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This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Queenvest LLC. Please contact Ruzanna Queenan at 617-913-7346 if you have any questions about the content of this brochure.

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While the firm and its associates may be registered and/or licensed within a particular jurisdiction, that registration and/or licensing in itself does not imply an endorsement by any regulatory authority, nor does it imply a certain level of skill or training on the part of the firm or its associated personnel.

#### **Item 2 - Material Changes**

The following changes have been made to this version of the Disclosure Brochure:

- Item 4: The Advisor has amended their advisory business services. Please see Item 4 for additional information.
- Item 5: The Advisor has amended the fee structure for its overall advisory services. Please see Item 5 for additional information.

The firm may at any time update this document and either send a copy of its updated brochure or provide a summary of material changes to its brochure and an offer to send an electronic or hard copy form of the updated brochure. Clients are also able to download this brochure from the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov or may contact our firm at 617-913-7346 to request a copy at any time.

As with all firm documents, clients and prospective clients are encouraged to review this brochure in its entirety and are encouraged to ask questions at any time prior to or throughout the engagement.

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Throughout this document Queenvest LLC may be referred to as "the firm," "firm," "our," "we" or "us." The client or prospective client may be also referred to as "the client," "client," etc., and refers to a client engagement involving a single *person* as well as two or more *persons* and may refer to natural persons and legal entities. The term "advisor" and "adviser" are used interchangeably where accuracy in identification is necessary (i.e., internet address, etc.).

Our firm maintains a business continuity and succession plan that is integrated within the organization to ensure it appropriately responds to events that pose a significant disruption to its operations. A statement concerning the current plan is available under separate cover upon request.

#### **Item 4 - Advisory Business**

## **Description of Firm**

Queenvest LLC is a Massachusetts domiciled limited liability company formed in March of 2018 for general business purposes. We typically operate under trade name Queenvest. Our firm is not a subsidiary of nor does it control another financial services industry entity.

In addition to our June of 2018 registration as an investment advisor in Massachusetts, our firm and its associates may register, become licensed or meet certain exemptions to registration and/or licensing in other jurisdictions in which investment advisory business is conducted.

Ruzanna Queenan, CFA is our firm's President and Chief Compliance Officer (supervisor), and she maintains majority interest in the firm. Additional information about Ruzanna Queenan and her professional experience can be found toward the end of this brochure.

# **Description of Services**

#### Financial Planning Services

Our process typically begins with an interview with the client to discuss their current situation and goals, as well as the scope of our firm's services that may be provided. The client will be provided with this Form ADV Part 2 firm brochure that includes a statement involving our privacy policy (see Item 11), as well as a brochure supplement about the representative who will be assisting them. The firm will disclose any material conflicts of interest that could be reasonably expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.

If the client wishes to engage our firm for its services, they must first execute our engagement agreement. Thereafter further discussion and analysis will be conducted to determine financial needs, goals, holdings, etc. Depending on the scope of the engagement, the client may be asked to provide copies of the following documents early in the process:

- Wills, codicils and trusts
- Insurance policies, including information about riders, loans and amendments
- Mortgage information
- Tax returns
- Student loans
- Divorce decree or separation agreement
- Current financial specifics including W-2s, 1099s, K-1 statements, etc.
- Information on current retirement plans and other benefits provided by an employer
- Statements reflecting current investments in retirement and non-retirement accounts
- Employment or other business agreements
- Completed risk profile questionnaires or other forms provided by our firm

It is important that we are provided with an adequate level of information and supporting documentation throughout the term of the engagement including but not limited to: source of funds, income levels, and an account holder or attorney-in-fact's authority to act on behalf of the account, among other information that may be necessary for our services. The information and/or financial statements provided to us need to be

accurate. Our firm may, but is not obligated to, verify the information that has been provided to us which will then be used in the advisory process.

Queenvest's process is designed to:

- Analyze your current situation
- Understand your goals and your aspirations
- Recommend a solution that will help you achieve your goals
- Manage as you go to stay on track

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

- **Business Planning:** We provide consulting services for clients who currently operate their own business, are considering starting a business, or are planning for an exit from their current business. Under this type of engagement, we work with you to assess your current situation, identify your objectives, and develop a plan aimed at achieving your goals.
- Cash Flow and Debt Management: We will conduct a review of your income and expenses to determine your current surplus or deficit along with advice on prioritizing how any surplus should be used or how to reduce expenses if they exceed your income. Advice may also be provided on which debts to pay off first based on factors such as the interest rate of the debt and any income tax ramifications. We may also recommend what we believe to be an appropriate cash reserve that should be considered for emergencies and other financial goals, along with a review of accounts (such as money market funds) for such reserves, plus strategies to save desired amounts.
- College Savings: Includes projecting the amount that will be needed to achieve college or other
  post-secondary 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.

Our investment consultation often involves providing information on the types of investment vehicles available, employee retirement plans and/or stock options, investment analysis and strategies, asset selection and portfolio design. The strategies and types of investments that may be recommended are further discussed in Item 8 of this brochure, and our level of investment authority is noted in Item 16.

#### **Investment Advisory 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.

#### Use of Third Party Managers, Outside Managers, or Sub-Advisors (TAMPs)

We offer the use of Third Party Managers, Outside Managers, or Sub-Advisors (TAMPs) for portfolio management services. We assist clients in selecting an appropriate allocation model, completing the Outside Manager's investor profile questionnaire, interacting with the Outside Manager and reviewing the Outside Manager. Our review process and analysis of outside managers is further discussed in Item 8 of this Form ADV Part 2A. Additionally, we will meet with the client on a periodic basis to discuss changes in their personal or financial situation, suitability, and any new or revised restrictions to be applied to the account.

