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This brochure (this "Brochure") provides information about the qualifications and business practices of Empyrean Capital Partners, LP ("Empyrean"), an investment adviser registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "Advisers Act"). If you have any questions about the contents of this Brochure, please contact the Chief Compliance Officer at (310) 843-3000. The information in this Brochure has not been approved or verified by the SEC or by any state securities authority.

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This brochure contains certain material information in the manner and format promulgated by the SEC. Additional information, which must be read and considered with the information in this brochure, may be found in other documents, including, as applicable, offering memoranda and/or investment management agreements, among others. Please read and understand the entire brochure as responses to certain items may also respond to or provide additional or fuller information regarding the responses to other items.

Additional information about Empyrean also is available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

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MATERIAL CHANGES

Pursuant to the rules promulgated under the Advisers Act, Empyrean is required to identify and discuss any material changes made to its brochure since the last annual update. This document amends and restates in full, our brochure dated March 28, 2013. There are no material changes to report. If Empyrean makes any material changes to this Brochure, this section will be revised to include a summary of such changes.

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ADVISORY BUSINESS

A. General Description of Advisory Firm.

Empyrean commenced operations in 2004. Michael Price and Amos Meron, as limited partners of Empyrean and as the managing members of the general partner of Empyrean, Empyrean Capital, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Empyrean General Partner”), are the principal owners of Empyrean and control Empyrean.

Empyrean and the Empyrean General Partner have together filed a single Form ADV in reliance on the position expressed by the SEC in American Bar Association, Business Law Section, SEC No-Action Letter (January 18, 2012). Accordingly, the Empyrean General Partner is not separately registered as an investment adviser with the SEC, but is considered to be a registered investment adviser by virtue of Empyrean’s registration with the SEC.

B. Description of Advisory Services

Empyrean serves as the investment adviser with discretionary trading authority to private pooled investment vehicles, the securities of which are offered to Investors (as defined in Item 7) on a private placement or other basis (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”). “Client” or “Clients” generally refers to one or more of the Funds and any other existing or future fund, investment company, pooled-investment vehicle or managed account that Empyrean manages or may, from time to time, manage. The Funds include (i) Empyrean Capital Overseas Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “Offshore Fund”), (ii) Empyrean Capital Overseas ERISA Fund, Ltd, a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “ERISA Fund”), (iii) Empyrean Capital Overseas Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company (the “Master Fund”), (iv) Empyrean Capital Fund, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the “Domestic Fund”) and (v) Empyrean Investments II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Empyrean Investments”). The Offshore Fund and the ERISA Fund invest all of their investable assets through a “master-feeder” structure in the Master Fund. The Domestic Fund and Empyrean Investments II invest directly as “stand alone” funds.

Empyrean, on behalf of its Clients, employs a fully integrated, multi-disciplinary investment approach to event-oriented and relative value investing. Its approach integrates credit, equity, volatility and event expertise in a single platform. Please see Item 8 for a more detailed description of Empyrean’s investment strategies. Clients may also ask Empyrean to, and Empyrean may, provide investment advice and advisory services and other services with respect to other investment securities and instruments as is consistent with each respective Client’s investment objective, including through managed accounts, other investment partnerships, other funds or investment management companies that are registered with the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

This brochure generally includes information about Empyrean and its relationships with its Clients and affiliates. While much of this brochure applies to all such Clients and affiliates, certain information included herein applies only to specific Clients or affiliates.

This brochure does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any securities.

C. Availability of Customized Services for Individual Clients

Empyrean has full discretionary authority with respect to investment decisions, and its advice is given in accordance with the investment objectives and guidelines as set forth in its Clients' respective offering memoranda. Empyrean tailors its advisory services to the specific needs of its Clients as agreed to in its investment management agreements.

D. Wrap Fee Programs

Empyrean does not offer or participate in wrap fee programs.

E. Assets Under Management

Empyrean manages, and has discretionary authority over approximately \$2.094 billion in assets as of January 31, 2014.¹ Empyrean's regulatory assets under management on a discretionary basis were approximately \$4.524 billion as of January 31, 2014.²

¹ Empyrean Investments II was initially funded in February 2014, and the component of Empyrean's assets under management attributable to Empyrean Investments II is as of February 28, 2014.

² See Footnote 1.

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FEES AND COMPENSATION

A. Advisory Fees and Compensation.

The fees applicable to each Client are set forth in detail in each of the Clients' respective offering documents. A brief summary of those fees is provided below.

1. The Domestic Fund:

With respect to the Domestic Fund, Empyrean generally is paid quarterly in advance a management fee of (i) 0.50% (2.0% annualized), (ii) 0.4375% (1.75% annualized) or (iii) 0.375% (1.50% annualized) of the beginning value of each capital account (depending on the class of interests) of the limited partners of the Domestic Fund.

At the end of the Domestic Fund's fiscal year, the Empyrean General Partner generally receives incentive allocations from the Domestic Fund of 20% of the net capital appreciation (depending on the class of interests) of the Domestic Fund. Net capital appreciation generally includes both realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities held in the Domestic Fund's portfolio. Generally, any net capital depreciation in a fiscal year allocated to any limited partner of the Domestic Fund is carried forward so that no incentive allocation is charged to such limited partner unless the losses have been recouped, subject to certain adjustments. A portion of the Domestic Fund's capital may be invested in assets or securities that either lack a readily assessable market value or should be held until the resolution of a special event or circumstance (each, a "Special Investment"). Each Special Investment will be maintained in a special investment account until its realization, or the determination by Empyrean, in its discretion, that such investment need not be treated as a Special Investment anymore (such determination, a "deemed realization" of such Special Investment). Special Investments are not subject to any incentive allocations until such Special Investment is realized or "deemed realized." Such Special Investments are usually subject to the management fees described above and are generally valued at cost for the period that they are maintained in a special investment account.

The Empyrean General Partner reserves the right to waive or impose different fees or otherwise modify the fee arrangements of an existing limited partner with the consent of such limited partner. Certain classes of interests are subject to reduced fees. In addition, the Domestic Fund reserves the right to impose different fees on future limited partners.

2. The Offshore Fund:

With respect to the Offshore Fund, Empyrean generally is paid quarterly in advance a management fee of (i) 0.50% (2.0% annualized), (ii) 0.4375% (1.75% annualized) or (iii) 0.375% (1.50% annualized) of the net asset value ("NAV") of each class of shares (depending on the share class) of the Offshore Fund.

At the end of the Offshore Fund's fiscal year, Empyrean generally receives incentive fees from the Offshore Fund of 20% of the net realized and unrealized appreciation in the NAV of each series of shares (depending on the share class) of the Offshore Fund. An incentive fee will only be paid with respect to the net realized and unrealized appreciation in

the NAV of a series of shares in excess of the “Prior High NAV” of such series of shares. The Prior High NAV of a series of shares is the NAV of that series immediately after the determination of a year-end incentive fee with respect to such series. The Prior High NAV of a series will be reduced pro rata for interim-year redemptions of shares of such series and exchanges for Class S Shares. A portion of the Offshore Fund may be invested in assets or securities that either lack a readily assessable market value or should be held until the resolution of a Special Investment. Each Special Investment will be represented by a series of Class S Shares until its realization or the determination by Empyrean, in its discretion, that such investment need not be treated as a Special Investment anymore (such determination, a “deemed realization” of such Special Investment). The Class S Shares will not be subject to any incentive fees until a gain is realized or “deemed realized.” The Class S Shares will usually be subject to the management fees described above and are generally valued at cost for period that they are maintained as a Special Investment.

The Board of Directors of the Offshore Fund reserve the right to waive or impose different fees or otherwise modify the fee arrangements of an existing shareholder with the consent of such shareholder. Certain classes of shares are subject to reduced fees. In addition, the Offshore Fund reserves the right to impose different fees on future shareholders.

3. The ERISA Fund:

With respect to the ERISA Fund, Empyrean generally is paid quarterly in advance a management fee of (i) 0.50% (2.0% annualized), (ii) 0.4375% (1.75% annualized) or (iii) 0.375% (1.50% annualized) of the NAV of each class of shares (depending on the share class) of the ERISA Fund.

At the end of the ERISA Fund’s fiscal year, Empyrean receives incentive fees from the ERISA Fund of 20% of the net realized and unrealized appreciation in the NAV of each series of shares of the ERISA Fund. An incentive fee will only be paid with respect to the net realized and unrealized appreciation in the NAV of a series of shares in excess of the “Prior High NAV” of such series of shares. The Prior High NAV of a series of shares is the NAV of that series immediately after the determination of a year-end incentive fee with respect to such series. The Prior High NAV of a series will be reduced pro rata for interim-year redemptions of shares of such series and exchanges for Class S Shares. A portion of the ERISA Fund may be invested in assets or securities that either lack a readily assessable market value or should be held until the resolution of a Special Investment. Each Special Investment will be represented by a series of Class S Shares until its realization or the determination by Empyrean, in its discretion, that such investment need not be treated as a Special Investment anymore (such determination, a “deemed realization” of such Special Investment). The Class S Shares will not be subject to any incentive fees until a gain is realized or “deemed realized.” The Class S Shares will usually be subject to the management fees described above and are generally valued at cost for period that they are maintained as a Special Investment.

