## Item 1: Cover Page

### **Highball Advisors**

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#### Form ADV Part 2A – Firm Brochure

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This Brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Clear Value Financial LLC d/b/a Highball Advisors, "HA". If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact us at (973) 975-5958. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or by any state securities authority.

Highball Advisors is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of South Carolina. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about HA is available on the SEC's website at <a href="www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> which can be found using the firm's identification number 298145.

## Item 2: Material Changes

Since our previous annual filing, the following changes have been made to this brochure:

• Item 4. Comprehensive Financial Planning and Investment Management Services (\$500,000 minimum)

From time to time, we may amend this Disclosure Brochure to reflect changes in our business practices, changes in regulations, and routine annual updates as required by the securities regulators. Either this complete Disclosure Brochure or a Summary of Material Changes shall be provided to each Client annually and if a material change occurs in the business practices of Highball Advisors.

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## Item 4: Advisory Business

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

Clear Value Financial LLC d/b/a Highball Advisors is registered as an Investment Adviser with the State of South Carolina. We were founded in June 2018. John McNamara is the principal owner of HA. HA currently reports \$25,000,000 in discretionary Assets Under Management and no Non-Discretionary Assets Under Management. Assets Under Management were calculated as of December 31, 2021.

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

#### **Investment Management Services**

We are in the business of managing individually tailored investment portfolios. Our firm provides continuous advice to a client regarding the investment of client funds based on the individual needs of the client. Through personal discussions in which goals and objectives based on a client's particular circumstances are established, we develop a client's personal investment policy or an investment plan with an asset allocation target and create and manage a portfolio based on that policy and allocation targets. We may also review and discuss a client's prior investment history, as well as family composition and background.

Account supervision is guided by the stated objectives of the client (e.g., maximum capital appreciation, growth, income, or growth, and income), as well as tax considerations. Clients may impose reasonable restrictions on investing in certain securities, types of securities, or industry sectors. Fees pertaining to this service are outlined in Item 5 of this brochure.

#### **Comprehensive Financial Planning**

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

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

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

Upon desiring a comprehensive plan, a client will be taken through establishing their goals and values around money. They will be required to provide information to help complete the following areas of analysis: net worth, cash flow, insurance, credit scores/reports, employee benefit, retirement planning, insurance, investments, college planning and estate planning. Once the client's information is reviewed, their plan will be built and analyzed, and then the findings, analysis and potential changes to their current situation will be reviewed with the client. Clients subscribing to this service will receive a written or an electronic report, providing the client with a detailed

financial plan designed to achieve his or her stated financial goals and objectives. If a follow-up meeting is required, we will meet at the client's convenience. The plan and the client's financial situation and goals will be monitored throughout the year and follow-up phone calls and emails will be made to the client to confirm that any agreed upon action steps have been carried out. On an annual basis, there will be a full review of this plan to ensure its accuracy and ongoing appropriateness. Any needed updates will be implemented at that time.

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

- Cash Flow and Debt Management: We will conduct a review of your income and expenses to determine your current surplus or deficit along with advice on prioritizing how any surplus should be used or how to reduce expenses if they exceed your income. Advice may also be provided on which debts to pay off first based on factors such as the interest rate of the debt and any income tax ramifications. We may also recommend what we believe to be an appropriate cash reserve that should be considered for emergencies and other financial goals, along with a review of accounts (such as money market funds) for such reserves, plus strategies to save desired amounts.
- College Savings: Includes projecting the amount that will be needed to achieve college or other postsecondary education funding goals, along with advice on ways for you to save the desired amount. Recommendations as to savings strategies are included, and, if needed, we will review your financial picture as it relates to eligibility for financial aid or the best way to contribute to grandchildren (if appropriate).
- Employee Benefits Optimization: We will provide review and analysis as to whether you, as an employee, are taking the maximum advantage possible of your employee benefits. If you are a business owner, we will consider and/or recommend the various benefit programs that can be structured to meet both business and personal retirement goals.
- Estate Planning: This usually includes an analysis of your exposure to estate taxes and your current estate plan, which may include whether you have a will, powers of attorney, trusts, and other related documents. Our advice also typically includes ways for you to minimize or avoid future estate taxes by implementing appropriate estate planning strategies such as the use of applicable trusts. We always recommend that you consult with a qualified attorney when you initiate, update, or complete estate planning activities. We may provide you with contact information for attorneys who specialize in estate planning when you wish to hire an attorney for such purposes. From time-to-time, we will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your attorney with your approval or request.
- **Financial Goals**: We will help clients identify financial goals and develop a plan to reach them. We will identify what you plan to accomplish, what resources you will need to make it happen, how much time you will need to reach the goal, and how much you should budget for your goal.

