Keith Johnson CRD # 2666739

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Additional information about Keith Johnson is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Keith Johnson Year of Birth: 1970

Formal Education after high school: Keith Johnson is a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> professional. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Northwood University in 1995 with a major in Management.

Keith Johnson is a Senior Education Specialist and Financial Planner for BFSG. He is responsible for educating clients to help grow, manage, and protect their wealth. Among conducting educational workshops, Keith's expertise includes transitioning clients into retirement, succession planning, and assisting clients in transition.

2019 to present	Senior Education Specialist and Financial Planner with BFSG, LLC
2019 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2016 to 2019	Financial Advisor with Allworth Financial
2016 to 2016	Investment Advisor Representative with Hanson McClain Advisors
2015 to 2016	Founder of KMJ Financial Group, LLC
2003 to 2015	Regional Manager with ICMA Retirement Corporation
2006 to 2015	Instructor of Personal Financial Planning at UCLA

Certified Financial Planner® (CFP®); Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc.: 2004

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

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- **Examination** Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination is designed to assess an individual's ability to integrate and apply a broad base of financial planning knowledge in the context of real-life financial planning situations.
- **Experience** Complete 6,000 hours of professional experience related to the personal financial planning process, or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements.
- Ethics Satisfy the Fitness Standards for Candidates for CFP® Certification and Former CFP® Professionals Seeking Reinstatement and agree to be bound by CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct ("Code and Standards"), which sets forth the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

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- **Continuing Education** Complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years to maintain competence, demonstrate specified levels of knowledge, skills, and abilities, and keep up with developments in financial planning. Two of the hours must address the *Code and Standards*.

# Item 3 Disciplinary Information

*Keith Johnson* has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Keith Johnson is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

*Keith Johnson* does not receive commissions, bonuses, or other compensation on the sale of securities or other investment products.

### Item 5 Additional Compensation

*Keith Johnson* receives compensation in part based on new assets and new clients he procures for the provision of advisory services.

# Item 6 Supervision

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Steven Yamshon CRD # 1522101

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Additional information about Steven Yamshon is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Steven Yamshon Year of Birth: 1954

Formal Education after high school:

Mr. Yamshon graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science Degree with Honors in Environmental Resources with a concentration in Forestry and Engineering. In 1999, Mr. Yamshon also received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from California State University, Sacramento.

He is also a graduate of Harvard University Graduate School of Business where he studied General Management and received his O.P.M. degree/certificate in 1989.

He earned his Master's Degree in Business with a concentration in International Business and Economics from the University of Redlands and studied Finance and Economics at The University of London Business School and the Institute of Economics and Political Science at Cambridge University as part of his program in 1995.

He is also a 1986 graduate of the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA Executive Program and Advanced Executive Program where he studied economics, finance, management, and strategy. Steven further studied strategy, economics and finance at the Doctoral level as a Visiting Scholar 1994-1997.

Mr. Yamshon earned his Doctorado in Filosophia (Ph.D.) with a specialization in Business Administration from Universidad de San Jose-Fundacion de Empresarial in 1997.

Mr. Yamshon earned a Certificate in Engineering Management from California Institute of Technology, Industrial Relations Center in 2001, and earned a General Certificate in Forestry from the University of Maryland in 2005. He also studied at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science Forestry for Executives Program in 2009 and 2013. He also earned a certificate in Tropical Forestry and Restoration from the Yale School of the Environment in 2022. He has been teaching Investment Finance at UCLA for 30 years.

He earned three master's level qualifications from the Said Business School, University of Oxford. The three qualifications are: Diplomas in Financial Strategy earned in 2009, Diploma in Global Business earned in 2012, and Diploma in Strategy and Innovation in 2016. Mr. Yamshon also graduated from the Said Business School Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership Program with a Certificate in Management Studies in 2014 where he wrote his post-doctoral dissertation on forestry investments.

Mr. Yamshon completed his Advanced Certificate in Technology and Innovation in 2020 and an Advanced Certificate in Digital Transformation and Technology in 2021 from the Sloan School of Management at MIT. Steve also earned a Certificate in Blockchain and Digital Assets from the Digital Assets Council of Financial Professional (DACFP) in 2022.

Mr. Yamshon is a Managing Principal of BFSG. He is responsible for BFSG business decisions, investment management, managing client portfolios and giving advice to clients. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2019 to present
2019 to present
2023 to 2024
Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
Recreation Management Specialist and Recreation Officer, USDA Forest
Service, Los Padres National Forest
Chief Investment and Compliance Officer with Stevens First Principles
Investment Advisor

Accredited Asset Management Specialist<sup> $\mathsf{TM}$ </sup>; College for Financial Planning<sup> $\mathsf{B}$ </sup>; 2002

The AAMS<sup>™</sup> is awarded by the College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup> to investment professionals who complete its 12-module AAMS<sup>™</sup> Professional Education Program, pass an examination, commit to a code of ethics and agree to pursue continuing education. Continued use of the AAMS<sup>™</sup> designation is subject to ongoing renewal requirements. Every two (2) years the designee must renew their right to continue using the AAMS<sup>™</sup> designation by completing 16 hours of continuing education and reaffirming to abide by the Standards of Professional Conduct.

Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor<sup>™</sup>; College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup>; 2003

The College for Financial Planning® provides CMFC™ students with a thorough education focusing exclusively on mutual funds. The CMFC™ program emphasizes how to thoroughly evaluate mutual funds as well as how to use that information to make appropriate recommendations. Individuals who hold the CMFC™ designation have completed a course of study encompassing all aspects of mutual funds and their uses as investment vehicles. The program is designed for approximately 120-150 hours of self-study. The program is self-paced and must be completed within one year from enrollment. All CMFC™ designees must sign a commitment to ongoing continuing education credit to ensure that they stay current in the field.

