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**AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO  
APPLICATION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 6(b)  
AND 6(e) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 FOR  
AN ORDER EXEMPTING APPLICANTS FROM  
CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THAT ACT**

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Company  
Act of 1940 for an Order Exempting Applicant  
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I. Summary

Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC, NB Alternatives Advisers LLC, Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC, Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd. and Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd. (collectively, “Applicants”), their “affiliated companies,” as defined in Section 2(a)(2) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”), and “affiliated persons,” as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act (the Applicants, along with their affiliated companies and affiliated persons, individually an “NB Entity” and collectively, the “NB Entities”) have established Neuberger Berman Employee Trinity Fund LP and Neuberger Berman Employee Trinity Fund (Cayman) LP, and may in the future organize additional limited partnerships, limited liability companies, business trusts or other entities as “employees’ securities companies” as defined in Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act (such entities, “Partnerships”). A Partnership may serve as the master fund of one or more other Partnerships. ~~As of the date of this application (this “Application”), the NB Entities have not formed any Partnerships that they anticipate will be run as employees’ securities companies, though they intend to do so in the future.~~

The Applicants hereby request an order of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under Sections 6(b) and 6(e) of the 1940 Act exempting the Partnerships from all provisions of the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations under the 1940 Act, except Sections 9, 17, 30, 36 through 53, and the rules and regulations thereunder (the “Rules and Regulations”). With respect to Sections 17(a), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (j) and 30(a), (b), (e), and (h) of the 1940 Act and the Rules and Regulations, and Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act, the Applicants request a limited exemption as set forth in this application (this “Application”). No form having been prescribed by the Commission, the Applicants proceed under Rule 0-2 under the 1940 Act. Such order, if granted, shall be referred to herein as the “Order”.

The Applicants state that any Partnerships offered in reliance on Rule 6b-1 under the 1940 Act prior to a final determination on this Application by the Commission will comply with all of the terms and conditions stated in the most recent version of this Application filed with the Commission.

The Partnerships will be established for Eligible Employees (as defined below) of the NB Entities as part of a program designed to create investment opportunities that are competitive with those at other investment

management and financial services firms and to facilitate the recruitment and retention of high caliber professionals. Each Partnership will have a general partner, managing member, manager or other such similar entity (a “General Partner”) that manages, operates and controls such Partnership. An NB Entity will control each Partnership within the meaning of Section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act. Eligible Employees given the opportunity to invest in the Partnerships will include NB Entity employees who are engaged in various aspects of the investment management or related financial services businesses (including trust, fiduciary and wealth management services), or in administrative, financial, accounting, legal, marketing or operational activities related to such businesses. Eligible Employees and certain of their family members will be individuals who (i) satisfy certain financial and sophistication standards and will not need the protection of the regulatory safeguards intended to protect the public, and (ii) will be accredited investors (“Accredited Investors”) under Rule 501(a)(5) or Rule 501(a)(6) of Regulation D under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “1933 Act”), except that a limited number of Eligible Employees who invest in a Partnership (not to exceed 35) may not be Accredited Investors.

All potential investors in a Partnership (the “Limited Partners”) will be informed that, among other things, (i) interests in such Partnership (“Interests”) will be sold in transactions exempt under Section 4(a)(2) of the 1933 Act (“Section 4(a)(2)”), or Regulation D or Regulation S promulgated thereunder and thus offered without registration under, and without the protections afforded by, the 1933 Act, and (ii) such Partnership will be exempt from most provisions of the 1940 Act and from the protections afforded thereby. Interests in a Partnership may be issued in one or more series, each of which will correspond to a particular set of Partnership investments (each, a “Series”). Each Series will be an employees’ securities company within the meaning of Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act.

The Applicants believe that, in view of the facts described below and the conditions contained in this Application, and in view of the access to information, investment sophistication and financial capacity of the Limited Partners, the concerns regarding overreaching and abuse of investors that the 1940 Act was designed to prevent will not be present.

## II. Statement of Facts

A statement of the facts relied upon as the basis for the action of the Commission herein requested is as follows:

### A. Neuberger Berman and the Partnerships

Neuberger Berman Group LLC is a holding company, the subsidiaries and affiliates of which (collectively, “Neuberger Berman”) provide a broad range of global investment solutions – equity, fixed income, multi-asset class and alternatives – to institutions, advisors and individuals through products including separately managed accounts, registered funds, collective investment trusts and private investment vehicles. As of ~~June 30~~March 31, 2019~~2020~~, Neuberger Berman had approximately ~~\$333~~\$330 billion of assets under management. Each Applicant is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Neuberger Berman Group LLC.

The Neuberger Berman equity portfolios are managed by teams comprised of dedicated, experienced portfolio managers and analysts solely focused on delivering attractive performance for clients. The equity suite of products spans the global market capitalization spectrum across fundamental and quantitative styles. The Neuberger Berman fixed income investment teams offer a broad, diverse range of investment solutions across investment grade, non-investment grade, emerging markets, global, specialty, tax-exempt and cash/short duration strategies. The Neuberger Berman private equity capabilities—primaries, secondaries, co-investments, and direct strategies—are distinguished by a research-driven approach with sophisticated risk management and reporting capabilities. The Neuberger Berman hedge fund strategies bring together the extensive capital markets expertise of dedicated hedge fund professionals and include hedge fund of funds as well as single-manager hedge funds, quantitative strategies and long-only commodity funds. The Neuberger Berman Quantitative and Multi-Asset Class (QMAC) platform comprises experienced investors who blend fundamental, quantitative and systematic methods to offer liquid, transparent and cost-effective solutions for investors. The multi-asset class investment efforts focus on both top-down strategic and tactical asset allocation and bottom-up active management, while also incorporating traditional and alternative risk premia, options and commodities. To serve their broad client base of institutions, advisors and individuals, the Neuberger Berman strategies are available through a variety of investment vehicles including separately managed accounts, registered funds, collective investment trusts and private investment

vehicles (together with any strategies, accounts or vehicles established in the future, the “Funds”), which invest globally in a broad range of financial assets.

The NB Entities intend to form Partnerships to enable Eligible Employees (and their related Qualified Participants, in each case, as defined below) to pool their investment resources. Those Eligible Employees will have the opportunity to receive the benefit of certain investment opportunities without the necessity of having each investor identify the opportunities and analyze their investment merit. Depending on the objectives of a particular Partnership, the pooling of resources may afford the participants diversification of investments and participation in investments that usually would not be available to them as individual investors. Each Partnership and Series will comply with the terms and conditions of this Application.

In some instances, an NB Entity may form a Partnership in order to co-invest with a Fund in all or a portion of such Fund’s investments. The Applicants expect that Partnerships formed to co-invest with Funds will help promote alignment of interests between the Eligible Employees and the third-party limited partners of the Funds.

A Partnership will be structured as a limited partnership, limited liability company, business trust or other entity. A Partnership may be organized inside the United States (under the laws of Delaware, or another state) or in a jurisdiction outside the United States. A Partnership may be organized under the laws of a non-U.S. jurisdiction to address any tax, legal, accounting or regulatory considerations applicable to certain Eligible Employees in certain jurisdictions or the nature of the investment program. A Partnership may serve as a master fund for other Partnerships. The investment objectives and policies of the Partnerships may vary from Partnership to Partnership. A Partnership will operate in accordance with its limited partnership agreement, operating agreement or other organizational documents (each, a “Partnership Agreement”). Each Partnership will operate as a closed-end or open-end management investment company, and a particular Partnership may operate as a “diversified” or “non-diversified” vehicle within the meaning of the 1940 Act.

An NB Entity may be a General Partner of a Partnership. A General Partner will be structured as a limited partnership, limited liability company or other type of entity organized in the United States (under the laws of Delaware, or another state) or in jurisdictions outside the United States. The duties and responsibilities of a General Partner with respect to a Partnership will be set forth in the applicable Partnership Agreement. If a limited liability company structure is used for a Partnership, generally neither the General Partner nor any of the members of the limited liability company would be liable to third parties for the obligations of the Partnership.

The General Partner or another NB Entity will serve as investment adviser (“Investment Adviser”) to a Partnership. The Investment Adviser will be registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (the “Advisers Act”), if required under applicable law. The determination as to whether a General Partner or other Investment Adviser to a Partnership is required to register under the Advisers Act will be made by the NB Entities; no relief in respect of such determination is requested herein. Each Investment Adviser to a Partnership shall comply with the standards prescribed in Sections 9, 36 and 37 of the 1940 Act. The Applicants represent and concede that the Investment Adviser in managing a Partnership is an “investment adviser” within the meaning of Sections 9 and 36 of the 1940 Act and is subject to those sections. The Investment Adviser generally receives compensation for acting as the investment adviser to the Funds. If a Partnership invests in a Fund, the Investment Adviser will not receive any management fees or other compensation at both the Partnership level and the Fund level with respect to a Partnership’s investment in a Fund (so as to avoid duplication of fees).

#### B. Eligible Employees and Qualified Participants

Interests in a Partnership will be offered without registration in a transaction exempt under Section 4(a)(2), or Regulation D or Regulation S<sup>1</sup> promulgated thereunder, and will be sold only to: (i) Eligible Employees; (ii) at

<sup>1</sup> The Applicants may rely on Regulation S to offer Interests in a Partnership to NB Entities, Eligible Employees and their Qualified Participants who are based outside of the United States and are not U.S. Persons in order to create investment opportunities for such persons. The Applicants may also offer Interests to such persons in reliance on Section 4(a)(2) or Regulation D. Any such persons will be required to meet the eligibility criteria described herein in order to participate in a Partnership.

the request of Eligible Employees and the discretion of the General Partner, to Qualified Participants of such Eligible Employees; or (iii) to NB Entities.

In order to qualify as an “Eligible Employee,” (a) an individual must (i) be a current or former employee, officer or director or current Consultant (as defined below) of an NB Entity and (ii) meet the standards of an “accredited investor” under Rule 501(a)(5) or (a)(6) of Regulation D, except that a Partnership may accept investments from up to 35 individuals who do not meet the standard of an “accredited investor”<sup>2</sup> (“Non-Accredited Investors”), or (b) an entity must (i) be a current Consultant of an NB Entity and (ii) meet the standards of an “accredited investor” under Rule 501(a) of Regulation D. A Partnership may not have more than 35 Non-Accredited Investors.

