



**PART 2B OF FORM ADV:
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Additional information about Karl E. Elsass is available on the SEC website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov. Please be aware that not all states require registration and therefore your Financial Professional may not show up on the SEC website.

Karl E. Elsass

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Education

The University of Akron, MBA - Business Administration, 1993

Bowling Green State University, BS - Business Administration & Finance, 1992

Business Background

IA Rep, Cambridge Investment Research Advisors, Inc.,
March 2005 To Present

President, Elsass Financial Group, Inc.,
July 2004 To Present

Reg Rep, Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.,
September 2003 To Present

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS

Your Financial Professional has achieved the designation(s) below. If you would like additional information you may discuss with your financial professional or visit the issuing entity's website.

AIF®—Accredited Investment Fiduciary

The AIF® Designation certifies that the recipient has specialized knowledge of fiduciary standards of care and their application to the investment management process. To receive the AIF® Designation, the individual must: (1) meet prerequisite criteria based on a combination of education, relevant industry experience, and/or ongoing professional development, (2) complete a training program, (3) successfully pass a comprehensive, closed-book final examination under the supervision of an approved proctor, and (4) agree to abide by the AIF® Designee Code of Ethics. In order to maintain the AIF® Designation, the individual must annually attest to being in compliance with the AIF® Designee Code of Ethics, and accrue and report a minimum of six hours of continuing education. The AIF® Designation is administered by the Center for Fiduciary Studies, the standards-setting body of fi360.

CFP®—Certified Financial Planner

Individuals certified by CFP® Board have taken the step to demonstrate their professionalism by voluntarily submitting to the CFP® certification process that includes thorough education, examination, experience and ethical requirements. The CFP® is issued by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. Pre-requisites require a designee to hold a Bachelor's degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university as well as three years of full-time personal financial planning experience. The designee is then required to complete a CFP® board registered program, or hold one of the following designations; CPA, ChFC, CLU, CFA, PH.D. in business or economics, Doctor of Business Administration, or Attorney's License. The designee is then required to complete the CFP® certification examination. In addition, the designee is required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years. Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. (CFP Board) owns the CFP® certification mark, the CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification mark, and the CFP® certification mark (with plaque design) logo in the United States, which it authorizes use of by individuals who successfully complete CFP Board's initial and ongoing certification requirements.

ChFC®—Chartered Financial Consultant

Those with the ChFC® designation have been prepared to meet the advanced financial planning needs of individuals, professionals and small business owners. The ChFC® is issued by The American College. The American College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The ChFC® is issued to professionals who have three years of full-time business experience within the five years preceding the awarding of the designation. The designee is then required to complete nine (9) required and three (3) elective college-level courses from The American College. The required course of study includes insurance and financial planning, income taxation, planning for retirement needs, investments, and estate planning. The average study time to earn the ChFC® exceeds 450 hours. Designees must then pass a series of written examinations as well as attest and adhere to the The American College's Code of Ethics. In addition, the designee is required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two years through The American College.

CLU®—Chartered Life Underwriter

CLU® stands for Chartered Life Underwriter and is awarded by The American College. The course of study involved in this designation provides in-depth knowledge on the insurance needs of individuals, business owners and professional clients.

The CLU® curriculum focuses on the role of planning for insurance needs. Pre-requisites require the designee to have three (3) years of full-time business experience within the five (5) years preceding the awarding of the designation. Designees must complete eight (8) or more college-level courses, five (5) required and three (3) electives, representing an average study time of 400 hours. Topics for required courses include insurance and financial planning, life insurance law, estate planning, and planning for business owners and professionals. Elective courses include advanced topics such as income taxes, group benefits, retirement planning, and health insurance. Designees are required to complete 30 hours of continuing education every two (2) years.

DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

Karl E. Elsass has no legal or disciplinary events to report.

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

In addition to serving as your investment advisory representative Karl E. Elsass is engaged in the following business activities:

- Position Of Trust

Board Member/Officer/Director/Committee Member/Board Trustee - The Wadsworth Rotary Foundation

Board Member/Officer/Director/Committee Member/Board Trustee - Wadsworth Schools Business Advisory Council

Board Member/Officer/Director/Committee Member/Board Trustee - Wadsworth Tax Incentive Review Council

Owner/Partner of a Business Entity - Elsass Financial Group, Inc.

Owner/Partner of a Business Entity,Insurance/Benefits/Human Resources - Karl Elsass

Owner/Partner of a Business Entity,Real Estate - EFG Properties LLC

There are certain business activities in which a financial professional can engage that present potential conflicts of interest. If applicable, additional disclosure relevant to your Financial Professional's outside business activities are outlined below. Please note that these are potential conflicts of interest and it is your Financial Professional's fiduciary duty to act in your best interest. If you have any questions about the disclosures please ask your Financial Professional as this is an opportunity to better understand your relationship and your Financial Professional's activities.

