its related persons may buy or sell securities similar to, or different from, those we recommend to Clients. This is considered a conflict of interest and in an effort to reduce or eliminate conflicts of interest, our Code of Ethics requires that we restrict or prohibit access persons' transactions in specific reportable securities. Any exceptions or trading pre-clearance must be approved by SFA's Chief Compliance Officer in advance of the transaction in an account. SFA maintains a copy of access persons' personal securities transactions as required.

#### Trading Securities At/Around the Same Time as Client's Securities

From time to time our firm, its access persons, or its related persons may buy or sell securities for themselves at or around the same time as they buy or sell securities for Clients' account(s). This is a conflict of interest and to address this conflict, it is our policy that neither our firm or access persons shall have priority over Clients' accounts in the purchase or sale of securities. As such, Client accounts having priority in the purchase or sale of securities will always be bought or sold before our firm or access persons of the firm.

# Item 12: Brokerage Practices

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

SFA does not have any affiliation with any custodian we recommend. Specific custodian recommendations are made to the Client based on their need for such services. We recommend custodians based on the reputation and services provided by the firm.

In recommending custodians, we have an obligation to seek the "best execution" of transactions in Client accounts. The determinative factor in the analysis of best execution is not the lowest possible commission cost, but whether the transaction represents the best qualitative execution, taking into consideration the full range of the custodian's services. The factors we consider when evaluating a custodian for best execution include, without limitation, the custodian's:

- Combination of transaction execution services and asset custody services (generally without a separate fee for custody);
- Capability to execute, clear, and settle trades (buy and sell securities for your account);
- Capability to facilitate transfers and payments to and from accounts (wire transfers, check requests, bill payment, etc.);
- Breadth of available investment products (stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), etc.);
- Availability of investment research and tools that assist us in making investment decisions
- Quality of services;
- Competitiveness of the price of those services (commission rates, margin interest rates, other fees, etc.) and willingness to negotiate the prices;
- Reputation, financial strength, security and stability;
- Prior service to us and our clients.

With this in consideration, our firm recommends Altruist Financial LLC ("Altruist"), an independent and unaffiliated SEC registered broker-dealer firm and member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC").

#### **Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits**

We do not have any soft-dollar arrangements with custodians whereby soft-dollar credits, used to purchase products and services, are earned directly in proportion to the amount of commissions paid by a Client. However, as a result of being on their institutional platform, Altruist may provide us with certain services that may benefit us.

#### **Altruist**

SFA offers investment advisory services through the custodial platform offered by Altruist Financial LLC, an unaffiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer and FINRA/SIPC member ("Altruist"). Altruist provides our firm and our Clients with no commissions on orders executed through Altruist, fully digital account opening process, the variety of available investments, and integration with software tools that can benefit SFA and our Clients. SFA may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker-dealer or custodian based on its interest in receiving the research or additional products or services rather than on the Client's interest in receiving favorable execution. This is a conflict of interest, because SFA does not have to produce or pay for the research, products, or services.

#### **Brokerage for Client Referrals**

We receive no referrals from a custodian, broker-dealer or third party in exchange for using that custodian, broker-dealer or third party.

#### Clients Directing Which Broker/Dealer/Custodian to Use

Our firm recommends Clients establish account(s) at Altruist to execute transactions through. We will assist with establishing your account(s) at Altruist, however, we will not have the authority to open accounts on the Client's behalf. Not all investment advisers require their Clients to use their recommended custodian. By recommending that Clients use Altruist, we may be unable to achieve the most favorable execution of Client transactions, and this practice may cost Clients more money. We base our recommendations on the factors disclosed in Item 12 herein and will only recommend custodians if we believe it's in the best interest of the Client.

If Clients do not wish to utilize our recommended custodian, we permit Clients to direct brokerage. We will be added to your account through a limited trading authority. However, due to restraints from not having access to an institutional platform, we are unable to achieve most favorable execution of Client transactions. Clients directing brokerage may cost Clients more money. For example, in a directed brokerage account, the Client may pay higher brokerage commissions because we may not be able to aggregate orders to reduce transaction costs, or the Client may receive a higher transaction price at their selected custodian versus our recommended custodian.

#### **Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts**

Aggregating orders, batch trading, or block trading is a process where trades for the same securities are purchased or sold for several clients at approximately the same time. We do not engage in block trading. It should be noted that implementing trades on a block or aggregate basis may be less expensive for client accounts; however, it is our trading policy to implement all client orders on an individual basis. Therefore, we do not aggregate or "block" client transactions. Considering the types of investments we hold in advisory client accounts, we do not believe clients are hindered in any way because we trade accounts individually. This is because we develop individualized investment strategies for clients and holdings will vary. Our strategies are primarily developed for the long-term and minor differences in price execution are not material to our overall investment strategy.

