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Open Field is registered as an investment adviser with the SEC. Registration of an Investment Adviser does not imply any level of skill or training.

Additional information about Open Field also is available on the SEC’s website at [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov).

## **Item 2 – Material Changes**

Our Brochure has been updated as of March 27, 2014.

The following is a summary of material changes to this Brochure since our previous annual update dated as of March 29, 2013:

- We have updated Items 4, 5 and 7 to include the description of a new line of business for us as the sub-investment manager of an Irish-domiciled Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferrable Investments (“UCITS”) sub-fund.
- We have updated Items 4, 5 and 7 to reflect the fact that we have ceased to provide model portfolios to other investment managers.
- We have updated Items 4, 5 and 7 to reflect the fact that we are no longer a sub-adviser to a mutual fund registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. We have updated Items 4, 5, 7, 10 and 15 to reflect the redemption of all investors from the master feeder fund that we had managed.

Currently, our Brochure may be requested free of charge by contacting Karen Austin at [karen.austin@ofcap.com](mailto:karen.austin@ofcap.com).

Additional information about Open Field is also available via the SEC’s web site [www.adviserinfo.sec.gov](http://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov). The SEC’s web site also provides information about any persons affiliated with Open Field who are registered, or are required to be registered, as investment adviser representatives of Open Field.

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## **Item 4 – Advisory Business**

### **The Adviser**

Open Field Capital LLC was established in August, 2003. Open Field is wholly owned by Open Field Capital (Cayman) L.P., a Cayman Island exempted limited partnership, and indirectly owned by Marc Weiss, James Stableford, Robert Griffin and Michael Sandifer. Messrs Weiss and Stableford are all of the Managers of the Board of Managers of Open Field and manage the day-to-day operations as well as the portfolio management. Messrs Weiss, Stableford, Griffin and Sandifer are all of the members of the Investment Committee and responsible for Open Field's investment decisions except with respect to non-publicly traded securities ("Private Equity"). Mr. Weiss has sole portfolio management authority for all Private Equity mandate client portfolios.

### **Investment Services**

Open Field is an investment manager focused on identifying "Megatrend" investments in emerging growth equities predominantly, although not exclusively, made in companies domiciled in the US. Open Field's specialization is investing in securities or sectors that are undergoing wholesale and rapid change as a result of technologically driven disruption. Open Field primarily focuses on leading edge technology companies but it does not limit itself to such companies since technological evolution is impacting an ever increasing number of market sectors and business processes as technology spending grows as a share of the global economy. Such investments are made in equity (for example, common stock and preferred stock) or equity related securities (for example, convertible notes, warrants and options).

The companies in which Open Field invests its discretionary clients' assets are primarily "emerging growth companies," that is, investments in companies that have relatively recently been listed on a stock exchange or NASDAQ. However, Open Field may invest in more mature and higher market capitalization businesses if Open Field identifies an attractive investment opportunity that meets its primary criteria: namely a security or sector experiencing disruptive change as a result of technological evolution or, more typically, revolution. Open Field's main focus is on long-term capital appreciation. Open Field's investment objective is to take advantage of the long-term secular growth of technology in the global economy by investing across a variety of markets in companies that we believe to be approaching the height of their growth rate. This distinct investment objective, together with Open Field's research and ability to invest in Private Equity as well as publicly traded securities, results in Open Field's discretionary portfolios and investment processes being substantially different from those of a conventional technology fund manager.

Currently Open Field provides discretionary investment management services for clients in accordance with two mandates: long only and Private Equity. Open Field also provides non-discretionary investment management services for one Private Equity client in. The long only mandate does not invest in securities issued by private companies. The

discretionary Private Equity mandate is available only to “qualified clients” as that term is defined from time to time in Rule 205-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 as amended (“Advisers Act”). Open Field also offers a long/short mandate which does not invest in securities issued by private companies and is available only to “qualified clients” as that term is defined from time to time in Rule 205-3 of the Advisers Act.

In making investment decisions for a client, Open Field generally does not consider the client’s broader investment objectives, risk tolerance or overall financial condition, tax or liquidity needs. Investments in emerging growth companies involved in the technology industry can be volatile and are generally appropriate as a small part of a client’s overall investment portfolio. Clients may place restrictions upon the types of investments or the amount or percentage of individual securities to be purchased, sold or held in such a client’s account. These restrictions must be in writing and accompany the investment management agreement.

Open Field offers separately managed discretionary accounts to institutional clients and high net worth individuals.

Open Field acts as the investment adviser of one non-discretionary private fund that invest solely in Private Equity. This private fund is only available for investing by friends, family and associates of Open Field.

Open Field also acts, on a fully discretionary basis, as the sub-investment manager of an Irish domiciled UCITS fund (Open Field Capital Technology UCITS Fund). Interests in the UCITS fund may not be offered, sold or delivered directly or indirectly in the United States of America, its territories or possessions, or to or for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person.

Open Field does not participate in or sponsor wrap-fee programs.

### **Assets under Management**

As of February 28, 2014, Open Field managed \$150,130,000 in client assets for 6 clients on a discretionary basis and managed \$22,190,000 in client assets on a non-discretionary basis for 1 client.

