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This brochure dated December 31, 2011 is prepared by Pramerica Investment Management Limited, which has applied to become a registered investment adviser. Registration of an investment adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

As permitted by the SEC rules, Pramerica Investment Management Limited has elected to create separate brochures to address each of its different advisory units and this brochure relates only to Pramerica Investment Management Limited – Fixed Income, its fixed income investment advisory business.

This brochure provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Pramerica Investment Management Limited - Fixed Income. If you have any questions about the contents of this brochure, please contact us at +44 (0)20 7766 2400 or chris.povall@pramerica.com. The information in this brochure has not been approved or verified by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) or by any state securities authority.

Additional information about Pramerica Investment Management Limited - Fixed Income is available on the SEC's web site at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov and at its website www.pramericafixedincome.com.

Item 2 – Material Changes

Pramerica Investment Management Limited has registered for the first time as a registered investment adviser and, accordingly, this is the first time it has prepared a brochure in relation to Pramerica Investment Management Limited – Fixed Income in accordance with the SEC Rules. In the future, this section of the brochure will highlight and discuss specific material changes that have been made to it since its last annual update.

Our brochure may be requested by contacting Chris Povall, our chief compliance officer, at +44 (0)20 7766 2400 or chris.povall@pramerica.com.

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Item 4 – Advisory Business

Our Firm

Pramerica Investment Management Limited - Fixed Income (PIML - Fixed Income) is the public fixed income unit within Pramerica Investment Management Limited (PIML). PIML is organized as a company registered in England number 3809039 and has applied to become an SEC-registered investment adviser with effect from March 31, 2012. When we use the terms “we,” “us” and “our” in this brochure, we are referring to PIML - Fixed Income. In addition, any references to “our employees” or “our officers” are to officers or employees of PIML and its affiliates who work in the PIML - Fixed Income business unit (including individuals who are FSA approved persons and conduct marketing activities in connection with that business as representatives of PIML). The PIML - Fixed Income business is closely integrated with Pramerica Fixed Income, the public fixed income unit within Prudential Investment Management, Inc. (Pramerica Investment Management), an SEC-registered investment adviser organized as a New Jersey corporation. A number of oversight activities relating to PIML - Fixed Income are conducted partly or wholly by officers or employees of Pramerica Fixed Income.

Pramerica Investment Management and Pramerica Fixed Income are trading names of Prudential Investment Management, Inc., the principal asset management business of Prudential Financial, Inc. (“Pramerica Financial”). Pramerica Investment Management is an indirect subsidiary of Pramerica Financial, a company incorporated and with its principal place of business in the United States. Pramerica Financial is not affiliated in any manner with Prudential plc, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

In addition to PIML - Fixed Income, the other unit within PIML is Pramerica Real Estate Investors, a provider of real estate investment advisory services. This unit has a separate brochure that has been filed with the SEC and provides information about its advisory business.

PIML was formed in July 1999 and has been registered with the UK Financial Services Authority (FSA) (registration number 193418) or a predecessor regulator since 1999. PIML began managing fixed income portfolios for affiliates and for unaffiliated institutional clients in 2005. PIML is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Pramerica Investment Management, which is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Pramerica Financial, a publicly held company (NYSE Ticker “PRU”).

Our Advisory Services

We are a global fixed income manager offering a range of fixed income strategies and products. In some cases, management of these strategies and products is delegated to Pramerica Fixed Income.

Our fixed income investment strategies fall under two general categories:

- sector-specific strategies
- alternative strategies

Sector-Specific Strategies

- *Investment Grade Corporate Bond*

We manage **U.S., European and global corporate bond** strategies against a variety of benchmarks. These strategies are also available with short and intermediate duration targets.

- *High Yield Bond*

We manage a range of high yield bond strategies with different risk and geographic parameters, including **higher quality high yield, broad market high yield, European high yield**, and **global high yield** strategies. We also manage **U.S. and European bank loan** strategies.

- *Emerging Markets Debt*

We manage a wide range of **emerging markets debt** strategies, including a broad emerging markets debt strategy that invests in a mix of sovereign bonds, local currency instruments, and corporate bonds. We also manage **sovereign, local currency** and **Asian fixed income** strategies, as well as a **blended emerging markets debt** strategy that invests approximately half of its assets in U.S. dollar denominated issues and half in local currency issues.

- *Structured Product*

As an active manager of structured credit across many different client portfolios, we have significant experience analyzing and managing structured credit securities, including collateralized loan obligations.

Alternative Strategies

- *Hedge Strategies*

We believe that hedge strategies permit the fullest expression of our long-standing expertise in bottom-up research and individual security selection by permitting portfolio managers to pursue both long and short investment opportunities. We act as sub-adviser to Pramerica Investment Management, which manages a strategy that invests in emerging market debt, which is intended to provide sources of alpha uncorrelated with major debt and equity markets.

- *Collateralized Loan Obligations (CLOs)*

We believe that CLO management is a natural outgrowth of our expertise in global credit and structured transactions. We currently manage cash CLO assets across a broad range of sectors, including U.S. and European bank loans, high yield bonds, investment grade corporate bonds, and asset-backed securities.

Customization of Our Advisory Services

We seek to accommodate the individual needs of our clients in providing our advisory services. Our investment management or similar agreements with clients, which include investment guidelines, are negotiated to incorporate mutually acceptable terms. Under these agreements, clients may impose limitations on our investment discretion, including restrictions regarding the investment in certain securities or types of securities. (See Item 16 below for more information regarding limitations on our investment discretion imposed by our clients.)

Our Assets Under Management

As of December 31, 2011, our assets under management were as follows:

- Discretionary: \$7,981,666,922
- Non-discretionary: \$3,254,524,378

Item 5 – Fees and Compensation

Advisory Fees

We negotiate fees with our clients individually. Fees paid by clients vary based on the type of advice provided and other factors, including the size of the client account, the investment strategy, the relationship with the client and the required level of service. Fees may also differ based on account type. For example, fees for commingled vehicles, including those that we subadvise, may differ from fees for single client accounts. Since fees are negotiable, clients with similar investment objectives or strategies may pay different fees.

We are generally compensated for our advisory services under asset-based fee schedules or performance-based fee schedules. Where we act as sub-adviser to an affiliated entity, we are compensated on a cost-plus fee basis. Our asset-based fees are customarily offered in tiered schedules with breakpoints linked to the amount of assets in the account, so that the effective fee rate decreases as the assets increase. In circumstances where we manage multiple accounts for a single client, we may, at our discretion, aggregate the client's assets across accounts with similar strategies to enable the client to benefit from a lower fee tier. (See also our discussion in Item 6 below of asset-based fees and performance-based fees.)

We may enter into arrangements with investment managers or advisers under which the assets of the manager and one or more clients of such manager are aggregated in order to obtain a lower fee schedule. Such clients will pay lower fees than some other clients as a result of this lower fee schedule.

Each of the following fee schedules is representative of single client advisory account fees and may apply to one or more portfolios:

- (1) Investment Grade Corporate Fixed Income
 - 30 basis points on the first \$100,000,000
 - 25 basis points on the next \$100,000,000
 - 22 basis points on the next \$100,000,000
 - 15 basis points thereafter
- (2) High Yield Fixed Income
 - 50 basis points on the first \$25,000,000
 - 40 basis points on the next \$50,000,000
 - 30 basis points thereafter
- (3) Emerging Markets Fixed Income
 - 70 basis points on the first \$25,000,000
 - 60 basis points on the next \$25,000,000
 - 45 basis points thereafter
- (4) Senior Secured Loans
 - 55 basis points on the first \$25,000,000
 - 45 basis points on the next \$50,000,000
 - 35 basis points thereafter
- (5) Structured Product
 - 28 basis points on the first \$50,000,000
 - 22 basis points on the next \$100,000,000
 - 20 basis points on the next \$100,000,000
 - 15 basis points thereafter

Payment of Fees

Asset-based fees are typically payable either monthly or quarterly in arrears. Performance-based fees, if earned, are payable after the calculation period for such fees. We do not require or solicit clients to pay advisory fees in advance. If a client were to pay advisory fees in advance and the client's advisory contract were to terminate before the end of a billing period, any prepaid fees would be refunded on a pro-rata basis.

