KMR Wealth Advisory, LLC Firm Brochure - Form ADV Part 2A

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	Item 2: Material Changes	
There are no material changes in this brochure from the last annual updating amendment of KMR Wealth Advisory, LLC on $01/17/2019$. Material changes relate to KMR Wealth Advisory, LLC's policies, practices or conflicts of interests only.		

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Item 4: Advisory Business

Business Description

We provide services to individuals, high-net-worth individuals and pension and profit sharing plans concerning mutual funds, fixed income securities, real estate funds (including REITs), insurance products including annuities, equities, ETFs (including ETFs in the gold and precious metal sectors), treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds, non-U.S. securities and private placements. All of these investment strategies are either on a nondiscretionary basis with no trading, or are invested in by an underlying subadvisor. As a registered investment adviser, we are held to the highest standard of client care – a fiduciary standard. As a fiduciary, we always put our client's interests first and must fully disclose any potential conflict of interest. We do not hold customer funds or securities.

A. Description of the Advisory Firm

KMR Wealth Advisory, LLC (hereinafter "KWAL") is a Limited Liability Company organized in the State of California. The firm was formed in February 2014, and the principal owner is Kristin Marie Rasmussen.

B. Types of Advisory Services

Portfolio Management Services

We provide non-discretionary investment advice with no trading for a fixed fee between \$500 - \$2000 or an hourly fee between \$125-500.

Selection of Other Advisers

KWAL may direct clients to third-party investment advisers to manage all or a portion of the client's assets. Before selecting other advisers for clients, KWAL will always ensure those other advisers are properly licensed or registered as an investment adviser. KWAL conducts due diligence on any third-party investment adviser, which may involve one or more of the following: phone calls, meetings and review of the third-party adviser's performance and investment strategy. KWAL then makes investments with a third-party investment adviser by referring the client to the third-party adviser. KWAL will review the ongoing performance of the third-party adviser as a portion of the client's portfolio.

Pension Consulting Services

KWAL offers ongoing consulting services to pension or other employee benefit plans (including but not limited to 401(k) plans) based on the demographics, goals, objectives, time horizon, and/or risk tolerance of the plan's participants.

Financial Planning

Financial plans and financial planning may include, but are not limited to: investment planning; life insurance; tax concerns; retirement planning; college planning; and debt/credit planning.

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

Services Limited to Specific Types of Investments

KWAL generally limits its investment advice to mutual funds, fixed income securities, real estate funds (including REITs), insurance products including annuities, equities, ETFs (including ETFs in the gold and precious metal sectors), treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds, non-U.S. securities and private placements, although KWAL primarily recommends structured asset class portfolios to a majority of its clients. All of these securities are either on a nondiscretionary basis with no trading, or are invested in by an underlying subadviser. KWAL may use other securities as well to help diversify a portfolio when applicable.

C. Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions

KWAL will tailor a program for each individual client. Regularly reviewing goals and objectives with clients in relation to individual investment results, economic environment and individual personal experience, providing. This will include an interview session to get to know the client's specific needs and requirements as well as a plan that will be executed by KWAL on behalf of the client. KWAL may use "model portfolios" together with a specific set of recommendations for each client based on their personal restrictions, needs, and targets. Clients may not impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities in accordance with their values or beliefs.

D. Wrap Fee Programs

A wrap fee program is an investment program where the investor pays one stated fee that includes management fees, transaction costs, fund expenses, and other administrative fees. KWAL does not participate in any wrap fee programs.

E. Assets Under Management

KWAL has the following assets under management:

Discretionary Amounts:	Non-discretionary Amounts:	Date Calculated:
\$0	\$55,026,915.00	12/31/2019

Item 5: Fees and Compensation

A. Fee Schedule

Lower fees for comparable services may be available from other sources.

Non-discretionary Portfolio Management Fees

We provide non-discretionary investment advice with no trading for a fixed fee between \$500 - \$2000 or an hourly fee between \$125-500. Note that the asset based fee listed below is not for investment management, but for manager selection.