At the request of an Eligible Employee and the discretion of the General Partner, Interests may be assigned by such Eligible Employee, or sold directly by the Partnership, to a Qualified Participant of an Eligible Employee. In order to qualify as a “Qualified Participant,” an individual or entity must (i) be an Eligible Family Member or Eligible Investment Vehicle established for the purposes of personal and family investment and estate planning objectives (in each case as defined below), respectively, of an Eligible Employee and (ii) if purchasing an Interest from a Partnership, except as discussed below, come within one of the categories of an “accredited investor” under Rule 501(a) of Regulation D. An “Eligible Family Member” is a spouse, parent, child, spouse of child, ~~parent of spouse,~~ brother, sister or grandchild of an Eligible Employee, including step and adoptive relationships.<sup>3</sup> An “Eligible Investment Vehicle” is (a) a trust of which a trustee, grantor or beneficiary is an Eligible Employee or an Eligible Family Member, (b) a partnership, corporation or other entity controlled by an Eligible Employee or an Eligible Family Member,<sup>3, 4</sup> or (c) a trust or other entity established solely for the benefit of an Eligible Employee or one or more Eligible Family Members of an Eligible Employee. An Eligible Employee or Eligible Family Member may purchase an Interest through an Eligible Investment Vehicle only if either (i) the investment vehicle is an accredited investor, as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act, or (ii) the applicable Eligible Employee or Eligible Family Member is a settlor and principal investment decision-maker with respect to the investment vehicle. If such investment vehicle is an entity other than a trust, the term “settlor” shall be read to mean a person who created such vehicle, alone or together with other Eligible Employees or Eligible Family Members, and contributed funds to such vehicle. Eligible Investment Vehicles that are not accredited investors will be counted in accordance with Regulation D toward the 35 Non-Accredited Investors limit discussed above.

Because of the requirements described above, Interests in each Partnership will be held by persons and entities with a close nexus to an NB Entity through employment (or other ongoing relationship in the case of Consultants (as described below)) or family ties. However, the status of an individual or entity as a Qualified

<sup>2</sup> Non-Accredited Investors must meet the sophistication requirements set forth in Rule 506(b)(2)(ii) of Regulation D under the 1933 Act and may be permitted to invest their own funds in the Partnership if, at the time of the relevant employee’s investment in a Partnership, he or she (a) has a graduate degree in business, law or accounting, (b) has a minimum of five years of consulting, investment management, investment banking, legal or similar business experience, and (c) has had reportable income from all sources (including any profit shares or bonus) of at least \$100,000 in each of the two most recent years and a reasonable expectation of income from all sources of at least \$140,000 in each year in which such person will be committed to make investments in a Partnership. In addition, such an employee will not be permitted to invest in any year more than 10% of his or her income from all sources for the immediately preceding year in the aggregate in such Partnership and in all other Partnerships in which he or she has previously invested.

<sup>3</sup> ~~The definition of Eligible Family Members for purposes of this Application includes parents of a spouse, which are not included in the definition of “members of the immediate family” as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. The Applicants believe that the definition of “members of the immediate family” provided in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act is not required to be applied in the context of an “employees’ securities company” as defined in Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act, as the Section 2(a)(19) definition limits its applicability solely to purposes of Section 2(a)(19). The Applicants believe that parents of a spouse are appropriate to include as Eligible Family Members because they have a direct, first degree relationship with the Eligible Employee’s nuclear family unit that is of a similar degree of closeness as the other listed relationships, and accordingly, have a close nexus to the NB Entities through family ties.~~

<sup>3</sup> The inclusion of partnerships, corporations or other entities controlled by an Eligible Employee or in the definition of “Eligible Investment Vehicle” is intended to enable Eligible Employees to make investments in the Partnerships through personal investment vehicles for the purpose of personal and family investment and estate planning objectives. Accordingly, there is a close nexus between the NB Entities and the investment vehicle through the individual who controls the vehicle.

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Participant will not be affected by the termination of employment or other relationship of the relevant Eligible Employee, except under the circumstances described below with respect to Consultants and Eligible Employees under “Structure of the Partnerships.”<sup>54</sup> The General Partner will have the absolute right to purchase or redeem any Interest for its fair value if the General Partner determines in good faith that any participant’s continued ownership of such Interest in a Partnership jeopardizes such Partnership’s status as an “employees’ securities company” under the 1940 Act. Unless otherwise agreed, the consideration payable to such participant in connection with such transfer shall be the current fair value of the interest (as determined by the General Partner in its sole discretion).

It is anticipated that, at the sole discretion of the General Partner, current consultants or business or legal advisors of the NB Entities may be offered the opportunity to participate in the Partnerships. The NB Entities believe that persons or entities whom the NB Entities have engaged on retainer to provide services and professional expertise on an ongoing basis as regular consultants or business or legal advisors to NB Entities (“Consultants”) share a community of interest with the NB Entities and the NB Entities’ employees. In order to participate in a Partnership, Consultants must be currently engaged by an NB Entity and will be required to qualify as accredited investors under Rule 501(a) of Regulation D. If a Consultant is an entity (such as, for example, a law firm or consulting firm), and the Consultant proposes to invest in the Partnership through a partnership, corporation or other entity that is controlled by the Consultant, the Consultant shall be required to represent that individual participants in such partnership, corporation or other entity will be limited to senior level employees, members or partners of the Consultant who are responsible for the activities of the Consultant and will be required to qualify as Accredited Investors. In addition, such entities will be limited to businesses that represent that they are controlled by individuals who have levels of expertise and sophistication in the area of investments in securities that are comparable to Eligible Employees who are employees, officers or directors of the NB Entities and who have an interest in maintaining an ongoing relationship with the NB Entities. Most importantly, the Consultants will have access to the directors and officers of the General Partner or the directors and officers of the NB Entities, as applicable, responsible for making investments for the Partnerships similar to the access afforded Eligible Employees who are employees, officers or directors of the NB Entities. Accordingly, the NB Entities believe that there will be a close nexus between the NB Entities and such entities.

The limitations on the class of persons who may subscribe for, acquire or hold Interests, in conjunction with other characteristics of the Partnerships, will qualify each Partnership and Series as an “employees’ securities company” under Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act.<sup>65</sup>

Investing in the Partnerships will be voluntary on the part of Eligible Employees and Qualified Participants. No sales load or similar fee of any kind will be charged in connection with the sale of Interests. Eligible Employees will be experienced in the investment management or related financial services businesses or in administrative, financial, accounting, legal, marketing or operational activities related thereto.

Prior to offering Interests to an Eligible Employee or an Eligible Family Member, a General Partner must reasonably believe that each Eligible Employee or Eligible Family Member will be capable of understanding and evaluating the merits and risks of participating in a Partnership and that each such individual is able to bear the economic risk of such participation and afford a complete loss of his or her investment in a Partnership. The General Partner may impose more restrictive suitability standards in its sole discretion.

### C. Structure of the Partnerships

The management of each Partnership will be vested in its General Partner. All Partnerships will have only Eligible Employees, or Qualified Participants and NB Entities as Limited Partners, may have minimum capital commitments and will have restrictions with respect to transferability of Interests.

<sup>54</sup>As permitted under Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act, Interests may be held by current and former employees, officers and directors of the NB Entities and their Qualified Participants.

<sup>65</sup> Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act defines an “employees’ securities company” as “any investment company or similar issuer all of the outstanding securities of which (other than short-term paper) are beneficially owned (A) by the employees or persons on retainer of a single employer or of two or more employers each of which is an affiliated company of the other, (B) by former employees of such employer or employers, (C) by members of the immediate family of such employees, persons on retainer, or former employees, (D) by any two or more of the foregoing classes of persons, or (E) by such employer or employers together with any one or more of the foregoing classes of persons.”

While the terms of a Partnership will be determined by the NB Entities in their sole discretion, these terms will be fully disclosed to each Eligible Employee and, if a Qualified Participant of such Eligible Employee is required to make an investment decision with respect to whether or not to participate in a Partnership, to such Qualified Participant, at the time such Eligible Employee or Qualified Participant is invited to participate in the Partnership. Among other things, each Eligible Employee and, if a Qualified Participant of such Eligible Employee is required to make an investment decision with respect to whether or not to participate in a Partnership, such Qualified Participant, will be furnished with offering materials, including a copy of the applicable Partnership Agreement for the relevant Partnership, which offering materials will set forth at a minimum the following terms of the proposed investment program, if applicable:

1. whether the NB Entities will make a co-investment in the same investments as the Partnership, and the terms generally applicable to the Partnership's investment as compared to those of the NB Entities' investment;
2. the maximum amount of capital contributions that a participant will be required to make to the Partnership during the term of the relevant investment program, or the manner in which such amount will be determined, and the manner in which the capital contributions will be applied towards investments made, and expenses incurred, by the Partnership;
3. whether the General Partner or an NB Entity will offer to make any loans to a participant to purchase the Interest in the Partnership and, if so, the terms of such loans<sup>76</sup>;
4. whether the General Partner, the NB Entities or any employees of the General Partner or the NB Entities will be entitled to receive any compensation from, or a performance-based fee, allocation or distribution (such as a "Carried Interest")<sup>87</sup> based on the gains and losses of, or returns received with respect to, the Partnership's investment program or of the Partnership's investment portfolio and, if so, the terms of such compensation or performance-based fee, allocation or distribution;
5. whether the General Partner or an NB Entity will acquire a senior or preferred limited partner interest or other senior equity interest in the Partnership or will make any capital contributions or loans to the Partnership and, if so, the terms applicable to the General Partner's or the NB Entity's investment in the Partnership or its extension of credit to the Partnership, provided that the applicable rate will be no less favorable than the rate obtainable in an arm's-length transaction; any indebtedness of the Partnership, other than indebtedness incurred specifically on behalf of a Limited Partner where the Limited Partner has agreed to guarantee the loan or to act as co-obligor on the loan, will be the debt of the Partnership and without recourse to the Limited Partners; and whether the Partnership may borrow from an unaffiliated third party<sup>98</sup>;
6. the consequences to a Limited Partner who defaults on such Limited Partner's obligation to fund required capital contributions to the Partnership (including whether such defaulting person's Interest in existing and future investments will be affected and, if so, the nature of such effects), provided that the General Partner will not require the forfeiture by the defaulting person of a portion of such person's capital account if the General Partner

<sup>76</sup> A participant will not borrow from any person if such borrowing would cause any person not named in Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act to own outstanding securities of a Partnership (other than short-term paper).