Conflicts Related to Valuation and Fees

When client accounts hold illiquid or difficult to value investments, we face a conflict of interest when making recommendations regarding the value of such investments since our management fees are generally based on the value of assets under management. We believe that our valuation policies and procedures mitigate this conflict effectively and enable us to value client assets fairly and in a manner that is consistent with the client's best interests.

Other Amounts Payable by Clients

Our advisory fees are the only amounts payable by clients to us. Clients are generally responsible for other fees and expenses related to their accounts, including custodial fees, brokerage fees and other transactions costs. (See Item 12 below for a discussion of our policies regarding the selection of broker-dealers.)

Other Compensation

We may act as distributor of securities or other investment products that are managed by us or affiliated entities, for which we are compensated on a cost-plus or other agreed fee basis. Our employees do not receive any compensation directly related to the sale of securities or other investment products, but the sale of our advisory services or interests in funds we manage may be considered in determining the compensation of our sales personnel. Any such compensation would be payable by us or other affiliated entities and not our clients or investors in the funds.

Acting as distributor of securities or other investment products managed by us or affiliated entities presents a conflict of interest, which may give us an incentive to recommend investment products based on the compensation received, rather than on a client's needs. We would disclose to our clients any such arrangement where we believe such compensation would present a material conflict of interest.

Item 6 – Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

Performance-Based Fees

As previously described in Item 5, we negotiate fees with our clients individually. While the majority of our fees are asset-based, we may accept performance-based fees in some of our strategies at the request of clients. Asset-based fees are calculated based on the value of a client's portfolio at periodic measurement dates or over specified periods of time. Performance-based fees are generally based on a share of the capital appreciation of a portfolio and may offer greater upside potential to us than asset-based fees, depending on how the fees are structured. Most of our performance-based fees are derived from the percentage by which we outperform the benchmark against which the client's portfolio is

measured. We will generally be entitled to be paid a portion of that percentage, although the formulas and specifics of these negotiated fees vary. Our performance-based fees also customarily include an asset-based component, which we collect regardless of the performance of the account.

Side-by-Side Management of Accounts and Related Conflicts of Interest

We manage accounts with asset-based fees alongside accounts with performance-based fees. This side-by-side management may be deemed to create an incentive for us and our investment professionals to favor one account over another. Specifically, we could be considered to have the incentive to favor accounts for which we receive performance fees, and possibly take greater investment risks in those accounts, in order to bolster performance and increase our fees.

Other types of side-by-side management of multiple accounts can also create conflicts of interest. Examples are detailed below, followed by a discussion of how we address these conflicts.

- Proprietary accounts—we manage accounts on behalf of our affiliates as well as unaffiliated accounts. We could be considered to have an incentive to favor accounts of affiliates over others.
- Large accounts—large accounts typically generate more revenue than do smaller accounts and certain of our strategies have higher fees than others. As a result, a portfolio manager could be considered to have an incentive when allocating scarce investment opportunities to favor accounts that pay a higher fee or generate more income for us.
- Long only and long/short accounts—we manage accounts that only allow us to hold securities long as well as accounts that permit short selling. We may, therefore, sell a security short in some client accounts while holding the same security long in other client accounts.
- Securities of the same kind or class—we may buy or sell for one client account securities of the same kind or class that are purchased or sold for another client at prices that may be different. We may also, at any time, execute trades of securities of the same kind or class in one direction for an account and in the opposite direction for another account due to differences in investment strategy or client direction. Different strategies affecting trading in the same securities or types of securities may appear as inconsistencies in our management of multiple accounts side-by-side.
- Non-discretionary accounts or models—we provide non-discretionary investment advice to some clients and manage others on a discretionary basis. Trades in non-discretionary accounts could occur before, in concert with, or after we execute similar trades in our discretionary accounts. The non-discretionary clients may be disadvantaged if we deliver investment advice to them after we initiate trading for the discretionary clients, or vice versa.

How We Address These Conflicts of Interest

We have developed policies and procedures designed to address the conflicts of interest with respect to our different types of side-by-side management described above.

- The head of PIML - Fixed Income and Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment officer periodically review and compare performance and performance attribution for each client account within our various strategies. (See Item 13 for more information regarding these reviews.)
- In keeping with our fiduciary obligations, our policy with respect to trade aggregation and allocation is to treat all of our accounts fairly and equitably. Our trade management oversight committee, which operates within Pramerica Fixed Income and meets at least quarterly, is responsible for providing oversight with respect to trade aggregation and allocation.
 - We have compliance procedures with respect to our aggregation and allocation policy that include independent monitoring by our compliance group of the timing, allocation and aggregation of trades and the allocation of investment opportunities. In addition, our compliance group reviews a sampling of new issue allocations and related documentation each month to confirm compliance with our allocation procedures. Our compliance group reports the results of its monitoring processes to our trade management oversight committee.
 - Our trade management oversight committee reviews forensic reports of new issue allocation throughout the year so that new issue allocation in each of our strategies is reviewed at least once during each year. This forensic analysis includes such data as the:
 - number of new issues allocated in the strategy;
 - size of new issue allocations to each portfolio in the strategy; and
 - profitability of new issue transactions.

The results of these analyses are reviewed and discussed at our trade management oversight committee meetings.

- Our trade management oversight committee also reviews a secondary issue allocation report.
- The procedures above are designed to detect patterns and anomalies in our side-by-side management and trading so that we may assess and improve our processes.

- We have policies and procedures that specifically address our side-by-side management of long/short and long only portfolios. These policies address potential conflicts that could arise from differing positions between long/short and long only portfolios.

Item 7 – Types of Clients

Types of Clients

We provide investment advisory services to a variety of affiliated and unaffiliated institutional clients located in both the U.S. and abroad. Our clients include pension and profit-sharing plans, public employee retirement systems, sovereign wealth funds, corporations, registered investment companies and their investment managers, insurance companies, commingled trust funds, CLO trusts and their collateral managers, and private investment funds. Some of these client accounts are managed by Pramerica Fixed Income, which engages us as sub-adviser, while others are managed by us, and we engage Pramerica Fixed Income as sub-adviser. Minimum account sizes vary by investment strategy. Single client accounts typically have higher minimums than investments in commingled funds that we manage.

Affiliated clients and certain other clients may have different or greater needs for information, reporting, operational support, training or our other resources than our clients generally. For example, representatives of Pramerica Financial, the general account of an insurance company affiliate and accounts of other affiliates that are responsible for monitoring Pramerica Financial's enterprise investment risk have access to information about our assets under management, including for third parties, that is not made available to unaffiliated clients. This information does not include specific unaffiliated client identifying information or portfolio information for clients that have prohibited us from sharing such information with affiliates.

Item 8 – Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

Our Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategies

We believe that research-driven security selection is the most consistent strategy for adding value to client portfolios. We complement this base strategy with active sector rotation, duration management and a focus on trade execution.

Our research-based investment process integrates credit research, quantitative research and risk management. Our portfolio managers are divided into three sector specialist teams:

- corporate
- leveraged finance and high yield
- emerging markets

In addition, separate teams within Pramerica Fixed Income are dedicated to global rates and securitized products (including, U.S. and developed market sovereign, asset-backed securities and structured product).

Our Investment Process

We generally use the following portfolio construction process which is performed by our employees and/or employees of Pramerica Fixed Income:

Develop Top-Down Investment Outlook

- Quarterly, employees of Pramerica Fixed Income formulate a market outlook that assesses economic, interest rate, and fixed income sector scenarios. This top-down outlook is prepared with input from a cross-functional group consisting of Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment officer, chief risk officer, chief economist, chief investment strategist, head of credit research, head of quantitative research, head of structured product research, senior portfolio managers for each strategy and heads of each sector team.
- The market outlook plays a role in helping to determine the level and types of risk to assume in our client portfolios. Employees of Pramerica Fixed Income update this market outlook on a weekly basis throughout the quarter.

Develop Portfolio Strategy

- Our senior portfolio manager for each strategy develops portfolio strategy, seeking excess return over the portfolio's benchmark by establishing risk exposures within a pre-established risk budget.
- As discussed below, we use risk budgets to manage expected portfolio tracking error.
- Each strategy team meets periodically to discuss portfolio strategy, positioning and attribution.