## **Item 5 – Fees and Compensation**

### **Separate Accounts**

Open Field does not have a standard management fee schedule. As compensation for its investment advisory services, separate account clients are charged a management fee based on the client’s assets under management. Management fees are individually negotiated with each client, but the “standard fee” charged by Open Field is 1% of per annum of the value of assets under management. Fees are generally calculated based on the average month-end values for the calendar quarter (e.g., for the quarter ended March, the

average of the month-end values of December, January, February and March) and paid quarterly in arrears.

Discretionary clients who select a Private Equity mandate may also be charged a performance fee based on the appreciation in the value of the client's portfolio. Although Open Field does not have a standard fee schedule, and performance fees are individually negotiated with each client, performance fees generally amount to 20% of net realized gains. Performance fees may be calculated based on absolute performance or may include a high water mark or other benchmark that must be exceeded before performance fees are earned. Open Field may only charge performance fees to clients that are "qualified clients" under SEC Rule 205-3 under the Advisers Act.

The specific manner in which fees are charged by Open Field is established in a discretionary client's written investment management agreement with Open Field. An invoice will be sent directly to such client and will be due in full upon receipt. Management fees may be prorated for significant capital contributions or withdrawals made during the applicable calendar quarter. Open Field has no authority to deduct fees from any client account.

### **Pooled Investment Vehicles**

For advisory services provided to Open Field Capital Technology UCITS Fund, Open Field's sub-advisory fees are between 0.8% and 1.5% per annum of the net asset value of the fund. The fees vary depending upon the mix of investors in the fund during the applicable fee measurement period. Open Field's sub-advisory fees are reduced by a hosting fee equal to the greater of \$30,000 per annum or 0.15% of the per annum of the net asset value of the fund. Open Field may agree with certain investors to reduce the amount of sub-advisory fees applicable to them on a case by case basis. The fund may also charge investors a subscription fee of up to 5% of the amount of their investment, which amount will be deducted from their subscription amount. In addition to the foregoing fees, investors will bear indirectly other fees and expenses charged to the fund.

Open Field receives no fees or compensation for its non-discretionary Private Equity pooled investment vehicle client, OFPP LLC.

### **Other Fees and Expenses**

Open Field's fees are exclusive of brokerage commissions, transaction fees, and other related costs and expenses which will be the responsibility of the client. Clients will also incur additional charges directly imposed by custodians, brokers, third party investment and other third parties such as custodial fees, deferred sales charges, transfer taxes, wire transfer and electronic fund fees, and other fees and taxes on brokerage accounts and securities transactions.

Such charges, fees and commissions are exclusive of, and in addition to, Open Field's management fee and any performance fee and Open Field shall not receive or bear any portion of these commissions, fees, and costs.

Item 12 further describes the factors that Open Field considers in selecting broker-dealers for discretionary client transactions and determining the reasonableness of their compensation (e.g., commissions). Open Field has complete discretion in selecting broker-dealers to execute client transactions.

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

Open Field charges a performance-based fee for all discretionary separate account clients who select a Private Equity mandate. The fact that Open Field is compensated based on the trading profits may create an incentive for Open Field to make investments on behalf of the clients that are riskier or more speculative than would be the case in the absence of such compensation.

Open Field currently does not engage in “side by side” trading because only discretionary Private Equity clients pay performance fees. Open Field currently has no discretionary Private Equity clients able to make new investments.

Open Field does not currently charge a performance-based fee for any client assets that are not invested in a Private Equity mandate. Open Field would generally expect to charge a performance-based fee for portfolios invested using the long/short mandate.

### **Item 7 – Types of Clients**

Open Field offers to provide portfolio management services to high net worth individuals, family offices, corporate pension and profit-sharing plans, endowments, institutions, pooled investment vehicles, trusts, and other U.S. and international institutions. Open Field provides non-compensated investment advisory services to one non-discretionary pooled investment vehicle.

The minimum account size for a separate account is \$10,000,000, which may be waived by Open Field in its sole discretion. Accounts of related parties may be aggregated to reach the minimum.

Open Field also acts as the sub-investment manager of an Irish domiciled UCITS fund (Open Field Capital Technology UCITS Fund).

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

Investing in securities involves risk of loss that clients should be prepared to bear.

**Method of Analysis:** Open Field’s security analysis methods include: fundamental, technical, and cyclical. Security selection is based on Open Field’s original fundamental research that is corroborated by technical and cyclical factors, such as price momentum. Open Field’s main sources of information are: financial newspapers and magazines (hard copy and electronic), data tracking, inspections of corporate activities, research materials prepared by others, timing services, annual reports and prospectuses and SEC filings, company press releases.

**Investment Strategies:** Open Field's investment methodology is to: (i) acquire sizable initial positions; and (ii) let the winners run to their fullest potential.