The Board of Directors of the ERISA Fund reserves the right to waive or impose different fees or otherwise modify the fee arrangements of an existing shareholder with the consent of such shareholder. In addition, the ERISA Fund reserves the right to impose different fees on future shareholders.

4. Other Clients

With respect to other Clients, Empyrean imposes, and reserves the right to impose on future Clients, fee arrangements that may differ from those fee arrangement described above.

B. Payment of Fees

Fees and compensation paid or allocated to Empyrean and the Empyrean General Partner by Clients are generally deducted from the assets of such Clients. As discussed above, the management fees are generally deducted on a quarterly basis and the performance compensation is generally deducted on an annual basis.

C. Additional Fees and Expenses

Clients generally bear their own organizational, offering, operating and other expenses, including, without limitation, investment-related expenses (e.g., brokerage commissions, interest on margin accounts and other indebtedness, borrowing charges on securities sold short, custodial fees, clearing and settlement charges, interest expense and investment-related travel and lodging expenses); research-related expenses, including, without limitation, news and quotation equipment and services, statistical and market data, investment conferences, research-related software and software consulting; fees of the administrator; legal expenses (including internal counsel work relating to a Client); professional fees (including, without limitation, expenses of consultants and experts); auditing and tax preparation expenses; costs of printing and mailing reports and notices; expenses relating to obtaining insurance for members of the board of directors; management fees; incentive fees; corporate licensing fees and other professional fees; bank service fees; withholding and transfer fees; entity-level taxes; other expenses related to the purchase, sale or transmittal of Client assets; and extraordinary expenses and other similar expenses related to each Client. To the extent that expenses are borne by a Client are paid by Empyrean, the Client will reimburse Empyrean for such expenses.

The Offshore Fund and the ERISA Fund also bear their pro rata share of the Master Fund's expenses.

D. Prepayment of Fees

Generally, each Fund pays Empyrean a management fee quarterly in advance based on the NAV of each Fund. In the event that a Fund's NAV is reduced in connection with a withdrawal or redemption by an Investor of such Fund other than as of the last day of a quarter, Empyrean will pay such Fund an amount equal to the pro rata portion of the management fee, based on the actual number of days remaining in such quarter, and such Fund will distribute such amount to the Investor.

E. Additional Compensation and Conflicts of Interest

Neither Empyrean nor any of its supervised persons accepts compensation (e.g., brokerage commissions) for the sale of securities or other investment products.

ITEM 6
PERFORMANCE-BASED FEES AND SIDE-BY-SIDE MANAGEMENT

Empyrean accepts performance-based fees from every Client. As a result, Empyrean does not face the conflicts of interest that may arise when an investment adviser accepts performance-based fees from some Clients, but not from other Clients.

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TYPES OF CLIENTS

Empyrean provides investment advice to Clients that are offered to investors on a private placement or other basis, as described above.

Persons and entities that invest in Clients (“Investors”) may include individuals, pension and profit-sharing plans, fund-of-funds, insurance and financial institutions, family offices, state or local government plans, union plans, trusts, endowments, foundations, charitable organizations and other types of entities.

The minimum investment for an Investor generally will be determined by Empyrean, or the Empyrean General Partner and/or board of directors, as applicable, of the Client and will generally be set out in the offering documents and/or investment management or other agreements. Such minimum investment amounts may be waived by Empyrean, the Empyrean General Partner or board of directors, as applicable, if permissible under relevant law.

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METHODS OF ANALYSIS, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISK OF LOSS

A. Methods of Analysis and Investment Strategy:

The descriptions set forth in this brochure of specific advisory services that Empyrean offers to Clients, and investment strategies pursued and investments made by Empyrean on behalf of its Clients, should not be understood to limit in any way Empyrean's investment activities. Empyrean may offer any advisory services, engage in any investment strategy and make any investment, including any not described in this brochure, that Empyrean considers appropriate, subject to each Client's investment objectives and guidelines. The investment strategies Empyrean pursues are speculative and entail substantial risks. Clients should be prepared to bear a substantial loss of capital. There can be no assurance that the investment objectives of any Client will be achieved.

Empyrean seeks to purchase or sell short securities and other financial instruments for Clients. This strategy may be implemented through the purchase or sale of an issuer's securities or derivative and volatility instruments related to such securities in a single trade or a series of trades which involve multiple instruments in order to achieve the targeted net exposure.

Empyrean seeks to limit downside exposure through the purchase of securities or instruments at discounts to intrinsic value or otherwise limit risk through favorable structural, contractual, collateral or valuation characteristics. Generally, Empyrean seeks to reduce market exposure through a variety of credit, equity and volatility hedging techniques.

Clients generally invest, both long and short, in a variety of public and private primary and secondary market securities, instruments and obligations. Instruments may include, but are not limited to, trade claims, revolving and term loan credit facilities, public and private debt obligations, public and private convertible debt and convertible preferred stock, public and private common stock, real estate related assets, futures, options, warrants and derivative instruments. Generally, Clients will invest in these securities and instruments on a passive basis, although occasionally, Clients will assume a more active role.

Empyrean employs a fully integrated, multi-disciplinary investment approach to event-oriented and relative value investing. Its approach integrates credit, equity, volatility and event expertise in a single platform. Clients generally maintain a single investment portfolio with no pre-determined asset allocation targets or securities biases. Instead, Empyrean seeks to identify companies undergoing transforming events and, after comprehensive analyses, invests in the most attractive securities and instruments regardless of asset class. The investment process is applied to the entirety of an issuer's capital structure including its derivative and volatility instruments.

Empyrean's investment process consists of (i) opportunity identification; (ii) investment research; (iii) investment selection; and (iv) risk management. Opportunities are identified across asset classes and securities through Empyrean's deep presence and multi-product expertise within a variety of financial markets. Empyrean's research process is characterized by a rigorous fundamental, "bottom-up" approach which combines comprehensive cash flow, valuation, volatility and event analyses in order to identify and quantify (i) disparities between intrinsic value and market value; (ii) the potential distribution

of event outcomes and their impact on securities' valuation; and (iii) upside potential versus downside risk. Empyrean's fundamental research includes a thorough evaluation of a variety of aspects of an issuer and its securities including, but not limited to, its (i) industry position; (ii) business position; (iii) cash flow, financial position and accounting; (iv) valuation; (v) legal and financial structure; and (vi) management and stakeholders. The investment selection process involves a risk-weighted evaluation of instruments within an issuer's capital structure and a comparison across alternative investment opportunities. Empyrean's risk management process is intended to balance a "bottom-up" approach to security selection by applying portfolio-level risk filters, guidelines and limits and employing a variety of risk management tools. Empyrean also systematically applies instrument-specific, sector-specific and portfolio-level hedging techniques in an effort to reduce market exposure.

Empyrean pursues its approach to event-oriented and relative value investing by maintaining portfolios which are generally diversified by industry, issuer, asset class and security. In addition, Empyrean maintains low to moderate leverage and maintains guidelines with respect to private and less liquid investments.

B. Material, Significant, or Unusual Risks Relating to Investment Strategies:

The following risk factors do not purport to be a complete list or explanation of the risks involved in an investment in the Clients advised by Empyrean. These risk factors only include those risks Empyrean believes to be material, significant or unusual and relate to particular investment strategies or methods of analysis employed by Empyrean.

Securities Believed To Be Undervalued or Incorrectly Valued. Securities that Empyrean believes are fundamentally undervalued or incorrectly valued may not ultimately be valued in the capital markets at prices and/or within the time frame Empyrean anticipates. In such event, Clients, may incur a substantial loss.

Relative Value Strategies. Relative value investment strategies generally use spread trades consisting of a long position in one security offset by a short position in another. Such offsetting positions are meant to neutralize or reduce risk. The portfolio profits if Empyrean's relative valuation leads to a rise in the value of the long position(s) and/or a decline in the value of the short position(s).

The success of the relative value investment strategy depends on Empyrean's ability to identify and exploit perceived inefficiencies in the pricing of securities, financial products, or markets. Identification and exploitation of such discrepancies involve uncertainty. There can be no assurance that Empyrean will be able to locate investment opportunities or to exploit pricing inefficiencies in the securities markets. Mispricings, even if correctly identified, may not be corrected by the market, at least within a timeframe over which it is feasible for a Client to maintain a position. Even pure arbitrage positions can result in significant losses if Clients are not able to maintain both sides of the position until expiration/maturity. A reduction in the pricing inefficiency of the markets in which a Client seeks to invest will reduce the scope for such Client's investment strategies. In the event that perceived mispricings underlying such Client's positions were to fail to converge toward, or were to diverge further from, relationships expected by Empyrean, the Client may incur losses. Even if a Client's relative value investment strategy is successful, it may result in high portfolio turnover and, consequently, high transaction costs.