<sup>87</sup> A "Carried Interest" is an allocation or distribution to the General Partner, a Limited Partner or an Investment Adviser to a Partnership based on net gains, distributions or returns in addition to the amount allocable to any such entity in proportion to its capital contributions. A General Partner, Limited Partner or an Investment Adviser that is registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act may receive a carried interest only if permitted by Rule 205-3 under the Advisers Act. If the General Partner, Limited Partner or an Investment Adviser is not registered under the Advisers Act, any allocation or distribution of carried interest will comply with Section 205(b)(3) of the Advisers Act (with such Partnership treated as though it were a business development company solely for the purpose of that section). In addition, a Partnership may invest in other private capital partnerships that themselves are charged a fee or make an allocation meeting the requirements of Rule 205-3 under the Advisers Act. Limited Partners in such Partnerships will receive disclosure of the consequences and costs associated with such arrangements.

<sup>98</sup> A Partnership may, subject to the terms and conditions set out herein, make investments in issuers that are portfolio companies of Funds managed by the NB Entities, and such investments may take the form of loans. However, a Partnership will not make any loans to the NB Entities, their subsidiaries or any entity that controls the NB Entities. The Partnership will not borrow from any person if the borrowing would cause the Partnership not to be an "employees' securities company" as defined in Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act.



determines that the defaulting person at the time of default is suffering from, or will suffer, severe hardship as a result of such forfeiture;

7. whether any vesting provisions will apply to a Limited Partner's Interest and, if so, the terms of such vesting provisions;

8. whether a Limited Partner's Interests are subject to forfeiture upon termination of the relationship of the Limited Partner (or relevant Eligible Employee) to the NB Entities or the employment of the Limited Partner (or relevant Eligible Employee) by a competitor to the NB Entities or otherwise and, if such forfeiture provisions exist, the terms of the repurchase, redemption or cancellation of the Limited Partner's Interests; and

9. the term and dissolution of the Partnership (including whether the Partnership may be dissolved prior to the expiration of its term upon the occurrence of specified events).

An NB Entity may purchase Interests in a Partnership that it may award to Eligible Employees as bonuses or similar compensation pursuant to one or more election programs or arrangements. Interests so acquired by an NB Entity will be acquired from the Partnership at the same time and the same price as Interests can be purchased by the Limited Partners and will be voted in proportion to the votes of the other Limited Partners, if applicable. The sale or award of these Interests by the NB Entities will have no dilutive effect upon the economic participation of the Interests of already existing Limited Partners because the Interests will have already been issued and sold at the closing of the Partnership or otherwise owned by the NB Entity. Interests awarded as bonus or similar compensation may be subject to vesting arrangements to be determined by the NB Entities.

Eligible Employees may be offered the opportunity to participate in a Partnership through deferred or bonus compensation election programs pursuant to which they will be granted awards of (i) Interests in a Partnership or (ii) economic interests substantially similar to those which would be achieved by direct investments in a Partnership of the deferred or bonus amounts. The deferred compensation plans or an Eligible Employee's interest in such plans, if applicable: (i) will be subject to the applicable terms and conditions of this Application,<sup>49</sup> (ii) will only be offered to Eligible Employees who are current employees, officers, directors or Consultants of the NB Entities, (iii) ~~may~~will have restrictions on transferability, including prohibitions on assignment or transfer except in the event of the Eligible Employee's death or as otherwise required by law or the Partnership Agreement, and (iv) will provide information to participants equivalent to that provided to investors and prospective investors in the corresponding Partnership, including, without limitation, disclosure documents and audited financial information.

The purchase price for an Interest may be payable in full upon subscription or in installments as determined by the General Partner. Eligible Employees may be offered the opportunity to acquire Interests pursuant to the arranging of recourse and non-recourse loans or other forms of funding having terms as determined by the General Partner.<sup>10</sup> A Partnership may permit capital contributions to be payable in a manner that varies from other Partnerships, including payment through capital calls. The General Partner may defer all or a portion of a scheduled installment payment on prior written notice to the Limited Partners. Upon prior written notice, the General Partner may require payment of all or any part of a deferred payment. The General Partner may determine that all or a portion of the amounts deferred will not be needed to fund Partnership investments. If this determination is made, the General Partner may elect to cancel irrevocably the outstanding obligation of Limited Partners to pay all or a portion of the amounts deferred.

A General Partner may have the right to repurchase, redeem, cause the forfeiture of or cancel the Interest of (i) an Eligible Employee who ceases to be an employee, officer, director or current Consultant of any NB Entity for any reason or (ii) any Qualified Participant of any person described in clause (i). The Partnership Agreement or

<sup>49</sup> For purposes of this Application, if applicable, a Partnership will be deemed to be formed with respect to each deferred compensation plan and each reference to "Partnership," "capital contribution," "General Partner," "Limited Partner" and "Interest" in this Application will be deemed to refer to the deferred compensation plan, the notional capital contribution to the deferred compensation plan, the NB Entities, a participant of the deferred compensation plan and participation rights in the deferred compensation plan, respectively.

<sup>10</sup> In no case will a loan to a prospective Limited Partner be extended or arranged if prohibited by law, including the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002. If an NB Entity extends a loan to a Limited Partner, the loan will be made at an interest rate no less favorable to the Limited Partner than that which the NB Entity believes could be obtained on an arm's length basis.

private placement memorandum for each Partnership will describe, if applicable, the amount that a Limited Partner would receive upon repurchase, redemption, cancellation or forfeiture of its Interest. If a General Partner were to exercise such a right to repurchase, redeem, cause the forfeiture of or cancel such an Interest, ~~other than in the circumstances described below~~, a Limited Partner would receive upon repurchase, redemption, cancellation or forfeiture of its Interest, at a minimum, the lesser of (i) the amount actually paid by or (subject to any vesting requirements) on behalf of the Limited Partner to acquire the Interest, plus interest, less any distributions, and (ii) the fair value of the Interest determined at the time of the repurchase, redemption, forfeiture or cancellation as determined in good faith by the General Partner, in each case less any expenses incurred by the General Partner or the Partnership in connection with such repurchase, redemption, forfeiture or cancellation.

Other than a court ordered transfer or transfer required by operation of law, Interests in each Partnership will be non-transferable except with the prior written consent of the General Partner ~~(except for a transfer by operation of law)~~, and, in any event, no person or entity will be admitted into the Partnership as a Limited Partner unless such person is (i) an Eligible Employee, (ii) a Qualified Participant or (iii) an NB Entity. Consequently, the limitations on the transferability of Interests in the Partnership are designed to ensure that the community of interest among the participants will continue through the life of the Partnership.

The Partnership will retain the right to require the payment of any unfunded capital contributions from the Limited Partners for any appropriate Partnership purpose, including the payment of Partnership indebtedness, fees, or expenses, and may be permitted to assign this right to any lender to the Partnership.

Each private placement memorandum or Partnership Agreement of a Partnership will describe the consequences, if any, for a Limited Partner's Interest in the event of termination of the Limited Partner's (or relevant Eligible Employee's) employment or role as a Consultant with an NB Entity, whether for cause or not, or upon his or her bankruptcy, voluntary resignation, death, permanent disability, retirement or otherwise, such as whether an NB Entity will be required to or will have the option to acquire, or the Partnership will have the option to redeem or repurchase, all or part of the Limited Partner's Interest. If an NB Entity acquires, or the Partnership redeems or repurchases, a Limited Partner's Interest as a consequence of such a circumstance, such Limited Partner would receive the amount set forth in the Partnership Agreement. Once a Consultant's ongoing relationship with an NB Entity is terminated: (i) such Consultant and its Qualified Participants, if any, will not be permitted to contribute any additional capital to a Partnership for new Partnership investments (provided; however, that obligations to fund capital for any Interests that are retained by such persons will not be deemed a contribution of additional capital for purposes hereof); and (ii) the existing Interests of such Consultant and its Qualified Participants, if any, as of the date of such termination will (A) to the extent the governing documents of a Partnership provide for periodic redemptions in the ordinary course, be redeemed as of the next regularly scheduled redemption date and (B) to the extent the governing documents of a Partnership do not provide for such periodic redemptions (e.g. as a result of the vehicle primarily investing in illiquid investments), be retained by such Consultant and its Qualified Participants. The amount to be received by the Limited Partner will be subject to any applicable vesting schedule or forfeiture provisions. To the extent there is an oversubscription for a regularly scheduled redemption, existing Interests of the Limited Partner will be redeemed on a pro rata basis with all other Limited Partners who have made a request, in accordance with the governing documents, to be redeemed as of that redemption date and any subsequent regularly scheduled redemption date until all of such Limited Partner's existing Interests are redeemed. Even if part of a Limited Partner's Interest is acquired or canceled by an NB Entity, the Limited Partner may still be required to make additional capital contributions for the payment of the Management Fee (as defined below) or other expenses relating to Partnership investments in which the Limited Partner retains an interest.

#### D. Management

The General Partner of a Partnership will be responsible for the overall management of such Partnership and will have the authority to make all decisions regarding the management, control, and direction of the Partnership and its operations, business, and affairs. However, the General Partner may be permitted to enter into contracts or agreements to delegate all or certain of its responsibilities regarding the acquisition, management and disposition of Partnership investments to an Investment Adviser, provided that the ultimate responsibility for, and control of, the Partnership, remain with the applicable General Partner. A General Partner's or Investment Adviser's investment decisions for a Partnership may be subject to the approval of an investment committee, but an NB Entity will be ultimately responsible for the affairs and investments of such Partnership. If a General Partner

determines that a Partnership should enter into any side-by-side investment with an unaffiliated entity, the General Partner will be permitted to engage the unaffiliated entity as investment adviser or sub-investment adviser (in either case, an “Unaffiliated Subadviser”), which will be responsible for the management of such side-by-side investment. Where the General Partner has appointed an Investment Adviser or Unaffiliated Subadviser, the Applicants anticipate that the General Partner will, in most cases, exercise its governance authority only after receiving a recommendation from the Investment Adviser or Unaffiliated Subadviser as to the matter to be acted upon. A General Partner may also delegate administrative responsibilities for a Partnership to an NB Entity or a third party.

