### NorthPoint Financial Planning LLC

### Form ADV Part 2A – Firm Brochure

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of NorthPoint Financial Planning, ("NFP"). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (336) 560-7887. 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.

NorthPoint Financial Planning is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of Ohio. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about NFP is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> which can be found using the firm's identification number 146980.

### Item 2: Material Changes

This section highlights revisions made since the last annual amendment dated January 3, 2020 to the Disclosure Brochure:

There are no material changes.

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### Item 4: Advisory Business

### **Description of Advisory Firm**

NorthPoint Financial Planning (referred to as "NFP") is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of Ohio. We were founded in January 2008 and became licensed as an investment adviser in 2018. Paul Pfeiffer is

the principal owner of NFP. Because NFP is an established entity, it reports \$15.4 million in discretionary and no non-discretionary Assets Under Management as of December 31, 2019.

### **Types of Advisory Services**

#### **Investment Management Services**

We are in the business of managing individually tailored investment portfolios. 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 may 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 tax considerations. Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors. Fees pertaining to this service are outlined in Item 5 of this brochure.

### **Investment Advisory Services**

We offer investment advisory services directly and through use of third-party money managers ("Outside Managers" and "Sub-Advisers) for portfolio management services. We may recommend certain third-party money managers that we have access to through our primary recommended custodian, TD Ameritrade Institutional. See Item 12 for more information on TD Ameritrade Institutional. We assist clients in selecting an appropriate allocation model, completing the investor profile questionnaire, implementing the investment strategy, and review, rebalance or reallocate as appropriate. In addition, or services include interacting with the Outside Manager and reviewing the Outside Manager when an Outside Manger is employed. Our review process and analysis of outside managers is further discussed in Item 8 of this Form ADV Part 2A. Additionally, we will meet with the client on a periodic basis to discuss changes in their personal or financial situation, suitability, and any new or revised restrictions to be applied to the account. Fees pertaining to this service are outlined in Item 5 of this brochure.

We may also recommend clients use XY Investment Solutions ("XYIS") as a sub-adviser for portfolio management services. XY Investment Solutions ("XYIS") builds investment models through a technology solution and supports financial planners with investment strategies based on research, experience, and sound rationale. XYIS primarily allocates client assets among various mutual funds, exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). XYIS may also allocate client assets in individual debt and equity securities, options and independent investment managers. XYIS's services are based on long-term investment strategies incorporating the principles of Modern Portfolio Theory. XYIS manages client investments in model portfolios on a discretionary basis and we will maintain discretionary authority to make changes and instruct XYIS to make changes to your portfolio.

### Financial Planning – Project Based

We provide both targeted and comprehensive financial planning services on topics such as retirement planning, risk management, college savings, cash flow, debt management, work benefits, and estate and incapacity planning.

Project based financial planning can be targeted or comprehensive in nature. Evaluation of a client's current and projected financial state is performed using currently known variables to predict future cash flows, asset

values and withdrawal plans. The key defining aspect of comprehensive 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. Clients purchasing this service will receive a written or an electronic report, providing the client with a detailed financial plan designed to achieve his or her stated financial goals and objectives.

In general, the financial plan will address any or all of the following areas of concern. The client and advisor will work together to select the 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 postsecondary 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 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, 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.
- **Insurance**: Review of suitable policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home and automobile.
- 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 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. We will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your tax professional with your approval.

### Financial Planning (an ongoing service)

This service involves working one-on-one with a planner over an extended period of time. By paying a flat monthly fee, clients get to work with a planner who will work with them to design their plan. The planner will monitor the plan, recommend any changes and ensure the plan is up to date.

Upon initiation of the comprehensive planning process, a client will be taken through steps establishing their goals and values around money. They will be required to provide information to help complete the following areas of analysis: net worth, cash flow, insurance, credit scores/reports, employee benefit, retirement planning, insurance, 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 subscribing to this service will receive a written or an electronic report, providing the client with a detailed financial plan designed to achieve his or her stated financial goals and objectives. If a follow up meeting is required, we will meet at the client's convenience. The plan and the client's financial situation and goals will be monitored throughout the year and follow-up phone calls and emails will be made to the client to confirm that any agreed upon action steps have been carried out. On an annual basis there will be a full review of this plan to ensure its accuracy and ongoing appropriateness. Any needed updates will be implemented at that time.

