# Amauta LLC Firm Brochure - Form ADV Part 2A

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The material changes related to Amauta LLC since the last annual updating amendment on 01/17/2023 are listed below:

- Amauta LLC has updated their Assets Under Management (Item 4E).

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## **Item 4: Advisory Business**

### A. Description of the Advisory Firm

Amauta LLC (hereinafter "Amauta") is a Limited Liability Company organized in Virginia.

The firm was formed in August 2015, and the principal owner is Francisco Jose Anguita Veliz.

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

### Portfolio Management Services

Amauta offers ongoing portfolio management services based on the individual goals, objectives, time horizon, and risk tolerance of each client. Amauta creates an Investment Policy Statement for each client, which outlines the client's current situation (income, tax levels, and risk tolerance levels). Portfolio management services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Investment strategy
- Personal investment policy
- Asset allocation
- Asset selection
- Risk tolerance
- Regular portfolio monitoring

Amauta evaluates the current investments of each client with respect to their risk tolerance levels and time horizon. Amauta will request discretionary authority from clients in order to select securities and execute transactions without permission from the client prior to each transaction. Risk tolerance levels are documented in the Investment Policy Statement, which is given to each client.

Amauta seeks to provide that investment decisions are made in accordance with the fiduciary duties owed to its accounts and without consideration of Amauta's economic, investment or other financial interests. To meet its fiduciary obligations, Amauta attempts to avoid, among other things, investment or trading practices that systematically advantage or disadvantage certain client portfolios, and accordingly, Amauta's policy is to seek fair and equitable allocation of investment opportunities/transactions among its clients to avoid favoring one client over another over time. It is Amauta's policy to allocate investment opportunities and transactions it identifies as being appropriate and prudent among its clients on a fair and equitable basis over time.

### Financial Planning

Financial plans and financial planning may include, but are not limited to: investment planning; life insurance; tax concerns; retirement planning; college planning; and debt/credit planning.

### Services Limited to Specific Types of Investments

Amauta generally limits its investment advice to mutual funds, fixed income securities, equities and ETFs. Amauta may use other securities as well to help diversify a portfolio when applicable.

### C. Client Tailored Services and Client Imposed Restrictions

Amauta offers the same suite of services to all of its clients. However, specific client investment strategies and their implementation are dependent upon the client Investment Policy Statement which outlines each client's current situation (income, tax levels, and risk tolerance levels). Amauta does allow clients to impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities in accordance with their values or beliefs.

### **D.** Wrap Fee Programs

A wrap fee program is an investment program where the investor pays one stated fee that includes management fees, transaction costs, fund expenses, and other administrative fees. Amouta does not participate in any wrap fee programs.

### E. Assets Under Management

Amauta has the following assets under management:

<b>Discretionary Amounts:</b>	Non-discretionary Amounts:	Date Calculated:	
\$11,154,565	\$0.00	December 2023	

## **Item 5: Fees and Compensation**

### A. Fee Schedule

### Asset-Based Fees for Portfolio Management

Total Assets Under Management	Annual Fee
\$5,000 - \$999,999	2.00%
\$1,000,000 - \$4,999,999	1.50%
\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999	1.00%
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These fees are generally negotiable and the final fee schedule is attached as Exhibit II of the Investment Advisory Contract. Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty for a full refund of Amauta's fees within five business days of signing the Investment Advisory Contract. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Investment Advisory Contract immediately upon written notice.

Amauta uses the value of the account as of the last business day of the prior billing period, after taking into account deposits and withdrawals, for purposes of determining the market value of the assets upon which the advisory fee is based.

### Financial Planning Fixed Fees

The negotiated fixed rate for creating client financial plans is between \$250 and \$1,000. Clients may terminate the agreement without penalty for a full refund of Amauta's fees within five business days of signing the Financial Planning Agreement. Thereafter, clients may terminate the Financial Planning Agreement generally upon written notice.