#### Item 13: Review of Accounts

#### **Periodic Reviews**

David MaWhinney, Founder, Owner, and CCO of SFA, will work with Clients to obtain current information regarding their assets and investment holdings and will review this information as part of our financial planning services. SFA does not provide specific reports to Clients, other than financial plans. Clients who engage us for investment management services, including those utilizing model asset allocation and/or model portfolios, will have their account(s) reviewed regularly on a quarterly basis by David MaWhinney, Founder, Owner, and CCO. The account(s) are reviewed and consistent with regards to the Client's investment policies and risk tolerance levels. Additional reviews will be performed at the Client's request.

#### **Triggers of Reviews**

Events that may trigger a special review would be unusual performance, addition or deletions of Client-imposed restrictions, excessive draw-down, volatility in performance, or buy and sell decisions from the firm or per Client's needs.

#### **Review Reports**

Clients will receive trade confirmations from the custodian(s) for each transaction in their accounts as well as monthly or quarterly statements and annual tax reporting statements from their custodian showing all activity in the accounts, such as receipt of dividends and interest.

SFA does not provide written performance or holdings reports to Investment Management Clients outside of what is provided directly by their custodian.

# Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

## **Compensation Received by Stream Financial Advice LLC**

SFA is a fee-only firm that is compensated solely by its Clients. SFA does not receive commissions or other sales-related compensation. Except as mentioned in Item 12 above, we do not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly, from any third party for advice rendered to our Clients.

#### **Client Referrals from Solicitors**

SFA does not, directly or indirectly, compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for Client referrals.

# Item 15: Custody

SFA does not hold, directly or indirectly, Client funds or securities, or have any authority to obtain possession of them. All Client assets are held at a qualified custodian.

If SFA deducts its advisory fee from Client's account(s), the following safeguards will be applied:

- i. The Client will provide written authorization to SFA, permitting us to be paid directly from Client's accounts held by the custodian.
- ii. The custodian will send at least quarterly statements to the Client showing all disbursements from the accounts, including the amount of the advisory fee.

SFA will send an itemized invoice to the Client at the same time it instructs the custodian to debit the advisory fee. Itemization includes the formula used to calculate the fee, the amount of assets under management the fee is based on, and the time period covered by the fee.

We urge you to carefully review custodial statements and compare them to the account invoices or reports that we may provide to you and notify us of any discrepancies. Clients are responsible for verifying the accuracy of these fees as listed on the custodian's brokerage statement as the custodian does not assume this responsibility. Our invoices or reports may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

## Item 16: Investment Discretion

For those Client accounts where we provide Investment Management Services, SFA has discretionary authority and limited power of attorney to determine the securities and the amount of securities to be bought or sold for a Client's account without having to obtain prior Client approval for each transaction. Investment discretion is explained to Clients in detail when an advisory relationship has commenced. At the start of the advisory relationship, the Client will execute a Limited Power of Attorney, which will grant our firm discretion over the account(s). Additionally, the discretionary relationship will be outlined in the Advisory Contract and signed by the Client. Clients may limit our discretion by requesting certain restrictions on investments. However, approval of such requests are at the firm's sole discretion.

We will not manage Client accounts on a non-discretionary basis.

# Item 17: Voting Client Securities

We do not vote Client proxies. Therefore, Clients maintain exclusive responsibility for: (1) voting proxies, and (2) acting on corporate actions pertaining to the Client's investment assets. The Client shall instruct the Client's qualified custodian to forward to the Client copies of all proxies and shareholder communications relating to the Client's investment assets. If the Client would like our opinion on a particular proxy vote, they may contact us at the number listed on the cover of this brochure.

In most cases, you will receive proxy materials directly from the account custodian. However, in the event we were to receive any written or electronic proxy materials, we would forward them directly to you by mail, unless you have authorized our firm to contact you by electronic mail, in which case, we would forward you any electronic solicitation to vote proxies.

# Item 18: Financial Information

We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to our Clients, nor have we been the subject of any bankruptcy proceeding. We do not have custody of Client funds or securities, except as disclosed in Item 15 above, or require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees six months or more in advance.

# Item 19: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

#### **Principal Officers**

David MaWhinney serves as SFA's sole principal and CCO. Information about David MaWhinney's education, business background, and outside business activities can be found on his ADV Part 2B, Brochure Supplement attached to this Brochure

#### **Outside Business**

All outside business information, if applicable, of SFA is disclosed in Item 10 of this Brochure.

#### **Performance-Based Fees**

Neither SFA nor David MaWhinney is compensated by performance-based fees.

