

# Granite Investment Partners, LLC Part 2A of Form ADV The Brochure

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Additional information about the Adviser is also available on the SEC’s website at: [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## Item 2 – Material Changes

This Brochure dated 3/14/2025 replaces our last amendment dated 3/14/2024. We will provide you with an updated Brochure, as needed, based on changes or new information, at any time, without charge. Currently, this Brochure may be requested by contacting us at [info@granitepartners-llc.com](mailto:info@granitepartners-llc.com) or 310-933-4292 or is available at [www.granitepartners-llc.com](http://www.granitepartners-llc.com).

The material updates since our last annual amendment, dated 03/14/2024, are as follows:

Item 4.A: Updated to include Douglas Morse and Erik Rolle as principal owners of the firm, and updated Types of Advisory Services to include pension and profit-sharing plans.

Item 4.B: Revised language surrounding sub-advising mutual funds in “Types of Advisory Services” offered.

Item 4.C: Revised language surrounding Mutual Funds in “Client Objectives/Restrictions.”

Item 5.A: Revised language for “Standard Fees for Mutual Funds.”

Item 4.E: Updated amount of Regulatory Assets Under Management.

Item 7: Updated “Types of Clients” to include pension and profit-sharing plans, and updated Mutual Funds language.

Item 8: Added language about use and risks of artificial intelligence (“AI”) as a method of analysis.

Item 13.B: Added tax loss harvesting as a “Factor that May Trigger an Account Review Outside of Regular Review.”

Item 17.A: Revised language for Voting Policies & Procedures.

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## **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

### **4. A. Advisory Firm Description**

Granite is a registered investment adviser with its principal place of business located in Los Angeles, California. Granite was founded in July 2009 and is 100% owned by its employees. The Principal Owners of the firm are Geoffrey Edelstein, Robert Foran, Edward Han, Jeffrey Hoo, Peter Lopez, Gary Rolle, Josh Shaskan, Bradley Slocum, Douglas Morse, and Erik Rolle. Granite has also provided equity interests for other key members of the firm.

### **4. B. Types of Advisory Services**

Granite offers investment advisory services to institutional clients including employee benefit plans, foundations, endowment, pension and profit-sharing plans, government entities and private funds well as high-net-worth individuals (collectively the “Clients”). Normally, accounts are fully discretionary and managed in accordance with the Client’s risk and return objectives and portfolio constraints including investment time horizon, liquidity needs, tax considerations, unique circumstances and other reasonable guidelines established by Client and accepted by Granite. Granite reserves the right to limit the number of clients or assets invested in a strategy at any time. As such, that strategy may be unavailable to certain new investors. Certain mutual funds, and other pooled vehicles, sub-advised by Granite in a strategy limited as described above, are not currently subject to such limits.

Granite offers equity, balanced and fixed income portfolios. The strategies offered by Granite will invest primarily in domestic large and small capitalization companies, but may invest in foreign companies consistent with the Client’s objectives. The fixed income accounts and fixed income portion of balanced accounts are invested in U.S. Treasury and Agency debt; investment grade corporate bonds and preferred stocks; mortgage-backed securities; and municipal debt (for appropriate taxable investors). High yield corporate bonds may be used when suitable for the Client (these bonds involve greater risks than other bonds). Mutual funds (open and closed end), exchange traded funds (“ETFs”) and unit investment trusts may be used to invest where appropriate in light of the asset class and Client’s circumstances. Granite may in the future participate in other permitted activities.

Granite serves as both the adviser and managing member to a domestic Private Fund (the “Fund”). Services provided to the Private Fund also may include organizing and managing its business operations; executing and reconciling trades; and drafting, printing, and distributing correspondence to Investors.

In the future, Granite may also act as a sub-adviser to a registered investment company and may act as a sub-adviser to additional registered investment companies (collectively, “Mutual Funds”).

Granite’s investment advice is limited to these types of investment advisory services.

#### **4. C. Client Investment Objectives/Restrictions**

Granite will tailor advisory services to individual Client needs and manages each account according to the investment objectives of the strategy selected by the Client and any unique needs and restrictions required by each Client. Investments for separately managed client accounts are managed in accordance with each Client's stated strategy selection, investment objectives, restrictions, and guidelines.

Investments for the Private Fund are managed in accordance with the Fund's strategy, investment objectives restrictions and guidelines and are not tailored to the individualized needs of any particular investor in the fund (each an "Investor"). Therefore, Investors should consider whether the fund meets their investment objectives and risk tolerance prior to investing. Information about the Private Fund can be found in its offering documents, including its limited liability company operating agreement which will be available to qualified current and prospective Investors only through Granite or another authorized party.

In the event that Granite acts as a sub-adviser to Mutual Funds in the future, investments for the Mutual Funds will be managed in accordance with the Mutual Funds' investment objective, strategy and restrictions. They will not be tailored to the individualized needs of any particular investor in the Mutual Funds.

#### **4. D. Wrap and Model Programs (UMAs)**

Granite has entered into agreements with Wrap and UMA program sponsors (collectively "Program Sponsors"). These are sub-advisory relationships where the Program Sponsor provides investment supervisory services to its Clients, including making recommendations concerning an investment adviser to render certain investment advice with respect to a Client's portfolio. The Client enters into an agreement with the Program Sponsor and the Program Sponsor has a separate master agreement with Granite. For Wrap program accounts, Granite may affect transactions through other broker-dealers, but it is expected that most of the transactions will be executed through the Program Sponsor because part of the Program Sponsor's negotiated fee with the Client includes brokerage commissions and trading costs. We manage the Wrap program accounts on a discretionary basis.

Granite receives a portion of the wrap fee from the sponsor as an investment adviser to these programs. In these relationships, Granite may not have direct contact with the underlying client, as we do with our direct accounts. Granite attempts to manage these accounts in the same manner as our non-wrap accounts managed in the same strategy. The management styles offered by Granite to client participants in these wrap-fee programs may vary among the different programs.

For UMA program accounts, Granite provides a model to the Program Sponsor and the Program Sponsor effects transactions in the client accounts. UMA accounts are managed by Granite on a non-discretionary basis and Granite has no contact or information on the Program Sponsor's clients whose accounts utilize Granite's model recommendations.

#### 4. E. Assets Under Management as of 12/31/2024:

Discretionary: \$2,440 million; 1,491 accounts  
Other (UMA accounts): \$1,460 million

### Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

#### Advisory Contracts and Fees

##### 5. A. Adviser Compensation

Granite's fees are described generally below and detailed in each Client's advisory agreement or applicable account documents. Fees related to the Private Fund are found in the Private Fund's governing documents. Fees for services may be negotiated with each Client on an individual basis. Granite may group multiple accounts of a Client (or group of related Clients) together for fee billing purposes.

Fees may change over time and, as discussed below, different fee schedules may apply to different types of clients, strategies and advisory arrangements. Fees may be negotiated on a basis different from Granite's stated fee schedules, if circumstances warrant, and Granite reserves the right to waive or reduce the fees charged to a particular Client in its sole and absolute discretion.

#### Fee Schedules

Granite's annual fee schedule for separately managed accounts is as follows:

##### Standard Fees for Institutional Accounts

Large Cap Equity	First \$0 - \$25 million	0.75%
	Next \$25 - \$50 million	0.65%
	Next \$50 - \$100 million	0.55%
	Remaining Assets > \$100 million	0.50%
All Cap Equity	First \$0 - \$25 million	0.85%
	Next \$25 - \$50 million	0.75%
	Next \$50 - \$100 million	0.65%
	Remaining Assets > \$100 million	0.60%
Small Growth, Small Core & Small Core Select	First \$0 - \$25 million	1.00%
	Next \$25 - \$50 million	0.90%
	Next \$50 - \$100 million	0.80%
	Remaining Assets > \$100 million	0.70%

Micro Cap Equity	All Assets	1.50%
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Standard Fees for Individually Managed Client Accounts

Equity and Balanced	First \$0 - \$2 million	1.00%
	Next \$2 - \$5 million	0.75%
	Next \$5 - \$10 million	0.65%
	Remaining Assets > \$10 million	0.50%
Fixed Income	First \$0 - \$5 million	0.40%
	Next \$5 - \$10 million	0.30%
	Remaining Assets > \$10 million	0.25%

**Standard Fees for Private Fund**

For advisory services provided to Pelicanview Total Return Fund, LLC (the “Private Fund” or the “Fund”), compensation received by Granite is generally comprised of fees based on a percentage of assets under management and performance-based amounts. Granite’s asset-based fees range up to 1.00% (per annum), although reductions may be negotiated with investors on a case-by-case basis.