### **B.** Payment of Fees

### Payment of Asset-Based Portfolio Management Fees

Asset-based portfolio management fees are withdrawn directly from the client's accounts with client's written authorization on a monthly basis. Fees are paid in advance or arrears. For fees deducted directly from client accounts, Amauta will use the safeguards below:

1. Amauta will have written authorization from the client to deduct advisory fees from the account held with a qualified custodian.

- 2. The custodian will send statements, at least quarterly, to the client showing all disbursements for the custodian account, including the amount of the advisory fees.
- 3. Each time a fee is deducted Amauta will send the client an invoice itemizing the fee including the formula used to calculate the fee, the amount of assets under management upon which the fee is based, and the period covered by the fee.

### Payment of Financial Planning Fees

Financial planning fees are paid via check and wire. Fixed financial planning fees are paid 100% in advance, but never more than six months in advance.

### C. Client Responsibility For Third Party Fees

Clients are not responsible for the payment of third party fees such us custodian fees, brokerage fees and transaction fees. Those fees are separate and distinct from the fees and expenses charged by Amauta. Please see Item 12 of this brochure regarding broker-dealer/custodian.

### **D.** Prepayment of Fees

Amauta collects fees in advance or arreas. Refunds for fees paid in advance will be returned within fourteen days to the client via check, or return deposit back into the client's account.

For all asset-based fees paid in advance, the fee refunded will be equal to the balance of the fees collected in advance minus the daily rate\* times the number of days elapsed in the billing period up to and including the day of termination. (\*The daily rate is calculated by dividing the annual asset-based fee rate by 360).

Fixed fees that are collected in advance will be refunded based on the prorated amount of work completed at the point of termination.

### E. Outside Compensation For the Sale of Securities to Clients

Amauta does not receive outside compensation for the sale of securities to client.

### 1. Advisory Fees in Addition to Commissions or Markups

Advisory fees that are charged to clients are not reduced to offset the commissions or markups on securities or investment products recommended to clients. Advisory clients are charged a fee based on assets under management.

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

Amauta does not accept performance-based fees or other fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client.

### **Item 7: Types of Clients**

Amauta generally provides advisory services to the following types of clients:

- Individuals
- ❖ High-Net-Worth Individuals

### Minimum Account Size for Portfolio Management

There is an account minimum of \$5,000, which may be waived by Amauta in its discretion.

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

### A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies

### Methods of Analysis

Amauta's methods of analysis include fundamental analysis and quantitative analysis.

**Fundamental analysis** involves the analysis of financial statements, the general financial health of companies, and/or the analysis of management or competitive advantages.

**Quantitative analysis** deals with measurable factors as distinguished from qualitative considerations such as the character of management or the state of employee morale, such as the value of assets, the cost of capital, historical projections of sales, and so on.

### **Investment Strategies**

Amauta uses long term trading and short term trading.

Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.

### **B.** Material Risks Involved

### Methods of Analysis

**Fundamental analysis** concentrates on factors that determine a company's value and expected future earnings. This strategy would normally encourage equity purchases in stocks that are undervalued or priced below their perceived value. The risk assumed is that the market will fail to reach expectations of perceived value.

**Quantitative Model Risk:** Investment strategies using quantitative models may perform differently than expected as a result of, among other things, the factors used in the models, the weight placed on each factor, changes from the factors' historical trends, and technical issues in the construction and implementation of the models.

### **Investment Strategies**

**Long term trading** is designed to capture market rates of both return and risk. Due to its nature, the long-term investment strategy can expose clients to various types of risk that will typically surface at various intervals during the time the client owns the investments. These risks include but are not limited to inflation (purchasing power) risk, interest rate risk, economic risk, market risk, and political/regulatory risk.

**Short term trading** risks include liquidity, economic stability, and inflation, in addition to the long term trading risks listed above. Frequent trading can affect investment performance, particularly through increased brokerage and other transaction costs and taxes.