Convertible Arbitrage. Convertible arbitrage strategies involve investing in convertible securities that appear incorrectly valued relative to their theoretical value. The strategy consists of the purchase (or short sale) of a convertible security coupled with the short sale (or purchase) of the underlying security for which the convertible security can be exchanged to exploit price differentials. Empyrean may seek to hedge out the risk inherent in the stock; the remaining risk may or may not be hedged.

Convertible arbitrage strategies generally involve spreads between two or more positions. To the extent the price relationships between such positions remain constant, no gain or loss on the position will occur. Such positions do, however, entail a substantial risk that the price differential could change unfavorably, causing a loss to the spread position. Substantial risks also are involved in borrowing and lending against such investments. There can be no assurance that Empyrean will be able to identify convertible arbitrage opportunities or that changes in price differentials will not cause losses. Borrowing and lending against such investments involves substantial risks. The prices of these investments can be volatile, market movements are difficult to predict, and financing sources and related interest and exchange rates are subject to rapid change. Certain corporate securities may be subordinated (and thus exposed to the first level of default risk) or otherwise subject to substantial credit risks.

Merger Arbitrage. Merger or “risk” arbitrage strategies attempt to exploit merger activity to capture (or sell short) the spread between current market values of securities and their values after successful completion of a merger, restructuring or similar corporate transaction. Merger arbitrage investments often incur significant losses when anticipated merger or acquisition transactions are not consummated. The consummation of mergers, tender offers and exchange offers can be prevented or delayed by a variety of factors, including: (i) regulatory and antitrust restrictions; (ii) political factors; (iii) industry weakness; (iv) stock-specific events; and (v) failed financings. Merger arbitrage positions also are subject to the risk of overall market movements. To the extent that a general increase or decline in equity values affects the stocks involved in a merger arbitrage position differently, the position may be exposed to loss. Merger arbitrage strategies also depend for success on the overall volume of merger activity, which historically has been cyclical in nature.

Capital Structure Arbitrage. The success of this strategy will depend on the ability of Empyrean to identify and exploit the relationships between movements in different securities within an issuer’s capital structure (including, bank debt, convertible and non-convertible senior and subordinated debt and preferred and common stock). Identification and exploitation of these opportunities involve uncertainty. There can be no assurance that Empyrean will be able to locate investment opportunities or to correctly exploit price discrepancies. A reduction in the pricing inefficiency of the markets in which a Client will seek to invest will reduce the scope for the Client’s investment strategies. In the event that the perceived mispricings underlying our Clients’ positions fail to materialize, these investment strategies could be unsuccessful or result in losses.

Short-term Market Considerations. Empyrean’s trading decisions are sometimes made on the basis of short-term market considerations. Therefore, the portfolio turnover rate could result in significant trading-related expenses for our Clients.

Diversification Policies. Empyrean occasionally concentrates investments in particular industries or companies. The investment risk of a portfolio that is concentrated in particular industries or companies is greater than if the portfolio is invested in a more diversified manner among various industries or companies.

Leverage; Interest Rates; Margin. Empyrean may utilize substantial leverage in its investment program, thereby maximizing its investment positions by borrowing funds to the fullest possible extent permitted by applicable regulations. As a result, the possibilities of profit and loss are increased. Borrowing money to take positions provides Empyrean with the advantages of leverage, but exposes it to greater market risks and higher current expenses. Any gain in the value of positions taken with borrowed money or income earned from these positions that exceeds interest paid on the amount borrowed would cause our Clients' assets to increase faster than would otherwise be the case. Conversely, any decline in the value of the positions taken would cause our Clients' assets to decrease faster than would otherwise be the case.

Leverage may take the form of trading on margin, investing in derivative instruments that are inherently leveraged, and entering into other forms of direct or indirect borrowings. The amount of leverage or borrowings which Empyrean may cause our Clients to have outstanding at any time may therefore be large in relation to their respective capital. Consequently, the level of interest rates generally, and the rates at which our Clients can borrow in particular, will affect the operating results of our Clients.

In general, our Clients' use of short-term margin borrowings may result in certain additional risks to our Clients. For example, should the securities pledged to brokers to secure a Client's margin accounts decline in value, such Client could be subject to a "margin call," pursuant to which the Client must either deposit additional funds with the broker or suffer mandatory liquidation of the pledged securities to compensate for the decline in value. In the event of a sudden precipitous drop in the value of a Client's assets, such Client might not be able to liquidate assets quickly enough to pay off their margin debt.

In the futures markets, margin deposits typically range between 1% and 15% of the value of the futures contracts purchased or sold. In the forward, equity, currency and certain other derivative markets, margin deposits may be even lower or may not be required at all. Such low margin deposits are indicative of the fact that any trading in these markets typically is accompanied by a high degree of leverage. Low margin deposits mean that a relatively small adverse price movement in a futures or forward contract may result in immediate and substantial losses to the investor. For example, if at the time of purchase 10% of the price of a futures contract is deposited as margin, a 10% decrease in the price of the futures contract would, if the contract is then closed out, result in a total loss of the margin deposit before any deduction for the brokerage commission. Thus, like other leveraged investments, any purchase or sale of a futures, forward or other commodity contract may result in losses in excess of the amount invested.

When a Client purchases an option in the United States, there is no margin requirement because the option premium is paid for in full. The premiums for certain options traded on foreign exchanges may be paid for on margin. When a Client sell an option on a futures contract, it may be required to deposit margin in an amount that may be determined by the margin requirement established for the futures contract underlying the option and, in addition, an amount substantially equal to the current premium for the option. The margin

requirements imposed on the writing of options, although adjusted to reflect the probability that out-of-the-money options will not be exercised, can in fact be higher than those imposed in dealing in the futures markets directly. Whether any margin deposit will be required for over-the-counter options and other over-the-counter instruments, such as equity or currency forwards, swaps and certain other derivative instruments, will depend on the credit determinations and specific agreements of the parties to the transaction, which are individually negotiated.

There is no restriction on the amount of leverage that our Clients may utilize. The cumulative effect of the use of leverage with respect to any investment in a market that moves adversely to such investments could result in a substantial loss which would be greater than if the investments were not leveraged.

Short Selling. The success of our Clients' short selling investment strategies depend upon Empyrean's ability to identify and sell short securities that are overvalued. Short selling involves selling securities which are not owned by the short seller, and borrowing them for delivery to the purchaser, with an obligation to replace the borrowed securities at a later date. Short selling allows the seller to profit from a decline in market price to the extent such decline exceeds the transaction costs and the costs of borrowing the securities. The extent to which a Client engages in short sales will depend upon Empyrean's investment strategy and opportunities. A short sale creates the risk of a theoretically unlimited loss, in that the price of the underlying security could theoretically increase without limit, thus increasing the cost to our Client of buying those securities to cover the short position. There can be no assurance that our Clients will be able to maintain the ability to borrow securities sold short. In such cases, the Client can be "bought in" (i.e., forced to repurchase securities in the open market to return to the lender). There also can be no assurance that the securities necessary to cover a short position will be available for purchase at or near prices quoted in the market. Purchasing securities to close out a short position can itself cause the price of the securities to rise further, thereby exacerbating the loss.

Short strategies can also be implemented synthetically through various instruments and be used with respect to indices or in the over-the-counter market and with respect to futures and other instruments. In some cases of synthetic short sales, there is no floating supply of an underlying instrument with which to cover or close out a short position and our Clients may be entirely dependent on the willingness of over-the-counter market makers to quote prices at which the synthetic short position may be unwound. There can be no assurance that such market makers will be willing to make such quotes. Short strategies can also be implemented on a leveraged basis. Lastly, even though a Client secures a "good borrow" of the security sold short at the time of execution, the lending institution may recall the lent security at any time, thereby forcing such Client to purchase the security at the then-prevailing market price, which may be higher than the price at which such security was originally sold short by the Client.

Hedging Transactions. Our Clients utilize securities both for investment purposes and for risk management purposes in order to (i) protect against possible changes in the market value of the Client's investment portfolios resulting from fluctuations in the markets and changes in interest rates; (ii) protect the Client's unrealized gains in the value of their investment portfolios; (iii) facilitate the sale of any securities; (iv) enhance or preserve returns, spreads or gains on any security in the Client's portfolios; (v) hedge against a directional trade; (vi) hedge the interest rate, credit or currency exchange rate on any of the

Client's securities; (vii) protect against any increase in the price of any securities the Client anticipate purchasing at a later date; or (viii) act for any other reason that Empryrean deems appropriate. Clients will not be required to hedge any particular risk in connection with a particular transaction or its portfolio generally. While our Clients generally enter into hedging transactions to seek to reduce risk, such transactions may result in a poorer overall performance for such Clients than if they had not engaged in any such hedging transaction. Moreover, the portfolios will always be exposed to certain risks that may not be hedged.