Security Selection

- For multi-sector portfolios, our senior portfolio manager for the applicable strategy conveys the overall portfolio strategy to the applicable individual sector teams.
- Individual securities are selected by the applicable sector team based on:
 - fundamental research;
 - quantitative relative value modeling; and
 - technical and relative value analysis and trading expertise in the applicable markets.
- Our senior portfolio manager for each strategy is ultimately responsible for all investment decisions and portfolio positioning.

Portfolio Monitoring

- On a daily basis, with certain limited exceptions, each portfolio's risk characteristics and positioning versus its benchmark are reported and reviewed by both our portfolio manager for the account and a separate risk manager within Pramerica Fixed Income.
- Credit meetings are held each morning at which our credit analysts discuss industry and individual issuer developments and events while our portfolio managers discuss the market environment, trading technicals, and spread levels. A portfolio's positions in an issuer may change as a result of these meetings. Throughout the day, our analysts and portfolio managers interact informally on specific news-related issues as they arise. Periodically, sector teams meet formally and informally and conduct comprehensive subsector reviews.

Our Macroeconomic Research Process

Our macroeconomic research process is performed by employees of Pramerica Fixed Income.

Pramerica Fixed Income conducts in-house economic and strategic research to develop views on economic, policy, and market trends to support the fixed income investment process. Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment strategist, chief economist, and members of its portfolio analysis group continually evaluate incoming economic data as well as monetary and fiscal policy developments in real time. Pramerica Fixed Income supplements its internal research with third party research that focuses on economic and policy analysis. The portfolio analysis group also analyzes market supply and demand trends from a range of sources, including Federal Reserve flow of funds reports, investor sentiment indices, retail mutual fund subscriptions and redemptions, and reports on gross and net debt issuance across sectors.

Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment strategist and chief economist interact with the sector portfolio managers and research teams to integrate their top-down macroeconomic analysis with the sector teams' bottom-up fundamental views. Each Monday, the senior investment team meets to discuss economic and market developments and investment opportunities across the fixed income sectors. The following day, Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment officer hosts a weekly sector allocation meeting to translate the macroeconomic research and sector views from the Monday meeting into tangible strategic themes and portfolio rebalancing decisions. As discussed above, Pramerica Fixed Income summarizes its macroeconomic views each quarter in a quarterly market outlook. This document includes not only its macroeconomic and interest rate outlook, but also an outlook for each fixed income sector.

Our Credit Research Process

Our credit research process is performed by our employees and/or employees of Pramerica Fixed Income.

Corporate and High Yield

We have a team of credit analysts who are each responsible for a group of credits within an industry sector or group of industry sectors. To initiate coverage on an issuer, our analyst will develop a spreadsheet earnings model and derive an internal rating and outlook on the issuer. The rating and outlook will be determined based on a complete review of the financial health and trends of the issuer, which will include a review of the composition of revenue, revenue trends, profitability margins and trends, cash flow margins and trends, and leverage and coverage trends. In addition the analyst will review the issuer's business strategy, financial policies and position within its industry. The analyst will also determine the creditor rights and ranking of the security or securities being proposed for purchase.

Once a security is purchased for a portfolio, the analyst will monitor the performance of the issuer on an ongoing basis by reviewing its financial statement and other disclosures, as well as ratings changes, relevant sell-side research and other news about the issuer using a variety of data services and news feeds. The analysts may listen to management conference calls detailing business results, attend industry conferences to learn about trends affecting issuers in their coverage universe, and meet directly with issuer management.

At any time an analyst determines that events, business results, a change in financial policy or strategic direction, or other developments warrant a change in our internal rating, the analyst will notify the portfolio managers and make the change in our credit database, where our ratings, outlooks and other credit related information is maintained. These changes appear on a dashboard of most recent updates to the database that is available on the desktop of all the portfolio managers and analysts. The analysts are also responsible for using our internal watch list categories to signal potential changes in the credit profile of the issuer.

Structured Product

Our research approach to structured credit employs a combination of collateral, structure, macro-economic and issuer analysis for underwriting and monitoring. We use our structured finance research capabilities to identify securities that we believe to be mispriced. Our analysts rate all securities and evaluate the effective spread of each security (including any option adjustments). Our analysts also maintain comprehensive views on the credit profiles and trends in each subsector, as well as views on the generic spreads appropriate for the risks of each subsector in the marketplace. Creditworthiness is regularly monitored while a security is held in any portfolio.

Emerging Markets

We and Pramerica Fixed Income closely follow emerging market sovereign, quasi-sovereign, and corporate issuers across a range of countries. Given our emphasis on country selection during the investment process, much of the emerging markets credit research we do is focused on the fundamental analysis of the quantitative and qualitative factors driving sovereign credit risk. We also perform relative value and technical research on sovereign issuers, and we identify key risk factors that could cause a particular sovereign to outperform or underperform over a base case scenario. Our fundamental, technical and relative value views are combined to form a specific country recommendation.

This process helps us to incorporate research findings into actual portfolio construction by providing a framework for translating a research-based stand-alone country recommendation into a risk-adjusted country allocation within an overall portfolio.

Our Quantitative Modeling Process

Our quantitative modeling process is performed by employees of Pramerica Fixed Income.

Pramerica Fixed Income's quantitative research team develops proprietary quantitative models to support relative value trading and asset allocation for portfolio management as well as various risk models to support risk management. Models include the:

- Arbitrage-free interest rate model- used for the relative value analysis of government bonds in developed and emerging markets as well as interest rate swap markets in all major currencies.
- Single-name credit model- a structural model of corporate defaults, used to analyze the relative value of corporate bonds and credit default swaps.
- CLO model- leverages our single name credit model to project the default behavior of a portfolio of syndicated leveraged loans that have been securitized into a collateralized loan obligation, facilitating valuation and risk analysis.
- Tracking error risk model- used to measure systematic expected tracking risk of our client portfolios relative to their benchmarks.
- Asset allocation model- provides portfolio managers with a "strawman" fixed income sector allocation based on a risk-return optimization framework.
- Stress index- utilized weekly to estimate the level of stress in the fixed income markets, attempting to indicate when credit risk is elevated and market liquidity is constrained.

Our Investment Risk Management Process

Our investment risk management process is performed by employees of Pramerica Fixed Income.

Pramerica Fixed Income's risk management team develops risk budgets for each client portfolio, with certain limited exceptions. The risk budgets guide and monitor the allocation of a portfolio's overall risk capacity across the range of available investment opportunities. Pramerica Fixed Income's risk management team sets discrete thresholds for monitoring systematic and non-systematic risks.

The Pramerica Fixed Income proprietary risk management system incorporates a tracking error model designed to estimate the systematic risk of a portfolio's active positioning versus its benchmark resulting from yield curve, currency and spread movements. This model forms the basis for monitoring systematic risk in our portfolios. The Pramerica Fixed Income risk management team supplements the tracking error model with short-term spread risk measures and with scenario analyses derived from actual historical events. Non-systematic risk (issuer, industry and country exposures) is addressed by applying market-value based thresholds and using custom stress-tests. Our risk management system is used by Pramerica Fixed Income's risk managers and our portfolio managers to analyze portfolio risk, monitor portfolio positioning relative to pre-established risk budgets, and perform detailed performance attribution.

Primary Risks Associated with Our Methodology and Strategies

Investing in securities and other financial instruments involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear. Investment strategies may not achieve their performance objectives and may result in losses. Summarized below are certain important risks for clients and prospective clients to consider.

General Risks Related to Fixed Income Investments

- Market Risk.
 - General. The value of securities and other investments may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Securities markets are volatile. A client account may at any point in time be worth less than its initial value. Regardless of how well an individual investment performs, if financial markets decline, you could lose money.
 - Interest Rate Risk. Debt securities can lose value because of interest rate changes. For example, debt securities tend to decrease in value if interest rates rise. Debt securities with longer maturities generally are more sensitive to interest rate changes than those with shorter maturities. In addition, short-term and long-term interest rates do not necessarily move in the same direction or by the same amount. Changes in interest rates can also cause certain types of debt obligations to become subject to prepayment risk and extension risk. These include securities such as mortgage-backed securities and bonds with embedded call or put options.