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### C. Risks of Specific Securities Utilized

Clients should be aware that there is a material risk of loss using any investment strategy. The investment types listed below are not guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or any other government agency.

**Mutual Funds:** Investing in mutual funds carries the risk of capital loss and thus you may lose money investing in mutual funds. All mutual funds have costs that lower investment returns. The funds can be of bond "fixed income" nature (lower risk) or stock "equity" nature.

**Equity** investment generally refers to buying shares of stocks in return for receiving a future payment of dividends and/or capital gains if the value of the stock increases. The value of equity securities may fluctuate in response to specific situations for each company, industry conditions and the general economic environments.

Fixed income investments generally pay a return on a fixed schedule, though the amount of the payments can vary. This type of investment can include corporate and government debt securities, leveraged loans, high yield, and investment grade debt and structured products, such as mortgage and other asset-backed securities, although individual bonds may be the best known type of fixed income security. In general, the fixed income market is volatile and fixed income securities carry interest rate risk. (As interest rates rise, bond prices usually fall, and vice versa. This effect is usually more pronounced for longer-term securities.) Fixed income securities also carry inflation risk, liquidity risk, call risk, and credit and default risks for both issuers and counterparties. The risk of default on treasury inflation protected/inflation linked bonds is dependent upon the U.S. Treasury defaulting (extremely unlikely); however, they carry a potential risk of losing share price value, albeit rather minimal. Risks of investing in foreign fixed income securities also include the general risk of non-U.S. investing described below.

**Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs):** An ETF is an investment fund traded on stock exchanges, similar to stocks. Investing in ETFs carries the risk of capital loss (sometimes up to a 100% loss in the case of a stock holding bankruptcy). Areas of concern include the lack of transparency in products and increasing complexity, conflicts of interest and the possibility of inadequate regulatory compliance.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. Investing in securities involves a risk of loss that you, as a client, should be prepared to bear.

### **Item 9: Disciplinary Information**

### A. Criminal or Civil Actions

There are no criminal or civil actions to report.

### **B.** Administrative Proceedings

There are no administrative proceedings to report.

### C. Self-regulatory Organization (SRO) Proceedings

There are no self-regulatory organization proceedings to report.

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

### A. Registration as a Broker/Dealer or Broker/Dealer Representative

Neither Amauta nor its representatives are registered as, or have pending applications to become, a broker/dealer or a representative of a broker/dealer.

## B. Registration as a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or a Commodity Trading Advisor

Neither Amauta nor its representatives are registered as or have pending applications to become either a Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator, or Commodity Trading Advisor or an associated person of the foregoing entities.

## C. Registration Relationships Material to this Advisory Business and Possible Conflicts of Interests

Neither Amauta nor its representatives have any material relationships to this advisory business that would present a possible conflict of interest.

### D. Selection of Other Advisers or Managers and How This Adviser is Compensated for Those Selections

Amauta does not utilize nor select third-party investment advisers. All assets are managed by Amauta management.

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

#### A. Code of Ethics

Amauta has a written Code of Ethics that covers the following areas: Prohibited Purchases and Sales, Insider Trading, Personal Securities Transactions, Exempted Transactions, Prohibited Activities, Conflicts of Interest, Gifts and Entertainment, Confidentiality, Service on a Board of Directors, Compliance Procedures, Compliance with Laws and Regulations, Procedures and Reporting, Certification of Compliance, Reporting Violations, Compliance Officer Duties, Training and Education, Recordkeeping, Annual Review, and Sanctions. Amauta's Code of Ethics is available free upon request to any client or prospective client.

### **B.** Recommendations Involving Material Financial Interests

Amauta does not recommend that clients buy or sell any security in which a related person to Amauta or Amauta has a material financial interest.

### C. Investing Personal Money in the Same Securities as Clients

From time to time, representatives of Amauta may buy or sell securities for themselves that they also recommend to clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of Amauta to buy or sell the same securities before or after recommending the same securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest. Amauta will always document any transactions that could be construed as conflicts of interest and will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage when similar securities are being bought or sold.