C. Risks Associated With Particular Types of Securities:

Risks Associated with Investments in High-Yield Securities. Our Clients invest in high-yield securities. Such securities are generally not exchange traded and, as a result, these instruments may trade in a smaller secondary market than exchange-traded bonds. In addition, Clients invest in bonds of issuers that do not have publicly traded equity securities, making it more difficult to hedge the risks associated with such investments. High-yield securities that are below investment grade or unrated face ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions that could lead to the issuer's inability to meet timely interest and principal payments. The market values of certain lower-rated and unrated debt securities tend to reflect individual corporate developments to a greater extent than do higher-rated securities, which react primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates, and tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than are higher-rated securities. Companies that issue such securities are often highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. It is possible that a major economic recession could disrupt severely the market for such securities and may have an adverse impact on the value of such securities. In addition, it is possible that any such economic downturn could adversely affect the ability of the issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon and increase the incidence of default of such securities.

Our Clients invest in obligations of issuers that are generally trading at significantly higher yields than had been historically typical of the applicable issuer's obligations. Such investments include debt obligations that have a heightened probability of being in covenant or payment default in the future or that are currently in default and are generally considered speculative. The repayment of defaulted obligations is subject to significant uncertainties. Defaulted obligations might be repaid only after lengthy workout or bankruptcy proceedings, during which the issuer might not make any interest or other payments. Typically such workout or bankruptcy proceedings result only in partial recovery of cash payments or an exchange of the defaulted security for other debt or equity securities of the issuer or its affiliates, which may in turn be illiquid or speculative.

Call Options. Our Clients incur risks associated with the sale and purchase of call options. The seller (writer) of a call option which is covered (*i.e.*, the writer holds the underlying security) assumes the risk of a decline in the market price of the underlying security below the purchase price of the underlying security less the premium received, and gives up the opportunity for gain on the underlying security above the exercise price of the option. The seller of an uncovered call option assumes the risk of a theoretically unlimited increase in the market price of the underlying security above the exercise price of the option. The securities necessary to satisfy the exercise of an uncovered call option may be

unavailable for purchase, except at much higher prices, thereby reducing or eliminating the value of the premium. Purchasing securities to cover the exercise of an uncovered call option can cause the price of the securities to increase, thereby exacerbating the loss. The buyer of a call option assumes the risk of losing its entire premium investment in the call option.

Put Options. Our Clients incur risks associated with the sale and purchase of put options. The seller (writer) of a put option which is covered (i.e., the writer has a short position in the underlying security) assumes the risk of an increase in the market price of the underlying security above the sales price (in establishing the short position) of the underlying security plus the premium received, and gives up the opportunity for gain on the underlying security if the market price falls below the exercise price of the option. The seller of an uncovered put option assumes the risk of a decline in the market price of the underlying security below the exercise price of the option. The buyer of a put option assumes the risk of losing its entire investment in the put option.

Stock Index Options. Our Clients also purchase and sell indices as well as call and put options on indices, whether or not stock indices listed on securities exchanges or traded in the over-the-counter market. An index or index option fluctuates with changes in the market values of the stocks included in the index. Because the value of an index or index option depends upon movements in the level of the index rather than the price of a particular instrument, whether a Client will realize gains or losses from the purchase or writing of options on indices depends upon movements in the level of instrument prices in the instrument market generally or, in the case of certain indices, in an industry or market segment, rather than movements in the price of particular instruments.

Highly Volatile Markets; FX Risk. Price movements of forwards, futures, derivative contracts and other securities in which our Clients' assets are invested can be highly volatile and are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, governments from time to time intervene in certain markets, directly and by regulation, particularly in currencies, futures and options. Such intervention is often intended to directly influence prices and may, together with other factors, cause some or all of these markets to move rapidly in the same direction. The effect of such intervention is often heightened by a group of governments acting in concert. Our Clients make certain speculative investments in currencies which we believe to be undervalued; however, there are no assurances that the currencies purchased will in fact be undervalued. In addition, our Clients may be required to hold such currencies for a substantial period of time before realizing their anticipated value. During this period, a portion of our Clients' assets will be committed to the currencies purchased, thus possibly preventing such Client from investing in other opportunities.

Commodity Futures Contracts. Our Clients invest in commodity futures contracts (and options on futures). Trading in commodity interests may involve substantial risks. The low margin or premiums normally required in such trading may provide a large amount of leverage, and a relatively small change in the price of a security or contract can produce a disproportionately larger profit or loss. There is no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist for commodity futures contracts or options purchased or sold, and Clients may be required to maintain a position until exercise or expiration, which could result in losses.

The value of futures contracts depends upon the price of the securities, such as commodities, underlying them. The prices of futures contracts are highly volatile, and price movements of futures contracts can be influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programs and policies of governments, as well as national and international political and economic events and policies. In addition, investments in futures contracts are also subject to the risk of the failure of any of the exchanges on which our Clients' positions trade or of its clearing houses or counterparties. Futures positions may be illiquid because, for example, most U.S. commodity exchanges limit fluctuations in certain futures contract prices during a single day by regulations referred to as "daily price fluctuation limits" or "daily limits." Under such daily limits, during a single trading day no trades may be executed at prices beyond the daily limits. Once the price of a contract for a particular future has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the future can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to effect trades at or within the limit. Futures contract prices on various commodities or financial instruments occasionally have moved the daily limit for several consecutive days with little or no trading. Similar occurrences could prevent our Clients from promptly liquidating unfavorable positions and subject our Clients to substantial losses. In addition, our Clients may not be able to execute futures contract trades at favorable prices if trading volume in such contracts is low. It is also possible that an exchange or the CFTC may suspend trading in a particular contract, order immediate liquidation and settlement of a particular contract or order that trading in a particular contract be conducted for liquidation only. In addition, the CFTC and various exchanges impose speculative position limits on the number of positions that may be held in particular commodities. Trading in commodity futures contracts and options are highly specialized activities that may entail greater than ordinary investment or trading risks.

The price of stock index futures contracts may not correlate perfectly with the movement in the underlying stock index because of certain market distortions. First, all participants in the futures market are subject to margin deposit and maintenance requirements. Rather than meeting additional margin deposit requirements, investors may close futures contracts through offsetting transactions that would distort the normal relationship between the index and futures markets. Secondly, from the point of view of speculators, the deposit requirements in the futures market are less onerous than margin requirements in the securities market. Therefore, increased participation by speculators in the futures market also may cause temporary price distortions. Successful use of stock index futures contracts by our Clients are subject to our ability to correctly predict movements in the direction of the market.

Swap Agreements. Our Clients enter into swap agreements and options on swap agreements ("swaptions"). These agreements can be individually negotiated and structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments, asset classes or market factors. Our Clients, for instance, enter into swap agreements with respect to interest rates, credit defaults, currencies, securities, indexes of securities and other assets or other measures of risk or return. Depending on their structure, swap agreements may increase or decrease the a Client's exposure to, for example, equity securities, long-term or short-term interest rates, foreign currency values, credit spreads or other factors. Swap agreements can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. Our Clients are not limited to any particular form of swap agreement if consistent with their applicable investment objectives.

Whether our Clients' use of swap agreements or swaptions will be successful will depend on our ability to select appropriate transactions for such Clients. Swap transactions may be highly illiquid and may increase or decrease the volatility of the Client's portfolio. Moreover, Client bear the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or insolvency of its counterparty. Clients will also bear the risk of loss related to swap agreements, for example, for breaches of such agreements or the failure of a Client to post or maintain required collateral. Many swap markets are relatively new and still developing. It is possible that developments in the swap markets, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect a Client's ability to terminate existing swap transactions or to realize amounts to be received under such transactions.

Credit Default Swaps. Our Clients invest in credit default swaps. Credit default swaps can be used to implement our view that a particular credit, or group of credits, will experience credit improvement or deterioration. In the case of expected credit improvement, our Clients may sell credit default protection in which it receives a premium to take on the risk. In such an instance, the obligation of our Clients to make payments upon the occurrence of a credit event creates leveraged exposure to the credit risk of the referenced entity. Our Clients also buy credit default protection with respect to a referenced entity if, in our judgment, there is a high likelihood of credit deterioration. In such an instance, our Clients will pay a premium regardless of whether there is a credit event. The credit default swap market in high-yield securities is comparatively new and rapidly evolving compared to the credit default swap market for more seasoned and liquid investment-grade securities, creating the risk that the newer markets will be less liquid, and making it potentially more difficult to exit or enter into a particular transaction.