#### **Material Disciplinary Disclosures**

No management person at SFA has ever been involved in an arbitration claim of any kind or been found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding.

#### Material Relationships That Management Persons Have With Issuers of Securities

SFA nor David MaWhinney have any relationship or arrangement with issuers of securities.

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# Form ADV Part 2B – Brochure Supplement

Dated 03 November 2023

#### For

# **David MaWhinney**

Founder, Owner, and Chief Compliance Officer

This brochure supplement provides information about David MaWhinney that supplements the Stream Financial Advice LLC ("SFA") brochure. A copy of that brochure precedes this supplement. Please contact David MaWhinney if the SFA brochure is not included with this supplement or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about David MaWhinney is available on the SEC's website at <a href="www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> which can be found using the identification number 6907811.

# Item 2: Educational Background and Business Experience

#### **David MaWhinney**

Born: 1989

#### **Educational Background**

• 2016 – Personal Financial Planning, Utah Valley University

#### **Business Experience**

- 05/2023 Present, Stream Financial Advice LLC, Founder, Owner, and CCO
- 01/2023 06/2023, Fidelity Investments, Retirement Planner
- 01/2018 01/2023, MaWhinney Enterprises, Inc., Independent Contractor
- 06/2021 11/2021, Peterson Wealth Advisors, LLC, Investment Advisor Representative
- 06/2018 04/2021, The Vanguard Group, Inc., Registered Person
- 01/2018 04/2021, The Vanguard Group, Inc., High Net Worth Advisor
- 01/2011 01/2018, Dairy Keen, Manager
- 08/2000 12/2017, MaWhinney Enterprises, Inc., Manager, Social Marketing

#### **Professional Designation(s)**

#### **CFP®** (Certified Financial Planner):

David MaWhinney is certified for financial planning services in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board"). Therefore, David MaWhinney may refer to themself as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER<sup>TM</sup> professional or a CFP® professional, and David MaWhinney may use these and CFP Board's other certification marks (the "CFP Board Certification Marks"). The CFP® certification is voluntary. No federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold the CFP® certification. You may find more information about the CFP® certification at <a href="https://www.cfp.net">www.cfp.net</a>.

CFP® professionals have met CFP Board's high standards for education, examination, experience, and ethics. To become a CFP® professional, an individual must fulfill the following requirements:

- Education Earn a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university and complete CFP Board-approved coursework at a college or university through a CFP Board Registered Program. The coursework covers the financial planning subject areas CFP Board has determined are necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, as well as a comprehensive financial plan development capstone course. A candidate may satisfy some of the coursework requirements through other qualifying credentials.
- Examination Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination is designed to assess an individual's ability to integrate and apply a broad base of financial planning knowledge in the context of real-life financial planning situations.
- Experience Complete 6,000 hours of professional experience related to the personal financial planning process, or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements.
- Ethics Satisfy the Fitness Standards for Candidates for CFP® Certification and Former CFP® Professionals Seeking Reinstatement and agree to be bound by CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct ("Code and Standards"), which sets forth the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing education and ethics requirements to remain certified and maintain the right to continue to use the CFP Board Certification Marks:

- Ethics Commit to complying with CFP Board's Code and Standards. This includes a commitment to
  CFP Board, as part of the certification, to act as a fiduciary, and therefore, act in the best interests of the
  client, at all times when providing financial advice and financial planning. CFP Board may sanction a
  CFP® professional who does not abide by this commitment, but CFP Board does not guarantee a CFP®
  professional's services. A client who seeks a similar commitment should obtain a written engagement that
  includes a fiduciary obligation to the client.
- Continuing Education Complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years to maintain competence, demonstrate specified levels of knowledge, skills, and abilities, and keep up with developments in financial planning. Two of the hours must address the Code and Standards.

# Item 3: Disciplinary Information

David MaWhinney has never been involved in an arbitration claim of any kind or been found liable in a civil, self-regulatory organization, or administrative proceeding.

#### Item 4: Other Business Activities

David MaWhinney is not involved with outside business activities.

# Item 5: Additional Compensation

David MaWhinney does not receive any economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, in exchange for providing Clients advisory services through SFA.

# Item 6: Supervision

David MaWhinney as Chief Compliance Officer of SFA, supervises the advisory activities of our firm. David MaWhinney is bound by and will adhere to the firm's policies and procedures and Code of Ethics. Clients may contact David MaWhinney at the phone number on this brochure supplement.

# Item 7: Requirements for State Registered Advisers

David MaWhinney has NOT been involved in an arbitration, civil proceeding, self-regulatory proceeding, administrative proceeding, or a bankruptcy petition.