The portfolios of discretionary clients who have selected the long only mandate (or which may select the long/short mandate) are generally constructed by initially concentrating positions in securities across the various Megatrend technology and emerging growth sectors in which Open Field invests. Generally a position will not exceed 4-7% of the discretionary portfolio at the time of purchase, unless otherwise agreed to in the investment management agreement. A new portfolio will normally take at least 12 to 36 months to begin to mature in the Open Field style. Owing to Open Field's policy of letting its winners run, discretionary portfolios which are generally initially relatively evenly weighted at cost will, over time and as they mature, tend to become heavily weighted at market value in favor of a limited number of successful issues. Discretionary clients' portfolios in the long only mandate will generally be targeted to hold (generally for separately managed accounts) or 30 to 40 (generally for the UCITS fund) positions at maturity. Discretionary portfolios managed using the long/short mandate will generally be targeted to hold 50 to 80 positions at maturity.

Open Field's source of investment ideas are the result of a collective effort by Open Field's specialized internal professional investment management staff, which includes members who are educated in the technology and emerging growth sectors. Open Field actively participates in the venture capital and entrepreneur network extant in the emerging growth sectors of its investment universe, and Open Field's professional staff maintains a prominent presence in the industry and can thus rely upon industry contacts and the Wall Street community to assist with investment research. Open Field also frequently conducts on-site visits, and also regularly attends investment and trade conferences, all in addition to intensive study and review of current technical and scientific publications.

Open Field's discretionary long only mandate may utilize any of the following, if authorized in the specific portfolio guidelines: long or short term purchases, opportunistic trading, margin transactions, and option writing, with these types of investment instruments: exchange-listed securities, over-the-counter securities, foreign issuers, warrants, corporate debt securities, options contracts on securities. Additionally Open Field, offers management services with respect to investments in "restricted" securities of both publicly traded and non publicly traded companies in Open Field's universe. Additionally, but to an even more limited extent and only where Open Field believes special circumstances warrant, Open Field may also agree to provide management services with respect to investments in publicly traded and "restricted" convertible debt or equity securities and in warrants or other rights of issuers in Open Field's universe.

Open Field may from time to time engage in short term trading in order to service the liquidity needs of its discretionary clients.



## **Allocation of Investment Opportunities in Long Only and Long/Short Mandates**

**1. Overall Approach:** In general, Open Field seeks to allocate the purchases and sales of securities to clients in a fair and equitable manner. Open Field invests its clients' assets in emerging growth companies. These companies typically trade on the NASDAQ Stock Market and may be volatile as a result of having small share floats that may be impacted by venture distributions or rapid changes in technological innovation. Trade execution may be more volatile and thinner than conventional NYSE listed companies, allowing the skill and experience of Open Field's investment professionals to add value through their trade execution, not just their choice of securities.

**2. Asset Allocation Decision Making:** Open Field's Investment Committee meets regularly to review all of the securities held by Open Field's clients, as well as to review any securities Open Field is considering adding to or deleting from its Focus List. The Investment Committee adds, confirms, or deletes securities from Open Field's core Focus List. In addition, the Investment Committee agrees on the strategy for all securities held by clients.

**3. Purchases:** When the Investment Committee adds an issuer to the Focus List, the securities of such issuer may be purchased for the portfolios, when the portfolio manager determines that its price movement and availability are at attractive entry points. The classification of a security as a 'buy' on the Focus List does not necessarily mean that purchases will be made immediately, or in some cases at all, as price action may dictate otherwise.

**4. Allocation of Investments:** Open Field allocates securities to portfolios either on a "full position" basis, meaning that at the first opportunity Open Field seeks to acquire enough securities to fill a position or by building a position in increments across some of portfolios over time. Open Field's clients' portfolios are constructed with concentrated initial positions in a limited number of securities. Either trading patterns and availability or fundamentals may dictate that certain positions will be of a smaller initial size.

Securities are first allocated to clients' accounts meeting either of two specific conditions: (i) the account is a new account, or (ii) for existing accounts, if there is cash available in the account and the account is underweighted in the sector or security which Open Field is buying. If and when other attractive price entry points present themselves, additional securities will be purchased for some or all of the other portfolios that did not participate in the initial allocation.

**5. Allocation of Limited Investment Opportunities:** Not all investment opportunities are ample enough to enable every client's portfolio to invest 4 - 7% of its initial portfolio (at cost) at the first purchase opportunity. Where an investment opportunity is limited, Open Field may either allocate securities among its clients pro rata (i.e., proportionate to portfolio balances), or to a limited number of portfolios, or allocate all of the securities purchased to just one portfolio.

**6. Equal Treatment Policy:** When a sufficient amount of securities may be purchased and it is reasonably possible to fill or begin to fill more than one portfolio on a given day, Open Field allocate shares at the same average share price in that security.

**7. New Portfolios:** The portfolios of new clients may take up to six months before they are fully invested. Open Field makes investments in its clients' portfolios on the following basis. First, Open Field looks at the degree of equity exposure it believes will be sensible for each portfolio at the time. Second, Open Field looks at a given security's appropriateness for the portfolio and then at the sub sector weightings within internally defined sub-sectors. Finally, as Open Field invests it makes a continuing assessment of the overall market vulnerability and tries to time its entry accordingly.