### D. Trading Securities At/Around the Same Time as Clients' Securities

From time to time, representatives of Amauta may buy or sell securities for themselves at or around the same time as clients. This may provide an opportunity for representatives of Amauta to buy or sell securities before or after recommending securities to clients resulting in representatives profiting off the recommendations they provide to clients. Such transactions may create a conflict of interest; however, Amauta will never engage in trading that operates to the client's disadvantage when similar securities are being bought or sold.

## **Item 12: Brokerage Practices**

### A. Factors Used to Select Custodians and/or Broker/Dealers

Custodians/broker-dealers will be recommended based on Amauta's duty to seek "best execution," which is the obligation to seek execution of securities transactions for a client on the most favorable terms for the client under the circumstances.

Amauta will require clients to use LPL Financial or Interactive Brokers LLC (CRD#36418).

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

Amauta has no formal soft dollars program in which soft dollars are used to pay for third party services. Amauta does not receive research, products, or other services from custodians and broker-dealers in connection with client securities transactions ("soft dollar benefits"). Amauta may enter into soft-dollar arrangements consistent with (and not outside of) the safe harbor contained in Section 28(e) of the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Amouta does not use research, products or services from LPL Financial or Interactive Brokers.

### 2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

Amauta receives 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

Amauta will require that clients use a specific broker-dealer/custodian: LPL Financial or Interactive Brokers LLC.

By directing brokerage, Amauta may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transactions which could cost clients money in trade execution. Amauta will require clients to use specific broker-dealer(s) to execute transactions and it is Amauta's policy that all clients must utilize a broker-dealer approved by Amauta. Not all advisers require or allow their clients to direct brokerage.

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

If Amauta buys or sells the same securities on behalf of more than one client, then it may (but would be under no obligation to) aggregate or bunch such securities in a single transaction for multiple clients in order to seek more favorable prices, lower brokerage commissions, or more efficient execution. In such case, Amauta would place an aggregate order with the broker on behalf of all such clients in order to ensure fairness for all clients; provided, however, that trades would be reviewed periodically to ensure that accounts are not systematically disadvantaged by this policy. Amauta would determine the appropriate number of shares and select the appropriate brokers consistent with its duty to seek best execution, except for those accounts with specific brokerage direction (if any).

Additionally, if Amauta does not aggregate securities in a single transaction for multiple clients when buying or selling the same securities on behalf of more than one client, then Amauta may be unable to achieve most favorable execution of client transactions, which could cost clients money in trade execution.

### **Item 13: Reviews of Accounts**

A. Frequency and Nature of Periodic Reviews and Who Makes Those Reviews All client accounts for Amauta's advisory services provided on an ongoing basis are reviewed at least monthly by Francisco Jose Anguita Veliz, Managing Member, with regard to clients' respective investment policies and risk tolerance levels. All accounts at Amauta are assigned to this reviewer.

All financial planning accounts are reviewed upon financial plan creation and plan delivery by Francisco Jose Anguita Veliz, Managing Member. There is only one level of review for financial planning, and that is the total review conducted to create the financial plan.

### B. Factors That Will Trigger a Non-Periodic Review of Client Accounts

Reviews may be triggered by material market, economic or political events, or by changes in client's financial situations (such as retirement, termination of employment, physical move, or inheritance).

With respect to financial plans, Amauta's services will generally conclude upon delivery of the financial plan.

### C. Content and Frequency of Regular Reports Provided to Clients

Each client of Amauta's advisory services provided on an ongoing basis will receive a monthly report detailing the client's account, including assets held, asset value, and calculation of fees. This written report will come from the custodian. Amauta will also provide at least quarterly a separate written statement to the client, which will include the formula used to calculate the fee, the time period covered by the fee, and the amount of assets under management on which the fee was based.