Asset-based fees are billed quarterly at the commencement of the calendar quarter during which Granite will perform the services to which the fees relate. For the Private Fund, Granite may receive a Performance Fee up to 20% over a performance hurdle, as defined by the Fund’s offering documents. Granite may waive all or any portion of the Performance Fee with respect to any Investor in its sole discretion, including its employees and members. Fees are charged to each investor’s capital account. Investors generally will be permitted to make complete or partial redemptions in accordance with the terms of the Private Fund’s governing documents. The Private Fund sets forth its specific fee structure (including how it charges fees) along with the additional operational expenses in a confidential explanatory memorandum or similar offering document provided to prospective investors. In addition to Granite’s fees, Investors will bear indirectly other fees and expenses charged to the Fund.

**Standard Fees for Mutual Funds**

At times, Granite may provide sub-advisory services to mutual funds. In such event, Granite and the principal adviser for each sub-advised mutual fund will negotiate Granite’s advisory fees for providing those services. The sub-advisory fees will be set forth in the sub-advisory agreement between Granite and the respective principal adviser. For the purpose of determining the fees payable to Granite, the value of each of the mutual funds advised assets will be computed in the manner specified in the respective mutual funds’ current Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

Granite clients may receive, at no additional charge in addition to the investment advisory fee arrangement, advice from Granite with respect to the allocation of their assets among mutual funds. Although there is no separate or additional charge for this service, as discussed further

in Item 5.C, below, Granite clients who invest in the mutual funds bear their proportionate shares of each mutual fund's fees and expenses, including their pro rata share of Granite's advisory fees, in the event that Granite is the adviser or sub-adviser to such fund.

## **Wrap Programs**

Granite also provides certain sponsors of separately managed account programs with investment advice with respect to individual security selections and develops recommended portfolios in connection with such programs. Ordinarily, the agreement between the Program Sponsor, or the Client, and Granite provides for Granite to offer continuous investment management advice to Clients based on the individual needs of each Client. Granite generally maintains exclusive investment discretion as to which securities shall be purchased or sold in a Client's account in a manner consistent with the Client's selected management style, investment objectives, policies and restrictions (if any) and the capabilities of the Client's selected custodian.

In addition to other indicators of individual ownership, including the right to withdraw, hypothecate, vote, or pledge securities held in the Client's portfolio, each Client in these wrap-fee programs generally has the ability to establish special limitations on the investments in the Client's portfolio. In such instances, Granite will modify the Client's portfolio investments to comply with those limitations.

The annual fee paid by the Client to the wrap-fee Program Sponsor will typically range from 2%-3% of the Client's annual assets under management. Under the agreement, the Program Sponsor usually pays Granite a monthly or quarterly fee for its investment advisory services. The fee is generally at an annual rate between 0.35%-1.00% of the assets Granite manages under the program depending on the size of the wrap-fee program, services performed by Granite and the Program Sponsor, and the management style selected. These agreements may be terminated, generally, at the written request of the Client, the Program Sponsor or Granite. In the event of termination, the advisory fee will, if necessary, be pro-rated as set forth in the agreement with the Program Sponsor.

## **Consultant Programs**

In addition, some brokerage and investment consultant firms have Managed Account Programs in which the brokerage or investment consultant firm typically provides manager search, financial consulting, performance measurement, custodial services, and in the case of brokerage firms, brokerage. Many of the Managed Account Programs may refer accounts to Granite who have selected Granite as an investment manager. These Clients pay a single fee based on a percentage of assets under management to the brokerage or investment consultant firm for its Managed Account Program services. In some Managed Account Programs, brokerage commissions are included in the single fee; in other Managed Account Programs, Clients pay brokerage commissions on each transaction. These Clients pay Granite a separate advisory fee.

## **Model (UMA) Programs**

Fees paid by sponsors of model programs may be less than fees paid by sponsors of wrap account programs due to the differing levels of services provided by Granite, including trading, tax sensitive trading, and other portfolio advice tailored to the specific objectives, risk tolerance and portfolio constraints of the Clients of wrap account programs. For these programs, Granite solely provides portfolio recommendations and does not execute transactions for the Clients of such programs. The portfolio recommendations are made in conjunction with the executed transactions that occurs with the sponsors within a similar investment strategy. The determination of which order the sponsors will be notified/traded to reflect recommendations is randomized through a computer-generated program, to the extent practicable.

Under the agreement, the Program Sponsor usually pays Granite a monthly or quarterly fee for its model portfolio. The annual fee is generally between 0.20% - 0.50% of the assets Granite manages under the model portfolio program.

The services provided by Granite to Wrap Fee accounts, Managed Account Program accounts and Model Programs generally differ from services provided to other accounts, which are typically larger and/or engage Granite directly, in that Granite provides a higher degree of client service to its other accounts. For example, Granite generally has little, if any, contact with the clients of the foregoing programs.

## **Other Advisory Fee Arrangements**

Granite reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to negotiate and charge different advisory fees for certain accounts based on the client's particular needs as well as overall financial condition, goals, risk tolerance, and other factors unique to the Client's particular circumstances. Adviser may negotiate fees, depending on various factors, which may include the services required by the Client and the size of the account. Granite may also provide investment services to its Employees, Members, and their family members without charging a fee. Special circumstances may cause fees to vary from the above schedule. Granite may group multiple accounts of one Client relationship together for purposes of calculating the fee. Or Granite may not charge a fee to small accounts of a Client because of the fee the Client is paying on the total relationship. Granite may charge lower fees than those described above. Granite has negotiated fee schedules with certain brokerage firms for Clients of those firms that refer to Granite for investment management. These fee schedules vary by firm and may be different from the fee schedules listed above. In some instances, fees may be lower than stated above, particularly in the case of large accounts and other accounts which require a different degree of management effort or may involve other special circumstances.

## **5. B. Direct Billing of Advisory Fees**

Clients may request that fees owed to Granite be deducted directly from the Client's custodial account. In instances where a Client has authorized direct billing, Granite takes steps to assure itself that the Client's qualified custodian sends periodic account statements, no less frequently than quarterly, showing all transactions in the account, including fees paid to Granite, directly

to the Client. Clients have the option to be billed by invoice to make a direct payment for fees rather than having fees deducted from their account.

### **5. C. Other Non-Advisory Fees**

Granite's advisory fee is exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which shall be incurred by the Client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers and other third parties such as fees charged by other managers, custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. A Client's portfolio may include positions in mutual funds or exchange traded funds which also charge internal management fees and administrative fees and other expenses, which are disclosed in those funds' prospectuses and statements of additional information ("SAI"). A purchase or sale of a mutual fund or exchange traded fund can incur a commission or transaction fee as imposed by the custodian or broker. Such charges, fees and commissions referenced in this paragraph are exclusive of, and in addition to, Granite's fee, and Granite does not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Clients participating in separately managed account programs may be charged various program fees in addition to the advisory fee charged by our firm. In a wrap fee arrangement, Clients pay a single fee for advisory, brokerage and custodial services. Clients' portfolio transactions may be executed without commission charge in a wrap fee arrangement. In evaluating such an arrangement, the Client should also consider that, depending upon the level of the wrap fee charged by the broker-dealer, the amount of portfolio activity in the Client's account, and other factors, the wrap fee may or may not exceed the aggregate cost of such services if they were to be provided separately.

### **5. D. Advance Payment of Fees**

Fees are calculated and billed quarterly, in advance or arrears depending on the circumstances of the client relationship. Generally, fees are based on the market value of the assets on the last business day of the preceding quarter, however, in some circumstances fees may be based on average assets over the quarter or other methods. Accounts commencing or terminating during a quarter are billed on a pro rata basis. In the event that an advisory contract is terminated prior to the conclusion of a billing period, Granite will refund a *pro rata* portion of any pre-paid fees, or if billed arrears, bill the account *pro-rata* based on the date of termination.

### **5. E. No Compensation for Sale of Securities or Other Investment Products**

Granite's 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

Granite has agreed to a performance-based fee schedule with certain clients, including the Fund, who would rather pay their management fees based upon the gross profits per annum, rather than a fixed management fee based upon the market value of their account at the end of each calendar quarter, or a combination of both elements. Performance fees are subject to negotiation on a case-by-case basis. The fact that Granite is compensated based on the trading profits may create an incentive for Granite to make investments on behalf of a performance-based fee client that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation. In addition, the performance-based fee received by Granite is based primarily on realized and unrealized gains and losses. As a result, the performance-based fee earned could be based on unrealized gains that a client may never realize. Portfolio managers responsible for the management of performance-based accounts may also be responsible for the management of accounts with an asset-based fee or other fee arrangement.

To address this potential conflict, Granite ensures that investment opportunities are allocated fairly and equitably over time among all Clients, regardless of their corresponding fee structure or the strategy in which the account is invested. Some of Granite's portfolio managers manage multiple strategy portfolios and will at times identify a security for inclusion in one strategy portfolio which also meets the criteria (i.e., market capitalization) for another strategy for which they are also responsible. Under these circumstances, the portfolio manager will consider other variables affecting each portfolio to determine which strategy will receive the position or a change in the position. This determination is made and documented according to Granite's procedures.