#### **Retirement Plan Consulting Services**

Our firm provides employer-sponsored retirement plan consulting to employer plan sponsors on an ongoing basis. Generally, such services consist of assisting employer plan sponsors in establishing, monitoring and reviewing their company's participant-directed retirement plan. As the needs of the plan sponsor dictate, areas of advising could include: investment options, plan structure, and participant education.

In providing employee benefit plan services, our firm does not provide any advisory services with respect to the following types of assets: employer securities, real estate (excluding real estate funds and publicly traded REITS), participant loans, non-publicly traded securities or assets, other illiquid investments, or brokerage window programs (collectively, "Excluded Assets").

#### **Educational Workshops**

We provide educational seminar sessions involving personal finance and investing. Topics may include issues related to general financial planning, educational funding, estate planning, retirement strategies, implications involving changes in marital status, and various other current economic or investment topics.

Our workshops are educational in nature and do not involve the solicitation of insurance or investment products.

# **Wrap Fee Programs**

We do not participate in wrap fee programs.

#### **Item 5 - Fees and Compensation**

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

## **Comprehensive Financial Planning and Investment Management**

Clients who choose this service will pay an ongoing engagement fee payable quarterly in advance ranging from \$625 - \$2,500 per quarter. The fee is based on the complexity of the client's financial situation and their needs. Our published fees are negotiable, and we typically waive or discount our fee for firm associates and their family members. Fees may be paid to our firm by check or draft from US-based financial institutions. With your prior authorization payment may also be made by credit or debit card through a qualified, unaffiliated PCI compliant¹ third-party processor. All requests for payment will include an invoice that contains the total fee assessed, covered time period, any calculation formula utilized, and reference to the services in which the fee had been based. Our firm does not accept cash, money orders or similar forms of payment for its engagements, but we may withdrawal advisory fees from an investment account for advisory services clients.

#### **Investment Advisory Services Only**

We prefer that management clients retain the firm to complete a financial plan prior to transferring their investments to us. The financial modeling and planning process will help us and the client determine an asset allocation with return and risk characteristics that are consistent with the client's needs and goals. A portfolio can then be constructed that meets these criteria. Some clients, because of their circumstances, do not need financial planning services. We will make our best effort to provide these clients with investment management services that meets their needs. We do this by understanding the client's circumstances, preferences, attitudes, experience, knowledge and temperament. Clients who retain us for investment management services only will meet with us in the beginning of the engagement to determine their goals and appropriate asset and investment allocation. Thereafter, we will meet every 6 months to review portfolio performance and recommend changes based on client current circumstances.

Our standard advisory fee is based on the market value of the assets under management and is calculated as follows:

Account Value	Annual Advisory Fee
First \$1,000,000	1.00%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the term "PCI," who the PCI Security Standards Council is, as well as its comprehensive standards to enhance payment card data security, please go to https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org/security\_standards/index.php

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Next \$1,000,000	0.75%
Above \$2,000,000	0.50%

The annual fees are negotiable in certain cases and are generally pro-rated and paid in advance on a quarterly basis. Accounts opened within a calendar quarter will be billed pro-rata for the balance of the quarter in which the account was opened in combination with the fees for the preceding quarter. No increase in the annual fee shall be effective without agreement from the client by signing a new agreement or amendment to their current advisory agreement. Advisory fees are directly debited from client accounts. Accounts initiated or terminated during a calendar quarter will be charged a pro-rated fee based on the amount of time remaining in the billing period. Upon termination of any account, any unearned fee will be returned to the client.

# **Hourly Financial Planning**

Clients interested in a limited planning engagement, such as advice on an employer-plan asset allocation, are assessed an hourly fee. Our rate is \$250 per hour; billed in 15-minute increments, and a partial increment (e.g., seven minutes) will be treated as a whole increment. Prior to entering into an agreement with our firm you will receive an estimate of the overall cost based on your requirements and the time involved. We do not require a deposit upon execution of the engagement agreement; the entire fee is due upon plan delivery. An hourly engagement lasting more than one month is typically billed at the end of each month for time incurred during that period.

#### **Educational Workshops**

While certain seminars may be complimentary, workshop attendees may be assessed a fee ranging from \$50 to \$50,000. Frequently these sessions will be paid by an event sponsor, such as an employer or an association. The workshop fee, if any, will be announced in advance and will be determined by the length of the event, the number and expertise of the presenters involved, and whether or not educational materials are being provided. Payment is typically on the first day of the scheduled workshop, unless the sponsor is to be invoiced based on an attendance roster.

#### **Potential Additional Client Fees**

Any transactional or service fees (sometimes termed *brokerage fees*), individual retirement account fees, qualified retirement plan fees, account termination fees, or wire transfer fees will be borne by the account holder per the custodian of record's separate fee schedule. Fees paid by our clients to our firm for our advisory services are separate from any internal fees or charges a client may pay for mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), exchange-traded notes (ETNs), or other similar investments. Additional information about our fees in relationship to brokerage practices are noted in Item 12.

## **External Compensation involving Transactions**

Our firm does not charge or receive a commission or a mark-up on securities transactions, nor will the firm or an associate be paid a commission on the purchase of a securities holding that is recommended to a client. We do not receive "trailer" or SEC Rule 12b-1 fees from an investment company that may be recommended to a client. Fees charged by such issuers are detailed in prospectuses or product descriptions and our clients are encouraged to read these documents before investing. Our firm and its associates receive none of these described or similar fees or charges. Our clients retain the right to purchase recommended or similar investments through a provider of their choice.