Selection of Other Advisers Fees

Total Assets Under Advisement	Annual Fee
Up to \$100,000	1.25%
\$100,001 to \$200,000	1.00%
\$200,001 to \$500,000	0.75%
\$500,000 and up	0.50%

KWAL may direct clients to third-party investment advisers. KWAL will receive the above fee on top of the fee paid to the third party adviser. This relationship will be memorialized in each contract between KWAL and each third-party adviser. The fees will not exceed any limit imposed by any regulatory agency. The notice of termination requirement and payment of fees for third-party investment advisers will depend on the specific third-party adviser selected.

These fees are negotiable.

Pension Consulting Services Fees

Asset-Based Fees for Pension Consulting

Total Assets Under Management	Annual Fee
Up to \$1,500,000	1.00%

These fees are generally negotiable and the final fee schedule is attached as Exhibit II of the Investment Advisory Contract.

Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty for a full refund of KWAL's fees within five business days of signing the Investment Advisory Contract. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Investment Advisory Contract generally with 10 days' written notice. KWAL bills based on the balance on the first day of the billing period.

Fixed Fees

The rate for creating client pension consulting plans is between \$1,000 and \$10,000. The final fee schedule will be attached as Exhibit II of the Investment Advisory Contract. This service may be canceled with 10 days' notice.

Hourly Fees

The hourly fee for these services is between \$625 and \$3,000. The final fee schedule will be attached as Exhibit II of the Investment Advisory Contract.

Financial Planning Fees

Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty for a full refund of KWAL's fees within five business days of signing the Financial Planning Agreement. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Financial Planning Agreement generally upon written notice.

Fixed Fees

The negotiated fixed rate for creating client financial plans is \$1,000. Fees are charged 50% in advance, but never more than six months in advance, with the remainder due upon presentation of the plan.

B. Payment of Fees

Payment of Asset-Based Pension Consulting Fees

Asset-based pension consulting fees are withdrawn directly from the client's accounts with client's written authorization on a quarterly basis. Fees are paid in advance.

Payment of Fixed or Hourly Pension Consulting Services Fees

Fixed pension consulting fees are paid via check. These fees are paid in arrears upon completion.

Hourly pension consulting fees are paid in arrears upon completion.

Payment of Selection of Other Advisers Fees

The timing, frequency, and method of paying fees for selection of third-party managers will depend on the specific third-party adviser selected and will be disclosed to the client prior to entering into a relationship with the third-party advisor. KWAL will receive its standard portfolio management fee on top of the fee paid to the third party adviser.

Payment of Financial Planning Fees

Financial planning fees are paid via check.

Fixed financial planning fees are paid 50% in advance, but never more than six months in advance, with the remainder due upon presentation of the plan.

C. Client Responsibility For Third Party Fees

Clients are responsible for the payment of all third party fees (i.e. custodian fees, brokerage fees, mutual fund fees, transaction fees, etc.). Those fees are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by KWAL. Please see Item 12 of this brochure regarding broker-dealer/custodian.

D. Prepayment of Fees

KWAL collects fees in advance and arrears, as indicated above. Refunds for fees paid in advance will be returned within fourteen days to the client via check, or return deposit back into the client's account.

For all asset-based fees paid in advance, the fee refunded will be the balance of the fees collected in advance minus the daily rate* times the number of days in the billing period up to and including the day of termination. (*The daily rate is calculated by dividing the annual asset-based fee rate by 365.)

Fixed fees that are collected in advance will be refunded based on the prorated amount of work completed at the point of termination.

E. Outside Compensation For the Sale of Securities to Clients

Neither KWAL nor its supervised persons accept any 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

KWAL 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.

Item 7: Types of Clients

KWAL generally provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- Individuals
- ❖ High-Net-Worth Individuals
- Pension and Profit Sharing Plans

Minimum Account Size for Pension Consulting

There is an account minimum of \$1,000,000, which may be waived by KWAL in its discretion.