- **Insurance**: Review of existing policies to ensure proper coverage for life, health, disability, long-term care, liability, home, and automobile.
- Investment Analysis: This may involve developing an asset allocation strategy to meet clients' financial goals and risk tolerance, providing information on investment vehicles and strategies, reviewing employee stock options, as well as assisting you in establishing your own investment account at a selected broker/dealer or custodian. The strategies and types of investments we may recommend are further discussed in Item 8 of this brochure.
- Retirement Planning: Our retirement planning services typically include projections of your likelihood of achieving your financial goals, typically focusing on financial independence as the primary objective. For situations where projections show less than the desired results, we may make recommendations, including those that may impact the original projections by adjusting certain variables (e.g., working longer, saving more, spending less, taking more risk with investments).

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

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

We recommend that you consult with a qualified tax professional before initiating any tax planning strategy, and we may provide you with contact information for accountants or attorneys who specialize in this area if you wish to hire someone for such purposes. We will participate in meetings or phone calls between you and your tax professional with your approval.

**Estate Planning Preparation:** We offer Estate Planning Preparation services for our clients to assist with the creation of estate documents. The fees associated with the creation of estate documents are separate and in addition to your ongoing financial planning or advisory fees and are disclosed in Item 5. We will utilize the services of EncorEstate Plans (EEP), a third-party estate planning firm, to facilitate the preparation and creation of your estate documents and we will work with you and EEP to gather the necessary information as part of this service.

Retirement Income Advice: When Highball advisors provides investment advice to Clients regarding Client's retirement plan account or individual retirement account, we are fiduciaries within the meaning of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and/or the Internal Revenue Code, as applicable, which are laws governing retirement accounts. The way we make money creates some conflicts with Client's interests, so we operate under a special rule that requires us to act in your best interest and not put our interest ahead of yours.

Under this special rule's provisions, we must:

- Meet professional standard of care when making investment recommendations (give prudent advice)
- Never put our financial interests ahead of yours when making recommendations (give loyal advice)
- Avoid misleading statements about conflicts of interest, fees, and investments
- Follow policies and procedures designed to ensure that we give advice that is in your best interest
- Charge no more than is reasonable for our services
- Give you basic information about conflicts of interest

#### Wrap Fee Programs

We do not participate in wrap fee programs.

## Item 5: Fees and Compensation

Highball Advisors is a fee-only firm. HA is compensated solely by professional fees received directly from its clients. Neither HA, nor any related person associated with HA, receives compensation that is contingent on the purchase or sale of a financial product. Neither HA, nor any related person of HA, accepts any sales commissions referral fees, service fees, or other form of compensation from any third party, nor does HA or any related person compensate anyone else directly or indirectly for client referrals. Fees are generally negotiable and are paid as described below, directly by the client.

Highball Advisors's fee and the specific manner in which fees are charged is established in each client agreement with the client.

Please note, unless a client has received the firm's disclosure brochure at least 48 hours prior to signing the client agreement, the client agreement may be terminated by the client within five (5) business days of signing the client agreement without incurring any advisory fees and without penalty.

#### Comprehensive Financial Planning and Investment Management Services (\$500,000 minimum)

The annual fees are negotiable and are pro-rated and paid in arrears on a monthly basis. The advisory fee is a tiered fee and is calculated by assessing the percentage rates using the predefined levels of assets as shown in the below chart and applying the fee to the account value as of the last day of the previous month. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without agreement from the client by signing a new agreement or amendment to their

current advisory agreement.

Account Value(AUM)	Annual Advisory Fee
\$0 - \$1,000,000	1.00%
\$1,000,001 and Above	0.50%

Advisory fees are directly debited from client accounts, or the client may choose to pay by check. Accounts initiated or terminated during a calendar month will be charged a pro-rated fee based on the amount of time remaining in the billing period. An account may be terminated with written notice at least 10 calendar days in advance. Since fees are paid in arrears, no rebate will be needed upon termination of the account.