#### **Termination of Services**

Either party may terminate the agreement with a 30-days' notice by communicating the intent to terminate in writing. Our firm will not be responsible for advice or investment allocation services upon receipt of a termination notice. If a client of our firm does not receive our Form ADV Part 2 firm brochure at least 48 hours prior to entering into our firm's agreement, then that client will have the right to terminate the engagement without fee or penalty within five (5) business days after entering into the contract. If a client terminates an hourly or project-based financial planning service after this five business-day time period, the client will be assessed fees at the firm's current hourly rate for any time incurred in the preparation of that client's analysis or plan. When a Comprehensive Planning client terminates their agreement after the five business-day period, that client will be assessed fees on a prorated basis for services incurred from either (i) as a new client, the date of the engagement to the date of the firm's receipt of the written notice of termination, or (ii) all other accounts, the last billing period to the date of the firm's physical or constructive receipt of written termination notice.

## <u>Item 6 - Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management</u>

Our firm's advisory fees will not be based on a share of capital gains or capital appreciation (growth) of any portion of managed funds, also known as performance-based fees. Our fees will also not be based on side-by-side management, which refers to a firm simultaneously managing accounts that do pay performance-based fees (such as a hedge fund) and those that do not.

#### **Item 7 - Types of Clients**

Queenvest provides its services to individuals, high net worth individuals and small businesses. We do not require minimum income, asset levels or other similar preconditions for its engagements. We reserve the right to decline services to any prospective client for any nondiscriminatory reason.

## <u>Item 8 - Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss</u>

#### Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategy

We employ fundamental analyses: evaluating economic factors and business fundamentals, in addition to analyzing situations or events involving specific investment opportunities. Our research is drawn from sources such as:

- financial periodicals and reference materials
- economists and other industry professionals
- company press releases
- corporate rating services
- inspections of corporate activities
- regulatory filings (e.g., annual reports, prospectuses, etc.).

Our primary investment strategy is based on Modern Portfolio Theory; oriented toward reducing risk by diversifying among an extensive range of asset classes such as domestic and international equities, fixed-income securities, and real estate. Portfolios constructed under this theory may be tilted to have a greater

exposure toward a specific market capitalization,<sup>2</sup> value stocks,<sup>3</sup> or highly profitable stocks in an effort to capture risk premiums historically associated with those asset classes. We don't intend to "beat the market." Returns are driven by the client's risk tolerance and the needs of their plan for a return in order to meet their goals. Portfolios holdings recommended to our clients typically contain a broad range of mutual funds or ETFs, individual equities and fixed income securities, as well as listed real estate investment trusts.

#### Risk of Loss

Our firm believes its strategies and investment recommendations are designed to produce the appropriate potential return for the given level of risk; however, there is no guarantee that a planning goal or investment objective will be achieved. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. While the following list is not exhaustive, we provide some examples of such risk in the following paragraphs, and we believe it is important that our clients review and consider each prior to investing.

#### Active Portfolio Management

A portfolio that employs active management strategies may, at times, outperform or underperform various benchmarks or other strategies. In an effort to meet or surpass these benchmarks, active portfolio management may require more frequent trading or "turnover" than anticipated. This may result in shorter holding periods, higher transactional costs and/or taxable events generally borne by the client, thereby potentially reducing or negating certain benefits of active asset management.

#### Company Risk

When investing in securities, such as stocks or bonds, there is always a certain level of company or industry-specific risk that is inherent in each company or issuer. There is the risk that the company will perform poorly or have its value reduced based on factors specific to the company or its industry. This is also referred to as *unsystematic risk* and can be reduced or mitigated through diversification.

# Currency Risk

The risk of loss from fluctuating foreign exchange rates when a portfolio has exposure to foreign currency or in foreign currency traded investments is known as currency risk.

#### Equity (Stock) Risk

Common stocks are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases or decreases in value as market confidence in and perceptions of their issuers change. If an investor held common stock or

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Market capitalization ("cap") assists investors in understanding the relative size of a company versus another. It aids in measuring the worth of a company in the open market and the market's perception of its future since it reflects what investors may be willing to pay for the company's stock. Examples include:

<sup>•</sup> Large-Cap – Established companies with market values of \$10 billion or more; reputations for producing quality goods and services; history of consistent dividend payments and steady growth.

<sup>•</sup> Mid-Cap – Companies with market values between \$2 billion and \$10 billion; established companies in industries experiencing or expected to experience rapid growth and increasing market share and/or improving competitiveness.

Small-Cap – Newer companies with market values of \$300 million to \$2 billion; typically serving niche markets or emerging
industries. Aggressive risk category investment; may be impacted by economic downturn, vulnerable to competition and
uncertainties of their market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Value investing involves buying above-average positions (holdings) at below-average prices. Conversely, when a holding is considered over-priced, it becomes a candidate to be sold.

common stock equivalents of any given issuer, they may be exposed to greater risk than if they held preferred stocks and debt obligations of the issuer.

Preferred stocks can be affected by interest rate and liquidity risks (described in adjacent paragraphs). Also note that their dividend payment is not guaranteed; some are subject to a call provision, meaning the issuer can redeem its preferred shares on demand, and usually when interest rates have fallen.