### **Personal Tax Return Preparation**

We provide tax preparation services for our clients to assist with the filing of federal and state tax returns for individuals and businesses. We may ask for an explanation or clarification of some items, but we will not audit or otherwise verify client data. The client is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of information used to prepare the returns. Our responsibility is to prepare the returns in accordance with applicable tax laws. We will utilize the services of a third-party accounting, bookkeeping, and tax preparation firm to facilitate the preparation and filing of your tax return and we will work with you and the third party in order to gather the necessary information as part of this service.

We may observe opportunities for tax savings that require planning or changes in the way the client handles some transactions. While an engagement for tax return preparation does not include significant tax planning services, we will share any ideas we have with you and discuss terms for any additional work that may be required to implement those ideas.

### **Educational Seminars**

We provide educational seminars on an "as announced" basis for groups seeking general advice on investments and other areas of personal finance. The content of these seminars will vary depending upon the needs of the attendees. These seminars are purely educational in nature and do not involve the sale of any investment products. Information presented will not be based on any individual's personal need, nor does the Planner provide individualized investment advice to attendees during these seminars.

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

We offer the same suite of services to all of our clients. However, specific client financial plans and their implementation are dependent upon the client financial profile which outlines each client's current situation (income, tax levels, and risk tolerance levels) and is used to construct a client specific plan to aid in the selection of a portfolio that matches restrictions, needs, and targets.

### Wrap Fee Programs

We provide a wrap fee program, which is outlined in detail within the Form ADV Part 2A Appendix 1. Our wrap fee and non-wrap fee accounts are managed on an individualized basis according to the client's investment objectives, financial goals, risk tolerance, etc. We do not manage wrap fee accounts in a different fashion than non-wrap fee accounts.

### **Defined Contribution Plan and Participant Advisory Services**

We provide advisory services to plan sponsors and their employees regarding design, implementation, monitoring and service of non-ERISA and ERISA qualified plans. Advisory fees are managed at the plan sponsor level. Custodians for assets in the plan and third-party administrators use to file and update annual reporting documents are recommended and utilized based on services, products and costs appropriate to the individual Sponsor and participant needs. Participant services include, communication, education, investment advice, enrollment and distribution services.

### Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Please note, unless a client has received the firm's disclosure brochure at least 48 hours prior to signing the investment advisory contract, the investment advisory contract may be terminated by the client within five (5) business days of signing the contract without incurring any advisory fees. How we are paid depends on the type of advisory service we are performing. Please review the fee and compensation information below.

### **Investment Management Services (NFP Manages)**

Our standard advisory fee for both individuals and plan sponsors is based on the market value of the assets under management and is calculated as follows:

Account Value	Annual Advisory Fee
\$0 - \$250,000	1.00%
\$250,001 - \$500,000	0.90%
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	0.80%
\$1,000,001 - \$2,000,000	0.70%
\$2,000,000 and Above	0.60%

The annual fees are negotiable and are pro-rated and paid in arrears quarterly basis. The advisory fee is a linear fee and is calculated by assessing the percentage rates using the predefined levels of total managed assets as shown in the above chart, and applying the fee to the combined total account value as of the last day of the previous quarter. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without agreement from the client by signing a new agreement or amendment to their current advisory agreement.

Management and Advisory fees are directly debited from client accounts, or the client may choose to pay by debit card, electronic funds transfer or check. Accounts initiated or terminated during a calendar quarter will be charged a pro-rated, first-dollar fee, based on the amount of time remaining in the 91.25 day, quarterly billing period. An account may be terminated with written notice at least 30 calendar days in advance. Since fees are paid in arrears, no rebate will be needed upon termination of the account.

### **Investment Advisory Services (Outside Manager)**

When using an outside manager, fees in addition to the above schedule may apply. The annual fees are negotiable and are pro-rated and paid in arrears on a quarterly basis. NFP will debit the client's advisory fee for both NFP's fee, and the Outside Manager's (Sub-Adviser's) fee, and will remit the Outside Manager's portion of the fee to the Outside Manager. Please note, the above fee schedule does include the Outside Manager's fee.