To the extent authorized by its governing documents, an Investment Adviser or Unaffiliated Subadviser may be paid a management fee (“Management Fee”) for its services to a Partnership, which fee will generally be determined as a percentage of the capital commitments or assets under management (appreciated capital commitments) of the Limited Partners, or the value of the assets of the Partnership. To the extent authorized by governing documents, a General Partner, Investment Adviser or Unaffiliated Subadviser, or their “affiliated persons,” as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act, may receive a Carried Interest based on the net gains, distributions or returns of the Partnership’s investments, in addition to any amount allocable to the General Partner’s, Investment Adviser’s, Unaffiliated Subadviser’s or affiliated person’s capital contribution. All or a portion of the Carried Interest may be paid to individuals who are officers, employees or stockholders of the General Partner, Investment Adviser, Unaffiliated Subadviser, or their affiliated persons. Certain of the Partnerships may not pay a Carried Interest or a Management Fee, but may pay a fee for administrative services to an NB Entity or a third party. An NB Entity will not receive any management fees or other compensation at both the Partnership level and the Fund level with respect to a Partnership’s investment in a Fund (so as to avoid duplication of fees). For the avoidance of doubt, an NB Entity may charge a Management Fee or Carried Interest at the Partnership level with respect to a Partnership’s investment in a fund managed by a third party even if the third party is paid a management fee or Carried Interest at the fund level.

If an Unaffiliated Subadviser is entitled to receive a Carried Interest, it may also act as an additional General Partner (or special Limited Partner) of a Partnership solely in order to address certain tax issues relating to the Carried Interest. In all such instances, however, an NB Entity will also be a General Partner of the Partnership and will have exclusive responsibility for making the determinations required to be made by a General Partner under this Application. No Unaffiliated Subadviser will beneficially own any outstanding securities of a Partnership.

Expenses that may be charged by the General Partner or the Investment Adviser to, or otherwise incurred by, the Partnership could include legal and accounting fees, organizational expenses, administrative expenses, audit expenses, taxes and other operating expenses (including the Partnership’s pro rata share of expenses incurred by the General Partner, the Investment Adviser or the Funds in connection with potential investments or providing the General Partner’s or the Investment Adviser’s services to the Partnership). Where a Partnership is formed to invest concurrently with a Fund or Third Party Funds (as defined below), organizational and operating expenses may include such Partnership’s pro rata share of organizational and operating expenses attributable to such Fund or Third Party Funds. The NB Entities reserve the right to pay for all or a portion of the organizational or operating expenses with respect to a Partnership.

Changes recommended by tax counsel, accountants or auditors to the Partnerships may be made to the structure of the NB Entities (including the General Partners) and NB Entities’ (including the General Partners’) contribution to the Partnerships, if any, so as not to impair the tax status of the Partnerships.

The Applicants represent and concede that each General Partner and Investment Adviser managing a Partnership is an “investment adviser” within the meaning of Sections 9 and 36 of the 1940 Act and is subject to those sections. In addition, without limiting any recordkeeping requirement imposed by the Advisers Act, a Partnership and its General Partner and Investment Adviser will maintain and preserve such accounts, books and other documents constituting the record forming the basis for the audited financial statements that are to be provided to the Limited Partners or that are necessary or appropriate to record transactions with the Partnership. All such records will be subject to examination by the Commission staff.

## E. Investments

Each of the Partnerships will operate as a diversified or non-diversified closed-end or open-end investment company of the management type within the meaning of the 1940 Act; provided, that the governing documents of a Partnership may provide for periodic subscriptions and redemptions. The investment objectives and policies of each Partnership and whether it will operate as a diversified or non-diversified closed-end or open-end vehicle may vary from Partnership to Partnership, and will be set forth in the offering documents relating to the specific Partnership.

Partnerships may be expected to seek capital appreciation through speculative investments in a wide variety of U.S. and non-U.S. securities, commodities, derivatives and alternative investments, including, but not limited to: (i) equities that span the global market capitalization spectrum across fundamental and quantitative styles; (ii) fixed income investments across investment grade, non-investment grade, emerging markets, global, specialty, tax-exempt and cash/short duration strategies; (iii) private equity investments, including primaries, secondaries, co-investments, and direct strategies; (iv) hedge fund strategies, including hedge fund of funds as well as single-manager hedge funds, quantitative strategies and long-only commodity funds; or (v) multi-asset class investments that focus on both top-down strategic and tactical asset allocation and bottom-up active management, while also incorporating traditional and alternative risk premia, options and commodities.

A Partnership that is formed to co-invest with a Fund will co-invest in each or a portion of the investments made by the relevant Fund for which that Partnership was formed in accordance with its Partnership Agreement. Each Partnership may invest either directly in investments or indirectly in limited partnerships and other investment pools (including, but not limited to, pools that are exempt from registration in reliance on Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act) and investments in registered investment companies.<sup>4211</sup> Investments may be made side by side with Funds and through investment pools (including “Aggregation Vehicles”) sponsored or managed by an NB Entity or an unaffiliated entity.<sup>4312</sup>

It is possible that an investment program may be structured in which a Partnership will co-invest in a portfolio company with the NB Entities or an investment fund or separate account organized primarily for the benefit of investors who are not affiliated with the NB Entities over which an NB Entity or an Unaffiliated Subadviser exercises investment discretion (“Third Party Funds”). Side-by-side investments held by a Third Party Fund, or by an NB Entity in a transaction in which the NB Entity’s investment was made pursuant to a contractual obligation to a Third Party Fund, will not be subject to the restrictions contained in Condition 3 below. All other side-by-side investments held by NB Entities will be subject to the restrictions contained in Condition 3.

In compliance with Section 12(d)(1)(A)(i) of the 1940 Act, a Partnership will not purchase or otherwise acquire any security issued by a registered investment company if, immediately after such purchase or acquisition, the Partnership would own in the aggregate more than 3% of the outstanding voting stock of such investment company. In addition, a Partnership may acquire shares of money market funds in compliance with Rule 12d1-1 under the 1940 Act.

A substantial percentage of a Partnership’s investments may be made available to it by the NB Entities. The amount of any particular investment made available to a Partnership will depend upon particular circumstances relating to the investment.

To the extent authorized by applicable governing documents, the NB Entities (including the General Partner) may receive fees or other compensation and expense reimbursement in various forms for services rendered

<sup>4211</sup> The Applicants are not requesting any exemption from any provision of the 1940 Act or any Rule thereunder that may govern the eligibility of a Partnership to invest in an entity relying on Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act or any such entity’s status under the 1940 Act.

<sup>4312</sup> An “Aggregation Vehicle” is an investment pool sponsored or managed by an NB Entity or an unaffiliated entity that is formed solely for the purpose of permitting one or more Partnerships, Funds and other NB Entities or Third Party Funds to collectively invest in other entities. It may often be more efficient for one or more Partnerships, Funds and other NB Entities and Third Party Funds to invest in an entity together through an Aggregation Vehicle rather than having each investor separately acquire a direct interest in such entity. An Aggregation Vehicle will not be used to issue interests that discriminate against a Partnership or provide preferential treatment to an NB Entity or other NB Entity-related investors with respect to a portfolio company investment. Because no investment decisions are made at the Aggregation Vehicle level, the fact that a person who participates in the Partnership’s decision to acquire an interest in an Aggregation Vehicle also serves as an officer, director, general partner or investment adviser of the Aggregation Vehicle would not create a conflict of interest on the part of such person.

to companies or other entities in which the Partnerships invest. Such fees or other compensation may include, without limitation, transaction fees, closing fees, monitoring fees, advisory fees, placement fees, revenue streams, organization or service fees, financing fees, Management Fees, directors' fees, performance-based fees, fees for brokerage and clearing services and compensation in the form of carried interests entitling the NB Entity to share disproportionately in income or capital gains or similar compensation. Employees of the NB Entities may serve as officers or directors of such entities pursuant to rights held by a Partnership or the NB Entities or the Funds to designate such officers or directors, and may receive officers' and directors' fees and expense reimbursement in connection with such services. The NB Entities reserve the right not to charge or to waive all or a part of any such fees or other compensation that a Partnership otherwise might incur or bear indirectly or to reduce any fees that it charges to a Partnership by all or a portion of such fees. However, any such fees or other compensation or expense reimbursement received by an NB Entity generally will not be shared with any Partnership.

NB Entities may also engage in activities in the normal course of their investment management and related financial services businesses that may conflict with the interests of the Limited Partners. NB Entities may have pre-existing relationships and investments with companies in which a Partnership invests [and the Partnerships may thus be limited or precluded from investing in or selling securities by such a company](#). NB Entities may come into possession of inside information concerning specific companies and a Partnership's investment flexibility may be constrained as a consequence of the NB Entities' inability to use the information for investment purposes. Neuberger Berman has implemented certain information barriers, and may implement additional information barriers, within an NB Entity or between an NB Entity and other areas of Neuberger Berman in order to further manage the use and disclosure of information [in compliance with applicable law](#). The management and employees of the NB Entities may devote a substantial portion of their time to their other client accounts, and will devote only as much of their time to the activities of each applicable Partnership as they deem necessary or advisable. These potential conflicts of interest, to the extent the General Partner believes they are relevant to an investment in a Partnership, will be disclosed to the Limited Partners.

#### F. Distributions

The profits and losses of a Partnership will be determined in compliance with applicable tax rules and regulations and in accordance with the Partnership Agreement. Amounts apportioned to the General Partner (if any) will typically be distributed to the General Partner. Unless otherwise specifically provided in the Partnership Agreement, the capital accounts of the Limited Partners will not be reduced below zero. Distributions of Partnership profits or returns on investment will be made at the time and in the amounts determined by the General Partner in accordance with the terms of the Partnership Agreement. The General Partner will have discretion in distributing cash and proceeds from the Partnership's investments to the Limited Partners.