#### **ETFs**

ETFs are either open-end investment company securities or unit investment trusts but differ since they do not sell their shares directly to individual investors. ETFs have been in distribution for 25 years in the US. An ETF issues shares in blocks of 25,000 or more known as "creation units," and are typically purchased by institutions termed "authorized participants." Authorized participants generally do not purchase creation units with cash but with baskets of securities mirroring the ETF portfolio. A creation unit may then be split up and sold in individual shares on the secondary market like stocks, permitting smaller investors to purchase shares instead of the creation unit. Investors who desire to sell ETF shares will do so by selling individual shares to other investors on the secondary market or the larger creation unit back to the ETF. In addition, ETFs generally redeem creation units by giving investors the securities comprising the ETF portfolio instead of cash. It is due to the limited redeemability of ETF shares that an ETF is not considered nor able to call itself a mutual fund. ETFs may be focused on a specific sector/industry or track broad-based indices, such as the Standard & Poor's 500 ("S&P 500") -- described as a "replicate" or "sample" index-based ETF maintaining positions in every security in the selected index.

A risk to owning an ETF is due to its underlying securities (e.g., stocks, bonds, derivatives, etc.), and can be affected by risks such as market, currency, credit, political, interest rate, etc., that are described in adjacent paragraphs. Some investors believe that the liquidity of an ETF is dependent on its average trading volume (number of shares traded per day), but the key issue is "ETF liquidity" -- the liquidity of the underlying stocks in the index. In addition, if there are a limited number of authorized participants, this too can create a liquidity issue for the ETF. "Spread risk" may also occur, which is the difference between the bid and the ask price of a security. Due to the fact that ETF transactions are traded on the exchanges like stocks, widening spreads may occur, have impact on certain portfolios or transactions. As with any security, if the ETF "fails," the investor may lose their gains and invested principal.

ETFs typically carry additional expenses based on their share of operating expenses and certain brokerage fees, which may result in the potential duplication of certain fees. Indexed ETFs have the potential to be affected by "active risk;" a deviation from its stated index. While many ETFs are known for their potential tax-efficiency and higher "qualified dividend income" (QDI) percentages, there are asset classes within these investment vehicles or holding periods within that may not benefit. Shorter holding periods, as well as commodities and currencies (that may be a holding within the ETF), may be considered "non-qualified" under certain tax code provisions. A holding's QDI will be considered when tax-efficiency is an important aspect of the client's portfolio.

Leveraged and/or inverse ETFs attempt to achieve multiples of the performance of an index or benchmark through the opposite (inverse) of the performance of the tracked index or benchmark. This strategy attempts to profit from, or hedge exposures to, downward drifting markets. There is risk involving this strategy and part of the concern is based on the fact that leveraged and inverse exchange traded funds "reset" daily, which means they are designed to achieve their stated objectives on a *daily basis*. It is due to the compounding effect of daily adjustments that ETF performance over longer periods of time can differ significantly from the performance (or inverse of the performance) of an underlying index or benchmark during the same period. This effect is potentially magnified during volatile markets. If effects contrary to the

ETF strategy occur, losses may be significant; therefore, leveraged and/or inverse ETFs will only be considered when seeking a portfolio hedge against deterioration in equity market fundamentals. Otherwise, leveraged and inverse ETFs will not be recommended for client portfolios.

## Failure to Implement

Each financial planning client is free to accept or reject any or all of the recommendations made by our firm. While no advisory firm can guarantee future performance, no plan can succeed if it is not implemented. Clients who choose not to take the steps recommended in their financial plan may face an increased risk that their stated goals and objectives will not be achieved.

#### Fixed Income Risks

Various forms of fixed income instruments, such as bonds, money market or bond funds may be affected by various forms of risk, including:

- <u>Credit Risk</u> The potential risk that an issuer would be unable to pay scheduled interest or repay principal at maturity, sometimes referred to as "default risk." Credit risk may also occur when an issuer's ability to make payments of principal and interest when due is interrupted. This may result in a negative impact on all forms of debt instruments, as well as funds or ETF share values that hold these issues. Bondholders are creditors of an issuer and have priority to assets before equity holders (e.g., stockholders) when receiving a payout from liquidation or restructuring. When defaults occur due to bankruptcy, the type of bond held will determine seniority of payment.
- <u>Interest Rate Risk</u> The risk that the value of the fixed income holding will decrease because of an increase in interest rates.
- <u>Reinvestment Risk</u> With declining interest rates, investors may have to reinvest interest income or principal at a lower rate.

# **Inflation Risk**

Also called *purchasing power risk*, is the chance that the cash flows from an investment won't be worth as much in the future because of changes in purchasing power due to inflation.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is the inability to readily buy or sell an investment for a price close to the true underlying value of the asset due to a lack of buyers or sellers. While certain types of fixed income are generally liquid (e.g., bonds), there are risks which may occur such as when an issue trading in any given period does not readily support buys and sells at an efficient price. Conversely, when trading volume is high, there is also a risk of not being able to purchase a particular issue at the desired price.

#### **Market Risk**

This is also called systematic risk. In cases where markets are under extreme duress, many securities lose their ability to provide diversification benefits.

#### **Mutual Funds**

One of the earliest forms of public investing was the closed-end mutual fund from the late 1700's in Europe. The first modern-day US mutual fund was the Massachusetts Investors Trust; created in 1924. As with ETFs,

the risk of owning a mutual fund is reflected in the underlying security(ies). Mutual funds are affected by risks such as market, interest rate, currency, credit, political, active risk, etc., as described in adjacent paragraphs. It is important to note that even "conservative" funds, such as a money market fund or fixed income fund, can and have lost their value below the principal amount invested. Mutual funds typically carry additional expenses based on their share of operating expenses and trading (brokerage) fees, which may result in the potential duplication of certain fees paid by the investor. Index mutual funds can also be adversely affected by QDI ratios as previously described.