Granite has implemented specific controls based on the principle of treating all Clients in a fair and equitable manner. The trade opportunities in which a Client will participate are according to the account's strategy as well as the Client's investment objectives or specified account restrictions. Client transactions are either traded in aggregate with other accounts or individually. (Please refer to Item 12 – Brokerage Practices, for a detailed description of Granite's trade aggregation and allocation procedures). By utilizing these procedures, Granite believes that portfolios that are subject to side-by-side management alongside other products are receiving fair and equitable treatment.

## Item 7 – Types of Clients

Granite primarily provides customized investment advisory services to institutional clients including employee benefit plans, foundations, endowments, pension and profit-sharing plans, government entities and private funds well as high net worth individuals.

***Separately Managed Accounts.*** The minimum amount required to establish and maintain a separately managed account is generally \$1,000,000 taking into account the value of the entire household or family relationship. In certain circumstances, including sub-advisory relationships, at the discretion of Granite's management, the minimum account size may be reduced.

**Private Funds.** Granite provides discretionary advice to a Private Fund. The Private Fund operates as a pooled investment vehicle and is a limited liability company. The minimum investment for the Private Fund(s) is \$250,000. Specific procedures and restrictions apply to withdrawals from, and terminations of, an Investor's position in a Private Fund, as described in the Private Fund's governing documents. Minimum redemption amounts and minimum capital account size may apply in the event of a partial withdrawal. An Investor also may be required to redeem all or part of its interest in a Private Fund upon provision of reasonable notice. However, Granite reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the minimum investment requirements under certain circumstances.

**Mutual Funds.** In sub-advising mutual funds, Granite will be subject to the supervision and direction of the respective fund's Board of Trustees. Each mutual fund's strategy, objectives, fees, and investment minimums will be outlined in each fund's prospectus.

**Wrap-Fee Programs.** Granite has been retained as an investment manager under a number of wraparound fee or so-called "wrap-fee" arrangements for separately managed account programs sponsored by certain unaffiliated broker-dealers (the "Program Sponsors").

Under such wrap-fee arrangements, Program Sponsors may recommend that a Client retain Granite as an investment adviser, pay investment advisory fees on behalf of the Client, monitor and evaluate Granite's performance, execute the Client's portfolio transaction without commission charges, and provide custodial services for the Client's assets, all for a single fee paid by the Client to the Program Sponsor. Generally, the Client under a wrap-fee arrangement enters into an investment advisory agreement with the Program Sponsor and Granite enters into a sub-advisory agreement with the Program Sponsor. In some instances, the Client under a wrap-fee arrangement enters into an investment management agreement directly with Granite and a separate agreement with the Program Sponsor.

Granite relies on extensive information provided by the Program Sponsor on the prospective Client in determining the suitability of the investment style selected by the wrap-fee program Client. This information may come from, among other things, a personal interview with the Client and a written questionnaire completed by the Client that provides certain financial and other relevant data including the Client's investment objectives, risk tolerance and investment restrictions, if any. Once the account has been established, Granite may communicate directly with the Client.

The minimum account size these financial service firms will typically accept under these managed wrap programs is \$50,000. Clients, who utilize Granite through a wrap fee program of a sponsoring broker, are limited to specific investment products, while non-wrap fee Clients who use the same broker for custodial and brokerage services and contract directly with Granite for investment services are not limited to such products. The wrap fee program client should also review the Program Sponsor's Appendix 1 of the Sponsor's Form ADV Part 2 for complete detail on the sponsor's wrap fee program.

**Consultant Programs.** In addition, some brokerage and investment consultant firms have Managed Account Programs in which the brokerage or investment consultant firm typically

provides manager search, financial consulting, performance measurement, custodial services, and in the case of brokerage firms, brokerage. Many of the Managed Account Programs may refer accounts to Granite.

**Model (UMA) Programs.** Granite also offers investment advisory services to Program Sponsors in the form of model portfolios based on one or more of its investment strategies. Program Sponsors utilize the model portfolios to provide investment services to their clients in the same manner as the wrap-fee arrangements described above.

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

Granite conducts fundamental, technical, and cyclical analysis on all securities recommended for Client accounts. Granite uses a “bottom-up” approach to investing. It studies industry and economic trends but focuses on researching individual issuers. Each portfolio is constructed one security at a time. Each issuer passes through a research process and stands on its own merits as a viable investment in Granite’s opinion. In making its investment decisions, Granite may rely on internally generated research, derived from annual reports, prospectuses, filings with the SEC, corporate press releases, inspections of corporate activities, conversations with the firm and/or competitors, financial newspapers, magazines, and other sources. Granite uses AI from time to time as a tool to summarize transcripts of company meetings and quarterly earnings calls as part of their investment research. Risks associated with AI include quality control, privacy and data security, bias, and operational risks. Granite may also use research materials prepared by others in making an investment decision. During the research process, Granite makes an assessment of the quality of the security by examining among other things financial metrics of the relevant company, the integrity and strategic vision of the management team and the ability to execute such strategy, as well as the attractiveness and risks of the issuer’s industry.

Granite seeks to achieve its Clients' individual investment objectives by investing primarily in common stocks and fixed income instruments whether it is directly through individual securities or through mutual funds or exchange-traded funds. Granite may also invest in cash or cash equivalents such as money market funds, bank sweep and other short-term investment instruments.

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that Clients should be prepared to bear.

### **8. B. Material Risks of Investment Strategies**

Granite’s investment strategies are designed to accomplish the investment objective of each Client. However, there can be no guarantee of the success of the strategy and Granite’s investment activities may be adversely affected by general economic and market conditions, such as interest rates, availability of credit, inflation rates, economic uncertainty, changes in laws, pandemic, and national and international political circumstances. These factors may affect the level and volatility of securities prices and the liquidity of the investments. Unexpected volatility or illiquidity could impair the portfolio’s profitability or result in losses. If Granite elects to concentrate the Client’s investments in a particular industry or issuer, the Client’s portfolio will then become more susceptible to fluctuations in value resulting from adverse economic

conditions affecting that particular industry or issuer. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Client's rate of return objective will be realized or that there will be any return of capital. Given the nature of the investments, it is likely that the Client will incur losses on one or more investments.

### **8. C. Material Risks of Securities Used in Investment Strategies**

Granite may invest in common stock. The purchaser of common stock typically receives an ownership interest in the issuer as well as certain voting rights. The owner of common stock may participate in a company's success through the receipt of dividends, which are distributions of earnings by Granite to its owners. Common stock owners may also participate in a company's success or lack of success through increases or decreases in the value of Granite's shares as traded in the public trading market for such shares.

The value of small-cap and micro-cap securities may be subject to wider price fluctuations and may be difficult or impossible to sell. Low trading volume in these securities means that Granite may have to sell holdings at a discount from quoted prices or make a series of small sales over an extended period of time. In addition, small and micro-cap issuers may generate less information on which to base investment decisions. Small and micro-cap issuers are often subject to risks related to lack the management experience, lack of financial resources, reliance on a single product and the inability to compete with better capitalized companies with more experienced managers.

Granite may also invest a portion of its Clients' portfolios in bonds or other fixed income securities, including, without limitation, bonds, notes and debentures issued by corporations; municipalities; debt securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or one of its agencies or instrumentalities; commercial paper; and "higher yielding" (and, therefore, higher risk) debt securities. These securities may pay fixed, variable, or floating rates of interest, and may include zero coupon obligations. Fixed income securities are subject to the risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payments on its obligations (*i.e.*, credit risk) and are subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer and general market liquidity (*i.e.*, market risk). It is likely that a major economic recession could disrupt severely the market for such securities and may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities. In addition, it is likely that any such economic downturn could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of such securities to repay principal and make interest payments and increase the incidence of default for such securities.

Granite may invest for Clients in non-U.S. securities and other assets, which will give rise to risks relating to political, social, and economic developments abroad, as well as risks resulting from the differences between the regulations to which U.S. and non- U.S. issuers and markets are subject. These risks include political or social instability, the seizure by foreign governments of company assets, acts of war or terrorism, varying withholding taxes on dividends and interest, high or confiscatory tax levels and limitations on the use or transfer of assets. In addition, enforcing legal rights in some foreign countries is difficult, costly, and slow, and there are sometimes special problems enforcing claims against foreign governments.

The investments in securities selected by Granite may be illiquid, due to market conditions, the size of an interest held in a particular portfolio company or for other reasons. There may be difficulty in disposing of an illiquid security and it may be necessary to hold these investments for an indefinite period of time. Generally, a less liquid investment bears more risk than a more liquid one. For example, if Granite is unable to liquidate an investment as its value declines, Granite will be unable to limit losses. Similarly, if Granite is unable to liquidate an investment at a time when cash is needed, Granite may miss other investment opportunities or be forced to sell other investments at unfavorable times.