- Spread Risk. Portfolio returns are affected by changes in the spreads over risk-free rates of the underlying sectors and assets. In particular, a portfolio that is systematically overweighted in spread product would lose value if spreads widen. This systematic risk is dependent on the portfolio's exposure to various fixed income asset classes with varying degrees of spread risk.
- Currency Risk. Assets in our client accounts may be denominated or quoted in currencies other than the base currency for the account. Accordingly, changes in currency exchange rates will affect the value of these client accounts. Generally, when the base currency of an account rises in value versus another currency, assets denominated in the non-base currency lose value because that currency is worth less than the base currency, and vice versa.
- Issuer-Specific and Industry Credit Risk. The issuer, the guarantor or the insurer of a fixed income security, or the counterparty to a contract, may be unable or unwilling to make timely principal and interest payments or to otherwise honor its obligations. Additionally, securities could lose value due to a loss of confidence in the ability of the issuer, guarantor, insurer or counterparty to pay back debt. The longer the maturity and lower the credit quality of an instrument, the more likely its value will decline as a result of such a loss of confidence. From time to time, several issuers in a given industry may experience such difficulties simultaneously, making it difficult for issuers in that industry to roll-over obligations, to repay creditors or to obtain liquidity in the market.
- Liquidity/Valuation/Turnover Risk. Assets in client accounts may, at any given time, include financial instruments that are thinly traded, for which no market exists, or that are not readily transferable under applicable securities laws. The sale of any thinly-traded or illiquid investments may be possible only at substantial discounts, if at all. Further, illiquid investments may be extremely difficult to value. Our investment strategies may include long-term purchases, short-term purchases, short sales or margin transactions. Frequent investments may result in higher transaction costs.
- Model Risk. Some of our investment strategies and risk management processes utilize proprietary mathematical models. There is a risk that we may select models that are not well-suited to prevailing market conditions. In addition, models that have been formulated on the basis of past market data may not be predictive of future price movements. Models may also have hidden biases or exposure to broad structural or sentiment shifts.
- Foreign Securities and Sovereign Risk. Investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers may involve more risk than investing in securities of U.S. issuers. Foreign political, economic and legal systems, especially in developing and emerging countries, may be less stable and more volatile than the corresponding U.S. systems. Foreign legal

systems generally have fewer regulatory requirements than the U.S. legal system. Certain foreign countries may impose restrictions on the ability of their issuers to make payments of principal and interest or dividends to investors located outside the country, due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise. Investments in foreign securities may be subject to non-U.S. withholding and other taxes. Investments in emerging markets are typically subject to greater volatility and price declines than investments in developed markets. In addition, investments in sovereign debt can involve a high degree of risk. A governmental entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the governmental entity's policy towards the International Monetary Fund and the political constraints to which a governmental entity may be subject.

- *Securitized Products Risk*. Securitized products are securities that are collateralized by, or linked to the performance of, pools of assets including commercial mortgage loans, residential mortgage loans, syndicated bank loans, credit card receivables, auto loans or other assets. Securitized products carry risks in varying degrees including credit risk, concentration risk, prepayment risk, interest rate risk, geographic concentration risk, the risk of poor performance due to adverse economic conditions, and price volatility. Securitized products are often not guaranteed by any governmental entity or other party.

Risks Related to Our Strategies

- *Leverage Risk*. Certain of our investment strategies employ various levels of leverage. The use of leverage exposes client accounts to additional levels of risk, including:
 - greater losses from investments than would otherwise have been the case if we had not borrowed to make the investments;
 - margin calls or interim margin requirements which may force premature liquidations of investment positions; and
 - losses on investments where the investment fails to earn a return that equals or exceeds the cost of borrowing such funds (including interest, transaction costs and other costs of borrowing).
- *Short Sale Risk*. The sale of securities not owned by a client (short sales) involves certain additional risks. There is the risk that securities sold by a client account could become scarce or "special" in the financing markets. If a security becomes special, it may be very costly or even impossible to borrow in order to fulfill the delivery obligation of a short sale. A "short squeeze" could occur where an account

might be compelled to purchase the shorted securities at a disadvantageous time, possibly at prices significantly in excess of the proceeds received in the earlier sale.

- *Derivatives Risk.* Derivatives can be volatile and may involve significant risks. Derivatives generally fall into two subcategories: exchange-traded and over-the-counter (OTC). Exchange-traded derivatives, such as futures contracts, are traded on an exchange regulated by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, are guaranteed by a clearing corporation, and have standardized terms. OTC derivatives, such as swap agreements, are privately negotiated transactions, the terms of which are tailored to the specific needs of the parties. Derivatives are generally subject to credit risk, leverage risk and potentially currency risk. In addition, OTC derivatives are subject to liquidity risk.

The use of derivatives for hedging purposes involves correlation risk. If the value of the derivative moves more or less than the value of the hedged instrument, a client account will experience a gain or loss that will not be completely offset by movements in the value of the hedged instruments.

Futures, forward contracts, swaps, options and other derivative instruments contain inherent leverage in that they provide more market exposure than the amount paid on the initiation of the transaction. As a result, a relatively small adverse market movement can not only result in the loss of the entire investment, but may also expose a client to the possibility of a loss exceeding the original amount invested. In addition, many of these products are subject to variation or other interim margin requirements, which may force premature liquidation of investment positions. In addition, future legal and regulatory changes, including the European Markets Infrastructure Regulation, may result in cost increases to clients.

Risks Related to Regulation

Laws and regulations affecting our business change from time to time, and we are currently operating in an environment of significant regulatory reform. We cannot predict the effects, if any, of future legal and regulatory changes, both in the U.S. and globally, on our business or the services we provide.

Risks Related to Conflicts of Interest

Like other investment advisers, we are subject to various conflicts of interest in the ordinary course of our business. We strive to identify potential risks, including conflicts of interest, that are inherent in our business, and conduct formalized annual conflict of interest reviews. When actual or potential conflicts of interest are identified, we seek to address such conflicts through one or more of the following methods:

- elimination of the conflict;
- disclosure of the conflict; or

- management of the conflict through the adoption of appropriate policies and procedures.

Various conflicts of interest are discussed throughout this document. Please review this information carefully and contact us if you have any questions.

We follow Pramerica Financial's policies on business ethics, personal securities trading by investment personnel, and information barriers. We have adopted a code of ethics (see Item 11), allocation policies and conflicts of interest policies, among others, and have adopted supervisory procedures to monitor compliance with our policies. We cannot guarantee, however, that our policies and procedures will detect and prevent, or assure disclosure of, each and every situation in which a conflict may arise.

Item 9 – Disciplinary Information

Under Item 9, we are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to an evaluation of us or the integrity of our management. There have been no material legal or disciplinary events related to PIML - Fixed Income that are required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 9.

Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Our Staff's Broker-Dealer Activities

Certain of our management persons and other employees are registered representatives of Prudential Investment Management Services LLC (Pramerica Services), an affiliated SEC-registered broker-dealer.

Our Relationships with Affiliates

As an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Pramerica Financial, we are part of a diversified, global financial services organization. We are affiliated with many types of U.S. and non-U.S. financial service providers, including insurance companies, broker-dealers and other investment advisers. Some of our employees are officers of some of these affiliates.

- *Relationships with Affiliated Broker-Dealers*

Pramerica Services provides marketing and administrative support in connection with the offer and sale of securities of certain commingled vehicles that we advise or subadvise. As noted above, some of our management persons and other employees are registered representatives of Pramerica Services.

- *Relationships with Affiliated Investment Vehicles*

Insurance Company Separate Accounts. We are subadviser to Pramerica Investment Management, which acts as the investment manager of the separate accounts of certain of our insurance company affiliates.

Mutual Funds. We may serve as subadviser and may provide certain ancillary services to mutual funds managed or co-managed by our affiliate Prudential Investments LLC (Pramerica Investments). These may include certain funds in the Pramerica Investments family of funds, the Prudential Series Fund and the Advanced Series Trust.

Collective and Commingled Trust Funds. Our affiliate Prudential Trust Company (Pramerica Trust), a trust company organized under the Pennsylvania Banking Code, is the trustee of the Prudential Trust Company Collective Trust and the Prudential Trust Company Master Commingled Investment Fund for Tax Exempt Trusts, as well as certain other Pramerica Trust trust assets. We may provide investment advice and certain ancillary services to Pramerica Trust with respect to some of these accounts, and certain of Pramerica Fixed Income's employees are officers and directors of Pramerica Trust.

Hedge Funds and Other Private Funds.