No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without agreement from the client by signing a new agreement or amendment to their current advisory agreement.

Accounts initiated or terminated during a calendar quarter will be charged a pro-rated, first-dollar fee, based on the amount of time remaining in the 91.25 day, quarterly billing period. An account may be terminated with written notice at least 30 calendar days in advance. Since adviser fees are paid in arrears, no rebate will be needed upon termination of the account. Sub-Adviser fees are not eligible for rebate.

### Financial Planning (an ongoing service)

Financial Planning consists of an upfront charge (set-up fee and first monthly fee) and an ongoing fee that is paid monthly, in advance. Financial planning fees typically range from \$1,600 to \$5,000 per year, but may also be higher or lower depending on the scope and complexity of the engagement. The fee may be negotiable in certain cases. Fees for this service may be paid by credit card, debit card or electronic funds transfer. Monthly payments will increase by 3%, beginning the 13<sup>th</sup> month and annually thereafter. Fee waivers and adjustments may apply as noted above. This service may be terminated with 30 days' notice. Upon termination of any account, the monthly fee will be pro-rated and any unearned monthly fee will be refunded to the client.

The "Set-up" portion of the Financial Planning fee is for client on-boarding, data gathering, and setting the basis for the financial plan. This work will commence immediately after the fee is paid and will be completed within the first 30 days of the date the fee is paid. Therefore, the upfront portion of the fee will not be paid more than 6 months in advance.

For Financial Planning clients that also participate in Investment Management and Advisory (Planning + Investing) and maintain assets under management of at least \$125,000, on-going monthly planning fees will be waived.

#### Financial Planning – Project Based

Financial Planning will generally be offered on a fixed fee basis. The fixed fee will be agreed upon before the start of any work. The fixed fee ranges from \$300 - \$5,000 based on complexity and scope of the engagement and may be negotiable in certain cases. If a fixed fee program is chosen, half of the fee is due at the beginning of process and the remainder is due at completion of work, however, NFP will not bill an amount above \$500.00 more than 6 months in advance. Fees for this service may be paid by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer or check. Upon termination, any prepaid but unearned fees (excluding the set-up fee) will be refunded to the client and no further fees will be charged.

### **Consulting - Hourly**

The Consulting fee is an hourly rate of \$200 per hour. The fee may be negotiable in certain cases and is due at the completion of the engagement. In the event of early termination by client, any fees for the hours already worked will be due. Fees for this service may be paid by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer or check.

#### **Personal Tax Return Preparation**

The fees for Personal Tax Return Preparation will be determined based on the complexity of the return and quality of recordkeeping. The fees may be negotiable in certain cases, will be agreed upon at the start of the engagement, and are due at the completion of the engagement. Clients are not required to utilize any third-party products or services that we may recommend and they can receive similar services from other professionals at a similar or lower cost. Fees for this service may be paid by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer or check.

### **Educational Seminars**

Fees for educational seminars will vary between \$500 and \$1,000 based on the scope, length, and complexity of each seminar. Fees may be negotiated with and paid for by employers, as well as offered on a pro-bono basis. In the event that seminar attendees will be responsible for payment, the fee will be published on the seminar announcement or invitation. The Planner may also provide pro bono seminars at its own discretion. Fees for this service may be paid by credit card, debit card, electronic funds transfer or check.

### **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 broker-dealers for client's transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g., commissions).

We do not accept commissions 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.

# Item 7: Types of Clients

We provide financial planning and portfolio management services to individuals, high net-worth individuals, and corporations or other businesses.

We do not have a minimum account size requirement.

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

Our primary methods of investment analysis are strategic and cash-flow based.

**Modern Portfolio Theory** assumes that investors are risk-averse, meaning that given two portfolios that offer the same expected return, investors will prefer the less risky one. Thus, an investor will take on increased risk only if compensated by higher expected returns. Conversely, an investor who wants higher expected returns must accept more risk. The exact trade-off will be the same for all investors, but different investors will evaluate

the trade-off differently based on individual risk aversion characteristics. The implication is that a rational investor will not invest in a portfolio if a second portfolio exists with a more favorable risk-expected return profile – i.e., if for that level of risk an alternative portfolio exists which has better expected returns.

