This brochure supplement provides information about Investment Adviser Representative, Hal J. Michels CRD No. 3250366 that supplements the firm brochure of The Prosperity Consulting Group, LLC d/b/a Prosperity - An EisnerAmper Company (IARD No. 133777) ("Prosperity" or the "Firm"). You should have received a copy of that Brochure. Please contact Donna C. Gestl (contact information below), if you did not receive the Prosperity Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this supplement.

Additional information about Investment Adviser Representative, Hal J. Michels CRD No. 3250366 can be found on the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure website at <a href="www.adviserinfo.sec.gov">www.adviserinfo.sec.gov</a>. That website can be searched by using the investment adviser representative's CRD number (shown above).

# BROCHURE SUPPLEMENT for Hal J. Michels, CPA

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## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND & BUSINESS EXPERIENCE (Item 2)

Prosperity requirements for Investment Adviser Representative Employment

Prosperity requires that employees who provide discretionary security selection on behalf of the firm have at least, a 4-year college degree, 2 years relevant work experience in the securities industry and have taken and passed the appropriate state advisory exam. Investment Adviser Representatives must have work experience that demonstrates their aptitude for financial planning and investment management. Investment Adviser Representatives should have further coursework demonstrating knowledge of financial planning and tax planning. Examples of acceptable coursework include: an MBA, a CFP®, a CFA®, a ChFC, JD, or CPA. If an Investment Adviser Representative does not meet the above requirements, he or she will be required to work jointly with a senior advisor until such requirements are met.

Investment Adviser Representative's Information Hal J. Michels, CPA Year of Birth: 1958

#### **Educational Background**

Bachelor of Science, Gettysburg College Gettysburg, PA

Master of Taxation, Widener University Chester, PA

#### **Professional Designation(s)**

#### Certified Public Accountant, CPA

CPAs 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 (120 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.

In addition to the *Code of Professional Conduct*, AICPA members who provide personal financial planning services are required to follow the *Statement on Standards in Personal Financial Planning Services* (SSPFPS).

# **Business Experience**

Investment Adviser Representative Prosperity – An EisnerAmper Company, Philadelphia, PA	11/2023 to Present
Partner EisnerAmper Advisory Group, LLC, Philadelphia, PA	07/2022 to Present
Registered Representative DAI Securities, LLC, Philadelphia, PA	05/2023 to 12/2024
Wealth Adviser EisnerAmper Wealth Management and Corporate Benefits, LLC, Philadelphia, PA	08/2022 to 11/2023
Registered Representative APW Capital, Inc., Philadelphia, PA	8/2022 to 01/2023
Partner EisnerAmper, LLP, Philadelphia, PA	02/2021 to 07/2022
Co-Owner CPA Financial Group, LLC, Mount Laurel, NJ	09/1999 to 12/2022
Member CPA Solutions, LLC, Mount Laurel, NJ	11/2007 to 12/2022
Investment Adviser Representative Commonwealth Financial Network, Philadelphia, PA	07/2010 to 08/2022
Registered Representative Commonwealth Financial Network, Philadelphia, PA	11/2007 to 08/2022
Shareholder St. Clair CPAs, PC., Conshohocken, PA	10/1999 to 12/2022

# **DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION (Item 3)**

Criminal or Civil Actions None.

Administrative Actions or Proceedings None.

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Self-Regulatory Organization (SRO) Proceedings} \\ \textbf{None.} \end{array}$ 

Professional Standards Violations None.

## **OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES (Item 4)**

**Investment Related** 

None.

#### Non-Investment Related

Hal J. Michels is a Partner and licensed Certified Public Accountant with accounting firm, EisnerAmper LLP and Eisner Advisory Group, LLC ("EisnerAmper"). EisnerAmper and Prosperity are affiliated. EisnerAmper provides accounting, tax preparation services, and consultations related to such accounting and tax matters to some clients of Prosperity, among others. As a Certified Public Accountant, Mr. Michels and EisnerAmper will receive separate compensation for accounting and tax preparation services. These services may be available through other channels and as a client you are not obligated to utilize Mr. Michels or EisnerAmper for accounting services. For a detailed discussion of the compensation and the conflicts of interest that may arise from the recommendation of EisnerAmper, please review Item 10 of Prosperity's Form ADV, Part 2A.

## **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION (Item 5)**

Hal J. Michels receives a percentage of the revenue generated by the clients he introduces to the Firm. This presents a conflict of interest in that Mr. Michels has an incentive to maximize the number of clients that he refers to Prosperity. We manage this conflict of interest by reviewing the recommendation to ensure it is in the best interest of the client.

## **SUPERVISION (Item 6)**

Donna C. Gestl, another investment adviser representative of the Firm, supervises Mr. Michels. The Firm administers supervision through application of its written supervisory policies and procedures. If you have questions regarding the supervisory procedures of the firm, you may contact Donna C. Gestl, Chief Compliance Officer by phone at 410-363-7211 or by email to <a href="mailto:donna.gestl@prosperityea.com">donna.gestl@prosperityea.com</a>.