Granite may invest a portion of Client portfolios in open or closed-end mutual funds or exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”). An investment in a mutual fund or ETF involves risk, including the loss of principal. Mutual fund and ETF shareholders are subject to the risks of the individual issuers of the fund’s underlying portfolio securities and strategies for certain types of funds may include the use of leverage. Shares of ETFs are listed on securities exchanges and transacted at negotiated prices in the secondary market. There is also no guarantee that an active secondary market for such shares will develop or continue to exist. Generally, an ETF only redeems shares when aggregated as creation units (usually 50,000 shares or more). Therefore, if a liquid secondary market ceases to exist for shares of a particular ETF, a shareholder may have no way to dispose of such shares.

Granite’s Private Fund is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) and, therefore, will not be entitled to the various protections afforded by the 1940 Act with respect to its investments in underlying securities. Any Client who subscribes, or proposes to subscribe, for an investment in the Fund must be able to bear the risks involved and must meet the Fund’s suitability requirements. Some or all alternative investment programs may not be suitable for certain investors. No assurance can be given that the Fund’s investment objectives will be achieved. Fund investments are typically speculative and involve a substantial degree of risk. The Fund may engage in other speculative investment practices that may increase the risk of investment loss. For further information regarding the risk factors and conflicts of interest with respect to the fund in which you propose to invest or currently invest, please refer to the Fund’s Private Placement Memorandum.

## **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

Granite and its Employees have not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events in the past 10 years that would be material to a Client’s evaluation of Granite or its personnel.

## **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

### **10. A. No Registered Representatives**

Granite’s management persons are not registered, nor do any management persons have an application pending to register, as a broker-dealer or a registered representative of a broker-dealer.

## **10. B. No Other Registrations**

Granite's management persons are not registered, nor do any management persons have an application pending to register, as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, a commodity trading adviser, or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

## **10. C. Material Relationships or Arrangements**

Granite serves as both the investment manager and the managing member of Pelicanview Total Return Fund, LLC (the "Private Fund or "Fund"). These assets are subject to the Fund fees and charges applicable to all Investors in the Fund, as set forth in the Fund's Private Placement Memorandum. There could be a conflict of interest since interests in the Fund may be recommended to qualified clients or prospects. As noted in Item 6, Granite attempts to mitigate potential conflict by aggregating trades and allocating at the average among Client accounts, including the Fund.

## **10. D. Recommendation of Other Investment Advisers**

Granite does not recommend or select other investment advisers for Clients.

## **Item 11 – Code of Ethics**

### **11. A. Code of Ethics Document**

Granite has adopted a Code of Ethics pursuant to SEC rule 204A-1. A basic principle of Granite's Code of Ethics is that the interests of Clients are always placed first. The Code of Ethics includes standards of business conduct requiring covered persons to comply with the federal securities laws and the fiduciary duties an investment adviser owes to its Clients. Granite will provide a copy of its Code of Ethics to any Client or prospective Client upon request.

### **11. B. Recommendations of Securities and Material Financial Interests**

As a matter of policy, Granite does not engage in principal transactions, cross trading, or agency cross transactions. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved in advance by the Chief Compliance Officer or his designee.

As noted earlier, Granite serves as managing member of the Private Fund and there could be a conflict of interest since interests in the Private Fund may be recommended to qualified clients or prospects. As noted in Item 6, Granite attempts to mitigate potential conflict by aggregating trades and allocating at the average among Client accounts.

### **11. C. Personal Trading**

Employees of Granite may own or enter transactions for their own accounts in the same securities purchased or sold for managed accounts. All Employees must comply with Granite's

Code of Ethics (the “Code”), which mandates various prohibitions and remedies to avoid conflicts with transactions in Client accounts. Among other specific actions the Code prohibits:

- Causing a Client’s account to take action, or to fail to take action, for personal benefit, rather than to benefit such Client account;
- Using knowledge of portfolio transactions made or contemplated for the benefit of the Client accounts, or causing others to profit by the market effect of such transactions; and
- Disclosing current portfolio transactions made or contemplated for Client accounts as well as any other nonpublic information to anyone outside of Granite.

Under the terms of the Code, Granite’s Chief Compliance Officer (“CCO”) monitors transactions to ensure adherence to the requirements of the Code. To facilitate monitoring, the Code requires Employees to have their brokers send copies of statements (paper or electronic) to Granite’s CCO, or its designee. The CCO reviews all trades executed by such Employees. To ensure that Employees observe the requirements established by the Code, each Employee must certify his or her compliance with the Code on an annual basis. Ultimate oversight authority of the Code of Ethics rests with the CCO.

#### **11. D. Timing of Personal Trading**

Granite employees may invest in the same securities (or related securities, e.g., warrants, options, or futures) that Granite or a related person recommends to Clients. Granite employees may not buy or sell reportable securities on the same day as any trades in the security are made for Client accounts. The price paid or received by a Client account for any security should not be affected by a buying or selling interest on the part of an Employee, or otherwise result in an inappropriate advantage to the Employee. The same day prohibition does not apply to proprietary accounts managed by Granite and whose trades go through with other client accounts on the same day. Exceptions may be made by the CCO on a case-by-case basis.

### **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

#### **12. A. Selection of Broker/Dealers**

##### **Best Execution and Research**

Subject to the foregoing, it is Granite’s policy to seek “best execution” (for portfolio transactions. In selecting brokers and dealers for, and in negotiating commissions on agency transactions, Granite considers a number of factors, including but not limited to:

- the nature of the security being traded;
- the size and type of the transaction;
- the nature and character of the markets for the security to be purchased or sold;
- the desired timing of the trade;
- the activity existing and expected in the market for the particular security;
- confidentiality;

- the quality of the execution, clearance, and settlement services;
- financial stability of the broker or dealer
- the existence of actual or apparent operational problems of any broker or dealer;
- the internal commission budget for Granite established by each broker-dealer;
- research products or services provided.

#### Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits

In recognition of the value of the foregoing factors, Granite may place portfolio transactions with a broker or dealer with whom it has negotiated a commission that is in excess of the commission another broker or dealer would have charged for effecting that transaction if Granite determines in good faith that such amount of commission was reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research provided by such broker or dealer viewed in terms of either that particular transaction or the overall responsibilities of Granite. Selecting a broker or dealer in recognition of such research services and products, is known as paying with “soft dollars.” Granite does not currently have any formal arrangements to utilize or accumulate soft dollar credits. The research services and products acquired fall within the safe harbor provided by the SEC under Section 28(e) of the Exchange Act.

Research provided may include:

- furnishing advice, either directly or through publications or writings, as to the value of securities, the advisability of purchasing or selling specific securities and the availability of securities, or purchasers or sellers of securities;
- furnishing seminars, information analyses and reports concerning issuers, industries, securities, trading, markets and methods, legislative developments, changes in accounting practices, economic factors and trends and portfolio strategy;
- access to research analysts, corporate management personnel, industry experts, economists, and government officials;
- comparative performance evaluation and technical measurement services and quotation services;
- products and other services (such as third-party publications, reports and analyses, and computer and electronic access, equipment, software, information, and accessories that deliver, process, or otherwise utilize information, including the research described above) that assists Granite in carrying out its responsibilities; and
- online trading systems that facilitate trade execution, which the applicant believes, constitute “brokerage services.”

Research received from brokers or dealers is supplemental to Granite’s own research efforts.

If Granite determines that any product or service provided by a broker or dealer has a mixed use, such that it (i) assists in the investment decision-making process or is incidental to effecting securities transactions and (ii) serves other functions, Granite may allocate the costs of such services or product accordingly. The portion of the product or service that Granite determines will assist it in the investment decision-making process may be paid for in brokerage dollars. The CCO will make a good faith determination with respect to the portion of the services

allocable to “research or brokerage services” using an appropriate methodology in its discretion.

Granite may receive a benefit from the research services and products that is not passed on to the Client in the form of a direct monetary benefit. Further, research services and products may be useful to Granite in providing investment advice to any of the Clients it advises, including fixed income accounts and investments. Likewise, information made available to Granite from brokerage firms effecting securities transactions for a Client may be utilized on behalf of another Client. Thus, there may be no correlation between the amount of brokerage commissions generated by a particular Client and the indirect benefits received by that Client. Though certain Client assets do not pay commissions, such as wrap-fee arrangements, Model (UMA) Programs, or no commission brokerage, those Clients benefit from research services and products provided by brokerage firms paid commissions by another Client. Granite seeks maximization of Client returns through a combination of managing transaction and securities costs and seeking the most effective uses of brokers’ research and execution capabilities.

For particular Clients, due to the size of the account and its investment objectives, Granite may suggest the use of mutual funds to obtain proper diversification. In such instances, where the Client has no preferred source for mutual funds, Granite may provide information regarding brokers providing low or no transaction fee purchases and sales for multiple families of no-load and load mutual funds. Granite is not compensated by such brokers or the mutual fund. However, Granite may receive research services provided by such brokers from proprietary or third-party sources and software to facilitate Client trading and reporting.

Granite has an internal procedure for allocating transactions in a manner consistent with its execution policy to brokers that it has identified as providing better execution and research, research-related products, or services of a particular benefit to its Clients.