Investments in Distressed Securities. Our Clients invest in "below investment grade" securities and obligations of domestic and non-U.S. issuers in weak financial condition, experiencing poor operating results, having substantial capital needs or negative net worth, facing special competitive or product obsolescence problems, including companies involved in bankruptcy or other reorganization and liquidation proceedings. These securities may be particularly risky investments although they also may offer the potential for correspondingly high returns. Among the risks inherent in investments in troubled entities is the fact that it frequently may be difficult to obtain information as to the true condition of such issuers. Such investments also may be adversely affected by laws relating to, among other things, fraudulent transfers and other voidable transfers or payments, lender liability and the bankruptcy court's power to disallow, reduce, subordinate or disenfranchise particular claims. Such companies' securities may be considered speculative, and the ability of such companies to pay their debts on schedule could be affected by adverse interest rate movements, changes in the general economic climate, economic factors affecting a particular industry, or specific developments within such companies. In addition, there is no minimum credit standard that is a prerequisite to our Clients' investment in any instrument, and a significant portion of the obligations and preferred stock in which our Clients invest may be less than investment grade. Any one or all of the issuers of the securities in which our Clients may invest may be unsuccessful or not show any return for a considerable period of time. The level of analytical sophistication, both financial and legal, necessary for successful investment in companies experiencing significant business and financial difficulties is unusually high. There is no assurance that Empyrean will correctly evaluate the value of the assets collateralizing our Clients' loans or the prospects for a successful reorganization or similar action. In any reorganization or liquidation proceeding relating to a company in

which Clients invest, our Clients may lose their entire investment, may be required to accept cash or securities with a value less than our Clients' original investment and/or may be required to accept payment over an extended period of time. Under such circumstances, the returns generated from our Clients' investments may not compensate our Clients adequately for the risks assumed.

In liquidation (both in and out of bankruptcy) and other forms of corporate reorganization, there exists the risk that the reorganization either will be unsuccessful (due to, for example, failure to obtain requisite approvals), will be delayed (for example, until various liabilities, actual or contingent, have been satisfied) or will result in a distribution of cash or a new security the value of which will be less than the purchase price to the our Client of the security in respect to which such distribution was made.

In certain transactions, the Client may not be "hedged" against market fluctuations, or, in liquidation situations, may not accurately value the assets of the company being liquidated. This can result in losses, even if the proposed transaction is consummated.

Bank Loans. Our Clients' investment programs include investments in significant amounts of bank loans and participations. These obligations are subject to unique risks, including: (i) the possible invalidation of an investment transaction as a fraudulent conveyance under relevant creditors' rights laws; (ii) so-called lender-liability claims by the issuer of the obligations; (iii) environmental liabilities that may arise with respect to collateral securing the obligations; and (iv) limitations on the ability of the Client to directly enforce its rights with respect to participations. In analyzing each bank loan, Empyrean compares the relative significance of the risks against the expected benefits of the investment. Successful claims by third parties arising from these and other risks will be borne by the Clients.

As secondary market trading volumes increase, new loans are frequently adopting standardized documentation to facilitate loan trading which may improve market liquidity. There can be no assurance, however, that future levels of supply and demand in loan trading will provide an adequate degree of liquidity or that the current level of liquidity will continue. Because of the provision to holders of such loans of confidential information relating to the borrower, the unique and customized nature of the loan agreement, and the private syndication of the loan, loans are not as easily purchased or sold as a publicly traded security, and historically the trading volume in the loan market has been small relative to the high yield debt market.

General Real Estate Risks. Real estate investments generally will be subject to the risks incident to the ownership and operation of real estate and/or risks incident to the making of nonrecourse mortgage loans secured by real estate, including (i) risks associated with both the domestic and international general economic climate; (ii) local real estate conditions; (iii) risks due to dependence on cash flow; (iv) risks and operating problems arising out of the absence of certain construction materials; (v) changes in supply of, or demand for, competing properties in an area (as a result, for instance, of over-building); (vi) the financial condition of tenants, buyers and sellers of properties; (vii) changes in availability of debt financing; (viii) energy and supply shortages; (ix) changes in the tax, real estate, environmental and zoning laws and regulations; (x) various uninsured or uninsurable risks; (xi) natural disasters; and (xii) the ability of the Clients or third-party borrowers to manage the real properties. With respect to investments in the form of real property owned by a Client, such Client will incur the burdens of ownership of real property, which include

the paying of expenses and taxes, maintaining such property and any improvements thereon, and ultimately disposing of such property. With respect to investments in equity or debt securities, our Clients will in large part be dependent on the ability of third parties to successfully operate the underlying real estate assets. In addition, certain Clients invest in mortgage loans that are structured so that all or a substantial portion of the principal will not be paid until maturity, which increases the risk of default at that time. Our Clients' investment strategies, which frequently involves the acquisition of distressed or underperforming assets in a leveraged capital structure, involves a high degree of legal and financial risk, and there can be no assurance that a Client's rate of return objectives will be realized or that there will be any return of capital. There is no assurance that there will be ready market for resale of investments because investments in real estate generally are not liquid.

Counterparty Risk. Empyrean has established relationships to obtain financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services that permit our Clients to trade in any variety of markets or asset classes over time; however, there can be no assurance that Empyrean will be able to maintain such relationships or establish new relationships. An inability to establish or maintain such relationships would limit our Clients' trading activities could create losses, preclude our Clients from engaging in certain transactions, financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services and prevent our Clients from trading at optimal rates and terms. Moreover, a disruption in the financing, derivative intermediation and prime brokerage services provided by any such relationships before Empyrean establishes additional relationships could have a significant impact on our Clients' business due to our Clients' reliance on such counterparties.

Most of the markets in which Empyrean effects transactions are not "exchanged-based", including "over-the-counter" or "interdealer" markets. The participants in such markets are typically not subject to the credit evaluation and regulatory oversight to which members of "exchange-based" markets are subject. The lack of evaluation and oversight of over-the-counter markets exposes our Clients to the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction in accordance with its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, thus causing the Clients to suffer a loss. Such "counterparty risk" is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where Empyrean has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties. Generally, Empyrean will not be restricted from dealing with any particular counterparties. Empyrean's evaluation of the creditworthiness of their counterparties may not prove sufficient. The lack of a complete and "foolproof" evaluation of the financial capabilities of Empyrean's counterparties and the absence of a regulated market to facilitate settlement may increase the potential for losses by the Clients.

If there is a default by a counterparty, Empyrean, under most normal circumstances will have contractual remedies pursuant to the agreements related to the transaction. However, exercising such contractual rights may involve delays or costs which could result in the NAV of a Client being less than if the Client had not entered into the transaction. Furthermore, there is a risk that any of such counterparties could become insolvent and/or the subject of insolvency proceedings. In such case, the recovery of a Client's securities from such counterparty or the payment of claims therefor may be significantly delayed and the Client may recover substantially less than the full value of the securities entrusted to such counterparty.

In addition, our Clients use counterparties located in jurisdictions outside the United States. Such local counterparties usually are subject to laws and regulations in non-U.S. jurisdictions that are designed to protect customers in the event of their insolvency. However, the practical effect of these laws and their application to our Clients' assets are subject to substantial limitations and uncertainties. Because of the range of possible factual scenarios involving the insolvency of a counterparty and the potentially large number of entities and jurisdictions that may be involved, it is impossible to generalize about the effect of such an insolvency on our Clients and their assets. It should be assumed that the insolvency of any such counterparty would result in significant delays in recovering a Client's securities from or the payment of claims therefor by such counterparty and a loss to the Client, which could be material.

Other Derivative Instruments. Our Clients may take advantage of opportunities with respect to certain other derivative instruments that are not presently contemplated for use or that are currently not available, but that may be developed, to the extent such opportunities are both consistent with the investment objective of the applicable Client and legally permissible. Special risks may apply to instruments that are invested in by our Clients in the future that cannot be determined at this time or until such instruments are developed or invested in by our Clients. Certain swaps, options and other derivative instruments may be subject to various types of risks, including market risk, liquidity risk, the risk of non-performance by the counterparty, including risks relating to the financial soundness and creditworthiness of the counterparty, legal risk and operations risk.