**8. Market Consideration for New Portfolios:** Inevitably, the initial cost of a new security in a new portfolio is strongly impacted by the immediate level and direction of the market when Open Field makes its initial purchases. Therefore, for portfolios invested after a strong up turn in Open Field's universe, it may take more than the expected two years for a new portfolio to mature and perform.

**9. Exit Strategy:** Open Field may sometimes be a large shareholder relative to the trading volume in the security. When Open Field is selling out of a very large position, Open Field's policy is to exit as the market accommodates, albeit gradually, and to sell wherever possible on an uptick to avoid pushing the price of the security down. Open Field is an opportunistic seller in that it sells aggressively into rallies in securities that Open Field is negative about. Open Field allocates sales among portfolios in the following sequence. First, any portfolio with a withdrawal request pending. Second, any portfolio where Open Field is adjusting the portfolio's holdings and needs to sell securities currently held in order to fund future purchases. Third, where re-balancing either the portfolio's concentration and / or its sub-sector weightings requires the sale of a security.

**10. Short Sales:** A portfolio invested in Open Field's long/short mandate might authorize short sales for general or specific hedging purposes or as a pro-active investment strategy. In such portfolios, Open Field will prescribe a level of net portfolio exposure (in nominal dollar terms and beta weighted terms) both for the portfolio overall and within pre-defined sub-sectors to meet the risk management needs of the client.

### **Allocation of Investment Opportunities in the Private Equity Mandate**

Private Equity portfolios will primarily invest in still private companies within Open Field's universe which Open Field expects either to become public or to be acquired within 36 months of the investment; however, some Private Equity investments may take a substantially longer time to mature. Private placement investment opportunities made available to Open Field are often characterized by limited availability and high risk. Additionally, such an opportunity may also have a brief investment window and defined maturity dates. Thus, it will often not be possible for all of Open Field's Private Equity clients to participate in each private placement to the full extent they might otherwise wish,

and certain private placements may not be appropriate depending upon the clients own risk profile, cash needs and maturities horizon and similar considerations.

Currently there is one Open Field discretionary Private Equity client; however that client is mature and no longer making new or follow-on investments. There is also one Open Field non-discretionary Private Equity client.

### **Risk of Loss for Long Only and Long/Short Mandate**

No assurance can be given that a client's investment portfolio will generate any income or will appreciate in value.

Open Field relies heavily on its own research talent. Open Field's investment selection is based on its own original fundamental research and analysis and on independent industry experts. Although Open Field intends to evaluate information and data and to seek independent corroboration when Open Field considers it appropriate and when it is reasonably available, Open Field will not be in a position to confirm the completeness, genuineness or accuracy of all such information and data.

Open Field's fundamental investment strategy places express emphasis on technology related companies. Open Field will invest its clients' assets in the securities of technology companies and companies that provide products and services to the technology industries. Security prices in the technology and emerging growth sectors have been and will likely continue to be, highly volatile. The market value of these companies may often be based upon speculation and expectations about future products and the outcome of complex research programs. The issuers of these securities will likely include young companies with less actively traded securities. Although many of these securities will generally be traded in public markets, markets for such securities in general are subject to wider fluctuations than the market in general and the market value of any particular investment may be subject to substantial fluctuation and may often be based upon speculation and expectations about future products and the outcome of complex research programs. In addition to being relatively volatile and less liquid than certain other investment opportunities (such as, for instance, many exchange traded securities), the securities generally acquired by Open Field for its clients are likely to be issued by unseasoned companies and thus are also apt to be more speculative than those of more established companies.

Technology companies are characterized by competition and rapid technological developments that may make a company's products or services obsolete in a short period of time. A company's ability to compete effectively may depend on its ability to prevent others from using its technology. Patent and other intellectual property protections may involve legal uncertainties. Due to these and other factors, Open Field's clients' investments in the technology universe may be considered speculative and may drop sharply in response to adverse research and development, marketing, regulatory or securities market events which may result in a corresponding drop in the value of client's portfolios.

While Open Field intends that portfolios invested in the long only mandate will hold 15 to 20 (generally for separately managed accounts) or 30 to 40 (generally for the UCITS fund) positions at maturity and portfolios invested in the long/short mandate would expect to hold 50 to 80 positions at maturity, respectively, all portfolios investments will be in the emerging technology universe and will not be diversified, with the result that the issuers' failure to keep pace with, anticipate and respond adequately to changes in technology could have a material adverse impact on many or perhaps all positions in a client's portfolios.

In the long/short mandate, Open Field would expect to utilize financial instruments, both for investment purposes and for risk management purposes. When a portfolio enters into to a hedging transaction to seek to reduce risk, such transactions may result in a poorer overall performance for the portfolio than if it had not engaged in such hedging transactions. The success of the hedging strategy will depend, in part, upon the Open Field's ability to correctly assess the degree of correlation realized between the performance of the instruments used in the hedging strategy and the performance of the portfolio investments being hedged. For a variety of reasons, Open Field may not seek to establish a perfect correlation between the hedging instruments utilized and the portfolio holdings being hedged. Such an imperfect correlation may prevent a portfolio from achieving the intended hedge or expose the portfolio to risk of loss. Because the characteristics of many securities change as markets change or time passes, the success of Open Field's hedging strategy will also be subject to the Open Field's ability to continually recalculate, readjust and execute hedges in an efficient and timely manner. Open Field will not cause a portfolio to hedge where Open Field does not regard the probability of the risk occurring to be sufficiently high as to justify the cost of the hedge, or because it does not foresee the occurrence of the risk.