There are essentially nine main types of mutual fund shares classes, as well as sub-classes for several of them. Some mutual funds are sold through brokerage firms and assess a commission ("load) in addition to their underlying fees earlier noted, while others are offered through investment advisors, retirement plans and other institutions. "No load" funds are also available to the public through brokerage firms, and they usually incur trading (brokerage) fees. If a client chooses to purchase a mutual fund on their own through a broker/dealer, they should consider the trading fees, internal operating costs, as well as potential commissions they may pay through that executing firm. Queenvest is not a broker/dealer and does not recommend nor is compensated by a "loaded" fund (see Items 5 and 10).

#### Passive Management

A portfolio that employs a passive, efficient markets approach has the risk of generating lower-than-expected returns due to its broad diversification when compared to a portfolio more narrowly focused.

#### Political Risk

The risk of financial and market loss because of political decisions or disruptions in a particular country or region and may also be known as "geopolitical risk."

#### Real Estate Investment Trusts

Risks involved in REIT investing may include (i) following the sale or distribution of assets an investor may receive less than their principal invested, (ii) a lack of a public market in certain issues, (iii) limited liquidity and transferability, (iv) fluctuations involving the value of the assets within the REIT, (v) a reliance on the investment manager to select and manage assets, (vi) changes in interest rates, laws, operating expenses, and insurance costs, (vii) tenant turnover, and (viii) the impact of current market conditions.

#### Research Data

When research and analyses are based on commercially available software, rating services, general market and financial information, or due diligence reviews, a firm is relying on the accuracy and validity of the information or capabilities provided by selected vendors, rating services, market data, and the issuers themselves.

While our firm makes every effort to determine the accuracy of the information received, we cannot predict the outcome of events or actions taken or not taken, or the validity of all information researched or provided which may or may not affect the advice on or investment management of an account.

## Sociopolitical Risk

The risk of instability in a region due to war, terrorism, pandemics, etc., that might affect investment markets.

#### Third-Party Investment Managers

We will review with the client the Form ADV Part 2A of any recommended external investment advisor to ensure the client is familiar with the investment strategy and types of investment vehicles they employ so that they align with the client's investment objectives, as well as discuss the risks these may impose on the account.

#### **Item 9 - Disciplinary Information**

Neither the firm nor its management has been involved in any criminal or civil action in a domestic, foreign or military jurisdiction, an administrative enforcement action or self-regulatory organization proceeding.

#### Item 10 - Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Our advisory firm and its management are not registered nor have an application pending to register as a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) or National Futures Association (NFA) member firm or associated person of such a firm. We are not required to be registered with such entities, nor do they supervise our firm, its activities or our associates. Neither our firm nor its management is or has a material relationship with any of the following types of entities:

- · accountant or accounting firm
- bank, credit union or thrift institution, or their separately identifiable departments or divisions
- insurance company or insurance agency/broker
- lawyer or law firm
- pension consultant
- real estate broker, dealer or advisor
- sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships
- trust company
- issuer of a security, to include investment company or other pooled investment vehicle (including a mutual fund, closed-end investment company, unit investment trust, private investment company or "hedge fund," and offshore fund)

As noted in Item 4, when it is appropriate to do so and with your prior approval, we may recommend that you work with another unaffiliated registered investment advisor to offer their expertise involving the management of your portfolio. We will first ensure an appropriate level of due diligence is conducted on the recommended advisor to include ensuring that other firm is appropriately registered or notice-filed within your state of residence. Please note that there is not a referral fee paid nor would firms share in any fees that are earned for each entities' services.

Ms. Queenan is a licensed insurance agent in order to offer education and advice to her clients. She is not paid a commission or renewal payment for this service.

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

Queenvest is a fiduciary; our firm and its associates will act in the utmost good faith, performing in a manner believed to be in the best interest of our clients. We believe that our business methodologies, ethics rules, and adopted policies are designed to eliminate or at least minimize material conflicts of interest, and to appropriately manage any material conflicts of interest that may remain. It is important to point out that no set of rules can anticipate or relieve all material conflicts of interest. Our firm will disclose to its advisory clients any material conflict of interest relating to the firm, its representatives, or any of its employees which could reasonably be expected to impair the rendering of unbiased and objective advice.

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

We have adopted a Code of Ethics that establishes policies for ethical conduct for our personnel. Our firm accepts the obligation not only to comply with all applicable laws and regulations but also to act in an ethical and professionally responsible manner in all professional services and activities. Firm policies include prohibitions against insider trading, circulation of industry rumors, and certain political contributions, among others. We periodically review and amend our Code of Ethics to ensure that they remain current, and we require firm personnel to annually attest to their understanding of and adherence to the firm's Code of Ethics. A copy of the firm's Code of Ethics is made available to any client or prospective client upon request.

## CFA Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct

Associates maintaining the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation also adhere to the CFA Institute's Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct which states:

The Code of Ethics maintains that Members and Candidates must:

- Place the integrity of the profession and the interests of clients above their own interests;
- Act with integrity, competence, and respect; and
- Maintain and develop their professional competence.