Accredited Wealth Management Advisor<sup>™</sup>; College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup>; 2005

AWMA $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$  is a professional designation administered by the College for Financial Planning $^{\text{\tiny B}}$ . Candidates receive training in investment for retirement, strategies for small business owners, the management of deferred compensation plans, insurance, estate planning, asset protection, and tax reduction issues. Candidates are required to complete a final examination testing these topics. All candidates are subject to ongoing ethics and educational requirements.

Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor<sup>™</sup>; College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup>; 2013

Individuals who hold the APMA $^{\text{TM}}$  designation have completed a course of study encompassing client assessment and suitability, risk/return, investment objectives, bond and equity portfolios, modern portfolio theory and investor psychology. Students have hands-on practice in analyzing investment policy statements, building portfolios, and making asset allocation decisions

including sell, hold, and buy decisions within a client's portfolio. The program consists of two parts designed for a total of approximately 120-150 hours of study. The first part includes an 11 module self-study course with an online, proctored exam. Students successfully completing the exam matriculate to the second part of the program. That part consists of a four week, instructorled, online graduate course requiring successful completion of several graded assignments involving investor policy statements, portfolio construction, asset allocation, and portfolio buy, sell, and hold decisions. The program must be completed within one year from enrollment.

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Steve Yamshon has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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## Item 5 Additional Compensation

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Aksana Munoz CRD # 6177063

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Additional information about Aksana Munoz is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Aksana Munoz Year of Birth: 1981

Formal Education after high school: Ms. Munoz graduated from Drexel University, Lebow College of Business in 2010, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Ms. Munoz joined BFSG in 2013 and focuses primarily on investment analysis, retirement plan research, and client service. She holds the ASPPA Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA) designation, ASPPA Qualified 401(k) Consultant (QKC®), NAPA Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor (CPFA) designation, and is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

Lead Client Service Manager & Plan Compliance Specialist with BFSG, LLC
Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
Client Services Manager with BFSG, LLC
Investment Performance Analyst with BFSG, LLC
Account Analyst with Debt Resolution Support, Inc.
Business Analyst with JP Morgan Chase
Risk Analyst with Exelon Corporation

Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA®); ASPPA; 2017

The Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA®) credential is offered for retirement plan professionals who work primarily with 401(k) plans and is designed to meet the needs of retirement plan administrators and consultants alike. The QKA® Credential provides a comprehensive foundation for plan administration, from basic concepts to 401(k) plan compliance.

A minimum of two years' experience in retirement plan related matters is required along with completion of ASPPA's QKA® examination series to be a candidate for this credential. Earning ASPPA's QKA® credential requires successful completion of the following exams:

- Retirement Plan Fundamentals Modules
- Defined Contribution Administrative Issues Basic Concepts
- Defined Contribution Administrative Issues Compliance Issues

All credentialed members must acquire 40 hours of Continuing Education (CE) credits (2 of these must be Ethics) in a two-year cycle as well as renew ASPPA Membership annually to retain credentials.

Qualified 401(k) Consultant (QKC®); ASPPA; 2020

The QKC® credential is awarded by the American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA). Prerequisite for the credential is earning the QKA® designation which requires three years' experience in the retirement field or completion of ASPPA's Retirement Plan Fundamentals course. Candidates may apply for ASPAA credentialed membership after

completing the QKC® program. The QKC® program consists of concepts and techniques used by advanced defined contribution consultants to increase client satisfaction and increase organizational efficiency, each comprising twelve topics, a practice exam, and a credential exam. All ASPPA credentialed members must acquire 40 hours of continuing education credits (two of which must be ethics) within a two-year cycle and must renew their ASPPA membership annually.

Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor (CPFA®); NAPA; 2024

The CPFA® designation is issued by the National Association of Plan Advisors (NAPA). The course work and examination cover ERISA Fiduciary Roles and Responsibilities, ERISA Fiduciary Oversight, ERISA Plan Investment Management, and ERISA Plan Management. All credentialed members must acquire 10 hours of continuing education credits each year, as well as renew NAPA Membership annually. A plan advisor who has earned his/her CPFA® has demonstrated the expertise required to act as a plan fiduciary or help plan fiduciaries manage their roles and responsibilities.

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Aksana Munoz has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Aksana Munoz is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

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## Item 5 Additional Compensation

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arious departments of the firm.

In addition, our firm has been organized as a hierarchy to provide checks and balances within the

Antonia Lipovac CRD # 6795531

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Additional information about Antonia Lipovac is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Antonia Lipovac Year of Birth: 1996

Formal Education after high school: Ms. Lipovac graduated from the California State University, Fullerton in 2018, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance.

Ms. Lipovac joined BFSG in 2020 and focuses primarily on investment analysis, retirement plan research, and client service. She is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2020 to present	Client Service Manager with BFSG, LLC
2020 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2018 to 2020	Financial Advisor Associate with Frank Deptola & Associates, LLC
2013 to 2018	Accounting Assistant, Data Entry Clerk, and Lead Gymnastics Instructor with
	Anaheim Family YMCA
2017 to 2017	Finance Intern with Stratos Wealth Partners
2017 to 2017	Loan Specialist Intern with US Small Business Administration

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Antonia Lipovac has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Antonia Lipovac is a part-time employee working at Worldwide Construction Services, Inc., a family business. As the financial manager, her duties include payroll and invoicing.