#### G. Reports and Accounting

A Partnership will send its Limited Partners an annual financial statement within 120 days (for a Partnership that invests directly in securities) or 180 days (for a Partnership that is a fund of funds) after the end of each fiscal year of the Partnership, or as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the Partnership's fiscal year. The annual financial statement will be audited<sup>1413</sup> by independent certified public accountants. In addition, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each fiscal year of a Partnership, a report will be sent to each Limited Partner setting forth the information with respect to such Limited Partner's share of income, gains, losses, credits and other items for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes resulting from the operation of the Partnership during that year as is necessary for such Limited Partner to prepare and file in the U.S. any tax returns required to be filed by such Limited Partner.

#### H. Partnership Term and Dissolution

The term of a Partnership will be set forth in its Partnership Agreement. Each Partnership may be dissolved prior to the expiration of its term upon the occurrence of certain specified events, also as set forth in its

<sup>1413</sup> ["Audit"](#) will have the meaning defined in Rule 1-02(d) of Regulation S-X.

Partnership Agreement. Upon dissolution of a Partnership, the Partnership's assets will be distributed in accordance with its Partnership Agreement.

### III. Request for Relief and Legal Analysis

The Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue an Order pursuant to Sections 6(b) and 6(e) of the 1940 Act exempting the Partnerships from all provisions of the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations under the 1940 Act, except Sections 9, 17, 30, 36 through 53, and the Rules and Regulations. With respect to Sections 17(a), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (j) and 30(a), (b), (e), and (h) of the 1940 Act and the Rules and Regulations, and Rule 38a-1 under the 1940 Act, the Applicants request a limited exemption as set forth in this Application.

The Applicants state that any Partnerships offered in reliance on Rule 6b-1 under the 1940 Act prior to a final determination on this Application by the Commission will comply with all of the terms and conditions stated in the most recent version of this Application filed with the Commission.

#### A. Status as Employees' Securities Companies

Each Partnership and Series will be an "employees' securities company" as that term is defined in Section 2(a)(13) of the 1940 Act. Under Section 6(b) of the 1940 Act, the Commission is required, upon application, to exempt an employees' securities company if and to the extent that the exemption is consistent with the protection of investors. Section 6(b) requires the Commission to give due weight to, among other things: (i) the form of organization and the capital structure of the company; (ii) the persons who will own and control the company's voting securities, evidences of indebtedness and other securities; (iii) the prices at which securities issued by the company will be sold and any applicable sales load; (iv) the disposition of the proceeds of the securities issued by the company; (v) the character of securities in which those proceeds will be invested; and (vi) the existence of any relationship between the company and the issuers of securities held by the company. The Applicants submit that the Commission should grant the requested relief on the basis of these factors as applied to the Partnerships.

Section 7 of the 1940 Act generally prohibits investment companies that are not registered under Section 8 of the 1940 Act from selling or redeeming their securities. Under Section 6(e) of the 1940 Act, the Commission, in connection with any Order exempting an investment company from any provision of Section 7 of the 1940 Act, may require that certain provisions apply to such company, and to other persons in their transactions and relations with such company, as though the company were registered under the 1940 Act, if the Commission deems such requirements necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

#### B. Community of Interests

The Applicants assert that the protections afforded by the 1940 Act are generally unnecessary for a Partnership in view of the community of economic and other interests among the Limited Partners and the NB Entities. The community of interest is based on (i) the concern of the NB Entities with the morale of their employees and the ability of the NB Entities to attract and retain highly qualified personnel; (ii) the absence of any public group of investors in the Partnerships; (iii) an NB Entity's participation in the investments of a Partnership as a Limited Partner or through its general partnership interest, as applicable; and (iv) in the case of Partnerships that are formed to co-invest with Funds, the co-investment by the Partnerships in the same investments made by the Funds, which are also managed by the NB Entities. In the last example, a Partnership's co-investment with the Funds, which are also managed by the NB Entities, provides the NB Entities with an incentive to act in the best interests of the Funds and indirectly the Partnerships.

The Applicants also note that a Partnership's investment program will be conceived and organized by persons who may be directly or indirectly investing, or eligible to invest, in such Partnership. Further, the Partnerships will not be promoted to Eligible Employees by persons outside of the NB Entities seeking to profit from fees for investment advice or from the distribution of securities.

The NB Entities represent, as to each Partnership, that:

1. The NB Entities will control the Partnership within the meaning of Section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act. A General Partner and any other person acting for or on behalf of a Partnership shall be required to act in the best interest of the Partnership and its security holders.

2. Whenever the NB Entities, the General Partner or any other person acting for or on behalf of the Partnership is required or permitted to make a decision, take or approve an action, or omit to do any of the foregoing in such person's discretion, then such person will exercise such discretion in accordance with reasonableness and good faith and any fiduciary duties owed to the Partnership and its security holders. A General Partner and the members of any investment committee of a Partnership will each be, as applicable, an "employee, officer, director, member of an advisory board, investment adviser, or depositor" of the Partnership or an NB Entity within the meaning of Section 9 of the 1940 Act, and subject to that section, and a General Partner and the members of any investment committee of a Partnership will each be, as applicable, an "officer, director, member of any advisory board, investment adviser, or depositor" of the Partnership or an NB Entity within the meaning of Section 36 of the 1940 Act, and subject to that section.

3. The organizational documents for, and any other contractual arrangement regarding, the Partnership, will not contain any provision which protects or purports to protect the NB Entities, the General Partner or their delegates (if any) against any liability to the Partnership or its security holders to which such person would otherwise be subject by reason of willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of such person's duties.

C. Burdens of Compliance

The Applicants maintain that requiring the Partnerships to comply with the various provisions of the 1940 Act would present the Partnerships with unnecessary burdens. As noted above, the operation of the Partnerships is not likely to result in the abuses that the 1940 Act was designed to remedy. In addition, the Applicants note that substantial protection will be available to investors (i) with respect to matters such as valuations and access of Limited Partners to reports and (ii) by the Partnership Agreement of each Partnership restricting the General Partner's authority to make certain amendments to the Partnership Agreement without the requisite amount of consents from the Limited Partners.

D. Specific Relief

1. Section 17(a)

Section 17(a) generally prohibits any affiliated person of a registered investment company or any affiliated person of an affiliated person, acting as principal, from knowingly selling or purchasing any security or other property to or from the company.

The Applicants request an exemption from Section 17(a) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit an NB Entity, a Fund or a Third Party Fund (or any "affiliated person," as defined in the 1940 Act, of any such NB Entity, Fund or Third Party Fund), acting as principal, to purchase or sell securities or other property to or from any Partnership or any company controlled by such Partnership (including, if permitted by this Application, by making a contribution in kind to a Partnership in exchange for Interests). Any such transactions to which any Partnership is a party will be effected only after a determination by the General Partner or Investment Adviser of the Partnership that the requirements of Condition 1 below have been satisfied. In addition, these transactions will be effected only to the extent not prohibited by the applicable Partnership Agreement.

The requested relief will not extend to any transactions between a Partnership and an Unaffiliated Subadviser or an affiliated person of an Unaffiliated Subadviser or between a Partnership and any person who is not an employee, officer or director of the NB Entities or is an entity outside of the NB Entities and is an affiliated person of the Partnership as defined in Section 2(a)(3)(E) of the 1940 Act (an "Advisory Person") or any affiliated person of such a person.

The Applicants submit that the exemption they seek from Section 17(a) of the 1940 Act will be consistent with the purposes of the Partnerships and the protection of investors. Limited Partners will be informed in a Partnership's offering materials of the possible extent of the Partnership's dealings with the NB Entities and, if applicable, the Funds and of the potential conflicts of interest that may exist. As professionals engaged in financial services businesses, the Limited Partners will be able to evaluate the risks associated with those dealings. The Applicants assert that, moreover, the community of interest among the Limited Partners and the NB Entities and the Funds will serve to reduce the risk of abuse in transactions involving a Partnership and an NB Entity or an NB Entity and the Funds.

The considerations described above will protect each Partnership and limit the possibilities of conflict of interest and abuse of the type that Section 17(a) was designed to prevent. Consistent with the foregoing, the Partnerships agree to abide by the conditions set forth below to the relief requested from Section 17(a). In addition, the Applicants, on behalf of the Partnerships, represent that any transactions otherwise subject to Section 17(a) of the Act, for which exemptive relief has not been requested, would require approval of the Commission.

## 2. Section 17(d) and Rule 17d-1

Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder prohibit any affiliated person or principal underwriter of a registered investment company, or any affiliated person of such person or principal underwriter, acting as principal, from participating in any joint arrangement with the company unless authorized by the Commission. The Applicants request relief to permit affiliated persons of the Partnerships (such as the Investment Adviser or the Funds), or affiliated persons of any such persons, to participate in, or effect any transaction in connection with, any joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan in which a Partnership or companies controlled by a Partnership participate.

The requested relief will not extend to any transaction in which an Unaffiliated Subadviser or an Advisory Person, or an affiliated person of either such person has an interest, except in connection with a Third Party Fund sponsored by an Unaffiliated Subadviser.

The Applicants submit that suitable investments will be brought to the attention of a Partnership and that investments will be made by a Partnership, in both cases, because of its affiliation with the NB Entities and the Funds. The Applicants also submit that the types of investment opportunities considered by a Partnership (or in the case of Partnerships formed to co-invest with Funds, in which the Partnerships will co-invest with the Funds) often require each investor to make funds available in an amount that may be substantially greater than what a Partnership (including its Eligible Employees and Qualified Participants) may be able to make available on its own. The Applicants contend that, as a result, the only way in which a Partnership (and thus its Eligible Employees and Qualified Participants) may be able to participate in these opportunities may be to co-invest with other persons, including the Funds, which would be affiliated persons, as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act. The Applicants note that each Partnership will be primarily organized for the benefit of Eligible Employees as an incentive for them to join and remain with the NB Entities and to allow them to access investment strategies that they may otherwise not be able to access (and obtain any diversification benefits associated with such strategies), as well as for the generation and maintenance of goodwill. The Applicants assert that, if co-investments with the Funds are prohibited, the appeal of the Partnerships would be significantly or completely diminished. The Applicants assert that Eligible Employees wish to participate in such co-investment opportunities because they believe that (i) the resources and experience of the NB Entities enable them to analyze investment opportunities to an extent that Eligible Employees would not be able to duplicate, (ii) investments recommended by the NB Entities will not be generally available to investors even if the financial status of the Eligible Employees would enable them to otherwise participate in such opportunities, and (iii) Eligible Employees will be able to pool their investment resources, thus achieving greater diversification of their individual investment portfolios and the potential benefits associated with such diversification.