**Use of Outside Managers:** We may recommend clients to third-party money managers ("outside managers") that our firm has access to through TD Ameritrade Institutional's (See Item 12 for more information on TD Ameritrade Institutional) Third Party Money Manager Platform. Our analysis of outside managers involves the examination of the experience, expertise, investment philosophies, and past performance of the outside managers in an attempt to determine if that manager has demonstrated an ability to invest over a period of time and in different economic conditions. We monitor the manager's underlying holdings, strategies, concentrations and leverage as part of our overall periodic risk assessment. Additionally, as part of our due-diligence process, we survey the manager's compliance and business enterprise risks. A risk of investing with an outside manager who has been successful in the past is that he/she may not be able to replicate that success in the future. In addition, as we do not control the underlying investments in an outside manager's portfolio. There is also a risk that a manager may deviate from the stated investment mandate or strategy of the portfolio, making it a less suitable investment for our clients. Moreover, as we do not control the manager's daily business and compliance operations, we may be unaware of the lack of internal controls necessary to prevent business, regulatory or reputational deficiencies.

Asset allocation accompanied by periodic portfolio rebalancing is the focus of our investment strategy. In the portfolio construction process, we focus not only on asset classes such as equities, fixed income, cash, and alternatives, but also on investment strategy styles such as tax- efficiency, income distribution, and active, and passive asset management. We believe that diversification across several asset classes and investment strategies is critical for achieving an attractive reward-to-risk ratio in the portfolio.

We employ both strategic and tactical asset allocation portfolios.

- Strategic allocations are managed to a specific allocation target and rebalance periodically to ensure that the allocation remains on track. Through strategic asset allocation, we construct our long-term target weights for asset classes and strategies based on the client's time horizon, risk tolerance, and required rate of return to meet his or her financial goals.
- Tactically managed allocations use tools to respond to changing market conditions. We look for signs of relative strength as a way of identifying good buying opportunities and, conversely, we aim to sell when we determine signs of relative weakness. Through tactical asset allocation approaches, we may deviate from target long-term weights established according to our strategic asset allocation approach within tolerance ranges based on our return expectations for asset classes and investment strategies at a given point in the market cycle.

### **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.

**Strategy Risk:** The Adviser's investment strategies and/or investment techniques may not work as intended.

**Small and Medium Cap Company Risk:** Securities of companies with small and medium market capitalizations are often more volatile and less liquid than investments in larger companies. Small and medium cap companies may face a greater risk of business failure, which could increase the volatility of the client's portfolio.

**Turnover Risk:** At times, the strategy may have a portfolio turnover rate that is higher than other strategies. A high portfolio turnover would result in correspondingly greater brokerage transaction expenses and may result in the distribution of additional capital gains for tax purposes. These factors may negatively affect the account's performance.

**Limited markets:** Certain securities may be less liquid (harder to sell or buy) and their prices may at times be more volatile than at other times. Under certain market conditions we may be unable to sell or liquidate investments at prices we consider reasonable or favorable, or find buyers at any price.

**Concentration Risk:** Certain investment strategies focus on particular asset-classes, industries, sectors or types of investment. From time to time these strategies may be subject to greater risks of adverse developments in such areas of focus than a strategy that is more broadly diversified across a wider variety of investments.

**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.

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

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

**Commercial Paper** is, in most cases, an unsecured promissory note that is issued with a maturity of 270 days or less. Being unsecured the risk to the investor is that the issuer may default.

**Common stocks** may go up and down in price quite dramatically, and in the event of an issuer's bankruptcy or restructuring could lose all value. A slower-growth or recessionary economic environment could have an adverse effect on the price of all stocks.

**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 such factors 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.

**Bank Obligations** including bonds and certificates of deposit may be vulnerable to setbacks or panics in the banking industry. Banks and other financial institutions are greatly affected by interest rates and may be adversely affected by downturns in the U.S. and foreign economies or changes in banking regulations.