Each financial planning client will receive the financial plan upon completion.

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

## A. Economic Benefits Provided by Third Parties for Advice Rendered to Clients (Includes Sales Awards or Other Prizes)

Amauta does not receive any economic benefit, directly or indirectly from any third party for advice rendered to Amauta's clients.

### B. Compensation to Non – Advisory Personnel for Client Referrals

Amauta does not directly or indirectly compensate any person who is not advisory personnel for client referrals.

### **Item 15: Custody**

When advisory fees are deducted directly from client accounts at client's custodian, Amauta will be deemed to have limited custody of client's assets. Because client fees will be withdrawn directly from client accounts, in jurisdictions that require it, Amauta will:

- (A) Possess written authorization from the client to deduct advisory fees from an account held by a qualified custodian.
- (B) Send the qualified custodian written notice of the amount of the fee to be deducted from the client's account and verify that the qualified custodian sends invoices to the client.
- (C) Send the client a written invoice itemizing the fee upon or prior to fee deduction, including the formula used to calculate the fee, the time period covered by the fee and the amount of assets under management on which the fee was based.

Clients will receive all account statements and billing invoices that are required in each jurisdiction, and they should carefully review those statements for accuracy. Clients will also receive statements from Amauta and are urged to compare the account statements they received from custodian with those they received from Amauta.

### **Item 16: Investment Discretion**

Amauta provides discretionary and non-discretionary investment advisory services to clients. The Investment Advisory Contract established with each client sets forth the discretionary authority for trading. Where investment discretion has been granted, Amauta generally manages the client's account and makes investment decisions without consultation with the client as to when the securities are to be bought or sold for the account, the total amount of the securities to be bought/sold, what securities to buy or sell, or the price per share.

Clients with discretionary accounts will execute a limited power of attorney to evidence discretionary authority. Amauta does allow clients to impose restrictions in investing in certain securities or types of securities in accordance with their values or beliefs. Additionally, by granting Amauta discretionary authority, the client agrees not to impose and limitations on Amauta's discretionary investment advisory services. Amauta will not have discretionary authority to determine the broker or dealer to be used for a purchase or sale of securities for a client's account.

## **Item 17: Voting Client Securities (Proxy Voting)**

Amauta will not ask for, nor accept voting authority for client securities. Clients will receive proxies directly from the issuer of the security or the custodian. Clients should direct all proxy questions to the issuer of the security.

### **Item 18: Financial Information**

### A. Balance Sheet

Amauta neither requires nor solicits prepayment of more than \$500 in fees per client, six months or more in advance, and therefore is not required to include a balance sheet with this brochure.

## **B.** Financial Conditions Reasonably Likely to Impair Ability to Meet Contractual Commitments to Clients

Neither Amauta nor its management has any financial condition that is likely to reasonably impair Amauta's ability to meet contractual commitments to clients.

### C. Bankruptcy Petitions in Previous Ten Years

Amauta has not been the subject of a bankruptcy petition in the last ten years.

### **Item 19: Requirements For State Registered Advisers**

## A. Principal Executive Officers and Management Persons; Their Formal Education and Business Background

Amauta currently has Francisco Jose Anguita Veliz as the managing person. Education and business background can be found on the individual's Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplement.

## B. Other Businesses in Which This Advisory Firm or its Personnel are Engaged and Time Spent on Those (If Any)

Other business activities for each relevant individual can be found on the Form ADV Part 2B brochure supplement for each such individual.

### C. Calculation of Performance-Based Fees and Degree of Risk to Clients

Amauta does not accept performance-based fees or other fees based on a share of capital gains on or capital appreciation of the assets of a client.

# D. Material Disciplinary Disclosures for Management Persons of this Firm

There are no civil, self-regulatory organization, or arbitration proceedings to report under this section.

# E. Material Relationships That Management Persons Have With Issuers of Securities (If Any)

See Item 10.C and 11.B.