Granite’s Trading Policies and use of commissions are overseen by the CCO.

#### Brokerage for Client Referrals

Granite does not maintain any referral arrangement with broker-dealers.

#### Directed Brokerage

When a Client for whom Granite provides discretionary investment management services requests or instructs in writing Granite to direct securities transactions for its account to a specified broker-dealer or type of broker-dealer (including those owned by minorities, women, veterans and/or disabled persons), Granite will treat the Client direction as a decision by the Client to retain, the discretion that Granite would otherwise have in selecting the broker-dealers to execute transactions and negotiate commissions for the Client’s account. Granite will attempt to affect such transactions in a manner consistent with its policy of seeking best execution and price on each transaction. However, due to a Client’s direction, there may be occasions where it is unable to do so, in which case Granite will continue to comply with the Client’s instructions on the foregoing basis.

Trades for a Client that has directed use of a particular broker or dealer, including Clients participating in a wrap fee program, are rotated in random order throughout trading day, but may be placed at the end of aggregated trading activity for a particular security. A Client making such a direction also should understand that it may lose the possible advantage that non-directing Clients derive from aggregation of orders for several Clients as a single transaction for the purchase or sale of a particular security because the Client-directed trades may be excluded from other aggregated orders. However, when possible and the trading desk deems appropriate and practical, and there is a perceived benefit from doing so, Granite may include in aggregate orders transactions for Clients that have made such a direction. In some cases, the executing broker will transfer (“step out”) the directing Client’s portion of the aggregated order to the broker selected by the Client. In addition, directed brokerage arrangements often result in higher commissions or less favorable execution on some transactions at least in part because the directed broker may maintain a higher commission schedule or provide less favorable service.

In evaluating the wrap-fee arrangement, a Client should recognize that brokerage commissions for the execution of transactions in the Client's account are generally not negotiated by Granite. Transactions are generally affected "net of" (i.e., without) commissions. A portion of the wrap-fee is generally considered as being in lieu of brokerage commissions. Granite will generally execute transactions for wrap-fee clients through the Program Sponsor. It has been Granite's experience that Program Sponsors generally provide best execution for wrap fee program clients' transactions in equity listed securities and over-the-counter securities. Considerations in selecting broker-dealers other than the Program Sponsor (if and when the need should arise) include the ability of the Program Sponsor to provide best execution on equity and fixed income transactions. In addition to selecting broker dealers other than the Program Sponsor, from time to time Granite may execute transactions for wrap-fee clients on a “step-out” basis in order to seek to achieve best execution. In such cases, the commission would be included in the wrap-fee paid by the Client.

A wrap-fee client should also recognize that services similar or comparable to those provided to the Client may be available at a higher or lower aggregate cost elsewhere on an unbundled basis. For example, while Granite's compensation pursuant to a wrap-fee program may be lower than Granite's standard fee schedule, the overall cost to a wrap-fee client may be higher than the Client might otherwise experience by paying Granite's standard fee and negotiating transaction charges with a broker-dealer payable on a per-transaction basis, depending on the extent to which securities transactions are initiated by Granite for the Client during the period covered by the wrap-fee program. On the other hand, most wrap-fee Clients would not meet Granite's minimum account size requirements and therefore could not become separate account Clients of Granite.

## **12. B. Aggregation of Orders**

Granite’s Trading Policies (the “Policies”) mandate that each portfolio manager should strive for fair and equitable distribution of securities trades among accounts within a specific strategy or within similar strategies, and provide for aggregation of multiple orders for the purchase or

sale of the same security in order to realize certain efficiencies and/or economies of scale. Generally, Granite selects brokers on their perceived ability to obtain best execution as described above. This is done in an attempt to provide for fair and equitable distribution of investment opportunities among investment Clients.

Granite may aggregate the securities to be purchased or sold if it is determined to be in the best interest of more than one of its Clients and to obtain favorable execution and/or lower brokerage commissions. Granite will allocate securities so purchased or sold, as well as the expense incurred in the transaction, in the manner that it considers to be equitable and consistent with its fiduciary obligations to its Clients. Clients may not always receive a pro-rata allocation of the aggregated order in instances where the aggregated order is partially filled or executed. In such instances, Client may not receive any allocation if the pro-rata allocation is less than a de minimis amount or because Granite has used another equitable method for allocation of the aggregated order. In certain instances, individuals participating in aggregated orders may be charged minimum transaction fees from the executing broker/dealers.

In most instances, when placing Client transactions through multiple broker-dealers or brokerage platforms, Granite will use a randomizer program designed to be fair to all Clients over time. For purposes of our trading policy, Granite generally considers a UMA or Model Account program an additional “broker-dealer”. As such, updates to each UMA program are provided to the sponsor in a randomized fashion to the extent practicable. Such randomization is subject to the practicalities of each sponsor and program. For example, some programs have cut-off times, do not provide dynamic pricing or other factors which from time to time may impact the model update process.

## **IPOs**

Granite may purchase securities sold in underwritten public offerings (commonly referred to as “deal securities” or “IPO(s)”) for Client accounts. In the event Granite participates in IPOs, the Company will seek to allocate IPOs in a manner that is fair to all Clients.

Granite’s participation in IPOs is a research-driven process, assessed by the individual Portfolio Manager, and based on the suitability of the asset within the context of the portfolio strategy. The Portfolio Manager will seek to establish a pre-allocation that is fair in light of each account’s size, diversification, cash availability, eligibility to participate, investment objectives, and any other relevant factors. Eligible accounts within a strategy are included. Client accounts that are subject to a directed brokerage arrangement are typically unable to participate in allocations from initial public offerings.

Once the trading desk receives confirmation of how many shares of the IPO Granite has been allocated by the syndicate, those shares are pre-allocated on a pro-rata basis across all of the participating accounts. De minimis deviations from the pre-allocation are permitted in the interest of placing round lots in Client accounts. The CCO oversees the review of the IPO process on a periodic basis.

There are times when a Client owns multiple accounts managed by Granite which are held at the same custodian and registered to the same beneficial owner, but are invested in different strategies. In this case, it may be in the best interest of the Client (i.e., tax reasons), to journal securities from one account to the other account with the same beneficial owner at the same custodian. Clients will be asked to provide consent for these accounts to engage in these types of transactions.

## **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

### **13. A. Frequency and Nature of Review**

All accounts are monitored on a regular basis. Each account is assigned to a portfolio manager based on the relationship, objective and strategy of the Client and is reviewed at least monthly.

### **13. B. Factors That May Trigger an Account Review Outside of Regular Review**

Generally, Client accounts are reviewed as needed depending on factors such as cash flows in or out of the account, changes in Client objectives or restrictions, tax loss harvesting, and changing market conditions.

### **13. C. Content and Frequency of Reports**

Account objectives, investment outlook, portfolio holdings and transactions are reviewed with the Client based on the Client's requested schedule. Typically, each Client receives a periodic report of investment activity, not less than quarterly, which includes an appraisal and transaction summary. Other written reports may include Client letters which discuss Granite's strategies or market commentary.

For clients participating in wrap programs, Granite may rely on the wrap program sponsor to provide the client with reports. When the client designates a third-party consultant to act as its interface with us, we may transmit client reports to the consultant. In some instances, the consultant has requested not to receive client reports and will rely on information received from the custodian or broker holding the client assets. Granite seeks to confirm that custodians send statements directly to the account owners on at least a quarterly basis as described in Section 15 below.

Granite, through the Private Fund's administrator, will generally furnish each Private Fund Investor with statements, no less than quarterly, that may include the unaudited net asset value or capital account balance of the Investor's interest in the Fund and performance, as applicable. The Fund is audited on an annual basis and Investors are provided with the audited Financial Statements within 90 days after the end of the Fund's fiscal year, as required by applicable regulation.

## **Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Granite may compensate Employees for soliciting new advisory Clients for Granite. This compensation, which includes cash payments, is paid pursuant to written agreements with Employees. The written agreements may provide for the Employee to continue to receive compensation from Granite pursuant to the solicitation after the Employee's employment agreement with Granite has been terminated. Granite may pay a referral fee to third parties for referring clients or otherwise promoting Granite, subject to applicable rules under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. This presents a potential conflict of interest since solicitors have an incentive to recommend Granite because they are being compensated by Granite. Granite currently does not have a solicitation arrangement in place.

## **Item 15 – Custody**

All Clients' accounts are held in custody by an unaffiliated, qualified custodian in an account in the name of the Client.

### Account Statements

Account custodians send statements directly to the account owners on at least a quarterly basis. Clients should carefully review these statements and should compare these statements to any account information provided by Granite. The custodian of the Client's assets and securities receives a written notice of each transaction following its execution.

Because Granite is the managing member of a Private Fund, Granite is deemed as having custody. The Fund is subject to an annual audit and the audited financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and distributed to Investors in 120 days of the Fund's fiscal year end.