The Standards of Professional Conduct cover:

- Professionalism and integrity of the capital markets;
- Duties to clients and employers;
- Investment analysis and recommendations; and
- Conflicts of interest and responsibilities of CFA Institute members and candidates.

#### **Privacy Policy Statement**

We respect the privacy of all clients and prospective clients (collectively termed "customers" per federal guidelines), both past and present. It is recognized that clients have entrusted our firm with non-public personal information and it is important that both access persons and customers are aware of firm policy concerning what may be done with that information.

The firm collects personal information about customers from the following sources:

- Information provided to us to complete their plan or investment recommendation;
- Information provided via engagement agreements and other documents completed in connection with the opening and maintenance of an account;
- Information customers provide verbally; and
- Information received from service providers, such as custodians, about client transactions.

The firm does not disclose non-public personal information about our customers to anyone, except in the following circumstances:

- When required to provide services our customers have requested;
- When our customers have specifically authorized us to do so;
- When required during the course of a firm assessment (i.e., independent audit); or
- When permitted or required by law (i.e., periodic regulatory examination).

To ensure security and confidentiality, the firm maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect the privacy of customer information. Within the firm, access to customer information is restricted to personnel that need to know that information. All access persons and service providers understand that everything handled in firm offices is confidential and they are instructed not to discuss customer information with someone else that may request information about an account unless they are specifically authorized in writing by the customer to do so. This includes providing information about a family member's account.

The firm will provide customers with its privacy policy on an annual basis and at any time, in advance, if firm privacy policies are expected to change.

# Firm Recommendations and Conflicts of Interest

Our associates are prohibited from borrowing from or lending to a client unless the client is an approved financial lending institution.

Neither our firm nor its associates are authorized to recommend to a client, or effect a transaction for a client, involving any security in which our firm or a "related person" (associates, their immediate family members, etc.) has a material financial interest, such as in the capacity as an underwriter, advisor to the issuer, etc.

Our firm is able to provide a range of advisory services to you and all of our clients. Due to our firm's ability to offer two or more services and receive a fee for each engagement, a potential conflict of interest may exist due to the extended services provided. We therefore note that you are under no obligation to act on our recommendations and, if you elect to do so, you are under no obligation to complete all of them through our firm or our recommended service providers.

Queenvest does not trade for its own account (proprietary trading). Its related persons may buy or sell securities that are the same as, similar to, or different from, those we recommend to clients for their accounts. A recommendation made to one client may be different in nature or in timing from a recommendation made to a different client. Clients often have different objectives and risk tolerances. At no time will our firm or any related party receive preferential treatment over our clients. In an effort to reduce or eliminate certain conflicts of interest involving the firm or personal trading, our policy may require that we restrict or prohibit associates' transactions in specific securities transactions. Any exceptions or trading pre-clearance must be approved by our firm principal in advance of the transaction in an account, and we maintain the required personal securities transaction records.

## **Item 12 - Brokerage Practices**

Your accounts must be separately maintained by a qualified custodian (generally a broker/dealer or national bank) that is frequently reviewed for its capabilities to serve in that capacity by their respective industry regulatory authority. Our firm is not a custodian, there is not an affiliate that is a custodian, nor does a custodian supervise our firm, its activities or our associates. We do not receive referrals from a custodian, nor are client referrals a factor in our recommendation of a custodian. Our advisory firm prohibits non-cash compensation and will not "pay up" to receive additional services from a service provider. All compensation paid to the firm is paid directly by our clients as noted in Item 5.

If you ask us to provide a recommendation of a custodian or similar service provider to maintain your assets, we will do so based on your needs, overall cost, and ease of 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.)

In light of the nature of our firm's advisory services, it is believed "best execution" review obligations with regard to client transactions are not required under current industry guidelines.

Our firm does not require or engage in directed brokerage involving client accounts. Clients are free to use any particular service provider to execute their transactions and they are responsible for negotiating any terms or arrangements for their account. Our firm will not be obligated to conduct due diligence of the client's selected service provider, seek better execution services or prices from any provider, or aggregate client transactions for trade execution. Since your transactions are completed at a service provider of your choice, you may potentially pay more for your transaction or experience wider price spreads.

For financial planning only clients, our firm is not engaged for ongoing portfolio management nor do we serve an account on a discretionary basis. We are therefore unable to aggregate ("batch") trades on behalf of client accounts. Since transactions may be completed independently at a service provider of your choice, you may potentially pay more for your transaction or experience wider price spreads than those accounts where trades have been aggregated.

## **Item 13 - Review of Accounts**

#### Scheduled Reviews

Check-ups are recommended if you are receiving our planning services. We believe they should occur on at least an annual basis whenever practical. Reviews will be conducted by Ruzanna Queenan and typically involve analysis and possible revision of your previous financial plan or investment allocation. A copy of revised plans or asset allocation reports in printed or digital format will be provided to the client upon request. Unless provided for in your engagement agreement (retainer services), our reviews are generally conducted under a new or amended agreement and will be assessed at our current fee rate.

If an investment account is being monitored per our retainer services, the account is assessed on a quarterly basis by Ms. Queenan. Client-level reviews are also completed by Ms. Queenan, and it is recommended these occur on at least an annual basis. A copy of a revised asset allocation reports in printed or digital format will be provided to the client upon request.

Client accounts with the Investment Management Service will be reviewed regularly on a quarterly basis by Ruzanna Queenan, 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.