Antonia Lipovac is not engaged in any other business or occupation that provides substantial compensation or involves a substantial amount of her time. Her time at Worldwide Construction Services, Inc. is spent outside of securities trading hours and she spends approximately 40 hours a month at this business.

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Arash Navi CRD # 7180224

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Name: Arash Navi Year of Birth: 1986

Formal Education after high school: Arash Navi is a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> professional and a Certified Public Accountant. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Victoria in 2010 with a major in Economics.

Arash Navi is the Controller and Wealth Manager for BFSG. As the Controller, Arash oversees the firm's accounting functions, including monthly GAAP financial reporting, budgeting and forecasting. He works closely with the Chief Compliance Officer to meet SEC and Sarbanes-Oxley regulatory requirements.

Arash is also a Wealth Manager at BFSG. His responsibilities include analyzing securities and reviewing portfolios with clients. Arash works with clients to help them realize their short and long-term goals by delivering personalized financial plans and retirement analysis.

2019 to present	Controller & Wealth Manager with BFSG, LLC
2019 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2016 to 2019	Accounting & Compliance Manager with Stevens First Principles Investment
	Advisors
2013 to 2016	Senior Accountant with Advantage Sales & Marketing
2010 to 2013	Economist with AMD Construction Group, Inc.

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Certified Public Accountant (CPA); American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; 2013

CPAs are licensed and regulated by their state boards of accountancy. While state laws and regulations vary, the education, experience and testing requirements for licensure as a CPA generally include: (1) minimum college education (typically 150 credit hours with at least a baccalaureate degree and a concentration in accounting); (2) minimum experience levels (most states require at least one year of experience providing services that involve the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills, all of which must be achieved under the supervision of or verification by a CPA); and (3) successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination.

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members are required to follow a rigorous Code of Professional Conduct which requires that they act with integrity, objectivity, due care, competence, fully disclose any conflicts of interest (and obtain client consent if a conflict exists), maintain client confidentiality, disclose to the client any commission or referral fees, and serve the public interest when providing financial services. The vast majority of state boards of accountancy have adopted the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct within their state accountancy laws or have created their own.

In order to maintain a CPA license, states generally require the completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education each year (or 80 hours over a two-year period or 120 hours over a three-year period).

To learn more about the CPA license, visit www.aicpa.org.

Accredited Wealth Management Advisor<sup>™</sup>; College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup>; 2017

Individuals who hold the AWMA<sup>™</sup> designation have completed a course of study encompassing wealth strategies, equity-based compensation plans, tax reduction alternatives, and asset protection alternatives. The program is designed for approximately 120-150 hours of self-study. The program is self-paced and must be completed within one year from enrollment.

# Item 3 Disciplinary Information

*Arash Navi* has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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Braden Priest CRD # 6597570

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Additional information about Braden Priest is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Braden Priest Year of Birth: 1990

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Priest graduated from San Diego State University in 2013, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. Mr. Priest is a Chartered Financial

Analyst® charterholder.

Mr. Priest joined BFSG in 2015 and serves as a Retirement Plan Consultant to a number of corporate, public and higher education retirement plan clients. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2018 to present Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC 2016 to present Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC

2015 to 2018 Client Service Manager with BFSG, LLC

2013 to 2015 Aon Hewitt

Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®); CFA Institute; 2019

CFA® designates an international professional certificate that is offered by the CFA Institute. The Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®) charter is a globally respected, graduate-level investment credential established in 1962 and awarded by CFA Institute — the largest global association of investment professionals.

There are currently more than 190,000 CFA® Charterholders working in over 170 countries and regions. To earn the CFA® charter, candidates must: (1) pass three sequential, six-hour examinations; (2) have at least four years of qualified professional investment experience; (3) join CFA Institute as members; and (4) commit to abide by, and annually reaffirm, their adherence to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

## **High Ethical Standards**

The CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct, enforced through an active professional conduct program, require CFA® Charterholders to:

- Place their clients' interests ahead of their own
- Maintain independence and objectivity
- Act with integrity
- Maintain and improve their professional competence
- Disclose conflicts of interest and legal matters

### **Global Recognition**

Passing the three CFA exams is a difficult feat that requires extensive study (successful candidates report spending an average of 300 hours of study per level). Earning the CFA® charter demonstrates mastery of many of the advanced skills needed for investment analysis and decision making in today's quickly evolving global financial industry. As a result, employers and clients are increasingly seeking CFA® Charterholders —often making the charter a prerequisite for employment. Additionally, regulatory bodies in 38 countries/territories recognize the CFA® charter as a proxy for meeting certain licensing requirements, and more than 466 colleges and

universities around the world have incorporated a majority of the CFA Program curriculum into their own finance courses.

# **Comprehensive and Current Knowledge**

The CFA Program curriculum provides a comprehensive framework of knowledge for investment decision making and is firmly grounded in the knowledge and skills used every day in the investment profession. The three levels of the CFA Program test a proficiency with a wide range of fundamental and advanced investment topics, including ethical and professional standards, fixed-income and equity analysis, alternative and derivative investments, economics, financial reporting standards, portfolio management, and wealth planning.

The CFA Program curriculum is updated every year by experts from around the world to ensure that candidates learn the most relevant and practical new tools, ideas, and investment and wealth management skills to reflect the dynamic and complex nature of the profession.

To learn more about the CFA charter, visit www.cfainstitute.org.

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Braden Priest has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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## Item 5 Additional Compensation

Braden Priest does not receive any economic benefit from a non-advisory client for the provision of advisory services.