Non-U.S. Investments. Our Clients invest in securities of non-U.S. companies and countries and in non-U.S. currencies. Investing in the securities of such companies and countries involves certain considerations not usually associated with investing in securities of U.S. companies or the U.S. Government, including political and economic considerations, such as greater risks of expropriation and nationalization, confiscatory taxation, the potential difficulty of repatriating funds, general social, political and economic instability and adverse diplomatic developments; the possibility of imposition of withholding or other taxes on dividends, interest, capital gain, other income or gross sale proceeds; the small size of the securities markets in such countries and the low volume of trading, resulting in potential lack of liquidity and in price volatility; fluctuations in the rate of exchange between currencies and costs associated with currency conversion; and certain government policies that may restrict our Clients' investment opportunities. In addition, accounting and financial reporting standards that prevail in foreign countries generally are not equivalent to United States standards and, consequently, less information is available to investors in companies located in such countries than is available to investors in companies located in the United States. As a result, each of our Clients may be unable to structure its transactions to achieve the intended results or to mitigate all risks associated with such markets. It may also be difficult to enforce a Client's rights in such markets. Moreover, an issuer of securities may be domiciled in a country other than the country in whose currency the instrument is denominated. The values and relative yields of investments in the securities markets of different countries, and their associated risks, are expected to change independently of each other. There is also less regulation, generally, of the securities markets in foreign countries than there is in the United States. For example, securities traded on non-U.S. exchanges and the non-U.S. persons that trade these instruments are not subject to the jurisdiction of the SEC or the CFTC or the securities and commodities laws and regulations of the U.S. Accordingly, the protections accorded to our Clients under such laws and regulations are unavailable for transactions on non-U.S. exchanges and with non-U.S. counterparties.

Currencies. Empyrean invests a portion of our Clients' assets in non-U.S. currencies, or in instruments denominated in non-U.S. currencies, the prices of which are determined with reference to currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Empyrean, however, values its securities and other assets in U.S. dollars. Empyrean may or may not seek to hedge all or any portion of its foreign currency exposure. To the extent a Client's investments is not hedged, the value of such Client's assets will fluctuate with U.S. dollar exchange rates as well as the price changes of such Client's investments in the various local markets and currencies. Thus, an increase in the value of the U.S. dollar compared to the other currencies in which a Client make its investments will reduce the effect of increases and magnify the effect of decreases in the value of such Client's positions in their local markets. Conversely, a decrease in the value of the U.S. dollar will have the opposite effect on a Client's non-U.S. dollar securities. Our Clients utilize options and forward contracts to hedge against currency fluctuations, but there can be no assurance that such hedging transactions will be effective, and such techniques entail additional risks.

Forward Contracts. Our Clients enter into over-the-counter forward contracts for the trading of certain futures interests, such as currencies and interest rates, through U.S. and non-U.S. national or local banks and currency and rates dealers. A forward contract is a contractual obligation to buy or sell a specified quantity of a security or commodity at or before a specified date in the future at a specified price and, therefore, is similar to a futures contract. Banks and dealers act as principals in such markets. Banking authorities generally do not regulate trading in forward contracts. The principals who deal in the forward contract market are not required to continue to make markets in such contracts. There have been periods during which certain participants in forward markets have refused to quote prices for forward contracts or have quoted prices with an unusually wide spread between the price at which they were prepared to buy and that at which they were prepared to sell. The imposition of credit controls or price risk limitations by governmental authorities may limit such forward trading to less than that which a Client would otherwise recommend, to the possible detriment of such Client. In its forward trading, our Clients will be subject to the risk of the failure of, or the inability or refusal to perform with respect to its forward contracts by, the principals with which our Clients trade. Our Clients' assets on deposit with such principals will also generally not be protected by the same segregation requirements imposed on certain regulated brokers in respect of customer funds on deposit with them. Empyrean may order trades for our Clients in such markets through agents. Accordingly, the insolvency or bankruptcy of such parties could also subject our Clients to the risk of loss.

Illiquid Portfolio Investments. Our Clients invest in securities that are subject to legal or other restrictions on transfer or for which no liquid market exists. Valuation of such securities may be difficult or uncertain because there may be limited information available about the issuers of such securities. The market prices, if any, for such securities tend to be volatile and our Clients may not be able to sell them when it desires to do so or to realize what it perceives to be their fair value in the event of a sale. In addition, our Clients may be contractually prohibited from disposing of certain illiquid securities for a specified period of time. Accordingly, our Clients may be forced to sell their more liquid positions at a disadvantageous time, resulting in a greater percentage of the portfolio consisting of illiquid securities. The sale of restricted and illiquid securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over the counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Even those markets which Empyrean expects to be liquid

can experience periods, possibly extended periods, of illiquidity. Occasions have arisen in the past where previously liquid investments have rapidly become illiquid.

ITEM 9
DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION

There are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to a current or prospective Client's evaluation of Empyrean's advisory business or the integrity of Empyrean's management.

ITEM 10
OTHER FINANCIAL INDUSTRY ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

A. Broker-Dealer Registration Status

Empyrean and its management persons are not registered as broker-dealers and do not have any application pending to register with the SEC as a broker-dealer or registered representative of a broker-dealer.

B. Futures Commission Merchant, Commodity Pool Operator or Commodity Trading Adviser Registration Status

Empyrean and its management persons are not registered as, and do not have any application to register as, futures commission merchants, commodity pool operators, commodity trading advisors or associated persons of the foregoing entities.

C. Material Relationships or Arrangements with Industry Participants

Empyrean, its affiliates and its personnel serve as investment advisers to multiple Clients. Empyrean, its affiliates and its personnel will devote as much time to the activities of each Client as they deem necessary and appropriate and the amount of time devoted to different Clients may vary.

In addition, Empyrean may give advice or take action with respect to the investments of one or more Clients that may not be given or taken with respect to other Clients with similar investment programs, objectives, and strategies. Accordingly, Clients' accounts with similar strategies may not hold the same securities or instruments or achieve the same performance. Empyrean also may advise Clients with conflicting programs, objectives or strategies. These activities also may adversely affect the prices and availability of other securities or instruments held by or potentially considered for one or more Clients. Finally, Empyrean and its personnel may have conflicts in allocating their time and services among our Clients. Empyrean will devote as much time to each Client as Empyrean deems appropriate to perform its duties in accordance with its management agreements.

A principal or employee of Empyrean or a related person may, from time to time, serve as a director with respect to companies, the securities of which are purchased on behalf of Clients. In the event Empyrean or a related person (i) obtains material non-public information in such capacity with respect to any such company or (ii) is subject to trading restrictions pursuant to the internal policies of Empyrean. Empyrean may be prohibited from engaging in transactions with respect to the securities or instruments of such company, which prohibition may have an adverse effect on Clients of Empyrean.

D. Material Conflicts of Interest Relating to Other Investment Advisers

Empyrean does not recommend or select other investment advisers for its Clients.

ITEM 11
CODE OF ETHICS, PARTICIPATION OR INTEREST IN CLIENT TRANSACTIONS
AND PERSONAL TRADING

A. Code of Ethics

Empyrean strives to adhere to the highest industry standards of conduct based on principles of professionalism, integrity, honesty and trust. In seeking to meet these standards, Empyrean has adopted a Manual of Compliance Policies and Procedures and Code of Ethics (the “Compliance Manual”), which contains a code of ethics in accordance with Rule 204A-1 under the Advisers Act (the “Code”).

The Compliance Manual, with the Code and a Personal Trading Accounts Policy, addresses, among other things, the following issues:

- Standards of Business Conduct, including general fiduciary duties of Empyrean’s personnel
- Conflicts of Interest
- Treatment of Confidential Information
- Compliance with Federal Securities Laws
- Prohibitions on Insider Trading
- Personal Trading Accounts Policy
- Prohibition on the acceptance or provision of gifts and entertainment that exceed Empyrean’s policy standards
- Political Contributions

The Personal Trading Accounts Policy generally limits the extent to which “access persons” (including, but not limited to, all partners and employees) may acquire or sell investments in individual companies (including initial public offerings). Access persons generally are required to seek pre-clearance with respect to any investment in a private investment vehicle. Each access person also is required to acknowledge that he or she has received, and understands and has complied with the Code. These limitations and pre-clearance requirements may not apply to transactions in investments held in accounts over which the access person has no direct or indirect control.

In addition, the Code sets out Empyrean’s policies and procedures with respect to gifts and business entertainment received and provided by access persons. Compliance personnel approval of gifts and business entertainment provided or received by access persons may be required in certain instances. Compliance personnel will monitor compliance with the Code, review and, if applicable, revise the Code, to ensure compliance with applicable securities laws and regulations.

Current and prospective Clients and Investors may request a copy of the Code by contacting Empyrean at the address or telephone number listed on the first page of this document.

B. Securities that the Investment Adviser or a Related Person Has a Material Financial Interest

1. Cross Transactions

Subject to applicable restrictions under Empyrean's policies and procedures, Empyrean may effect rebalancing or internal cross transactions between certain Clients. In such cases, one Client will purchase securities held by another Client. Empyrean endeavors to effect these transactions based on a fair, current independent market price and consistent with our valuation procedures. Such cross transactions generally will be made without brokerage commissions being charged. When effecting cross transactions between Clients, Empyrean and its personnel may have an ownership interest in the Clients and will have potentially conflicting division of loyalties and responsibilities with respect to each participating Client.