Your financial professional is also a registered representative with Cambridge Investment Research, Inc., ("CIR") a registered securities broker/dealer, member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and the Securities Investors Protection Corporation (SIPC). When acting as a registered representative of CIR, your financial professional sells, for commissions, general securities products such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, exchange-traded funds, and variable annuity and variable life products to advisory clients. Clients are not obliged to purchase or sell securities through CIR or their Financial Professional. However, if you choose to establish an account with your Financial Professional, it is important to understand that due to regulatory constraints, your Financial Professional must place all purchases and sales of securities products in commission-based accounts through CIR or other institutions approved by CIR.

The receipt of commissions creates an incentive for your Financial Professional to recommend those products for which they will receive a commission. Consequently, the objectivity of the advice rendered to clients could be biased. Your Financial Professional controls for this potential conflict of interest by discussing with clients their specific needs, the benefits and negatives of establishing a fee-based account through CIRA versus establishing a commission-based account through CIR and also the compensation arrangements under the different scenarios.

Investment advisory fees charged by CIRA are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by investment company securities that are recommended to you. A description of these fees and expenses are available in each investment company's security prospectus. While not an exhaustive list, an example of these fees and expenses are mutual fund sales loads and surrender charges, variable annuity fees and surrender charges and IRA and qualified retirement plan fees. In addition, certain mutual fund companies, as outlined in the fund's prospectus, pay 12b-1 fees. 12b-1 fees are considered marketing or distribution fees and come from fund assets, therefore, indirectly from client assets. With your managed accounts, 12b-1 (marketing and distribution) fees and trail earned will be credited to your account at the clearing firm whenever possible. When 12b-1 fees and trails are received by your Financial Professional in his/her capacity as Registered Representative of Cambridge, the investment advisory fee will be lowered, or offset by that amount.

Your Financial Professional is independently licensed to sell insurance and annuity products through various insurance companies. When acting in this capacity, your Financial Professional will receive commissions for selling insurance and annuity products. Clients can choose any independent insurance agent and insurance company to purchase insurance products and are not obligated to purchase insurance products through your Financial Professional. Regardless of the

insurance agent selected, the insurance agent or agency receives normal commissions from the sale. The receipt of compensation and other potential incentive benefits creates an incentive to recommend products to clients. At the time of any recommendations your Financial Professional will discuss the products, your needs and any compensation arrangements.

Your Financial Professional is a real estate agent and/or mortgage loan originator. In this separate capacity, your Financial Professional may earn commissions for real estate transactions or real estate loans to the extent that an advisory client may use a portion of their proceeds from the sale of their real estate to fund their securities account (s), a potential conflict of interest exists. The conflict is present in that your Financial Professional has an incentive to recommend the proceeds be placed in a securities account in which they are the registered representative or advisor on the account, thus increasing their compensation. Due to risks of investing liquefied home equity or using portions of a loan on the client's real estate, a client may not use this as a source of funds when investing with CIRA. Clients are not obligated to use the mortgage or real estate services provided by your Financial Professional.

ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION

In addition to the description of other business activities outlined above, some Financial Professionals receive additional benefits from CIRA when assets are held through investment management platforms offered by CIRA, which may include CIRA's WealthPort program (also described in CIRA's Disclosure Brochure). The benefits received are in addition to the advisory fees received by your Financial Professional for serving as the investment advisor representative to the client's account. These benefits include but are not limited to increased payout on portion of their investment advisory fees, discounts on performance reporting software and participation in conferences.

Certain product sponsors provide your Financial Professional with economic benefits as a result of your Financial Professional's recommendation or sale of the product sponsors' investments. The economic benefits received can include but are not limited to, financial assistance or the sponsorship of conferences and educational sessions, marketing support, incentive awards, payment of travel expenses, and tools to assist your Financial Professional in providing various services to clients. These economic benefits may be received directly by your Financial Professional or indirectly through CIRA and/or CIR who have entered into specific arrangements with product sponsors. These economic benefits could influence your Financial Professional to recommend certain products/programs over others. Please review the CIRA and Cambridge Revenue Sharing Disclosure located at www.joincambridge.com for further information. It is also available upon request.

In addition, your Financial Professional is eligible to participate in the Equity Participation Plan due to their affiliation as a registered representative of CIR. This can influence your Financial Professional's decision to be affiliated with CIR and/or CIRA.

Your Financial Professional's investment advisory activities are supervised by Susan Vargason. Susan Vargason monitors the recommendations provided by your Financial Professional and any transactions that are executed in your advisory accounts. Supervision is conducted through electronic reporting as well as personal communications and visits with your Financial Professional.