At any time a client may terminate this agreement in the first three months from the signing of the Client Agreement and any fees charged for that quarter will be refunded in full. Clients may terminate their contracts without penalty, for full refund, within 5 business days of signing the advisory contract

#### Webinars

Highball Advisors offers educational webinars to clients and prospects through a web based video platform.

#### **Speaking Engagements**

Speaking engagements will range in price between \$1000 - \$2000 (exclusive of travel-cost reimbursement) depending on the length, location and enrollment. The client and Highball Advisors will agree on the fee associated with a specific engagement before it occurs.

The fee is negotiable, and speaking engagements may be provided pro bono. The fee will be collected after the speaking engagement is performed.

#### Termination:

- If the advisor terminates the engagement because of inclement weather and has made all reasonable attempts to make alternative travel arrangements, the client does not owe any speaker fees but is responsible for any non-refundable travel expenses already incurred.
- If the advisor terminates the engagement due to health or similar unforeseen circumstances, the client does not owe any fees (no speaker fee, no travel expenses).
- If the client terminates the engagement for any reason besides weather or similar unforeseen causes, the client will be responsible for reimbursements of any nonrefundable travel expenses already incurred, and will provide payment for 50% of the speaking fee if the termination occurs within 30 days of the event.
- In the event of termination, no refund is necessary because no fees are paid until the end.

The fee is payable by check or Electronic Funds Transfer.

#### **Estate Planning Preparation**

The fees for Estate Documents Preparation will be determined based on the complexity of the return and quality of the client's estate.

Clients will be billed for the cost of EEP to prepare and create their estate documents following their current pricing. The cost of Estate Document Creation through EEP will be reviewed and agreed to by the client before engaging in the service.

The fees may be negotiable in certain cases, will be agreed to at the start of the engagement, and are due at the end of the engagement. Clients are not required to utilize any third party products or services that we may recommend and they can receive similar services from other professionals at a similar or lower cost.

#### Other Types of Fees and Expenses

Our fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which may be incurred by the client. Clients may incur certain charges imposed by custodians, brokers, and other third parties such as custodial fees, deferred sales charges, odd-lot differentials, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions. Mutual fund and exchange traded funds also charge internal management fees, which are disclosed in a fund's prospectus. Such charges, fees, and commissions are exclusive of and in addition to our fee, and we shall not receive any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

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

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

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

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

## Item 7: Types of Clients

We provide financial planning and portfolio management services to individuals and families.

We do not have a minimum account size requirement.

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

When clients have us complete an Investment Analysis (described in Item 4 of this brochure) as part of their financial plan, or when we perform Investment Management services for clients, our primary method of investment analysis is fundamental analysis.

**Fundamental analysis** involves analyzing individual companies and their industry groups, such as a company's financial statements, details regarding the company's product line, the experience, and expertise of the company's management, and the outlook for the company's industry. The resulting data is used to measure the true value of the company's stock compared to the current market value. The risk of fundamental analysis is that information obtained may be incorrect and the analysis may not provide an accurate estimate of earnings, which may be the

basis for a stock's value. If securities prices adjust rapidly to new information, utilizing fundamental analysis may not result in favorable performance.

#### **Passive Investment Management**

We primarily practice passive investment management. Passive investing involves building portfolios that are comprised of various distinct asset classes. The asset classes are weighted in a manner to achieve the desired relationship between correlation, risk, and return. Funds that passively capture the returns of the desired asset classes are placed in the portfolio. The funds that are used to build passive portfolios are typically index mutual funds or exchange traded funds.

Passive investment management is characterized by low portfolio expenses (i.e. the funds inside the portfolio have low internal costs), minimal trading costs (due to infrequent trading activity), and relative tax efficiency (because the funds inside the portfolio are tax efficient and turnover inside the portfolio is minimal).

In contrast, active management involves a single manager or managers who employ some method, strategy or technique to construct a portfolio that is intended to generate returns that are greater than the broader market or a designated benchmark. Academic research indicates most active managers underperform the market.