- *Master-Feeder Funds.* We are subadviser to Pramerica Investment Management, which acts as investment manager of two master-feeder hedge fund structures: the Pru Alpha funds and the Pramerica Fixed Income Emerging Markets Long Short funds. These structures have master funds that are domiciled in the Cayman Islands and both U.S. and non-U.S. feeder funds. Each feeder fund invests all or substantially all of its assets in a master fund. All of the directors of the funds that are organized as corporations are employees of Pramerica Investment Management. Subsidiaries of Pramerica Investment Management serve as the general partner of the funds that are organized as limited partnerships. In addition, one of our affiliates has invested in each of these funds.
- *Irish Qualifying Investor Funds.* We are subadviser to Pramerica Investment Management which acts as investment manager of sub-funds of Pramerica Fixed Income Funds plc (PFIF), an Irish domiciled investment company organized as a qualifying investor fund. All of the directors of PFIF are employees of Pramerica Investment Management or an affiliate. In addition, an affiliate has invested in certain of the PFIF sub-funds.
- *Side Letters.* With respect to the hedge funds and other private funds listed above and that we may manage or sub-advise in the future, we or the funds may at times enter into side agreements with investors (including affiliated

investors) that grant such investors terms and conditions that are more advantageous than other investors. For example, investors may have side letters granting more favorable redemption rights, reduced fees or expenses, or access to more frequent or detailed information regarding the fund's investments.

Other Affiliated Foreign Funds. We act as subadviser to Pramerica Investment Management, which acts as investment adviser to certain funds domiciled in Italy that are sponsored and organized by UBI Pramerica SGR S.p.A., a joint venture owned, in part, by our affiliate Prudential International Investments Corporation. We also act as subadviser to Pramerica Investment Management, which acts as subadviser to certain funds of UBI SICAV, which is domiciled in Luxembourg, through our affiliate Prudential International Investment Advisers, LLC (PIIA).

Collateralized Debt Obligations. Certain of our affiliates hold equity and/or debt interests in the CDOs for which we serve as subadviser to Pramerica Investment Management, which acts as collateral manager. These CDOs may be considered affiliates of ours due to these investments. In addition, one of our affiliates acquires private debt, asset-backed securities and public bonds that may be “warehoused” temporarily until subsequently placed in CDOs managed or subadvised by us. When investors invest in these CDOs, these assets are generally transferred to the CDO structure at cost plus cost of carry. These warehoused assets may decline in value from the time of purchase to the time of transfer to the CDO structure.

- *Relationships with Affiliated Investment Advisers*
 - *General.* In addition to Pramerica Investments which is described above, other affiliated investment advisers include Pramerica Investment Management, Quantitative Management Associates LLC, Jennison, The Prudential Insurance Company of America (Pramerica Insurance), Prudential Investment Management Japan Co., Ltd., Pramerica Fixed Income (Asia) Limited (PFIA), Pramerica Trust, PIIA and Global Portfolio Strategies, Inc. We provide subadvisory services with respect to certain accounts managed by some of these affiliates and certain of these affiliates provide subadvisory services with respect to some accounts managed by us. We also have service agreements with some of these affiliates under which we or they may perform services.
 - *Pramerica Investment Management.* Certain members of our investment teams are employees of Pramerica Investment Management. These personnel are responsible for the analysis, trading and management of certain investments held in portfolios that we manage and are located in Newark, New Jersey. Pramerica Investment Management also performs certain sales and administrative services for us.

- *PFIA.* Three members of our emerging markets team and certain administrative staff are employees of PFIA, an affiliate located in Singapore.
- *Relationships with Affiliated Insurance Companies*

We provide subadvisory services with respect to the general accounts of some of our affiliated insurance companies, including Pramerica Insurance (and certain of its subsidiaries), Prudential Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company and Prudential Annuities Life Assurance Corporation in the U.S.; and The Prudential Life Insurance Company, Ltd. and The Gibraltar Life Insurance Company, Ltd. (and certain of its subsidiaries) in Japan.

Because of the substantial size of Pramerica Insurance's general account, trading by Pramerica Insurance's general account, including trades by us and Pramerica Investment Management on behalf of the account, may affect market prices. Although we don't expect that Pramerica Insurance's general account will execute transactions that will move a market frequently, and generally only in response to unusual market or issuer events, the execution of these transactions could have an adverse effect on transactions for or positions held by other clients.

- *Affiliate Relationships with Limited Partnerships*

As described above, we serve as the investment manager of certain commingled investment vehicles, including limited partnerships, for which our affiliates serve as general partner

Recommendation of Investment Advisers

From time to time, we may refer a client to one of our affiliated investment advisers. Any of our marketing representatives that makes such a referral may be entitled to receive compensation for such a referral pursuant to a cross-selling policy applicable to the U.S. investment management units of Pramerica Financial.

Conflicts Related to Affiliations

- *Conflicts Arising Out of Legal Restrictions.* We may be restricted by law, regulation or contract as to how much, if any, of a particular security we may purchase or sell on behalf of a client, and as to the timing of such purchase or sale. These restrictions may apply as a result of our relationship with Pramerica Financial and its other affiliates. For example, our holdings of a security on behalf of our clients may, under some SEC rules, be aggregated with the holdings of that security by other Pramerica Financial affiliates. These holdings could, on an aggregate basis, exceed certain reporting thresholds unless we monitor and restrict purchases. In addition, we could receive material, non-public information with respect to a particular issuer and, as a result, be unable to execute transactions in securities of

that issuer for our clients. For example, our bank loan team often invests in private bank loans in connection with which the borrower provides material, non-public information, resulting in restrictions on trading securities issued by those borrowers. We have procedures in place to carefully consider whether to intentionally accept material, non-public information with respect to certain issuers. We are generally able to avoid receiving material, non-public information from our affiliates and other units within PIML by maintaining information barriers as described below in Item 11.

- *Conflicts Related to Outside Business Activity.* From time to time, certain of our employees or officers may engage in outside business activity, including outside directorships. Any outside business activity is subject to prior approval pursuant to our personal conflicts of interest and outside business activities policy. Actual and potential conflicts of interest are analyzed during such approval process. We could be restricted in trading the securities of certain issuers in client portfolios in the unlikely event that an employee or officer, as a result of outside business activity, obtains material, nonpublic information regarding an issuer.
- *Conflicts Related to Investment of Client Assets in Affiliated Funds.* We may invest client assets in funds that we manage or subadvise for an affiliate. These investments benefit both us and our affiliate. We do not receive a management fee for advising these funds. We are only entitled to reimbursement of our costs and expenses for these services.
- *Conflicts Related to Co-investment by Affiliates.* Our affiliates may provide initial funding or otherwise invest in vehicles managed by us. When an affiliate provides "seed capital" or other capital for a fund, it may do so with the intention of redeeming all or part of its interest at a future point in time or when it deems that sufficient additional capital has been invested in that fund.
 - The timing of a redemption by an affiliate could benefit the affiliate. For example, the fund may be more liquid at the time of the affiliate's redemption than it is at times when other investors may wish to withdraw all or part of their interests.
 - In addition, a consequence of any withdrawal of a significant amount, including by our affiliate, is that investors remaining in the fund will bear a proportionately higher share of fund expenses following the redemption.
 - We could also face a conflict if the interests of an affiliated investor in a fund we manage diverge from those of the fund or other investors.

We believe that these conflicts are mitigated by our allocation policies and procedures, our supervisory review of accounts and our procedures with respect to side-by-side management of long only and long-short accounts.

- *Conflicts Arising Out of Our Industry Activities.* We and our affiliates have service agreements with various vendors that are also investment consultants. Under these agreements, we or our affiliates compensate the vendors for certain services, including software, market data and technology services. Our clients may also retain these vendors as investment consultants. The existence of these service agreements may provide an incentive for the investment consultants to favor us when they advise their clients. We do not, however, condition our purchase of services from consultants upon their recommending us to their clients. We will provide you with information about services that we obtain from these consultants upon request.

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

Code of Ethics

We maintain a code of ethics as required by applicable SEC rules. Our code of ethics requires employees to conduct business in an honest and forthright manner in accordance with the highest of ethical standards. In addition, the code of ethics requires employees to put client interests ahead of our own and disclose actual and potential meaningful conflicts of interest. The code of ethics incorporates our information barrier and personal securities trading policies that are described in greater detail below. Our employees are required to report any violation of the code of ethics promptly to our chief compliance officer.