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**Brent J. Miller CRD # 6340683** 

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Additional information about Brent J. Miller is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Brent J. Miller Year of Birth: 1976

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Miller is a Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>®</sup> charterholder. He earned a Master of Business Administration Degree from Arizona State University in 2007 and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Political Science from Arizona State University in 1999.

Mr. Miller is a Senior Portfolio Manager of BFSG. He has been in the financial services industry for over 20 years and is responsible for economic and investment research, managing client portfolios and giving advice to clients. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2023 to present	Senior Portfolio Manager with BFSG, LLC
2015 to 2023	President and Director of Research with Gradient Analytics
2014 to 2015	Director of Research with Voyant Advisors
2003 to 2014	President and Director of Operations with Gradient Analytics

Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®); CFA Institute; 2013

CFA<sup>®</sup> designates an international professional certificate that is offered by the CFA Institute. The Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>®</sup> (CFA<sup>®</sup>) charter is a globally respected, graduate-level investment credential established in 1962 and awarded by CFA Institute — the largest global association of investment professionals.

There are currently more than 190,000 CFA® Charterholders working in over 170 countries and regions. To earn the CFA® charter, candidates must: (1) pass three sequential, six-hour examinations; (2) have at least four years of qualified professional investment experience; (3) join CFA Institute as members; and (4) commit to abide by, and annually reaffirm, their adherence to the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

#### **High Ethical Standards**

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- Maintain independence and objectivity
- Act with integrity
- Maintain and improve their professional competence
- Disclose conflicts of interest and legal matters

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The CFA Program curriculum is updated every year by experts from around the world to ensure that candidates learn the most relevant and practical new tools, ideas, and investment and wealth management skills to reflect the dynamic and complex nature of the profession.

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## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Brent J. Miller has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Brent J. Miller is not engaged in any other business or occupation that provides substantial compensation or involves a substantial amount of her time.

#### Item 5 Additional Compensation

Brent J. Miller does not receive any economic benefit from a non-advisory client for the provision of advisory services.

## Item 6 Supervision

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Chad Noorani CRD # 6254738

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Additional information about Chad Noorani is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Chad Noorani Year of Birth: 1984

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Noorani graduated from California State University Fullerton in 2009, where he earned a Bachelor of Art Degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance.

Mr. Noorani joined BFSG in 2011 and focuses primarily on investment analysis and client service, along with designing and developing new client deliverables and creating efficiencies within BFSG's in-house reporting process. He holds the ASPPA Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA) designation and is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2015 to present	Retirement Plan Consultant and Operations Manager with BFSG, LLC
2013 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2011 to 2015	Investment Performance Analyst with BFSG, LLC
2009 to 2011	Environmental Analyst, Orange Coast Analytical
2006 to 2009	General Manager, Starbucks Coffee Company

Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA®); ASPPA; 2017

The Qualified 401(k) Administrator (QKA®) credential is offered for retirement plan professionals who work primarily with 401(k) plans and is designed to meet the needs of retirement plan administrators and consultants alike. The QKA® Credential provides a comprehensive foundation for plan administration, from basic concepts to 401(k) plan compliance.

A minimum of two years' experience in retirement plan related matters is required along with completion of ASPPA's QKA<sup>®</sup> examination series to be a candidate for this credential. Earning ASPPA's QKA credential requires successful completion of the following exams:

- Retirement Plan Fundamentals Modules
- Defined Contribution Administrative Issues Basic Concepts
- Defined Contribution Administrative Issues Compliance Issues

All credentialed members must acquire 40 hours of Continuing Education (CE) credits (2 of these must be Ethics) in a two-year cycle as well as renew ASPPA Membership annually to retain credentials.

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Chad Noorani has no reportable disciplinary history.

### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Chad Noorani is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

*Chad Noorani* does not receive commissions, bonuses, or other compensation on the sale of securities or other investment products.

# Item 5 Additional Compensation

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Christopher Rowey CRD # 1601388

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Additional information about Christopher Rowey is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Christopher Rowey

Year of Birth: 1962

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Rowey graduated from the University of California, Irvine with a Bachelor of Arts in English and Comparative Literature in 1985. He is an Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC and a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team. Chris became an Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst (AIFA) in 2008.

Mr. Rowey joined BFSG in 2007 as a Retirement Plan Consultant and focuses primarily on investment analysis, client relations and business development. He has over 30 years of experience in financial services and spent most of his career with the American Funds Group where he held a variety of positions within the corporate retirement plan market. His roles included institutional investment consulting, 401(k) product development, and Vice President and Retirement Plan Counselor for the Southern California region.

2015 to present	Principal, Senior Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC
2007 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2007 to 2015	Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC
2007 to 2007	Registered Representative with Financial Network
1987 to 2006	American Funds Group

Accredited Investment Fiduciary Analyst® (AIFA®); fi360; 2008

The AIFA® Designation certifies that the recipient has demonstrated advanced knowledge of fiduciary standards of care, their application to the investment management process, and procedures for assessing conformance by third parties to fiduciary standards. To receive the AIFA® Designation, the individual must hold the AIF® Designation, meet prerequisite criteria based on a combination of education, relevant industry experience, auditing experience, and/or ongoing professional development, complete a training program, successfully pass a comprehensive case study evaluation agree to abide by the Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards. In order to maintain the AIFA® Designation, the individual must annually attest to the Code of Ethics and Conduct Standards and accrue and report a minimum of ten hours of continuing education. The Designation is administered by the Center for Fiduciary Studies, the certification division of Fi360 that is responsible for ongoing management of the program.

#### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

*Christopher Rowey* has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Christopher Rowey is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

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## Item 5 Additional Compensation

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Darren Stewart CRD # 5178972

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Additional information about Darren Stewart is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Darren Stewart Year of Birth: 1982

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Stewart earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Financial Economics from the University of Redlands in 2004 and received his Juris Doctorate with Tax Law Emphasis from Chapman University in 2007. While at Chapman University, Darren received the CALI Award for Excellence in the study of Qualified Pension and Profit Sharing.

Mr. Stewart joined BFSG in 2006 and focuses primarily on investment analysis and legal research. Darren also began working as a Retirement Plan Consultant in 2008. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2015 to present Principal, Senior Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC

2007 to present Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC

2008 to 2015 Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC

2006 to 2010 Research Associate with BFSG, LLC

# Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Darren Stewart has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Darren Stewart is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

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Erin Schneider CRD # 7563397

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Name: Erin Schneider Year of Birth: 1999

Formal Education after high school: Ms. Schneider graduated from Bentley University in 2021, where she earned a bachelor's degree in finance, with a concentration in Personal Financial Planning.

Ms. Schneider joined BFSG in 2021 as an Investment Research Analyst and focuses primarily on investment and retirement plan research, plan reporting, cost analysis, and client service. Ms. Schneider has been a Client Service Associate since January 2025.

Client Service Associate with BFSG, LLC 2025 to present 2021 to 2025 Investment Research Analyst with BFSG, LLC Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC 2022 to present 2018 to 2021 **Bentley University** 

2019 Risk Solutions Intern with Aon

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

Erin Schneider has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Erin Schneider is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

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**Grace Lau CRD # 2766928** 

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Name: Grace Lau Year of Birth: 1950

Formal Education after high school: Mrs. Lau is a Chartered Financial Analyst<sup>®</sup> charterholder. . She earned a Master's Degree in International Business and Finance from George Washington University in 1975 and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology & Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1973. She attended Pacific Coast banking School and graduated as an Honor

Graduate in 1983.

Mrs. Lau is a Managing Principal of BFSG. She has been in the financial services industry for over 25 years and is responsible for BFSG business decisions, managing client portfolios and giving advice to clients. She is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2017 to present	Managing Principal with BFSG, LLC
2017 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
1997 to 2017	Chief Executive Officer with PacWest Financial Management, Inc.
1996 to 1997	Managing Director with Barclays Private Banking International
1995 to 1996	Sr. Vice President of Private Wealth Management with First Interstate Capital
	Management
1993 to 1995	Sr. Portfolio Manager and Vice President with Northern Trust Bank of Arizona
1979 to 1993	Sr. Portfolio Manager and Vice President with First Interstate Bank of Arizona

Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA®); CFA Institute; 1980

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# Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Grace Lau has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Grace Y. Lau is a shareholder of National Advisors Holdings, Inc., a Delaware Corporation that owns National Advisors Trust Company, Federal Savings Bank ("NATCO"). NATCO provides custodial and trust services to clients of BFSG and will provide such services to other registered investment advisers whose related persons are owners in National Advisors Holdings, Inc. Moreover, NATCO uses the services of Fidelity Investments Institutional Brokerage and SunGard Institutional Brokerage, Inc.'s equity and fixed income platforms to execute client's securities transactions. Grace Lau maintains less than 10% ownership interest (combined) in National Advisors Holdings, Inc.

Grace Lau is not engaged in any other business or occupation that provides substantial compensation or involves a substantial amount of her time.

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Henry VanBuskirk CRD # 6359443

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Additional information about Henry VanBuskirk is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Henry Joseph VanBuskirk

Year of Birth: 1991

Formal Education after high school: Henry VanBuskirk is a Certified Financial Planner® professional. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Santa Cruz in 2013 with a major in Mathematics. Henry holds a Master of Business Administration from California Lutheran University which was earned in 2015.

Henry VanBuskirk is a Wealth Manager for BFSG. His main responsibilities are constructing and monitoring financial plans pursuant to each client's unique goals. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2022 to present	Wealth Manager with BFSG, LLC
2022 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2021 to 2022	Registered Representative, Cetera Financial Specialists LLC
2021 to 2022	Registered Investment Advisor, Cetera Investment Advisers, LLC
2014 to 2022	Investment Analyst, Richardson and Company, CPA's Inc.
2014 to 2022	Investment and Portfolio Analyst, Richardson Financial
2014 to 2021	Registered Representative, Avantax Investment Services, Inc.

Certified Financial Planner® (CFP®); Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc.; 2019

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

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

• Education – Earn a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university and complete CFP Board-approved coursework at a college or university through a CFP Board Registered Program. The coursework covers the financial planning subject areas CFP Board has determined are necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, as well as a comprehensive financial plan development capstone course. A candidate may satisfy some of the coursework requirement through other qualifying credentials. CFP Board implemented the bachelor's degree or higher requirement in 2007 and the financial planning development capstone course requirement in March 2012. Therefore, a CFP® professional who first became certified before those dates may not have earned a bachelor's or higher degree or completed a financial planning

development capstone course.

- **Examination** Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination is designed to assess an individual's ability to integrate and apply a broad base of financial planning knowledge in the context of real-life financial planning situations.
- **Experience** Complete 6,000 hours of professional experience related to the personal financial planning process, or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements.
- Ethics Satisfy the Fitness Standards for Candidates for CFP® Certification and Former CFP® Professionals Seeking Reinstatement and agree to be bound by CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct ("Code and Standards"), which sets forth the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

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

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

#### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Henry VanBuskirk has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Henry VanBuskirk is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

*Henry VanBuskirk* does not receive commissions, bonuses, or other compensation on the sale of securities or other investment products.