## **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

Generally, Granite is retained, with respect to its Client accounts, on a discretionary basis and is authorized to make the following determinations in accordance with the Client's specified investment objectives without Client consultation or consent before a transaction is affected:

- Which securities to buy or sell.
- The total amount of securities to buy or sell.
- The broker or dealer through whom securities are bought or sold.
- The commission rates at which securities transactions for Client accounts are affected.
- The prices at which securities are to be bought or sold, which may include dealer spreads or mark-ups and transaction costs.

Investments for separately managed Client accounts are managed in accordance with each Client's stated investment objectives, strategies restrictions and guidelines. Clients may request that their portfolio be invested in accordance with a tax-sensitive strategy. To achieve this objective, the portfolio will be managed with the unique tax considerations of each Client, including the Client's cost basis, holding period and tax rate. As such, the holdings, weightings of holdings and returns of such portfolios may differ from those invested in the same or similar strategy.

Investments for the Private Fund are managed in accordance with the fund's investment objective, strategies and restrictions and are not tailored to the individualized needs of any particular investor in the fund. Therefore, fund investors should consider whether the fund meets their investment objectives and risk tolerance prior to investing.

Granite assumes discretion over the account upon execution of the management agreement with the Client or when Granite is authorized to execute and settle trades at the client's custodian, whichever is later.

## **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

### **17. A. Voting Policies and Procedures**

Granite votes proxies on behalf of its Clients when authorized to do so. In general, Clients delegate the responsibility of voting proxies to Granite. However, a Client may reserve the authority to vote proxies for itself. When granted proxy voting authority, Granite will vote such securities for the exclusive benefit and in the best economic interest of those Clients and their beneficiaries as determined by Granite in good faith, subject to any restrictions or directions from a Client. Such voting responsibilities are exercised in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, as well as with Granite's fiduciary duties under applicable law to act in the best interests of its Clients.

Granite has contracted with Broadridge Financial Solutions and utilizes their Proxy Edge® platform ("ProxyEdge"). ProxyEdge will provide proxy voting support with regard to casting votes and keeping voting records. ProxyEdge will vote proxies it receives from the Custodian(s) on behalf of Granite. However, proxies not received in a timely manner may not be voted. Under the terms of its arrangement with ProxyEdge, Granite will generally follow the recommendations of Glass Lewis, a proxy voting research provider. However, certain clients may elect to use the environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") guidelines provided by As You Sow or other proxy guideline providers at client discretion which may cause those clients to vote differently than other clients.

Granite can instruct ProxyEdge to vote either for or against a particular type of proposal or Granite can instruct ProxyEdge to seek instruction with respect to that particular type of proposal from Granite on a case-by-case basis. ProxyEdge receives proxy statements where Granite is authorized to vote and sorts the proposals according to Granite's voting instructions. Proposals for which a voting decision has been pre-determined are automatically voted by ProxyEdge pursuant to voting instructions. Case-by-case decisions are generally made by the

PMs. All voting records where Granite retains proxy voting authority are maintained by ProxyEdge, except that Granite will maintain copies of any document created by Granite that was material in making a determination of how to vote a “case-by-case” proxy or that memorializes the basis for that decision.

Some clients engage in securities lending programs with third parties to enhance the return on their investment assets. As a general matter, Granite does not recall securities on loan to facilitate proxy voting. However, Granite may attempt to recall the security for voting if the proxy matter is deemed significant (for example, a controversial merger or acquisition or other matter that may have a significant impact on the value of the security) and may materially outweigh the loss in lending revenue that would result from recalling the security.

While how best to vote a proxy to maximize shareholder value may not be clear or be able to be decided with certainty, the policies are intended to provide guidance so that it acts in a manner it deems to be prudent and diligent and which is intended to enhance the economic value of the Client’s assets. A copy of Granite’s proxy voting guidelines is available upon request.

## **Item 18 – Financial Information**

### **18. A. Advance Payment of Fees**

Granite does not require or solicit prepayment of fees from Clients, six months or more in advance.

### **18. B. Financial Condition**

Registered investment advisers are required in this Item to provide you with certain financial information or disclosures about their financial condition. Granite has no financial commitments that impair its ability to meet contractual commitments and fiduciary commitments to Clients.

### **18. C. No Bankruptcy Proceedings**

Granite has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.

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This brochure supplement provides information about Geoffrey I. Edelstein, CFA, Gary U. Rollé, CFA, Erik U. Rollé, Peter O. Lopez, Joshua D. Shaskan, CFA, and Jeffrey J. Hoo, CFA that supplements the Granite Investment Partners, LLC ("Granite") brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact the Firm's Chief Compliance Officer, Robert W. Foran, at 310-933-3192 if you did not receive Granite's brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Messrs. Edelstein, G. Rollé, E. Rollé, Lopez, Shaskan and Hoo is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## **Geoffrey I. Edelstein, CFA's Biographical Information**

### Educational Background and Business Experience

Born: 1963

Education: BA, University of Michigan  
JD Northwestern University

Mr. Edelstein is a Co-Founder, Principal and Portfolio Manager of Granite Investment Partners, LLC. Granite is an investment advisor specializing in asset management for institutional clients and high net worth families. Prior to founding Granite in 2009, Geoff was Principal, Managing Director and Portfolio Manager of Transamerica Investment Management, LLC (TIM), which he joined in 2005 when it acquired Westcap Investors, LLC. While at TIM, he managed and serviced institutional and private client separate accounts, as well as mutual funds, in the Large Growth Equity and Large Value strategies. Mr. Edelstein co-founded Westcap in 1992 and over the ensuing 14 years, was essential to managing its growth to over \$3 billion in assets under management. At Westcap, he managed and serviced portfolios in Westcap's Large Growth and Convertible Securities strategies. In addition to his investment responsibilities at Westcap, Mr. Edelstein served as in-house legal counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and architect of the firm's business infrastructure. Prior to Westcap, he was an Associate at Rudnick & Wolfe specializing in Corporate and Real Estate Law. He has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

### Disciplinary Information

Mr. Edelstein has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to a client's evaluation of Mr. Edelstein or of the Company.

### Other Business Activities

Mr. Edelstein is a current member of the Board of Directors and Investment Committee of Pacific Clinics, Campbell, California. Mr. Edelstein is also a Member of the Investment and Finance Committees of the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation in Truckee, California. Mr. Edelstein is not engaged in any other investment related business, and does not receive compensation in connection with any business activity outside of the Company.

### Additional Compensation

Mr. Edelstein does not receive economic benefits from any person or entity other than the Company in connection with the provision of investment advice to clients.

### Supervision

As a Principal and Managing Director, Mr. Edelstein maintains ultimate responsibility for the Company's operations. As a Portfolio Manager, Mr. Edelstein maintains ultimate responsibility for investment decisions within the portfolio(s) he manages. Mr. Edelstein discusses investment decisions regularly with the other Principals of the Company as part of Granite's investment process. Any of these individuals can be reached directly by calling the telephone number on the cover of this brochure supplement.

## **Gary U. Rollé, CFA's Biographical Information**

### Educational Background and Business Experience

Born: 1941

Education: Dual Bachelor of Science, Chemistry and Economics, University of California Riverside

Mr. Rollé joined Granite Investment Partners, LLC ("Granite") in 2011 where he is Principal and Portfolio Manager. Granite is an investment advisor specializing in asset management for institutional clients and high net worth families. Prior to joining Granite in 2011, Mr. Rollé was Principal, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager of Transamerica Investment Management, LLC ("TIM"), which he rejoined in 1983 when he was named Chief Investment Officer. While at TIM, he managed and serviced institutional accounts as well as mutual funds, in the Large Cap, Core and All Cap Equity strategies. Prior to rejoining Transamerica in 1983, Mr. Rollé was Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager at Sun America. Mr. Rollé started his career at Occidental Life as an Investment Analyst and then became a Portfolio Manager in All Cap Growth Equities, Convertible Securities, and High Yield Bonds. He has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

### Disciplinary Information

Mr. Rollé has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to a client's evaluation of Mr. Rollé or of the Company.

### Other Business Activities

Mr. Rollé is a Trustee Emeritus of The John Tracy Clinic, a Trustee of the Harvey Mudd College, a Trustee of The Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens, and a Senior Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Mr. Rollé does not receive compensation in connection with any business activity outside of the Company.

### Additional Compensation

Mr. Rollé does not receive economic benefits from any person or entity other than the Company in connection with the provision of investment advice to clients.

### Supervision

As a Principal and Portfolio Manager, Mr. Rollé maintains ultimate responsibility for investment decisions within the portfolio(s) he manages. Mr. Rollé discusses investment decisions regularly with the other Principals of the Company as part of Granite's investment process. Any of these individuals can be reached directly by calling the telephone number on the cover of this brochure supplement.