**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.

**Options, alternatives (including investment trusts and limited partnerships), and other derivatives** carry many unique risks, including time-sensitivity, and can result in the complete loss of principal. While covered call writing does provide a partial hedge to the stock against which the call is written, the hedge is limited to the amount of cash flow received when writing the option. When selling covered calls, there is a risk the underlying position may be called away at a price lower than the current market price.

**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 or below their net asset value; (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 clients invest.

**Investment Companies Risk**. 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).

Annuity Risk. Annuities are a retirement product for those who may have the ability to pay a premium now and want to guarantee they receive certain monthly payments or a return on investment later in the future. Annuities are contracts issued by a life insurance company designed to meet requirement or other long-term goals. An annuity is not a life insurance policy. Variable annuities are designed to be long-term investments, to meet retirement and other long-range goals. Variable annuities are not suitable for meeting short-term goals because substantial taxes and insurance company charges may apply if you withdraw your money early. Variable annuities also involve investment risks, just as mutual funds do.

# Item 9: Disciplinary Information

### **Criminal or Civil Actions**

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

### **Administrative Enforcement Proceedings**

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

### Self-Regulatory Organization Enforcement Proceedings

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

# Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

No NFP employee is registered, or have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

No NFP employee is registered, or have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator or a commodity trading advisor.

NFP does not have any related parties. As a result, we do not have a relationship with any related parties.

NFP only receives compensation directly from clients. We do not receive compensation from any outside source. We do not have any conflicts of interest with any outside party.

Paul Pfeiffer is currently licensed as an insurance agent, however, he will not sell any insurance products to clients or prospective clients of the firm, in which he would receive a commission.

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

As a fiduciary, our firm and its associates have 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<sup>®</sup> 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 does not attempt to identify all possible conflicts of interest, and literal compliance with each of its specific provisions will not shield associated persons from liability for personal trading or other conduct that violates a fiduciary duty to advisory clients. A summary of the Code of Ethics' Principles is outlined below.

- Integrity Associated persons shall offer and provide professional services with integrity.
- Objectivity Associated persons shall be objective in providing professional services to clients.
- Competence Associated 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 Associated 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 Associated 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 Associated persons' conduct in all matter shall reflect credit of the profession.
- Diligence Associated 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 of 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 associates 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, etc.

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

Our firm and its "related persons" may invest in the same securities, or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures, which we recommend to clients.

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

Because our firm and its "related persons" may invest in the same securities, or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures, which we recommend to clients, we may trade in securities at or around the same time as clients.

### Item 12: Brokerage Practices

### Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers

NorthPoint Financial Planning does not have any affiliation with Broker-Dealers. Specific custodian recommendations are made to client based on their need for such services. We recommend custodians based on the reputation and services provided by the firm.

#### 1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

We currently do not receive soft dollar benefits.

#### 2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

We receive no referral fees from a broker-dealer or third party in exchange for using that broker-dealer or third party.

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

We do recommend a specific custodian for clients to use, however, clients may custody their assets at a custodian of their choice. Clients may also direct us to use a specific broker-dealer to execute transactions. By allowing clients to choose a specific custodian, we may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transaction and this may cost clients money over using a lower-cost custodian.

### The Custodian and Brokers We Use (TD Ameritrade and American Funds Distributors)

Advisor participates in the TD Ameritrade Institutional program. TD Ameritrade Institutional is a division of TD Ameritrade, Inc. ("TD Ameritrade"), member FINRA/SIPC. TD Ameritrade is an independent [and unaffiliated]

SEC-registered broker-dealer. TD Ameritrade offers to independent investment Advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance and settlement of transactions. Advisor receives some benefits from TD Ameritrade through its participation in the program. (Please see the disclosure under Item 14 below.)

In addition, Advisor may utilize custody Services from American Funds Distributors, Inc a subsidiary of Capital Group for custody and recordkeeping of employer sponsored defined contribution plans. Secondarily, custody services may be utilized for individual clients who would benefit due to factors such as investment strategy, ease of use, cost, product and time horizon.