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

A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies

Methods of Analysis

KWAL's methods of analysis include modern portfolio theory.

Modern portfolio theory is a theory of investment that attempts to maximize portfolio expected return for a given amount of portfolio risk, or equivalently minimize risk for a given level of expected return, each by carefully choosing the proportions of various asset.

Investment Strategies

KWAL uses long term trading.

Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.

B. Material Risks Involved

Methods of Analysis

Modern Portfolio Theory assumes that investors are risk adverse, 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.

Investment Strategies

Long term trading is designed to capture market rates of both return and risk. Due to its nature, the long-term investment strategy can expose clients to various types of risk that will typically surface at various intervals during the time the client owns the investments. These risks include but are not limited to inflation (purchasing power) risk, interest rate risk, economic risk, market risk, and political/regulatory risk.

Selection of Other Advisers: Although KWAL will seek to select only money managers who will invest clients' assets with the highest level of integrity, KWAL's selection process cannot ensure that money managers will perform as desired and KWAL will have no control over the day-to-day operations of any of its selected money managers. KWAL would not necessarily be aware of certain activities at the underlying money manager level, including without limitation a money manager's engaging in unreported risks, investment "style drift" or even regulator breach or fraud.

Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.

C. Risks of Specific Securities Utilized

Clients should be aware that there is a material risk of loss using any investment strategy. The investment types listed below (leaving aside Treasury Inflation Protected/Inflation Linked Bonds) are not guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or any other government agency.

Mutual Funds: Investing in mutual funds carries the risk of capital loss and thus you may lose money investing in mutual funds. All mutual funds have costs that lower

investment returns. The funds can be of bond "fixed income" nature (lower risk) or stock "equity" nature (mentioned below).

Equity investment generally refers to buying shares of stocks in return for receiving a future payment of dividends and/or capital gains if the value of the stock increases. The value of equity securities may fluctuate in response to specific situations for each company, industry conditions and the general economic environments.

Fixed income investments generally pay a return on a fixed schedule, though the amount of the payments can vary. This type of investment can include corporate and government debt securities, leveraged loans, high yield, and investment grade debt and structured products, such as mortgage and other asset-backed securities, although individual bonds may be the best known type of fixed income security. In general, the fixed income market is volatile and fixed income securities carry interest rate risk. (As interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa. This effect is usually more pronounced for longer-term securities.) Fixed income securities also carry inflation risk, liquidity risk, call risk, and credit and default risks for both issuers and counterparties. The risk of default on treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds is dependent upon the U.S. Treasury defaulting (extremely unlikely); however, they carry a potential risk of losing share price value, albeit rather minimal. Risks of investing in foreign fixed income securities also include the general risk of non-U.S. investing described below.

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs): An ETF is an investment fund traded on stock exchanges, similar to stocks. Investing in ETFs carries the risk of capital loss (sometimes up to a 100% loss in the case of a stock holding bankruptcy). Areas of concern include the lack of transparency in products and increasing complexity, conflicts of interest and the possibility of inadequate regulatory compliance. Precious Metal ETFs (e.g., Gold, Silver, or Palladium Bullion backed "electronic shares" not physical metal) specifically may be negatively impacted by several unique factors, among them (1) large sales by the official sector which own a significant portion of aggregate world holdings in gold and other precious metals, (2) a significant increase in hedging activities by producers of gold or other precious metals, (3) a significant change in the attitude of speculators and investors.

Real Estate funds (including REITs) face several kinds of risk that are inherent in the real estate sector, which historically has experienced significant fluctuations and cycles in performance. Revenues and cash flows may be adversely affected by: changes in local real estate market conditions due to changes in national or local economic conditions or changes in local property market characteristics; competition from other properties offering the same or similar services; changes in interest rates and in the state of the debt and equity credit markets; the ongoing need for capital improvements; changes in real estate tax rates and other operating expenses; adverse changes in governmental rules and fiscal policies; adverse changes in zoning laws; the impact of present or future environmental legislation and compliance with environmental laws.