We will provide you a copy of our code of ethics upon request.

Information Barrier Policy

PIML's information barrier policy is designed to prevent the communication of material, non-public information across the various Pramerica asset management investment sectors. Under the policy, an employee of one investment sector, including PIML - Fixed Income, may not communicate material, non-public information to an employee of another investment sector without approval from each sector's compliance unit. The information barrier policy also restricts physical access to an investment sector's offices by employees of a different investment sector.

We maintain a restricted list of issuers about which we have material, non-public information. The restricted list is contained in an electronic database that can be viewed only by specified associates who have been granted access. The database is updated intra-day as changes are required. Our trading systems have electronic feeds from the database so that our trading activities are screened on a pre-trade basis against our restricted list. Investment personnel must receive an override from our compliance unit prior to transacting for client accounts in the securities of any issuers that are restricted in the trading system.

Personal Securities Trading Policy

We maintain a personal securities trading policy that governs the trading activities of our employees as well as their household members and dependents. Subject to certain limited exceptions, employees are required by the policy to:

- report personal securities transactions to our compliance unit;
- pre-clear personal securities transactions (for employees considered to be “access persons” under SEC rules);
- maintain brokerage accounts only with approved brokers that are requested to report transaction information to our compliance unit; and
- annually report securities holdings to our corporate compliance unit.

Our access persons and investment personnel are subject to additional restrictions under the policy, including the following:

- investment personnel are generally prohibited from purchasing securities in initial public offerings;
- access persons may not trade any security on the same day that we trade such security (or an equivalent security) for client accounts (other than in client accounts that replicate a broad-based index);
- investment personnel are prohibited from trading any security within seven days before or after we trade such security (or an equivalent security) for client accounts (other than in client accounts that replicate a broad-based index);
- investment personnel must disgorge any profits from the purchase and sale (in whatever order) of the same security within 60 days; and
- access persons may not write naked call options or buy naked put options on a security held in a client account.

Pramerica Fixed Income monitors personal trading activity versus firm trading and restricted list content, and any matches are investigated by our compliance unit.

All employees receive annual training regarding our personal securities trading and information barrier policies. In addition, employees must annually confirm that they have read and understand our code of ethics, including the personal securities trading and information barrier policies.

Compensation of Our Investment Professionals

Our investment professionals, including both portfolio managers and research analysts, are compensated through a combination of base salary and performance-based incentive compensation. The incentive compensation consists of an annual cash bonus, a long-term equity grant and a participation interest in the Pramerica Fixed Income long-term compensation plan.

- Base Salary. The base salary component is based on market data relative to similar positions as well as the past performance, years of experience and scope of responsibility of the individual.
- Incentive Compensation.
 - *General.* An investment professional's incentive compensation, including the annual cash bonus, the long-term equity grant and the participation interest in the Pramerica Fixed Income long-term compensation plan, is primarily based on such person's contribution to our goal of providing investment performance to clients consistent with portfolio objectives, guidelines and risk parameters. In addition, an investment professional's qualitative contributions to the organization are considered in determining incentive compensation. Investment professionals are all covered by the same general compensation structure although they manage multiple accounts. Incentive compensation is not based on the performance of, or value of assets in, any single account or group of client accounts.
 - *Cash Bonus.* An investment professional's annual cash bonus is paid from an annual incentive pool. The pool is developed as a percentage of our operating income and is refined by business metrics, such as:
 - business development initiatives, measured primarily by growth in operating income;
 - the number of investment professionals receiving a bonus;
 - investment performance of portfolios relative to appropriate peer groups or market benchmarks; and
 - market based data indicating compensation trends and levels of overall compensation in the asset management industry.
 - *Long-Term Equity Grant.* The annual long-term equity grant consists of restricted stock of Pramerica Financial and is subject to vesting requirements.
 - *Pramerica Fixed Income long-term compensation plan:* The Pramerica Fixed Income long-term compensation plan receives a percentage of the compensation value of any long-term awards to our investment professionals and manages this in notional accounts in such a way as to more closely align that compensation with the investment performance and growth of our business model. The participation interests in the plan are subject to vesting requirements.

Conflicts Related to Financial Interests

- *Conflicts Related to the Offer and Sale of Securities*

Certain of our employees may offer and sell securities of, and units in, commingled funds that we manage. Certain of our employees may offer and sell securities in connection with their roles as registered representatives of Pramerica Services, officers of Pramerica Trust, agents of Pramerica Insurance or the role of an affiliate as general partner of investment partnerships (See Item 10 for more information about these affiliations). There is an incentive for our employees to offer these securities to investors regardless of whether the investment is appropriate for such investor since increased assets in these vehicles will result in increased advisory fees to us. In addition, such sales could result in increased compensation to the employee. (See “Other Compensation” in Item 5).

- *Conflicts Related to Securities Holdings and Other Financial Interests.*

- *Securities Holdings.* Pramerica Financial, Pramerica Insurance’s general account, our proprietary accounts and accounts of other affiliates of ours (collectively, affiliated accounts) hold public and private debt and equity securities of a large number of issuers and may invest in some of the same companies as other client accounts but at different levels in the capital structure. These investments can result in conflicts between the interests of the affiliated accounts and the interests of our clients. For example:
 - Affiliated accounts can hold the senior debt of an issuer whose subordinated debt is held by our clients or hold secured debt of an issuer whose public unsecured debt is held in client accounts. In the event of restructuring or insolvency, the affiliated accounts as holders of senior debt may exercise remedies and take other actions that are not in the interest of, or are adverse to, other clients that are the holders of junior debt.
 - To the extent permitted by applicable law, we may also invest client assets in offerings of securities the proceeds of which are used to repay debt obligations held in affiliated accounts or other client accounts. Our interest in having the debt repaid creates a conflict of interest. We have adopted a refinancing policy to address this conflict.

We may be unable to invest client assets in the securities of certain issuers as a result of the investments described above.

- *Financial Interests.* We and our affiliates may also have financial interests or relationships with issuers whose securities we invest in for client

accounts. These interests can include debt or equity financing, strategic corporate relationships or investments, and the offering of investment advice in various forms. For example, we may invest client assets in the securities of issuers that are also our advisory clients. In addition, we may invest client assets in securities backed by commercial mortgage loans that were originated or are serviced by an affiliate.

In general, conflicts related to the securities holdings and financial interests described above are addressed by the fact that we make investment decisions for each client independently considering the best economic interests of such client.

Conflicts Related to Our Trading

- *Personal Trading by Our Employees.* Personal trading by our employees creates a conflict when they are trading the same securities or types of securities as we trade on behalf of our clients. This conflict is mitigated by our personal trading policy and procedures described above.
- *Side-by-Side Management of Accounts.* See Item 6 for a description of conflicts of interest related to our side-by-side management of accounts.

Item 12 – Brokerage Practices

Factors Used in Selecting or Recommending Broker-Dealers

Approved Counterparties

Transactions for client accounts must be made through approved counterparties. Counterparties used by us are approved by Pramerica Fixed Income's credit research group based on the same criteria used in our issuer credit analysis process. Criteria for approval include:

- profitability
- liquidity
- capital
- financial metrics
- economic factors
- size
- market presence

Pramerica Fixed Income's approval process, which includes approvals for PIML – Fixed Income, considers both transactional risk and counterparty creditworthiness, with transaction approval divided into four ascending risk classes:

- Class A: U.S. delivery versus payment transactions;
- Class B: Securities lending and repurchase transactions;
- Class C: Nonstandard settling transactions and delivery versus payment trades with non-US counterparties; and
- Class D: Over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives transactions.

Pramerica Fixed Income approves counterparties for one or more of the transaction categories listed above. The classes are further broken down into tiers based on the credit quality of the counterparty.

Pramerica Fixed Income sets maximum dollar exposure limits for each counterparty approved for transactions in classes B and C. These dollar limits are determined based on the credit quality of the counterparty with consideration given to the counterparty's market presence. In addition, Pramerica Fixed Income's risk management team monitors counterparty exposure in all third party accounts. If the exposure to any counterparty exceeds certain pre-established thresholds, the risk management team initiates a discussion with the applicable portfolio manager.