2. Principal Transactions

To the extent that a cross transaction may be viewed as principal transactions due to the ownership interest in a Client by Empyrean or its personnel, Empyrean will comply with the requirements of Section 206(3) of the Advisers Act, including that Empyrean will notify the Client (or an independent representative of the Client) in writing of the transaction and obtain the consent of the Client (or an independent representative of the Client) and any such transactions will be considered on behalf of Investors in such a Client and approved or disapproved by (i) an advisory board comprised of representatives of such Investors or (ii) a committee consisting of one or more persons selected by Empyrean (or its affiliate), and any valuation approved by such a committee will be determined by an independent third party that has appropriate experience in providing such valuations.

C. Potential Conflicts of Interest Created by Investments by Empyrean's Related Persons and Clients

Empyrean's partners, officers and employees from time to time make personal investments in securities or instruments in which Empyrean invests the Clients' assets. Empyrean's personnel may buy, sell, or hold securities or other instruments for their own accounts while entering into different investment decisions for a Client. Empyrean's Code of Ethics places restrictions on personal trades by employees, including disclosure of holdings and transactions to Empyrean, as well as pre-clearance of certain types of personal trades. In addition, Empyrean's personnel may also invest in eligible Clients of their choosing and are not required to invest in all Clients. It is expected that, if such investments are made, the size of these investments will change over time.

Empyrean and its affiliates from time to time invest on behalf of themselves in securities and other instruments that would be appropriate for, held by, or may fall within the investment guidelines of a Client. Empyrean and its affiliates take action for their own accounts that may differ from, conflict with or be adverse to action taken for the Clients. These activities may adversely affect the prices and availability of other securities or instruments held by or potentially considered for our Clients. Potential conflicts also may arise due to the fact that Empyrean's affiliates may have investments in some Clients but not in others or may have different levels of investments in the various Clients, and because the Clients may pay different levels of fees to Empyrean.

Empyrean and its affiliates also have ongoing relationships with companies whose securities are in or are being considered for our Clients. From time to time, Empyrean may acquire securities or other financial instruments of an issuer for one Client which are senior or junior to securities or financial instruments of the same issuer that are held by, or acquired for, another Client (e.g., one Client may acquire senior debt while another Client may acquire subordinated debt). In addition, the activities of managed accounts may raise potential conflicts of interest. Empyrean recognizes that conflicts may arise under such circumstances and will endeavor to treat all Clients fairly and equitably.

D. Conflicts of Interest Created by Contemporaneous Trading

It is the policy of Empyrean to allocate investment opportunities for all Clients fairly and equitably, to the extent possible, over a period of time. Empyrean, however, will have no obligation to purchase, sell or exchange any security or financial instrument for one Client which Empyrean may purchase, sell or exchange for another Client if Empyrean believes in good faith at the time the investment decision is made that such transaction or investment would be unsuitable, impractical or undesirable for a particular Client.

Empyrean or a related person generally makes investment decisions among the Clients on a pro rata basis in proportion to the relative value of the eligible net assets of each Client in proportion to the relative value of the eligible net assets of each Client, or on a pro rata basis in proportion to the actual position size held by each Client. Additional factors that Empyrean may take into account include, among others, the nature and size of the proportion of a securities issue likely to be available to Empyrean or the nature and size of the proposed sale; the investment objectives and restrictions on the Clients; the relative size and cash availability of the applicable strategy within a Client; the ability to borrow and the cost of borrowed funds; tax consequences; legal restrictions, including those that may arise in foreign jurisdictions; the liquidity of the investment relative to the need of each Client; the degree of specialization of a Client relative to the investment offered; the relative historical participation of a Client in the investment; the difficulty of liquidating an investment for more than one Client; the possibility that an allocation may result in a small or odd lot; new funds with a substantial amount of investable cash; and other factors consider relevant.

If Empyrean determines that the purchase or sale of the same security is in the best interest of more than one Client, Empyrean may, but is not obligated to, aggregate orders in order to reduce transaction costs to the extent permitted by applicable law. When an aggregated order is filled through multiple trades at different prices on the same day, each participating Client will receive the average price with transaction costs allocated pro rata based on the size of each Client's participation in the order (or allocation in the event of a partial fill) as determined by Empyrean. In the event of a partial fill, allocations generally will be made pro rata based on the initial order, but may be modified on a basis that Empyrean deems to be appropriate, including, for example, in order to avoid odd lots or de minimis allocations.

ITEM 12 BROKERAGE PRACTICES

A. Factors Considered in Selecting or Recommending Broker-Dealers for Client Transactions

In selecting an appropriate broker-dealer to effect a Client trade, Empyrean seeks to obtain best execution, taking into consideration the price of a security offered by the broker-dealer, as well as a broker-dealer's full range and quality of their services including, among other things, their facilities, capital introduction services, reliability and financial responsibility, execution capability, commission rates, responsiveness to Empyrean, brokerage and research services provided to Empyrean (e.g., research ideas, analysis, and investment strategies), special execution and block positioning capabilities, clearance, and settlement and custodial services. If Empyrean decides, based on the factors set forth above, to execute over-the-counter ("OTC") transactions on an agency basis through Electronic Communications Networks ("ECNs"), it will also consider the following factors when choosing to use one ECN over another: the ease of use, the flexibility of the ECN compared to other ECNs, and the level of care and attention that will be given to smaller orders. Empyrean maintains policies and procedures to review the quality of executions, including periodic reviews by its investment professionals.

Empyrean will seek to obtain "best execution" for Client transactions, which generally means Empyrean executes investment transactions in a manner such that a Client's total costs or proceeds in each transaction are most favorable under the circumstances. The concept of "best execution" should not, and is not, determined by "lowest possible commission costs," but by best "qualitative execution." Consequently, brokers are selected primarily on the basis of their execution, capability and trading expertise consistent with the effective execution of the transaction.

Empyrean, in determining the broker or dealer to be used and the commission rates to be paid, considers, among other things:

- Quality of execution (ability to achieve prompt and reliable executions at favorable prices)
- Reputation
- Financial strength, integrity and stability
- Block trading and block positioning capabilities
- Willingness and ability to execute difficult transactions
- Willingness and ability to commit capital (i.e. loss ratios)
- Access to underwritten offerings and secondary markets
- Ongoing reliability
- Overall cost of trade (including commissions, mark-ups, mark-downs, spreads and other costs) and competitiveness of costs in comparison with other brokers satisfying Empyrean's other selection criteria
- Nature of the security and available market makers
- Desired timing of the transaction
- Desired size of the trade
- Confidentiality of trading activity

- Market intelligence
- Idea generation
- Availability of stocks to borrow
- Sourcing of investment opportunities by the broker and its affiliates
- Quality and timeliness of market information provided
- Provision of research or brokerage services
- Other similar services

Accordingly, the commissions charged by any such broker or dealer may be greater than the amount another firm might charge if Empyrean determines in good faith that the amount of such commissions is reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage services and research information provided by such brokers or dealers.

Although Empyrean may have an incentive to select or recommend a broker or dealer based on its interest in receiving the research or other products or services, Empyrean seeks to obtain best execution and, consistent with the requirements of best execution, brokerage commissions may be directed to brokers, dealers or other parties, either directly or indirectly, in recognition of, among other things, investment research and information furnished for services rendered in the execution of orders by such brokers, or dealers. By allocating transactions in this manner, Empyrean is able to supplement its research and analysis with the views and information of brokerage and other firms.

Empyrean maintains policies to review the quality of execution, including periodic reviews.

1. Research and Other Soft Dollar Benefits:

From time to time, Empyrean may pay a broker-dealer commissions (or markups or markdowns with respect to certain types of riskless principal transaction) for effecting a Client's transactions in excess of that which another broker-dealer might have charged for effecting the transaction in recognition of the value of the brokerage and research services provided by the broker-dealer. Empyrean may have an incentive to select a broker-dealer based on its interest in receiving brokerage and research services from that broker-dealer. Empyrean will effect such transactions, and receive such brokerage and research services, only to the extent that they fall within the safe harbor provided by Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Empyrean benefits from such transactions as it receives valuable brokerage and research services that it would otherwise have to pay for. Empyrean believes it is important to its investment decision-making processes to have access to the independent research provided by broker-dealers in this manner.

In the last year, research services provided by broker-dealers has included information on the economy, industries, groups of securities, individual companies, statistical information, accounting and tax law interpretations, political developments, legal developments affecting portfolio securities, technical market action, pricing and appraisal services, credit analysis, risk measurement analysis, performance analysis, and analysis of corporate responsibility issues. Such research services are received primarily in the form of written reports, telephone contacts, and personal meetings with security analysts. In addition, such research services may be provided in the form of access to various computer-generated data, computer hardware and software, and meetings arranged with corporate and industry spokespersons, economists, academicians, and government representatives. In some cases,

research services are generated by third parties but are provided to Empyrean by or through broker-dealers.