### **Risk of Loss for Private Equity Mandate**

A Private Equity portfolio involves various risks, including the risk that the client can lose some or all capital invested. While Open Field strives to attain the investment objective of a Private Equity portfolio through its research and portfolio management skills, there is no guarantee of successful performance, that the objective can be reached or that a positive return can be achieved.

**1. Investment Risks.** A Private Equity portfolio will invest substantially all of its available capital in the securities of privately held companies, with express emphasis on the securities of companies in emerging technology. In addition to being less liquid than certain other investment opportunities (such as, for instance, investment in publicly traded companies), the securities that may be acquired by a Private Equity portfolio will generally be issued by unseasoned companies and thus are also apt to be more speculative than those of more established companies. No assurance can be given that a Private Equity portfolio will generate any income or will appreciate in value. These unseasoned companies could also require substantial amounts of additional financing that may not be available or, if available, may not be on attractive terms. The inability or unwillingness of Open Field to use the assets of a Private Equity portfolio to make additional investments in

a Private Equity portfolio company could have a substantial negative effect on such company or cause a Private Equity portfolio to lose future investment opportunities. In addition, unlike other types of investments, most of a Private Equity portfolio's investments will be privately negotiated by Open Field and, accordingly, may involve higher transaction costs (including legal and accounting fees and expenses) than comparably-sized investments in publicly traded securities purchased over-the-counter or through the facilities of a securities exchange. To the extent such costs are not paid by the issuer, they will be borne by the Private Equity portfolio.

**2. Competition for Investments.** There can be no assurance that a Private Equity portfolio will be able to fully invest its capital on attractive terms. This could result from several factors, including, without limitation, competition from other investors, demands from potential private placement issuers that are unacceptable to Open Field or other business, technical and economic factors.

**3. Timing.** The successful companies in a Private Equity portfolio may take longer to realize their potential than the unsuccessful ones will take to reveal their weaknesses.

**4. Illiquidity of Portfolio Investments.** A Private Equity portfolio's investments will generally not be readily marketable. Its investments will consist of securities that are initially subject to restrictions on sale because they were acquired in private transactions either directly from the issuer or through an intermediary private placement vehicle. A Private Equity portfolio will not be able to sell these securities publicly unless their sale is registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "1933 Act") and applicable state securities laws, or unless an exemption from such registration requirements is available. So long as a Private Equity portfolio's investments are in the securities of non-public companies that are not subject to the informational requirements under the Federal securities laws, a Private Equity portfolio will not be able to publicly sell the securities of such companies under Rule 144 under the 1933 Act, which permits limited sales under specified conditions. In the event that securities are made available for sale to the public, a Private Equity portfolio may be deemed an "underwriter" or controlling person with respect thereto for the purposes of the 1933 Act and, as such, may be subject to liability under the 1933 Act.

In addition, contractual or practical limitations may restrict a Private Equity portfolio's ability to sell or distribute securities in a non-public company, where, for example, the Private Equity portfolio owns less than a controlling interest in such company or where a company's customers, other investors, lenders or the company's management is relying on the Private Equity portfolio's continued investment in such company. The lack of liquidity of a Private Equity portfolio's investment in a non-public company may preclude or delay any disposition of such investment, or reduce the proceeds that might otherwise be realized from any such disposition. Also, to the extent that a Private Equity portfolio distributes private securities to the client, the client may incur brokerage and other costs in connection with the disposition of such securities.

The public securities which a Private Equity portfolio may receive, as a result of an issuer going public or as the result of an acquisition of the issuer, may often be thinly traded and

relatively illiquid or could conceivably even cease to be traded. Open Field's position in such securities could be considered substantial taking into consideration the positions held simultaneously by all Private Equity portfolios and other clients or Open Field's Access Persons or their dependents (collectively "Affiliated Accounts"). In such cases and in the event of extreme market activity, it is possible that a Private Equity portfolio might not be able to liquidate the securities involved promptly should the need to do so arise. In addition, a Private Equity portfolio's sales of thinly traded securities could depress the market value of such securities and thereby reduce a Private Equity portfolio's profitability or increase its losses. Such circumstances or events could affect materially and adversely the amount of gain a Private Equity portfolio may realize.

**5. The Emerging Technology Sector.** Companies in the rapidly changing Megatrend emerging technology universe face special risks. For example, their products or services may not prove commercially successful or may become obsolete quickly. The value of a Private Equity portfolio's capital may be susceptible to factors affecting the technology area and to greater risk and market fluctuation than a portfolio that invests in a broader range of portfolio securities not concentrated in any particular industry. As such, a Private Equity portfolio is not an appropriate investment for a client if the client is a short-term investor or if the client requires safety of principal or stable income from its investments. The emerging technology areas may be subject to greater governmental regulations than many other areas. Changes in governmental policies may have a material adverse effect on these areas. Additionally, companies in these areas may be subject to risks of developing technologies, competitive pressures and other factors and are dependent upon consumer and business acceptance as new technologies evolve.