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

We may combine multiple orders for shares of the same securities purchased for advisory accounts we manage (this practice is commonly referred to as "block trading"). We will then distribute a portion of the shares to participating accounts in a fair and equitable manner. The distribution of the shares purchased is typically proportionate to the size of the account, but it is not based on account performance or the amount or structure of management fees. Subject to our discretion, regarding particular circumstances and market conditions, when we combine orders, each participating account pays an average price per share for all transactions and pays a proportionate share of all transaction costs. Accounts owned by our firm or persons associated with our firm may participate in block trading with your accounts; however, they will not be given preferential treatment.

# Item 13: Review of Accounts

Client accounts with the Investment Management Service will be reviewed regularly on a quarterly basis by Paul Pfeiffer, Founder and CCO. The account is reviewed with regards to the client's risk tolerance levels and time horizon. 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.

Clients will receive trade confirmations (unless suppressed at the request of the client) from the broker(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.

NFP may provide written reports to Investment Management clients.

# Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

From time to time a referral to an outside service or product provider may be made at the client's request and with knowledge that such recommendation is based on past experience with or direct knowledge of the provider. We do not receive any direct economic benefit from any third party for advice rendered to our clients. NFP may receive indirect economic benefits through referrals from outside service providers. NFP may provide an incentive gift to both client and a referred friend or family member valued up to \$25 when the referred friend or family member commences any fee-based service within the following 12 months of the initial referral. Limit on gifts of \$75 per client household annually.

As disclosed under Item 12, above, Advisor participates in TD Ameritrade's institutional customer program and Advisor may recommend TD Ameritrade 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 TD Ameritrade retail investors. These benefits include the following products and services (provided without cost or at a discount): access to Third Party Money Managers through the Third Party Money Manager Platform; 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. TD Ameritrade 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 TD Ameritrade 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 TD Ameritrade. Other services made available by TD Ameritrade 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 TD Ameritrade. 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 TD Ameritrade for custody and brokerage services.

### Item 15: Custody

NFP does not accept custody of client funds except in the instance of withdrawing client fees.

For client accounts in which NFP directly debits their advisory fee:

- i. NFP will send a copy of its invoice to the custodian.
- ii. The custodian will send at least quarterly statements to the client showing all disbursements for the account, including the amount of the advisory fee.
- iii. The client will provide written authorization to NFP, permitting them to be paid directly for their accounts held by the custodian.

Clients should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker dealer, bank or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains client's investment assets. We urge you to carefully review such statements and compare such official custodial records to the account statements or reports that we may provide to you. Our statements 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, we usually maintain discretion over client accounts with respect to securities to be bought and sold and the amount of securities to be bought and sold. 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. Additionally, the discretionary relationship will be outlined in the advisory contract and signed by the client.

# 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.

### Item 18: Financial Information

Registered Investment Advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about our financial condition. We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to clients, and we have not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.

We do not have custody of client funds or securities or require or solicit prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client six months in advance.

# Item 19: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

# A. Principal Executive Officers and Management Persons; Their Formal Education and Business Background

NFP currently has only one management person and only one executive officer; Paul John Pfeiffer. Paul John Pfeiffer's education and business background can be found on the Supplemental ADV Part 2B form.

# B. Other Business in Which This Advisory Firm or its Personnel are Engaged and Time Spent on Any of Those (If Any)

Paul John Pfeiffer's other business activities can be found on the Supplemental ADV Part 2B form.

### C. How Performance Based Fees are Calculated and Degree of Risk to Clients

NFP does not accept performance-based fees or other fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client.

### D. Material Disciplinary Disclosures for Management Persons of this Firm

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

# E. Material Relationships That Management Persons Have With Issuers of Securities (If Any)

Neither NFP, nor its management persons, has any relationship or arrangement with issuers of securities.

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### Dated January 15, 2021

### **Brochure Supplement**

### Form ADV Part 2B – Individual Disclosure Brochure

### For

### Paul Pfeiffer - Individual CRD# 2094381

### Founder, and Chief Compliance Officer

This brochure supplement provides information about Paul Pfeiffer that supplements the NorthPoint Financial Planning ("NFP") brochure. A copy of that brochure precedes this supplement. Please contact Paul Pfeiffer if the NFP brochure is not included with this supplement or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Paul Pfeiffer is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u> which can be found using the identification number 2094381.