The Applicants assert that the flexibility to structure co-investments and joint investments ~~or other joint arrangements~~ will not involve abuses of the type Section 17(d) and Rule 17d-1 were designed to prevent. The Applicants state that the concern that permitting co-investments by the Funds and a Partnership might lead to less advantageous treatment of the Partnership should be mitigated by the fact that the NB Entities will be acutely concerned with their relationship with the investors in the Partnerships, the fact that senior officers and directors of NB Entities may be investing in the Partnership and the fact that the applicable NB Entities have fiduciary duties



with respect to a Fund when selecting Fund investments. In addition, the Applicants assert that compliance with Section 17(d) would cause the Partnership to forgo investment opportunities simply because the Funds, a Limited Partner, the General Partner or any other affiliated person of the Partnership (or any affiliated person of such affiliated person) made a similar investment.

Co-investments with Third Party Funds, or by an NB Entity pursuant to a contractual obligation to a Third Party Fund, will not be subject to Condition 3 below. The Applicants note that it is common for a Third Party Fund to require that the NB Entities invest their own capital in Third Party Fund investments and that the NB Entities' investments be subject to substantially the same terms as those applicable to the Third Party Fund. The Applicants believe it is important that the interests of the Third Party Fund take priority over the interests of the Partnerships and that the Third Party Fund not be burdened or otherwise affected by activities of the Partnerships. In addition, the Applicants assert that the relationship of a Partnership to a Third Party Fund is fundamentally different from a Partnership's relationship to the NB Entities. The Applicants contend that the focus of, and the rationale for, the protections contained in the requested relief are to protect the Partnerships from any overreaching by the NB Entities in the employer/employee context, whereas the same concerns are not present with respect to the Partnerships vis-à-vis a Third Party Fund.

In summary, the requested relief under Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act is necessary in light of the purpose of each Partnership. Given the criteria for Eligible Employees and the conditions with which the Partnerships have agreed to comply, the requested relief is appropriate in light of the purposes of the 1940 Act.

The considerations described above will protect each Partnership and limit the possibilities of conflict of interest and abuse of the type which Section 17(d) was designed to prevent. Consistent with the foregoing, the Partnerships agree to abide by the conditions set forth below to the relief requested from Section 17(d) and Rule 17d-1. In addition, the Applicants represent that any transactions otherwise subject to Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, for which exemptive relief has not been requested, would require approval by the Commission.

### 3. Section 17(e) and Rule 17e-1

Section 17(e) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act limit the compensation an affiliated person may receive when acting as agent or broker for a registered investment company. The Applicants request an exemption from Section 17(e) to permit an NB Entity (including the General Partner) that acts as an agent or broker to receive placement fees, advisory fees or other compensation from a Partnership in connection with the purchase or sale by the Partnership of securities or other assets, provided that the fees or other compensation are deemed "usual and customary." The Applicants state that for the purposes of this Application, fees or other compensation that are charged or received by an NB Entity will be deemed "usual and customary" only if (i) the Partnership is purchasing or selling securities or other assets with other unaffiliated third parties, which may include Third Party Funds, (ii) the fees or other compensation being charged to the Partnership (directly or indirectly) are also being charged to the unaffiliated third parties, including any participating Third Party Funds, and (iii) the amount of securities or other assets being purchased or sold by the Partnership (directly or indirectly) does not exceed 50% of the total amount of securities or other assets being purchased or sold by the Partnership (directly or indirectly) and the unaffiliated third parties, including Third Party Funds. The Applicants assert that, because the NB Entities do not wish to appear to be favoring the Partnerships, compliance with Section 17(e) would prevent a Partnership from participating in transactions where the Partnership is being charged lower fees than unaffiliated third parties also participating in the transaction. The concerns of overreaching and abuse that Section 17(e) and Rule 17e-1 were designed to prevent are alleviated by the conditions that ensure that the fees or other compensation paid by a Partnership to an NB Entity are those negotiated at arm's length with unaffiliated third parties.

Rule 17e-1(b) requires that a majority of directors who are not "interested persons" (as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act) take actions and make approvals regarding commissions, fees or other remuneration. Rule 17e-1(c) requires the board of directors of an investment company relying on the rule to satisfy the fund governance standards set forth in Rule 0-1(a)(7) (the "Fund Governance Standards"). The Applicants request an exemption from Rule 17e-1 to the extent necessary to permit each Partnership to comply with the rule without having a majority of the directors<sup>14</sup> of the Partnership or the General Partner (as applicable) who are not<sup>14</sup> All references to directors or boards of directors of the General Partner made herein are intended to include the substantial equivalent in respect of an entity that does not have a board of directors (e.g., "managers" or "boards of managers" of a Delaware limited liability company).

interested persons take actions and make determinations as set forth in paragraph (b) of the rule and without having to satisfy the standards set forth in paragraph (c) of the rule. The Applicants state that because all the directors or other governing body of a Partnership or a General Partner (as applicable) will be affiliated persons, without the relief requested, a Partnership could not comply with Rule 17e-1. The Applicants state that each Partnership will comply with Rule 17e-1 by having a majority of the directors (or members of a comparable body) of the Partnership or its General Partner take such actions and make such approvals as set forth in the rule. The Applicants state that each Partnership will otherwise comply with Rule 17e-1.

#### 4. Section 17(f)

Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act provides that the securities and similar investments of a registered management investment company must be placed in the custody of a bank, a member of a national securities exchange or the company itself in accordance with Commission rules. Rule 17f-1 under the 1940 Act specifies the requirements that must be satisfied for a registered management investment company to maintain custody of its securities and similar investments with a company that is a member of a national securities exchange. The Applicants request relief from Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act and subsections (a), (b) (to the extent such subsection refers to contractual requirements), (c) and (d) of Rule 17f-1 under the 1940 Act to the extent necessary to permit an NB Entity to act as custodian for a Partnership without a written contract. Since there is a close association between a Partnership and the NB Entities, requiring a detailed written contract would expose the Partnership to unnecessary burden and expense. The Applicants also request relief from the requirement in paragraph (b)(4) of the rule that an independent accountant periodically verify the Partnership's assets held by the custodian. The Applicants believe that, because of the community of interest between the NB Entities and the Partnerships and the existing requirement for an independent audit, compliance with this requirement would be unnecessary. Except as set forth above, a Partnership relying on Rule 17f-1 will otherwise comply with the provisions of the rule.

Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act designates the entities that may act as investment company custodians, and Rule 17f-2 under the 1940 Act specifies the requirements that must be satisfied for a registered management investment company to act as a custodian of its own investments. The Applicants request relief from Section 17(f) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17f-2 under the 1940 Act to permit the following exceptions from the requirements of Rule 17f-2: (i) a Partnership's investments may be kept in the locked files of the NB Entities, the General Partner or the Investment Adviser; (ii) for purposes of paragraph (d) of the rule, (a) employees of the General Partner (or the NB Entities) will be deemed to be employees of the Partnerships, (b) directors, officers or managers (or persons serving in a similar capacity) of the General Partner of a Partnership (or the NB Entities) will be deemed to be officers of the Partnership, and (c) the General Partner of a Partnership or its board of directors will be deemed to be the board of directors of the Partnership; and (iii) in place of the verification procedure under paragraph (f) of the rule, verification will be effected quarterly by two employees of the NB Entities, each of whom will have sufficient knowledge, sophistication and experience in business matters to perform such examination. With respect to certain Partnerships, some of their investments may be evidenced only by partnership agreements, subscription agreements, participation agreements or similar documents, rather than by negotiable certificates that could be misappropriated. The Applicants assert that, for such a Partnership, these instruments are most suitably kept in the files of the General Partner or the Investment Adviser, where they can be referred to as necessary. The Applicants will comply with all other provisions of Rule 17f-2.

#### 5. Section 17(g) and Rule 17g-1

Section 17(g) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act generally require the bonding of officers and employees of a registered investment company who have access to its securities or funds. Rule 17g-1 requires that a majority of directors who are not interested persons of a registered investment company take certain actions and give certain approvals relating to fidelity bonding. Paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 sets forth certain materials relating to the fidelity bond that must be filed with the Commission and certain notices relating to the fidelity bond that must be given to each member of the investment company's board of directors. Paragraph (h) of Rule 17g-1 provides that an investment company must designate one of its officers to make the filings and give the notices required by paragraph (g). Paragraph (j) of Rule 17g-1 exempts a joint insured bond provided and maintained by an investment company and one or more parties from the prohibitions on joint transactions contained in Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder.

The Applicants request relief to the extent necessary to permit the Partnership's or the General Partner's board of directors or other governing body, who may be deemed interested persons, to take actions and make determinations as set forth in the rule. The Applicants also request an exemption from the requirements of: (i) paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 relating to the filing of copies of fidelity bonds and related information with the Commission and the provision of notices to the board of directors; (ii) paragraph (h) of the rule relating to the appointment of a person to make the filings and provide the notices required by paragraph (g); and (iii) paragraph (j)(3) of the rule relating to compliance with the Fund Governance Standards. The Partnerships will comply with all other requirements of Rule 17g-1.

The Applicants state that, because all directors or other governing body of the Partnership or the General Partner will be affiliated persons, a Partnership could not comply with Rule 17g-1 without the requested relief. In light of the purpose of the Partnerships, and the community of interest among the Partnerships and between the Partnerships and the General Partners, the Applicants believe that little purpose would be served by this requirement even if it were feasible. Specifically, each Partnership will comply with Rule 17g-1 by having a majority of the applicable Partnership's or General Partner's directors (or members of a comparable body) take actions and make determinations as set forth in the rule.