#### Non-Periodic Reviews

You should contact our firm for additional reviews when you anticipate or have experienced changes in your financial situation (i.e., changes in employment, an inheritance, the birth of a new child, etc.), or if you prefer to change requirements involving your investment account. Non-periodic reviews are conducted by Ms. Queenan, under a new or amended agreement (unless we are engaged via our retainer services), and fees may be assessed at our published rate. A copy of revised plans or asset allocation reports in printed or digital format will be provided to the client upon request.

If an investment accounts is being reviewed per our retainer services, additional interim reviews by Ms. Queenan may be triggered by news or research related to a specific holding, a change in our view of the investment merits of a holding, or news related to the macroeconomic climate affecting a sector or holding within that sector. A portfolio may be reviewed for an additional holding or when an increase in a current position is under consideration. Account cash levels above or below what we deem appropriate for the investment environment, given the client's stated tolerance for risk and investment objectives, may also trigger a review.

## Client Reports

Whether you have opened and maintained an investment account on your own or with our assistance, you will receive account statements sent directly from mutual fund companies, transfer agents, custodians or brokerage companies where your investments are held. We urge you to carefully review these account statements for accuracy and clarity, and to ask questions when something is not clear.

Our firm does not create its own performance reports. Clients are urged to carefully review and compare account statements that they have received directly from their custodian of record with any report they receive from any source if it contains account performance information.

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

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.

We do not engage in solicitation activities involving unregistered persons. If we receive or offer an introduction to a client, we do not pay or earn a referral fee, nor are there established *quid pro quo* arrangements. Each client has the right to accept or deny such referral or subsequent services.

An associate of the firm may hold individual membership or serve on boards or committees of professional industry associations. Generally, participation in any of these entities require membership fees to be paid, adherence to ethical guidelines, as well as in meeting experiential and educational requirements. A benefit these entities may provide to the investing public is the availability of online search tools that allow interested parties (prospective clients) to search for individual participants within a selected state or region. These passive websites may provide means for interested persons to contact a participant via electronic mail, telephone number, or other contact information, in order to interview the participant via electronic mail, telephone number, or other contact information, in order to interview the participant within their area and would receive the same or similar information. A portion of these participant's membership fees may be used so that their name will be listed in some or all of these entities' websites (or other listings). Prospective clients locating our advisory firm or an associate via these methods are not actively marketed by the noted associations. Clients who find our firm in this way do not pay more for their services than clients referred in any other fashion. The firm does not pay these entities for prospective client referrals, nor is there a feesharing arrangement reflective of a solicitor engagement.

#### Item 15 - Custody

For financial planning clients, client accounts are to be maintained by an unaffiliated, qualified custodian. Your assets are not held by our firm or any of our associates. In keeping with our policy of not having custody of our client funds or securities, we:

- Restrict our firm and associates from serving as trustee or having general power of attorney over a client account;
- Are prohibited from having physical or constructive custody of client securities or assets;
- Do not accept or forward client securities (i.e., stock certificates) erroneously delivered to our firm; and
- Will not collect advance fees of \$500 or more for services that are to be performed six months or more into the future.

The client's custodian of record will provide client account transaction confirmations and statements. Statements are provided on at least a quarterly basis and confirmations are provided as transactions occur within the client account. Queenvest will not create an account statement for a client nor serve as the sole recipient of a client account statement.

Clients are reminded that if they receive a report from any source that includes investment performance information, they are urged to carefully review and compare the report with their account statements that they have received directly from their custodian of record.

For investment advisory clients, Queenvest does not accept custody of client funds except in the instance of withdrawing client fees.

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

- 1. Queenvest will send a copy of its invoice to the custodian at the same time that it sends the client a copy.
- 2. The custodian will send at least quarterly statements to the client showing all disbursements for the account, including the amount of the advisory fee.
- 3. The client will provide written authorization to Queenvest, 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 Advisory Services, we may maintain discretion over client accounts with respect to securities to be bought and sold and the amount of securities to be bought and sold. For clients that select discretionary asset management, Investment discretion is explained to clients in detail when an advisory relationship has commenced. At the start of the advisory relationship, the client will execute a Limited Power of Attorney, which will grant our firm discretion over the account. Additionally, the discretionary relationship will be outlined in the advisory contract and signed by the client.

#### **Item 17 - Voting Client Securities**

Our clients may periodically receive proxies or other similar solicitations sent directly from the custodian of record or transfer agent. Should we receive a duplicate copy, note that we do not forward these or any correspondence relating to the voting of the client securities, class action litigation, or other corporate actions.

Our firm does not vote proxies on a client's behalf; nor do we offer specific guidance on how to vote proxies. We will not offer guidance involving any claim or potential claim in any bankruptcy proceeding, class action securities litigation or other litigation or proceeding relating to securities held at any time in a client account, including, without limitation, to file proofs of claim or other documents related to such proceeding, or to investigate, initiate, supervise or monitor class action or other litigation involving client assets. However, we will answer limited questions via a scheduled meeting with respect to what a proxy voting request or other corporate matter may be and how to reach the issuer or its legal representative.

You will maintain exclusive responsibility for directing the manner in which proxies solicited by issuers of securities that are beneficially owned by you shall be voted, as well as making all other elections relative to mergers, acquisitions, tender offers or other legal matters or events pertaining to your holdings. You should

consider contacting the issuer or your legal counsel involving specific questions you may have with respect to a particular proxy solicitation or corporate action.

## **Item 18 - Financial Information**

Fee withdrawals must be done through a qualified intermediary (e.g., your custodian of record) following your written agreement.

Engagements with our firm do not require the collection of fees from you of \$500 or more for our advisory services that have been agreed to be performed six months or more into the future.