# Item 2: Educational Background and Business Experience

### **Paul Pfeiffer**

Born: 1967

### **Educational Background**

- University of Dayton (Dayton, OH), Bachelor of Science, Business Administration (Finance), 1989
- Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA), Master of Business Administration (Finance), 1999

### **Business Experience**

- March 2018 Present, NorthPoint Financial Planning LLC, Founder, CCO
- November 2013 April 2018, FSC Securities Corporation, Investment Advisor Representative
- June 2008 April 2018, NorthPoint Financial Planning LLC, Owner (Previous business activity under same business name)
- October 2013 November 2013, First Allied Securities Inc., Investment Advisor Representative
- April 2008 October 2013, Financial Integrity Advisors, LLC, Investment Advisor Representative
- April 2008 October 2013, Financial Integrity Resources Management LLC, Vice President
- April 2008 September 2013, FSC Securities Corporation, Registered Representative

### **Professional Designations, Licensing & Exams**

**CFP (Certified Financial Planner)**<sup>®</sup>**:** The CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER<sup>™</sup>, CFP<sup>®</sup> and federally registered CFP (with flame design) marks (collectively, the "CFP<sup>®</sup> marks") are professional certification marks granted in the United States by Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. ("CFP Board").

The CFP<sup>®</sup> certification is a voluntary certification; no federal or state law or regulation requires financial planners to hold CFP<sup>®</sup> certification. It is recognized in the United States and a number of other countries for its (1) high standard of professional education; (2) stringent code of conduct and standards of practice; and (3) ethical requirements that govern professional engagements with clients. Currently, more than 71,000 individuals have obtained CFP<sup>®</sup> certification in the United States.

To attain the right to use the CFP<sup>®</sup> marks, an individual must satisfactorily fulfill the following requirements:

• Education – Complete an advanced college-level course of study addressing the financial planning subject areas that CFP Board's studies have determined as necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, and attain a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university (or its equivalent from a foreign university). CFP Board's financial planning subject areas include insurance planning and risk management, employee benefits planning, investment planning, income tax planning, retirement planning, and estate planning.

- Examination Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination includes case studies and client scenarios designed to test one's ability to correctly diagnose financial planning issues and apply one's knowledge of financial planning to real-world circumstances.
- Experience Complete at least three years of full-time financial planning-related experience (or the equivalent, measured as 2,000 hours per year); and
- Ethics Agree to be bound by CFP Board's *Standards of Professional Conduct*, a set of documents outlining the ethical and practice standards for CFP<sup>®</sup> professionals.

Individuals who become certified must complete the following ongoing education and ethics requirements in order to maintain the right to continue to use the CFP<sup>®</sup> marks:

- Continuing Education Complete 30 hours of continuing education hours every two years, including two hours on the *Code of Ethics* and other parts of the *Standards of Professional Conduct*, to maintain competence and keep up with developments in the financial planning field; and
- Ethics Renew an agreement to be bound by the Standards of Professional Conduct. The Standards prominently require that CFP<sup>®</sup> professionals provide financial planning services at a fiduciary standard of care. This means CFP<sup>®</sup> professionals must provide financial planning services in the best interests of their clients.

CFP<sup>®</sup> professionals who fail to comply with the above standards and requirements may be subject to CFP Board's enforcement process, which could result in suspension or permanent revocation of their CFP<sup>®</sup> certification.

### **Item 3: Disciplinary Information**

No management person at NorthPoint Financial Planning has ever 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

Paul Pfeiffer is currently licensed as an insurance agent. However, he will not sell any insurance products to clients or prospective clients of the firm, in which he would receive a commission.

# Item 5: Additional Compensation

Paul Pfeiffer does not receive any economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, in exchange for providing clients advisory services through NFP.

# Item 6: Supervision

Paul Pfeiffer, as Founder and Chief Compliance Officer of NFP, is responsible for supervision. He may be contacted at the phone number on this brochure supplement.

# Item 7: Requirements for State Registered Advisers

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