#### Item 5 Additional Compensation

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In addition, our firm has been organized as a hierarchy to provide checks and balances within the various departments of the firm.

John Campbell CRD # 2137874

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Additional information about John Campbell is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: John Campbell Year of Birth: 1961

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Campbell earned an Associates' Degree in radiology from Orange Coast Community College in 1982 and attended California State University, Long Beach from 1982 to 1984. John became an Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) in 2004.

Mr. Campbell is the founder of Benefit Financial Services Group (BFSG) and a Managing Principal and Senior Retirement Plan Consultant. He has been in the financial services industry for over 25 years and is responsible for all BFSG business decisions, advice given to clients. He is also a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2015 to present	Managing Principal, Senior Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC
2007 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
1999 to present	Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC
1992 to 2007	Registered Representative with Financial Network
2004 to 2007	Investment Advisor Representative with 401K BFSG, Inc.
2003 to 2004	Investment Advisor Representative with 401k BFSG, LLC

Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®); fi360; 2004

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Fi360 is accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board for the AIF® Designation, making it one of few independently accredited designations recognized by FINRA.

#### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

John Campbell has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

John Campbell is not engaged in any other investment or non-investment-related activities.

*John Campbell* does not receive commissions, bonuses, or other compensation on the sale of securities or other investment products.

# Item 5 Additional Compensation

*John Campbell* does not receive any economic benefit from a non-advisory client for the provision of advisory services.

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Michael Allbee, Chief Compliance Officer, supervises and monitors *John Campbell's* activities on a regular basis.

In addition, our firm has been organized as a hierarchy to provide checks and balances within the various departments of the firm.

Kirk Masci CRD # 7178759

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Additional information about Kirk Masci is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Kirk Masci Year of Birth: 1995

Formal Education after high school: Kirk Masci earned Bachelor of Science from the University of Arizona in Business Administration with an emphasis on Finance. After graduating, Kirk went on to earn his Master's Degree in Finance from the University of Arizona. Kirk passed the Series 7, Series 66, and the Security Industry Essentials<sup>®</sup> (SIE<sup>®</sup>) exams.

Kirk is a Portfolio Manager for BFSG. He is responsible for conducting investment research using fundamental and technical analysis. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2024 to present	Portfolio Manager with BFSG, LLC
2022 to present	Investment Analyst with BFSG, LLC
2022 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2020 to 2022	Financial Solutions Advisor with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc.
2019 to 2020	Relationship Manager with Bank of America, N.A.

## Item 3 Disciplinary Information

*Kirk Masci* has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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Mark Blom CRD # 1706044

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Name: Mark Blom Year of Birth: 1965

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Blom is a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> professional. He has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Central College in 1987.

Mark Blom is a Managing Director and Senior Wealth Manager, and his main responsibilities include managing and monitoring client portfolios, researching and monitoring our mutual fund investments, financial planning and reviewing portfolios with clients. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2024 to present	Managing Director/Senior Wealth Manager
2017 to present	Senior Wealth Advisor with BFSG, LLC
2017 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2012 to 2016	Head of Investment Analysis with Clarity Financial, LLC
2012 to 2012	Portfolio Consultant with Schwab Private Client Investment Advisory, Inc.
2000 to 2012	Portfolio Consultant with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc

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#### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

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#### **Item 4** Other Business Activities

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Martina Schackman CRD # 2198637

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Additional information about Martina Schackman is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Martina ("Tina") Schackman

Year of Birth: 1968

Formal Education after high school: Ms. Schackman is a CFA® charterholder and a member of the CFA Society of Orange County and the CFA Institute. She is also a Certified Financial Planner® professional. She has earned a Master's Degree in Accounting and Financial Management from Keller Graduate School in 2003 and Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton in 1994 with a major in Finance.

Ms. Schackman re-joined BFSG in 2019 as a Principal and Senior Retirement Plan Consultant after spending 7 years with Prudential Retirement as a Vice President. She has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry in areas such as, asset management, investment research and compliance. She is also a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

Principal, Senior Retirement Plan Consultant with BFSG, LLC
Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
VP, Strategic Relationships with Prudential Retirement
VP, Key Account Director with Prudential Retirement
Registered Representative of Prudential Securities, Inc.
Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
Retirement Plan Consultant with Benefit Funding Services Group
Registered Representative with Financial Network
Investment Advisor Representative with 401K BFSG, Inc.
Registered Representative with Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.
Branch Manager/Compliance Officer with Liberty Capital Management, Inc.

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Michael Allbee CRD # 5411348

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Name: Michael Allbee Year of Birth: 1980

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Allbee is a Certified Financial Planner® professional. Mr. Allbee earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2002 with a major in Psychology.

Michael Allbee has been with our firm since 2007. Mr. Allbee is a Principal and Senior Portfolio Manager and his main responsibilities include managing and monitoring client portfolios, researching and monitoring our mutual fund investments, and reviewing portfolios with clients. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team. He is our Chief Compliance Officer, ensuring that we are in compliance with all government regulations.

2016 to present	Principal, Chief Compliance Officer and Senior Portfolio Manager with
	BFSG, LLC
2016 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2007 to 2016	Chief Compliance Officer and Portfolio Manager with Powers Capital
	Investments, Inc.
2007 to 2007	Operations Manager with Riverplace Capital Management, Inc.
2002 to 2007	Director of Operations with OTC Innovations, Inc.

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#### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

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#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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Nicole Chou CRD # 7039360

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Name: Nicole Chou Year of Birth: 1993

Formal Education after high school: Ms. Chou graduated from the University of the Pacific in 2014, where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance and Entrepreneurship.