The Applicants believe that the filing requirements are burdensome and unnecessary as applied to the Partnerships. The applicable General Partner will maintain (or designate another NB Entity to maintain) the materials otherwise required to be filed with the Commission by paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 and agrees that all such materials will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff. The General Partner will designate a person to maintain the records otherwise required to be filed with the Commission under paragraph (g) of the rule. The Applicants submit that no purpose would be served in complying with the requirements of the rule related to filing information with the Commission. While filing information related to fidelity bonds may serve to protect public investors, as employees' securities companies, the Partnerships will not have public investors. Exempting the Partnerships from these provisions does not diminish investor protections, as Limited Partners will receive the protections offered by the Partnerships' compliance with other provisions of Rule 17g-1. Moreover, the Partnerships will not be making other filings with the Commission, such as those related to a registration statement, and no purpose would be served by establishing filing requirements solely for Rule 17g-1.

In addition, the Applicants maintain that the notices otherwise required to be given to each member of the board of directors of an investment company by paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 would be unnecessary as the Partnerships will not have independent boards of directors. The General Partner of a Partnership will be the functional equivalent of the board of directors of an investment company. As stated above, the applicable General Partner will appoint the person responsible for maintaining the information that would otherwise be filed with the Commission under paragraph (g) of the rule and ensure that the Commission has access to all such information. The information that would otherwise be filed with the Commission under paragraph (g) of the rule includes the full scope of the information for which notices would otherwise be given to the board of directors under the rule. It therefore would be unnecessary to give notices to the General Partner regarding this information.

For the same reasons, the Applicants believe that the requirements relating to disinterested directors and their counsel in paragraph (j)(3) of Rule 17g-1 are burdensome and unnecessary as applied to the Partnerships. As discussed above, the Partnerships and the General Partners will not have disinterested boards of directors, and therefore it is not feasible to require the approval of joint fidelity bonds by disinterested directors of the Partnerships and the General Partners. Moreover, in light of the purpose of the Partnerships and the community of interest among the Partnerships and between the Partnerships and the applicable General Partners, the Applicants believe that little purpose would be served by this requirement even if it were feasible. The Applicants also state that each Partnership will otherwise comply with Rule 17g-1. The fidelity bond maintained by Neuberger Berman will cover the NB Entities' employees who have access to the securities and funds of the Partnership.

#### 6. Section 17(j) and Rule 17j-1

Section 17(j) of the 1940 Act and paragraph (b) of Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act make it unlawful for certain enumerated persons to engage in fraudulent or deceptive practices in connection with the purchase or sale of a security held or to be acquired by a registered investment company. Rule 17j-1 also requires that every registered investment company adopt a written code of ethics and that every access person of a registered investment company report personal securities transactions. The Applicants request relief from Section 17(j) and the provisions of

Rule 17j-1, except for the antifraud provisions of paragraph (b), because they are unnecessarily burdensome as applied to the Partnerships and the NB Entities. Requiring each Partnership to adopt a written code of ethics and requiring access persons to report each of their securities transactions would be time consuming and expensive and would serve little purpose in light of, among other things, the community of interest among the participants in the Partnership by virtue of their common association with the NB Entities (either as employees or Consultants of the NB Entities) and the substantial and largely overlapping protections afforded by the conditions with which such Partnership has agreed to comply. The Applicants believe that the requested exemption is consistent with the purposes of the 1940 Act because the dangers against which Section 17(j) and Rule 17j-1 are intended to guard are not present in the case of any Partnership. The relief requested will only extend to the NB Entities and is not requested with respect to any Unaffiliated Subadviser or Advisory Person.

7. Sections 30(a), (b), (e) and (h)

The Applicants request an exemption from the requirements in Sections 30(a), 30(b) and 30(e) of the 1940 Act, and the rules promulgated thereunder, that registered investment companies prepare and file with the Commission and mail to their shareholders certain periodic reports and financial statements. The Applicants contend that the forms prescribed by the Commission for periodic reports have little relevance to the Partnerships and would entail administrative and legal costs that outweigh any benefit to the Limited Partners. The Applicants request relief to the extent necessary to permit each Partnership to report annually to its Limited Partners as described herein. The Applicants also request an exemption from Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act to the extent necessary to exempt the General Partner or Investment Adviser of each Partnership, members of the General Partner or the Investment Adviser, any board of managers or directors or committee of the NB Entities' employees to whom the General Partner or the Investment Adviser may delegate its functions, and any other persons who may be deemed to be members of an advisory board of a Partnership, or any other persons otherwise subject to Section 30(h), from filing Forms 3, 4 and 5 under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act") with respect to their ownership of Interests in the Partnership. The Applicants assert that, because there will be no trading market and the transfers of Interests will be severely restricted, these filings are unnecessary for the protection of investors and burdensome to those required to make them.

8. Rule 38a-1

Rule 38a-1 requires that every registered investment company adopt and implement written compliance policies and procedures and review those policies and procedures annually. Rule 38a-1 also requires the designation of a chief compliance officer, and requires the chief compliance officer to report directly to the fund's board.

Each Partnership will comply with Rule 38a-1(a), (c) and (d), except that (i) where the Partnership does not have a board of directors, the board of directors or other governing body of the General Partner or the Investment Adviser will fulfill the responsibilities assigned to the Partnership's board of directors under the rule, and (ii) since the board of directors or other governing body of the Partnership, the General Partner or the Investment Adviser will not have any disinterested members, (a) approval by a majority of the disinterested board members required by Rule 38a-1 will not be obtained, and (b) the Partnerships will comply with the requirement in Rule 38a-1(a)(4)(iv) that the chief compliance officer meet with the independent directors by having the chief compliance officer meet with the board of directors or other governing body of the Partnership, the General Partner or the Investment Adviser as constituted.

Each Partnership will adopt written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violations of the terms and conditions of this Application, will (or its General Partner or Investment Adviser will) appoint a chief compliance officer and will otherwise be in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Application.

IV. Applicants' Conditions

The Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Each proposed transaction involving a Partnership otherwise prohibited by Section 17(a) or Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act to which a Partnership is a party (the "Section 17

Transactions”) will be effected only if the applicable General Partner or Investment Adviser determines that (i) the terms of the Section 17 Transaction, including the consideration to be paid or received, are fair and reasonable to the Limited Partners of the Partnership and do not involve overreaching of the Partnership or its Limited Partners on the part of any person concerned, and (ii) the Section 17 Transaction is consistent with the interests of the Limited Partners, the Partnership’s organizational documents and the Partnership’s reports to its Limited Partners.<sup>4615</sup>

In addition, the applicable General Partner or Investment Adviser of a Partnership will (or will designate another NB Entity that is subject to examination by the Commission and its staff to) record and preserve a description of all Section 17 Transactions, the General Partner’s or the Investment Adviser’s findings, the information or materials upon which the findings are based and the basis for the findings. All such records will be maintained for the life of the Partnership and at least six years thereafter and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.<sup>4716</sup>

2. The General Partner or Investment Adviser of each Partnership will adopt, and periodically review and update, procedures designed to ensure that reasonable inquiry is made, prior to the consummation of any Section 17 Transaction, with respect to the possible involvement in the transaction of any affiliated person or promoter of or principal underwriter for the Partnership or any affiliated person of such person, promoter or principal underwriter.

3. The General Partner or Investment Adviser of each Partnership will not invest the funds of the Partnership in any investment in which an “Affiliated Co-Investor” (as defined below) has acquired or proposes to acquire the same class of securities of the same issuer and where the investment transaction involves a joint enterprise or other joint arrangement within the meaning of Rule 17d-1 in which the Partnership and an Affiliated Co-Investor are participants (each such investment, a “Rule 17d-1 Investment”), unless any such Affiliated Co-Investor, prior to disposing of all or part of its investment, (i) gives the General Partner or Investment Adviser sufficient, but not less than one day’s, notice of its intent to dispose of its investment, and (ii) refrains from disposing of its investment unless the Partnership has the opportunity to dispose of the Partnership’s investment prior to or concurrently with, on the same terms as and pro rata with, the Affiliated Co-Investor.<sup>4817</sup> The term “Affiliated Co-Investor” with respect to any Partnership means any person who is (i) an “affiliated person” (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act) of the Partnership (other than a Third Party Fund), (ii) an NB Entity, (iii) an officer or director of the NB Entities, (iv) an Eligible Employee, or (v) an entity (other than a Third Party Fund) in which an NB Entity acts as a general partner or has a similar capacity to control the sale or other disposition of the entity’s securities. The restrictions contained in this condition, however, shall not be deemed to limit or prevent the disposition of an investment by an Affiliated Co-Investor (i) to its direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary, to any company (a “Parent”) of which the Affiliated Co-Investor is a direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary or to a direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of its Parent, (ii) ~~in kind to its underlying investors, as part of a redemption from or liquidation of such Affiliated Co-Investor or otherwise,~~ (iii) to immediate family members of the Affiliated Co-Investor or a trust or other investment vehicle established for any Affiliated Co-Investor or any such immediate family member, or ~~(iv)~~ (iii) when the investment is comprised of securities that are (a) listed on a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the 1934 Act, (b) NMS stocks pursuant to Section 11A(a)(2) of the 1934 Act and Rule 600(a) of Regulation NMS thereunder, (c) government securities as defined in Section 2(a)(16) of the 1940 Act or other securities that meet the definition of “Eligible Security” in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act, or (d) listed or traded on any foreign securities exchange or board of trade that satisfies regulatory requirements under the law of the jurisdiction in which such foreign securities exchange or board of trade is organized similar to those that apply to a national securities exchange or a national market system for securities.

<sup>4615</sup> If a Partnership invests through an Aggregation Vehicle and such investment is a Section 17 Transaction, this condition will apply with respect to both the investment in the Aggregation Vehicle and any investment by the Aggregation Vehicle of Partnership funds.

<sup>4716</sup> Each Partnership will preserve the accounts, books and other documents required to be maintained in an easily accessible place for the first two years.