## **Erik U. Rollé's Biographical Information**

### Educational Background and Business Experience

Born: 1979

Education: BS, Finance, Leeds School of Business, the University of Colorado at Boulder  
BS, Advertising, CMCI, the University of Colorado at Boulder

Mr. Rollé joined Granite Investment Partners, LLC ("Granite") in 2011 where he is a Principal and Lead Portfolio Manager for the Large Cap Equity product. Granite is an investment advisor specializing in asset management for institutional clients and high net worth families. Prior to joining Granite in 2011, Mr. Rollé was a Principal and Co-Portfolio Manager at Transamerica Investment Management, LLC, which he joined in 2005. While at TIM, he managed and serviced institutional accounts as well as mutual funds, in the Mid and Large Cap Equity strategies and served as a Research Analyst. Prior to joining TIM, he worked as a Research Associate at Bradford & Marzec, Inc., where his primary responsibilities were within trading and credit research.

### Disciplinary Information

Mr. Rollé has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to a client's evaluation of Mr. Rollé or of the Company.

### Other Business Activities

Mr. Rollé is not engaged in any other investment related business, and does not receive compensation in connection with any business activity outside of the Company.

### Additional Compensation

Mr. Rollé does not receive economic benefits from any person or entity other than the Company in connection with the provision of investment advice to clients.

### Supervision

As a Principal and Portfolio Manager, Mr. Rollé maintains ultimate responsibility for investment decisions within the portfolio(s) he manages. Mr. Rollé discusses investment decisions regularly with the other Principals of the Company as part of Granite's investment process. Any of these individuals can be reached directly by calling the telephone number on the cover of this brochure supplement.

## **Peter O. Lopez's Biographical Information**

### Educational Background and Business Experience

Born: 1966

Education: BA, Economics, Arizona State University

MBA, Ross School of Business, at the University of Michigan

Mr. Lopez joined Granite Investment Partners, LLC ("Granite") in 2011 where he is a Principal, Lead Portfolio Manager for the All Cap Equity product, and team member for the Small Core Equity, Small Growth Equity, and Small Core Select Equity products. Granite is an investment advisor specializing in asset management for institutional clients and high net worth families. Prior to joining Granite in 2011, Mr. Lopez was the CEO, Director of Research, and a Principal and Portfolio Manager at Transamerica Investment Management, LLC, which he re-joined in 2003. While at TIM, he managed portfolios for Core plus fixed income and Large Cap equity. Prior to joining TIM, he was a managing director for Centre Pacific LLC. He previously served as a senior fixed income analyst for Transamerica Investment Services from 1997-2000. Mr. Lopez also served as an assistant vice president at Alliance Capital and an associate at TIAA-CREF.

### Disciplinary Information

Mr. Lopez has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to a client's evaluation of Mr. Lopez or of the Company.

### Other Business Activities

Mr. Lopez is a former Board Member of Para Los Niños in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Lopez is not engaged in any other investment related business, and does not receive compensation in connection with any business activity outside of the Company.

### Additional Compensation

Mr. Lopez does not receive economic benefits from any person or entity other than the Company in connection with the provision of investment advice to clients.

### Supervision

As a Principal and Portfolio Manager, Mr. Lopez maintains ultimate responsibility for investment decisions within the portfolio(s) he manages. Mr. Lopez discusses investment decisions regularly with the other Principals of the Company as part of Granite's investment process. Any of these individuals can be reached directly by calling the telephone number on the cover of this brochure supplement.

## **Joshua D. Shaskan, CFA's Biographical Information**

### Educational Background and Business Experience

Born:

Education: BA University of California, Davis

MBA, the Anderson School, at the University of California, Los Angeles

Mr. Shaskan joined Granite Investment Partners, LLC ("Granite") in 2011 where he is a Principal and Lead Portfolio Manager for the Small Growth Equity product. Granite is an investment advisor specializing in asset management for institutional clients and high net worth families. Prior to joining Granite in 2011, Mr. Shaskan was a Principal and Portfolio Manager at Transamerica Investment Management, LLC ("TIM"), which he joined in 2005 when the firm acquired Westcap Investors, LLC. While at TIM, he was the Lead Portfolio Manager for Small Cap Equity, and a Portfolio Manager and team member for All Cap Equity and Small/Mid Cap Equity. Prior to Westcap, Mr. Shaskan served as an Investment Specialist for Wells Fargo Securities for three years, and had been a financial advisor at Prudential Securities. He has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

### Disciplinary Information

Mr. Shaskan has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to a client's evaluation of Mr. Shaskan or of the Company.

### Other Business Activities

Mr. Shaskan is not engaged in any other investment related business, and does not receive compensation in connection with any business activity outside of the Company.

### Additional Compensation

Mr. Shaskan does not receive economic benefits from any person or entity other than the Company in connection with the provision of investment advice to clients.

### Supervision

As a Principal and Portfolio Manager, Mr. Shaskan maintains ultimate responsibility for investment decisions within the portfolio(s) he manages. Mr. Shaskan discusses investment decisions regularly with the other Principals of the Company as part of Granite's investment process. Any of these individuals can be reached directly by calling the telephone number on the cover of this brochure supplement.

## **Jeffrey J. Hoo, CFA's Biographical Information**

### Educational Background and Business Experience

Born: 1968

Education: AB, English, Public Policy Studies, and Computer Science, Duke University  
MBA, the Anderson School, at the University of California, Los Angeles

Mr. Hoo joined Granite Investment Partners, LLC ("Granite") in 2011 where he is a Principal and Lead Portfolio Manager for the Micro Cap Equity, Small Core Equity and Small Core Select Equity products. Granite is an investment advisor specializing in asset management for institutional clients and high net worth families. Prior to joining Granite in 2011, Mr. Hoo was a Principal and Portfolio Manager at Transamerica Investment Management, LLC ("TIM"), which he joined in 2005 when the firm acquired Westcap Investors, LLC. While at TIM, he was the Lead Portfolio Manager for Small/Mid Cap Equity, Small Core Equity and Micro Cap Equity, and a Portfolio Manager and team member for Small Cap Equity. Prior to Westcap, Mr. Hoo worked at Sony Pictures and KPMG. He has earned the right to use the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

### Disciplinary Information

Mr. Hoo has not been involved in any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to a client's evaluation of Mr. Hoo or of the Company.

### Other Business Activities

Mr. Hoo is not engaged in any other investment related business, and does not receive compensation in connection with any business activity outside of the Company.

### Additional Compensation

Mr. Hoo does not receive economic benefits from any person or entity other than the Company in connection with the provision of investment advice to clients.

### Supervision

As a Principal and Portfolio Manager, Mr. Hoo maintains ultimate responsibility for investment decisions within the portfolio(s) he manages. Mr. Hoo discusses investment decisions regularly with the other Principals of the Company as part of Granite's investment process. Any of these individuals can be reached directly by calling the telephone number on the cover of this brochure supplement.

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## PRIVACY NOTICE

<b>FACTS</b>	<b>WHAT DOES GRANITE INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC DO WITH YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION?</b>
<b>Why?</b>	Financial companies choose how they share your personal information. Federal law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share, and protect your personal information. Please read this notice carefully to understand what we do.
<b>What?</b>	<p>The types of personal information we collect and share depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Social Security number and income</li> <li>■ Account balances and contribution/withdrawal history</li> <li>■ Information about your transactions</li> <li>■ Information we receive from you on applications or other forms</li> </ul> <p>When you are <i>no longer</i> our customer, we continue to share your information as described in this notice.</p>
<b>How?</b>	All financial companies need to share customers’ personal information to run their everyday business. In the section below, we list the reasons financial companies can share their customers’ personal information; the reasons Granite Investment Partners, LLC chooses to share; and whether you can limit this sharing.

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Granite Investment Partners, LLC share?	Can you limit this sharing?
<b>For our everyday business purposes</b> —such as to process your transactions, maintain your account(s), respond to court orders and legal investigations, or report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
<b>For our marketing purposes</b> —to offer our products and services to you	No	N/A
<b>For joint marketing with other financial companies</b>	No	N/A
<b>For our affiliates’ everyday business purposes</b> —information about your transactions and experiences	No affiliates.	N/A
<b>For our affiliates’ everyday business purposes</b> —information about your creditworthiness	No affiliates	N/A
<b>For our affiliates to market to you</b>	No affiliates	N/A
<b>For non-affiliates to market to you</b>	No	N/A

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<b>Who we are</b>	
<b>Who is providing this notice?</b>	Granite Investment Partners, LLC
<b>What we do</b>	
<b>How does Granite Investment Partners, LLC protect my personal information?</b>	To protect your personal information from unauthorized access and use, we use security measures that comply with federal law. These measures include computer safeguards and secured files and buildings.
<b>How does Granite Investment Partners, LLC collect my personal information?</b>	We collect your personal information, for example, when you <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Complete investment advisory agreements or other forms</li> <li>■ Open a brokerage account or wire money</li> <li>■ Access a website created by Granite Investment Partners, LLC</li> </ul>
<b>Why can't I limit all sharing?</b>	Federal law gives you the right to limit only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ sharing for affiliates' everyday business purposes—information about your creditworthiness</li> <li>■ affiliates from using your information to market to you</li> <li>■ sharing for non-affiliates to market to you</li> </ul> <p>State laws and individual companies may give you additional rights to limit sharing.</p>
<b>Definitions</b>	
<b>Affiliates</b>	Companies related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.  Granite Investment Partners, LLC currently does not have any affiliates.
<b>Non-affiliates</b>	Companies not related by common ownership or control. They can be financial and nonfinancial companies.
<b>Joint marketing</b>	A formal agreement between non-affiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.  Granite Investment Partners, LLC does not have any joint marketing agreements with non-affiliated financial companies.