**6. Reliance on Issuers.** Open Field is unlikely to seek, or accept any invitation to have, representation on the board of directors or any control over the management of any company in which a Private Equity portfolio may invest. In the unlikely event that a representative of Open Field serves on the board of directors of a publicly held private placement issuer, a Private Equity portfolio would be restricted from trading in the securities of such company to the extent that such representative possesses material information regarding such company that is not publicly available.

**7. Lack of Diversification.** Consistent with Open Field's investment approach generally, it is anticipated that a Private Equity portfolio will at any time hold a few relatively large investments, with the result that a loss in any such position could have a material adverse impact on a Private Equity portfolio's capital.

**8. Operating Deficits.** The expenses of operating a Private Equity portfolio (including the management fee and any performance fee payable to Open Field) may exceed its income, thereby requiring that the difference be paid from capital and thereby reducing the funds which would otherwise be available for investment.

OFPP LLC is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") and, therefore, is not entitled to the various protections afforded by the 1940 Act with respect to its investments in underlying



securities. Any person who subscribes, or proposes to subscribe, for an investment in OFPP LLC must be able to bear the risks involved and must meet OFPP LLC's suitability requirements. Some or all alternative investment programs may not be suitable for certain investors. No assurance can be given that OFPP LLC's investment objectives will be achieved. OFPP LLC investments are typically speculative and involve a substantial degree of risk. OFPP LLC may engage in other speculative investment practices that may increase the risk of investment loss. OFPP LLC is only available for investing by friends, family and associates of Open Field.

### **Item 9 – Disciplinary Information**

Registered investment advisers are required to disclose all material facts regarding any legal or disciplinary events that would be material to your evaluation of Open Field or the integrity of Open Field's management.

Open Field has no information applicable to this Item.

### **Item 10 – Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations**

Neither Open Field nor its management persons has an application pending to register as a broker-dealer, or as a registered representative of a broker-dealer

Neither Open Field nor its management persons has an application pending to register as a futures commission merchant, commodity pool operator, commodity trading adviser or an associated person of any of those foregoing entities.

Open Field does not recommend or select other investment advisers for its clients nor does it have relationships with other investment advisers that are material to its advisory business or clients.

Open Field may recommend that potential non-U.S. investors invest in Open Field Capital Technology UCITS Fund (the UCITS fund for which Open Field acts as sub-investment manager).

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

#### **Code of Ethics**

Open Field has adopted a Code of Ethics ("Code"). The Code establishes the fundamental principle that all Open Field personnel have a fiduciary duty to place Open Field clients' interests ahead of their own. The Code clarifies that, in accordance with federal law, all Open Field personnel are prohibited from trading, either personally or on behalf of others (including clients), on any material nonpublic information or from communicating material nonpublic information to others, which insider trading activity would be in violation of the law. The Code sets forth standards of business conduct expected of Open Field personnel

and establishes policies to address conflicts that may arise in personal trading transactions in accordance with, as applicable, the Advisers Act, and the 1940 Act.

Open Field will provide a copy of its Code to any client or prospective client upon request.

### **Personal Trading**

Open Field's Code is designed to address conflicts of interest and, among other things, imposes restrictions on the ability of its personnel to invest in securities that may be traded in the clients' accounts.

Open Field permits Affiliated Accounts to hold securities that are similar to, or the same as, those of the clients' portfolios and to purchase, or sell such securities contemporaneously with the purchase, or sale of securities in the clients' portfolios. An "Access Person" is each of Open Field's Members, Managers, directors, officers, portfolio management personnel, and any individual whose regular functions or duties gives them access to material nonpublic information or access to current Open Field trading information.

In order to ensure that Open Field places the interests of its clients first, the Code requires all Affiliated Accounts to obtain Open Field's approval before purchasing or selling any personal investment (excepting only non-Reportable Securities, e.g. most mutual funds, governmental obligations, and money market type instruments) and requires Affiliated Accounts to periodically report to Open Field's Chief Compliance Officer all their personal securities holdings and to report all personal securities transactions.

### **Participation or Interest in Client Transactions**

Open Field, its Access Persons and employees perform investment management services for various discretionary clients. Open Field may give advice or take action with respect to the investments of such a client's portfolios that may not be given or taken with respect to another such client's portfolio with a similar investment program, objective, or strategy. Accordingly, such clients' portfolios with the same mandate may not hold the same securities or instruments or achieve the same performance.

Open Field is not obligated to contemporaneously acquire or terminate a position in any security which Open Field or its Affiliated Accounts may acquire or terminate for its or their own account or for the account of any other discretionary client.