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 retirement 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.

Private placements carry a substantial risk as they are subject to less regulation than are publicly offered securities, the market to resell these assets under applicable securities laws may be illiquid, due to restrictions, and the liquidation may be taken at a substantial discount to the underlying value or result in the entire loss of the value of such assets.

Non-U.S. securities present certain risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic change, social unrest, changes in government regulation, differences in accounting and the lesser degree of accurate public information available.

All of these securities are either invested in by the client subject to KWAL'S nondiscretionary advice with no trading, or are invested in by an underlying subadviser, who may also engage in trading in other securities, based on their own agreements with KWAL clients.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.

Item 9: Disciplinary Information

A. Criminal or Civil Actions

There are no criminal or civil actions to report.

B. Administrative Proceedings

There are no administrative proceedings to report.

C. Self-regulatory Organization (SRO) Proceedings

There are no self-regulatory organization proceedings to report.

Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

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

Neither KWAL nor its representatives are registered as, or have pending applications to become, a broker/dealer or a representative of a broker/dealer.

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

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

C. Registration Relationships Material to this Advisory Business and Possible Conflicts of Interests

Kristin Marie Rasmussen is a licensed insurance agent. From time to time, she may offer clients advice or products from those activities. Clients should be aware that these services pay a commission or other compensation and involve a conflict of interest, as commissionable products conflict with the fiduciary duties of a registered investment adviser. KWAL always acts in the best interest of the client; including the sale of commissionable products to advisory clients. Clients are in no way required to implement the plan through any representative of KWAL in such individual's capacity as an insurance agent.

All material conflicts of interest under Section 260.238 (k) of the California Corporations Code are disclosed regarding the investment adviser, its representatives or any of its employees, which could be reasonably expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.

D. Selection of Other Advisers or Managers and How This Adviser is Compensated for Those Selections

KWAL may direct clients to third-party investment advisers to manage all or a portion of the client's assets. Clients will pay KWAL its standard fee in addition to the standard fee for the advisers to which it directs those clients. This relationship will be memorialized in each contract between KWAL and each third-party advisor. The fees will not exceed any limit imposed by any regulatory agency. KWAL will always act in the best interests of the client, including when determining which third-party investment adviser to recommend to clients. KWAL will ensure that all recommended advisers are licensed or notice filed in the states in which KWAL is recommending them to clients.

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

A. Code of Ethics

KWAL has a written Code of Ethics that covers the following areas: Prohibited Purchases and Sales, Insider Trading, Personal Securities Transactions, Exempted Transactions, Prohibited Activities, Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Entertainment, Confidentiality, Service on a Board of Directors, Compliance Procedures, Compliance with Laws and Regulations, Procedures and Reporting, Certification of Compliance, Reporting Violations, Compliance Officer Duties, Training and Education, Recordkeeping, Annual Review, and Sanctions. KWAL's Code of Ethics is available free upon request to any client or prospective client.

B. Recommendations Involving Material Financial Interests

KWAL does not recommend that clients buy or sell any security in which a related person to KWAL or KWAL has a material financial interest.

C. Investing Personal Money in the Same Securities as Clients

From time to time, representatives of KWAL may buy or sell securities for themselves that they also recommend to clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of KWAL to buy or sell the same securities before or after recommending the same securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest. KWAL will always document any transactions that could be construed as conflicts of interest and will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage when similar securities are being bought or sold.

D. Trading Securities At/Around the Same Time as Clients' Securities

From time to time, representatives of KWAL may buy or sell securities for themselves at or around the same time as clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of KWAL to buy or sell securities before or after recommending securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest; however, KWAL will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage if representatives of KWAL buy or sell securities at or around the same time as clients.