Pramerica Fixed Income's counterparty risk committee, which meets quarterly, is responsible for general oversight of the counterparty approval process. This committee reviews and monitors counterparty usage data, patterns (if any) relating to counterparty use, and other information relevant to our counterparty selection process. If any of the limits in the counterparty policy are exceeded, employees must escalate the matter to the counterparty risk committee.

Execution of Trades

We seek to execute transactions in client accounts at the most favorable total price reasonably attainable in the circumstances. Factors that we may consider in selecting an approved counterparty to execute a particular transaction include:

- the nature of the portfolio transaction;
- the size of the transaction;
- the desired timing of the trade;
- the activity existing and expected in the market for the particular transaction;
- broker confidentiality (the broker not revealing details about our trades or trading patterns to other brokers or market participants);
- the availability of research and research related services provided through such counterparty (as discussed below); and
- administrative cooperation.

Given these factors, it is possible that our clients may pay transaction costs in excess of that which another firm might have incurred for executing the same transaction.

Soft Dollars and Research Services

Currently, we do not enter into any third party or proprietary soft dollar arrangements where a broker-dealer provides research services in exchange for an expectation of receiving a certain dollar amount of commissions.

We receive a broad range of research from broker-dealers, including information on the economy, industries, groups of securities and individual companies, statistical information, market data, accounting and tax law interpretations, information regarding political developments, pricing and appraisal services, credit analysis, risk measurement analysis, performance analysis and other information regarding matters that may affect the economy and/or security prices. We may receive research services in the form of written reports, periodicals, investment seminars, software, and electronic access to, and telephone contacts and personal meetings with, security analysts, economists, government representatives, and corporate and industry spokespersons. It also may consist of computer databases.

We use these research services in connection with our investment activities. Services obtained in connection with the execution of transactions for one client account may be used in managing other accounts, including accounts managed by PIML business units other than us and the accounts of Pramerica Insurance and other affiliates.

Certain broker-dealers may also provide us with computer hardware and/or software as well as dedicated phone lines to be used to communicate trades.

We do not believe that the provision to us by broker-dealers of the research or other items and services described above results in higher transaction costs.

Brokerage for Client Referrals

In selecting or recommending broker-dealers, we do not consider whether we or any of our related persons receive referrals from such broker-dealers or any other third parties.

We may from time to time retain broker-dealers as solicitors with respect to our advisory services or placement agents with respect to funds we manage. In addition, we or funds that we manage may participate in broker-dealer capital introduction programs.

Directed Brokerage

We do not recommend, request or require that clients direct us to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer.

We do permit clients to direct the use of a particular broker-dealer or futures commission merchant for their account. Any such direction must be in writing or evidenced in our

clients' contracts with futures commission merchants or swap counterparties. If a client directs brokerage:

- The client may pay higher prices, depending on its arrangements with the broker-dealer or futures commission merchant and upon other factors such as trading volume, the market for the security, and market-making capabilities of that particular broker-dealer or futures commission merchant; and
- The client may lose the possible advantage which non-directing clients derive from the aggregation of orders for multiple clients as a single "batch" transaction, where we would, in some instances, be in a better position to negotiate pricing if the brokerage were not directed.

You should evaluate the relative costs, advantages and disadvantages of directed brokerage when considering whether or not to direct us to use one or more specific brokers.

Trade Aggregation and Allocation

It is our policy that clients must receive fair and equitable treatment in the aggregation and allocation of investments.

More specifically, our policy, subject to the exception noted below, is to aggregate and allocate among all accounts with an appetite for the particular trade:

- all new issue orders.
- all secondary market transactions with a trade size above an established threshold.

While not required, we often aggregate secondary transactions below our established threshold. However, in many other cases, we may execute trades to meet the specific needs of a single account.

In determining individual account appetite, we may be influenced by numerous factors including:

- an account's cash or liquid asset availability;
- the benchmark weight of the security;
- maturity, quality, duration, or risk contribution represented by the security;
- existing holdings of each account;
- specific account and mandate objectives, guidelines and constraints;
- liquidity requirements;
- de minimis allocation considerations based on criteria such as round lot provisions, minimum percentage of NAV or minimum transaction size; or
- any other portfolio construction considerations.

In addition, preference may be given to accounts whose investment guidelines limit their universe of available securities.

Our aggregation and allocation policy exempts transactions (both new issue and secondary transactions) in securities that are deemed to be both liquid and fungible. Examples of such securities are: money market instruments that are eligible securities as defined by Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940; U.S. Government securities, including agencies and agency mortgage-backed securities; non-U.S. government securities issued in their native currency that we consider to be investment grade; index credit default swaps; interest rate swaps; exchange-traded futures and options; and foreign currency instruments.

Our general policy is that all aggregated orders will be allocated at the time of the transaction, or as soon as possible thereafter, on a basis equal to each account's appetite for the issue, including affiliated accounts. Order allocation is not based upon account performance, fee structure, or any proprietary interest that we or our affiliates may have in an account.

Deviations from our aggregation and allocation policy must be approved in advance by a supervisor, and our compliance unit or law department must subsequently approve. Supervisors or their delegates review allocations for compliance with the policy.

If less than an entire aggregated order is executed, each account may be cut back based on one of a number of methodologies approved by our compliance group and senior management, such as pro rata based on original order or position or duration weight relative to benchmark. In determining final allocations, we may also consider the factors described above with respect to the determination of individual account appetite.

Aggregation/Allocation of Futures

We seek to enter a single futures order for multiple client accounts that have appetite for the same instrument. This is commonly referred to as a "block order." Block orders may result in "split fills" (an execution of a block order at more than one price) or "partial fills" (an execution of a block order at less than specified quantities). We allocate block orders and any resulting split and/or partial fills in a non-preferential, predetermined and objective manner.

Trade Error Policy

We maintain a trade and operational errors policy that is designed to ensure that corrections of trading and operational errors are processed promptly and in a manner that is fair and reasonable. To avoid potential errors, our policy provides that trades may, where appropriate, be cancelled or modified prior to settlement. If we cancel or modify a trade, we must be able to document that the trading counterparty will not suffer any loss. For daily valued accounts, we must also be able to document that such cancellation or

modification will not change any net asset value of the account that is struck between the commission of the error and the date of cancellation. In addition, our policy provides that a trading error in one client's account involving a violation of law or of the account's investment guidelines may be corrected through a reallocation or other transfer of securities to another account, subject to certain conditions. These conditions are that the reallocation or other transfer must represent an appropriate investment decision on behalf of each account involved, and that the reallocation or other transfer is effected without loss to the transferee account.

Under our policy, an associate who becomes aware of errors or potential errors must bring the circumstances to the attention of a compliance officer promptly. The compliance officer will then contact appropriate supervisors to determine and document the corrective action.

Item 13 – Review of Accounts

Periodic Review of Client Accounts

We hold various meetings at which we review client accounts, involving our employees and employees of Pramerica Fixed Income, including:

- *Quarterly Strategy Reviews.* Each quarter, Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment officer meets with our senior portfolio manager and the team responsible for the management of each of our investment strategies. At this meeting, the chief investment officer and strategy teams review and discuss the investment performance and performance attribution for each client account managed in the applicable strategy.
- *Quarterly Senior Management Investment Review.* Each quarter, Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment officer reviews the investment performance and performance attribution of each of our accounts and strategies with the head of Pramerica Fixed Income. The heads of Pramerica Fixed Income's distribution, credit, compliance and risk groups also typically attend this meeting.

Risk Management Reviews

Pramerica Fixed Income's risk management team also conducts the following periodic reviews:

- *Daily Risk Reporting and Review.* On a daily basis, Pramerica Fixed Income's risk management team reviews and monitors risk reports which indicate where active risk is taken relative to a portfolio's risk budget. A member of the Pramerica Fixed Income risk management team will discuss potential risk issues with our portfolio managers for the applicable account.

- *Weekly Review.* Pramerica Fixed Income's chief risk officer conducts weekly meetings with the Pramerica Fixed Income risk management team to discuss current risk positioning in client portfolios. At this meeting, Pramerica Fixed Income's risk management team also discusses potential risk issues highlighted in the daily risk reporting process. When appropriate, issues are escalated by bringing them to the attention of Pramerica Fixed Income's chief investment officer or, ultimately, to the head of Pramerica Fixed Income.