Ms. Chou joined BFSG in 2018 and focuses primarily on investment analysis and client service. Her responsibilities include investment and retirement plan research, plan reporting, and cost analysis.

2020 to present	Client Service Manager with BFSG, LLC
2018 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2018 to 2020	Investment Research Analyst at BFSG, LLC
2017 to 2018	Financial Analyst at Sperry Equities
2016 to 2017	Investment Collateral Management Specialist at State Street
2015 to 2016	Associate at Present Value Properties

# Item 3 Disciplinary Information

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Name: Patrick Powers Year of Birth: 1950

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Powers is a CFA® charterholder, Certified Financial Planner® professional, and a retired Certified Public Accountant with a Personal Financial Specialist designation (CPA/PFS). He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton in 1973 with a major in Accounting.

Mr. Powers is a Managing Principal of BFSG. He has been in the financial services industry for over 30 years and is responsible for BFSG business decisions, managing client portfolios and giving advice to clients. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

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Certified Public Accountant (CPA); American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; 2005 (Retired)

CPAs are licensed and regulated by their state boards of accountancy. While state laws and regulations vary, the education, experience and testing requirements for licensure as a CPA generally include: (1) minimum college education (typically 150 credit hours with at least a baccalaureate degree and a concentration in accounting); (2) minimum experience levels (most states require at least one year of experience providing services that involve the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills, all of which must be achieved under the supervision of or verification by a CPA); and (3) successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination.

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members are required to follow a rigorous Code of Professional Conduct which requires that they act with integrity, objectivity, due care, competence, fully disclose any conflicts of interest (and obtain client consent if a conflict exists), maintain client confidentiality, disclose to the client any commission or referral fees, and serve the public interest when providing financial services. The vast majority of state boards of accountancy have adopted the AICPA's Code of Professional Conduct within their state accountancy laws or have created their own.

In order to maintain a CPA license, states generally require the completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education each year (or 80 hours over a two-year period or 120 hours over a three-year period).

To learn more about the CPA license, visit www.aicpa.org.

Personal Financial Specialist (PFS); American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; 2006

The PFS credential demonstrates that an individual has met the minimum education, experience and testing required of a CPA in addition to a minimum level of expertise in personal financial planning. To attain the PFS credential, a candidate must hold an unrevoked CPA license, certificate, or permit, none of which are in inactive status; fulfill 3,000 hours of personal financial planning business experience; complete 75 hours of personal financial planning CPE credits; pass a comprehensive financial planning exam and be an active member of the AICPA. A PFS credential holder is required to adhere to AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct* and the *Statement on Standards in Personal Financial Planning Services*, when providing personal financial planning services. To maintain their PFS credential, the recipient must complete 60 hours of financial planning CPE credits every three years. The PFS credential is administered through the AICPA.

To learn more about the PFS credential, visit www.aicpa.org.

#### Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Patrick Powers has no reportable disciplinary history.

#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

Patrick D. Powers is a limited partner in a limited partnership ("LP") formed for investment purposes. The LP was formed for the benefit of the family of Patrick D. Powers. Clients are not solicited to invest in the LP.

The LP may own an interest in or buy or sell for its account(s), the same securities which may be purchased or sold in the accounts of clients. The LP account(s) may be included within an aggregated order. We have established written policies and procedures for employee trading that state clients should be receiving terms as favorable as or better than employees.

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Paul Horn CRD # 4887249

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Name: Paul Horn Year of Birth: 1980

Formal Education after high school: Paul Horn is a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> professional and a Certified Private Wealth Advisor<sup>TM</sup>. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, Fullerton in 2004 with a major in Psychology. Paul holds a Master of Science degree in Portfolio Management and Security Analysis from Creighton University.

Paul Horn is Director of Financial Planning and Wealth Manager for BFSG. He is responsible for assisting clients in various aspects of wealth management including clients in transition, retirement planning, succession planning for business owners and planning for executives. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

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2019 to present	Senior Financial Planner and Wealth Manager with BFSG, LLC
2019 to present	Investment Advisor Representative with BFSG, LLC
2019 to 2019	Senior Financial Planner with Ark Financial Advisors, LLC
2015 to 2019	Lead Financial Planner with Financial Sense Wealth Management
2013 to 2015	Financial Advisor with JP Morgan
2010 to 2013	Financial Advisor with USAA Financial Advisors Inc.

Certified Financial Planner® (CFP®); Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc.; 2013

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Certified Private Wealth Advisor® (CPWA®); Investments & Wealth Institute formerly IMCA; 2016

The CPWA® designation signifies that an individual has met initial and on-going experience, ethics, education, and examination requirements for the job of private wealth advisor, which is centered on management topics and strategies for high-net-worth clients. Prerequisites for the CPWA® designation are: a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or one of the following designations or licenses: CIMA®, CIMC®, RMA®, CFA®, CFP®, ChFC®, CPA; acceptable ethical background/compliance history as decided in an admissions peer review process governed by the Ethics Board and five years of professional client-centered experience in financial services or a related industry. CPWA® designees must complete a six-month preclass educational component and an executive education program through an IWI-approved registered education program. CPWA® designees are required to adhere to IWI's Code of Professional Responsibility and Guidance Document, Disciplinary Rules and Procedures, and

Rules and Guidelines for Use of the Marks. CPWA® designees must report 40 hours of continuing education credits, including two ethics and one tax/regulations hours, every two years to maintain the certification. The designation is administered through I Investments and Wealth Institute.