Neither our firm nor its management serve as general partner for a partnership or trustee for a trust in which the firm's advisory clients are either partners of the partnership or beneficiaries of the trust.

The firm and its management do not have a financial condition likely to impair its ability to meet commitments to clients, nor has the firm and its management been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

Due to the nature of our firm's advisory services and operational practices, an audited balance sheet is not required nor included in this brochure.

# <u>Item 19 - Requirements for State-Registered Advisers</u>

For further information involving firm principal executive and management personnel, their business activities as well as material conflicts of interest, please refer to areas previously disclosed in Items 6 and 9 through 11, as well as the accompanying Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplement that immediately follows this page. In consonance with Item 10 of this brochure, neither our firm nor a member of its management has a material relationship with the issuer of a security.

## Item 1 - Cover Page



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# Ruzanna Queenan

President
Chief Compliance Officer
Investment Advisor Representative
CRD # 3126294

Form ADV Part 2B

Brochure Supplement June 20, 2018

This brochure provides information about Ruzanna Queenan that supplements Queenvest LLC Form ADV Part 2A firm brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Please contact Ms. Queenan at

617-913-7346 if you did not receive the full brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement. Additional information about Ruzanna Queenan is available on the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov under CRD # 3126294.

#### Item 2 - Educational Background and Business Experience

Regulatory guidance requires the firm to disclose relevant post-secondary education and professional training for each principal executive and associate of the firm, as well as their business experience for at least the most recent five years.

#### Principal Executive Officers and Management Persons

# President/Chief Compliance Officer/Investment Advisor Representative/LLC Manager

Ruzanna Queenan Year of Birth: 1975

CRD Number: 3126294

## Educational Background and Business Experience

## **Educational Background**

Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), CFA Institute; Charlottesville, VA <sup>1</sup> Insurance Agent License/Massachusetts Division of Insurance <sup>2</sup>

Master of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Finance, Babson College; Wellesley, WA Master of Science in Romance-Germanic Languages, Yerevan State University; Yerevan, Armenia Bachelor of Science in in Romance-Germanic Languages, Yerevan State University; Yerevan, Armenia

#### **Business Experience**

Queenvest LLC (03/2018-Present)
Essex, MA
LLC Manager (03/2018-Present)
President/Chief Compliance Officer/Investment Advisor Representative (06/2018-Present)

Unemployed (12/2017-03/2018) Essex, MA

State Street Corporation (06/2015-11/2017) Boston, MA Vice President

Unemployed (04/2015-05/2015) Essex, MA

F-Squared, Inc. (05/2014-03/2015) Wellesley, MA Vice President

Sapient Corporation (11/2012-04/2014) Boston, MA Manager

## **Item 3 - Disciplinary Information**

Registered investment advisors are required to disclose certain material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events material to the evaluation of each officer or a supervised person providing investment advice. Ruzanna Queenan has not been the subject of such an event.

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

Investment advisor representatives are required to disclose outside business activities that account for a significant portion of their time or income, or that may present a conflict of interest with their advisory activities.

Neither Ruzanna Queenan nor our firm has a material relationship with the issuer of a marketable security. She is not registered, nor has an application pending to register, as a registered representative of a broker/dealer or associated person of a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, or commodity trading advisor. She does not receive commissions, bonuses or other compensation based on the sale of securities, including that as a registered representative of a broker/dealer or the distribution or service ("trail") fees from the sale of mutual funds.

Ms. Queenan is a licensed insurance agent in order to offer education and advice to her clients. She is not paid a commission or renewal payment for this service.

#### **Item 5 - Additional Compensation**

Neither our advisory firm nor Ms. Queenan are compensated for advisory services involving performance-based fees. Firm policy does not allow associated persons to accept or receive additional economic benefit, such as sales awards or other prizes, for providing advisory services to firm clients.

## **Item 6 - Supervision**

Ruzanna Queenan serves as the firm's Chief Compliance Officer. Because supervising one's self poses a conflict of interest, the firm has adopted policies and procedures to mitigate this conflict. Questions relative to the firm, its services or this Form ADV Part 2 may be made to the attention of Ms. Queenan at 617-913-7346. Additional information about the firm, other advisory firms, or an associated investment advisor representative is available at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. A search of this site for firms may be accomplished by firm name or a unique firm identifier, known as an IARD or CRD number. The IARD number for Queenvest is 296891. Ms. Queenan's CRD number is 3126294. The business and disciplinary history, if any, of an investment advisory firm and its representatives may also be obtained by calling the Massachusetts Securities Division at (617) 727-3548.

## <u>Item 7 - Requirements for State-Registered Advisers</u>

There have been neither awards nor sanctions or other matter where Ruzanna Queenan or Queenvest has been found liable in an arbitration, self-regulatory or administrative proceeding. Neither Ms. Queenan nor Queenvest has been the subject of a bankruptcy petition.

#### **Important Information about Industry Designations and Examinations**

<sup>1</sup>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 138,000 CFA charterholders working in 134 countries. 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 over 30 countries and territories recognize the CFA charter as a proxy for meeting certain licensing requirements, and more than 125 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.

The CFA Institute recommends members complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education activities, including two hours in the content areas of Standards, Ethics, and Regulations each calendar year.

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

<sup>2</sup> State insurance industry examinations are "criterion based;" candidates who pass the exam are considered to have met the minimum competency level. The completion of an industry examination does not constitute or imply a person is "approved" or "endorsed" by a state or federal regulatory body.