Also, consistent with Section 28(e), research products or services obtained with “soft dollars” generated by one or more Clients may be used by Empyrean to service one or more other Clients. Empyrean does not seek to allocate soft dollar benefits to Client accounts in proportion to the soft dollar credits the Client accounts generate. Where a product or service obtained with soft dollars provides both research and non-research assistance to Empyrean (i.e., a “mixed use” item), Empyrean will make a good faith allocation of the cost which may be paid for with soft dollars. In making good faith allocations of costs between administrative benefits and research and brokerage services, a conflict of interest may exist by reason of Empyrean’s allocation of the costs of such benefits and services between those that primarily benefit Empyrean and those that primarily benefit the Clients.

At least annually, Empyrean considers the amount and nature of research and research services provided by broker-dealers, as well as the extent to which such services are relied upon, and attempts to allocate a portion of the brokerage business of its Clients on the basis of that consideration. Broker-dealers sometimes suggest a level of business they would like to receive in return for the various products and services they provide. Actual brokerage business received by any broker-dealer may be less than the suggested allocation, but can (and often does) exceed the suggested level, because total brokerage is allocated on the basis of all of the considerations described above. In no case will Empyrean make binding commitments as to the level of brokerage commissions it will allocate to a broker-dealer, nor will it commit to pay cash if any informal targets are not met. A broker-dealer is not excluded from receiving business because it has not been identified as providing research products or services.

2. Brokerage for Client Referrals

Neither Empyrean nor any related person receives client referrals from any broker-dealer or third party. However, as discussed above, subject to best execution, Empyrean may consider, among other things, capital introduction and marketing assistance with respect to Investors in the Clients in selecting or recommending broker-dealers for the Clients.

Empyrean has entered into agreements on behalf of the Clients with certain brokers-dealers that act as prime brokers on behalf of the Clients. From time to time, Empyrean’s personnel may speak at conferences and programs for potential investors interested in investing in hedge funds which are sponsored by those prime brokers. These conferences and programs may be a means by which Empyrean can be introduced to potential investors. Currently, neither Empyrean, nor any of the Clients, compensate prime brokers for organizing such “capital introduction” events or for any investments ultimately made by prospective investors attending such events (although either may do so in the future). While such events and other services provided by a prime broker may influence Empyrean in deciding whether to use such prime broker in connection with brokerage, financing and other activities of the Clients, Empyrean will not commit to allocate a particular amount of brokerage to a broker-dealer in any such situation.

3. Directed Brokerage

Empyrean does not recommend, request or require that a Client direct Empyrean to execute transactions through a specified broker-dealer.

B. Order Aggregation

In managing the Clients' portfolios, Empyrean will generally aggregate trades, subject to best execution. Aggregation, or "bunching," describes a procedure whereby an investment adviser combines the orders of two or more Clients into a single order for the purpose of obtaining better prices and lower execution costs. Aggregation opportunities for Empyrean generally arise when more than one Client is capable of purchasing or selling a particular security based on investment objectives, available cash and other factors. Empyrean is not required to aggregate trades, but it must disclose its policies and procedures, including, if applicable, the consequences of not aggregating trades. Empyrean may aggregate Client orders when doing so will result in a better overall price for Client trades.

Empyrean will determine the proper allocation of aggregated trades based on each Client's net assets. If the aggregated order is filled to its entirety, it will be allotted among the Clients in accordance with such ratios. In addition, when Empyrean encounters investment opportunities which are appropriate for more than one Client or when an aggregated order is only partially filled, Empyrean will allocate the investment opportunity or a partially filled order will be allocated pro rata in proportion to the size of the order placed for each Client to the extent practicable.

ITEM 13

REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

A. Frequency and Nature of Review of Client Accounts or Financial Plans

Empyrean performs various daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and periodic reviews of each Client's portfolios. Such reviews are conducted by Empyrean's Chief Investment Officer, Portfolio Managers, and research analysts, with the benefit of other Empyrean resources, including compliance, legal, finance, operations, technology and marketing resources.

B. Factors Prompting Review of Client Accounts Other than a Periodic Review

A review of a Client account may also be triggered by any unusual activity or special circumstances, including, but not limited to: changes in market, economic, or legal or regulatory conditions, changes in information or other factors regarding a particular investment, purchase or sales of investments, and other similar developments and events.

C. Content and Frequency of Account Reports to Clients

Investors in the Clients receive quarterly reports from Empyrean documenting the performance of the Client, along with a commentary by Empyrean, although Empyrean may provide certain Investors with information on a more frequent and detailed basis if agreed to by Empyrean. In addition, Empyrean issues to Investors tax reports and audited financial statements concerning their respective Clients within 90 days of the end of such Client's fiscal year or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

ITEM 14
CLIENT REFERRALS AND OTHER COMPENSATION

Empyrean does not receive economic benefits from non-Clients for providing investment advice and other advisory services. Neither Empyrean nor any related person directly or indirectly compensates any person who is not a supervised person, including placement agents, for Client referrals.

Empyrean may execute Client transactions with prime brokers that sponsor events, meetings or other communications between potential investors and Empyrean. These capital introduction services are provided incidental to other brokerage services. Empyrean is not compelled to engage broker-dealers that sponsor these capital introduction programs in order to be included at these events. However, these capital introduction events are typically sponsored by prime brokers that provide necessary services to certain Clients and they may create the appearance of using the execution services of these broker-dealers in order to be invited to their capital introduction programs.

Empyrean does not pay to participate in these programs and does not cause Clients to execute transactions or pay higher commissions or other transaction costs in connection with these programs or services. However, Empyrean does pay to attend certain conferences, seminars and other events that are attended by prospective investors, but are not specifically designed as capital introduction events. Furthermore, broker-dealers or their affiliates may introduce Empyrean to prospective investors and will continue to have business relationships with, and execute brokerage transactions on behalf of, Clients.

ITEM 15 CUSTODY

Empyrean is deemed to have custody of Client funds and securities because it has the authority to obtain Client funds or securities, for example, by deducting advisory fees from a Client's account or otherwise withdrawing funds from a Client's account. Account statements related to the Clients are sent by qualified custodians to Empyrean.

Empyrean is subject to Rule 206(4)-2 under the Advisers Act (the "Custody Rule"). However, it is not required to comply (or is deemed to have complied) with certain requirements of the Custody Rule with respect to each Client because it complies with the provisions of the so-called "Pooled Vehicle Annual Audit Exception", which, among other things, requires that each Client be subject to audit at least annually by an independent public accountant that is registered with, and subject to regular inspection by, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and requires that each Client distribute its audited financial statements to all Investors within 90 days of the end of its fiscal year or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible.

ITEM 16
INVESTMENT DISCRETION

Empyrean serves as the investment adviser with discretionary trading authority to each Client. Empyrean's investment decisions and advice with respect to each Client are subject to each Client's investment objectives and guidelines, as set forth in its offering documents. Empyrean entered into an investment management agreement, or similar agreement, with each Client, pursuant to which Empyrean or an affiliate of Empyrean was granted discretionary trading authority.

Empyrean may provide other advisory or sub-advisory services on a discretionary basis, which would be provided in an advisory or sub-advisory contract, respectively, with each Client at the onset of such relationship.

ITEM 17

VOTING CLIENT SECURITIES

The Securities and Exchange Commission adopted Rule 206(4)-6 under the Advisers Act, which requires registered investment advisers that exercise voting authority over Client securities to implement proxy voting policies. In compliance with such rules, Empyrean has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures (the " "). The general policy is to vote proxy proposals, amendments, consents or resolutions relating to Client securities, including interests in private investment funds, if any (collectively, "proxies"), in a manner that serves the best interests of the Funds, as determined by Empyrean in its discretion, taking into account the following factors: (i) the impact on the value of the investments; (ii) the anticipated associated costs and benefits; (iii) the effect on liquidity; and (iv) customary industry and business practices. In limited circumstances, Empyrean may refrain from voting proxies where it believes that voting would be inappropriate taking into consideration the cost of voting the proxy and the anticipated benefit to the Funds, or a legal restriction on trading could result from exercising the proxy. Conflicts of interest may arise between the Clients' interests and Empyrean's interests. If Empyrean determines it may have a conflict when voting proxies, Empyrean will vote in accordance with its Policies. A copy of the Policies and the proxy voting record relating to a Client may be obtained by contacting Empyrean.

ITEM 18
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Empyrean does not believe it has any financial commitments that impair its ability to meet contractual commitments to Clients.