

**Item 1. Cover Page for Part 2B of  
Form ADV: Brochure Supplement  
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This Brochure Supplement provides information about the supervised persons listed below that supplements the firm Brochure for Merit Financial Group, LLC dba Merit Financial Advisors. Please contact the Compliance Department of Merit Financial Advisors if you did not receive our firm's Brochure or if you have any questions about the contents of this Supplement by telephone (678) 867-7050 or email at [compliance@meritfa.com](mailto:compliance@meritfa.com). Additional information about each advisor is available on the SEC's website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

Thomas Wayne Gay, CRPC®  
Bruce Carlton Gordon

## Item 2. Educational Background and Business Experience

### **Thomas Wayne Gay, CRPC®**

Born 1951

#### **Educational Background:**

Georgia State University; Bachelor of Science, Finance, 1976

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Associate of Science, Business & Agriculture, 1972

#### **Business Background:**

04/2022 – Present: Merit Financial Group, LLC; Investment Adviser Representative

08/2024 – Present: Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments; Registered Representative

02/2018 – 08/2024: LPL Financial; Registered Representative

02/2009 – 05/2022: Dasher & Padgett Financial Advisors, Inc.; Vice President and Co-Owner

02/2009 – 02/2018: INVEST Financial Corporation; Registered Representative

### **Bruce Carlton Gordon**

Born 1953

#### **Educational Background:**

New Orleans Theological Institute, 1997

Thomas Tech, 1973

#### **Business Background:**

04/2022 – Present: Merit Financial Group, LLC; Investment Adviser Representative

08/2024 – Present: Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments; Registered Representative

06/1995 – Present: Antioch Baptist Church; Pastor

02/2018 – 08/2024: LPL Financial; Registered Representative

05/2005 – 05/2022: Dasher & Padgett Financial Advisors, Inc.; Secretary, Treasurer and Co-Owner

01/2009 – 02/2018: INVEST Financial Corporation; Registered Representative

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## Item 3. Disciplinary Information

Merit Financial Group, LLC is required to disclose the facts of any legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's evaluation of its advisory business or the integrity of management.

There are no legal or disciplinary events material to your evaluation of our advisors to disclose.

#### Item 4. Other Business Activities

Most of our advisors are also registered representatives of Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments ("PKS"), member FINRA/SIPC, as well as licensed to sell insurance products. They may offer securities and products and receive normal and customary commissions as a result of these transactions. This presents a conflict of interest to the extent that they recommend that a client invest in a security or an insurance product that results in a commission being paid to them. To mitigate this potential conflict, our advisors, as fiduciaries, will always put the interests of their clients before their own. Clients are under no obligation to purchase securities or insurance products from our advisors.

Mr. Gordon is also a pastor at Antioch Baptist Church which accounts for approximately 20% of his time and approximately 25% of his income. Mr. Gordon is also a Sales Representative for Milner Insurance Group, participating in Medicare Supplement Sales.

#### Item 5. Additional Compensation

No one provides an economic benefit to our advisors for providing advisory services who is not a client.

#### Item 6. Supervision

Doug Baxley, Chief Compliance Officer, supervises and monitors the activities of our advisors on a regular basis to ensure compliance with our firm's Code of Ethics. Please contact Mr. Baxley if you have any questions about this brochure supplement at (678) 867-7050 or [compliance@meritfa.com](mailto:compliance@meritfa.com).