Commingled Account Reviews

We serve as subadviser to commingled accounts such as collective investment trusts and other pooled investment vehicles. For these subadvised accounts, we are also subject to the oversight of the investment manager for the account and the governing body of the vehicle (such as the board of directors, trustee or investment committee of the vehicle).

Additional Ongoing Review of Accounts

Control functions such as our and Pramerica Fixed Income's compliance teams also monitor and assess data and processes relating to our management and trading. They report results of these analyses independently to our senior management and senior management of Pramerica Fixed Income. Some examples of these independent reviews include:

- pre-trade compliance review of proposed transactions to monitor consistency with guideline restrictions (for absolute restriction-based rules such as prohibited securities or counterparties) (PIML – Fixed Income);
- post-trade compliance review, including manual review of calculation-based guidelines such as percentage limitations (PIML – Fixed Income & Pramerica Fixed Income);
- periodic review of trading to examine allocation and trade errors (PIML – Fixed Income & Pramerica Fixed Income); and
- periodic review by oversight committees of various investment and trading activities, including reviews by our:
 - trade management oversight committee (Pramerica Fixed Income);
 - pricing and liquidity committee (Pramerica Fixed Income);
 - risk operating committee (PIML - Fixed Income & Pramerica Fixed Income); and
 - counterparty risk committee (Pramerica Fixed Income).

Reports to Clients

We or Pramerica Fixed Income provide written reports regularly to all of our clients. In most cases we distribute these reports monthly, but may provide certain reports quarterly or annually. Our reports generally include:

- a list of all activity in the account during the applicable period;
- a list of positions;
- the market value of the positions in the account;
- a calculation of the account's return and the return of the applicable benchmark;
- a comparison of the characteristics of the account (such as industry, sector, issuer, credit quality and country weightings) versus the applicable benchmark; and
- a summary of performance attribution.

In addition, we or Pramerica Fixed Income send our clients a quarterly investment outlook that summarizes our current views regarding the fixed income markets in general.

We may agree with some clients to provide additional information in our reports or to provide some reports more frequently than monthly.

Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation

Other Compensation

Other than the research and brokerage-related services described in Item 12 under the caption "Soft Dollars and Research Services," we only receive economic benefits from clients in connection with the advisory services we provide to them or from affiliated entities that act as manager of commingled funds or other investment products that we may distribute.

Client Referrals

We may, on occasion, have arrangements where we compensate, either directly or indirectly, affiliated and/or unaffiliated solicitors for client referrals. The manner and amount of compensation would typically be negotiated on a case by-case basis. In addition, we will pay cross-selling commissions to marketing representatives of affiliates with respect to certain of our strategies and products pursuant to a cross-selling policy applicable to the U.S. investment management units of Pramerica Financial, as noted in Item 10.

Item 15 – Custody

We do not take physical custody of the assets of our clients. Client assets are generally held in custodial accounts with banks, broker-dealers or other qualified custodians retained by our clients under arrangements negotiated by them. There are certain other circumstances under which the SEC may deem us to have custody of client assets as well, such as when an affiliated company serves as a general partner of an investment limited partnership.

Our clients will receive account statements from their custodians no less frequently than quarterly, and should carefully review those statements. Where our fees are deducted from the client's custodial account, the statements will show those deductions, among other information. As described in Item 13 above under "Review of Accounts: Reports to Clients," we also generally provide statements or reports to our clients. Some of the types of information we provide in those statements or reports are comparable to information in the account statements clients receive from their custodians. We urge our clients to compare the account statements they receive from their qualified custodians with those statements that they receive from us.

Item 16 – Investment Discretion

We typically have the discretionary authority to purchase and sell assets for client accounts. This authority is granted pursuant to a written investment management or similar agreement between the client and PIML. Some of our client accounts are managed by us acting as subadvisor to Pramerica Investment Management. Some accounts that we manage are non-discretionary.

Our discretionary authority to manage client accounts is in all cases subject to the specific objectives, guidelines and limitations set forth in the applicable investment management agreement. Investment guidelines generally set forth the universe of eligible investments and issuers. Guidelines may also contain one or more of the following types of restrictions or limitations:

- a list of prohibited issuers or types of issuers;
- percentage limitations regarding the investment in certain issuers, groups of issuers or asset classes;
- limitations on the use of derivatives;
- percentage limitations regarding deviation from the holdings of the account's benchmark; and
- specifications regarding the credit quality of purchases for the account.

Certain regulated clients, such as commingled funds and pension fund accounts, are subject to additional investment, diversification and other limitations imposed by applicable law.

Item 17 – Voting Client Securities

Proxy Voting

In General

We accept the authority to vote securities held in our clients' accounts when our clients wish to provide us with this authority. Our investment management agreements with our clients will generally specify whether or not we have the authority to vote proxies on their behalf.

Our Proxy Voting Policy and Procedures

Our policy is to vote proxies in the best economic interest of our clients. In the case of pooled accounts, our policy is to vote proxies in the best economic interest of the pooled account.

Our proxy voting policy contains detailed voting guidelines on a wide variety of issues commonly voted upon by shareholders. These guidelines reflect our judgment of how to further the best economic interest of our clients through the shareholder or debt-holder voting process. We generally vote with management on routine matters such as the appointment of accountants or the election of directors. From time to time, ballot issues arise that are not addressed by our policy or circumstances may suggest a vote not in accordance with our established guidelines. In these cases, voting decisions are made on a case-by-case basis by the applicable portfolio manager taking into consideration the potential economic impact of the proposal. If a security is held in multiple accounts and two or more portfolio managers are not in agreement with respect to a particular vote, our proxy voting committee will determine the vote.

Not all ballots are received by us in advance of voting deadlines, but when ballots are received in a timely fashion, we strive to meet our voting obligations. We cannot, however, guarantee that every proxy will be voted prior to its deadline.

We take into account restrictions in some countries that might impair our ability to trade those securities or have other potentially adverse economic consequences. We generally vote securities on a best efforts basis and in the best economic interest of our clients.

Client Direction of Voting

We will use our best efforts to implement any written client voting instructions with respect to a specific solicitation.

Conflicts of Interest in the Voting Process

Occasionally, a conflict of interest may arise in connection with proxy voting. For example, the issuer of the securities being voted may also be a client of ours. When we identify an actual or potential conflict of interest between our firm and our clients, we refer the proxies regarding that issuer for resolution to the Pramerica Fixed Income proxy voting committee, which is composed of senior management of Pramerica Fixed Income. This may include abstaining from a particular vote or voting in accordance with the policy of the proxy voting facilitator rather than our own policy.

Accounts for Which We Do Not Vote Securities

Some of our clients elect to retain voting authority for themselves. If a client has a question about a particular solicitation, the client may contact its client service representative and we will try to address the client's question. We will not, however, disclose how we intend to vote on an issue for other clients' accounts.

How to Obtain Information Regarding Proxy Voting

Any client may obtain a copy of our proxy voting policy, as well as the proxy voting records for that client's securities, by contacting the client service representative responsible for the client's account.

Other Actions with Respect to Securities in Client Accounts

Corporate Actions and Class Actions

In addition to voting rights with respect to securities held in our clients' portfolios, there may be other rights associated with those securities, including the right or opportunity to participate in corporate actions and class actions.

With respect to corporate actions (such as an issuer's merger, tender offer, reorganization, etc.), we participate on behalf of clients who authorize us to do so, taking such action as we deem to be in the best economic interest of the clients' accounts.

Where we have agreed to handle proof of claim filings for a client, we will generally seek and use our best efforts to file such notices in all class action lawsuits in which the client is eligible to participate. In so doing, we will not inquire into the particular circumstances of any client. As a result, we will not seek to determine on an individual basis whether facts and circumstances relevant to that client would suggest that non-participation in the class action is appropriate or more advantageous to that client. For example, a client on whose behalf a proof of claim is filed may, as a result of having joined the class, waive or relinquish other claims that it may have against the target of the class action. The client may also have an interest or position with respect to the nature of the class action claim that is adverse to that of the class of plaintiffs. We would generally not be aware of those circumstances.

Had the client elected to handle class action lawsuits for itself, it might have determined not to file the proof of claim in such a class action. We do not provide any legal advice or services in connection with class actions.

Item 18 – Financial Information

We have no financial commitment that impairs our ability to meet contractual and fiduciary commitments to our clients.