

FORM ADV PART 2B BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT

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This brochure supplement provides information about Linda S. Parks that supplements the Forum Financial Management, LP brochure. You should have received a copy of that brochure. Contact us at 630-873-8520 if you did not receive Forum Financial Management, LP's brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Linda S. Parks (CRD # 6217549) is available on the SEC's website at <u>www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</u>.

Item 2 Educational Background and Business Experience

Full Legal Name: Linda S. Parks, CFP[®], CPA Born: 1957

Education Background:

Cornell University, BS Agricultural Economics, 1981

Business Experience:

- Forum Financial Management, LP, Investment Advisor Representative, 1/2022 Present
- Linda Parks, CPA, Owner, 1/1997- Present
- Linda Parks Financial Advisor, LLC, Managing Member, 7/2013 6/2022
- Quintiles, Inc., Accounting Manager, 10/2009 4/2011

Designations/Certifications:

Linda S. Parks has earned the following designation(s)/certification(s) and is in good standing with the granting authority:

- Certified Financial Planner (CFP[®])
- Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

Please refer to Part 2B Appendix 1 of the Firm Brochure for definitions of the above designations.

Item 3 Disciplinary Information

Form ADV Part 2B requires disclosure of certain criminal or civil actions, administrative proceedings, and self-regulatory organization proceedings, as well as certain other proceedings related to suspension or revocation of a professional attainment, designation, or license. Ms. Linda S. Parks has no required disclosures under this item.

Item 4 Other Business Activities

Linda S. Parks is a CPA with the firm: Linda Parks, CPA. Clients of our firm may also be clients of Linda Parks CPA. The services provided and compensation received by Ms. Parks and Linda Parks CPA for accounting related activities are separate and distinct from any fees paid for advisory services provided by our firm. While we believe that Linda Parks CPA's fees are competitve, such fees may be higher than those charged by other firms providing the same or similar services. Ms. Parks' outside business activities present a conflict of interest because Ms. Parks may have an incentive to recommend tax and accounting services to you for the purpose of generating fees.

Please refer to Part 2A of Form ADV: Firm Brochure, Item 10, Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations, for complete disclosure of the above referenced Investment-Related Activities.

Item 5 Additional Compensation

Refer to the *Other Business Activities* section above for disclosures on Ms. Parks' receipt of additional compensation as a result of her other business activities.

Also, refer to the *Fees and Compensation*, *Client Referrals and Other Compensation, and Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations* section(s) of Forum Financial Management, LP's firm brochure for additional disclosures on this topic.

Item 6 Supervision

As a registered investment adviser, Forum administers and enforces a regulatory compliance program, reasonably designed to detect and prevent violations of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and other applicable state and federal securities laws.

Forum's compliance program is overseen by Forum's Chief Compliance Officer, Allison Tronnes, who delegates advisor supervision responsibilities among various advisor support personnel and teams.

Forum has a dedicated Advisor Support team, and within that team is the primary point of contact for advisor supervision. Should a client or prospective client have any questions or concerns, please reach out to one of the following:

Nikki Hopson Manager, Advisor Development and Supervision (630) 376-4367 <u>nhopson@forumfin.com</u>

Allison Tronnes Chief Compliance Officer (630) 873-8512 <u>atronnes@forumfin.com</u>

Item 7 Part 2B Appendix 1

Certifications: CFP®, CPA

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ (CFP®)

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

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

Education – Earn a bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university and complete CFP Board-approved coursework at a college or university through a CFP Board Registered Program. The coursework covers the financial planning subject areas CFP Board has determined are necessary for the competent and professional delivery of financial planning services, as well as a comprehensive financial plan development capstone course. A candidate may satisfy some of the coursework requirement through other qualifying credentials.

Examination – Pass the comprehensive CFP® Certification Examination. The examination is designed to assess an individual's ability to integrate and apply a broad base of financial planning knowledge in the context of real-life financial planning situations.

Experience – Complete 6,000 hours of professional experience related to the personal financial planning process, or 4,000 hours of apprenticeship experience that meets additional requirements. **Ethics** – Satisfy the Fitness Standards for Candidates for CFP® Certification and Former CFP® Professionals Seeking Reinstatement and agree to be bound by CFP Board's Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct ("Code and Standards"), which sets forth the ethical and practice standards for CFP® professionals.

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

Ethics – Commit to complying with CFP Board's Code and Standards. This includes a commitment to CFP Board, as part of the certification, to act as a fiduciary, and therefore, act in the best interests of the client, at all times when providing financial advice and financial planning. CFP Board may sanction a CFP® professional who does not abide by this commitment, but CFP Board does not guarantee a CFP® professional's services. A client who seeks a similar commitment should obtain a written engagement that includes a fiduciary obligation to the client.

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

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

CPA's are licensed and regulated by their state boards of accountancy. While state laws and regulations vary, the education, experience and testing requirements for licensure as a CPA generally include minimum college education (typically 150 credit hours with at least a baccalaureate degree and a concentration in accounting), minimum experience levels (most states require at least one year of experience providing services that involve the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management

advisory, financial advisory, tax or consulting skills, all of which must be achieved under the supervision of or verification by a CPA), and successful passage of the Uniform CPA Examination. In order to maintain a CPA license, states generally require the completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education (CPE) each year (or 80 hours over a two year period or 120 hours over a three year period). Additionally, all American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) members are required to follow a rigorous *Code of Professional Conduct* which requires that they act with integrity, objectivity, due care, competence, fully disclose any conflicts of interest (and obtain client consent if a conflict exists), maintain client confidentiality, disclose to the client any commission or referral fees, and serve the public interest when providing financial services. The vast majority of state boards of accountancy have adopted the AICPA's *Code of Professional Conduct* within their state accountancy laws or have created their own.