Item 12: Brokerage Practices

A. Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker/Dealers

Custodians/broker-dealers will be recommended based on KWAL's duty to seek "best execution," which is the obligation to seek execution of securities transactions for a client on the most favorable terms for the client under the circumstances. Clients will not necessarily pay the lowest commission or commission equivalent, and KWAL may also consider the market expertise and research access provided by the broker-dealer/custodian, including but not limited to access to written research, oral communication with analysts, admittance to research conferences and other resources provided by the brokers that may aid in KWAL's research efforts. KWAL will never charge a premium or commission on transactions, beyond the actual cost imposed by the broker-dealer/custodian.

KWAL recommends Schwab Institutional, a division of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. and TD Ameritrade Institutional, a division of TD Ameritrade, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC/NFA

1. Research and Other Soft-Dollar Benefits

KWAL does not trade client's accounts and therefore receives no research, product, or services other than execution from a broker-dealer or third-party in connection with client securities transactions ("soft dollar benefits").

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

KWAL receives no referrals 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

KWAL does not trade client's accounts or recommend broker/custodians.

B. Aggregating (Block) Trading for Multiple Client Accounts

KWAL does not trade clients' accounts and therefore does not have the ability to block trade purchases across accounts.

Item 13: Reviews of Accounts

A. Frequency and Nature of Periodic Reviews and Who Makes Those Reviews

All client portfolio management accounts are reviewed at least quarterly only by Kristin M Rasmussen with regard to clients' respective investment policies and risk tolerance levels. All accounts at KWAL are assigned to this reviewer.

All financial planning accounts are reviewed upon financial plan creation and plan delivery by Kristin M Rasmussen. There is only one level of review for financial planning, and that is the total review conducted to create the financial plan.

B. Factors That Will Trigger a Non-Periodic Review of Client Accounts

Reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events, or by changes in client's financial situations (such as retirement, termination of employment, physical move, or inheritance).

With respect to financial plans, KWAL's services will generally conclude upon delivery of the financial plan.

C. Content and Frequency of Regular Reports Provided to Clients

Each client will receive a quarterly report detailing the client's account, including assets held, asset value, and calculation of fees. This written report will come from the custodian. KWAL will also provide at least quarterly a separate written statement to the client.

Each client will receive the financial plan upon completion.

Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

A. Economic Benefits Provided by Third Parties for Advice Rendered to Clients (Includes Sales Awards or Other Prizes)

KWAL does not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly from any third party for advice rendered to KWAL's clients.

B. Compensation to Non – Advisory Personnel for Client Referrals

KWAL does not directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

Item 15: Custody

When advisory fees are deducted directly from client accounts at client's custodian, KWAL will be deemed to have limited custody of client's assets and must have written authorization from the client to do so. Clients will receive all account statements and billing invoices that are required in each jurisdiction, and they should carefully review those statements for accuracy.

Item 16: Investment Discretion

KWAL does not have discretion over client accounts at any time.

Item 17: Voting Client Securities (Proxy Voting)

KWAL will not ask for, nor accept voting authority for client securities. Clients will receive proxies directly from the issuer of the security or the custodian. Clients should direct all proxy questions to the issuer of the security.

Item 18: Financial Information

A. Balance Sheet

KWAL neither requires nor solicits prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client, six months or more in advance, and therefore is not required to include a balance sheet with this brochure.

B. Financial Conditions Reasonably Likely to Impair Ability to Meet Contractual Commitments to Clients

Neither KWAL nor its management has any financial condition that is likely to reasonably impair KWAL's ability to meet contractual commitments to clients.

C. Bankruptcy Petitions in Previous Ten Years

KWAL has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition in the last ten years.

Item 19: Requirements For State Registered Advisers

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

KWAL currently has only one management person: Kristin Marie Rasmussen. Education and business background can be found on the Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplement for such individual.

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

Other business activities for each relevant individual can be found on the Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplement for each such individual.

C. How Performance-based Fees are Calculated and Degree of Risk to Clients

KWAL 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

There are no civil, self-regulatory organization, or arbitration proceedings to report under this section.

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

See Item 10.C and 11.B.