### **Private Equity**

Open Field's discretionary Private Equity mandate authorizes Open Field to purchase for its clients' portfolios non-publicly traded securities (sometimes including "PIPES") of issuers within Open Field's universe. Subject to any requirements imposed by the private placement, Affiliated Accounts may also have an opportunity to invest in the same private placements or privately held companies. Securities issued in a private placement may later, in subsequent private rounds or in connection with or following an initial public offering, be bought for clients at potentially higher prices. Because these circumstances



may give rise to actual or apparent conflicts of interest and in order to ensure that Open Field acts in the best interests of its clients, Open Field requires the preclearance of all Affiliated Accounts' investments other than such investments in non-Reportable Securities.

Private placements may be followed by an offering of additional or associated securities, (e.g. warrants). Subject to the reporting and preclearance requirements of the Code, any Affiliated Accounts may participate in a follow on offering and may exercise any rights with respect to such additional or associated securities (pre-IPO basis or otherwise) that may also be exercised by any Open Field Private Equity portfolio.

### **Initial Public Offerings**

From time to time Open Field will be provided with the opportunity to purchase shares in initial public offerings ("IPO Shares"). In some instances, the opportunity to acquire IPO Shares will only be made available to a discretionary Private Equity client or an Affiliated Account as a result of their prior investment. Where such prior investment is not a precondition to the opportunity to purchase IPO Shares, Open Field will periodically determine which discretionary clients or Affiliated Accounts are eligible to receive IPO Shares (each an "Eligible Client" or "Eligible Entity" respectively). Certain IPO Shares may be deemed to be an appropriate investment for an Eligible Client because of the suitability of the investment, the size of the available allocation or such other factors that Open Field deems appropriate.

An Eligible Entity will be eligible to receive IPO Shares only if such investment is consistent with its investment mandate, is not prohibited by its investment guidelines and if its portfolio is deemed to have sufficient uncommitted cash.

Some of the factors that may be considered when allocating IPO Shares to one or more Eligible Entities include, among others: cash limitations or excess cash in the clients' accounts; specific investment restrictions vis-à-vis the account mandate; existing portfolio composition and applicable industry, sector, or capitalization weightings; relative underperformance of an account (in comparison to peer accounts) for reasons not attributable to the client's actions or restrictions; partial fill or trade order; small account size (allocation may be adjusted to minimize custodial fees and transaction charges); undesirable position size (allocation may be adjusted to remove an undesirably small or undesirably large position); client sensitivity to turnover; client tax status; regulatory restrictions, and suitability restrictions, including, but not limited to the Eligible Entity being deemed a "Restricted Person" under the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

Contemporaneously with an initial public offering, Open Field may enter the open market to purchase securities of the same class as those issued in the initial public offering for allocation to the clients' portfolios and the pooled investment vehicles. Securities purchased in the open market may often only be available at prices higher than the "per share" price for shares obtained in the initial public offering distribution. However, in all cases any open market purchases are transacted only if and to the extent that Open Field

has first determined that the transaction is suitable for the client or pooled investment vehicle and consistent with the investment mandate of the portfolio.

Affiliated Accounts may purchase IPO Shares subject to the pre-clearance and reporting requirements of the Code and subject to any restrictions imposed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

## **Item 12 – Brokerage Practices**

### **Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits**

Open Field does not use soft dollars.

Certain brokers through whom Open Field executes trades may provide unsolicited proprietary research to Open Field. If this research is used, it may be used for all clients, even though certain clients may not have paid direct commissions to the brokers who provided the research. This research could include a wide variety of reports, charts, publications or proprietary data on economic and political strategy, credit analysis, or stock and bond market conditions and projections. In addition to unsolicited research, certain brokers may provide invitations to attend conferences and meetings with management representatives of issuers or with other analysts and specialists.

Where a broker provides research or other services on an unsolicited basis, it is understood that such broker is hopeful that that Open Field will place orders with such broker. Open Field may execute portfolio transactions through such a broker but only if Open Field has determined that such broker will provide best execution based on the factors below.

### **Broker Selection**

Portfolio transactions are generally effected directly with market makers. Where effected on an agency basis, Open Field's selection of brokers will depend upon the broker's ability to provide best execution, taking into account the best price available and other discretionary factors such as the desired time of the trade, confidentiality, best execution, and the financial condition and practices of the broker-dealer.

### **Aggregation of Orders**

Where Open Field is purchasing or selling the same securities for different discretionary clients' portfolios at the same time, Open Field will generally, but is not obligated to, aggregate orders in the interest of achieving the most favorable net results for all such clients. Open Field will engage in an aggregated transaction so long as the transaction is also consistent with Open Field's other duties to such client, including its duty of best execution. Where orders are not aggregated, discretionary clients may incur higher transactional costs, or higher costs relative to other orders placed on the same day.

In determining whether aggregation is appropriate, Open Field will review each discretionary portfolio's investment mandate, cash position, need for liquidity, sector concentration and other objective criteria. Open Field has developed the following aggregation procedures designed to achieve fair and equitable aggregation of orders and ensure that no discretionary client is favored over any other discretionary client participating in the same transaction.

When placing an aggregated trade Open Field first determines each discretionary account that is eligible to participate in such aggregated trade (each an "Eligible Account") as described above. Open Field's general practice and preference is for trades to be executed with a single broker.