To learn more about the CPWA® certification, visit <a href="https://investmentsandwealth.org/cpwa">https://investmentsandwealth.org/cpwa</a>

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#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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Robert Verdugo CRD # 7150078

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Additional information about Robert Verdugo is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Name: Robert Verdugo Year of Birth: 1989

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Verdugo earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Irvine in 2013 with a major in Business Economics. He currently holds the Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor <sup>SM</sup>, Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor <sup>SM</sup>, and Chartered Market Technician designations.

Robert Verdugo is a Financial Analyst and he assists in the execution of trades, account analysis, and performance reporting. He is a member of BFSG's Investment Research Team.

2019 to present
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2019 to present
2013 to 2019
2013 to 2013
Financial Analyst with BFSG, LLC
Financial Analyst with Stevens First Principles Investment Advisors
Finance Intern with Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, LLC

Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor<sup>™</sup>; College for Financial Planning<sup>®</sup>; 2015

The College for Financial Planning® provides CMFC™ students with a thorough education focusing exclusively on mutual funds. The CMFC™ program emphasizes how to thoroughly evaluate mutual funds as well as how to use that information to make appropriate recommendations. Individuals who hold the CMFC™ designation have completed a course of study encompassing all aspects of mutual funds and their uses as investment vehicles. The program is designed for approximately 120-150 hours of self-study. The program is self-paced and must be completed within one year from enrollment. All CMFC™ designees must sign a commitment to ongoing continuing education credit to ensure that they stay current in the field.

Accredited Portfolio Management Advisor™; College for Financial Planning®; 2018

Individuals who hold the APMA<sup>™</sup> designation have completed a course of study encompassing client assessment and suitability, risk/return, investment objectives, bond and equity portfolios, modern portfolio theory and investor psychology. Students have hands-on practice in analyzing investment policy statements, building portfolios, and making asset allocation decisions including sell, hold, and buy decisions within a client's portfolio. The program consists of two parts designed for a total of approximately 120-150 hours of study. The first part includes an 11 module self-study course with an online, proctored exam. Students successfully completing the exam matriculate to the second part of the program. That part consists of a four week, instructorled, online graduate course requiring successful completion of several graded assignments involving investor policy statements, portfolio construction, asset allocation, and portfolio buy, sell, and hold decisions. The program must be completed within one year from enrollment.

Chartered Market Technician®; CMT Association; 2022

Completing the CMT<sup>®</sup> Program demonstrates mastery of a core body of knowledge of investment risk in portfolio management. The CMT<sup>®</sup> Program is grounded in behavioral economics and extends beyond classical pattern recognition techniques to include quantitative

approaches to market research and rules based trading system design and testing. Technical analysis provides the tools to successfully navigate the gap between intrinsic value and market price across all asset classes through a disciplined, systematic approach to market behavior and the law of supply and demand. Candidates must have three years of professional analytical or investment management experience, pass three exams, and complete an application for Member Status. To maintain status as a CMT® charterholder, an individual must be a member of the CMT® Association in good standing and abide by the CFA Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct.

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Scott M. Sollars CRD # 4176803

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Name: Scott M. Sollars Year of Birth: 1968

Formal Education after high school: Mr. Sollars is a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> professional and obtained the Accredited Investment Fiduciary<sup>®</sup> certification. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Law and Legal Studies from the University of Indiana in 1991.

Mr. Sollars is a Senior Wealth Manager of BFSG. His main responsibilities include financial planning, managing, and monitoring client portfolios, research, and reviewing wealth management topics with our clients.

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2021 to 2023	Director of Wealth Management with Schwab Wealth Advisory Inc.
2019 to 2021	Senior Regional Manager with Schwab Wealth Advisory Inc.
2017 to 2019	Managing Director, Planning and Portfolio Group with Schwab Wealth Advisory Inc.
2016 to 2017	Senior Regional Manager with Schwab Wealth Advisory Inc.
2015 to 2016	Director - Retirement Investment Consulting with Schwab Retirement Plan Services
2010 to 2015	VP - Senior Financial Consultant with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

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Accredited Investment Fiduciary® (AIF®); 2009

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Fi360 is accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board for the AIF® Designation, making it one of few independently accredited designations recognized by FINRA.

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#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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**Sophia Yu Liu CRD # 6676494** 

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Name: Sophia Yu Liu Year of Birth: 1991

Formal Education after high school:

Ms. Liu graduated from University of California, Irvine in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Studies. Ms. Liu is a Certified Financial Planner<sup>®</sup> professional and a Chartered Life Underwriter.

Ms. Liu is an Education Specialist and Financial Planner with BFSG. Her main responsibilities include financial planning, managing, and monitoring client portfolios, research, and reviewing wealth management topics with our clients.

2024 to present	Education Specialist and Financial Planner with BFSG, LLC
2022 to 2024	Associate Wealth Planner II with Capital Group, Private Wealth Services
2018 to 2022	Financial Solutions Advisor with Merrill
2017 to 2018	Financial Advisor with Tax & Financial Group
2015 to 2017	District Manager/401K Specialist with ADP

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Chartered Life Underwriter® (CLU®); 2023

Since 1927, the CLU® has been the respected risk management credential for advisors. Designees have completed eight or more college-level courses representing an average study time of 400 hours. Topics for required courses include insurance and financial planning, life insurance law, estate planning, and planning for business owners and professionals. Elective courses include such advanced topics as income taxes, group benefits, retirement planning, and health insurance. CLU® designees must meet experience and continuing education requirements and must adhere to a high ethical standard. The mark is awarded by The American College, a non-profit educator with the top level of academic accreditation.

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#### Item 4 Other Business Activities

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