<sup>4817</sup> If a Partnership invests in a Rule 17d-1 Investment through an Aggregation Vehicle, the requirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of this sentence shall apply to both the Affiliated Co-Investor’s disposition of such Rule 17d-1 Investment and, if the Affiliated Co-Investor also holds a Rule 17d-1 Investment through such Aggregation Vehicle, its disposition of all or part of its investment in the Aggregation Vehicle.

4. Each Partnership and its General Partner or Investment Adviser will (or will designate another NB Entity that is subject to examination by the Commission and its staff to) maintain and preserve, for the life of the Partnership and any Series of the Partnership and at least six years thereafter, such accounts, books and other documents constituting the record forming the basis for the audited financial statements that are to be provided to the Limited Partners in the Partnership, and each annual report of the Partnership required to be sent to the Limited Partners, and agree that all such records will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.<sup>4918</sup>

5. Within 120 days (for a Partnership that invests directly in securities) or 180 days (for a Partnership that is a fund of funds) after the end of each fiscal year of each Partnership, or as soon as practicable thereafter, each Partnership will send to each Limited Partner having an Interest in the Partnership at any time during the fiscal year then ended Partnership financial statements audited by the Partnership's independent accountants with respect to the Partnership or those Series in which the Limited Partner had an Interest, except under certain circumstances in the case of a Partnership formed to make a single portfolio investment. In such cases, the Partnership may send unaudited financial statements where each Limited Partner will receive financial statements of the single portfolio investment audited by such portfolio investment's independent accountants. At the end of each fiscal year, the General Partner will make or cause to be made a valuation of all of the assets of the Partnership as of such fiscal year end in a manner consistent with its customary practice with respect to the valuation of assets of the kind held by the Partnership. In addition, ~~within 120 days (for a Partnership that invests directly in securities) or 180 days (for a Partnership that is a fund of funds) after the end~~ by September 15th of each ~~fiscal year of each Partnership (or as soon as practicable thereafter)~~, the General Partner will send a report to each person who was a Limited Partner at any time during ~~the~~ fiscal year ~~then ended~~, setting forth such tax information as shall be necessary for the preparation by the Limited Partner of ~~that partner's~~ U.S. federal and state income tax returns for such fiscal year and a report of the investment activities of the Partnership during ~~that~~ such fiscal year.

6. If a Partnership makes purchases or sales from or to an entity affiliated with the Partnership by reason of an officer, director or employee of an NB Entity (i) serving as an officer, director, general partner, manager or investment adviser of the entity (other than an entity that is a Fund or an Aggregation Vehicle), or (ii) having a 5% or more investment in the entity, such individual will not participate in the Partnership's determination of whether or not to effect the purchase or sale.

#### V. Procedural Matters

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(f) under the 1940 Act, the Applicants state that their address is as indicated on the cover page of this Application. The Applicants further state that all written communications concerning this Application should be directed to:

David A. Form, Esq.  
Sidley Austin LLP  
787 7th Avenue  
New York, New York 10019

The Applicants request that the Commission issue the requested order pursuant to Rule 0-5 under the 1940 Act without a hearing being held.

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(c)(1) under the 1940 Act, each of the Applicants state that under the provisions of such Applicant's governing instruments, the responsibility for the management of its affairs and business is vested in its officers or other governing body, as applicable. Each of the Applicants represents that the undersigned individual is authorized to file this Application in its name and on its behalf.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants request that the Commission enter an order pursuant to Sections 6(b) and 6(e) of the 1940 Act granting the Applicants the relief sought by this Application.

<sup>4918</sup> Each Partnership will preserve the accounts, books, and other documents required to be maintained in an easily accessible place for the first two years.

The Applicants named below have each caused this Application to be duly signed on its behalf on ~~August 6~~ May 12, 2019 ~~2020~~. The certification required by Rule 0-2(c)(1) under the 1940 Act is attached as Exhibit A of this Application, and the verification required by Rule 0-2(d) under the 1940 Act is attached as Exhibit B of this Application.

## **NEUBERGER BERMAN INVESTMENT ADVISERS LLC**

By: /s/ Ephraim Lemberger  
Name: Ephraim Lemberger  
~~Name: Ephraim Lemberger~~  
Title: Associate General Counsel

## **NB ALTERNATIVES ADVISERS LLC**

By: /s/ Brien P. Smith  
Name: Brien P. Smith  
Title: COO

## **NEUBERGER BERMAN BRETON HILL ULC**

By: /s/ Raymond Carroll  
Name: Raymond Carroll  
Title: Chief Investment Officer, Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC

## **NEUBERGER BERMAN EUROPE LIMITED**

By: /s/ Michelle Green  
Name: Michelle Green  
~~Name: Michelle Green~~  
Title: Director

## **NEUBERGER BERMAN ASIA LTD.**

By: /s/ Jason Henschman  
Name: Jason Henschman  
Title: Director

**NEUBERGER BERMAN SINGAPORE  
PTE. LTD.**

By: /s/ Jason Henschman  
Name: Jason Henschman  
Title: Director



**Authorization**

**Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, being a duly appointed officer of Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC, does hereby certify that this Application is signed by Ephraim Lemberger, Associate General Counsel of Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC, pursuant to the general authority vested in him as such under his appointment as Associate General Counsel of Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 6<sup>12</sup>th of ~~August~~<sup>May</sup>, ~~2019~~<sup>2020</sup>.

**Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC**

By: /s/ Linda Sharaby  
Name: Linda Sharaby  
Title: Secretary

**Authorization**

**Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, being a duly appointed officer of NB Alternatives Advisers LLC, does hereby certify that this Application is signed by Brien Smith, Managing Director of NB Alternatives Advisers LLC, pursuant to the general authority vested in him as such under his appointment as Managing Director of NB Alternatives Advisers LLC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 6<sup>12</sup>th of ~~August~~May, ~~2019~~2020.

**NB Alternatives Advisers LLC**

By: /s/ Blake Rice  
Name: Blake Rice  
Title: Managing Director

**Authorization**

**Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, being a duly appointed officer of Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC, does hereby certify that this Application is signed by Raymond Carroll, Chief Investment Officer of Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC, pursuant to the general authority vested in the undersigned as such under the undersigned's appointment as Chief Investment Officer of Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this ~~16~~12th of ~~July~~May, ~~2019~~2020.

**Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC**

By: /s/ Raymond Carroll  
Name: Raymond Carroll  
Title: Chief Investment Officer of Neuberger Berman  
Breton Hill ULC

**Authorization**

**Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, being a duly appointed officer of Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, does hereby certify that this Application is signed by Michelle Green, Director of Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, pursuant to the general authority vested in the undersigned as such under the undersigned's appointment as Director of Neuberger Berman Europe Limited.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this ~~12th~~ of ~~August~~ May, ~~2019~~ 2020.

**Neuberger Berman Europe Limited**

By: /s/ Michelle Green  
Name: Michelle Green  
Title: Director

**Authorization**

**Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, being a duly appointed officer of Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd., does hereby certify that this Application is signed by Jason Henschman, Director of Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd., pursuant to the general authority vested in the undersigned as such under the undersigned's appointment as Director of Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 6<sup>12</sup>th of ~~August~~May, ~~2019~~2020.

**Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd.**

By: /s/ Jason Henschman  
Name: Jason Henschman  
Title: Director

**Authorization**

**Officer's Certificate**

The undersigned, being a duly appointed officer of Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd., does hereby certify that this Application is signed by Jason Henschman, Director of Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd., pursuant to the general authority vested in the undersigned as such under the undersigned's appointment as Director of Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 6<sup>12</sup>th of ~~August~~May, ~~2019~~2020.

**Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd.**

By: /s/ Jason Henschman  
Name: Jason Henschman  
Title: Director

**Verification**

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated ~~August 6~~ May 12, 20192020, for and on behalf of Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC, that the undersigned is an Associate General Counsel of Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC, and that all actions by members, partners, stockholders, directors and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument have been taken. The undersigned further states that the undersigned is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief.

**Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC**

By: /s/ Ephraim Lemberger  
Name: Ephraim Lemberger  
Title: Associate General Counsel

**Verification**

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated ~~August 6~~May 12, ~~2019~~2020, for and on behalf of NB Alternatives Advisers LLC, that the undersigned is the Managing Director of NB Alternatives Advisers LLC, and that all actions by members, partners, stockholders, directors and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument have been taken. The undersigned further states that the undersigned is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief.

**NB Alternatives Advisers LLC**

By: /s/ Brien P. Smith  
Name: Brien P. Smith  
Title: COO Alternatives



**Verification**

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated ~~July 16, 2019~~ May 12, 2020, for and on behalf of Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC, that the undersigned is the Chief Investment Officer of Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC, and that all actions by members, partners, stockholders, directors and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument have been taken. The undersigned further states that the undersigned is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief.

**Neuberger Berman Breton Hill ULC**

By: /s/ Raymond Carroll  
Name: Raymond Carroll  
Title: Chief Investment Officer, Neuberger Berman  
Breton Hill ULC

**Verification**

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated ~~1 August, 2019~~ May 12, 2020, for and on behalf of Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, that the undersigned is the Director of Neuberger Berman Europe Limited, and that all actions by members, partners, stockholders, directors and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument have been taken. The undersigned further states that the undersigned is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief.

**Neuberger Berman Europe Limited**

By: /s/ Michelle Green  
Name: Michelle Green  
Title: Director

**Verification**

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated ~~August 6~~May 12, ~~2019~~2020, for and on behalf of Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd., that the undersigned is the Director of Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd., and that all actions by members, partners, stockholders, directors and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument have been taken. The undersigned further states that the undersigned is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief.

**Neuberger Berman Asia Ltd.**

By: /s/ Jason Henchman  
Name: Jason Henchman  
Title: Director

**Verification**

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the foregoing Application, dated ~~August 6~~May 12, ~~2019~~2020, for and on behalf of Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd., that the undersigned is the Director of Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd., and that all actions by members, partners, stockholders, directors and other bodies necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument have been taken. The undersigned further states that the undersigned is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information and belief.

**Neuberger Berman Singapore Pte. Ltd.**

By: /s/ Jason Henschman  
Name: Jason Henschman  
Title: Director

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