#### **Material Risks Involved**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exchange Traded Funds prices may vary significantly from the Net Asset Value due to market conditions. Certain Exchange Traded Funds may not track underlying benchmarks as expected. ETFs are also subject to the following risks: (i) an ETF's shares may trade at a market price that is above or below their net asset value; (ii) the ETF may employ an investment strategy that utilizes high leverage ratios; or (iii) trading of an ETF's shares may be halted if the listing exchange's officials deem such action appropriate, the shares are de-listed from the exchange, or the activation of market-wide "circuit breakers" (which are tied to large decreases in stock prices) halts stock trading generally. The Adviser has no control over the risks taken by the underlying funds in which client's invest.

**Investment Companies Risk**. When a client invests in open-end mutual funds or ETFs, the client indirectly bears its proportionate share of any fees and expenses payable directly by those funds. Therefore, the client will incur

higher expenses, many of which may be duplicative. In addition, the client's overall portfolio may be affected by losses of an underlying fund and the level of risk arising from the investment practices of an underlying fund (such as the use of derivatives).

## Item 9: Disciplinary Information

#### **Criminal or Civil Actions**

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

#### **Administrative Enforcement Proceedings**

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

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

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

## Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

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

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

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

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

John McNamara is currently a licensed insurance agent, however, he no longer sells any insurance products, and is not affiliated with any insurance companies. John McNamara will not sell any insurance products to clients of HA.

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

As a fiduciary, our firm and its associates have a duty of utmost good faith to act solely in the best interests of each client. Our clients entrust us with their funds and personal information, which in turn places a high standard

on our conduct and integrity. Our fiduciary duty is a core aspect of our Code of Ethics and represents the expected basis of all of our dealings. The firm also accepts the obligation not only to comply with the mandates and requirements of all applicable laws and regulations but also to take responsibility to act in an ethical and professionally responsible manner in all professional services and activities.

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

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

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

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

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

Neither our firm, its associates or any related person is authorized to recommend to a client or effect a transaction for a client, involving any security in which our firm or a related person has a material financial interest, such as in the capacity as an underwriter, adviser to the issuer, etc.

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

Our firm and its "related persons" do not invest in the same securities, or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures, which we recommend to clients.

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

Because our firm and its "related persons" do not invest in the same securities, or related securities, e.g., warrants, options or futures, which we recommend to clients, we do not trade in securities at or around the same time as clients.

## Item 12: Brokerage Practices

Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker-Dealers

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

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

We currently do not receive soft dollar benefits.

#### 2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

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

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

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

#### The Custodian and Brokers We Use (TD Ameritrade)

Advisor participates in the TD Ameritrade Institutional program. TD Ameritrade Institutional is a division of TD Ameritrade, Inc. ("TD Ameritrade"), member FINRA/SIPC. TD Ameritrade is an independent [and unaffiliated] SEC-registered broker-dealer. TD Ameritrade offers to independent investment Advisors services which include custody of securities, trade execution, clearance, and settlement of transactions. Advisor receives some benefits from TD Ameritrade through its participation in the program. (Please see the disclosure under Item 14 below.)

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

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

Outside Managers used by HA may block client trades at their discretion. Their specific practices are further discussed in their ADV Part 2A, Item 12.

## Item 13: Review of Accounts

John McNamara, President and CCO of HA, will work with clients to obtain current information regarding their assets and investment holdings and will review this information as part of our financial planning services. HA does not provide specific reports to clients, other than financial plans.

Client accounts with the Investment Management Service will be reviewed regularly on a quarterly basis by John McNamara, President and CCO. The account is reviewed with regards to the client's investment policies and risk tolerance levels. Events that may trigger a special review would be unusual performance, addition or deletions of client imposed restrictions, excessive draw-down, volatility in performance, or buy and sell decisions from the firm or per client's needs.

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

HA will provide written reports to Investment Management clients on a annual basis. We urge clients to compare these reports against the account statements they receive from their custodian.

## Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

We do not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly, from any third party for advice rendered to our clients. Nor do we, directly or indirectly, compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

As disclosed under Item 12, above, Advisor participates in TD Ameritrade's institutional customer program and Advisor may recommend TD Ameritrade to Clients for custody and brokerage services. There is no direct link between Advisor's participation in the program and the investment advice it gives to its Clients, although Advisor receives economic benefits through its participation in the program that are typically not available to TD Ameritrade retail investors. These benefits include the following products and services (provided without cost or at a discount): receipt of duplicate Client statements and confirmations; research related products and tools; consulting services; access to a trading desk serving Advisor participants; access to block trading (which provides the ability to aggregate securities transactions for execution and then allocate the appropriate shares to Client accounts); the ability to have advisory fees deducted directly from Client accounts; access to an electronic communications network for Client order entry and account information; access to mutual funds with no transaction fees and to certain institutional money managers; and discounts on compliance, marketing, research, technology, and practice management products or services provided to Advisor by third party vendors. TD Ameritrade may also have paid for business consulting and professional services received by Advisor's related persons. Some of the products and services made available by TD Ameritrade through the program may benefit Advisor but may not benefit its Client accounts. These products or services may assist Advisor in managing and administering Client accounts, including accounts not maintained at TD Ameritrade. Other services made available by TD Ameritrade are intended to help Advisor manage and further develop its business enterprise. The benefits received by Advisor or its personnel through participation in the program do not depend on the amount of brokerage transactions directed to TD Ameritrade. As part of its fiduciary duties to clients, Advisor endeavors at all times to put the interests of its clients first. Clients should be aware, however, that the receipt of economic benefits by Advisor or its related persons in and of itself creates a potential conflict of interest and may indirectly influence the Advisor's choice of TD Ameritrade for custody and brokerage services.

## Item 15: Custody

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

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

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

Clients should receive at least quarterly statements from the broker-dealer, bank or other qualified custodian that holds and maintains client's investment assets. We urge you to carefully review such statements and compare such official custodial records to the account statements or reports that we may provide to you. Our statements or reports may vary from custodial statements based on accounting procedures, reporting dates, or valuation methodologies of certain securities.

### Item 16: Investment Discretion

For those client accounts where we provide investment management services, we maintain non-discretionary management over client accounts with respect to securities to be bought and sold and the amount of securities to be bought and sold. This means we will require the client's direct authorization prior to making any changes to the client's account.

## Item 17: Voting Client Securities

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

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

### Item 18: Financial Information

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

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

## Item 19: Requirements for State-Registered Advisers

#### John McNamara

Born: 1965

#### **Business Experience**

- 06/2018 Present, Clear Value Financial LLC d/b/a Highball Advisors, President and CCO
- 02/2017 05/2018, Edward Jones, Financial Advisor
- 09/2016 01/2017 Unemployed
- 01/2011 08/2016, Binary Event Network, Founder/VP of Markets

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

FINRA Series 66 - Uniform Combined State Law Examination

FINRA Series 7 - General Securities Representative Examination

#### **Other Business Activities**

John McNamara is not involved with outside business activities.

#### Performance-Based Fees

HA is not compensated by performance-based fees.

#### **Material Disciplinary Disclosures**

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

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

Highball Advisors, nor John McNamara, have any relationship or arrangement with issuers of securities, in addition to what is described in Item 10.

#### **Additional Compensation**

John McNamara does not receive any economic benefit from any person, company, or organization, in exchange for providing clients advisory services through HA.

#### **Supervision**

John McNamara, as President and Chief Compliance Officer of HA, is responsible for supervision. He may be contacted at the phone number on this brochure supplement.

### **Requirements for State Registered Advisers**

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

### **Highball Advisors**

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Dated January 10, 2022

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#### For

#### John McNamara [Individual CRD# 6749785]

#### President, and Chief Compliance Officer

This brochure supplement provides information about John McNamara that supplements the Clear Value Financial LLC d/b/a Highball Advisors ("HA") brochure. A copy of that brochure precedes this supplement. Please contact John McNamara if the HA brochure is not included with this supplement or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about John McNamara is available on the SEC's website at <a href="www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a> which can be found using the identification number 6749785.

## Item 2: Educational Background and Business Experience

#### John McNamara

Born: 1965

#### **Business Experience**

- 06/2018 Present, Clear Value Financial LLC d/b/a Highball Advisors, President and CCO
- 02/2017 05/2018, Edward Jones, Financial Advisor
- 09/2016 01/2017 Unemployed
- 01/2011 08/2016, Binary Event Network, Founder, VP of Markets

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

FINRA Series 66 - Uniform Combined State Law Examination

FINRA Series 7 - General Securities Representative Examination

## Item 3: Disciplinary Information

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

### Item 4: Other Business Activities

John McNamara is not involved with outside business activities.

## Item 5: Additional Compensation

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## Item 6: Supervision

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