For an aggregated trade order placed through a single broker, each Eligible Account will be allocated the lesser of: (i) their indicated amount (which is the amount the portfolio manager is requesting) or (ii) the pro rata amount (i.e., the amount in proportion to the portfolio balances of the Eligible Accounts for the aggregated trade). Each Eligible Account will purchase (or sell) at the same average unit price for that day's aggregated order. The specific Eligible Account trade allocations are reported to the clients' custodians using either the custodian's proprietary trading platform or via email to the client's designated representative. Each of these trade allocation and reporting methods creates a written record of each trade.

For aggregated trades made using two or more brokers, Open Field follows the same procedures described above, and in addition, prepares a written statement to document which Eligible Accounts were allocated what portion of the shares purchased in that trade.

All transaction costs and expenses will be shared by the Eligible Accounts pro rata (i.e., in proportion to the total purchased or sold share amount). Share amounts may be rounded to the nearest round lot.

When an aggregated order is only partially filled, the securities purchased will typically be allocated to each Eligible Account in proportion to the initial amount requested for the Eligible Account.

Where the number of shares received is deemed by the portfolio manager to be too small an amount (generally 1,000 or fewer shares) to fill a position or to build a position in a particular portfolio, the portfolio manager may reallocate the securities among the other Eligible Accounts in the aggregated order or, alternatively, allocate all shares to only one Eligible Account determined among the clients' accounts on a round robin basis.

### **Directed Brokerage / Broker Recommendations**

Open Field does not permit clients to direct trades to a particular broker-dealer. Open Field has complete discretion in selecting broker-dealers to execute the discretionary clients' transactions.

### **Item 13 – Review of Accounts**

All of the discretionary clients' portfolios are reviewed on a continuous basis by one or more of Open Field's senior portfolio managers; these reviews are conducted to ensure compliance with each account's investment guidelines.

Portfolio reviews are provided orally to all discretionary separate account clients no less often than quarterly.

No periodic review is performed for the non-discretionary client.

### **Item 14 – Client Referrals and Other Compensation**

Open Field may from time to time engage outside firms, under non-exclusive arrangements, to solicit institutional and retirement plan clients on Open Field's behalf, such solicitation arrangements are subject to the limitations and requirements of the Solicitors Rule under the Advisers Act. Open Field may also enter into limited *ad hoc* solicitation or marketing arrangements with other parties, on a client-by-client basis. Open Field may also utilize in-house marketing staff that will be compensated, in part, for their client referrals.

### **Item 15 – Custody**

Open Field does not maintain custody of any discretionary clients' funds or securities. Custody of the assets of discretionary separate account clients' assets is maintained by the client's broker-dealer, bank or other qualified custodian. Discretionary separate account clients will receive statements directly from their custodian and should carefully review such statements. Due to differences in accounting procedures, reporting dates, and valuation methodologies of certain securities, the value of assets on their custodian's statements may vary from those found on statements provided by Open Field. Discretionary pooled investment vehicle investors receive monthly statements directly from the vehicle's administrator.

Open Field does maintain custody of those OFPP LLC investments which are evidenced by preferred and commons stock certificates or convertible notes. All such stock certificates contain restricted legends and cannot be freely traded or transferred. All OFPP LLC funds are held by a qualified custodian, i.e. at a bank. OFPP LLC is audited annually and the audited U.S. GAAP financial statements are distributed to all OFPP LLC's investors.

### **Item 16 – Investment Discretion**

In the investment management agreement, the discretionary separate account client grants Open Field discretionary authority to manage the assets in the client's account; Open Field exercises such discretionary authority consistently with the stated investment objectives of the client's account and subject to any restrictions or limitations specified by the client in the investment management agreement.

In relation to Open Field's pooled investment vehicle, Open Field's discretionary investment authority is established within the sub-investment management agreement or equivalent governance documents.

Neither Open Field nor Mr. Weiss has any discretionary authority to manage any OFPP LLC investor's funds. Each individual OFPP LLC investor separately specifies which private placements it will invest in and for what dollar amount.

### **Item 17 – Voting Client Securities**

Where voting authority has been delegated to Open Field, Open Field's policy is to exercise voting rights, wherever it is practical to do so. Open Field's Board of Managers makes all decisions regarding how each proxy is to be voted. For matters involving securities held long, Open Field generally votes as recommended by management, except if there is a proxy fight. However, each proxy issue will be considered individually and the vote will be determined after careful review and consideration of the various issues involved. Open Field will vote in a manner that is intended to enhance the economic value of the assets of the clients' portfolios.

Open Field's clients may not direct Open Field's proxy voting decisions.

In relation to Open Field's discretionary pooled investment vehicle, Open Field's voting authority is established within the sub-investment management agreement. Clients may obtain a copy of Open Field's complete proxy voting policies and procedures upon request. Clients may also obtain information from Open Field about how Open Field voted any proxies on behalf of their accounts by contacting Karen Austin at [karen.austin@ofcap.com](mailto:karen.austin@ofcap.com).

### **Item 18 – Financial Information**

Open Field has no financial conditions that are reasonably likely to impair its ability to meet its contractual commitments to its clients. Open Field has not been the subject of a bankruptcy proceeding.