## PROXY VOTING AND CLASS ACTIONS

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### *Background*

Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act requires each registered investment adviser that exercises proxy voting authority with respect to client securities to:

- Adopt and implement written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the adviser votes client securities in the clients' best interests. Such policies and procedures must address the manner in which the adviser will resolve material conflicts of interest that can arise during the proxy voting process;
- Disclose to clients how they may obtain information from the adviser about how the adviser voted with respect to their securities; and
- Describe to clients the adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures and, upon request, furnish a copy of the policies and procedures.

Additionally, paragraph (c)(2) of Rule 204-2 imposes additional recordkeeping requirements on investment advisers that execute proxy voting authority, as described in the *Maintenance of Books and Records* section of this Manual.

The Advisers Act lacks specific guidance regarding an adviser's duty to direct clients' participation in class actions. However, many investment advisers adopt policies and procedures regarding class actions.

### *Risks*

In developing these policies and procedures, Granite considered numerous risks associated with the proxy voting process. This analysis includes risks such as:

- Granite lacks written proxy voting policies and procedures;
- Proxies are not identified and processed in a timely manner;
- Proxies are not voted in Clients' best interests;
- Conflicts of interest between Granite and a Client are not identified or resolved appropriately;
- Third-party proxy voting services do not vote proxies according to Granite's instructions and in Clients' best interests; and
- Proxy voting records, Client requests for proxy voting information, and Granite's responses to such requests, are not properly maintained;
- Granite lacks policies and procedures regarding Clients' participation in class actions; and

- Granite fails to maintain documentation associated with Clients' participation in class actions.

Granite has established the following guidelines as an attempt to mitigate these risks.

## ***Policies and Procedures***

### **Proxy Voting**

Granite will vote each proxy in accordance with its fiduciary duty to its Clients. Granite will generally seek to vote proxies in a way that maximizes the value of Clients' assets. However, Granite will document and abide by any specific proxy voting instructions conveyed by a Client with respect to that Client's securities. The CCO coordinates Granite's proxy voting process.

Paragraph (c)(ii) of Rule 204-2 under the Advisers Act requires Granite to maintain certain books and records associated with its proxy voting policies and procedures. Granite's recordkeeping obligations are described in the *Maintenance of Books and Records* section of this Manual. The CCO will ensure that Granite complies with all applicable recordkeeping requirements associated with proxy voting.

Granite has contracted with Broadridge Financial Solutions and utilizes their Proxy Edge® platform ("ProxyEdge") to assist in the proxy voting process. The CCO manages Granite's relationship with Proxy Edge and is responsible for ensuring that Proxy Edge votes proxies according to Clients' specific instructions and Granite's general guidance and retains all required documentation associated with proxy voting. ProxyEdge will provide proxy voting support with regard to casting votes and keeping voting records. ProxyEdge will vote proxies it receives from the Custodian(s) on behalf of Granite. However, proxies not received in a timely manner may not be voted. Under the terms of its arrangement with ProxyEdge, Granite will generally follow the Glass Lewis recommendations. However, certain clients may use the socially responsible guidelines which may cause those clients to vote differently than other clients.

ProxyEdge receives proxy statements where Granite is authorized to vote and sorts the proposals according to Granite's voting instructions. Proposals for which a voting decision has been pre-determined are automatically voted by ProxyEdge pursuant to voting instructions. Case-by-case decisions are generally made by the Portfolio Managers. All voting records where Granite retains proxy voting authority are maintained by ProxyEdge, except that Granite will maintain copies of any document created by Granite that was material in making a determination of how to vote a "case-by-case" proxy or that memorializes the basis for that decision.

Some clients engage in securities lending programs with third parties to enhance the return on their investment assets. As a general matter, Granite does not recall securities on loan to facilitate proxy voting (in which case the borrower of the security is entitled to vote the proxy). However, if Granite is aware of a proxy matter in time to recall the security and has determined in good faith that the importance of the matter to be voted upon is so significant that it materially outweighs the loss in lending revenue that would result from recalling the security, Granite will attempt to recall the security for voting.

Absent specific Client instructions, Granite has adopted the following proxy voting procedures designed to ensure that proxies are properly identified and voted, and that any conflicts of interest are addressed appropriately:

- As part of setting up a New Client account, Granite will work with the Client to inform the custodian of Granite's voting authority over the account and to provide proxy notices to Granite in

a timely manner. Granite will follow up with the custodian for any noticeable delays in receiving proxy notices.

- The CCO will consider whether Granite is subject to any material conflict of interest in connection with each proxy vote. Employees must notify the CCO if they are aware of any material conflict of interest associated with a proxy vote. It is impossible to anticipate all material conflicts of interest that could arise in connection with proxy voting. The following examples are meant to help Employees identify potential conflicts:
  - Granite provides investment advice to a publicly traded company (an “Issuer”). Granite receives a proxy solicitation from that Issuer, or from a competitor of that Issuer;
  - Granite provides investment advice to an officer or director of an Issuer. Granite receives a proxy solicitation from that Issuer, or from a competitor of that Issuer;
  - Granite has a financial interest in the outcome of a proxy vote;
  - An issuer or some other third party offers Granite or an Employee compensation in exchange for voting a proxy in a particular way; and
  - An Employee, or a member of an Employee’s household, has a personal or business relationship with an Issuer. Granite receives a proxy solicitation from that Issuer.
- If Granite detects a material conflict of interest in connection with a proxy solicitation, the Company will abide by the following procedures:
  - The CCO and other appropriate investment personnel will review the perceived conflict of interest to determine the course of action that is most appropriate.
  - If the CCO and other investment personnel are unable to determine a conclusion regarding the proxy vote, Granite will, at its own expense, engage an outside proxy voting service or consultant to make a recommendation. The CCO will retain documentation of the proxy voting service or consultant’s recommendation and will vote Clients’ proxies in accordance with that recommendation.

If no material conflict of interest is identified, Granite has instructed ProxyEdge to vote according to Glass Lewis Guidelines.

- Granite will not neglect its proxy voting responsibilities, but may not always receive the ballots from the custodian as expected. Granite will make a reasonable effort to locate the ballot, but if the ballot is not received or not received in time, the proxy may not be voted. Granite may also abstain from voting if it deems that abstinence is in its Clients’ best interests. For example, Granite may be unable to vote Securities that have been lent by the custodian. The CCO will document the rationale for any instance in which Granite does not vote a Client’s proxy.
- In the event Granite votes the same proxy in two directions, the CCO will maintain documentation describing the reasons for each vote (e.g., Granite believes that voting with management is in Clients’ best interests, but Client X gave specific instructions to vote against management).

- Any attempt to influence the proxy voting process by Issuers or others not identified in these policies and procedures should be promptly reported to the CCO. Similarly, any Client's attempt to influence proxy voting with respect to other Clients' Securities should be promptly reported to the CCO.
- Proxies received after a Client terminates its advisory relationship with Granite will not be voted. The CCO (or his designee) will promptly return such proxies to the sender, along with a statement indicating that Granite's advisory relationship with the Client has terminated, and that future proxies should not be sent to Granite.

### **Class Actions**

Generally, Granite does not direct Client participation in class actions. Unless Manager agrees in writing, Manager will not advise or file any action on behalf of Client in any legal proceedings, including bankruptcy or class action, involving securities held in or formerly held in Client's account.

For certain legacy accounts where participation is authorized, Granite will determine whether it is in the Client's best interest to participate.

Other than these legacy Clients, Granite does not direct Clients' participation in class actions, as disclosed in Part 2A of Form ADV. Any documentation inadvertently received by Granite regarding Clients' participation in class actions will be returned to the sender or forwarded to the appropriate Clients.

### **Disclosures to Clients**

Granite includes a description of its policies and procedures regarding proxy voting and class actions in Part 2A of Form ADV, along with a statement that Clients can contact the CCO to obtain a copy of these policies and procedures and information about how Granite voted with respect to the Client's Securities.

Any request for information about proxy voting or class actions should be promptly forwarded to the CCO, who will respond to any such requests.

As a matter of policy, Granite does not disclose how it expects to vote on upcoming proxies. Additionally, Granite does not disclose the way it voted proxies to unaffiliated third parties without a legitimate need to know such information.